

# Bayesian Interval Mapping

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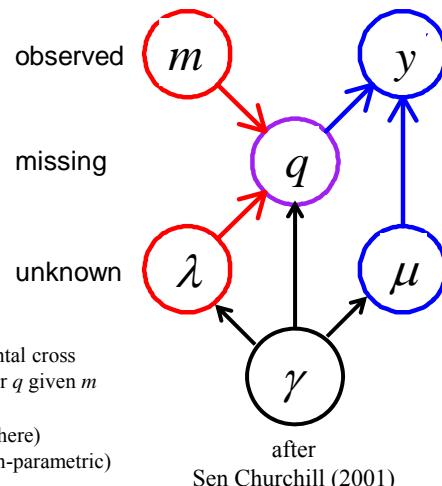
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## QTL model selection: key players

- observed measurements
  - $y$  = phenotypic trait
  - $m$  = markers & linkage map
  - $i$  = individual index ( $1, \dots, n$ )
- missing data
  - missing marker data
  - $q$  = QT genotypes
    - alleles QQ, Qq, or qq at locus
- unknown quantities
  - $\lambda$  = QT locus (or loci)
  - $\mu$  = phenotype model parameters
  - $\gamma$  = QTL model/genetic architecture
- $\text{pr}(q|m, \lambda, \gamma)$  genotype model
  - grounded by linkage map, experimental cross
  - recombination yields multinomial for  $q$  given  $m$
- $\text{pr}(y|q, \mu, \gamma)$  phenotype model
  - distribution shape (assumed normal here)
  - unknown parameters  $\mu$  (could be non-parametric)



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## 1. Bayesian strategy for QTL study

- augment data  $(y, m)$  with missing genotypes  $q$
- study unknowns  $(\mu, \lambda, \gamma)$  given augmented data  $(y, m, q)$ 
  - find better genetic architectures  $\gamma$
  - find most likely genomic regions = QTL =  $\lambda$
  - estimate phenotype parameters = genotype means =  $\mu$
- sample from posterior in some clever way
  - multiple imputation (Sen Churchill 2002)
  - Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)
    - (Satagopan et al. 1996; Yi et al. 2005, 2007)

$$\text{posterior} = \frac{\text{likelihood} * \text{prior}}{\text{constant}}$$

$$\text{posterior for } q, \mu, \lambda, \gamma = \frac{\text{phenotype likelihood} * [\text{prior for } q, \mu, \lambda, \gamma]}{\text{constant}}$$

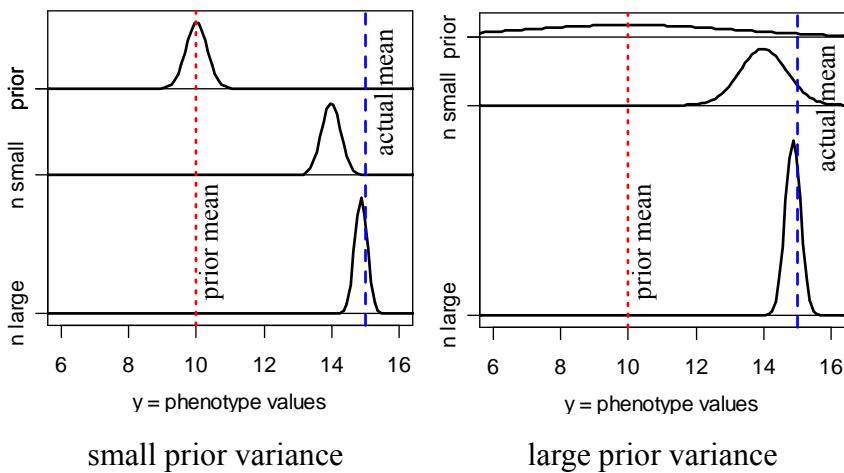
$$\text{pr}(q, \mu, \lambda, \gamma | y, m) = \frac{\text{pr}(y | q, \mu, \lambda, \gamma) * [\text{pr}(q | m, \lambda, \gamma) \text{pr}(\mu | \gamma) \text{pr}(\lambda | m, \gamma) \text{pr}(\gamma)]}{\text{pr}(y | m)}$$

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## Bayes posterior for normal data



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## Bayes posterior for normal data

