

# Polygenic Risk Score (PRS) Introduction 201

## basic PRS calculation and performance evaluation

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At the end of this lecture, a **deeper** understanding of

- ▶ the complexity of constructing a good PRS even under the simplest setting *without* LD or any heterogeneities..
- ▶ the trouble introduced by false positives, due to multiple hypothesis testing and low power.
- ▶ ‘the more is not always better’ statement: PRS based on 6 gw-significant SNPs vs. 66 0.01-significant SNPs.
- ▶ the various over-fitting or selection biases, and winner’s curse in  $\hat{\beta}$  for both false positives and true positives.

## Recall the illustrative 'polygenic' model simulation study

10 out 5000 indep. SNPs with **varying** 'moderate-large' effects are truly associated with  $Y$  (**all**  $\beta = 0.3$  but **MAF** vary).

$$Y_i = \sum_{j=1}^{10} \beta_j G_{ij} + e, \text{ where } \beta_j = 0.3$$

$$\text{MAF} \sim \text{Unif}(0.05, 0.5), e \sim N(0, 1).$$

```
nsnp.true=10 # number of truly associated SNPs  
beta.true=0.3 # "large" effect (also MAF, the error term, and the sample size)
```



Recall (NOT realistic!)  $PRS_{i,oracle} = \sum_{j=1}^{J=10} 0.3 \cdot G_{ij}$

**The MAF of the 10 truly associated SNPs**

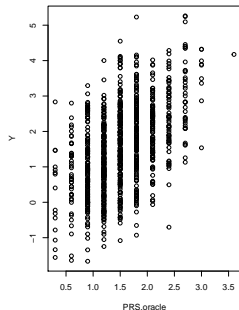
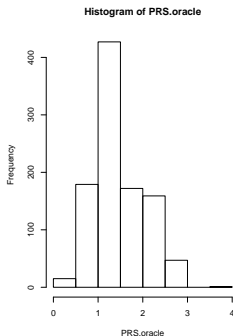
## [1] 0.217 0.070 0.369 0.346 0.162 0.185 0.313 0.200 0.330 0.296

**The SNP heritability vary, despite all  $\beta_j = 0.3$**

## [1] 0.025 0.010 0.034 0.033 0.020 0.022 0.032 0.024 0.033 0.031

**The true heritability,  $h^2$**

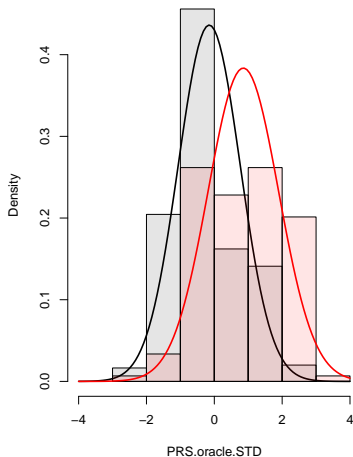
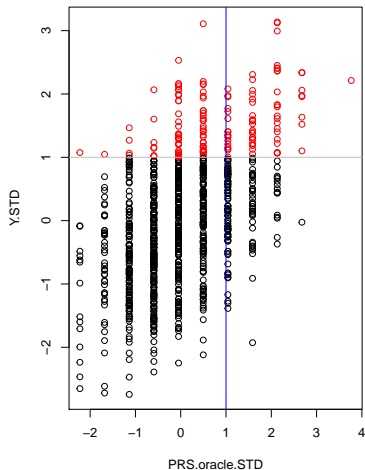
## [1] 0.243



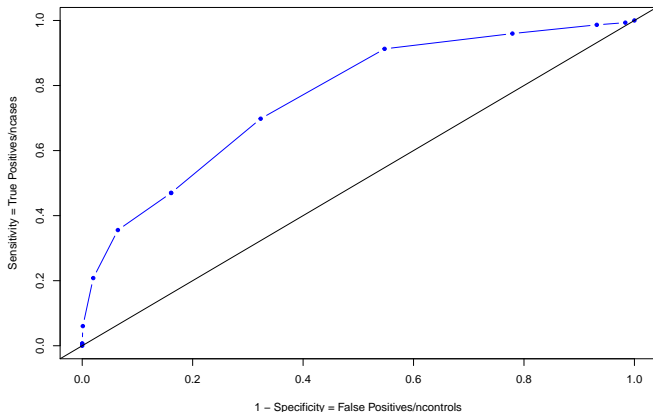
Recall the (highly significant) association between PRS.oracle and the trait

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Y.STD ~ PRS.oracle.STD)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -2.71113 -0.60843 -0.01341  0.60283  2.86310
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)  -6.748e-17  2.750e-02   0.00      1
## PRS.oracle.STD  4.942e-01  2.752e-02  17.96 <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.8698 on 998 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.2442, Adjusted R-squared:  0.2435
## F-statistic: 322.5 on 1 and 998 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

Recall the liability model, and the case-control stratified PRS distributions



Recall the ROC curve and AUC using  $PRS_{oracle}$



```
## [1] "AUC of ROC.oracle=" "0.763"
```

