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This is for my mother who paved the way.

Chapter 1: Introduction

1.1 Population genetics of clonal organisms

Clonal populations are a special case . . .

1.2 The Genus *Phytophthora*

The genus *Phytophthora*, translating to “plant destroyer” in Greek, contains over 100 species (Kroon *et al.* 2012), many of which have significant impact on US agriculture. *P. sojae* is a major problem on soybean, causing \$1-2 billion in losses each year (Tyler 2007). *P. ramorum* is changing the landscape of the North American West due to its wide host range (Grünwald *et al.* 2008), which results in devastating losses for the US forestry and nursery industries. And *P. infestans*, which was a root cause of over a million deaths during the Irish Potato Famine and continues to be a problem on tomato and potato crops, resulting in losses exceeding \$6 billion, annually (Haas *et al.* 2009). *Phytophthora spp.* are water molds characterized by production of oospores and biflagellate zoospores that place them into the Stramenopiles (Baldauf 2003). They are most closely related to golden brown algae and quite diverged from fungi.

One of the distinguishing molecular characteristics of *Phytophthora spp.* are the presence of effector proteins with an RxLR motif. These proteins are necessary to confer virulence against the host and they are under extreme diversifying selection

within species (Haas *et al.* 2009; Yoshida *et al.* 2013).

1.2.1 life cycle

1.2.2 Sex and mating types

1.2.3 Heterothallic, clonal: *P. ramorum*

- Sudden Oak Death
- Population genetics in US nurseries (Goss *et al.* 2009)

1.2.4 Homothallic, partially clonal: *P. syringae*

- Abundant in OR Nurseries (found in foliar isolates) (Parke *et al.* 2014)
- Genetic structure uncharacterized

1.3 Tools for analysis of clonal population genetics

Recommendations have been made for analysis (Arnaud-Hanod *et al.* 2007)

- MLG diversity
- Genotype Accumulation Curve
- P_{sex} and P_{gen}

1.3.1 Index of Association

- Standardized Version (Agapow & Burt 2001)
- Previous Simulation Analyses (de Meeûs & Balloux 2004)
- What's missing
 - Sympatric clonal lineages
 - Analysis of significance testing
 - HTS markers

1.3.2 Software Limitations

Plethora of tools, most designed for sexual populations except:

- GenClone
- GenoDive

Problems with file formatting, time, and reproducibility.

1.3.3 poppr

- R
- poppr

1.4 Applications of novel tools for analysis of partially-clonal populations

- Simulation analysis of \bar{r}_d

- SSR analysis of *P. ramorum*
- GBS analysis of *P. syringae*

1.5 Conclusion

- Open Source Scientific Software Development of Poppr
 - Related tools
- Simulation Analysis
- Pop gen info for two *Phytophthoras*
- Major results of your work in 2-4 sentences . . .

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 subpopulation 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

5.2 Introduction

Phytophthora syringae is the most important species affecting ornamentals produced in the Pacific Northwest. Recent nursery sampling efforts, aimed at characterizing the diversity of *Phytophthoras* within Oregon nurseries, have revealed the species *P. syringae* to be among the most abundant taxa found in the nurseries surveyed (Parke *et al.* 2014). *P. syringae* is adapted to cold weather and grows best in the cool, wet fall, winter and spring and is least active in summer (Erwin *et al.* 1996). Like *P. ramorum*, it has a wide host range including *Rhododendron*, *Camellia*, *Malus*, and many other taxa. It has the capability for outcrossing, self-fertilizing, and reproducing clonally. This pathogen has been found globally since 1881 and is problematic on woody ornamentals such as crabapple (*Malus spp.*), as it causes unsightly cankers that make the plant unsellable (Erwin *et al.* 1996). While the ecology of this pathogen has been studied to some degree, very little is known about the demographic history and population structure on a local and global scale.

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

6.1 Abstract

TBD...

6.2 Introduction

- Population Genetics of partially clonal organisms
 - This has been studied in the past (Orive 1993; Smith *et al.* 1993; Balloux *et al.* 2003; de Meeûs & Balloux 2004)
 - The index of association (Brown *et al.* 1980; Smith *et al.* 1993; Agapow & Burt 2001)
 - In de Meeûs & Balloux (2004), it was shown that \bar{r}_d has a high variance in clonal populations and Smith *et al.* (1993) showed that it's affected by population structure.
- Methods for assessing level of clonal reproduction (CloNcaSe) (Ali *et al.* 2016)
 - This only works for populations with discrete generations with an observable sexual stage.

- Limitations of previous studies
 - No HTS markers
 - Significance tests are routinely performed via permutation analysis, but could not be performed due to software limitations (Burt *et al.* 1996; de Meeûs & Balloux 2004)
- Objectives
 1. Analyze mixtures of clonal populations to assess effect of sampling multiple clonal populations
 2. Re-analyze rates of sexual reproduction to confirm previous study
 3. Assess significance tests for \bar{r}_d

6.3 Methods

All simulations were performed with the python package simuPOP version 1.1.7 in python version 3.4. For each scenario, 100 simulations with 10 replicates were created with a census size of 10,000 individuals evolved over 10,000 generations. From each replicate, 10, 25, 50, and 100 individuals were sampled without replacement for downstream analysis.

6.3.1 Microsatellite Simulation

Each population was simulated with 20 co-dominant loci containing 6 to 10 alleles with frequencies drawn from a uniform distribution and normalized. Before mating,

mutations occurred at each locus at a rate of $1e-5$ mutations/generation.

6.3.2 Microsatellite Analysis

The standardized index of association (\bar{r}_d) was calculated in R version 3.2 with the package *poppr* version 2.2.1 using the function `ia()` within custom scripts (supplementary information). Tests for significance were performed by randomly permuting the alleles at each locus independently and then assessing \bar{r}_d . This was done 999 times for each replicate population. The p-values reflect the proportion of observations greater than the observed statistic.

6.3.3 GBS Simulations

Simulations of 10,000 binary loci at intervals of 1 Mbp over 100 chromosomal fragments were simulated with a mutation rate of $1e-5$ mutations per generation and a recombination rate of $1e-5$ for sexually recombining populations.

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