

Diallel Research Report One

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One purpose of this manual is to document research progress and to facilitate communication. I try to make this **pvpDiallel** project completely reproducible with the help of some R packages. The dependencies in this project are managed by **Packrat**. It enables the collaborator to run it immediately after cloning this repo without installing anything. Because some of the work is time consuming, I tend to turn off these code chunks that need heavy computational power. But you could still find the source codes or their paths in this report. This document itself was generated in **Rstudio** using **rmarkdown** with the **tufte_handout** output format.

```
# set up the project and global environment
library(knitr)
opts_knit$set(root.dir = normalizePath("../"))
```

Phenotypic data

The phenotypic data *per se*, GCA and SCA was reformatted from Sofiane's files and transformed them to a data matrix. The following chunk of code could not be re-ran because data from external folders were loaded. The original phenotypic data could be found here /group/jrigrp2/DiallelSofiane/GeneticValues/ on farm.

```
### data per se, GCA and SCA
source("munge/1.raw_pheno/1.A.1_format_pheno.R")
source("munge/1.raw_pheno/1.A.2_format_gca_sca.R")
```

plot the phenotypic data per se

```
source("profiling/1.pheno/1.A.1_pheno_plot.R")
```

From Figure 1, the phenotypic values of seven traits were bell-shape distributed. After normality tests using `shapiro.test`, the p-value for the first trait **ASI** was a little bit above 0.05 and all the others are $>>0.05$. These normality test p-values are: 0.052, 0.187, 0.196, 0.87, 0.591, 0.823, 0.482. Generally, we do not have evidences to reject the normal distribution of these phenotypes. And, the trait values may not need to be transformed.

Levels of heterosis of the seven traits

As reported by Flint-Garcia *et al*¹ and observed by my previous studies, the levels of heterosis are varied. The variation of the levels

¹ Flint-Garcia SA, Buckler ES, Tiffin P, Ersoz E, Springer NM (2009) Heterosis Is Prevalent for Multiple Traits in Diverse Maize Germplasm. PLoS ONE 4(10): e7433. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0007433

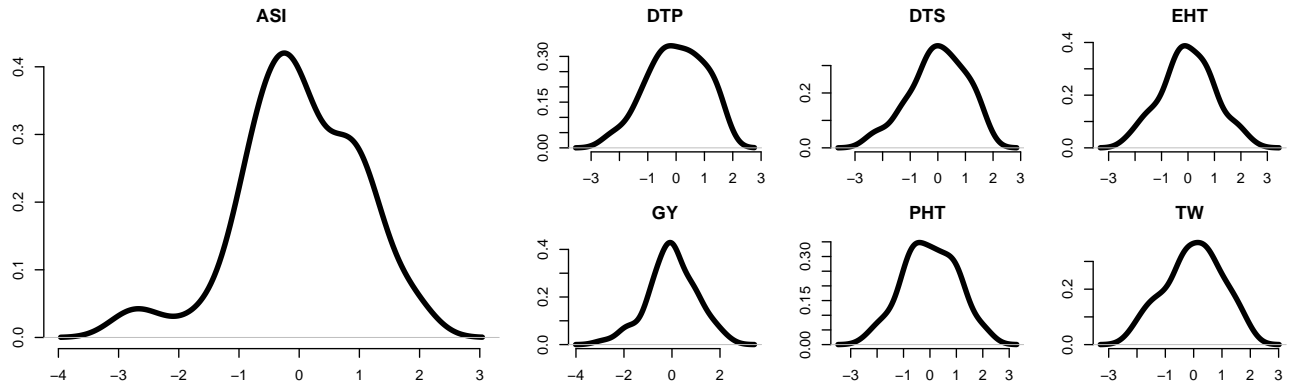


Figure 1: phenotypic data distribution

of heterosis was also observed in the current study using both pMPH and pBPH. Interestingly, **ASI** showed a negative heterosis; **DTS**, **DTP** and **TW** exhibited almost no heterosis; **PHT** and **EHT** exhibited moderate levels of heterosis; and **GY** exhibited very strong heterosis.

```
source("profiling/1.pheno/1.A.2_pheno_loh_plot.R")
```