Recall the **BUT**,

$$\text{PRS}_{i,\text{oracle}} = \sum_{j=1}^{J=10} \beta_j (= 0.3) G_{ij} \text{ is NOT PRS}_{i,\text{practice}}!$$

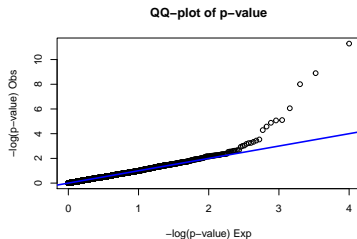
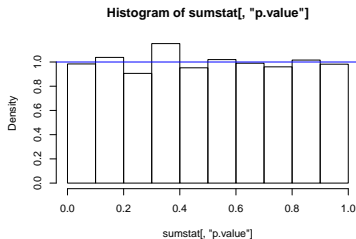
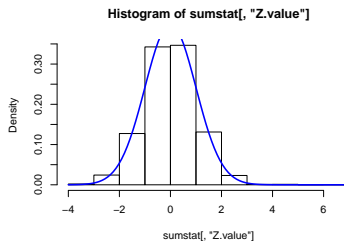
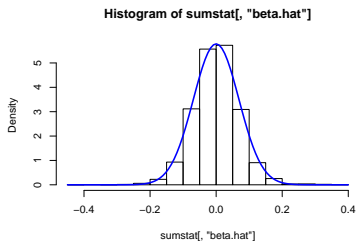
- ▶  $J$  is unknown, to be determined
- ▶  $\beta_j$  is unknown, to be estimated
- ▶  $G_{ij}$  cannot be directly from the same data used to infer  $J$  and  $\beta_j$ .

Otherwise: over-fitting/double-dipping/data-dredging/p-hacking/selection-bias!

- ▶ Not to mention LD and other considerations in real data settings.



What we have:  $\hat{\beta}$ ,  $Z$  and p-values



Recall the sumstat (the true beta and MAF are here thanks to simulation)

##		MAF	MAF.hat	beta	beta.hat	se	Z.value	p.value
##	[1,]	0.21748927	0.2215	0.3	0.29257288	0.06536792	4.47578705	8.489445e-06
##	[2,]	0.06972117	0.0610	0.3	0.33145758	0.10935747	3.03095507	2.500692e-03
##	[3,]	0.36935781	0.3780	0.3	0.23908858	0.05323916	4.49084039	7.922031e-06
##	[4,]	0.34596068	0.3480	0.3	0.38889542	0.05565755	6.98728935	5.116550e-12
##	[5,]	0.16243508	0.1695	0.3	0.30892955	0.07052329	4.38053229	1.308960e-05
##	[6,]	0.18502467	0.1995	0.3	0.37606430	0.06503910	5.78212649	9.859505e-09
##	[7,]	0.31318998	0.3375	0.3	0.33166110	0.05410586	6.12985587	1.264930e-09
##	[8,]	0.20006021	0.2020	0.3	0.28159164	0.06670313	4.22156565	2.647447e-05
##	[9,]	0.32990538	0.3360	0.3	0.23025579	0.05661344	4.06715744	5.134017e-05
##	[10,]	0.29562285	0.2905	0.3	0.28906539	0.05841261	4.94868102	8.766086e-07
##	[11,]	0.44590808	0.4445	0.0	0.09584075	0.05424572	1.76678916	7.756916e-02
##	[12,]	0.36809363	0.3745	0.0	-0.02245388	0.05302784	-0.42343559	6.720687e-01
##	[13,]	0.37938767	0.3750	0.0	-0.06366768	0.05424574	-1.17368994	2.407993e-01
##	[14,]	0.46923549	0.4740	0.0	0.03095466	0.05222091	0.59276375	5.534736e-01
##	[15,]	0.25480427	0.2485	0.0	0.05966600	0.06226877	0.95820104	3.381935e-01
##	[16,]	0.31564388	0.3205	0.0	-0.03353920	0.05695716	-0.58884957	5.560954e-01
##	[17,]	0.41919624	0.4345	0.0	-0.08589125	0.05307934	-1.61816710	1.059426e-01
##	[18,]	0.15085332	0.1410	0.0	0.03167344	0.07632138	0.41500089	6.782304e-01
##	[19,]	0.23525007	0.2515	0.0	-0.05445552	0.05876396	-0.92668222	3.543156e-01
##	[20,]	0.06737475	0.0740	0.0	-0.10570983	0.10173334	-1.03908733	2.990158e-01
##	[21,]	0.36532020	0.3595	0.0	0.06726877	0.05527611	1.21695922	2.239074e-01
##	[22,]	0.48057686	0.4785	0.0	0.00804454	0.05286361	0.15217538	8.790794e-01
##	[23,]	0.14600840	0.1400	0.0	-0.06318882	0.07458090	-0.84725206	3.970578e-01
##	[24,]	0.34747768	0.3405	0.0	-0.00162502	0.05702567	-0.02849630	9.772720e-01
##	[25,]	0.46549350	0.4590	0.0	0.07744989	0.05301480	1.46091065	1.443547e-01
##	[26,]	0.40807389	0.4185	0.0	0.02135427	0.05247701	0.40692616	6.841495e-01
##	[27,]	0.08204565	0.0820	0.0	-0.00372138	0.09588876	-0.03880935	9.690502e-01
##	[28,]	0.22523350	0.2240	0.0	-0.09720419	0.06372866	-1.52528210	1.275056e-01
##	[29,]	0.23290305	0.2455	0.0	-0.03611566	0.05999003	-0.60202767	5.472925e-01
##	[30,]	0.34670979	0.3425	0.0	0.04700733	0.05368057	0.87568618	3.814114e-01

