

TRIO\_RVEMVS: A Bayesian framework for rare  
variant association analysis with  
expectation-maximization variable selection using  
family trio data

Supporting Information

**Supplemental optimization algorithm: Mini-Batch  
SDCA**

**Goal:** Minimize  $P(\omega) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \phi_n(\omega) + g(\omega)$  where  $\omega \in R^p$ ,  $\phi_n(\omega) = \log(1 + \sum_{i=1}^3 e^{-X_{in}\omega})$ ,  $g(\omega) = \frac{1}{2N} \omega' P \omega$ . The conjugate function of  $g(\omega)$  is  $g(\alpha) = \frac{N}{2} \alpha' P^{-1} \alpha$ .

**Parameters:**  $\theta \in [0, 1]$ ; mini-batch size  $m$ , mini-batches  $\{I_1, \dots, I_{N/m}\}$

**Initialize:**  $\alpha_1^0 = \dots = \alpha_n^0 = \bar{\alpha}^{(t)} = 0$ ,  $\alpha_i, \bar{\alpha} \in R^p$ ;  $\omega^{(0)} = 0$ ;

**Iterate:** for epoch = 1, 2, ...

$$\bar{I}^{(t-1)} = \emptyset$$

for  $t = \text{epoch}, 2 \cdot \text{epoch}, \dots$

$$u^{(t-1)} = (1 - \theta)\omega^{(t-1)} + \theta \nabla g^*(\bar{\alpha}^{(t-1)})$$

Randomly pick one mini-batch  $I$  from  $\{I_1, \dots, I_{N/m}\} - \bar{I}^{(t-1)}$  and update the associated dual variables

$$\bar{I}^{(t)} = \bar{I}^{(t-1)} \cup I$$

$$\alpha_i^{(t)} = (1 - \theta)\alpha_i^{t-1} - \theta \nabla \phi_i(u^{(t-1)}) \text{ for } i \in I$$

$$\alpha_j^{(t)} = \alpha_j^{(t-1)} \text{ for } j \notin I$$

$$\bar{\alpha}^{(t)} = \bar{\alpha}^{(t-1)} + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i \in I} (\alpha_i^{(t)} - \alpha_i^{(t-1)})$$

$$\omega^{(t)} = (1 - \theta)\omega^{(t-1)} + \theta \nabla g^*(\bar{\alpha}^{(t)})$$

$$\bar{I}^{(t)} = \bar{I}^{(t-1)} \cup I$$

if  $\bar{I}^{(t)} = \{I_1, \dots, I_{N/m}\}$

end

end

**Supplemental M-step**

In this section, we show the details of solving the closed-form solutions to maximize  $Q_2$ ,  $Q_3$ , and  $Q_4$  at M-step. According to the E-step,  $Q_2$  function can be written as

$$Q_2 \left[ \pi_1 | \beta^{(k)}, \pi_1^{(k)} \right] = \sum_{s=1}^S E_{\gamma_s | \cdot} [\gamma_s] \log \left[ \frac{\pi_1}{1 - \pi_1} \right] + (2S - 1) \log(1 - \pi_1), \quad (1)$$

where

$$p_s^* = E_{\gamma_s}[\gamma_s] = P(\gamma_s = 1 | \beta^{(k)}, \pi_1^{(k)}) = \frac{a_s}{a_s + b_s}, \quad (2)$$

$a_s = P(\beta^{(k)} | \gamma_s = 1)P(\gamma_s = 1 | \pi_1^{(k)})$ ,  $b_s = P(\beta_s^{(k)} | \gamma_s = 0)P(\gamma_s = 0 | \pi_1^{(k)})$  and  $P(\gamma_s = 1 | \pi_1^{(k)}) = \pi_1^{(k)}$ . The first derivative of  $Q_2$  with respect to  $\pi_1$  is shown as

$$\frac{\partial Q_2}{\partial \pi_1} = \frac{1}{\pi_1} \sum_{s=1}^S p_s^* + \frac{1}{1 - \pi_1} \sum_{s=1}^S p_s^* - \frac{1}{1 - \pi_1} (2S - 1). \quad (3)$$

