kWIP: The k-mer Weighted Inner Product

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Large-scale population genomics

- ▶ Moving from 100s to 1,000s or 10,000s of samples per study!
- ▶ Efficient algorithms to analyse large-scale genomic data
 - ▶ Reference & alignment free: less bias, de novo
 - ▶ Platform/protocol agnostic: future proof
 - ▶ Computationally efficient: not the bottleneck

Phylogeny Population Structure Mapping Mapping Mapping Genomic Scans

after Peterson et al. [1]



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 - ► For natural collections
 - ► As a technical control



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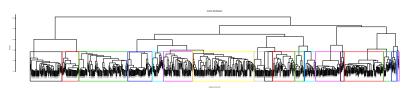
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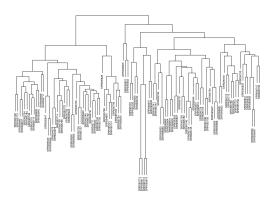


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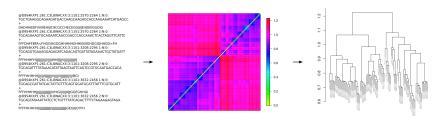


Initially, we care mostly about the deepest and shallowest branches of the tree.



Presenting kWIP

- ▶ k-mer based de novo genetic relatedness estimator
- ▶ Produces a distance matrix from raw NGS reads
- \triangleright Uses Weighted Inner Product between k-mer counts





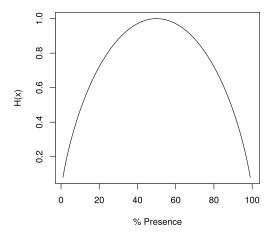
k-mer Sequence Comparison

- ► Many existing tools
 - ▶ D2 and related statistics
 - ► Early steps in many sequence aligners
 - ▶ spaced and other spaced-word approaches^{3,4}
 - ▶ Cnidaria and other Jaccard distance approaches⁵
 - ▶ mash and other MinHash approaches⁶
- ► Most require assembled gene/genome sequence
- ► Most target deeper relationships
- \triangleright Many use inner product between k-mer counts
- ▶ kWIP extends these tools:
 - No assembly required
 - ▶ Weights inner product to improve accuracy



Entropy Weighting

- \triangleright kWIP weights by Shannon entropy: H(frequency)
- ▶ Shannon entropy: measure of information





kWIP Algorithm

- \triangleright For each run: count all k-mers probabilistically
- ► For each analysis set:
 - \triangleright Calculate the entropy of k-mer frequency (H)
 - \blacktriangleright For each pair of runs with k-mer counts A and B, calculate

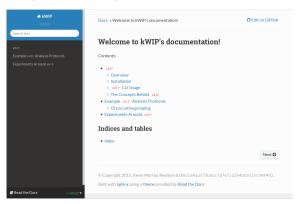
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} A_i \cdot B_i \cdot H_i$$

- A 0 2 0 2 0 1 0 1 0
- B 0 2 1 7 0 1 0 0 0
- H h_1 h_n





- ► The software:
 - \triangleright C++11, \approx 2000 lines of code
 - ▶ Uses khmer for k-mer counting
 - ▶ GNU GPL licensed, source code on GitHub
 - Precompiled binaries provided







kWIP Case Studies

- ▶ 3000 rice genomes
 - ▶ 3000 rice samples (25k runs)
 - ▶ The 3,000 rice genomes project [7]
- Chlamydomonas
 - $\triangleright \approx 20$ lines from USA
 - ▶ Flowers et al. [8]
- ► Simulation
 - ► Fake population genome sequencing studies

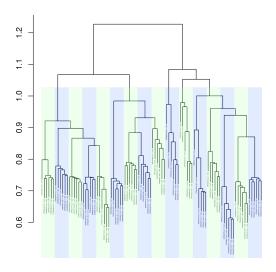


96 Rice Runs

- ► Set of 96 rice runs from 16 samples (6 tech reps ea)
- ▶ About half/half from 2 major groups (Indica, Japonica)
- ► Expectations:
 - ▶ All runs cluster into groups of 6 reps (16 samples)
 - ▶ Big split between two groups: (7 and 9 respectively here)
- ► Recover known grouping w/kWIP, not w/ unweighted IP
- ► Sensitive to read depth
- ▶ Took 6 hours on 16 CPU, 64GB RAM supercomputer node

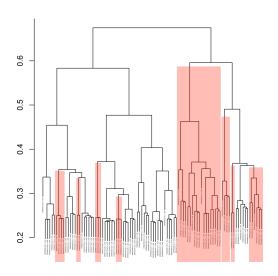


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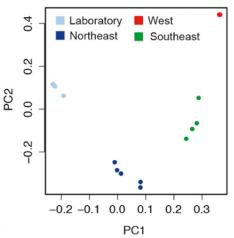


Chlamydomonas

- ► High coverage re-sequencing with leftover assembly
 - ▶ Map to reference
 - ▶ Assemble missing sample genome from leftover reads
 - ► Map again to reference + leftovers
 - Call variants
 - ► Calculate distance
- ▶ Compare kWIP to SNP-based distance calculation
 - ► Compare PCA visualisation of each



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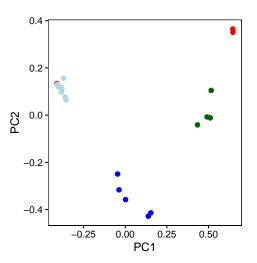
"Sample CC-4414 (red) is hidden behind the cluster of laboratory strains (light blue)"

Population structure of *Chlamydomonas* in USA





Chlamydomonas



Population structure of Chlamydomonas in USA Data from Flowers $et\ al.\ [8]$



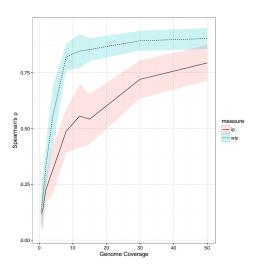


Simulation

- ▶ Perform simulated sequencing experiment:
 - ► Simulate natural population structure
 - ► Simulate sample genomes, sequencing runs
 - ► Hash reads, kWIP
 - Compare known truth to kWIP results (with Spearmans Rank Correlation, ρ)
- ▶ kWIP quantitatively outperforms unweighted equivalent
 - ▶ Effect of coverage on accuracy
 - ► Accuracy across scale of variation



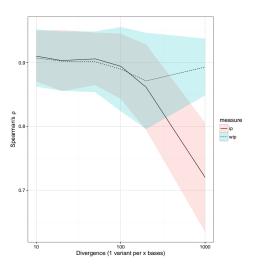
Simulation Results



Coverage vs Accuracy



Simulation Results



Average variation vs Accuracy



kWIP Summary

- ▶ kWIP is implemented, no known bugs
- ▶ Publicly available at github.com/kdmurray91/kwip
- ▶ We show the utility of kWIP
- ▶ Publication coming soon



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