

GWAS simulation explanation



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# Requirements (install if needed):
# pip install pandas numpy statsmodels matplotlib

import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import statsmodels.api as sm
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import os

# ----- Config -----
PHENOS_PATH = r"C:\Users\srush\Documents\Desktop\cl2\bi\data\phenos.csv" # input
phenotypes file
OUT_DIR = r"C:\Users\srush\Documents\Desktop\cl2\bi\data\Bioinformatics"
N_SNPS = 5000 # number of simulated SNPs
TRAITS = ["Yield", "Plant_height", "Grain_weight"] # traits to analyze
np.random.seed(42)
# -----

os.makedirs(OUT_DIR, exist_ok=True)

# Load phenotype data
phenos = pd.read_csv(PHENOS_PATH).reset_index(drop=True)

# Check traits exist
for t in TRAITS:
    if t not in phenos.columns:
        raise ValueError(f"Trait '{t}' not found in phenos.csv. Columns: {phenos.columns.tolist()}")

n_samples = phenos.shape[0]
print(f"Samples: {n_samples}, Traits: {TRAITS}, Simulating {N_SNPS} SNPs...")

# Simulate SNP matrix (0,1,2) — rows = samples, cols = SNPs
G = pd.DataFrame(
    np.random.randint(0, 3, size=(n_samples, N_SNPS)),
    columns=[f"SNP_{i+1}" for i in range(N_SNPS)]
)

# Specify causal SNP indices for demonstration (0-based indices)
causal_snps_for_trait = {
    "Yield": [10, 150, 1800],
    "Plant_height": [50, 900, 2400],
    "Grain_weight": [5, 1200, 3500]
}
effect_sizes = [3.5, 5.0, 4.0] # effect sizes to inject (one per causal SNP)
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# Create simulated phenotypes by adding genetic effects onto real phenotypes
phenotype_sim = {}
for trait in TRAITS:
    base = phenos[trait].astype(float).copy()
    for i, s in enumerate(causal_snps_for_trait.get(trait, [])):
        base = base + G.iloc[:, s] * effect_sizes[i]
    phenotype_sim[trait] = base

def run_gwas(trait_series, G_df):
    results = []

    for snp in G_df.columns:
        X = sm.add_constant(G_df[snp])      # intercept + SNP
        model = sm.OLS(trait_series, X).fit()
        pval = model.pvalues.get(snp, np.nan)
        results.append((snp, pval))
    gwas_df = pd.DataFrame(results, columns=["SNP", "p"])
    gwas_df["-log10(p)"] = -np.log10(gwas_df["p"])
    gwas_df["Pos"] = range(len(gwas_df))
    return gwas_df

all_significant = {}
for trait in TRAITS:
    print(f"\nRunning GWAS for trait: {trait}")
    trait_series = phenotype_sim[trait]
    gwas_df = run_gwas(trait_series, G)

    threshold = -np.log10(0.05 / N_SNPS)
    print(f"Bonferroni threshold (-log10): {threshold:.2f}")

    # Save GWAS table
    gwas_csv = os.path.join(OUT_DIR, f"gwas_{trait}.csv")
    gwas_df.to_csv(gwas_csv, index=False)
    print(f"Saved GWAS table to: {gwas_csv}")

    # Plot Manhattan plot interactively
    plt.figure(figsize=(12,5))
    plt.scatter(gwas_df["Pos"], gwas_df["-log10(p)"], s=10, alpha=0.7)
    plt.axhline(threshold, linestyle="--")
    plt.title(f"Manhattan plot for {trait}")
    plt.xlabel("SNP position")
    plt.ylabel("-log10(p-value)")
    plt.tight_layout()
    plt.show()

    # Save significant SNPs
    sig = gwas_df[gwas_df["-log10(p)"] > threshold].copy().sort_values("-log10(p)",
ascending=False)
    sig_csv = os.path.join(OUT_DIR, f"significant_snps_{trait}.csv")
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sig.to_csv(sig_csv, index=False)
all_significant[trait] = sig
print(f"Significant SNPs: {len(sig)} (saved to {sig_csv})")

# Combine top significant SNPs across traits
combined_list = []
for trait, df in all_significant.items():
    if not df.empty:
        top = df.head(50).copy()
        top["Trait"] = trait
        combined_list.append(top[["Trait", "SNP", "p", "-log10(p)", "Pos"]])
if combined_list:
    combined_df = pd.concat(combined_list, ignore_index=True)
    combined_csv = os.path.join(OUT_DIR, "combined_significant_snps.csv")
    combined_df.to_csv(combined_csv, index=False)
    print(f"\nCombined significant SNPs saved to: {combined_csv}")
else:
    print("\nNo significant SNPs across analyzed traits.")