The second derivative of  $Q_2$  with respect to  $\pi_1$  is shown as

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 Q_2}{\partial \pi_1^2} &= -\frac{1}{\pi_1^2} \sum_{s=1}^S p_s^* + \frac{1}{(1 - \pi_1)^2} \sum_{s=1}^S p_s^* - \frac{1}{(1 - \pi_1)^2} (2S - 1) \\ &= -\frac{1}{\pi_1^2} \sum_{s=1}^S p_s^* - \frac{1}{(1 - \pi_1)^2} (2S - \sum_{s=1}^S p_s^* - 1) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

According to Eq (2),  $0 \leq p_s^* \leq 1$ , then  $\sum_{s=1}^S p_s^* \leq S$ . When  $S \geq 1$ , we have  $2S - \sum_{s=1}^S p_s^* - 1 \geq 0$ , and  $\frac{\partial^2 Q_2}{\partial \pi_1^2} \leq 0$ . Let  $\frac{\partial Q_2}{\partial \pi_1} = 0$ , we obtain

$$\pi_1^{(k+1)} = \frac{\sum_{s=1}^S p_s^*}{2S - 1} \quad (5)$$

And  $\pi_1^{(k+1)}$  makes  $Q_2$  reach the maximum value due to  $\frac{\partial^2 Q_2}{\partial \pi_1^2} \leq 0$ . The closed-form solutions to maximize  $Q_3$  and  $Q_4$  can be similarly derived.

## Supplemental simulation detail

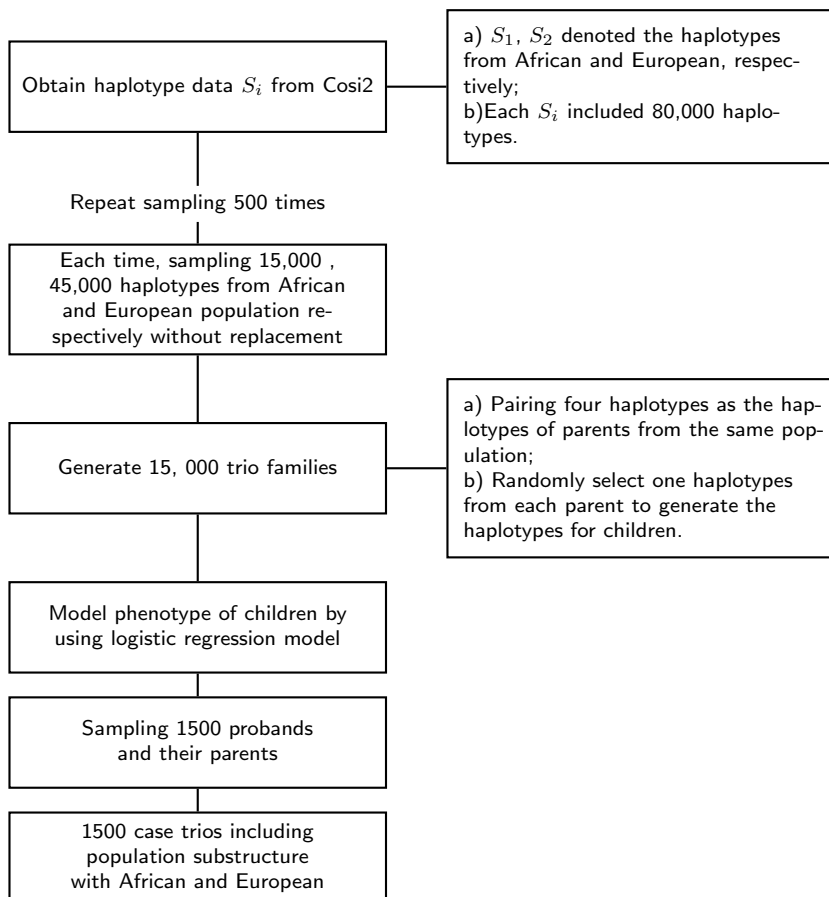
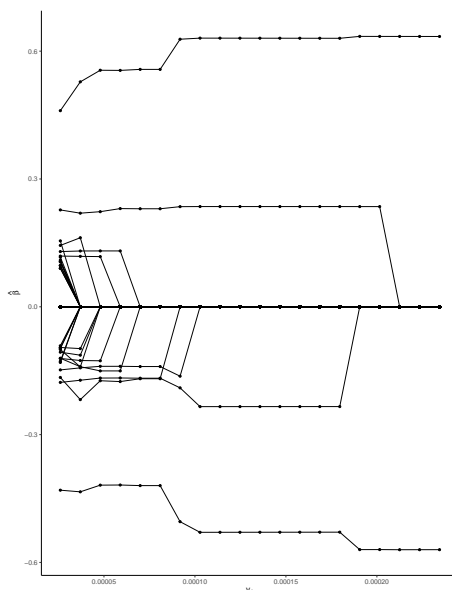


Fig S1. Simulation diagram.

