Can Numerical Linear Algebra make it in Nature?

Advice on collaborations with computational biologists

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The problem: Genome-Wide Association Studies



GWAS:

Correlation between a difference in the genome sequence (SNP) and a difference in the phenotype (observations)



Source: Teri Manolio

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- *y*: **phenotype** (outcome; vector of observations) E.g.: height, blood pressure for a set of people
- X: genome measurements and covariates (design matrix; predictors)

E.g.: sex and age over height

- *M*: **dependencies** between observations E.g.: tall parents have tall children
- *b*: **relation** between a variation in the outcome (*y*) and a variation in the genome sequence (*X*)



• $X \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times p}$	"SNP"	• $n \approx 1,000 - 50,000$
• $y \in \mathcal{R}^n$	"trait"	
• $b \in \mathcal{R}^p$	"genetic effect"	• $p \in [1,, 20]$
• $M \in \mathcal{R}^{n \times n}$	"covariance matrix"	 <i>M</i>: SPD

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$$i = 1, ..., m$$
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Problem size

 $\begin{array}{ll} M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} & 1000 \leq n \leq 100k & \mbox{7.5MBs} - \mbox{74.5GBs} \\ X_{Ri}, y_j \in \mathbb{R}^n & \mbox{8 - 780KBs} \\ b_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}^p & \mbox{3 \leq } p \leq 20 & \mbox{24 - 160 Bytes} \\ \hline \mbox{Total} & \mbox{$m \leq 10^8$, $t \leq 10^5$} & \mbox{1.5 - 100s Terabytes} \\ \end{array}$

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Cost: $O(n^2mt)$ vs. O(nmt)

(Big) Data management

operands				
X's	input	100s GBs – 2 TBs	streaming from disk	
y's	input	1 – 10 GBs	streaming from disk	
M	input	MBs – 80 GBs	read once	
b's	output	100s MBs or 10s TBs	streaming to disk	



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 NO ⇒ distributed memory + hybrid parallelism partitioning + streaming HD↔CPUs, double buffering, data distribution

Results t = 1

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Results beyond memory capacity

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Results GPUs



Results $t \gg 1 -$ full grid

Multi-trait analysis: two-dimensional sequence



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