

# A short manual for sNMF (command-line version)

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This short manual aims to help users to run **sNMF** command-line engine on Mac and Linux.

## 1 Description

Inference of individual admixture coefficients, which is important for population genetic and association studies, is commonly performed using compute-intensive likelihood algorithms. With the availability of large population genomic data sets, fast versions of likelihood algorithms have attracted considerable attention. Reducing the computational burden of estimation algorithms remains, however, a major challenge. Here, we present a fast and efficient method for estimating individual admixture coefficients based on sparse non-negative matrix factorization algorithms. We implemented our method in the computer program **sNMF**, and applied it to human and plant genomic data sets. The performances of **sNMF** were then compared to the likelihood algorithm implemented in the computer program **ADMIXTURE**. Without loss of accuracy, **sNMF** computed estimates of admixture coefficients within run-times approximately 10 to 30 times faster than those of **ADMIXTURE**.

[1] Eric Frichot, François Mathieu, Théo Trouillon, Guillaume Bouchard, Olivier François. *Fast Inference of Admixture Coefficients Using Sparse Non-negative Matrix Factorization Algorithms*, submitted.

## 2 Installation

To install **sNMF** command-line version, unzip the **sNMF\_CL.zip** file, and run the install script (**install.command**) from the **sNMF** directory. From a terminal shell, go to **sNMF** main directory and type `./install.command`. If the script is not executable, type `chmod +x install.command` and then `./install.command`. A set of binaries should be created in **sNMF** directory.

## 3 Data format

The **sNMF** input file consists of a single genotype file.

geno (example.geno)

The **genotype file** format has one row for each SNP. Each row contains 1 character per individual: 0 means zero copies of reference allele. 1 means one copy of reference allele. 2 means two copies of reference allele. 9 means missing data.

Below, an example of genotype file for  $n = 3$  individuals and  $L = 5$  loci.

112
010
091
121

There are 2 **output files**.

- The first file (with extension **.Q**) contains individual admixture coefficients. It is a matrix with  $n$  rows (the number of individuals) and  $K$  columns (the number of ancestral populations).

- The second file (with extension **.F**) contains the ancestral genotype frequencies. It is a matrix with  $nc \times L$  lines (the number of alleles times the number of SNPs) and  $K$  columns (the number of ancestral populations). For each SNP, the first line contains the ancestral frequencies for allele 0, the second line for allele 1, ... .

## 4 Run the programs

The program is executed from a command line. The format is:

```
./sNMF -g genotype_file.geno -K number_of_ancestral_populations
```

All options are mandatory. There is no order for the options in the command line. Here is a description of the options:

- **-g genotype\_file.geno** is the path for the genotype file (in .geno format).
- **-K number\_of\_ancestral\_populations** is the number of ancestral populations.

Additional options are available:

- **-p p** is the number of processes that you choose to use if you run the algorithm in a parallel computer. Be aware that the number of process has to be lower or equal than the number of physical processes available on your computer (default: 1).
- **-i iteration\_number** is the max number of iterations in algorithm (default: 200). The algorithm should not go until the max number of iterations. The stopping criterion should depend on the tolerance error only.
- **-a alpha** is the value of the regularization parameter (by default: 101). Results can depend on the value of this parameter, especially for small data sets.
- **-e tolerance** is the tolerance error (by default: 0.0001).
- **-s seed** is the initialization for the random parameter (by default: random).
- **-m ploidy** 1 if haploid, 2 if diploid (default: 2).

If you need a summary of the options, you can use the **-h** option by typing the command line

```
./sNMF -h
```

A full example is available at the end of this note.

## 5 Cross-Entropy criterion

We provide two programs that compute a cross entropy score for the data.

- A first program creates a data set with a given percentage of missing data from your original data set. The command line format is:

```
./createDataSet -g genotype_file.geno
```

The mandatory option is:

- **-g genotype\_file.geno** is the path for the genotype file (in .geno format).

It will create a file with around 5 % of masked data with the name **genotype\_file.I.geno** with a **.I** extension to differentiate this file from the original file.

Other options (not mandatory):

- **-r percentage** is the percentage of masked data in your data set (default: 0.05).
- **-e tolerance** is the tolerance error (by default: 0.0001).
- **-s seed** is the initialization for the random parameter (by default: random).
- **-m ploidy** is 1 if haploid, 2 if diploid (default: 2).

- A second program calculates the cross-entropy criterion for all data and for the masked data from the output of **sNMF**. The cross-entropy criterion is useful to choose the best run for numbers of ancestral distinct populations ( $K$ ) and different values of the regularization parameter ( $\alpha$ ). A smaller value of cross-entropy with missing data means a better prediction of the data. The command line format is:

```
./crossEntropy -g genotype_file.geno -K number_of_ancestral_populations
```

The mandatory options are:

- **-g genotype\_file.geno** is the path for the genotype file (in .geno format).
- **-K number\_of\_ancestral\_populations** is the number of  $K$  of ancestral populations.

In this case, the output from **sNMF**, the files with masked data, the original files and the results files are stored in the same directory.

Other option (are not mandatory):

- **-m ploidy** 1 if haploid, 2 if diploid (default: 2).

## 6 Tutorial

### 6.1 Data set

The data set that we analyze in this tutorial is an Asian human data set of SNPs data. This data is a worldwide sample of genomic DNA (10757 SNPs) from 934 individuals, taken from the Harvard Human Genome Diversity Project - Centre Etude Polymorphism Humain (Harvard HGDP-CEPH)2 . In those data, each marker has been ascertained in samples of Mongolian ancestry (referenced population HGDP01224) [2].

### 6.2 Create a data set with masked data

In the main directory, type:

```
./createDataSet -g examples/panel11.geno
```

A file with 5 % of masked data with path **examples/panel11\_I.geno** has been created.

### 6.3 Run sNMF

Then, run **sNMF** for the data set with 5 % of masked data (with  $K = 5$  for example):

```
./sNMF -g examples/panel11_I.geno -K 5
```

The results files **examples/panel11\_I.Q** **examples/panel11\_I.F** have been created.

### 6.4 Compute the Cross-Entropy criterion

Finally, calculate the cross-entropy criterion:

```
./crossEntropy -g examples/panel_11.geno -K 5
```

With this procedure, we can compute a value for the cross-entropy criterion for each of your analysis. It is a way to choose the best run for different number of ancestral populations ( $K$ ) and for different values of the regularization parameter ( $\alpha$ ).

## 7 Contact

If you need assistance, do not hesitate to send me an email (efrichot@gmail.com or eric.frichot@imag.fr). A FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) section is available on our webpage (<http://membres-timc.imag.fr/Olivier.Francois/snmf.html>). **sNMF** software is still under development. All your comments and feedbacks are more than welcome.

## References

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