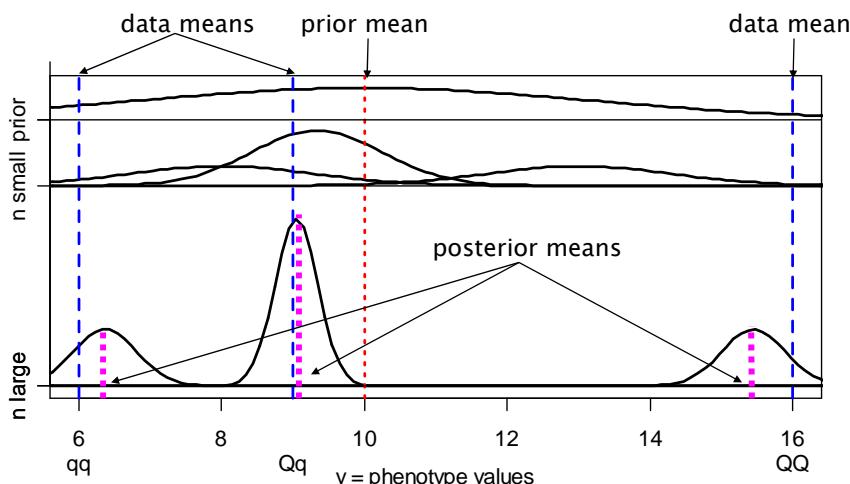
model	$y_i = \mu + e_i$
environment	$e \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ , $\sigma^2$ known
likelihood	$y \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$
prior	$\mu \sim N(\mu_0, \kappa\sigma^2)$ , $\kappa$ known
posterior: single individual	mean tends to sample mean $\mu \sim N(\mu_0 + b_1(y_1 - \mu_0), b_1\sigma^2)$
sample of $n$ individuals	$\mu \sim N(b_n \bar{y}_* + (1-b_n)\mu_0, b_n\sigma^2/n)$ with $\bar{y}_* = \sum_{\{i=1,\dots,n\}} y_i / n$
shrinkage factor (shrinks to 1)	$b_n = \frac{\kappa n}{\kappa n + 1} \rightarrow 1$

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what values are the genotypic means?  
phenotype model  $\text{pr}(y|q, \mu)$



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## Bayes posterior QTL means

posterior centered on sample genotypic mean  
but shrunken slightly toward overall mean

$$\text{phenotype mean: } E(y | q) = \mu_q \quad V(y | q) = \sigma^2$$

$$\text{genotypic prior: } E(\mu_q) = \bar{y}_\bullet \quad V(\mu_q) = \kappa \sigma^2$$

$$\text{posterior: } E(\mu_q | y) = b_q \bar{y}_q + (1 - b_q) \bar{y}_\bullet \quad V(\mu_q | y) = b_q \sigma^2 / n_q$$

$$n_q = \text{count}\{q_i = q\} \quad \bar{y}_q = \sum_{\{q_i=q\}} y_i / n_q$$

$$\text{shrinkage: } b_q = \frac{\kappa n_q}{\kappa n_q + 1} \rightarrow 1$$

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## partition genotypic effects on phenotype

- phenotype depends on genotype
- genotypic value partitioned into
  - main effects of single QTL
  - epistasis (interaction) between pairs of QTL

$$\mu_q = \beta_0 + \beta_q = E(Y; q)$$

$$\beta_q = \beta(q_2) + \beta(q_2) + \beta(q_1, q_2)$$

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## partition genotypic variance

- consider same 2 QTL + epistasis

- centering variance  $V(\beta_0) = \kappa_0 \sigma^2 = s^2$

- genotypic variance  $V(\beta_q) = \kappa_1 \sigma^2 = \sigma_q^2 = \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_{12}^2$

- heritability  $h_q^2 = \frac{\sigma_q^2}{\sigma_q^2 + \sigma^2} = h_1^2 + h_2^2 + h_{12}^2$

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## posterior mean $\approx$ LS estimate

$$\beta_q | y \sim N(b_q \hat{\beta}_q, b_q C_q \sigma^2)$$

$$\approx N(\hat{\beta}_q, C_q \sigma^2)$$

$$\text{LS estimate } \hat{\beta}_q = \sum_i [\sum_j \hat{\beta}(q_{ij})] = \sum_i w_{qi} y_i$$

$$\text{variance } V(\hat{\beta}_q) = \sum_i w_{qi}^2 \sigma^2 = C_q \sigma^2$$

$$\text{shrinkage } b_q = \kappa_1 / (\kappa_1 + C_q) \rightarrow 1$$

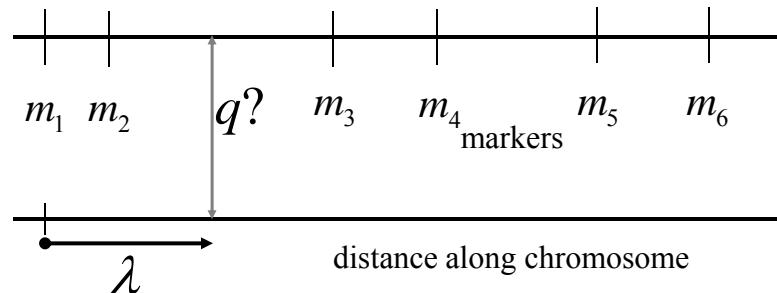
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## $\text{pr}(q/m, \lambda)$ recombination model

