

A. Constraints on individual LD values

The normalized individual LD values are $D_{ij}' = D_{ij} / D_{max}$, where $D_{max} = \min[\rho_{Ai}(1-\rho_{Bj}), (1-\rho_{Ai})\rho_{Bj}]$ if $D_{ij} > 0$, and

$D_{max} = \min[\rho_{Ai}\rho_{Bj}, (1-\rho_{Ai})(1-\rho_{Bj})]$ when $D_{ij} < 0$. The range of D_{ij}' is $(-1, 1)$.

B. Other measures of conditional LD

The conditional association between the alleles at *marker* locus B and *disease* locus A was defined by Nei and Li (1980) as $d^* = (f_{A_2B_1} / p_{A_2} - f_{B_1A_1} / p_{A_1})$ for two bi-allelic loci. It was developed to account for study designs for rare diseases with known modes of inheritance and full, or close to full, penetrance (e.g., sickle cell anemia and Duchenne muscular dystrophy) where individuals are not randomly sampled from a single population. This measure is equivalent to Somer's *D* statistic, $D(C/R)$, conditioning on the rows of the contingency table relating two categorical variables, as shown below.

$$\begin{aligned} d^* &= f_{A_2B_1} / p_{A_2} - f_{A_1B_1} / p_{A_1} = (p_{A_2} p_{B_1} + D) / p_{A_2} - (p_{A_1} p_{B_1} - D) / p_{A_1} \\ &= p_{B_1} + (D / p_{A_2}) - p_{B_1} + (D / p_{A_1}) = D / (p_{A_1} p_{A_2}) \end{aligned}$$

Somer's *D* statistic is defined as twice the difference between the number of concordant and discordant entries in the contingency table, divided by $n^2 - \sum_i n_i^2$, where n is the table total and n_i is the i^{th} row total.

$$\begin{aligned} D(C|R) &= 2(n_{11}n_{22} - n_{21}n_{12}) / (n^2 - \sum_i n_i^2) = 2(f_{A_1B_1}f_{A_2B_2} - f_{A_2B_1}f_{A_1B_2}) / (1^2 - \sum_i p_{Ai}^2) \\ &= 2D / (1 - F_A) = 2D / (2p_{A_1}p_{A_2}) = D / (p_{A_1}p_{A_2}) \end{aligned}$$

C. Other measures of LD based on diversity statistics

Other measures of association and LD that are based on allelic diversity statistics (homozygosity and heterozygosity) have been defined. However, these measures are all symmetric. Ohta (1980) suggested a measure, F' , that divides the difference between the two-locus haplotypic homozygosity (F_{AB}) and the product of the two single locus homozygosity values by the product of the single locus heterozygosity values: $F' = (F_{AB} - F_A F_B) / [(1 - F_A)(1 - F_B)]$ (Ohta 1980). The D^* measure (Maruyama 1982; Hedrick and Thomson 1986) standardizes the disequilibrium between all alleles at two loci by the product of the single locus heterozygosity values: $D^* = \sum_i \sum_j D_{ij}^2 / [(1 - F_A)(1 - F_B)]$. Note that in the bi-allelic case D^* is equivalent to the square of the correlation measure (r^2) (Hedrick 1987).

D: Proofs of Special Cases (c) – (f)

D.1. Multi-Allelic Case (c): $k_A = k_B = k$, $f(A_iB_i) > 0$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$, and $f(A_iB_j) = 0$ for all $i \neq j$

Summary: $W_n = W_{A/B} = W_{B/A} = 1$. There is complete symmetry and 100% correlation of alleles at the two loci.

The A and B locus allele frequencies are equal and the notation is simplified as follows: $p_{Ai} = p_{Bi} = p_i$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$,

$$f(A_iB_i) = p_i = p_i^2 + D_{ii}, \text{ i.e., } D_{ii} = p_i(1 - p_i), \quad f(A_iB_j) = 0 = p_i p_j + D_{ij}, \text{ i.e., } D_{ij} = -p_i p_j, \quad i \neq j.$$

$$W_{A/B}^2 = \{ \sum_i \sum_j [f_{ij}^2 / p_{Bj}] - F_A \} / (1 - F_A) = \{ [\sum_i f_{ii}^2 / p_i] - F_A \} / (1 - F_A)$$

$$= \{[\sum_i p_i^2 / p_i] - F_A\} / (1 - F_A) = \{[\sum_i p_i] - F_A\} / (1 - F_A) = (1 - F_A) / (1 - F_A) = 1.$$

