

# The PLINK example GWAS analysed by PLINK and Sib-pair

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# Introduction

- Overview of development of Sib-pair
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## Overview of Sib-pair

An extensible platform for genetic data manipulation and analysis

A platform for methodological experimentation

First code written in 1995. Now all standard Fortran 95, compiles using multiple compilers.

Creeping featurism has continued to today (55000 lines of code + 7000 lines of comments; 9000 LOC in last 12 months)

## The Language

- Simple interpreted language, over 200 commands
- Commands for linkage, association, variance components ...
- Offers the usual record-wise operations on data – algebra, logical conditions
- Family-centric data operations – subsetting, pruning etc
- Some elementary databasing type operations – merging, editing
- Flexible data export and scripting to use other programs

## Using Sib-pair to analyse a GWAS

I have spent a bit of time over the last 1-2 years doing some optimization of the code so that it is not too onerous to use Sib-pair in the analysis of large datasets.

SNP genotype data can be stored internally as 4 bits per genotype, so that large datasets fit into memory. Even the default format for storing genotype is now 4 times smaller than it was.

A binary image of a dataset can be saved and reread from disk. This is much quicker than reading in the original locus and pedigree files. The image is compressed (*gzip*).

The **summary** command allows one to rank and subset out only the results of interest from a large set of tests. This can also generate a Postscript plot, or a *.WIG* file for the UCSC browser. The **keep** and **drop** commands allow one to select loci based on Hardy-Weinberg disequilibrium or allele frequencies.

## Sib-pair compared to PLINK: Making a binary file

Creating a binary file for subsequent analysis:

PLINK (35 seconds):

```
plink -noweb -file wgas1 -make-bed -out wgas2
```

Sib-pair (2 minutes 28 seconds):

```
read loc plink wgas1.map  
read ped wgas1.ped  
set che off  
set imp -1  
set ple -1  
run  
write bin wgas1.bin compress
```

The space taken by the resulting files:

```
-rw-r-r- 1 davidD davidD 2.2k Oct 24 13:46 wgas2.fam  
-rw-r-r- 1 davidD davidD 7.8M Oct 24 13:46 wgas2.bin  
-rw-r-r- 1 davidD davidD 5.3M Oct 24 13:46 wgas2.bed  
-rw-r-r- 1 davidD davidD 9.5M Oct 24 13:50 wgas1.bin.gz
```

## Sib-pair compared to PLINK: Allele frequencies

Estimating allele frequencies:

PLINK (9 seconds):

```
plink -noweb -bfile wgas2 -freq -out freq1
```



CHR	SNP	A1	A2	MAF	NCHROBS
1	rs3094315	G	A	0.1236	178
1	rs6672353	A	G	0.005618	178
1	rs4040617	G	A	0.1167	180
1	rs2905036	0	T	0	180
1	rs4245756	0	C	0	180
1	rs4075116	C	T	0.05556	180
1	rs9442385	T	G	0.3933	178
1	rs6603781	0	G	0	178
...					

## Sib-pair compared to PLINK: Allele frequencies

Estimating allele frequencies:

Sib-pair (14 seconds):

```
read bin wgas1.bin; fre snp
```

OR (15 seconds):

```
read plink wgas2; fre snp
```

Marker	NAll	Allele(s)	Freq	Het	Ntyped
rs3094315	2	G (A)	0.1236	0.2179	89 792429 (chr 1)
rs6672353	2	A (G)	0.0056	0.0112	89 817376 (chr 1)
rs4040617	2	G (A)	0.1167	0.2073	90 819185 (chr 1)
rs2905036	1	T	1.0000	-	90 832343 (chr 1)
rs4245756	1	C	1.0000	-	90 839326 (chr 1)
rs4075116	2	C (T)	0.0556	0.1055	90 1043552 (chr 1)
rs9442385	2	T (G)	0.3933	0.4799	89 1137258 (chr 1)
rs6603781	1	G	1.0000	-	89 1198554 (chr 1)
...					

