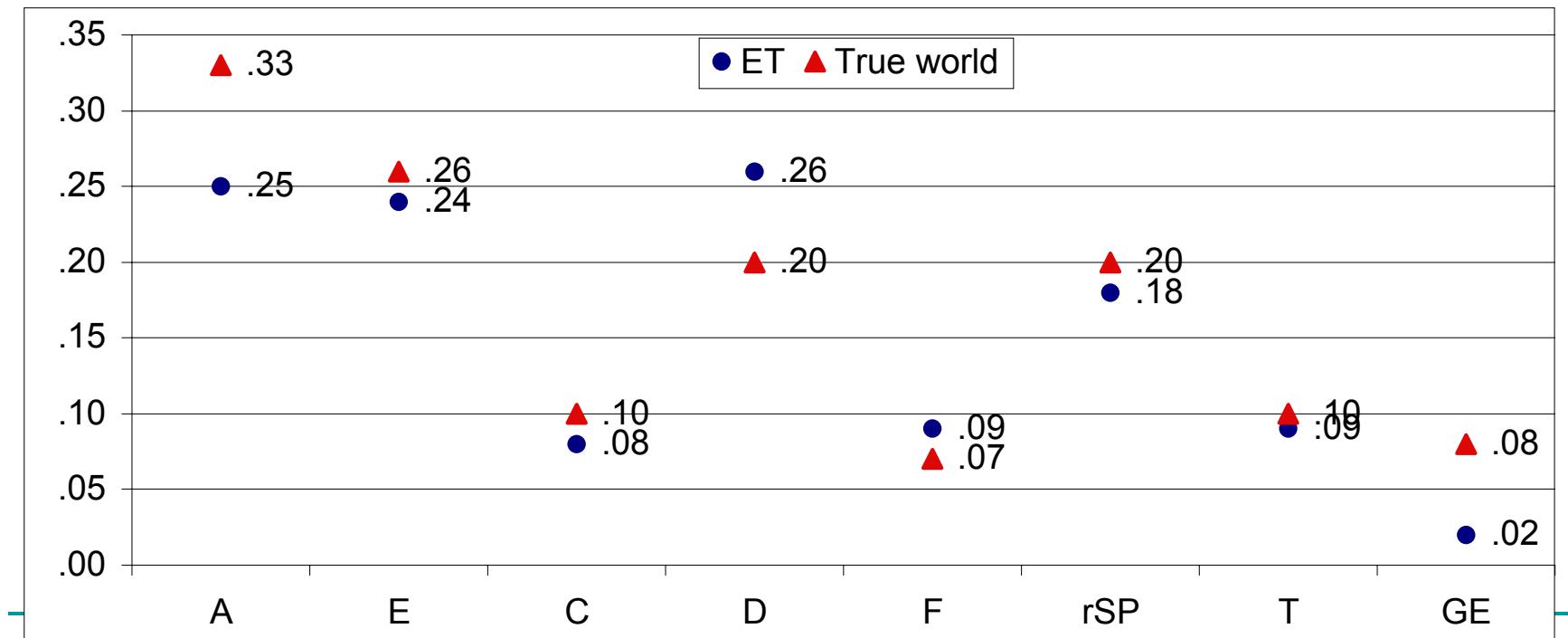


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# Introduction to Linkage

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Sarah Medland - Boulder 2008

# Aim of QTL mapping...

LOCALIZE and then IDENTIFY a locus that regulates a trait (QTL)

- *Locus: Nucleotide or sequence of nucleotides with variation in the population, with different variants associated with different trait levels.*
- Linkage
  - localize region of the genome where a QTL that regulates the trait is likely to be harboured
  - Family-specific phenomenon: Affected individuals in a family share the same ancestral predisposing DNA segment at a given QTL
- Association
  - identify a QTL that regulates the trait
  - Population-specific phenomenon: Affected individuals in a population share the same ancestral predisposing DNA segment at a given QTL

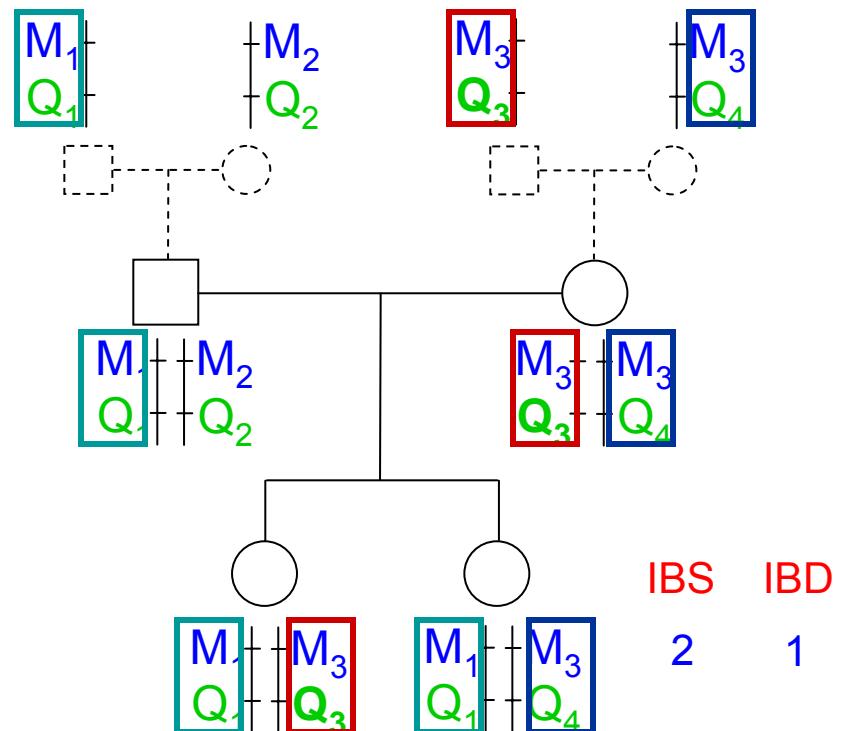
# Genotypic similarity – basic principals

- Loci that are close together are more likely to be inherited together than loci that are further apart
- Loci are likely to be inherited in context – ie with their surrounding loci
- Because of this, knowing that a loci is transmitted from a common ancestor is more informative than simply observing that it is the same allele

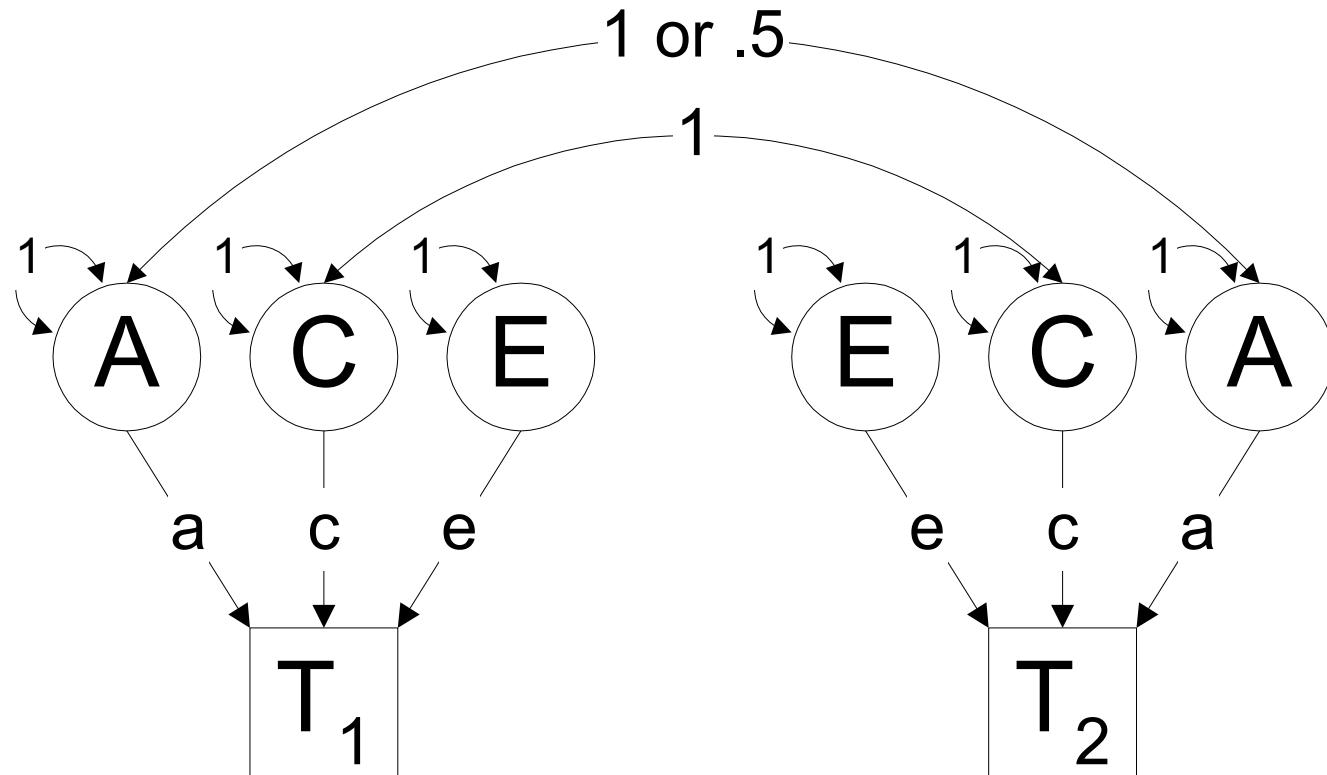
# Genotypic similarity between relatives

