

S2 Text. Supplementary material for the manuscript “On the accuracy of genomic selection”

Let $c_{jj'}$ denote the recombination rate between loci j and j' (Haldane model in this paper), N_e the effective population size, n_{TRN} the sample size and $r_{jj'}^2$, the squared Pearson correlation of genotypes at the two loci (LD). According to the formula p.77 of Hill and Weir (1988), we have

$$\mathbb{E}(r_{jj'}^2) = g(\Gamma_{jj'})$$

where

$$g(\Gamma_{jj'}) = \frac{(10 + \Gamma_{jj'})}{(2 + \Gamma_{jj'})(11 + \Gamma_{jj'})} \left(1 + \frac{(3 + \Gamma_{jj'})(12 + 12\Gamma_{jj'} + \Gamma_{jj'}^2)}{n_{\text{TRN}}(2 + \Gamma_{jj'})(11 + \Gamma_{jj'})} \right),$$

$$\Gamma_{jj'} = 4N_e c_{jj'}.$$

Since we are only able to get an estimated LD between the two loci j and j' , we can reasonably consider that

$$\hat{r}_{jj'}^2 = g(\Gamma_{jj'}) + \varepsilon$$

where ε denotes some noise. Then, the N_e can be estimated in the following way,

$$\widehat{N}_e = \arg \min_{N_e} \sum \{ \hat{r}_{jj'}^2 - g(\Gamma_{jj'}) \}^2$$

where the sum is over all the pairs of loci.

References

Hill, WG and Weir, BS (1998) Variances and covariances of squared linkage disequilibria in finite population. *Theoretical population biology*, **33(1)**, 54-78.