Similarly, $W_{B/A}^2 = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} W_n^2 &= \{\sum_i \sum_j D_{ij}^2 / (p_{Ai} p_{Bj})\} / (k-1) = \{[\sum_i D_{ii}^2 / (p_i^2)] + \{\sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} D_{ij}^2 / (p_i p_j)\}\} / (k-1) \\ &= \{[\sum_i p_i^2 (1 - p_i)^2 / (p_i^2)] + \{\sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} (p_i p_j)^2 / (p_i p_j)\}\} / (k-1) = [\sum_i (1 - p_i)^2 + \{\sum_i \sum_{j \neq i} (p_i p_j)\}] / (k-1) \\ &= [\sum_i (1 - p_i)^2 + p_i (1 - p_i)] / (k-1) = [\sum_i (1 - p_i)] / (k-1) = (k-1) / (k-1) = 1. \end{aligned}$$

D.2. Multi-Allelic Case (d): $k_A = k_B = k$, $f(AiBi) > 0$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$, and $f(A1B2) \neq 0$

In this case $W_{A/B} < 1$, $W_{B/A} < 1$, and $W_n < 1$ (Proof given below for $k = 3$, with the same result holding for any value of k).

Summary: $W_{A/B}^2 = \{1 - 2 \delta [p_{A2} / p_{B2}] - F_A\} / (1 - F_A)$, $W_{B/A}^2 = \{1 - 2 \delta [p_{B1} / p_{A1}] - F_B\} / (1 - F_B)$,

$$W_n^2 = 1 - \{\delta (p_{A1} + p_{A2}) / [2 p_{A1} p_{B2}]\}$$

Allele frequencies are (A locus): p_{A1} , p_{A2} , and p_{A3} ; (B locus): $p_{B1} = p_{A1} - \delta$, $p_{B2} = p_{A2} + \delta$, and $p_{B3} = p_{A3}$, with $\delta > 0$ and $\delta < p_{A1}$.

Haplotype	Frequency*	Frequency*	LD
A1B1	$p_{A1} - \delta$	$p_{A1} (p_{A1} - \delta) + D_{11}$	$D_{11} = (p_{A1} - \delta) (1 - p_{A1})$
A1B2	δ	$p_{A1} (p_{A2} + \delta) + D_{12}$	$D_{12} = -p_{A1} (p_{A2} + \delta) + \delta$
A1B3	0	$p_{A1} p_{A3} + D_{13}$	$D_{13} = -p_{A1} p_{A3}$
A2B1	0	$p_{A2} (p_{A1} - \delta) + D_{21}$	$D_{21} = -p_{A2} (p_{A1} - \delta)$
A2B2	p_{A2}	$p_{A2} (p_{A2} + \delta) + D_{22}$	$D_{22} = p_{A2} (1 - p_{A2} - \delta)$
A2B3	0	$p_{A2} p_{A3} + D_{23}$	$D_{23} = -p_{A2} p_{A3}$
A3B1	0	$p_{A3} (p_{A1} - \delta) + D_{31}$	$D_{31} = -p_{A3} (p_{A1} - \delta)$
A3B2	0	$p_{A3} (p_{A2} + \delta) + D_{32}$	$D_{32} = -p_{A3} (p_{A2} + \delta)$
A3B3	p_{A3}	$p_{A3} p_{A3} + D_{33}$	$D_{33} = p_{A3} (1 - p_{A3})$

* These two columns are different, but equivalent, formats for the same haplotype frequency.