# Determine $J$ and Estimate $\beta_j$ using GW significance level

```
J.index=which(sumstat[, "p.value"] <= 0.05/nsnp) #10-5 here for 5000 SNPs  
J.index # the index for the significant SNPs
```

```
## [1] 1 3 4 6 7 10
```

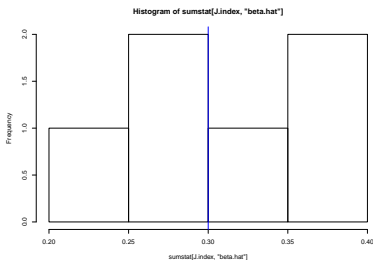
```
c(length(J.index), sum(J.index <= nsnp.true)) # positives, true positives
```

```
## [1] 6 6
```

```
round(sumstat[J.index, "beta.hat"], 2) # beta estimates for the significant SNPs
```

```
## [1] 0.29 0.24 0.39 0.38 0.33 0.29
```

```
hist(sumstat[J.index, "beta.hat"]); abline(v=beta.true, col="blue")
```



## A less stringent significance level, say $\alpha = 0.01$ ?

**Trade-off: between false positives (56) and power (10 out 10)**

```
J.index=which(sumstat[, "p.value"]<=0.01)
```

```
J.index # the index for significant SNPs
```

```
## [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 324 349 358 385 509
```

```
## [16] 610 681 709 720 803 923 941 1248 1249 1275 1284 1346 1388 1451 1575
```

```
## [31] 1597 1651 1673 1702 1764 1782 1784 1835 1945 2343 2390 2518 2531 2561 2606
```

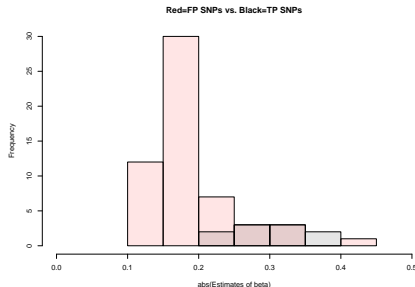
```
## [46] 2708 2726 2827 2909 3125 3207 3358 3372 3453 3584 3622 3646 3656 3871 3879
```

```
## [61] 3889 4182 4304 4472 4588 4935
```

```
c(length(J.index), sum(J.index<=nsnp.true)) # positives, true positives
```

```
## [1] 66 10
```

**Trouble ahead:  $|\hat{\beta}_j|$  of the FP SNPs are competitive!**



Top associated SNPs for  $PRS_i = \sum_{j=1}^J \hat{\beta}_j G_{ij}$ :  $J$

**Genome-wide significance level** ( $\alpha = 10^{-5}$  here for 5000 SNPs)

- ▶  $J = 6$
- ▶ find only 6 out 10 truly associated SNPs
- ▶ but 0 false positives

**A less stringent significance level** ( $\alpha = 0.01$ )

- ▶  $J = 66$
- ▶ find all 10 truly associated SNP
- ▶ but 56 false positives

Live Quiz 1: Which  $\alpha$  threshold will leads to a better PRS (higher AUC)?

A: using 6 SNPS with GW significance

B: using 66 SNPs with  $p < 0.01$

C: ~same

Effect size estimates in  $PRS_i = \sum_{j=1}^J \hat{\beta}_j G_{ij}$ :  $\hat{\beta}_j$

## Genome-wide significance level

```
J.index=which(sumstat[, "p.value"]<=0.05/nsnp)
round(sumstat[J.index, "beta.hat"], 2)
```

```
## [1] 0.29 0.24 0.39 0.38 0.33 0.29
```

## A less stringent significance level

```
J.index=which(sumstat[, "p.value"]<=0.01)
round(sumstat[J.index, "beta.hat"], 2)
```

```
## [1] 0.29 0.33 0.24 0.39 0.31 0.38 0.33 0.28 0.23 0.29 -0.20 0.15
## [13] 0.15 -0.17 -0.23 -0.25 -0.17 -0.17 -0.18 -0.31 0.17 0.18 -0.15 -0.16
## [25] -0.18 0.16 0.27 -0.19 0.19 0.19 -0.16 -0.16 0.33 -0.15 -0.15 0.17
## [37] -0.18 0.14 -0.14 -0.16 0.14 -0.24 -0.14 0.15 0.14 -0.14 -0.22 -0.17
## [49] -0.18 0.17 -0.20 0.15 0.14 -0.18 0.19 -0.21 -0.22 -0.43 0.33 0.15
## [61] -0.14 -0.15 -0.19 -0.22 0.26 0.18
```