- ▶ **IBS** Alleles shared Identical By State “look the same”, may have the same DNA sequence but they are not necessarily derived from a known common ancestor - focus for association

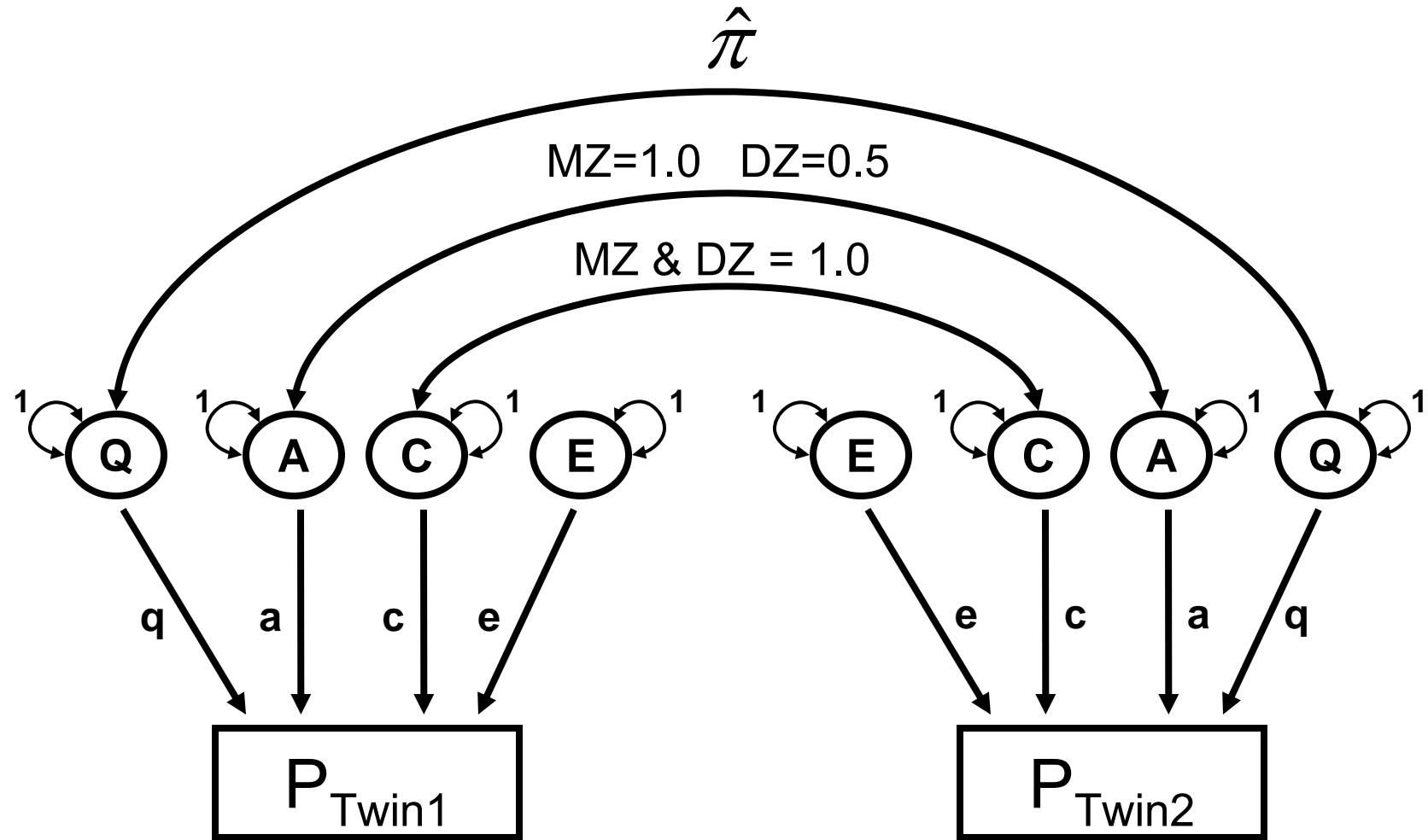
- ▶ **IBD** Alleles shared Identical By Descent are a copy of the same ancestor allele - focus for linkage



- In biometrical modeling A is correlated at 1 for MZ twins and .5 for DZ twins
  - .5 is the average genome-wide sharing of genes between full siblings (DZ twin relationship)



- In linkage analysis we will be estimating an additional variance component Q
  - For each locus under analysis the coefficient of sharing for this parameter will vary for each pair of siblings
    - The coefficient will be the probability that the pair of siblings have both inherited the same alleles at a given locus from a common ancestor  $\hat{\pi}$



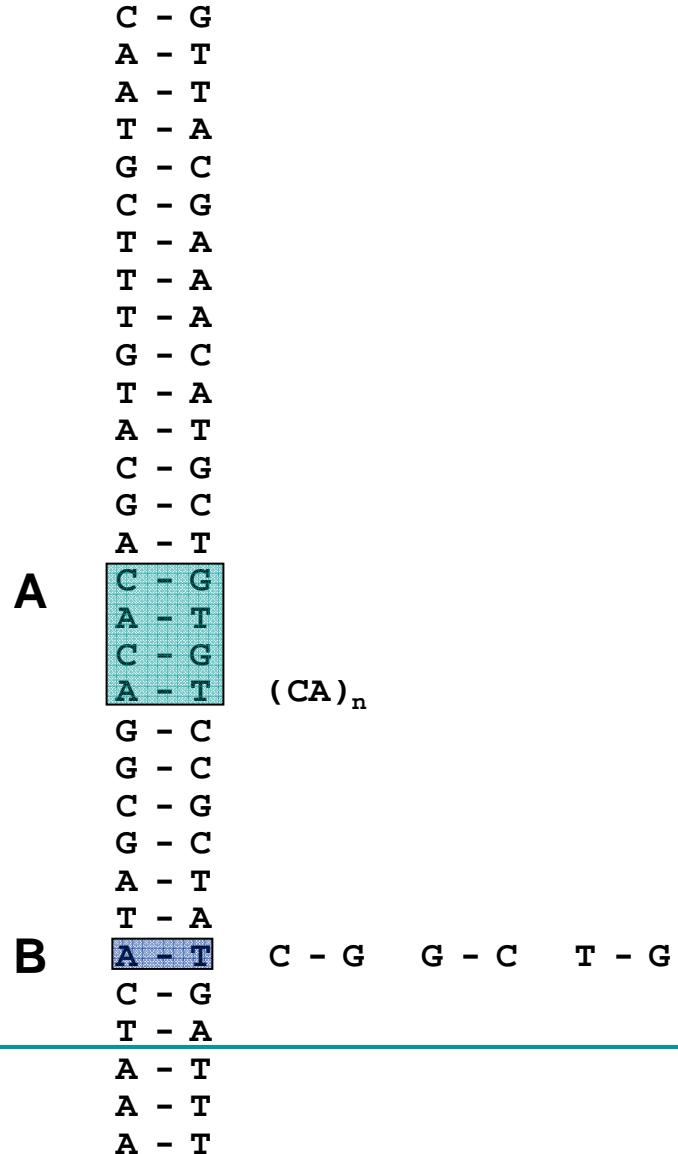
# DNA polymorphisms

## ▷ Microsatellites

- >100,000
- Many alleles,  $(CA)_n$
- Very Informative
- Not intended to be functional variants
- Used in linkage