$$\begin{aligned} W_{A/B}^2 &= \{\sum_i \sum_j [f_{ij}^2 / p_{Bj}] - F_A\} / (1 - F_A) \\ &= \{[(p_{B1}^2) / (p_{B1}) + (\delta^2) / (p_{B2}) + (p_{A2}^2) / (p_{B2}) + (p_{A3}^2) / (p_{A3})] - F_A\} / (1 - F_A) \\ &= \{[p_{B1} + (\delta^2) / (p_{B2}) + (p_{A2}^2) / (p_{B2}) + p_{A3}] - F_A\} / (1 - F_A) \\ &= \{[(p_{A1} - \delta) + (\delta^2) / (p_{A2} + \delta) + (p_{A2})^2 / (p_{A2} + \delta) + p_{A3} + p_{A2} - p_{A2}] - F_A\} / (1 - F_A) \\ &= \{[p_{A1} + p_{A2} + p_{A3} - [(\delta^2)(p_{A2} + \delta) - (\delta^2) - (p_{A2})^2 + p_{A2} (p_{A2} + \delta)] / (p_{A2} + \delta)] - F_A\} / (1 - F_A) \\ &= \{1 - 2 \delta [p_{A2} / p_{B2}] - F_A\} / (1 - F_A) < 1 \text{ always since } \delta > 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} W_{B/A}^2 &= \{\sum_i \sum_j [f_{ij}^2 / p_{Ai}] - F_B\} / (1 - F_B) \\ &= \{[(p_{A1} - \delta)]^2 / (p_{A1}) + (\delta^2) / (p_{A1}) + p_{A2} + p_{A3}] - F_B\} / (1 - F_B) \\ &= \{[p_{A1} + p_{A2} + p_{A3} - [(p_{A1})^2 - (\delta^2) - (p_{A1} - \delta)^2] / (p_{A1})] - F_B\} / (1 - F_B) \\ &= \{1 - 2 \delta [(p_{A1} - \delta) / p_{A1}] - F_B\} / (1 - F_B) = \{1 - 2 \delta [p_{B1} / p_{A1}] - F_B\} / (1 - F_B) < 1 \text{ always since } \delta > 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} W_n^2 &= \{\sum_i \sum_j D_{ij}^2 / (p_{Ai} p_{Bj})\} / (k-1) \\ &= \{[(p_{A1} - \delta) (1 - p_{A1})^2 / p_{A1}] + p_{A1} (p_{A2} + \delta) - 2\delta + \delta^2 / [p_{A1} (p_{A2} + \delta)] + p_{A1} p_{A3} + p_{A2} (p_{A1} - \delta) + [p_{A2} / (p_{A2} + \delta)] - 2 p_{A2}\} / (k-1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + p_{A2} (p_{A2} + \delta) + p_{A2} p_{A3} + p_{A3} (p_{A1} - \delta) + p_{A3} (p_{A2} + \delta) + (1 - p_{A3})^2 \} / 2 \\
= & \{ (1 - p_{A1})^2 - [\delta (1 - p_{A1})^2 / p_{A1}] + p_{A1} p_{A2} + \delta p_{A1} - 2\delta + \delta^2 / [p_{A1} (p_{A2} + \delta)] + p_{A1} p_{A3} + p_{A2} p_{A1} - \delta p_{A2} + [p_{A2} / (p_{A2} + \delta)] \\
& + [1 - (p_{A2} + \delta) / (p_{A2} + \delta)] - 2 p_{A2} + p_{A2}^2 + \delta p_{A2} + p_{A2} p_{A3} + p_{A3} p_{A1} - \delta p_{A3} + p_{A3} p_{A2} + \delta p_{A3} + (1 - p_{A3})^2 \} / 2 \\
= & \{ (1 - p_{A1})^2 + 2 p_{A1} p_{A2} + 2 p_{A1} p_{A3} + 2 p_{A2} p_{A3} + (1 - p_{A2})^2 + (1 - p_{A3})^2 - [\delta (1 - p_{A1})^2] / [p_{A1}] + \delta p_{A1} - 2\delta + \delta^2 / [p_{A1} (p_{A2} + \delta)] \\
& - [\delta / (p_{A2} + \delta)] \} / 2 \\
= & \{ 3 - 2 (p_{A1} + p_{A2} + p_{A3}) + (p_{A1} + p_{A2} + p_{A3})^2 - [\delta / p_{A1}] + 2\delta - \delta p_{A1} + \delta p_{A1} - 2\delta + \delta^2 / [p_{A1} (p_{A2} + \delta)] - [\delta / (p_{A2} + \delta)] \} / 2 \\
= & 1 - \{ \delta (p_{A1} + p_{A2}) / [2 p_{A1} p_{B2}] \} < 1 \text{ always since } \delta > 0.
\end{aligned}$$

D.3. Multi-Allelic Case (e): $k_A < k_B$, with each B_j allele occurring with only one A_i allele

In this case $W_n = W_{A/B} = 1$, and $W_{B/A} < 1$ (Proof given below for $k_A = 3$ and $k_B = 4$, and the equivalent result holds if $k_A > k_B$.)

