

Computer Session 2: Introduction to Genetic Data and PLINK

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Things you want to do with genetic data

- Clean data/Quality control data (QC)
- Manage data (formats)
- Data description/ Summary statistics
- Conduct genetic (association) analyses
- Generate genetic related matrix
- Generate genetic principal components
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<http://zzz.bwh.harvard.edu/plink/>

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Whole genome association analysis toolset

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New (15-May-2014): PLINK 1.9 is now available for beta-testing!

PLINK is a free, open-source whole genome association analysis tool to perform a range of basic, large-scale analyses in a computationally efficient manner.

The focus of **PLINK** is purely on *analysis* of genotype/phenotype data, with support for steps prior to this (e.g. study design and planning, generating calls from raw data). Through integration with [gPLINK](#) and [Haploview](#), for the subsequent visualization, annotation and storage of results.

PLINK (one syllable) is being developed by Shaun Purcell whilst at the Genetic Research (CHGR), Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), and at Harvard & MIT, with the support of others.

New in 1.07: [meta-analysis](#), [result annotation](#) and analysis of [dosage data](#)

Data management

- Read data in a variety of formats
- Recode and reorder files
- Merge two or more files

Shaun Purcell, Ben Neale et al. 2007 (Citations >12K)

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Report

PLINK: A Tool Set for Whole-Genome Association and Population-Based Linkage Analyses

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Whole-genome association studies (WGAS) bring new computational, as well as analytic, challenges to researchers. Many existing genetic-analysis tools are not designed to handle such large data sets in a convenient manner and do not necessarily exploit the new opportunities that whole-genome data bring. To address these issues,

https://www.cog-genomics.org/ plink2

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PLINK 1.90 beta

This is a comprehensive update to Shaun Purcell's [PLINK](#) command-line program, developed by [Christopher Chang](#) with support from the [NIH-NIDDK's](#) Laboratory of Biological Modeling, the [Purcell Lab](#) at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, and others. ([What's new?](#)) ([Credits.](#)) ([Methods paper.](#))

Binary downloads

Operating system ¹	Build		
	Stable (beta 4.4, 21 May)	Development (31 May)	Old ² (v1.07)
Linux 64-bit	download	download	download
Linux 32-bit	download	download	download
OS X (64-bit)	download	download	download
Windows 64-bit	download	download	download
Windows 32-bit	download	download	download

1: Solaris is no longer explicitly supported, but it should be able to run the Linux binaries.

2: These are just mirrors of the binaries posted at <http://zzz.bwh.harvard.edu/plink/download.shtml>.

Source code, compilation instructions, and the like are on the [developer page](#).

The following documented PLINK 1.07 flags are not supported by 1.90 beta 4:

- [--qual-geno-scores](#)³
- [--segment](#)⁴

What we do now

- 1) Start Plink
- 2) (Manage) genetic data formats
- 3) Manage genetic data
- 4) Create summary statistics (descriptives)

Check

Do you have on your VM a folder containing:

- 1) plink
- 2) plink_mac
- 3) HapMap1.ped
- 4) HapMap1.map
- 5) rm_ind.txt
- 6) extract_snp.txt

Can you navigate to the folder with the command line? (cd ../; ls)

1) Do the Plink

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Type:

./plink

This is plink

```
[nuff1148@login11(arcus-b) 2pratise]$ ./plink
PLINK v1.90b4.4 64-bit (21 May 2017)          www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/
(C) 2005-2017 Shaun Purcell, Christopher Chang  GNU General Public License v3

  plink [input flag(s)...] {command flag(s)...} {other flag(s)...}
  plink --help {flag name(s)...}

Commands include --make-bed, --recode, --flip-scan, --merge-list,
--write-snp-list, --list-duplicate-vars, --freqx, --missing, --test-mishap,
--hardy, --mendel, --ibc, --impute-sex, --indep-pairphase, --r2, --show-tags,
--blocks, --distance, --genome, --homozyg, --make-rel, --make-grm-gz,
--rel-cutoff, --cluster, --pca, --neighbour, --ibs-test, --regress-distance,
--model, --bd, --gxe, --logistic, --dosage, --lasso, --test-missing,
--make-perm-pheno, --tdt, --qfam, --annotate, --clump, --gene-report,
--meta-analysis, --epistasis, --fast-epistasis, and --score.

'plink --help | more' describes all functions (warning: long).
[nuff1148@login11(arcus-b) 2pratise]$
```

1) Do the Plink

Typical plink command

```
./plink \  
--file filename \  
.  
.  
--out outputname
```

*./plink calls the software;
-- is a 'flag';
followed by an option;
Linked to an argument*

<https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink2>

1.Download

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2) Genetic data

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	SNP 1	SNP 2	...	SNP 1,000,000
P1	0	1	...	2
P2	1	0	...	0
P3	1	2	...	1
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋱	⋮
P1000	2	1	...	2

1,000 × 1,000,000 matrix; each cell $\in \{0, 1, 2\}$.