## ▷ SNPs

- 10,054,521 (25 Jan '05)
- 10,430,753 (11 Mar '06)
- Most with 2 alleles (up to 4)
- Not very informative
- Intended to be functional variants
- Used in association or linkage



# Microsatellite data

- Ideally positioned at equal genetic distances across chromosome
- Mostly di/tri nucleotide repeats
- Raw data consists of allele lengths/calls (bp)

# Binning

- Raw allele lengths are converted to allele numbers or lengths
  - Example:D1S1646 tri-nucleotide repeat size range130-150
    - Logically: Work with binned lengths
    - Commonly: Assign allele 1 to 130 allele, 2 to 133 allele ...

# Error checking

- After binning check for errors
  - Family relationships (GRR, Rel-pair)
  - Mendelian Errors (Sib-pair)
  - Double Recombinants (MENDEL, ASPEX, ALEGRO)
- An iterative process



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Merlin/](http://www.sph.umich.edu/csg/abecasis/Merlin/)

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# More on IBD

- Chapter 8 - Abecasis
  - Neale, Ferreira, Medland, Posthuma (2007)  
Statistical Genetics: Gene mapping through linkage and Association
- Advanced workshop

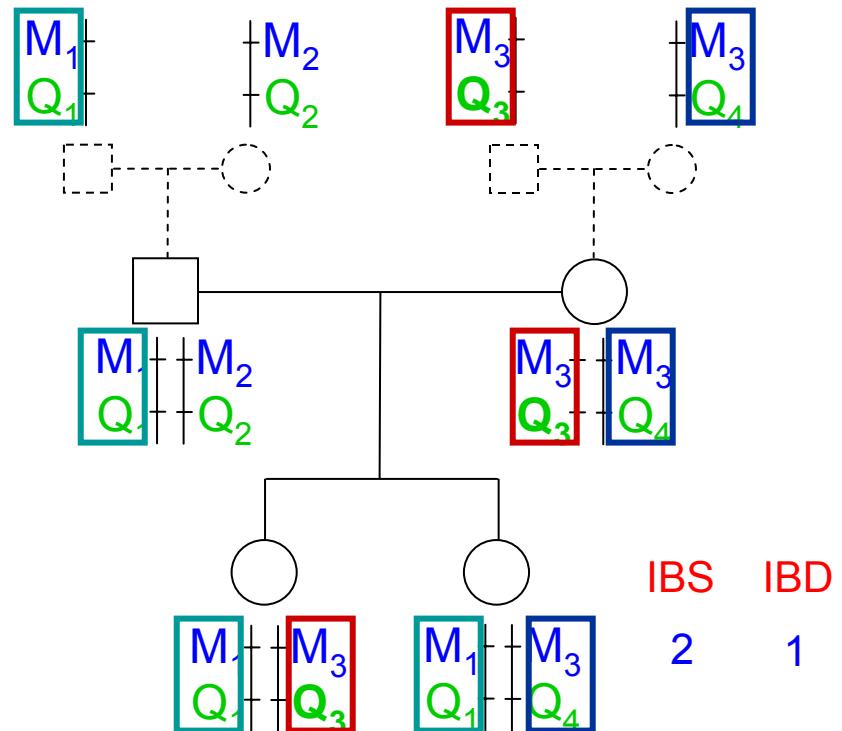
# Genotypic similarity between relatives

- ▶ IBD Alleles shared Identical By Descent are a copy of the same ancestor allele

Pairs of siblings may share 0, 1 or 2 alleles IBD

The probability of a pair of relatives being IBD is called pi-hat

$$\hat{\pi} = p(IBD2) + .5 * p(IBD1)$$



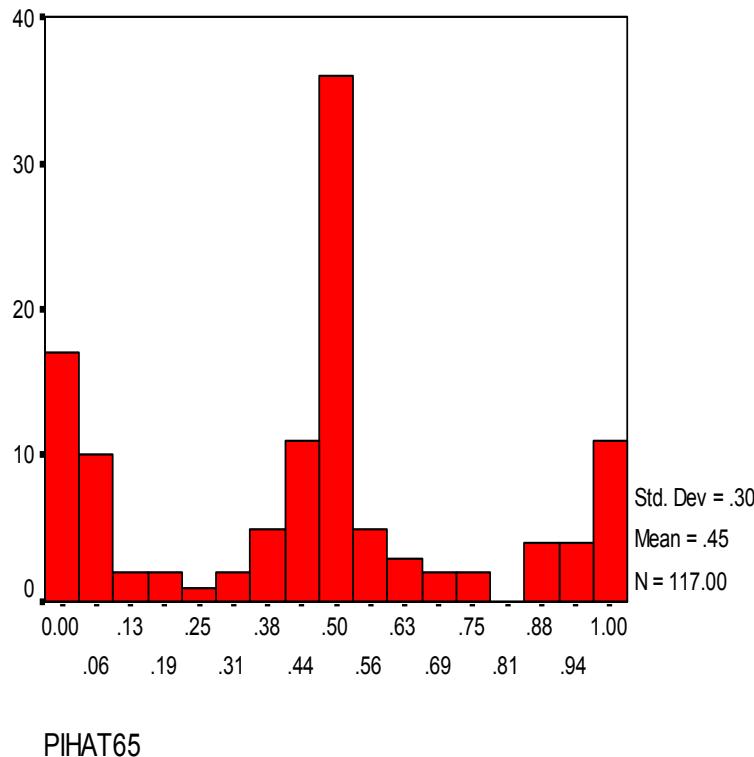


# Identity by Descent (IBD) in sibs

		Sib1			
			AC	AD	BC
Sib 2	AC	2	1	1	0
	AD	1	2	0	1
	BC	1	0	2	1
	BD	0	1	1	2

- Four parental marker alleles: A-B and C-D
- Two siblings can inherit 0, 1 or 2 alleles IBD
- IBD 0:1:2 = 25%:50%:25%
- Derivation of IBD probabilities at one marker (Haseman & Elston 1972)

# Distribution of pi-hat

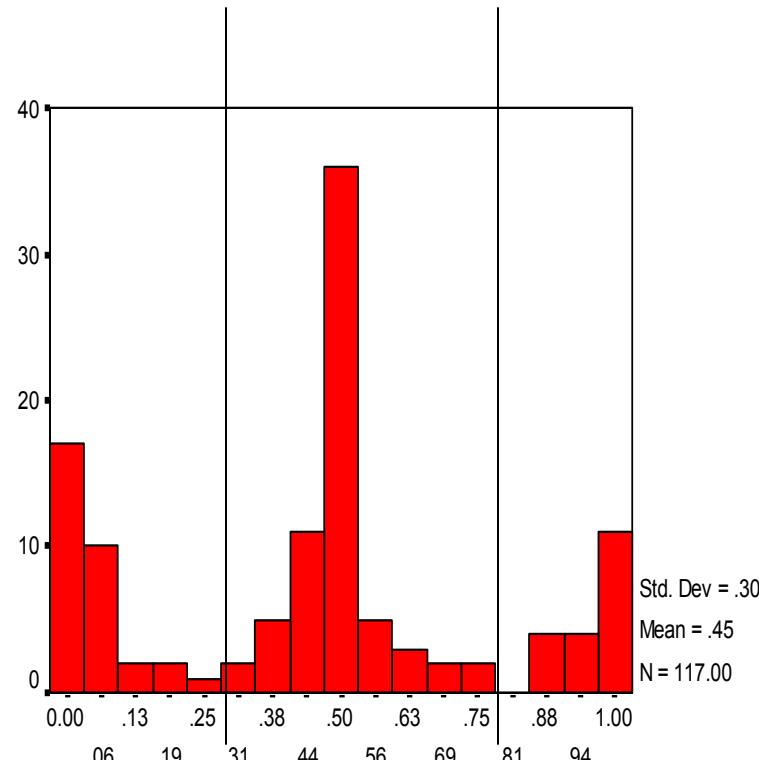


- Adult Dutch DZ pairs: distribution of  $\hat{\pi}$  at 65 cM on chromosome 19
- Model resemblance (e.g. correlations, covariances) between sib pairs, or DZ twins, as a function of DNA marker sharing at a particular chromosomal location

