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This is for my mother who paved the way.

## Chapter 1: Introduction

The objectives of my work were two-fold and included

1. development of computational tools to characterize populations and
2. application of these tools to populations of the plant pathogen genus *Phytophthora*.

### 1.1 The Genus *Phytophthora*

#### 1.1.1 *P. ramorum*

- Sudden Oak Death

#### 1.1.2 *P. syringae*

- Abundant in OR Nurseries

### 1.2 Population genetics of clonal organisms

Clonal populations are a special case . . .

### 1.3 Tools for analysis of clonal population genetics

#### 1.3.1 The past

Plethora of tools, most designed for sexual populations except:

- GenClone
- GenoDive

Problems with file formatting, time, and reproducibility.

#### 1.3.2 The present

poppr

#### 1.3.3 The future

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## Chapter 2: *Poppr*: an R Package For Genetic Analysis of Populations With Clonal, Partially Clonal, and/or Sexual Reproduction

### 2.1 Abstract

Many microbial, fungal, or oomycete populations violate assumptions for population genetic analysis because these populations are clonal, admixed, partially clonal, and/or sexual. Furthermore, few tools exist that are specifically designed for analyzing data from clonal populations, making analysis difficult and haphazard. We developed the R package *poppr* providing unique tools for analysis of data from admixed, clonal, mixed, and/or sexual populations. Currently, *poppr* can be used for dominant/codominant and haploid/diploid genetic data. Data can be imported from several formats including GenAlEx formatted text files and can be analyzed on a user-defined hierarchy that includes unlimited levels of sub-population structure and clone censoring. New functions include calculation of Bruvo's distance for microsatellites, batch-analysis of the index of association with several indices of genotypic diversity, and graphing including dendrograms with bootstrap support and minimum spanning networks. While functions for genotypic diversity and clone censoring are specific for clonal populations, several functions found in *poppr* are also valuable to analysis of any populations. A manual with documentation and examples is provided. *Poppr* is open source and major

releases are available on CRAN: <http://cran.r-project.org/package=poppr>.

More supporting documentation and tutorials can be found under ‘resources’ at:

<http://grunwaldlab.cgrb.oregonstate.edu/>.

## Chapter 3: Spatial and Temporal Analysis of Populations of the Sudden Oak Death Pathogen in Oregon Forests

### 3.1 Abstract

Sudden oak death caused by the oomycete *Phytophthora ramorum* was first discovered in California toward the end of the 20th century and subsequently emerged on tanoak forests in Oregon before its first detection in 2001 by aerial surveys. The Oregon Department of Forestry has since monitored the epidemic and sampled symptomatic tanoak trees from 2001 to the present. Populations sampled over this period were genotyped using microsatellites and studied to infer the population genetic history. To date, only the NA1 clonal lineage is established in this region, although three lineages exist on the North American west coast. The original introduction into the Joe Hall area eventually spread to several regions: mostly north but also east and southwest. A new introduction into Hunter Creek appears to correspond to a second introduction not clustering with the early introduction. Our data are best explained by both introductions originating from nursery populations in California or Oregon and resulting from two distinct introduction events. Continued vigilance and eradication of nursery populations of *P. ramorum* are important to avoid further emergence and potential introduction of other clonal lineages.

## Chapter 4: Novel R Tools For Analysis of Genome-Wide Population Genetic Data With Emphasis on Clonality

### 4.1 Abstract

To gain a detailed understanding of how plant microbes evolve and adapt to hosts, pesticides, and other factors, knowledge of the population dynamics and evolutionary history of populations is crucial. Plant pathogen populations are often clonal or partially clonal which requires different analytical tools. With the advent of high throughput sequencing technologies, obtaining genome-wide population genetic data has become easier than ever before. We previously contributed the R package *poppr* specifically addressing issues with analysis of clonal populations. In this paper we provide several significant extensions to *poppr* with a focus on large, genome-wide SNP data. Specifically, we provide several new functionalities including the new function `mlg.filter` to define clone boundaries allowing for inspection and definition of what is a clonal lineage, minimum spanning networks with reticulation, a sliding-window analysis of the index of association, modular bootstrapping of any genetic distance, and analyses across any level of hierarchies.



Chapter 5: [Tentative Title] Population Dynamics of the Plant  
Pathogen *Phytophthora syringae* in Oregon Nurseries

5.1 Abstract

TBD...

Chapter 6: [Tentative Title] The Effect of Population Dynamics,  
Sample Size, and Marker Choice on the Index of Association

6.1 Abstract

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