To TEST improve algorithmic efficiency we wish only to consider sites with a non-trivial posterior probability of containing a somatic mutation. Furthermore it has been shown that combining low coverage sequencing data across samples at a locus can decrease false positive rates [?]. We therefore must reject loci where the posterior probability of mutation is low. For a given locus i:

$$P(SNV_i \mid D_i) = 1 - P\left(\sum_{j=1}^m g_{ij} = 0 \mid D_i\right) = 1 - P(\sigma = 0 \mid D_i)$$
(1)

Using Bayes' formula:

$$P(\sigma = 0 \mid D_i) = \frac{P(D_i \mid \sigma = 0)P(\sigma = 0)}{\sum_{\sigma'=0}^{2m} [P(D_i \mid \sigma = \sigma')P(\sigma')]}$$
(2)

The value of $P(D_i \mid \sigma = 0)$ is simply the product of the cell likelihoods of homozygous reference calculated above. The priors $P(\sigma)$ are those determined by Equation (??). To compute the denominator, howevever, we must compute the likelihood for each alternate allele count across a locus. There are various permutations of cell genotypes that may give rise to an alternate allele count of σ , so this is not as simple as the special case where $\sigma = 0$.

Let the phased genotypes of all m cells at a site be represented by $\vec{G} = (G_1, G_2, \dots, G_m)$ where $G_j \in [0,1] \times [0,1]$ is the phased genotype for cell j (0 = reference, 1 = alternate). Furthermore let the unphased genotype vector be $\vec{g} = (g_1, g_2, \dots, g_m)$ be such that $g_j = ||G_j||_1$. Our likelihood for σ can therefore be considered

$$P(D_i \mid \sigma_i) = \sum_{\vec{G}} P(D_i \mid \vec{G}) P(\vec{G} \mid \sigma_i)$$
(3)

We assume that all phased genotype vectors with a total alternate allele count of σ are equally probable. Since there are $\binom{2m}{\sigma}$ different phased genotype vectors with total alternate allele count σ , then for any such \vec{G} :

$$P(\vec{G} \mid \sigma) = \binom{2m}{\sigma}^{-1}$$

Since we do not consider phased sequencing data, we must reproduce Equation (3) in an unphased form. To begin, we see that the likelihood $P(D_i \mid \vec{G}) = P(D_i \mid \vec{g})$ if \vec{g} is the unphased vector that corresponds to \vec{G} , since our cell genotype likelihoods do not consider phasing. Note that there are 2^{χ} phased genotype vectors that correspond to any given unphased genotype vector \vec{g} , where $\chi(\vec{g})$ is the number of heterozygous cells in the vector. Using this multiplicity, we can now reproduce Equation (3) without reference to phasing.

$$P(D_i \mid \sigma_i) = \sum_{\vec{g}} \frac{2^{\chi(\vec{g})}}{\binom{2m}{\sigma_i}} P(D_i \mid \vec{g}) = \sum_{\vec{g}} \frac{2^{\chi(\vec{g})}}{\binom{2m}{\sigma_i}} \prod_{j=1}^m P(D_{ij} \mid g_j)$$

Let the function $\delta(\vec{g}, \sigma) = 1$ if $\|\vec{g}\| = \sigma$ otherwise it evaluates to 0. We can now write the above in a more suggestive form:

$$P(D_i \mid \sigma_i) = \binom{2m}{\sigma_i}^{-1} \sum_{g_1=0}^{2} \sum_{g_2=0}^{2} \cdots \sum_{g_m=0}^{2} \delta((g_1, \dots g_m), \sigma_i) \left[\prod_{j=1}^{m} \binom{2}{g_j} P(D_{ij} \mid g_j) \right]$$
(4)

As has been done previously, we can employ a dynamic programming approach to compute these likelihoods for σ from cell genotype likelihoods [?,?,?]. If we let F(k,l) be the subproblem objective given by

$$F(k,l) = \begin{cases} \sum_{g_1=0}^{2} \sum_{g_2=0}^{2} \cdots \sum_{g_k=0}^{2} \delta((g_1, \dots g_k), l) \left[\prod_{j=1}^{k} {2 \choose g_j} P(D_{ij} \mid g_j) \right] & 0 \le l \le 2k \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$
(5)

We can consider creating a genotype vector of length k from a vector of length k-1 by adding one new cell with an alternate allele count of 0,1 or 2. Hence our recurrence relation can be given by

$$F(k,l) = F(k-1,l)P(D_{ik} \mid g_k = 0) + 2F(k-1,l-1)P(D_{ik} \mid g_k = 1) + F(k-1,l-2)P(D_{ik} \mid g_k = 2)$$
 (6)

Note that two possible phased genotypes correspond to the heterozygous case, hence the factor of 2 in the second term. The base case where k = 1 corresponds to a single cell

$$F(1,0) = P(D_{i1} \mid g_1 = 0), \ F(1,1) = 2P(D_{i1} \mid g_1 = 1), \ F(1,2) = P(D_{i1} \mid g_1 = 2)$$

The values for F(k,l) are memoized in an array and the likelihood given in Equation 4 can be given by

$$P(D_i \mid \sigma_i) = \frac{F(m, \sigma_i)}{\binom{2m}{\sigma_i}} \tag{7}$$

In this way we can determine the likelihood of all $0 \le \sigma \le 2m$ which when the priors $P(\sigma)$ compose the sum in Equation (2).

Sites which have a posterior probability of being variant greater than 0.5(???) will be called as variant.