# Linkage with full siblings (DZ twins)

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# Partitioned twin analysis



- Adult Dutch DZ pairs:  
distribution of  $\hat{\pi}$  at 65 cM on chromosome 19
  - $\hat{\pi} < 0.25$ : IBD=0 group
  - $\hat{\pi} > 0.75$ : IBD=2 group
  - others: IBD=1 group
  - pi65cat= (0,1,2)

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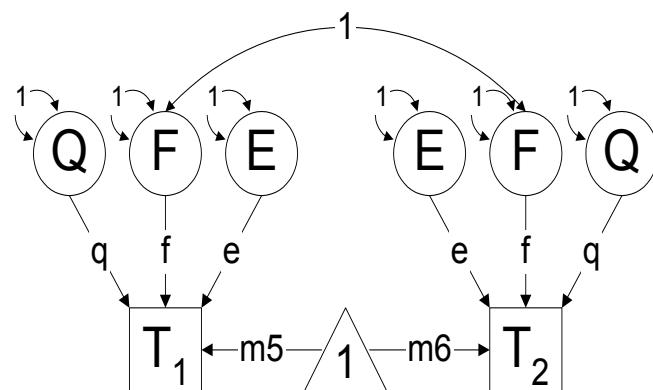
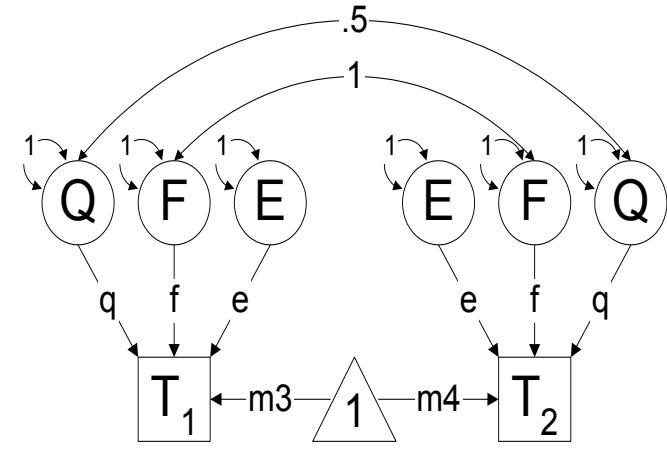
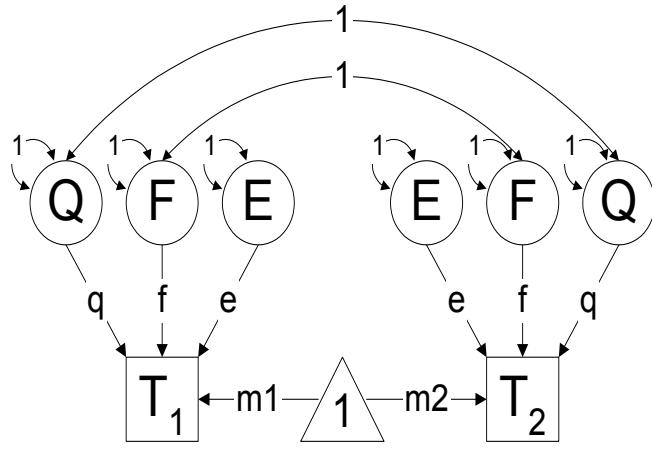
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ARTICLE

## Meta-analysis of four new genome scans for lipid parameters and analysis of positional candidates in positive linkage regions

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# DZ by IBD status



- Variance = Q + F + E
- Covariance =  $\pi Q + F$

# partitioned.mx

```
! Estimate Genetic (QTL) and Environmental Components - FEQ model
! Dutch Adult Twins: Lipid levels (position 65 cM chromosome 19)
#define $var ldl
!3 variables in the file ldl apob apoe
#define nvar 1
#define nvarx2 2
#NGroups 5

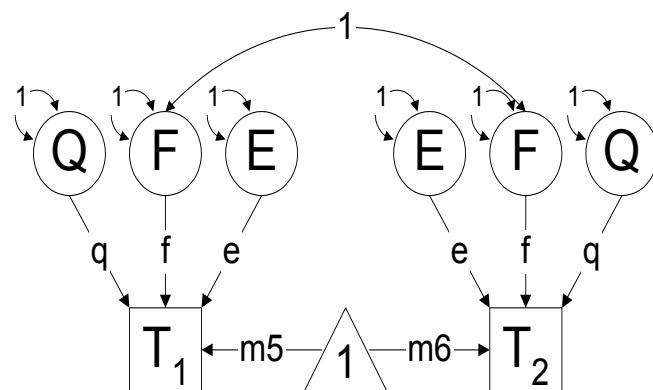
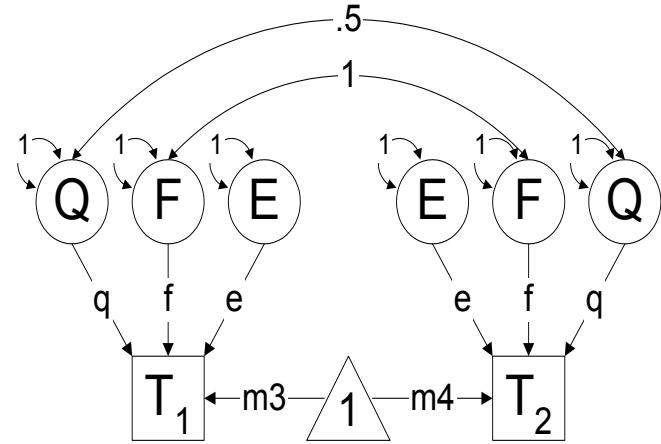
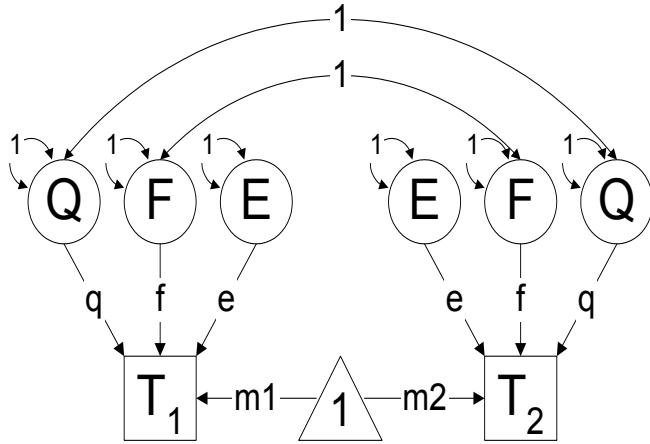
G1: Model Parameters
Calculation
Begin Matrices;
  X Lower nvar nvar Free      ! residual familial path coefficients
  Z Lower nvar nvar Free      ! nonshared environment path coefficients
  T Lower nvar nvar Free      ! QTL path coefficients
  H Full 1 1
End Matrices;
Matrix H .5
Start .3 All
Begin Algebra;
  F=X*X';                      ! residual familial variance components
  E=Z*Z';                      ! nonshared environment variance components
  Q=T*T';                      ! QTL variance components
End Algebra;
Option Rstduals
End
```

