Efficient Haplotype Inference with Answer Set Programming

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 Haplotype inference is to infer haplotypes (SNPs of maternal and paternal chromosomes), from genotypes (mixed SNP data).

Chromosome, paternal: ataggtccCtatttccaggcgcCgtatacttcgacgggActata Chromosome, maternal: ataggtccGtatttccaggcgcCgtatacttcgacgggTctata



Genotype \rightarrow

G/C C/C A/T

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Genotype \rightarrow	G/C	C/C	A/T
Haplotype 1 \rightarrow	С	С	А
Haplotype 2 \rightarrow	G	С	Т
or			
Haplotype 1 →	G	С	А
Haplotype 2 →	С	С	Т

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Haplotype Inference by Pure Parsimony (HIPP)

- HIPP: Given a set of genotypes, find the minimal set of haplotypes that explain each of the genotypes.
- The decision version of HIPP (i.e., deciding that a set of k haplotypes that explain the given genotypes exists) is NP-hard (Gusfield, 2003).

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Answer Set Programming (ASP)

- Theoretical basis: answer set semantics (Gelfond & Lifschitz, 1988)
- A method to solve combinatorial search problems (Marek & Truszczynski, 1999; Niemelae, 1999; Lifschitz, 1999)
- Systems for computing answer sets:
 - Smodels (Helsinki University of Technology, 1996)

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- Dlv (Vienna University of Technology, 1997)
- Cmodels (University of Texas at Austin, 2002)
- Pbmodels (University of Kentucky, 2005)
- Clasp (University of Potsdam, 2006)

HIPP

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Mathematical Description

- Haplotype: vector of sites, each site 0 or 1 Genotype: vector of sites, each site 0,1, or 2
- Two haplotypes h₁ and h₂ explain a genotype g if for every site j the following hold:

$$ambiguous \ site \begin{cases} \text{ if } g[j] = 2 \text{ then } h_1[j] = 0 \text{ and } h_2[j] = 1 \\ \text{ or } h_1[j] = 1 \text{ and } h_2[j] = 0 \end{cases}$$
$$resolved \ site \begin{cases} \text{ if } g[j] = 1 \text{ then } h_1[j] = 1 \text{ and } h_2[j] = 1 \\ \text{ if } g[j] = 0 \text{ then } h_1[j] = 0 \text{ and } h_2[j] = 0 \end{cases}$$

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HIPP-DEC: Decision version of HIPP

Given a set *G* of *n* genotypes, and a positive integer k, decide whether there is a set *H* of at most k unique haplotypes such that each genotype in *G* is explained by two haplotypes in *H*.

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An Example



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k=5

H={01100,01000,10010,10001,00100} *G*={01200,10010,10022,02100}



Solving HIPP in ASP

Representing Genotypes and Haplotypes

Genotypes are described by atoms of the form amb(g, j)

- *amb*(*g*, *j*) ∈ X iff *g*[*j*] = 2
- $\neg amb(g,j) \in X \text{ iff } g[j] = 1$
- $amb(g,j), \neg amb(g,j) \notin X$ iff g[j] = 0
- Haplotypes are described by atoms of the form h(i, j)

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• $h(i,j) \notin X$ iff i[j] = 0

Representing Genotypes and Haplotypes

Genotype 3	01200
10022	10010
is represented by the atoms:	02100 G
-amb(1,1). $amb(1,4)$. $amb(1,5)$.	
Haplotype 1	01100 01000
01100	10010
is represented by the atoms:	10011
	10000
h(1,2). h(1,3).	H

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Assumptions and Constraints

- A1 *H* is a set that contains 2*n* haplotypes, *h*₁,..., *h*_{2n}, and
 A2 every genotype *g_i* in *G* is explained by two haplotypes, *h*_{2i} and *h*_{2i-1}, in *H*.
- C1 For every genotype g in G, for every ambiguous site j of g, the values of the j'th sites of these haplotypes are different.

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- C2 For every genotype g in G, for every resolved site j of g, the values of the j'th site of these haplotypes are g[j].
- C3 There are at most k unique haplotypes in H.



Formulation

For every haplotype H and for every site j, a value is generated

{h(H,J)} :- haplo(H), site(J).





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Unique haplotypes:

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unique(1).
unique(H) :- H-1{diffhapp(H1,H):haplo(H1)},
haplo(H), H>1.
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C3:

:- k+1 {unique(H):haplo(H)}.

Haplo-ASP



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- abcd: 90
- ace: 90 (Angiotensin Converting Enzyme)
- ibd: 90 (Inflammatory Bowel Disease)
- hapmap: 24 (HapMap Project)
- uniform: 20
- nonuniform: 20
- Systems: Haplo-ASP, SHIPs, RPoly, Hapar
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 - SHIPs based on SAT (Lynce&Marques-Silva, 2006)
 - RPoly

based on Pseudo-Boolean Optimization (Graca et al, 2007)

Hapar

based on a branch & bound algorithm (Wang&Xu, 2003)

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RPoly is faster for many problems.

Group	# of problems	# of problems solved		
		SHIPs	Haplo-ASP	RPoly
hapmap	24	24	23	23
abcd	90	90	90	90
ace	90	90	90	90
ibd	90	78	89	88
uniform	20	20	20	20
non-uniform	20	20	20	20
Total	334	322	332	331

Variations of HIPP

Domain specific knowledge (e.g., observed patterns)

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- Haplotype Inference with Present-Absent Genotype data (HIPAG)
 - Tested on 17 Killer cell Immunoglobulin-like Receptor (KIR) genes for Caucasian population

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- Haplo-ASP: exact solution, 76.8% accuracy
- Haplo-IHP: approximation, 73.2% accuracy

Conclusion

- A novel formulation of HIPP and its variations
 - Genotypes with missing information
 - Present-absent genotype data
 - Haplotype patterns for some gene families
- New methods for haplotype inference problems
 - Lower/upper bound computation
 - Simplification of genotypes
 - Accuracy check
- Haplo-ASP: the only system that can solve HIPP and its variations
 - Solves more number of problems compared to SHIPs and RPoly.
 - Finds more accurate results compared to Haplo-IHP.