That was too easy! **More considerations** later:

- ▶ Winner's curse (a result of low power) and the MAF connection
- ▶ heterogeneity and transportability
- ▶ LD

## Quiz: patterns for the significant SNPs?

### **MAF of the 10 truly associated SNPs**

```
## [1] 0.22 0.07 0.37 0.35 0.16 0.19 0.31 0.20 0.33 0.30
```

### **MAF of the 6 significant SNPs at the GW level**

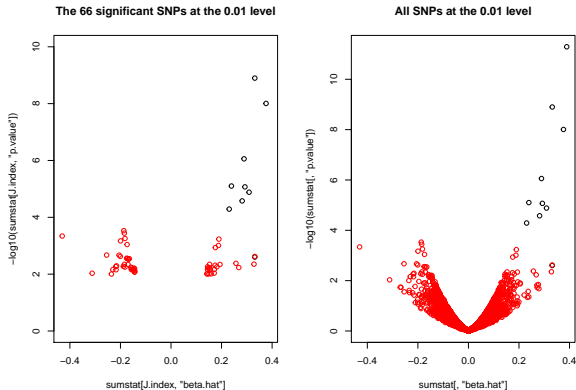
```
## [1] 0.22 0.37 0.35 0.19 0.31 0.30
```

### **Sample estimates of the 6 significant SNPs at the GW level**

```
## [1] 0.22 0.38 0.35 0.20 0.34 0.29
```

Quiz cont'd,  $-\log(\text{GWAS p-value})$  vs.  $\hat{\beta}_j$

(Red = FP SNPs vs. Black = TP SNPs)



Sun et al. (2011). *Human Genetics*. BR-squared: a practical solution to the winner's curse in genome-wide scans.



Can we construct  $PRS_i = \sum_{j=1}^J \hat{\beta}_j G_{ij}$  now?

What we have using GW  $\alpha = 10^{-5}$  (for 5000 SNPs):

**The number of SNPs, J**

```
## [1] 6
```

**Which specific SNPs**

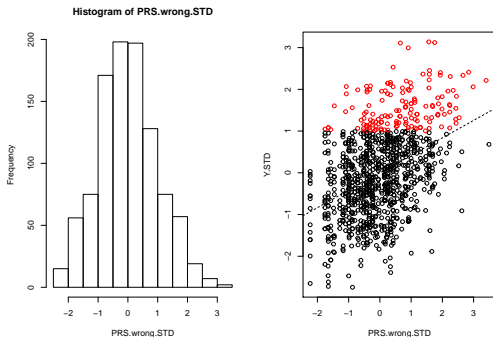
```
## [1] 1 3 4 6 7 10
```

**$\hat{\beta}_j$  of these SNPs**

```
## [1] 0.29 0.24 0.39 0.38 0.33 0.29
```

WRONG if using  $G_{ij}$  from the same data!

$$PRS_{i,wrong} = \sum_{j=1}^6 \hat{\beta}_j G_{ij}$$



This PRS.wrong appears to be  $\sim$ normally distributed and highly predictive of the outcome, BUT **due to over-fitting!**

If you are not fully convinced of the over-fitting issue:

Using  $\alpha = 0.01$  BUT exclude the all the true positives. That is, **using only the following 56 false positive SNPs to construct PRS:**

```
## [1] 56

## [1] 324 349 358 385 509 610 681 709 720 803 923 941 1248 1249 1275
## [16] 1284 1346 1388 1451 1575 1597 1651 1673 1702 1764 1782 1784 1835 1945 2343
## [31] 2390 2518 2531 2561 2606 2708 2726 2827 2909 3125 3207 3358 3372 3453 3584
## [46] 3622 3646 3656 3871 3879 3889 4182 4304 4472 4588 4935
```

**Their effect size sample estimates:**

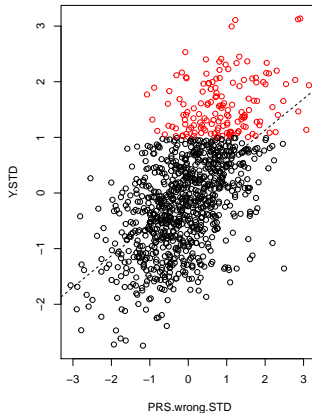
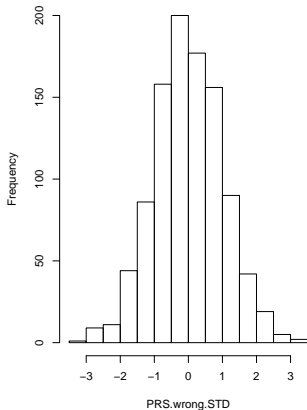
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## [13] -0.15 -0.16 -0.18 0.16 0.27 -0.19 0.19 0.19 -0.16 -0.16 0.33 -0.15
## [25] -0.15 0.17 -0.18 0.14 -0.14 -0.16 0.14 -0.24 -0.14 0.15 0.14 -0.14
## [37] -0.22 -0.17 -0.18 0.17 -0.20 0.15 0.14 -0.18 0.19 -0.21 -0.22 -0.43
## [49] 0.33 0.15 -0.14 -0.15 -0.19 -0.22 0.26 0.18
```

**Their MAF sample estimates:**