# partitioned.mx

## 3 Data groups

```
G2: DZ IBD2 twins
Data NInput=18
  Rectangular File=DutchDZ.rec
  Labels zyg sex1 age1 med1 t1ld1 t1apob t1lnapoe sex2 age2 med2 t2ld1 t2apob t2lnapoe
    ibd0_65 ibd1_65 ibd2_65 pihat65 pi65cat
  Select if pi65cat =2;
  Select
    t1$var
    t2$var ;
Begin Matrices = Group 1;
  M Full nvar nvarx2 Free
    K Full 1 1          ! correlation of QTL effects
End Matrices;
  Matrix M 4 4
  Matrix K 1
Means M;
Covariance
  F+Q+E | F+K@Q -
  F+K@Q | F+Q+E;
End
```

# DZ by IBD status



- Variance =  $Q + F + E$
- Covariance =  $\pi Q + F$

# Covariance Statements

G2: DZ IBD2 twins

Matrix K 1

Covariance

F+Q+E		F+K@Q	_
F+K@Q		F+Q+E;	

G3: DZ IBD1 twins

Matrix K .5

Covariance

F+Q+E		F+K@Q	_
F+K@Q		F+Q+E;	

G4: DZ IBD0 twins

Covariance

F+Q+E		F_	
F		F+Q+E;	

# partitioned.mx

```
G5: Standardization
Calculation
Begin Matrices = Group 1;
Begin Algebra;
  U=F+E+Q;                      ! total variance
  P=F|E|Q;                      ! concatenate parameter estimates
  S=P@U~;                        ! standardized parameter estimates
End Algebra;
  Label Col P f^2 e^2 q^2
  Label Col S f^2 e^2 q^2
!FEQ model
  Interval S 1 1 - S 1 3
  Option Rstduals Iterations=5000 NDecimals=4
  Option Multiple Issat
End

! Test for QTL
Drop T 1 1 1
Exit
```

# Variance Components FEQ

		$f^2$	$e^2$	$q^2$
LDL		0	.2263	.7737
ApoB				
InApoE				

# Chi-square Tests for QTL

DZ pairs (df=1)		
	Chi-square	Mx P-value
LDL	12.25	0.00004
ApoB		
InApoE		

## Your task...

- The data file has 3 traits
  - Labels zyg sex1 age1 med1 t1ldl t1apob  
**t1lnapoe** sex2 age2 med2 **t2ldl** **t2apob** **t2lnapoe**
- Change the variable being analyses
  - Left side of the room (your left) - apob
  - Right side of the room (your right) - lnapoe

# Variance Components FEQ

		f <sup>2</sup>	e <sup>2</sup>	q <sup>2</sup>
LDL		0	.2263	.7737
ApoB		.2712	.4136	.3152
InApoE		.1885	.1607	.6508

# Chi-square Tests for QTL

	DZ pairs (df=1)	
	Chi-square	Mx p-value
LDL	12.25	0.00047
ApoB	1.95	0.163
InApoE	12.45	0.00042

# Converting chi-squares to p values

- Complicated
  - Distribution of genotypes and phenotypes
  - Boundary problems
- For univariate linkage analysis  
(where you have 1 QTL estimate)  
 $p(\text{linkage}) = \chi_1^2 / 2$

# Chi-square Tests for QTL

DZ pairs (df=1)		
	Chi-square	Asymptotic p-value
LDL	12.25	0.00024
ApoB	1.95	0.08150
InApoE	12.45	0.00021

# Converting chi-squares to LOD scores

- For univariate linkage analysis  
(where you have 1 QTL estimate)  
 $\chi^2/4.6 = \text{LOD}$

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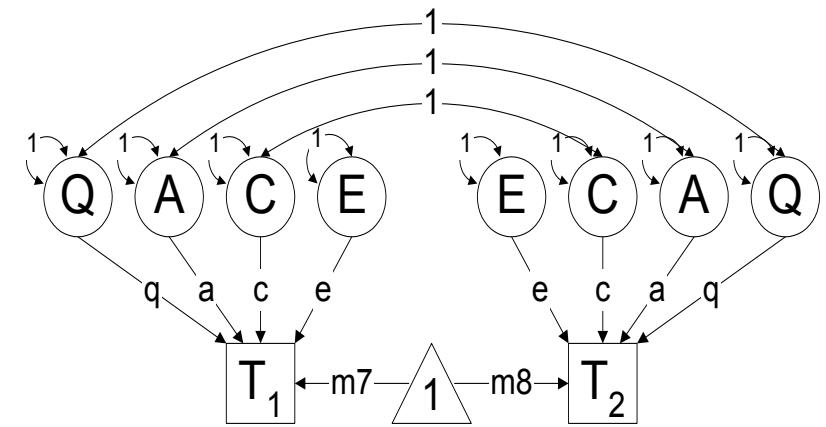
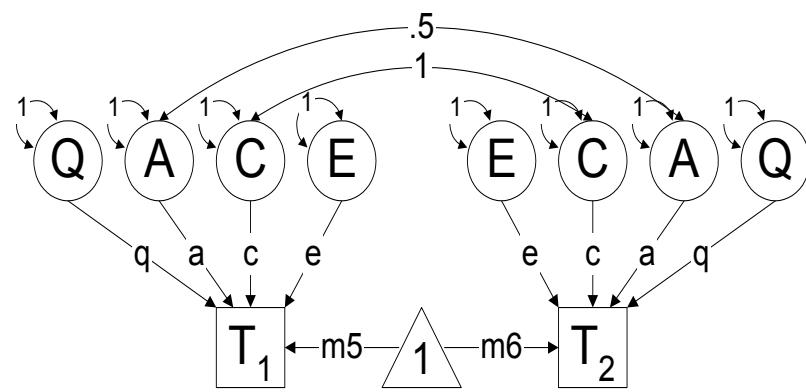
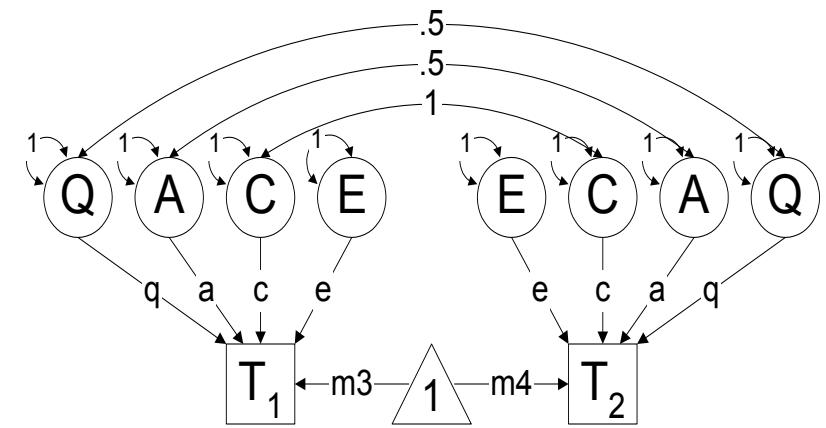
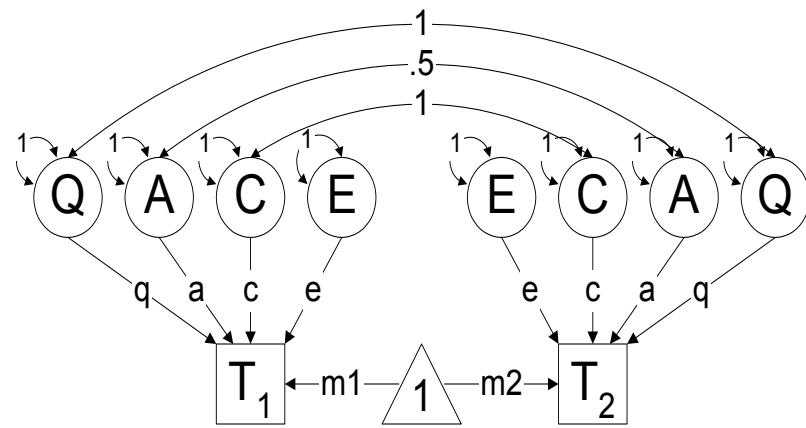
# Adding MZ twins

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## Partitioned+MZ.mx

- Adding MZ pairs allows you to partitioned F into A and C
- Do MZ contribute to linkage?
- In what ways do MZs help in a linkage analysis?