Summary: $W_{A/B}^2 = 1$, $W_{B/A}^2 = \{1 - [2 p_{B3} p_{B4} / (p_{B3} + p_{B4})] - F_B\} / (1 - F_B)$, $W_n^2 = 1$

Haplotype	Frequency*	Frequency*	LD
A1B1	p_{B1}	$p_{B1}^2 + D_{11}$	$D_{11} = p_{B1} (1 - p_{B1})$
A1B2	0	$p_{B1} p_{B2} + D_{12}$	$D_{12} = - p_{B1} p_{B2}$
A1B3	0	$p_{B1} p_{B3} + D_{13}$	$D_{13} = - p_{B1} p_{B3}$
A1B4	0	$p_{B1} p_{B4} + D_{14}$	$D_{14} = - p_{B1} p_{B4}$
A2B1	0	$p_{B2} p_{B1} + D_{21}$	$D_{21} = - p_{B2} p_{B1}$
A2B2	p_{B2}	$p_{B2}^2 + D_{22}$	$D_{22} = p_{B2} (1 - p_{B2})$
A2B3	0	$p_{B2} p_{B3} + D_{23}$	$D_{23} = - p_{B2} p_{B3}$
A2B4	0	$p_{B2} p_{B4} + D_{24}$	$D_{24} = - p_{B2} p_{B4}$
A3B1	0	$p_{B1} (p_{B3} + p_{B4}) + D_{31}$	$D_{31} = - p_{B1} (p_{B3} + p_{B4})$
A3B2	0	$p_{B2} (p_{B3} + p_{B4}) + D_{32}$	$D_{32} = - p_{B2} (p_{B3} + p_{B4})$
A3B3	p_{B3}	$p_{B3} (p_{B3} + p_{B4}) + D_{33}$	$D_{33} = p_{B3} (1 - p_{B3} - p_{B4})$
A3B4	p_{B4}	$p_{B4} (p_{B3} + p_{B4}) + D_{34}$	$D_{34} = p_{B4} (1 - p_{B3} - p_{B4})$

Allele frequencies at the A locus are: p_{A1} , p_{A2} , and $p_{A3} = (p_{B3} + p_{B4})$, and at the B locus they are: $p_{B1} (= p_{A1})$, $p_{B2} (= p_{A2})$, p_{B3} and p_{B4} .

$$W_{A/B}^2 = \{ \sum_i \sum_j [f_{ij}^2 / p_{Bj}] - F_A \} / (1 - F_A) = \{ p_{B1} + p_{B2} + p_{B3} + p_{B4} - F_A \} / (1 - F_A) = 1$$

$$W_{B/A}^2 = \{ \sum_i \sum_j [f_{ij}^2 / p_{Ai}] - F_B \} / (1 - F_B)$$

$$= \{ p_{B1} + p_{B2} + [p_{B3}^2 / (p_{B3} + p_{B4})] + [p_{B4}^2 / (p_{B3} + p_{B4})] - F_B \} / (1 - F_B)$$

$$= \{ p_{B1} + p_{B2} + [(p_{B3}^2 + p_{B4}^2) / (p_{B3} + p_{B4})] - F_B \} / (1 - F_B)$$

$$= \{ p_{B1} + p_{B2} + [(p_{B3} + p_{B4})^2 / (p_{B3} + p_{B4})] - [2 p_{B3} p_{B4} / (p_{B3} + p_{B4})] - F_B \} / (1 - F_B)$$

$$= \{ 1 - [2 p_{B3} p_{B4} / (p_{B3} + p_{B4})] - F_B \} / (1 - F_B) < 1 \text{ always}$$

$$W_n^2 = \{ \sum_i \sum_j D_{ij}^2 / (p_{Ai} p_{Bj}) \} / (k_A - 1)$$

$$= \{ (1 - p_{B1})^2 + p_{B1} p_{B2} + p_{B1} p_{B3} + p_{B1} p_{B4} + p_{B2} p_{B1} + (1 - p_{B2})^2 + p_{B2} p_{B3} + p_{B2} p_{B4} + p_{B3} (p_{B3} + p_{B4}) + p_{B4} (p_{B3} + p_{B4}) + 1 - 2 p_{A3} + p_{A3}^2 \} / 2$$

$$= \{ 3 - 2 (p_{B1} + p_{B2} + p_{A3}) + (p_{B1} + p_{B2} + p_{A3})^2 \} / 2 = 1$$

D.4. One Locus Bi-Allelic and the Other Multi-Allelic, Case (f): $k_A = 2$, $k_B > 2$.