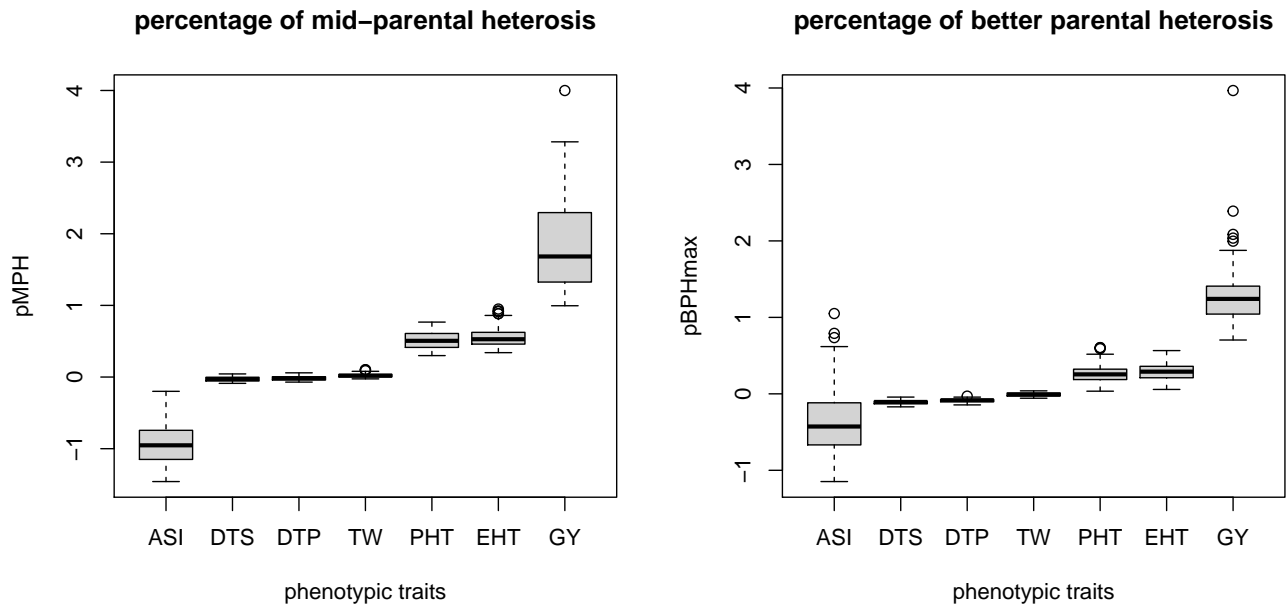


Figure 2: Variation of the levels of heterosis

Correlation of the seven phenotypic traits

```
source("profiling/1.pheno/1.A.3_pheno_cor_plot.R")
### get the pheno per se
mypl <- get_pheno(trait = trait, pheno = "valHyb")
```

```
pairs(mypl[, 2:8], text.panel = diag, upper.panel = panel.smooth,
      lower.panel = panel.cor, gap = 0, main = "",
      pch = 19, col = "grey", lwd = 2)
```