print(f"\nAll results saved to folder: {OUT_DIR}")
```

explain this code line by line

Absolutely, Srushti 🌱 — let's go through your **Python GWAS simulation code line-by-line**, carefully and clearly, so you fully understand what each part is doing.

Overview

This script simulates **Genome-Wide Association Studies (GWAS)** — a technique in bioinformatics for finding links between genetic variants (SNPs) and traits (like Yield, Plant Height, etc.).

You're using real **phenotype data** (trait measurements from a CSV) and simulating **genotypes (SNPs)**, then performing **OLS regression** per SNP to test its effect on each trait.

Imports and Setup

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import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import statsmodels.api as sm
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import os
```

- **numpy** – for numeric operations and random number generation.
- **pandas** – for reading/writing CSVs and handling tabular data.
- **statsmodels.api** – used for statistical modeling (regression here).

- `matplotlib.pyplot` – for plotting graphs like Manhattan plots.
- `os` – for file/folder handling (creating directories, joining paths).

Configuration Section

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OUT_DIR = r"C:\Users\srush\Documents\Desktop\cl2\bi\data\Bioinformatics"
N_SNPS = 5000
TRAITS = ["Yield", "Plant_height", "Grain_weight"]
np.random.seed(42)
```

- **PHENOS_PATH** → location of your input CSV with real trait (phenotype) values.
- **OUT_DIR** → folder where output files (GWAS results, plots) will be saved.
- **N_SNPS** → number of SNPs (genetic variants) to simulate.
- **TRAITS** → list of traits to analyze.
- `np.random.seed(42)` → fixes the random seed for reproducibility (same results each run).

Make Output Directory

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os.makedirs(OUT_DIR, exist_ok=True)
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- Creates the output directory if it doesn't already exist.

Load Phenotype Data

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phenos = pd.read_csv(PHENOS_PATH).reset_index(drop=True)
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- Reads the phenotype CSV file into a DataFrame named **phenos**.
- `reset_index(drop=True)` removes any existing index and resets it to 0, 1, 2, ...

Check if Traits Exist

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```
for t in TRAITS:
    if t not in phenos.columns:
        raise ValueError(f"Trait '{t}' not found in phenos.csv. Columns: {phenos.columns.tolist()}")
```

- Loops through each trait in **TRAITS**.
- If the column doesn't exist in the CSV, it raises an error.
- Prevents proceeding with invalid or missing traits.

Basic Info

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```
n_samples = phenos.shape[0]
print(f"Samples: {n_samples}, Traits: {TRAITS}, Simulating {N_SNPS} SNPs...")
```

- Gets number of samples (rows) in your phenotype data.
- Prints info for tracking.

Simulate SNP Matrix

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```
G = pd.DataFrame(
    np.random.randint(0, 3, size=(n_samples, N_SNPS)),
    columns=[f"SNP_{i+1}" for i in range(N_SNPS)]
)
```

- Simulates a matrix **G** of size (**n_samples** × **N_SNPS**).
- Each SNP value is 0, 1, or 2 — representing possible genotypes (AA, Aa, aa).
- Column names become "SNP_1", "SNP_2", ... "SNP_5000".

So **G** represents all your simulated genetic variants.

Define Causal SNPs & Effect Sizes

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```
causal_snps_for_trait = {
    "Yield": [10, 150, 1800],
    "Plant_height": [50, 900, 2400],
    "Grain_weight": [5, 1200, 3500]
}
effect_sizes = [3.5, 5.0, 4.0]
```

- Defines **which SNPs actually affect each trait** (simulated "causal" SNPs).
- **effect_sizes** defines how strongly they affect the trait values.

Create Simulated Phenotypes

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```
phenotype_sim = {}
for trait in TRAITS:
    base = phenos[trait].astype(float).copy()
    for i, s in enumerate(causal_snps_for_trait.get(trait, [])):
        base = base + G.iloc[:, s] * effect_sizes[i]
    phenotype_sim[trait] = base
```

For each trait:

- Takes the original phenotype values (**base**).
- Adds the effect of each causal SNP (genotype \times effect size).
- Stores the “genetically influenced” trait in **phenotype_sim**.

Essentially, you’re injecting true SNP effects into your phenotype data.