```
## [1] 0.29 0.37 0.34 0.47 0.10 0.12 0.28 0.30 0.19 0.05 0.20 0.41 0.37 0.29 0.29
## [16] 0.23 0.08 0.50 0.20 0.30 0.35 0.34 0.06 0.33 0.40 0.23 0.20 0.43 0.46 0.32
## [31] 0.36 0.10 0.37 0.28 0.41 0.37 0.12 0.32 0.45 0.23 0.19 0.46 0.32 0.47 0.37
## [46] 0.19 0.14 0.05 0.06 0.29 0.46 0.37 0.19 0.13 0.09 0.21
```

PRS, using only null SNPs, is predictive: clearly WRONG!

PRS from using 56 false positive SNPs



# Obtaining a significant result $\neq$ a correct result!

**This PRS.wrong, constructed from the 56 null SNPs, is actually more significantly associated with the phenotype than PRS.oracle:**  
**clearly wrong!**

```
##
## Call:
## lm(formula = Y.STD ~ PRS.wrong.STD)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -2.76357 -0.52506 -0.01203  0.54337  2.57385
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept) -1.493e-16  2.611e-02   0.00    1
## PRS.wrong.STD  5.646e-01  2.613e-02  21.61 <2e-16 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error: 0.8258 on 998 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.3188, Adjusted R-squared:  0.3181
## F-statistic:  467 on 1 and 998 DF,  p-value: < 2.2e-16
```

## Cannot be overemphasized

A predictive (and normally distributed) PRS, on its own, is not evidence for correct PRS calculation!

**Remember the superscripts** in your PRS calculation:

$$\hat{\beta}_j^{\text{external (base, discovery)}} \times G_{ij}^{\text{my.data (target, validation)}}$$

Surely we will not make this rookie mistake! BUT,

**over-fitting can appear in other (subtler) forms**, e.g.  
overlapping samples between the external and my data, or  
pleiotropy studies of multiple phenotypes from a single sample

## How to construct $PRS_i = \sum_{j=1}^J \hat{\beta}_j G_{ij}$ then? e.g. **The simplest scenario**

Obtain the  $J$  and  $\hat{\beta}_j$  from **an external data set**.

The external data set resembles our own data set perfectly, i.e. **no heterogeneity** in population, sampling design etc.

Calculate the  $PRS_i$  for each individual  $i$  in our own sample for prediction:

$$PRS_i^{my.data} = \sum_{j=1}^J \hat{\beta}_j^{external} G_{ij}^{my.data}$$

# Simulate an independent set of data, my.data

```
# Assume the previous data was the external data  
# the external model was  
# nsnp=5000; nsnp.true=10; beta.true=0.3; beta.0=0; sigma=1  
  
# Use the SAME MODEL but a DIFFERNT SEE to generate new independent data  
  
set.seed(102)  
  
my.nsample=1000 # my. is for my own data for prediction or validation  
my.nsnp=nsnp # no heterogeneity: the same number of SNPs  
my.maf=maf # no heterogeneity: the same MAF as before  
my.nsnp.true=nsnp.true # no heterogeneity: the same number of truly associated SNPs  
my.beta.true=beta.true # no heterogeneity: the same effect size as before  
my.beta=c(rep(my.beta.true,my.nsnp.true),rep(0,(my.nsnp-my.nsnp.true)))
```



**Using the same model as above (no heterogeneity):**

10 out 5000 SNPs are truly associated with 'moderate-large' effect

$$Y_i^{my.data} = \sum_{j=1}^{10} 0.3 \times G_{ij}^{my.data} + e^{my.data}, \text{ where } e^{my.data} \sim N(0, 1)$$

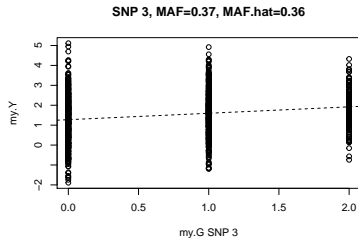
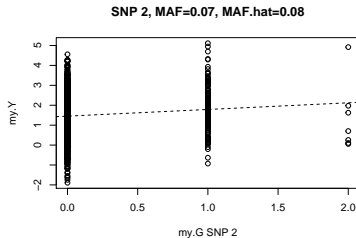
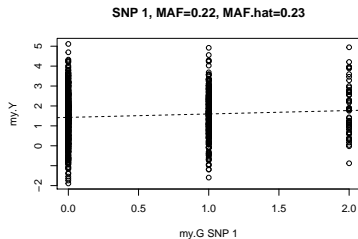
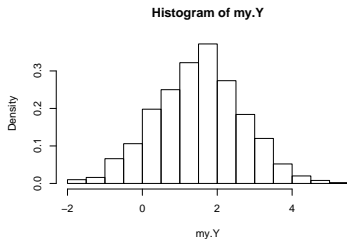
**MAFs stay the same as the external data (no heterogeneity),**

and recall the MAFs of the 10 truly associated SNPs:

