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Parallelizing the Individual Haplotyping Assembly Problem

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INTRODUCTION

It is commonly accepted that all humans share $\sim 99\%$ of the same DNA, however, small variations cause human beings to have different physical traits. Single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs), which are variations of a single DNA base from one individual to another, are believed to be able to address genetic differences. For diploid organisms, which have pairs of chromosomes, a haplotype is a sequence of SNPs in each copy of a pair of chromosomes. A genotype describes the conflated data of the haplotypes on a pair of chromosomes. Haplotypes are believed to contain more generic information than genotypes stephens:2001, however, obtaining haplotypes correctly is a difficult problem, which is broken into two subdomains: haplotype assembly and haplotype inference.

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This section will provide a brief overview of the haplotype assembly (HA) problem, and define the notation used through the rest of the paper. The input to the problem is a set of reads from a given genome sequence, where each read contains fragments from each of the two chromosomes which make up the genome sequence. These characters of a read consist of elements from a ternary string, where a ternary string has characters from the set $\{0, 1, -\}$. A value of 0 refers to the major allele at a site, a value of 1 to the minor allele, and a value of $-$ to the lack of a read at the site, and is referred to as a gap. These reads are then combined to form a matrix, M , where each row of the

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