Function: Run GWAS

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```
def run_gwas(trait_series, G_df):
    results = []

    for snp in G_df.columns:
        X = sm.add_constant(G_df[snp])          # intercept + SNP
        model = sm.OLS(trait_series, X).fit()    # linear regression
        pval = model.pvalues.get(snp, np.nan)    # p-value for SNP effect
        results.append((snp, pval))

    gwas_df = pd.DataFrame(results, columns=["SNP", "p"])
    gwas_df["-log10(p)"] = -np.log10(gwas_df["p"])
    gwas_df["Pos"] = range(len(gwas_df))
    return gwas_df
```

For each SNP:

- Builds a simple linear model:
Trait = Intercept + $\beta \times$ SNP + Error
- Runs OLS regression using **statsmodels**.
- Extracts the **p-value** for that SNP’s coefficient.
- Collects all SNPs and their p-values into a DataFrame.
- Adds a new column **-log₁₀(p)** for Manhattan plotting.
- Adds a “Pos” index column for plotting along the x-axis.



Run GWAS for Each Trait

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```
all_significant = {}
for trait in TRAITS:
    print(f"\nRunning GWAS for trait: {trait}")
```

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trait_series = phenotype_sim[trait]
gwas_df = run_gwas(trait_series, G)
```

Loops through each trait:

- Prints status.
- Gets the simulated phenotype values.
- Runs the GWAS function defined above.



Bonferroni Threshold (Multiple Testing Correction)

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threshold = -np.log10(0.05 / N_SNPS)
print(f"Bonferroni threshold (-log10): {threshold:.2f}")
```

- Corrects for multiple testing (many SNPs = many comparisons).
- Bonferroni correction sets a stricter significance level:
 $\alpha = 0.05 / N_SNPS$
- Converts that p-value cutoff to $-\log_{10}$ scale for plotting.



Save GWAS Table

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```
gwas_csv = os.path.join(OUT_DIR, f"gwas_{trait}.csv")
gwas_df.to_csv(gwas_csv, index=False)
print(f"Saved GWAS table to: {gwas_csv}")
```

- Saves the entire GWAS result table (SNPs, p-values, etc.) to CSV.



Manhattan Plot

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```
plt.figure(figsize=(12,5))
plt.scatter(gwas_df["Pos"], gwas_df["-log10(p)"], s=10, alpha=0.7)
plt.axhline(threshold, linestyle="--")
plt.title(f"Manhattan plot for {trait}")
plt.xlabel("SNP position")
plt.ylabel("-log10(p-value)")
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```

Creates the famous **Manhattan Plot**:

- x-axis → SNP position.
- y-axis → significance ($-\log_{10}(p)$).

- Horizontal dashed line → significance threshold.
- Visually identifies strong associations (tall peaks).

Save Significant SNPs

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```
sig = gwas_df[gwas_df["-log10(p)"] > threshold].copy().sort_values("-log10(p)", ascending=False)
sig_csv = os.path.join(OUT_DIR, f"significant_snps_{trait}.csv")
sig.to_csv(sig_csv, index=False)
all_significant[trait] = sig
print(f"Significant SNPs: {len(sig)} (saved to {sig_csv})")
```

- Filters SNPs that pass the Bonferroni threshold.
- Sorts them by significance.
- Saves to another CSV (only significant ones).
- Keeps track of significant SNPs per trait.

Combine Top SNPs Across Traits

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```
combined_list = []
for trait, df in all_significant.items():
    if not df.empty:
        top = df.head(50).copy()
        top["Trait"] = trait
        combined_list.append(top[["Trait", "SNP", "p", "-log10(p)", "Pos"]])
```

- From each trait's results, takes top 50 significant SNPs.
- Adds a "Trait" column for reference.
- Stores in a list to merge later.

Merge and Save Combined Results

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```
if combined_list:
    combined_df = pd.concat(combined_list, ignore_index=True)
    combined_csv = os.path.join(OUT_DIR, "combined_significant_snps.csv")
    combined_df.to_csv(combined_csv, index=False)
    print(f"\nCombined significant SNPs saved to: {combined_csv}")
else:
    print("\nNo significant SNPs across analyzed traits.")
```

- Combines all top SNPs into a single CSV for easy comparison.
- Handles case where no SNPs were significant.

✓ Final Output Message

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print(f"\nAll results saved to folder: {OUT_DIR}")
```

- Finishing message summarizing that all results are saved.

🧠 Summary of What the Script Does

Step	Description
1	Load real phenotype data
2	Simulate 5000 random SNPs
3	Add true genetic effects to phenotypes
4	Run OLS regression for each SNP vs. each trait
5	Apply Bonferroni correction
6	Save results and plot Manhattan plots
7	Save significant SNPs and merge across traits

Would you like me to **add comments directly inside your code** (turning it into a fully explained, annotated version you can run and read together)?



what is snp in short

In short —

 **SNP** stands for **Single Nucleotide Polymorphism**.

It's a **small genetic variation** where **one nucleotide (A, T, C, or G)** in the DNA sequence differs among individuals.

For example:

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Person 1: A T C G A
Person 2: A T T G A
           ↑
        (SNP difference)
```

In simple terms:

- SNP = one-letter change in DNA.
- These tiny changes can affect how genes work and influence traits (like height, yield, or disease resistance).

So, in GWAS, we test **each SNP** to see if it's **statistically associated** with a specific trait.