## Sib-pair compared to PLINK: HWE

Testing Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium

PLINK (22 seconds):

```
plink -noweb -bfile wgas2 -hardy -out hwe1
```

CHR	SNP	TEST	A1	A2	GENO	O(HET)	E(HET)	P
1	rs3094315	G	G	ALL	0/22/67	0.2472	0.2166	0.3476
1	rs3094315	G	G	AFF	0/15/33	0.3125	0.2637	0.5771
1	rs3094315	G	G	UNAFF	0/7/34	0.1707	0.1562	1
1	rs6672353	A	A	ALL	0/1/88	0.01124	0.01117	1
1	rs6672353	A	A	AFF	0/1/48	0.02041	0.0202	1
1	rs6672353	A	A	UNAFF	0/0/40	0	0	1
1	rs4040617	G	G	ALL	0/21/69	0.2333	0.2061	0.5994
1	rs4040617	G	G	AFF	0/14/35	0.2857	0.2449	0.5714
1	rs4040617	G	G	UNAFF	0/7/34	0.1707	0.1562	1
1	rs2905036	0	0	ALL	0/0/90	0	0	1

...

## Sib-pair compared to PLINK: HWE

Testing Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium. Note that Sib-pair calculates two tests of HWE for each SNP (Chi-square and exact test), but only prints the exact P-value here. The usual Sib-pair HWE Chi-square test uses founders and nonfounders, and gene-drops a correct P-value.

Sib-pair (56 seconds):

```
read bin wgas1.bin
set iter 0
hwe
select trait
hwe
unselect
select not trait
hwe
```



## Sib-pair compared to PLINK: filtering

Filtering individuals and markers:

PLINK (16 seconds):

```
plink -bfile wgas2 -maf 0.01 -geno 0.05 -mind 0.05 -hwe 1e-3 -make-bed  
-out wgas3
```



```
Before frequency and genotyping pruning, there are 228694 SNPs
90 founders and 0 non-founders found
Writing list of removed individuals to [ wgas3.irem ]
1 of 90 individuals removed for low genotyping ( MIND > 0.05 )
74 markers to be excluded based on HWE test ( p <= 0.001 )
    65 markers failed HWE test in cases
    74 markers failed HWE test in controls
Total genotyping rate in remaining individuals is 0.995473
2728 SNPs failed missingness test ( GENO > 0.05 )
46834 SNPs failed frequency test ( MAF < 0.01 )
After frequency and genotyping pruning, there are 179493 SNPs
After filtering, 48 cases, 41 controls and 0 missing
After filtering, 44 males, 45 females, and 0 of unspecified sex
```

## Sib-pair compared to PLINK: filtering

Filtering individuals and markers. In Sib-pair, **select** and **unselect** are for individuals, and **keep** and **drop** are for loci. The PLINK filters are applied independently of each other, while the Sib-pair filtering acts sequentially.

Sib-pair (35 seconds):

```
read bin wgas1.bin
select where numtyp <= 217259
show ped
unselect
select where numtyp > 217259
select not trait
set iter 0
drop where hwe 0.001
unselect
drop where max 0.99
keep where num 85
write bin wgas3.bin compress
```

Permanently deleted 48459 loci.

Reread 89 pedigrees, 89 individuals (5.06 s).

Dataset occupies 64.170 Mb.

