

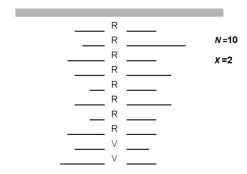
PILE UP: EXAMPLE

http://samtools.sourceforge.net/pileup.shtml

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Germline Variant Calling

SIMPLIFIED PILEUP ILLUSTRATION (FROM MARTIN et al., [1])



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MODEL: NOTATION

- ▶ Let B_i denote the allele at locus j
- ▶ For simplicity, assume that B_j is either R (the "reference" allele) or V (the "variant" allele)
- ▶ The number of sequencing base calls at locus j is D_i
- lacktriangle The D_j base calls are $ilde{\mathcal{B}}_{1j},\ldots, ilde{\mathcal{B}}_{1D_j}$
- $ightharpoonup D_i$ is the depth at the locus

Model

- ▶ Let G_i denote the genotype at locus j
- $ightharpoonup G_i$ is either RRRVand VV.
- ► In absence of alignment or sequencing errors
 - $\blacktriangleright \ G_j = RR\tilde{B}_{1j} =, \ldots, = \tilde{B}_{1D_i} = R$
 - $ightharpoonup G_j = RV$ about half of the D_j base calls $\tilde{B}_{1j}, \ldots, \tilde{B}_{1D_j}$ are R and half
 - $ightharpoonup G_i = VV\tilde{B}_{1i} =, \ldots, = \tilde{B}_{1D_i} = V$

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Model: Error

- ► It is unrealistic to assume that there are neither alignment nor sequencing errors
- ► Assume that the errors are symmetric

$$\alpha = \mathbb{P}[\tilde{B}_{ij} = R|B_j = V] = \mathbb{P}[\tilde{B}_{ij} = R|B_j = V]$$

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DISTRIBUTION OF NUMBER OF VARIANT CALLS

► Let

$$S_j = \sum_{i=1}^{D_j} I[\tilde{B}_{ij} = V]$$

- ► This is number of variant calls (the number of bases at this locus called as V) among the D_i reads
- ▶ The distribution of S_j is not binomial.
- ▶ The distribution of S_i given the genotype is binomial
- ► Recall that we have assumed that error probability is the same for each read (not indexed by *i*) and symmetric

Distribution of S_j given $G_j = g$

$$\mathbb{P}[S_j = s | G_j = g, D_j = d] = \begin{cases} \binom{d}{s} \alpha^s (1 - \alpha)^{d-s} & g = RR \\ \binom{d}{s} \frac{1}{2}^d & g = RV \\ \binom{d}{s} (1 - \alpha)^s (\alpha)^{d-s} & g = VV \end{cases}$$

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Joint Distribution of S_j and G_j

- $ightharpoonup p_{VV}$: Prior genotypic probability for VV
- \triangleright p_{RV} : Prior genotypic probability for RV
- ▶ $p_{RR} = 1 p_{VV} p_{RV}$: Prior genotypic probability for RR

$$\mathbb{P}[S_j = s, G_j = g | D_j = d; \theta] = \begin{cases} \binom{d}{s} \alpha^s (1 - \alpha)^{d-s} (1 - p_{VV} - p_{RV}) & g = RR \\ \binom{d}{s} \frac{1}{2}^d p_{RV} & g = RV \\ \binom{d}{s} (1 - \alpha)^s (\alpha)^{d-s} p_{VV} & g = VV \end{cases}$$

where

$$\theta = (\alpha, p_{VV}, p_{RR})$$

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Likelihood

- ▶ Observations: $\tilde{B}_{1j}, \dots, \tilde{B}_{1D_i}$
- ightharpoonup Observed statistic: S_i
- ▶ Latent variable $G_i, B_{1i}, \dots B_{Dii}$
- ▶ Model parameter $\theta = (\alpha, p_{VV}, p_{RR})$
- ▶ Distribution of S_i

$$\mathbb{P}[S_j = s | D_j = d; \theta] = \sum_{g \in \{VV, RV, RR\}} \mathbb{P}[S_j = s, G_j = g | D_j = d; \theta]$$

LIKELIHOOD

Data from n patients

$$\ell[\theta] = \sum_{k=1}^{n} \mathbb{P}[S_j = s_{kj} | D_j = d_{kj}; \theta]$$

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Infer Genotype

- ▶ Let \hat{G}_j be the genotype call at locus j
- lacktriangle The call is wrong if $\hat{G}_j
 eq G_j$
- ► This is called the Baye's error
- ► The Bayes' decision rule minimized the probability of Bayes' error

$$\hat{G}_j = \operatorname{argmax}_g \mathbb{P}[S_j = s, G_j = g | D_j = d; \theta]$$

▶ We cannot calculate this so we will use the plugin decision rule

$$\hat{G}_j = \operatorname{argmax}_g \mathbb{P}[S_j = s, G_j = g | D_j = d; \hat{\theta}_n]$$

 θ_n is the vector of parameter estimates

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