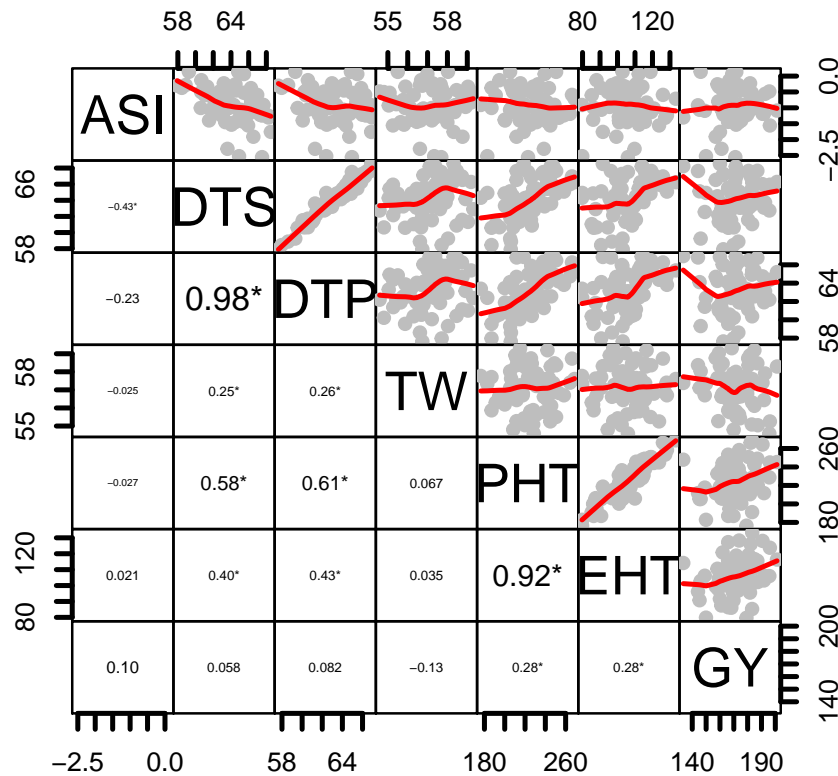


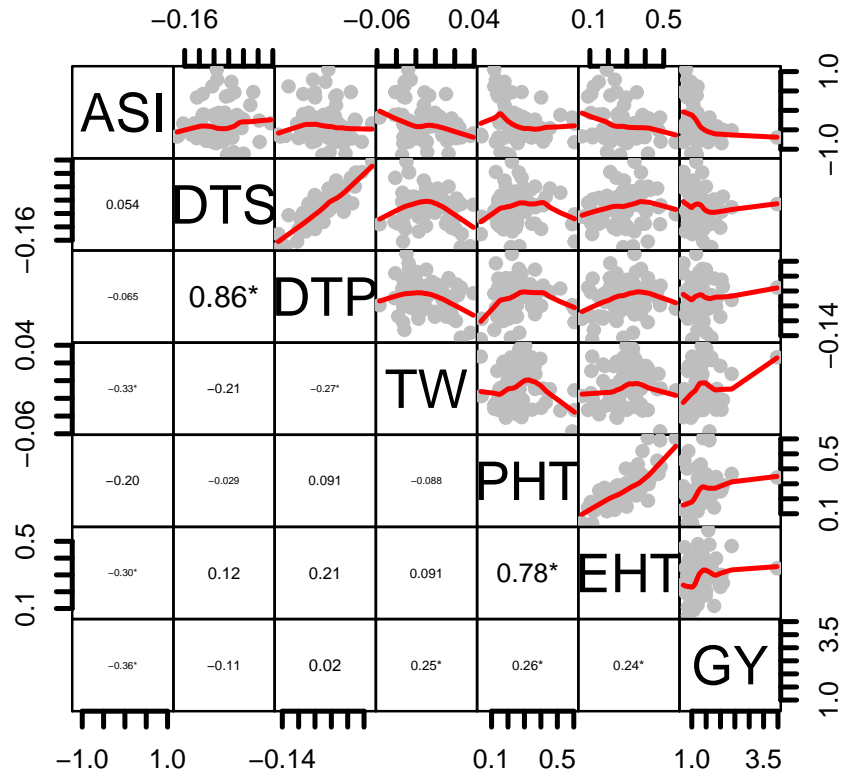
Figure 3: Correlation plot of the seven traits

In the Figure 3, correlations of trait *per se* were plotted with the above codes. For the Figure 4 and Figure 5, similar codes were used but not shown in this report.

