

FM-pipeline

FineMapping analysis using GWAS summary statistics

INTRODUCTION

This is a pipeline for finemapping using GWAS summary statistics, implemented in Bash as a series of steps to furnish an incremental analysis. As depicted in the diagram below



LocusZoom plot showing Regional association for chr1:39114617-39614617

where our lead SNP rs4970634 is in LD with many others, the procedure attempts to identify causal variants from region(s) showing significant SNP-trait association.

The process involves the following steps, 1. Extraction of effect (beta)/z statistics from GWAS summary statistics (.sumstats), 2. Extraction of correlation from the reference panel among overlapped SNPs from 1 and the reference panel containing individual level data. 3. Information from 1 and 2 above is then used as input for finemapping.

The measure of evidence is typically (log10) Bayes factor (BF) and associate SNP probability in the causal set.

Information on whole-genome analysis, which could be used to set up the regions, are described at the [wiki page](#). Clumping using PLINK is also included analogous to those used in depict (e.g. description in [PW-pipeline](#)).

INSTALLATION

Software options included in this pipeline are listed in the table below.

| Option | Name | Function | Input | Output | Reference |
|------------|----------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| CAVIAR | CAVIAR | finemapping | z, correlation matrix | causal sets and probabilities | Hormozdiari, et al. (2014) |
| CAVIARBF | CAVIARBF | finemapping | z, correlation matrix | BF and probabilities for all configurations | Chen, et al. (2015) |
| GCTA | GCTA | joint/conditional analysis | .sumstats, reference data | association results | Yang, et al. (2012) |
| FM_summary | FM- summary | finemapping | .sumstats | posterior probability & credible set | Huang, et al. (2017) |
| JAM | JAM | finemapping | beta, individual reference data | Bayes Factor of being causal | Newcombe, et al. (2016) |
| LocusZoom | LocusZoom | regional plot | .sumstats | .pdf/.png plots | Pruim, et al. (2010) |
| fgwas | fgwas | functional GWAS | .sumstats | functional significance | Pickrell (2014) |
| finemap | finemap | finemapping | z, correlation matrix | causal SNPs and configuration | Benner, et al. (2016) |

so they range from regional association plots via LocusZoom, joint/conditional analysis via GCTA, functional annotation via fgwas to dedicated finemapping software including CAVIAR, CAVIARBF, an adapted version of FM-summary, R2BGLiMS/JAM and finemap. One can optionally use a subset of these for a particular analysis by specifying relevant flags from the pipeline's settings.

On many occasions, the pipeline takes advantage of the [GNU parallel](#). Besides (sub)set of software listed in the table above, the pipeline requires [qctool](#) 2.0, [PLINK](#) 1.9, and the companion program LDstore from finemap's website need to be installed. To facilitate handling of graphics, e.g., importing them into Excel, pdftopng from [XpdfReader](#) is used. We use [Stata](#) and Sun grid engine (sge) for some of the data preparation, which would become handy when available.

The pipeline itself can be installed in the usual way,

```
git clone https://github.com/jinghuazhao/FM-pipeline
```

USAGE

An `fmp.ini` needs to be present at the working directory,

The pipeline is then called with

```
bash fmp.sh <input>
```

Inputs

--- GWAS summary statistics ---

The input will be GWAS summary statistics described at the SUMSTATS repository, <https://github.com/jinghuazhao/SUMSTATS>, in line with joint/conditional analysis by GCTA involving chromosomal positions.

--- Reference panel ---

The pipeline uses a reference panel in a .gen.gz format, taking into account directions of effect in both the GWAS summary statistics and the reference panel. Its development will facilitate summary statistics from a variety of consortia as with reference panels such as the HRC and 1000Genomes.

A .gen.gz file is required for each region, named such that `chr{chr}_{start}_{end}.gen.gz`, together with a sample file. For our own data, [st.do](#) is written to generate such files from their whole chromosome counterpart using `SNPinfo.dta.gz` which has the following information,

| chr | rsid | RSnum | pos | FreqA2 | info | type | A1 | A2 |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------|----------|--------|------|-----|-----|
| 1 | 1:54591_A_G | rs561234294 | 54591 | .0000783 | .33544 | 0 | A | G |
| 1 | 1:55351_T_A | rs531766459 | 55351 | .0003424 | .5033 | 0 | T | A |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |

We may also work on a text version for instance `SNPinfo.txt`.

--- The lead SNPs ---

The setup is in line with summary statistics from consortia where only RSid are given for the fact that their chromosomal position may be changed over different builds. An auxiliary file called `st.bed` contains `chr`, `start`, `end`, `rsid`, `pos`, `r` corresponding to the lead SNPs specified and `r` is a sequence number of region.

Outputs

The output will involve counterpart(s) from individual software, i.e., `.set/post`, `caviarbf`, `.snp/.config`, `.jam/.top`

| Software | Output type | Description |
|----------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| CAVIAR | <code>.set/.post</code> | causal set and probabilities in the causal set/posterior |

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| | | probabilities |
| CAVIARBF | .caviarbf | causal configurations and their BFs |
| FM-summary | .txt | additional information to the GWAS summary statistics |
| GCTA | .jma.cojo | joint/conditional analysis results |
| JAM | .jam/.top/.cs | posterior summary table, top models containing selected SNPs and credible sets |
| finemap | .snp/.config/.cred | SNPs with largest log10(BF), configurations with their log10(BF) and credible sets |

It is helpful to examine directions of effects together with their correlation which is now embedded when finemap is involved.

EXAMPLE

--- GWAS summary statistics ---

File `bmi.tsv.gz` is described in the SUMSTATS repository, <https://github.com/jinghuazhao/SUMSTATS>.

--- 1000Genomes panel ---

This is available as [FUSION LD reference panel](#), with [1KG.sh](#) to generate `SNPinfo.dta.gz` and [st.do](#) to generate the script [Extract.sh](#) for the required LD-blocks.

--- The lead SNPs ---

From the 97 SNPs described in the SUMSTATS repository, a `st.bed` is generated as follows,

```
# st.bed
(
  echo "chr start end rsid pos r"
  sed -i 's/rs12016871/rs9581854/g' 97.snps
  grep -w -f 97.snps snp150.txt | \
  sort -k1,1n -k2,2n | \
  awk -vflanking=250000 '{print $1,$2-flanking,$2+flanking,$3,$2,NR}'
) > 97.bed
```

Note rs12016871 in build 36 became rs9581854 in build 37.

We can also use approximately independent LD blocks

```
# dummy rsid and pos in this case
awk '{
  gsub(/chr|region/, "", $0);
  if(NR==1) print "chr", "start", "end", "rsid", "pos", "region"; else print
  $1,$2,$3,"top","pos",$4
}' 1KG/EUR.bed > ld.bed
```

As this involves over a thousand blocks, it is desirable to intersect the two.

We then proceed with

```
gunzip bmi.tsv.gz > BMI_1KG
# modify fmp.ini to use the 1KG panel
fmp.sh BMI_1KG
```

and the results will be in BMI_1KG.out.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS

The [wiki page](#) has the following information,

- [Whole-genome conditional/joint analysis](#)
- [Whole genome analysis using approximately independent LD blocks.](#)

RELATED LINK

Credible sets are often described, see <https://github.com/statgen/gwas-credible-sets>

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SOFTWARE AND REFERENCES

CAVIAR (Causal Variants Identification in Associated Regions)

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