## Sib-pair compared to PLINK: association

Simple association analysis

PLINK (13 seconds):

```
plink -noweb -bfile wgas3 -assoc -adjust -out assoc1
...
Writing main association results to [ assoc1.assoc ]
Computing corrected significance values (FDR, Sidak, etc)
Genomic inflation factor (based on median chi-squared) is 1.25937
Mean chi-squared statistic is 1.22972
Correcting for 179493 tests
Writing multiple-test corrected significance values to [
assoc1.assoc.adjusted
]
```

OR (55 seconds)

```
plink -noweb -bfile wgas3 -logistic logistic1
```

CHR	SNP	BP	A1	F_A	F_U	A2	CHISQ	P	OR
1	rs3094315	792429	G	0.1489	0.08537	A	1.684	0.1944	1.875
1	rs4040617	819185	G	0.1354	0.08537	A	1.111	0.2919	1.678
1	rs4075116	1043552	C	0.04167	0.07317	T	0.8278	0.3629	0.5507
1	rs9442385	1137258	T	0.3723	0.4268	G	0.5428	0.4613	0.7966
1	rs11260562	1205233	A	0.02174	0.03659	G	0.3424	0.5585	0.5852
1	rs6685064	1251215	C	0.3854	0.439	T	0.5253	0.4686	0.8013
...									

CHR	SNP	BP	A1	TEST	NMISS	ODDS	STAT	P
1	rs3094315	792429	G	ADD	88	2.061	1.381	0.1672
1	rs4040617	819185	G	ADD	89	1.804	1.12	0.2629
1	rs4075116	1043552	C	ADD	89	0.5303	-0.9272	0.3538
1	rs9442385	1137258	T	ADD	88	0.8197	-0.687	0.4921
1	rs11260562	1205233	A	ADD	87	0.5758	-0.5877	0.5567
1	rs6685064	1251215	C	ADD	89	0.8409	-0.6398	0.5223
...								

## Sib-pair compared to PLINK: association

Simple association analysis

Sib-pair (35 seconds):

```
read bin wgas3.bin  
set iter 0  
ass trait  
summary 20
```

OR (2 minutes 35 seconds):

```
read bin wgas3.bin  
set iter 0  
ass trait snp  
summary 20
```





Total number of tests = 180235

Locus	Position	P-value	-log10(P)	
-----	-----	-----	-----	
rs2513514	75.92	0.0000	6.329	75922141 (chr 11)
rs6110115	13.91	0.0000	6.149	13911728 (chr 20)
rs2508756	75.92	0.0000	5.677	75921549 (chr 11)
rs16976702	54.12	0.0000	5.661	54120691 (chr 15)
rs11204005	12.90	0.0000	5.103	12895576 (chr 8)
rs16910850	94.48	0.0000	4.915	94478347 (chr 9)
rs1195747	129.97	0.0000	4.846	129970575 (chr 12)
rs7207095	77.93	0.0000	4.774	77933018 (chr 17)
rs16971118	77.67	0.0000	4.720	77672467 (chr 15)
rs6074704	14.12	0.0000	4.696	14115283 (chr 20)
rs1570484	14.14	0.0000	4.696	14139687 (chr 20)
rs9944528	77.89	0.0000	4.664	77894039 (chr 17)
rs636006	32.43	0.0000	4.642	32426349 (chr 3)
...				

Marker	OR	95% CI	P-value
rs3094315	2.061	0.739 - 5.749	0.8361E-01
rs4040617	1.804	0.642 - 5.068	0.1314
rs4075116	1.886	0.493 - 7.207	0.1769
rs9442385	1.220	0.692 - 2.151	0.2460
rs11260562	1.737	0.276 - 10.948	0.2784
rs6685064	1.189	0.699 - 2.022	0.2612
...			

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rs2513514	75.92	0.0000	5.187	75922141 (chr 11)
rs6110115	13.91	0.0000	4.841	13911728 (chr 20)
rs2508756	75.92	0.0000	4.753	75921549 (chr 11)
rs16976702	54.12	0.0000	4.711	54120691 (chr 15)
rs11204005	12.90	0.0000	4.474	12895576 (chr 8)
rs9302779	3.87	0.0000	4.387	3873346 (chr 16)
rs17534370	70.30	0.0000	4.341	70297172 (chr 9)
rs11781505	142.00	0.0001	4.266	142002911 (chr 8)
rs11785430	142.08	0.0001	4.266	142078709 (chr 8)
rs1195747	129.97	0.0001	4.146	129970575 (chr 12)
rs16910850	94.48	0.0001	4.126	94478347 (chr 9)
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rs6074704	14.12	0.0001	4.124	14115283 (chr 20)
...				