# DZ by IBD status + MZ



# Covariance Statements +MZ

G2: DZ IBD2 twins

Matrix K 1

Covariance

$$\begin{array}{c|c} A+C+Q+E & H@A+C+K@Q \\ \hline H@A+C+K@Q & A+C+Q+E ; \end{array}$$

G3: DZ IBD1 twins

Matrix K .5

Covariance

$$\begin{array}{c|c} A+C+Q+E & H@A+C+K@Q \\ \hline H@A+C+K@Q & A+C+Q+E ; \end{array}$$

G4: DZ IBD0 twins

Covariance

$$\begin{array}{c|c} A+C+Q+E & H@A+C \\ \hline H@A+C & A+C+Q+E ; \end{array}$$

G5: MZ twins

Covariance

$$\begin{array}{c|c} A+C+Q+E & A+C+Q \\ \hline A+C+Q & A+C+Q+E ; \end{array}$$

# Variance Components ACEQ

	$a^2$	$c^2$	$e^2$	$q^2$
LDL	0.04 (0 – 0.39)	0 (0 – 0.27)	0.21 (0.15 – 0.29)	0.75 (0.37 – 0.84)
ApoB				
InApoE				

# Chi-square Tests for QTL

DZ+MZ pairs (df=1)		
	Chi-square	Asymptotic p-value
LDL	12.561	0.0002
ApoB		
InApoE		

## Your task...

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# Variance Components ACEQ

	$a^2$	$c^2$	$e^2$	$q^2$
LDL	0.04 (0 – 0.39)	0 (0 – 0.27)	0.21 (0.15 – 0.29)	0.75 (0.37 – 0.84)
ApoB	0.46 (0.11 – 0.84)	0.02 (0 – 0.29)	0.19 (0.14 – 0.27)	0.33 (0 – 0.67)
InApoE	0.03 (0 – 0.33)	0.22 (0 – 0.45)	0.13 (0.10 – 0.18)	0.63 (0.32 – 0.87)

# Chi-square Tests for QTL

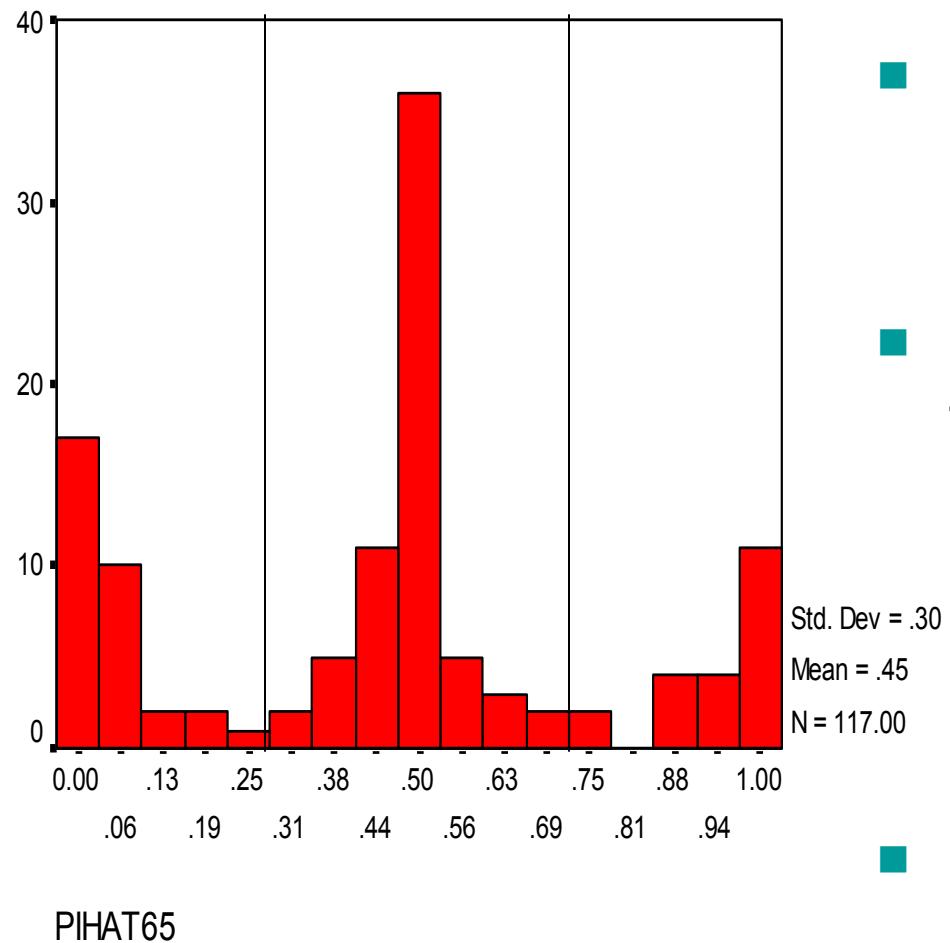
	DZ+MZ pairs (df=1)	
	Chi-square	Asymptotic p-value
LDL	12.561	0.00020
ApoB	2.128	0.07231
InApoE	12.292	0.00023

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Using the full distribution of  
pi-hat

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# Using the full distribution



- More power if we use all the available information
- So instead of dividing the sample we will use  $\hat{\pi}$  as a continuous coefficient that will vary between sib-pair across loci
- No MZs in this analysis

# Pihat.mx

```
!script for univariate linkage - pihat approach
!DZ/SIB
#loop $i 1 4 1

#define nvar 1
#NGroups 1

DZ / sib TWINS genotyped
Data NInput=324
Missing =-1.0000
Rectangular File=lipidall.dat
Labels sample fam ldl1 apob1 ldl2 apob2 ...

Select apob1 apob2
ibd0m$i
ibd1m$i ←
ibd2m$i
;
Definition_variables
ibd0m$i
ibd1m$i ←
ibd2m$i
;
```

This use of the loop command allows you to run the same script over and over moving along the chromosome

The format of the command is:  
#loop variable start end increment

So...#loop \$i 1 4 1

Starts at marker 1 goes to marker 4 and runs each locus in turn

Each occurrence of \$i within the script will be replaced by the current number ie on the second run \$i will become 2

With the loop command the last end statement becomes an exit statement and the script ends with #end loop

# Pihat.mx

```
!script for univariate linkage - pihat approach
!IDZ/SIB
#loop $i 1 4 1

#define nvar 1
#NGroups 1

DZ / sib TWINS genotyped
Data NInput=324
Missing =-1.0000
Rectangular File=lipidall.dat
Labels sample fam ldl1 apob1 ldl2 apob2 ...

Select apob1 apob2
ibd0m$i
ibd1m$i
ibd2m$i
;
Definition_variables
ibd0m$i
ibd1m$i
ibd2m$i
;
```

This use of the 'definition variables' command allows you to specify which of the selected variables will be used as covariates

The value of the covariate displayed in the mxo will be the values for the last case read

# Pihat.mx

```
!script for univariate linkage - pihat approach
!DZ/SIB
#loop $i 1 2 1

#define nvar 1
#NGroups 1

DZ / sib TWINS genotyped
Data NlInput=324
Missing =-1.0000
Rectangular File=lipidall.dat
Labels sample fam ldl1 apob1 ldl2 apob2 ...

Select apob1 apob2
ibd0m$i
ibd1m$i
ibd2m$i
;
Definition_variables
ibd0m$i
ibd1m$i
ibd2m$i
;
```

```
Begin Matrices;
X Lower nvar nvar free      ! residual familial F
Z Lower nvar nvar free      ! unshared environment E
L Full nvar 1 free          ! qtl effect Q
G Full 1 nvar free          ! grand means
H Full 1 1                   ! scalar, .5
K Full 3 1                   ! IBD probabilities (from Merlin)
J Full 1 3                   ! coefficients 0.5,1 for pihat
End Matrices;
Specify K
ibd0m$i
ibd1m$i
ibd2m$i

Matrix H .5
Matrix J 0 .5 1
Start .1 X 1 1 1
Start .1 L 1 1 1
Start .1 Z 1 1 1
Start .5 G 1 1 1
```