$$\begin{aligned}\text{pr}(q/m, \lambda) &= \text{pr}(\text{geno} \mid \text{map, locus}) \approx \\ &\text{pr}(\text{geno} \mid \text{flanking markers, locus})\end{aligned}$$

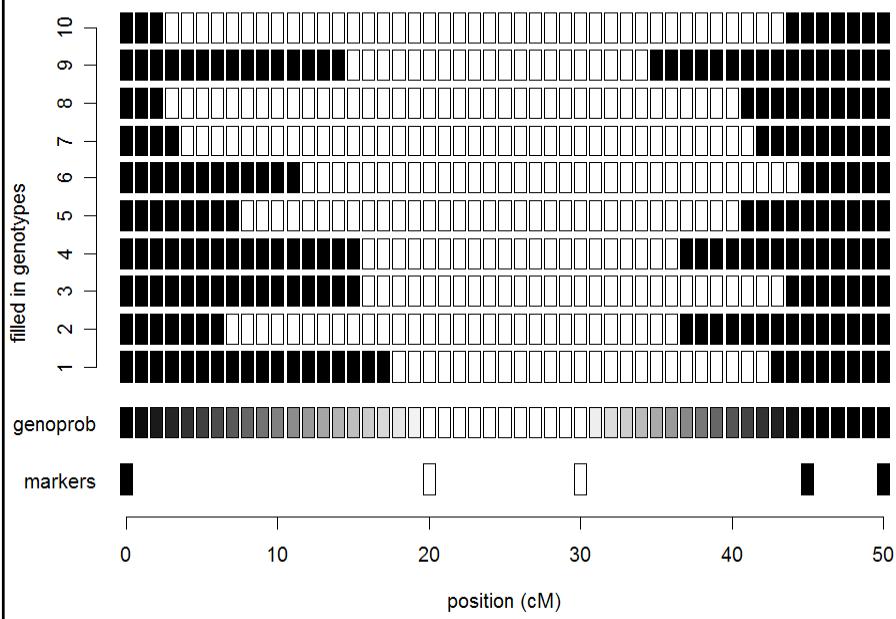


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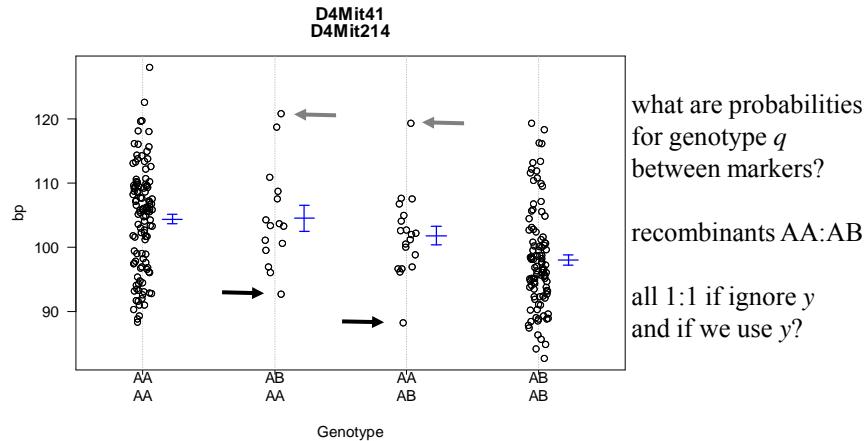
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multiple imputations of genotypes



## what are likely QTL genotypes $q$ ? how does phenotype $y$ improve guess?



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## posterior on QTL genotypes $q$

- full conditional of  $q$  given data, parameters
  - proportional to prior  $\text{pr}(q | m, \lambda)$ 
    - weight toward  $q$  that agrees with flanking markers
  - proportional to likelihood  $\text{pr}(y | q, \mu)$ 
    - weight toward  $q$  with similar phenotype values
  - posterior recombination model balances these two
- this *is* the E-step of EM computations

$$\text{pr}(q | y, m, \mu, \lambda) = \frac{\text{pr}(y | q, \mu) * \text{pr}(q | m, \lambda)}{\text{pr}(y | m, \mu, \lambda)}$$

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## Where are the loci $\lambda$ on the genome?