## Sib-pair compared to PLINK: association

Stratified association analysis

PLINK (14 seconds):

```
plink -noweb -bfile wgas3 -mh -within pop.cov -adjust -out cmh1  
  
...  
Cochran-Mantel-Haenszel 2x2xK test, K = 2  
Writing results to [ cmh1.cmh ]  
Computing corrected significance values (FDR, Sidak, etc)  
Genomic inflation factor (based on median chi-squared) is 1.0147  
Mean chi-squared statistic is 0.998899  
Correcting for 179493 tests  
Writing multiple-test corrected significance values to [ cmh1.cmh.adjusted  
]
```

CHR	SNP	A1	A2	BP	CHISQ	P	OR	L95	U95
1	rs3094315	G	A	792429	1.047	0.3062	1.887	0.5668	6.285
1	rs4040617	G	A	819185	0.8534	0.3556	1.777	0.5288	5.974
1	rs4075116	C	T	1043552	1.339	0.2472	0.2929	0.04513	1.901
1	rs9442385	T	G	1137258	0.4069	0.5236	0.7773	0.363	1.665
1	rs11260562	A	G	1205233	0.04184	0.8379	1.27	0.1455	11.08
1	rs6685064	C	T	1251215	1.994	0.1579	1.804	0.7988	4.074
...									

## Sib-pair compared to PLINK: association

Stratified association analysis

Sib-pair (2 minutes 35 seconds):

```
read bin wgas3.bin
set locus group qua
update popcov.dat
set iter 0
ass trait cov group snp
summary 20
```

OR

```
read bin wgas3.bin
set locus japan aff
japan=n
select ped JA*
japan=y
unselect
set iter 0
ass trait cov japan snp
summary 20
```

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...				



## Sib-pair compared to PLINK: filtering

Extracting a single SNP

PLINK (3 seconds):

```
plink -noweb -bfile wgas3 -recode -snp rs11204005 -out tophit
```

Sib-pair (5 seconds):

```
read bin wgas3.bin  
keep trait rs11204005  
write sib rs11204005.ped  
write locus sib rs11204005.in rs11204005.ped
```

## Sib-pair compared to PLINK: logistic regression

Logistic regression

PLINK (0.007 seconds):

```
plink -noweb -file tophit -logistic -covar pop.cov
```

CHR	SNP	BP	A1	TEST	NMISS	ODDS	STAT	P
8	rs11204005	12895576	A	ADD	89	0.06667	-4.33	1.489e-05
8	rs11204005	12895576	A	COV1	89	79.15	4.68	2.871e-06

## Sib-pair compared to PLINK: logistic regression

Logistic regression

Sib-pair (0.17 seconds):

```
set locus trait          affection      .
set locus rs11204005    marker        12.895600 12895576 (chr 8)
read pedigree rs11204005.ped
run
set loc japan aff
japan = n
sel ped J*
japan=y
uns
reg trait = rs11204005 japan
ass trait snp cov japan
```

-----  
 Binomial regression analysis of trait "trait"  
 -----

Variable	Beta	Stand Error	t-Value
Intercept	-4.5510	0.9950	4.5737 ***
rs11204005	2.7080	0.6254	4.3303 ***
japan	4.3713	0.9341	4.6799 ***

No. usable observations = 89 (100.0%)

Number of affecteds = 48

Null deviance = 122.8291

Number of iterations = 7

Model LR Chi-square = 64.5816 (df= 2)

Akaike Inf. Criterion = 64.2474

-----  
 Allelic association testing for trait "trait"  
 -----

NOTE: Covariates are: "japan".

Marker	OR	95% CI	P-value
rs11204005	15.000	7.264 - 30.976	0.4975E-02 12895576 (chr 8)

## Sib-pair compared to PLINK: logistic regression

Interaction within logistic regression

PLINK

```
plink -file tophit -logistic -covar pop.cov -interaction
```

...