## Supplemental simulation exclusion parameters tuning

According to the parameter tuning rule in the section “Selection parameter tuning”, for simulated data, we detail the parameter tuning procedure using the 1500 trio scenario (these details apply similarly to the smaller dataset scenario) as follows. We begin by setting the two exclusion parameters to be the same, i.e.,  $v_0 = v_2$ . We use a regularization plot to identify a stable choice for the exclusion parameter of common variants,  $v_0$ . The range of possible values of  $v_0$  to investigate with the regularization plot results in values that translate to a 95% confidence interval for the odds ratio ranging from  $[0.99, 1.01]$  to  $[0.97, 1.03]$ , Fig S2. According to the regularization plot, we choose the exclusion parameter such that the 95% prior probability for an odds ratio for excluded common variants is between  $[0.972, 1.028]$ ,  $v_0 = 0.0002$ . Once the value for the exclusion parameter for common variants was identified,  $v_0 = 0.0002$ , we repeated the process using regularization plots with respect to the exclusion parameter,  $v_2$ , considering values that generate 95% confidence intervals for the odds ratio to range from  $[0.995, 1.005]$  to  $[0.98, 1.02]$ , Fig S3. It may be helpful to refine  $v_2$

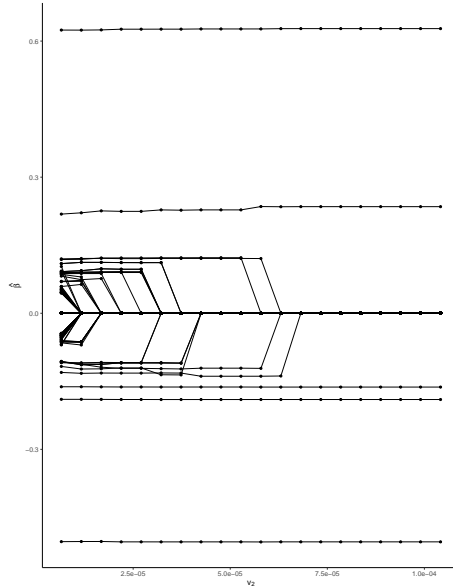


**Fig S2.** Regularization plot with respect to  $v_0$  and  $v_2$  ( $v_0 = v_2$ ) at temperature  $1/t = 10$ . The range of  $v_0$  was from  $v_0 = 2.6 \times 10^{-5}$ , corresponding to a 95% probability interval for an odds ratio of an excluded SNP to be  $[0.99, 1.01]$ , to  $v_0 = 0.00023$ , corresponding to a 95% probability interval for an odds ratio being  $[0.97, 1.03]$ .

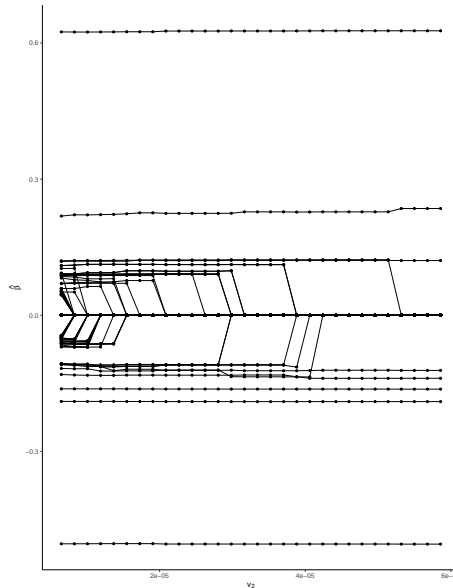
by repeating the regularization plot across a finer grid consisting of the first 10 points of Fig S3 (see Fig S4). We chose the value of the exclusion parameter  $v_2$  for rare variants in the following way: We require the corresponding 95% probability interval for the odds ratio to fall in the range of  $[0.995, 1.005]$  to  $[0.985, 1.015]$ , which translate to a range of  $v_2$  from  $6.51 \times 10^{-6}$  to  $5.28 \times 10^{-5}$ . We pick the value of  $v_2$  such that there is no shrinkage in the regularization plot for three consecutive values of  $v_2$ , and we choose the 3rd point as the value for our exclusion parameter of  $v_2$ . Therefore, the exclusion parameter of rare variants for this data set was set as the 29th point in the regularization plot, i.e.  $v_0 = 5.7 \times 10^{-5}$ , corresponding to a 95% probability interval for the odds ratio being  $[0.985, 1.015]$ . Based on the tuned exclusion parameters, we specified the region and individual variable selection in each data set.