- prior over genome for QTL positions
  - flat prior = no prior idea of loci
  - or use prior studies to give more weight to some regions
- posterior depends on QTL genotypes  $q$   
$$\text{pr}(\lambda | m, q) = \text{pr}(\lambda) \text{pr}(q | m, \lambda) / \text{constant}$$
  - constant determined by averaging
    - over all possible genotypes  $q$
    - over all possible loci  $\lambda$  on entire map
- no easy way to write down posterior

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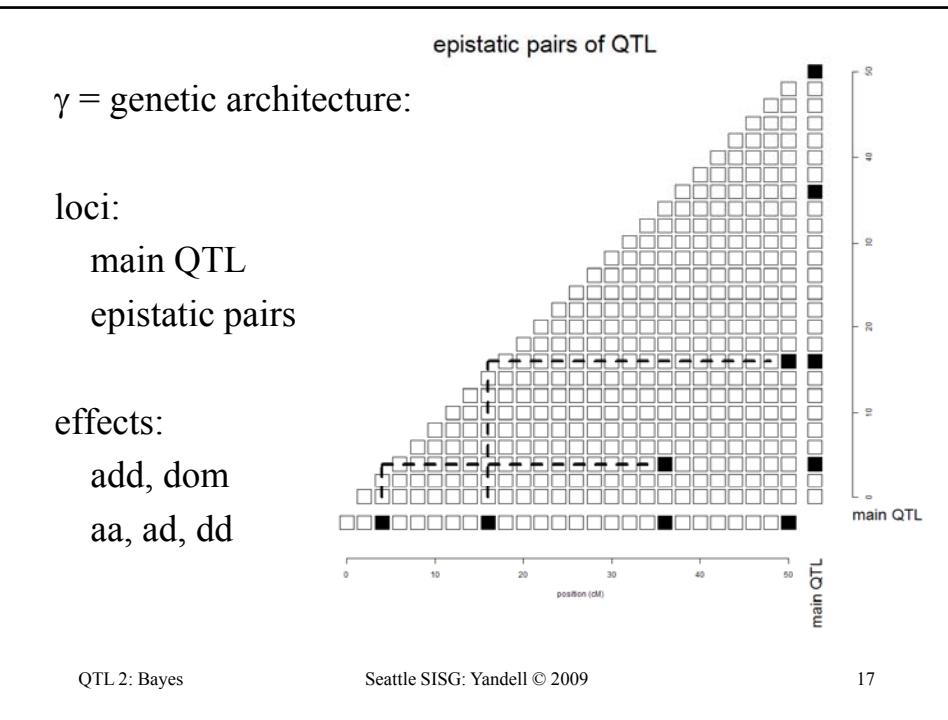
## what is the genetic architecture $\gamma$ ?

- which positions correspond to QTLs?
  - priors on loci (previous slide)
- which QTL have main effects?
  - priors for presence/absence of main effects
    - same prior for all QTL
    - can put prior on each d.f. (1 for BC, 2 for F2)
- which pairs of QTL have epistatic interactions?
  - prior for presence/absence of epistatic pairs
    - depends on whether 0,1,2 QTL have main effects
    - epistatic effects less probable than main effects

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## Bayesian priors & posteriors

- augmenting with missing genotypes  $q$ 
  - prior is recombination model
  - posterior is (formally) E step of EM algorithm
- sampling phenotype model parameters  $\mu$ 
  - prior is “flat” normal at grand mean (no information)
  - posterior shrinks genotypic means toward grand mean
  - (details for unexplained variance omitted here)
- sampling QTL loci  $\lambda$ 
  - prior is flat across genome (all loci equally likely)
- sampling QTL genetic architecture model  $\gamma$ 
  - number of QTL
    - prior is Poisson with mean from previous IM study
    - genetic architecture of main effects and epistatic interactions
      - priors on epistasis depend on presence/absence of main effects

## 2. Markov chain sampling

- construct Markov chain around posterior
  - want posterior as stable distribution of Markov chain
  - in practice, the chain tends toward stable distribution
    - initial values may have low posterior probability
    - burn-in period to get chain mixing well
- sample QTL model components from full conditionals
  - sample locus  $\lambda$  given  $q, \gamma$  (using Metropolis-Hastings step)
  - sample genotypes  $q$  given  $\lambda, \mu, y, \gamma$  (using Gibbs sampler)
  - sample effects  $\mu$  given  $q, y, \gamma$  (using Gibbs sampler)
  - sample QTL model  $\gamma$  given  $\lambda, \mu, y, q$  (using Gibbs or M-H)

$$(\lambda, q, \mu, \gamma) \sim \text{pr}(\lambda, q, \mu, \gamma | y, m)$$

$$(\lambda, q, \mu, \gamma)_1 \rightarrow (\lambda, q, \mu, \gamma)_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow (\lambda, q, \mu, \gamma)_N$$