Plink knows it all

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File format reference

This page describes specialized PLINK input and output file formats which are identifiable by file extension. (Most extensions not listed here have very simple one-entry-per-line text formats.)

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.*.adjusted (basic multiple-testing corrections)

Produced by `--adjust`.

A text file with a header line, and then one line per set or polymorphic variant with the following 8-11 fields:

Genetic data formats

- a) Plink .ped and .map files
- b) Plink .bed, .bim and .fam files
- c) .vcf files (1000Genome)

a) Plink .ped and .map files

Type:

```
head hapmap1.ped
```

Check your files

Type:

```
less -S hapmap1.ped
```

Type:

```
q
```


Two files: PED/MAP

- Family ID
- Individual ID
- Paternal ID
- Maternal ID
- Sex (1=male; 2=female; other=unknown)
- Phenotype
- Alleles (coded AGCT or 1, 2, 3, 4)

HCB181	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	0	0	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	
HCB182	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	
HCB183	1	0	0	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	0	0	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	
HCB184	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	0	0	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	
HCB185	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	
HCB186	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	
HCB187	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2
HCB188	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	0	0	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	
HCB189	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2
HCB190	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2

Two files: PED/MAP

- chromosome (1-22, X, Y or 0 if unplaced)
- rs# or snp identifier
- Genetic distance (morgan)
- Base-pair position (bp units)



```
1 rs6681049 0 1
1 rs4074137 0 2
1 rs7540009 0 3
1 rs1891905 0 4
1 rs9729550 0 5
1 rs3813196 0 6
1 rs6704013 0 7
1 rs307347 0 8
1 rs9439440 0 9
1 rs3128342 0 10
```

Call the genotype files

Type:

```
./plink --file hapmap1
```

How many people and how many genetic marker are in the data?

```
PLINK v1.90b4.4 64-bit (21 May 2017)          www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/
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Logging to plink.log.
Options in effect:
  --file hapmap1

128814 MB RAM detected; reserving 64407 MB for main workspace.
.ped scan complete (for binary autoconversion).
Performing single-pass .bed write (83534 variants, 89 people).
--file: plink.bed + plink.bim + plink.fam written.
```

b) Plink .bed, .bim and .fam files

Change data format to binary

Type:

```
./plink --file hapmap1 \  
--make-bed              \  
--out test
```

Check the log

Type:

ls

What do you see?

Type:

less test.log

So what does it say?

```
PLINK v1.90b4.4 64-bit (21 May 2017)
Options in effect:
  --file hapmap1
  --make-bed
  --out test

Hostname: login11
Working directory: /panfs/pan01/vol037/data/sfos-reprogene/gwas/Felix/SummerSchool/2pratise
Start time: Wed Jun 21 11:34:58 2017

Random number seed: 1498041298
128814 MB RAM detected; reserving 64407 MB for main workspace.
Scanning .ped file... done.
Performing single-pass .bed write (83534 variants, 89 people).
--file: test-temporary.bed + test-temporary.bim + test-temporary.fam written.
83534 variants loaded from .bim file.
89 people (89 males, 0 females) loaded from .fam.
89 phenotype values loaded from .fam.
Using 1 thread (no multithreaded calculations invoked).
Before main variant filters, 89 founders and 0 nonfounders present.
Calculating allele frequencies... done.
Total genotyping rate is 0.99441.
83534 variants and 89 people pass filters and QC.
Among remaining phenotypes, 44 are cases and 45 are controls.
--make-bed to test.bed + test.bim + test.fam ... done.

End time: Wed Jun 21 11:34:58 2017
```

Check the log

Type:

ls

We generated files are:

- test.bed (binary file, genotype information)
- test.fam (first six columns of mydata.ped)
- test.bim (extended MAP file)

Check the .bim file

Type:

head test.bim

- chromosome (1-22, X, Y or 0 if unplaced)
- rs# or snp identifier
- Genetic distance (morgan)
- Base-pair position (bp units)
- Allele 1
- Allele 2

```
[nuff1148@login11(arcus-b) 2pratise]$ head test.bim
1      rs6681049      0      1      1      2
1      rs4074137      0      2      1      2
1      rs7540009      0      3      0      2
1      rs1891905      0      4      1      2
1      rs9729550      0      5      1      2
1      rs3813196      0      6      1      2
1      rs6704013      0      7      0      2
1      rs307347       0      8      0      2
1      rs9439440      0      9      0      2
1      rs3128342      0     10      1      2
```