```
## [1] 0.22 0.07 0.37 0.35 0.16 0.19 0.31 0.20 0.33 0.30
```

The sample size does not have to be the same, but for now we use my.nsample=1000.

## EDA (exploratory data analysis) of my.data



**my.sumstat** (the true beta and MAF are here thanks to simulation)

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##	[4,]	0.34596068	0.3545	0.3	0.25019642	0.05335395	4.6893703	3.121234e-06
##	[5,]	0.16243508	0.1530	0.3	0.32262395	0.06958963	4.6360925	4.021553e-06
##	[6,]	0.18502467	0.1800	0.3	0.28017270	0.06679596	4.1944557	2.978552e-05
##	[7,]	0.31318998	0.3045	0.3	0.36190034	0.05517189	6.5595060	8.652840e-11
##	[8,]	0.20006021	0.1780	0.3	0.35342514	0.06681630	5.2895046	1.507249e-07
##	[9,]	0.32990538	0.3300	0.3	0.31052039	0.05197947	5.9739043	3.218822e-09
##	[10,]	0.29562285	0.2960	0.3	0.33840898	0.05429097	6.2332464	6.731015e-10
##	[11,]	0.44590808	0.4465	0.0	0.04515026	0.05043254	0.8952605	3.708637e-01
##	[12,]	0.36809363	0.3580	0.0	-0.02127391	0.05509213	-0.3861515	6.994668e-01
##	[13,]	0.37938767	0.3870	0.0	-0.02908571	0.05264218	-0.5525171	5.807178e-01

compared with the **ex.sumstat** from the external data

##		MAF	MAF.hat	beta	beta.hat	se	Z.value	p.value
##	[1,]	0.21748927	0.2215	0.3	0.29257288	0.06536792	4.4757871	8.489445e-06
##	[2,]	0.06972117	0.0610	0.3	0.33145758	0.10935747	3.0309551	2.500692e-03
##	[3,]	0.36935781	0.3780	0.3	0.23908858	0.05323916	4.4908404	7.922031e-06
##	[4,]	0.34596068	0.3480	0.3	0.38889542	0.05565755	6.9872894	5.116550e-12
##	[5,]	0.16243508	0.1695	0.3	0.30892955	0.07052329	4.3805323	1.308960e-05
##	[6,]	0.18502467	0.1995	0.3	0.37606430	0.06503910	5.7821265	9.859505e-09
##	[7,]	0.31318998	0.3375	0.3	0.33166110	0.05410586	6.1298559	1.264930e-09
##	[8,]	0.20006021	0.2020	0.3	0.28159164	0.06670313	4.2215657	2.647447e-05
##	[9,]	0.32990538	0.3360	0.3	0.23025579	0.05661344	4.0671574	5.134017e-05
##	[10,]	0.29562285	0.2905	0.3	0.28906539	0.05841261	4.9486810	8.766086e-07
##	[11,]	0.44590808	0.4445	0.0	0.09584075	0.05424572	1.7667892	7.756916e-02
##	[12,]	0.36809363	0.3745	0.0	-0.02245388	0.05302784	-0.4234356	6.720687e-01
##	[13,]	0.37938767	0.3750	0.0	-0.06366768	0.05424574	-1.1736899	2.407993e-01

Finally,  $PRS_i = \sum_{j=1}^J \hat{\beta}_j G_{ij}$

Using GW threshold on the external data

$$my.PRS_{GW} = \sum_{j=1}^{6 \text{ Positives (all TP)}} \hat{\beta}_j^{\text{external}} \times G_{ij}^{\text{my.data}}$$

Using the  $\alpha = 0.01$  threshold on the external data