CHR	SNP	BP	A1	TEST	NMISS	ODDS	STAT	P
8	rs11204005	12895576	A	ADD	89	0.2918	-0.645	0.5189
8	rs11204005	12895576	A	COV1	89	319.1	2.655	0.007937
8	rs11204005	12895576	A	ADDxCOV1	89	0.3366	-0.7811	0.4348

## Sib-pair compared to PLINK: logistic regression

Interaction within logistic regression

Sib-pair. This is not a canned procedure in Sib-pair, but is easily automated.

```
# Genotypic analysis interaction
macro interaction
  llm %1 %2 %3 %1*%2 %1*%3 %2*%3
  iii
```

interaction trait rs11204005 japan

...

Model: Intercept trait(2) rs11204005(3) japan(2) trait(2)\*rs11204005(3)  
trait(2)\*japan(2) japan(2)\*rs11204005(3)

Term	Beta	Stand Error	Exp(Beta)	t-Value	
Intercept	2.3920	0.3016	10.935	7.931	***
trait(2)	-5.1292	1.2687	0.006	4.043	***
rs11204005(2)	0.5595	0.3774	1.750	1.483	+
rs11204005(3)	-1.0235	0.5841	0.359	1.752	+
japan(2)	-0.5895	0.5025	0.555	1.173	.
trait(2)*rs11204005(2)	3.5295	1.1854	34.108	2.978	*
trait(2)*rs11204005(3)	5.7167	1.3889	303.896	4.116	***
trait(2)*japan(2)	4.6967	1.1258	109.584	4.172	***
japan(2)*rs11204005(2)	-2.5075	1.1266	0.081	2.226	+
japan(2)*rs11204005(3)	-3.4291	1.2858	0.032	2.667	*

No. of complete observations = 89 ( -0.0%)

Model LRTS = 0.30

Degrees of freedom = 2

Nominal P-value = 0.8598

```

# Allelic additive analysis interaction macro
macro interaction
  macro p <- ple
  set ple -2 silent
  macro a <- alleles %2
  out %% silent
  doanalysis %1 %2 %a %3
  out
  echo
  echo Interaction analysis trait=%1 marker=%2 covariate=%3
  file print /LRT/ %%
  file delete %%
  set ple %p silent
  ;;;;
macro doanalysis
  set loc dose qua
  dose=x
  if (%2 == "%3/%3") then dose=0
  if (%2 == "%3/%4") then dose=1
  if (%2 == "%4/%4") then dose=2
  set loc inter qua
  inter=x
  inter = dose*%5
  reg %1 = dose %5 inter
  reg %1 = dose %5
  lrt
  ;;;;

```

```
interaction trait rs11204005 japan
```

```
Interaction analysis trait=trait marker=rs11204005 covariate=japan
```

```
LRTS          0.6601      1  0.4165
```





## Sib-pair compared to PLINK: logistic regression

More subsetting examples

PLINK:

```
plink -file tophit -filter-males -logistic  
plink -file tophit -filter-females -logistic  
plink -file tophit -logistic -sex -interaction
```

Sib-pair:

```
read bin gwas3.bin  
select male  
ass trait snp  
unselect  
select female  
ass trait snp  
unselect  
set loc fem aff  
fem=female  
interaction trait rs11204005 fem
```

## Sib-pair compared to PLINK: filtering on interSNP LD

Subsetting to obtain SNPs in LD, and plotting clusters

PLINK: (1 minute 17 seconds)

```
plink -bfile wgas3 -indep-pairwise 50 10 0.2 -out pruned1
```

Sib-pair (3 minutes for one chromosome)

```
read bin wgas3.bin  
drop where r2 0.2
```