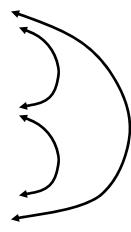
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### MCMC sampling of unknowns $(q, \mu, \lambda)$ for given genetic architecture $\gamma$

- Gibbs sampler
  - genotypes  $q$
  - effects  $\mu$
  - *not* loci  $\lambda$
- Metropolis-Hastings sampler
  - extension of Gibbs sampler
  - does not require normalization
    - $\text{pr}(q | m) = \sum_{\lambda} \text{pr}(q / m, \lambda) \text{pr}(\lambda)$

$$\begin{aligned} q &\sim \text{pr}(q | y_i, m_i, \mu, \lambda) \\ \mu &\sim \frac{\text{pr}(y | q, \mu) \text{pr}(\mu)}{\text{pr}(y | q)} \\ \lambda &\sim \frac{\text{pr}(q | m, \lambda) \text{pr}(\lambda | m)}{\text{pr}(q | m)} \end{aligned}$$


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## Gibbs sampler for two genotypic means

- want to study two correlated effects
  - could sample directly from their bivariate distribution
  - assume correlation  $\rho$  is known
- instead use Gibbs sampler:
  - sample each effect from its full conditional given the other
  - pick order of sampling at random
  - repeat many times

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{pmatrix} \sim N\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right)$$

$$\mu_1 \sim N(\rho\mu_2, 1 - \rho^2)$$

$$\mu_2 \sim N(\rho\mu_1, 1 - \rho^2)$$

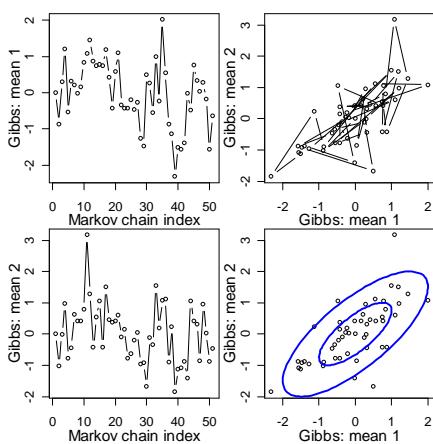
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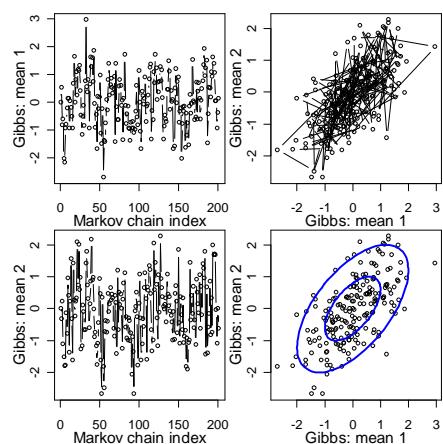
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## Gibbs sampler samples: $\rho = 0.6$

$N = 50$  samples



$N = 200$  samples



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## full conditional for locus

- cannot easily sample from locus full conditional  

$$\text{pr}(\lambda | y, m, \mu, q) = \text{pr}(\lambda | m, q)$$

$$= \text{pr}(q / m, \lambda) \text{pr}(\lambda) / \text{constant}$$
- constant is very difficult to compute explicitly
  - must average over all possible loci  $\lambda$  over genome
  - must do this for every possible genotype  $q$
- Gibbs sampler will not work in general
  - but can use method based on ratios of probabilities
  - Metropolis-Hastings is extension of Gibbs sampler

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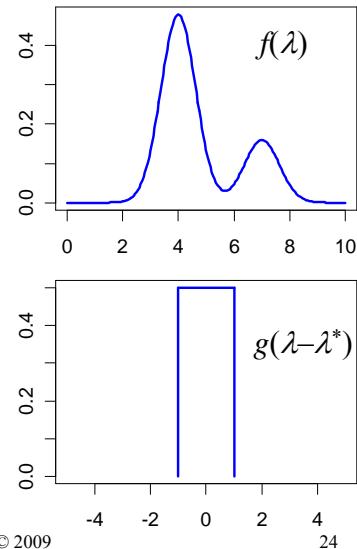
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## Metropolis-Hastings idea