As shown in Figure 3, **DTS** vs. **DTP** and **PHT** vs. **EHT** were highly positively correlated. These positive correlations were also hold for pBPH and pMPH. While, the trait values *per se* of **ASI** negatively correlated with **DTS**. However, the negative correlation become not statistically significant for pBPH and pMPH of the pairs of the traits. With the correlation of these traits, we expect to find some shared trait-associated variants after GWAS.

general combining ability of the traits

```
library(xtable)
source("profiling/1.pheno/1.B.1_GCA_table.R")
options(xtable.comment = FALSE)
```



```
options(xtable.booktabs = TRUE)
xtable(GCA, caption = "General combining abilities of the seven traits")
```

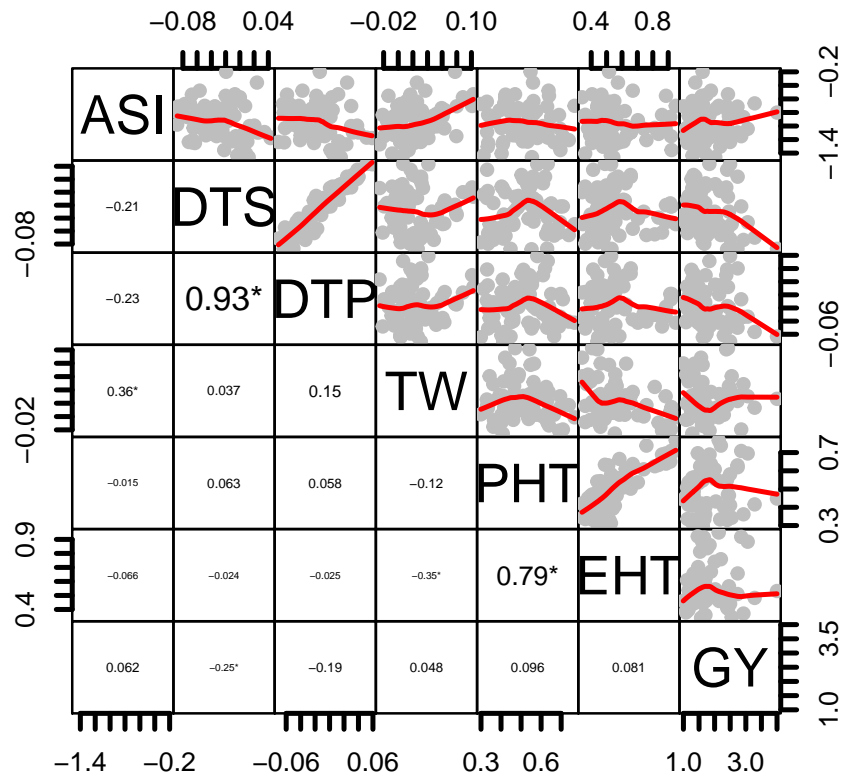


Figure 5: Correlation plot of pMPH

	ASI	DTP	DTS	EHT	GY	PHT	TW
B73	-0.19	0.31	0.51	9.43	7.42	10.90	-0.01
LH1	-0.54	1.50	2.02	-13.30	-11.39	-15.63	0.61
LH123HT	0.26	1.56	1.31	9.98	0.27	19.32	0.09
LH82	0.18	-1.79	-1.97	-12.80	6.38	-27.23	-0.06
MO17	-0.37	0.77	1.15	7.33	5.02	4.60	-0.64
PH207	-0.39	-2.01	-1.63	-6.71	-7.59	-10.76	-0.74
PHG35	0.45	-0.41	-0.87	-1.17	-7.76	-2.80	-0.59
PHG39	0.13	1.46	1.34	5.81	9.04	12.98	1.35
PHG47	0.34	-0.89	-1.22	-6.02	9.55	-5.37	-1.28
PHG84	-0.09	2.62	2.71	0.82	-1.00	8.86	0.63
PHJ40	0.42	-3.42	-3.85	-4.51	-7.08	-15.71	0.80

Table 1: General combining abilities of the seven traits