In this case $W_n = W_{A/B} \neq W_{B/A}$ (Proof given below for $k_A = 2$ and $k_B = 3$, with the obvious extension for any value of k_B)

Summary: $W_{A/B}^2 = \{D_{11}^2 / (p_{B1})\} + \{D_{12}^2 / (p_{B2})\} + \{D_{11} + D_{12}\}^2 / (p_{B3})\} / (p_{A1} p_{A2})$, $W_{B/A}^2 = \{D_{11}^2 + D_{12}^2 + (D_{11} + D_{12})^2\} / \{(p_{A1} p_{A2}) (1 - F_B)\}$,

$$W_n^2 = W_{A/B}^2$$

Haplotype	Frequency	LD*
A1B1	$p_{A1} p_{B1} + D_{11}$	D_{11}
A1B2	$p_{A1} p_{B2} + D_{12}$	D_{12}
A1B3	$p_{A1} p_{B3} + D_{13}$	$-D_{11} - D_{12}$
A2B1	$p_{A2} p_{B1} + D_{21}$	$-D_{11}$
A2B2	$p_{A2} p_{B2} + D_{22}$	$-D_{12}$
A2B3	$p_{A2} p_{B3} + D_{23}$	$D_{11} + D_{12}$

* See Table 1 footnote for constraints on LD parameters, such that two LD variables, D_{11} and D_{12} , along with three allele frequencies (p_{A1} , p_{B1} , and p_{B2}) are sufficient to describe the five independent haplotype frequencies in this case.

$$W_{A/B}^2 = \{\sum_i \sum_j D_{ij}^2 / (p_{Bj})\} / (1 - F_A)$$

$$= \{[D_{11}^2 / (p_{B1})] + [D_{12}^2 / (p_{B2})] + [D_{11} + D_{12}]^2 / (p_{B3}) + [D_{11}^2 / (p_{B1})] + [D_{12}^2 / (p_{B2})] + [D_{11} + D_{12}]^2 / (p_{B3})\} / (2 p_{A1} p_{A2})$$

$$= \{[D_{11}^2 / (p_{B1})] + [D_{12}^2 / (p_{B2})] + [D_{11} + D_{12}]^2 / (p_{B3})\} / (p_{A1} p_{A2})$$

$$W_{B/A}^2 = \{\sum_i \sum_j D_{ij}^2 / (p_{Ai})\} / (1 - F_B)$$

$$= \{[D_{11}^2 / (p_{A1})] + [D_{12}^2 / (p_{A1})] + [D_{11} + D_{12}]^2 / (p_{A1}) + [D_{11}^2 / (p_{A2})] + [D_{12}^2 / (p_{A2})] + [D_{11} + D_{12}]^2 / (p_{A2})\} / (1 - F_B)$$

$$= \{[D_{11}^2 + D_{12}^2 + (D_{11} + D_{12})^2] / \{(p_{A1} p_{A2}) (1 - F_B)\}$$

$$W_n^2 = \{\sum_i \sum_j D_{ij}^2 / (p_{Ai} p_{Bj})\} / (2-1)$$

$$= \{[D_{11}^2 / (p_{A1} p_{B1})] + [D_{12}^2 / (p_{A1} p_{B2})] + [D_{11} + D_{12}]^2 / (p_{A1} p_{B3}) + [D_{11}^2 / (p_{A2} p_{B1})] + [D_{12}^2 / (p_{A2} p_{B2})] + [D_{11} + D_{12}]^2 / (p_{A2} p_{B3})\}$$

$$= \{[D_{11}^2 / (p_{B1})] + [D_{12}^2 / (p_{B2})] + [D_{11} + D_{12}]^2 / (p_{B3})\} / (p_{A1} p_{A2}) = W_{A/B}^2$$