- want to study distribution  $f(\lambda)$ 
  - take Monte Carlo samples
    - unless too complicated
  - take samples using ratios of  $f$
- Metropolis-Hastings samples:
  - propose new value  $\lambda^*$ 
    - near (?) current value  $\lambda$
    - from some distribution  $g$
  - accept new value with prob  $a$ 
    - Gibbs sampler:  $a = 1$  always

$$a = \min\left(1, \frac{f(\lambda^*)g(\lambda - \lambda^*)}{f(\lambda)g(\lambda^* - \lambda)}\right)$$

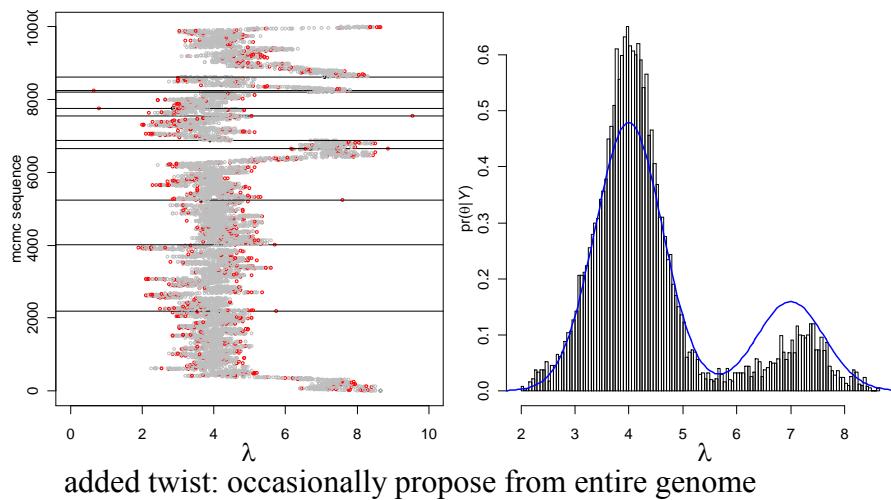


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## Metropolis-Hastings for locus $\lambda$

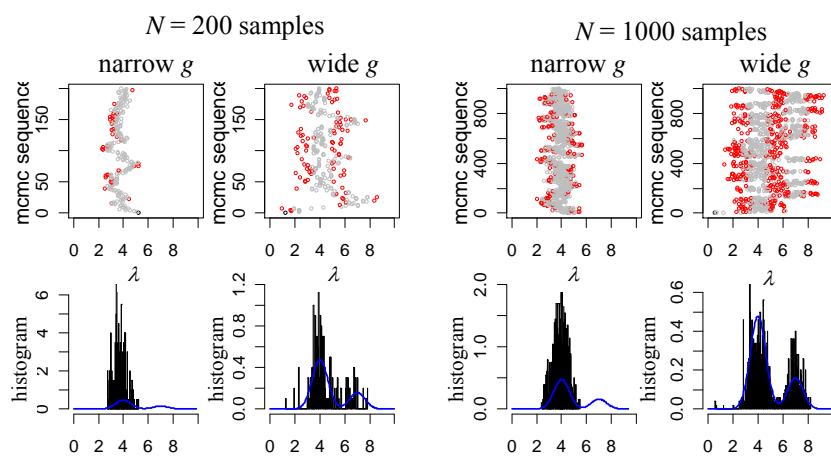


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## Metropolis-Hastings samples



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### 3. sampling genetic architectures

- search across genetic architectures  $\gamma$  of various sizes
  - allow change in number of QTL
  - allow change in types of epistatic interactions
- methods for search
  - reversible jump MCMC
  - Gibbs sampler with loci indicators
- complexity of epistasis
  - Fisher-Cockerham effects model
  - general multi-QTL interaction & limits of inference

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### reversible jump MCMC

- consider known genotypes  $q$  at 2 known loci  $\lambda$ 
  - models with 1 or 2 QTL
- M-H step between 1-QTL and 2-QTL models
  - model changes dimension (via careful bookkeeping)
  - consider mixture over QTL models  $H$

$$\begin{array}{l} \gamma = 1 \text{ QTL} : Y = \beta_0 + \beta(q_1) + e \\ \curvearrowleft \\ \gamma = 2 \text{ QTL} : Y = \beta_0 + \beta(q_1) + \beta(q_2) + e \end{array}$$