$$my.PRS_{.01} = \sum_{j=\{1:10,324,\dots,4935\}}^{66 \text{ Positives (10 TP)}} \hat{\beta}_j^{\text{external}} \times G_{ij}^{\text{my.data}}$$

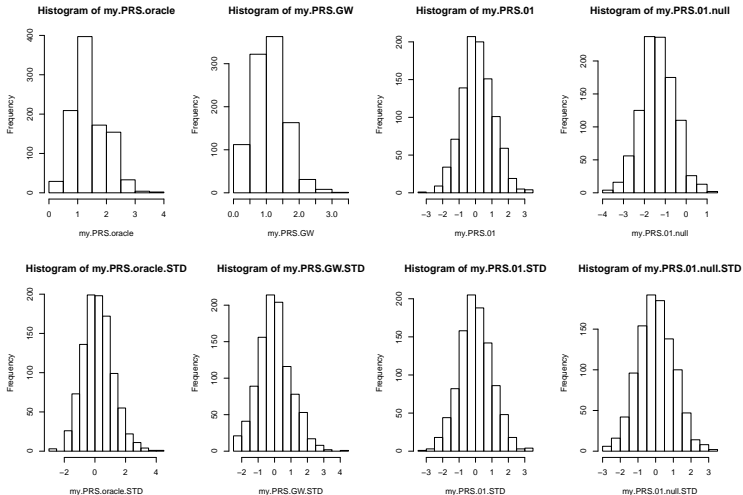
Using the  $\alpha = 0.01$  threshold on the external data **AND** use only the false positives (made possible by the simulation and should NOT be predictive when calculated correctly!)

$$my.PRS_{.01.null} = \sum_{j=\{324,\dots,4935\}}^{56 \text{ False Positives}} \hat{\beta}_j^{\text{external}} \times G_{ij}^{\text{my.data}}$$

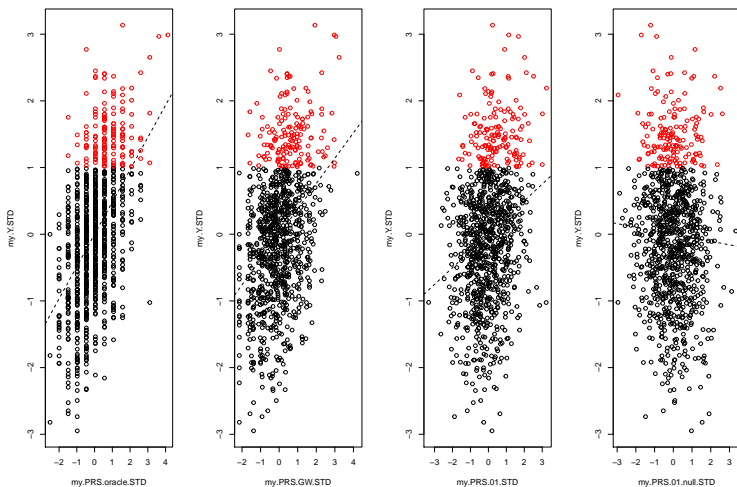
The oracle one (made possible by the simulation)

$$my.PRS_{Oracle} = \sum_{j=1}^{\text{all 10 causal ones}} 0.3 \times G_{ij}^{\text{my.data}}$$

## Raw and standardized (STD) of the PRSs constructed



# Performance of the PRSs, from the association perspective



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## [1] "slope.hat" "0.484" "0.38" "0.251" "-0.053"
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## [1] "Z.value" "17.467" "12.983" "8.185" "-1.675"
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## [1] "p.value" "8.131e-60" "1e-35" "8.22e-16" "0.094"
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**$PRS_{01.null}$  is NOT associated with the trait as expected!**

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
## (Intercept)	1.345526e-17	0.03159422	4.258771e-16	1.00000000
## my.PRS.01.null.STD	-5.295421e-02	0.03161003	-1.675234e+00	0.09420154

**$PRS_{oracle}$  is the best, but  $PRS_{oracle}$  is not realistic!**

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
## (Intercept)	1.642237e-15	0.02768826	5.931169e-14	1.000000e+00
## my.PRS.oracle.STD	4.838675e-01	0.02770211	1.746681e+01	8.130893e-60

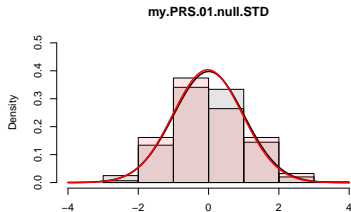
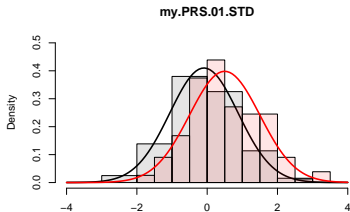
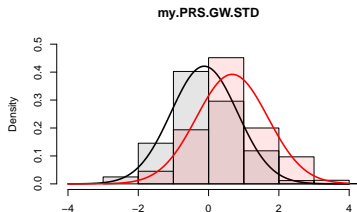
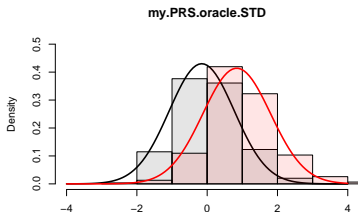
**$PRS_{GW}$  is significantly associated with the phenotype, but less so than  $PRS_{oracle}$  as it should be**

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
## (Intercept)	-4.464004e-17	0.02926376	-1.525438e-15	1.000000e+00
## my.PRS.GW.STD	3.801176e-01	0.02927841	1.298287e+01	1.000642e-35

**More is not necessarily better:  $PRS_{01}(J = 66)$  is worse than  $PRS_{GW}(J = 6)$  in this case**

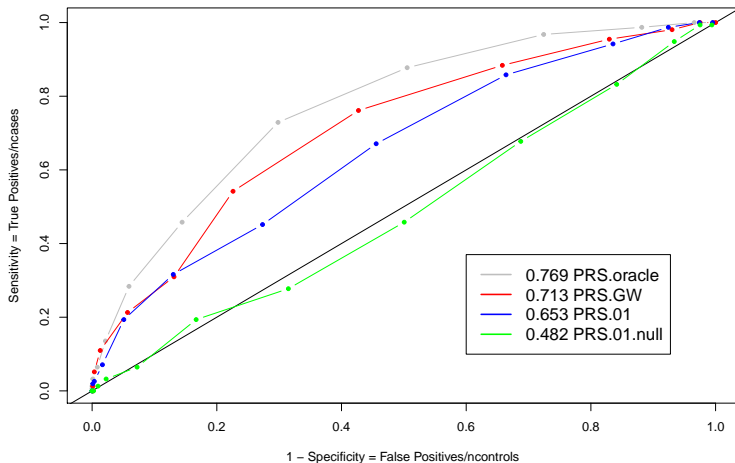
	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t )