## Sib-pair compared to PLINK

Individual MDS plot

PLINK

```
plink -bfile wgas3 -extract prune1.prune.in -genome -out ibs1  
plink -bfile wgas3 -read-genome ibs1.genome -cluster -ppc 1e-3 -cc -mds-plot  
2 -out strat1
```

## Sib-pair compared to PLINK: merging in additional data

Merge in additional “fine mapping” genotyping

PLINK

```
plink -bfile wgas3 -snp rs11204005 -window 100 -merge extra.ped extra.map \  
      -make-bed -out followup  
plink -bfile followup -mh -within pop.cov -out followup-cmh
```

Sib-pair

```
read bin wgas3.bin  
which rs11204005  
keep trait 108321 -- 108421  
include extras.in  
update extras.dat  
set loc japan aff  
japan=n  
sel ped J*  
japan=y  
unselect  
# reorder data by map position  
order trait japan $mm  
pack  
ass trait cov japan  
write bin followup.bin compress
```

## Sib-pair v. PLINK and haplo.stats: Haplotype association

SNP haplotype association analysis

PLINK (0.1 seconds)

```
plink -bfile followup2 -chap -hap-snp rs2460915-rs2460338  
-each-versus-others
```

HAPLO	FREQ	OR(A)	SPEC(A)	OR(N)
TGTAG	0.1712	(-ref-)	1.247e-07	(-ref-)
AGTAG	0.0111	1.117e-09	0.07573	
TATAG	0.06471	32.39	0.004304	
AGGAG	0.1441	2.201	0.004375	
AAGAG	0.04592	21.65	0.04734	
AAGGG	0.03485	823.6	0.00586	
AGGAC	0.02286	1.726	0.2204	
AGGGC	0.04373	0.7162	0.01523	
AAGGC	0.4382	23.52	1.83e-07	

Model comparison test statistics:

	Alternate	Null
-2LL :	63.33	122.8

Likelihood ratio test: chi-square = 59.5  
df = 8  
p = 5.835e-10

[ haplo.glm() LRTS=60.24186 ]

Sib-pair (85 seconds)

```
dis rs2460915 rs7835221 rs2460911 rs11204005 rs2460338 trait
```

Poor old Sib-pair! In its defence, I should add it fits a “full” model testing for extragametic association, as well as the association model testing for differences in haplotype frequency. The former model does not scale up well.



Haplotype	n	y	[haplo.group() results]
-----	-----	-----	
A A G A C	0.0000	0.0112	[ - 0.01133 ]
A G G A C	0.0366	0.0109	[ 0.01322 0.06798 ]
A G T A C	0.0122	0.0000	[ 0.01220 - ]
A A G G C	0.2537	0.5993	[ 0.25375 0.59611 ]
A G G G C	0.0754	0.0140	[ 0.07537 0.01389 ]
T G G G C	0.0123	0.0000	[ 0.00566 0.01234 ]
A A G A G	0.0132	0.0672	[ 0.01322 0.06798 ]
T A G A G	0.0000	0.0104	[ - 0.01053 ]
A G G A G	0.2307	0.0773	[ 0.23069 0.07817 ]
T A T A G	0.0135	0.1126	[ 0.01352 0.11388 ]
A G T A G	0.0245	0.0000	[ 0.02454 - ]
T G T A G	0.3278	0.0332	[ 0.32779 0.03359 ]
A A G G G	0.0000	0.0638	[ - 0.06346 ]

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Number of loci = 5  
 No. genotyped individuals = 89  
 No. obs. unique genotypes = 30  
 Stratified LD Chi-square = 44.30 (df= 470, P=1.0000)  
 Association Chi-square = 76.92 (df= 7, P=0.0000)

NOTE: Degrees of freedom calculation for association test assumes only 8 haplotypes to be present in the population.

[ the LRTS based on haplo.em() is 76.66 ]



## **Sib-pair v. PLINK: Conclusions**

- Similar range of simpler association analysis
- Sib-pair is still slower, but not annoyingly so (some exceptions)
- Sib-pair offers greater interactivity/programmability