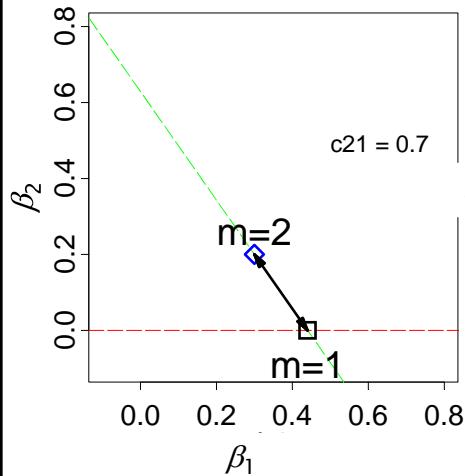
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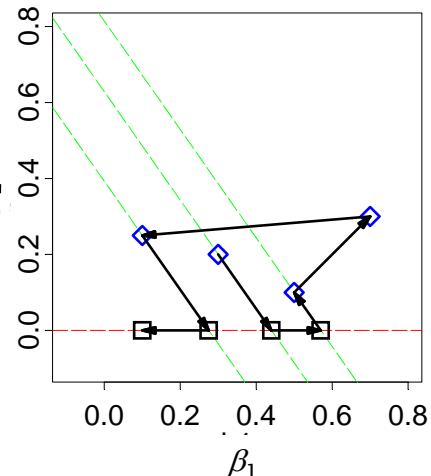
## geometry of reversible jump

Move Between Models



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Reversible Jump Sequence

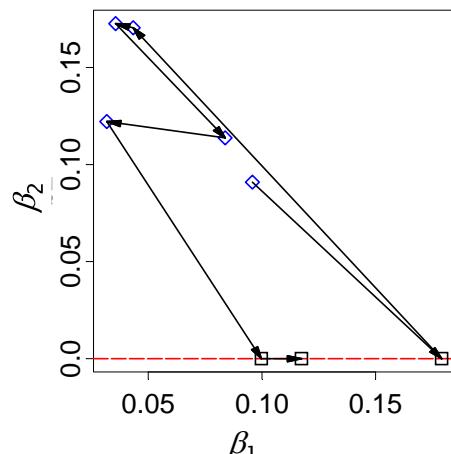


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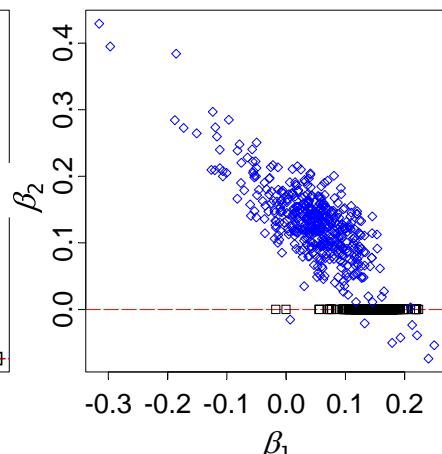
## geometry allowing $q$ and $\lambda$ to change

a short sequence



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first 1000 with  $m < 3$

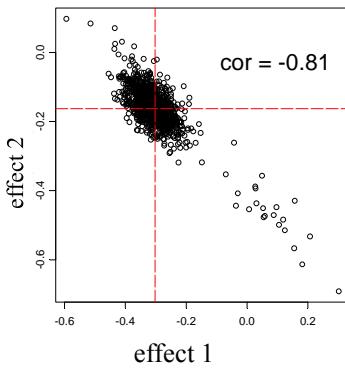


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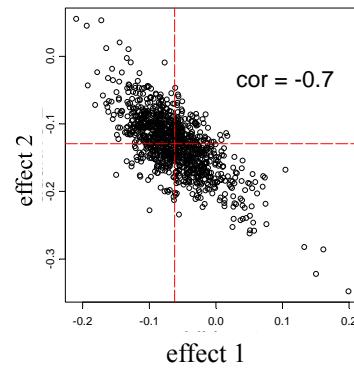
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## collinear QTL = correlated effects

4-week



8-week



- linked QTL = collinear genotypes

- correlated estimates of effects (negative if in coupling phase)
- sum of linked effects usually fairly constant

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## sampling across QTL models $\gamma$



action steps: draw one of three choices

- update QTL model  $\gamma$  with probability  $1-b(\gamma)-d(\gamma)$ 
  - update current model using full conditionals
  - sample QTL loci, effects, and genotypes
- add a locus with probability  $b(\gamma)$ 
  - propose a new locus along genome
  - innovate new genotypes at locus and phenotype effect
  - decide whether to accept the “birth” of new locus
- drop a locus with probability  $d(\gamma)$ 
  - propose dropping one of existing loci
  - decide whether to accept the “death” of locus

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## Gibbs sampler with loci indicators