## Supplemental simulation results

In this section, we discuss the individual-level variant selection performance of TRIO\_RVEMVS when all variants were considered, i.e., variants that were not polymorphic across all datasets. Considering that most of the rare variants were not polymorphic across all data sets, we defined the Average True and



**Fig S3.** Regularization plot with respect to  $v_2$  given  $v_0 = 0.0002$ , at temperature  $1/t = 10$ . The range of  $v_2$  was from  $v_2 = 6.51 \times 10^{-6}$ , which corresponds to a 95% probability interval for an excluded SNP to range from  $[0.995, 1.005]$ , to  $v_2 = 0.0001$ , which corresponds to a 95% probability interval for odds ratio of an excluded SNP to be  $[0.98, 1.02]$ .



**Fig S4.** Regularization plot that zoomed in range of the first 10 points of  $v_2$  in Fig S3.

False Positive Rate (ATPR and AFPR) for individual variants as follows:

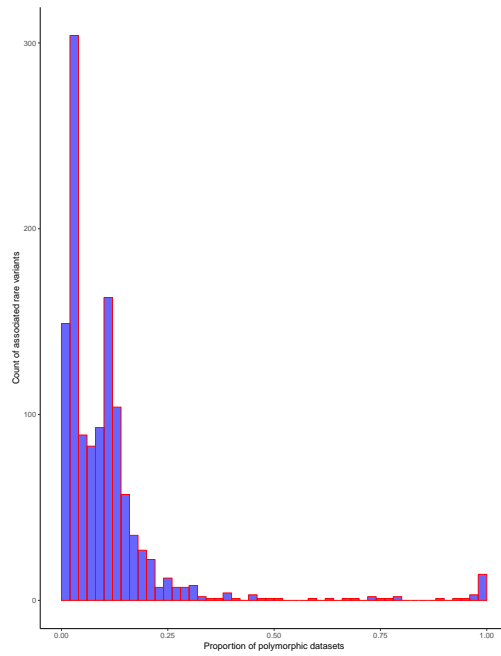
$$\begin{aligned} \text{ATPR} &= \frac{1}{\# \text{ of data sets}} \sum_{\text{data set } d} \frac{N_d(\text{selected}|\text{associated})}{N_d(\# \text{ of polymorphic associated variants})} \\ \text{AFPR} &= \frac{1}{\# \text{ of data sets}} \sum_{\text{data set } d} \frac{N_d(\text{selected}|\text{unassociated})}{N_d(\# \text{ of polymorphic unassociated variants})} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where  $N_d(\text{selected}|\cdot)$  denotes the number of detected variants given the variants are associated or unassociated in data set  $d$ .

When both common and rare variants were considered, the ATPR, Eq (6), was 2.45%, and the AFPR was 0.07%; when only rare variants were considered the ATPR was 0.94% and AFPR was 0.07%. The ATPR and AFPR across varying MAF ranges are summarized in Table S1. Among the data sets with 1500 case-trios, the average number of polymorphic associated rare variants was 130, and the average number of associated singletons was 105 (about 80% of polymorphic causal rare variants were singletons). Excluding singletons, the ATPR was 11.90%, and AFPR was 0.28% when both common and rare variants were included in the analysis; when only considering rare variants, the ATPR was 4.87% and AFPR was 0.48%.

**Table S1.** The average true and false positive rate of individual variants detection in different MAF ranges.

	Sample size	MAF<0.01	0.01 ≤ MAF<0.05	MAF ≥ 0.05	0<MAF<0.5
ATPR (%)	1500	0.22	94.2	100	2.45
	350	0	25.37	83.8	4.33
AFPR (%)	1500	0	6.02	0.07	0.07
	350	0	2.62	1.39	0.13



**Fig S5.** In the simulated 500 trio data sets, the histogram for the proportion of data sets in which associated rare variants are polymorphic.