# Pihat.mx

```
Begin Algebra;  
F= X*X';  
! residual familial variance  
E= Z*Z';  
! unique environmental variance  
Q= L*L';  
! variance due to QTL  
V= F+Q+E;  
! total variance  
T= F|Q|E;  
! parameters in one matrix  
S= F%V| Q%V| E%V;  
! standardized variance component estimates  
P= ???? ;  
! estimate of pihat  
End Algebra;  
  
Labels Row S standest  
Labels Col S f^2 q^2 e^2  
Labels Row T unstandest  
Labels Col T f^2 q^2 e^2
```

```
Means  
G| G ;  
Covariance  
F+E+Q | F+P@Q_  
F+P@Q | F+E+Q ;
```

```
Option NDecimals=4  
Option RSiduals  
Option Multiple Issat  
!End
```

```
!test significance of QTL effect  
! Drop L 1 1 1  
Exit
```

```
#end loop
```

What should  
this be?

# Pihat.mx

```
Begin Algebra;  
F= X*X';  
! residual familial variance  
E= Z*Z';  
! unique environmental variance  
Q= L*L';  
! variance due to QTL  
V= F+Q+E;  
! total variance  
T= F|Q|E;  
! parameters in one matrix  
S= F%V| Q%V| E%V;  
! standardized variance component estimates  
P= ???? ;  
! estimate of pihat  
End Algebra;
```

```
Labels Row S standest  
Labels Col S f^2 q^2 e^2  
Labels Row T unstandest  
Labels Col T f^2 q^2 e^2
```

```
Means  
G| G ;  
Covariance  
F+E+Q | F+P@Q_  
F+P@Q | F+E+Q ;  
  
Option NDecimals=4  
Option RSiduals  
Option Multiple Issat  
!End  
  
!test significance of QTL effect  
! Drop L 1 1 1  
Exit  
  
#end loop
```

J\*K

## Your task...

- Change the loci being analysed
  - Left side of the room (your left) – 70 to 75
  - Right side of the room (your right) – 76 -80

# Mx

Mx - [Mx Project Manager Window]

File Edit Search MxProject Output PathDiagram Preference Window

Parsing Complete

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Job	Group			
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2: ...inkage\pihat.mx		F: 303.454		▼
3: ...inkage\pihat.mx		F: 303.454		
4: ...inkage\pihat.mx		F: 303.454		

Matrix Name Matrix Row Matrix Column Matrix Type

E	1	1	Calc
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0.0358248

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Statistics	Col1	Col2	Col3
1	Row1	0.0358248	

# Grepping the results

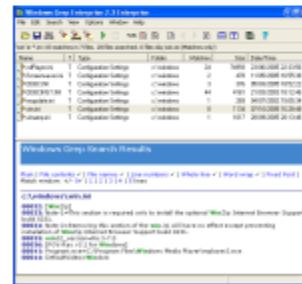
- Under Unix/Linux/Cygwin
  - `grep 'of data' pihat.mxo > output.txt`

# Grepping the results



## Windows Grep - Advanced searching for Windows

**Windows Grep** is a tool for searching files for text strings that you specify. Although Windows and many other programs have file searching capabilities built-in, none can match the power and versatility of Windows Grep.



The program combines the power and flexibility of traditional command line grep utilities available on DOS, UNIX and other platforms with the ease of use of Microsoft Windows.

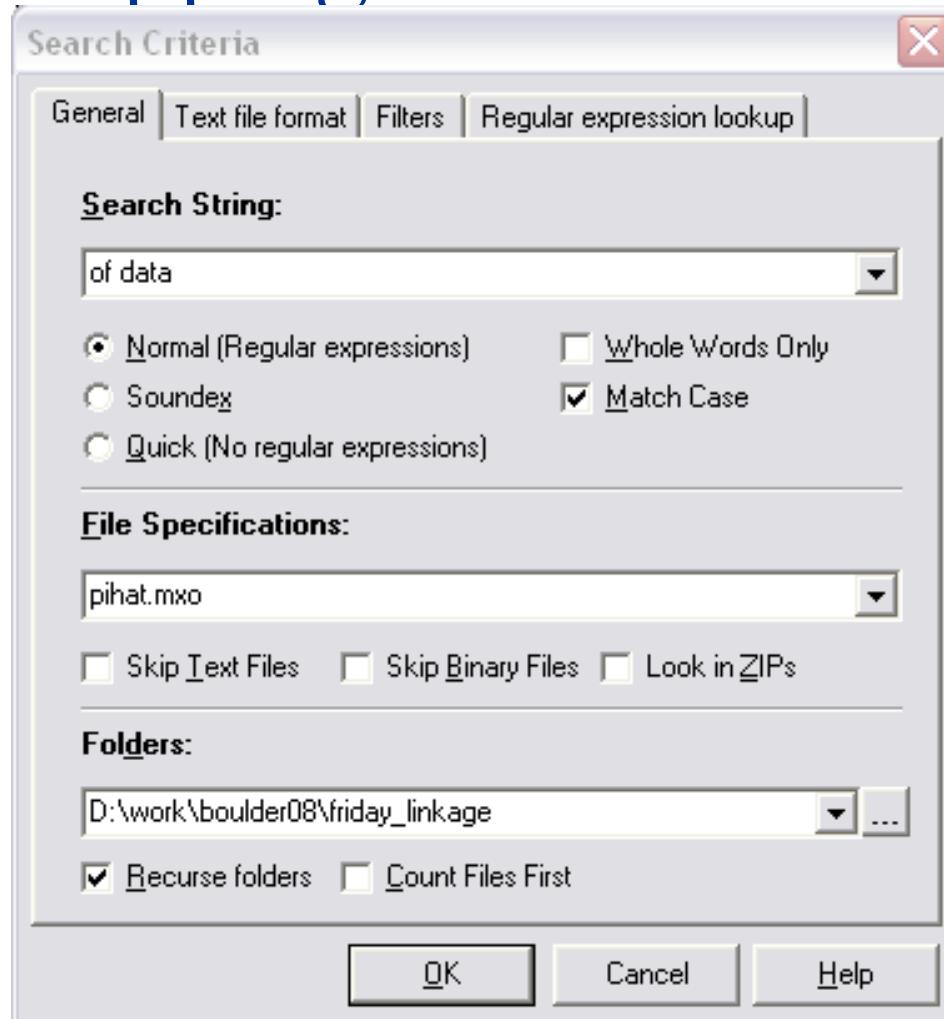
In addition to searching, **Windows Grep** also performs global replacing in your files, with complete safety.

**Windows Grep** is designed for searching plain-ASCII text files, such as program source, HTML, RTF and batch files, but it can also search binary files such as word processor documents, databases, spreadsheets and executables.