Genetic data

	SNP 1	SNP 2	...	SNP 1,000,000
P1	0	1	...	2
P2	1	0	...	0
P3	1	2	...	1
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋱	⋮
P1000	2	1	...	2

1,000 × 1,000,000 matrix; each cell $\in \{0, 1, 2\}$.

c) .vcf files (1000G)

#CHROM	POS	ID	REF	ALT	QUAL	FILTER	INFO	FORMAT	HCB181_1	HCB182_1	HCB183_1	HCB184_1	
1	1	rs6681049		2	1	.	.	PR	GT	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
1	2	rs4074137		2	1	.	.	PR	GT	0/0	0/1	0/1	0/1
1	3	rs7540009		2	.	.	.	PR	GT	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
1	4	rs1891905		2	1	.	.	PR	GT	0/1	0/1	0/1	1/1
1	5	rs9729550		2	1	.	.	PR	GT	0/0	0/1	1/1	0/0
1	6	rs3813196		2	1	.	.	PR	GT	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
1	7	rs6704013		2	.	.	.	PR	GT	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
1	8	rs307347		2	.	.	.	PR	GT	./.	./.	./.	0/0
1	9	rs9439440		2	.	.	.	PR	GT	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
1	10	rs3128342		2	1	.	.	PR	GT	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
1	11	rs12044597		2	1	.	.	PR	GT	1/1	0/0	0/1	1/1
1	12	rs10907185		2	1	.	.	PR	GT	0/0	1/1	0/1	0/0

2) Manage genetic data

3) Manage genetic data

- a) Interested in subgroup? Remove individuals
- b) Interested in specific genetic variants? Extract a SNP

a) Remove individuals

Type:

head test.fam

Type:

head rm_ind.txt

```
HCB181 1 0 0 1 1
HCB182 1 0 0 1 1
HCB183 1 0 0 1 2
HCB184 1 0 0 1 1
HCB185 1 0 0 1 1
HCB186 1 0 0 1 1
HCB187 1 0 0 1 1
HCB188 1 0 0 1 1
HCB189 1 0 0 1 1
HCB190 1 0 0 1 1
```

```
HCB181 1
HCB182 1
```


Syntax for removing individuals

Type:

```
./plink --bfile test \
--remove rm_ind.txt \
--make-bed \
--out test_rm_ind
```

Check the log

Type:

ls

Do you see the files?

Type:

less test_rm_ind.log

How many individuals have been removed?

What happened?

```
PLINK v1.90b4.4 64-bit (21 May 2017)
Options in effect:
  --bfile test
  --make-bed
  --out test_rm_ind
  --remove rm_ind.txt

Hostname: login11
Working directory: /panfs/pan01/vol037/data/sfos-reprogene/gwas/Felix/SummerSchool/2pratise
Start time: Wed Jun 21 12:04:55 2017

Random number seed: 1498043095
128814 MB RAM detected; reserving 64407 MB for main workspace.
83534 variants loaded from .bim file.
89 people (89 males, 0 females) loaded from .fam.
89 phenotype values loaded from .fam.
--remove: 87 people remaining.
Using 1 thread (no multithreaded calculations invoked).
Before main variant filters, 87 founders and 0 nonfounders present.
Calculating allele frequencies... done.
Total genotyping rate in remaining samples is 0.994533.
83534 variants and 87 people pass filters and QC.
Among remaining phenotypes, 44 are cases and 43 are controls.
--make-bed to test_rm_ind.bed + test_rm_ind.bim + test_rm_ind.fam ... done.

End time: Wed Jun 21 12:04:56 2017
```

b) Extract SNP(s)

Type:

head test.bim

Type:

head extract_snp.txt

1	rs6681049	0	1	1	2
1	rs4074137	0	2	1	2
1	rs7540009	0	3	0	2
1	rs1891905	0	4	1	2
1	rs9729550	0	5	1	2
1	rs3813196	0	6	1	2
1	rs6704013	0	7	0	2
1	rs307347	0	8	0	2
1	rs9439440	0	9	0	2
1	rs3128342	0	10	1	2

rs6681049

Call the genotype files

Type:

```
./plink --file test \
--extract extract_snp.txt \
--out test_extract_snp
```



Call the genotype files

Type:

```
./plink --bfile test \
--extract extract_snp.txt \
--out test_extract_snp
```



Call the genotype files

Type:

```
./plink --bfile test \
--extract extract_snp.txt \
--make-bed \
--out test_extract_snp
```

Check the log

Type:

ls

Do you see the files?