## (Intercept)	-1.324645e-17	0.03062723	-4.325055e-16	1.000000e+00
## my.PRS.01.STD	2.508221e-01	0.03064256	8.185419e+00	8.22472e-16

# Case-control stratified distributions of the different PRSs



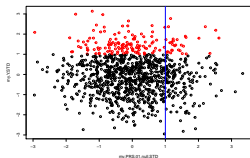


# Performance of the PRSs, from the prediction perspective



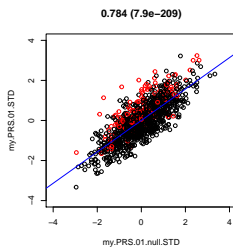
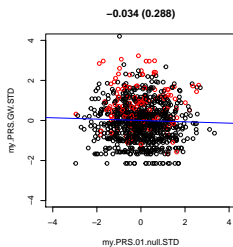
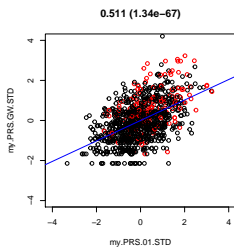
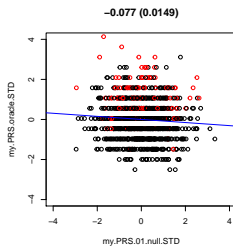
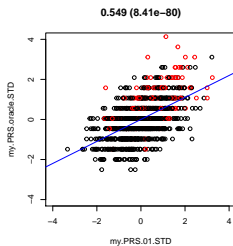
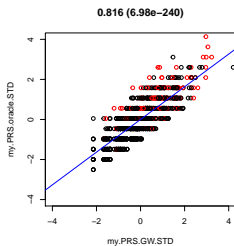
## Understanding of the main diagonal line and AUC=50% of a non-predictive PRS

- Recall the scatter plot for the non-predictive PRS.0.01.null.STD



- Let  $K < 1$  be the population prevalence of the disease, so out of a total of  $n$  samples, expect  $n_{case} = n \cdot K$ .
- For each threshold  $t$  used to call  $P_t$  samples positives (cases),
- Because the PRS used is not predictive, the expected true positives,  $TP_t = P_t \cdot K$ , and the expected sensitivity  $= \frac{TP_t}{n_{case}} = \frac{P_t \cdot K}{n \cdot K} = \frac{P_t}{n}$ .
- Similarly, the expected false positives,  $FP_t = P_t \cdot (1 - K)$ , and the expected  $1 - \text{specificity} = \frac{FP_t}{n_{control}} = \frac{P_t \cdot (1 - K)}{n \cdot (1 - K)} = \frac{P_t}{n}$ .
- Thus, sensitivity ( $x$ ) = 1-specificity ( $y$ ) across the whole  $\frac{P_t=0}{n} = 0$  to  $\frac{P_t=n}{n} = 1$  range. That is, ROC of a non-predictive PRS is (expected) to be the main diagonal line ( $x = y$ ), and AUC=50%.

Quiz: How can two PRSs with very different predictive performance be highly correlated?



## Recap the goal of this lecture: a **deeper** understanding of

- ▶ the complexity of constructing a good PRS even under the simplest setting *without* LD or any heterogeneties.
- ▶ the trouble introduced by false positives, due to multiple hypothesis testing and low power.
- ▶ 'the more is not always better' statement: PRS based on 6 gw-significant SNPs vs. 66 0.01-significant SNPS.
- ▶ the various over-fitting or selection biases,  $\hat{\beta}$  for a false positive or a true positive.

### What's next

- ▶ Effects of ex.nsample and ex.beta.true on AUC: easy to answer.
- ▶ Answers to these Qs are less obvious: **If we decrease ex.beta.true from 0.3 to 0.1 but increase ex.nsnp.true from 10 to 90,**

$h^2$  and SNP  $h^2$ ?

AUC in general?

AUC between PRS.gw and PRS.01?