**Windows Grep** runs on Windows 98, 2000, XP and Vista.

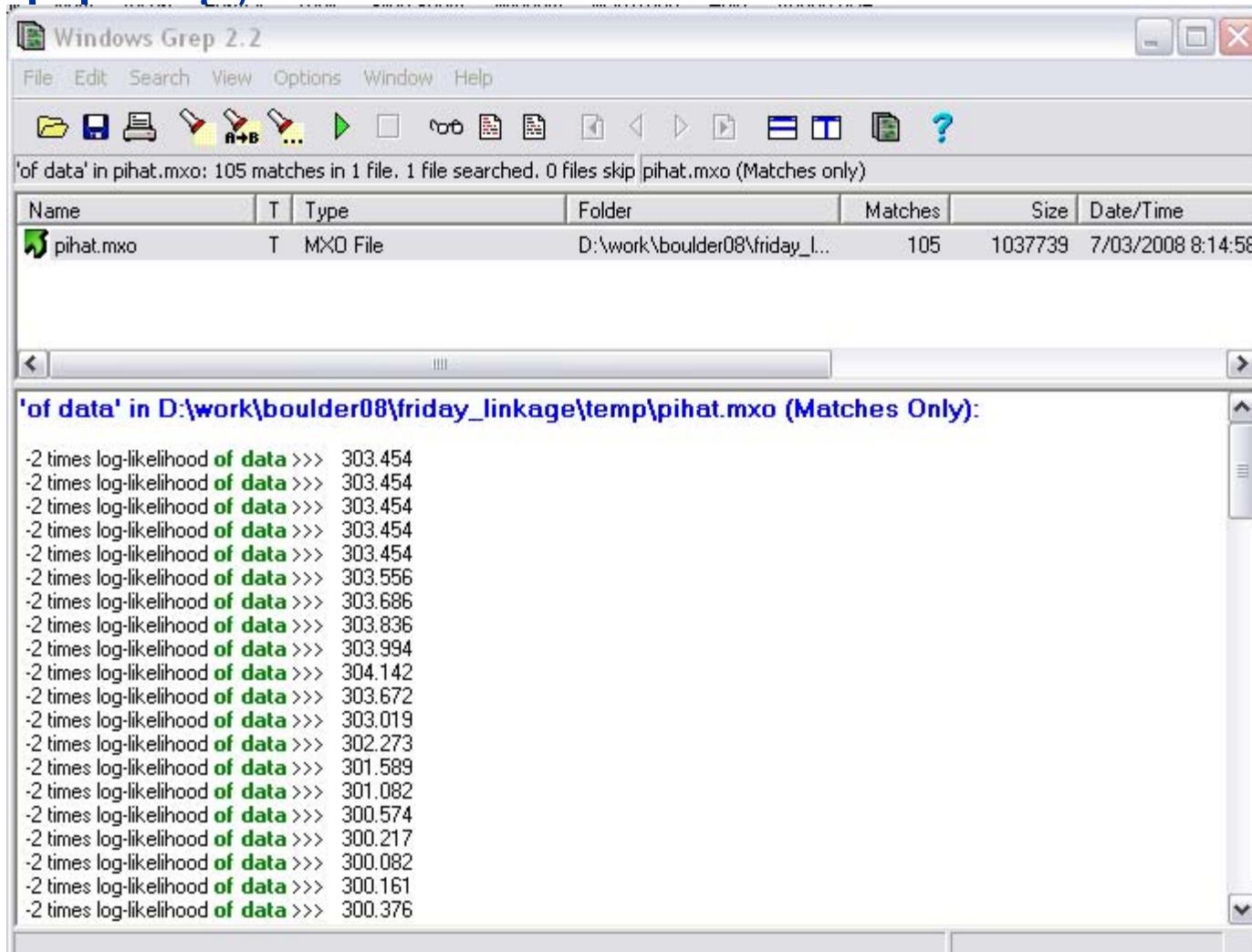
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The screenshot shows the Windows Grep 2.2 interface. The title bar reads "Windows Grep 2.2". The menu bar includes File, Edit, Search, View, Options, Window, and Help. The toolbar contains various icons for file operations like Open, Save, Print, and Find. A status bar at the bottom displays the message "'of data' in pihat.mxo: 105 matches in 1 file, 1 file searched, 0 files skip pihat.mxo (Matches only)".

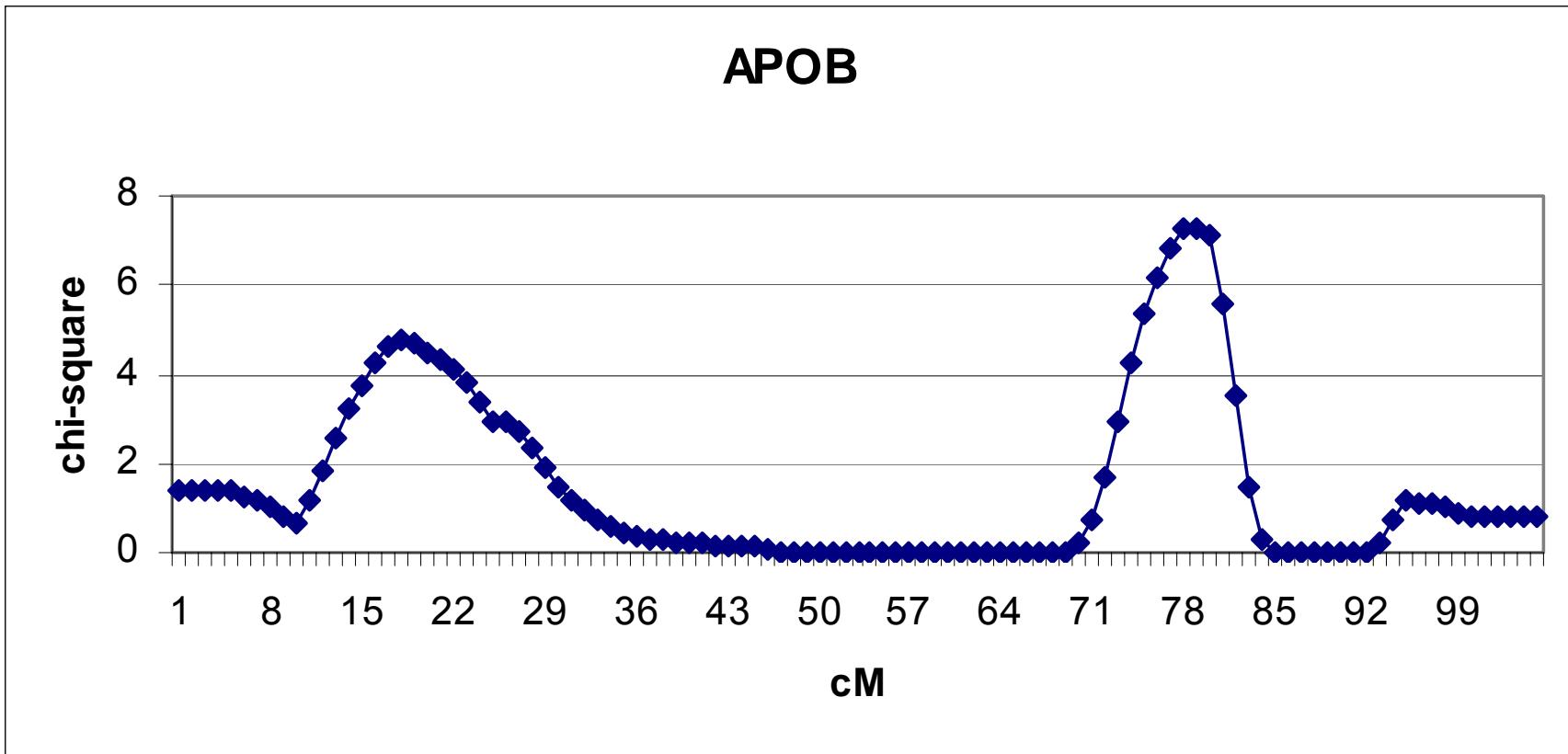
Name	T	Type	Folder	Matches	Size	Date/Time
pihat.mxo	T	MXO File	D:\work\boulder08\friday_l...	105	1037739	7/03/2008 8:14:58

The main pane displays the search results for "'of data' in D:\work\boulder08\friday\_linkage\temp\pihat.mxo (Matches Only)'. The results are listed as:

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-2 times log-likelihood of data >>> 303.454
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-2 times log-likelihood of data >>> 303.686
-2 times log-likelihood of data >>> 303.836
-2 times log-likelihood of data >>> 303.994
-2 times log-likelihood of data >>> 304.142
-2 times log-likelihood of data >>> 303.672
-2 times log-likelihood of data >>> 303.019
-2 times log-likelihood of data >>> 302.273
-2 times log-likelihood of data >>> 301.589
-2 times log-likelihood of data >>> 301.082
-2 times log-likelihood of data >>> 300.574
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-2 times log-likelihood of data >>> 300.161
-2 times log-likelihood of data >>> 300.376
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# Difference in Chi-square



# LOD score