Type:

less test_extract_snp.log

Type:

head test_extract_snp.bim

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Logging to extracted.log.

Options in effect:

```
--bfile test
```

```
--extract extract_snp.txt
```

--make-bed

```
--out extracted
```

```
128814 MB RAM detected; reserving 64407 MB for main workspace.
```

```
83534 variants loaded from .bim file.
```

89 people (89 males, 0 females) loaded from .fam.

```
89 phenotype values loaded from .fam.
```

```
--extract: 1 variant remaining.
```

Using 1 thread (no multithreaded calculations invoked).

Before main variant filters, 89 founders and 0 nonfounders present.

Calculating allele frequencies... done.

1 variant and 89 people pass filters and QC.

Among remaining phenotypes, 44 are cases and 45 are controls.

```
--make-bed to extracted.bed + extracted.bim + extracted.fam ... done.
```

~~[c:\ff11490]c:\ff12(group b) 2-partial d~~

3) Data description

We will create files with summary statistics of missing data

Generate a subfolder: descriptives

Do you remember?

3) Data description

Type:

mkdir descriptives

Type:

ls

3) Data description

Type:

cd descriptives

Type:

ls

3) Data description

Type:

cd ..

Type:

ls

Check missing

Type:

./plink --bfile test \

--missing \

--out descriptives/miss

Check missing

Type:

Is descriptives

You find three files:

missing.imiss

missing.lmiss

missing.log

Check missing

Type:

nano descriptives/*missing.imiss*

Missing SNPs
by individual

FID	IID	MISS_PHENO	N_MISS	N_GENO	F_MISS
HCB181	1	N	671	83534	0.008033
HCB182	1	N	1156	83534	0.01384
HCB183	1	N	498	83534	0.005962
HCB184	1	N	412	83534	0.004932
HCB185	1	N	329	83534	0.003939
HCB186	1	N	1233	83534	0.01476
HCB187	1	N	258	83534	0.003089
HCB188	1	N	864	83534	0.01034
HCB189	1	N	517	83534	0.006189
HCB190	1	N	519	83534	0.006213
HCB191	1	N	303	83534	0.003627
HCB192	1	N	319	83534	0.003819
HCB193	1	N	401	83534	0.0048
HCB194	1	N	411	83534	0.00492
HCB195	1	N	667	83534	0.007985
HCB196	1	N	308	83534	0.003687
HCB197	1	N	271	83534	0.003244
HCB198	1	N	506	83534	0.006057
HCB199	1	N	300	83534	0.003591
HCB200	1	N	412	83534	0.004932
HCB201	1	N	332	83534	0.003974
HCB202	1	N	281	83534	0.003364
HCB203	1	N	700	83534	0.00838
HCB204	1	N	500	83534	0.006000

Check missing

Type:

nano descriptives/*missing.imiss*

Missing individuals
by SNP

CHR	SNP	N_MISS	N_GENO	F_MISS
1	rs6681049	0	89	0
1	rs4074137	0	89	0
1	rs7540009	0	89	0
1	rs1891905	0	89	0
1	rs9729550	0	89	0
1	rs3813196	0	89	0
1	rs6704013	2	89	0.02247
1	rs307347	12	89	0.1348
1	rs9439440	2	89	0.02247
1	rs3128342	1	89	0.01124
1	rs12044597	0	89	0
1	rs10907185	0	89	0
1	rs11260616	1	89	0.01124
1	rs745910	2	89	0.02247
1	rs2803291	12	89	0.1348
1	rs7531342	12	89	0.1348
1	rs262688	0	89	0
1	rs2460000	0	89	0
1	rs260509	0	89	0
1	rs2645091	0	89	0
1	rs2643895	0	89	0
1	rs2840529	0	89	0

Does plink make my life harder?

- 1) It uses many files
- 2) No interface
- 3) Usually separate files for data
exclusion, covariates,
phenotypes
- 4) Why should I use this?

Why plink is awesome

- 1) It is fast – especially plink 1.9
- 2) It works with huge data
- 3) It is safe: log-files, data not overwritten, explicit language
- 4) Its file format is largely supported
- 5) Several default options for (complex) genetic data description and data cleaning (e. g. hwe)
- 6) Excellent documentation

Thanks for your attention!

Questions?