- consider only QTL at pseudomarkers
  - every 1-2 cM
  - modest approximation with little bias
- use loci indicators in each pseudomarker
  - $\gamma = 1$  if QTL present
  - $\gamma = 0$  if no QTL present
- Gibbs sampler on loci indicators  $\gamma$ 
  - relatively easy to incorporate epistasis
  - Yi, Yandell, Churchill, Allison, Eisen, Pomp (2005 *Genetics*)
    - (see earlier work of Nengjun Yi and Ina Hoeschele)

$$\mu_q = \mu + \gamma_1 \beta(q_1) + \gamma_2 \beta(q_2), \quad \gamma_k = 0, 1$$

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## Bayesian shrinkage estimation

- soft loci indicators
  - strength of evidence for  $\lambda_j$  depends on  $\gamma$
  - $0 \leq \gamma \leq 1$  (grey scale)
  - shrink most  $\gamma$ s to zero
- Wang et al. (2005 *Genetics*)
  - Shizhong Xu group at U CA Riverside

$$\mu_q = \beta_0 + \gamma_1 \beta_1(q_1) + \gamma_2 \beta_2(q_2), \quad 0 \leq \gamma_k \leq 1$$

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## 4. criteria for model selection balance fit against complexity

- classical information criteria
  - penalize likelihood  $L$  by model size  $|\gamma|$
  - $IC = -2 \log L(\gamma | y) + \text{penalty}(\gamma)$
  - maximize over unknowns
- Bayes factors
  - marginal posteriors  $\text{pr}(y | \gamma)$
  - average over unknowns

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## classical information criteria

- start with likelihood  $L(\gamma | y, m)$ 
  - measures fit of architecture ( $\gamma$ ) to phenotype ( $y$ )
    - given marker data ( $m$ )
  - genetic architecture ( $\gamma$ ) depends on parameters
    - have to estimate loci ( $\mu$ ) and effects ( $\lambda$ )
- complexity related to number of parameters
  - $|\gamma| = \text{size of genetic architecture}$ 
    - BC:  $|\gamma| = 1 + n.qtl + n.qtl(n.qtl - 1) = 1 + 4 + 12 = 17$
    - F2:  $|\gamma| = 1 + 2n.qtl + 4n.qtl(n.qtl - 1) = 1 + 8 + 48 = 57$

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## classical information criteria

- construct information criteria
  - balance fit to complexity
  - Akaike       $AIC = -2 \log(L) + 2 |\gamma|$
  - Bayes/Schwartz     $BIC = -2 \log(L) + |\gamma| \log(n)$
  - Broman       $BIC_\delta = -2 \log(L) + \delta |\gamma| \log(n)$
  - general form:  $IC = -2 \log(L) + |\gamma| D(n)$
- compare models
  - hypothesis testing: designed for one comparison
    - $2 \log[LR(\gamma_1, \gamma_2)] = L(y/m, \gamma_2) - L(y/m, \gamma_1)$
  - model selection: penalize complexity
    - $IC(\gamma_1, \gamma_2) = 2 \log[LR(\gamma_1, \gamma_2)] + (|\gamma_2| - |\gamma_1|) D(n)$

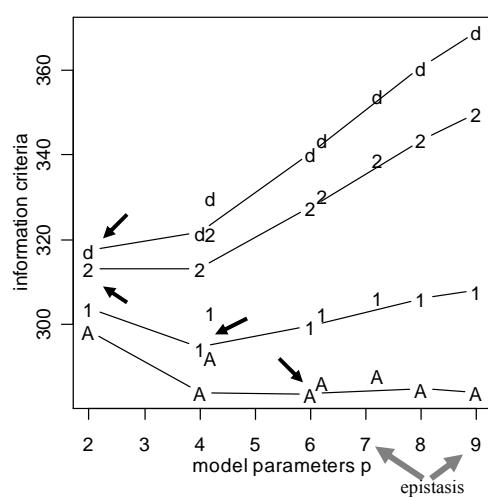
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## information criteria vs. model size

- WinQTL 2.0
- SCD data on F2
- A=AIC
- 1=BIC(1)
- 2=BIC(2)
- d=BIC( $\delta$ )
- models
  - 1,2,3,4 QTL
    - 2+5+9+2
  - epistasis
    - 2:2 AD



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## Bayes factors

- ratio of model likelihoods
  - ratio of posterior to prior odds for architectures
  - averaged over unknowns
- roughly equivalent to BIC
  - BIC maximizes over unknowns
  - BF averages over unknowns
  - $-2 \log(B_{12}) = -2 \log(LR) - (|\gamma_2| - |\gamma_1|) \log(n)$

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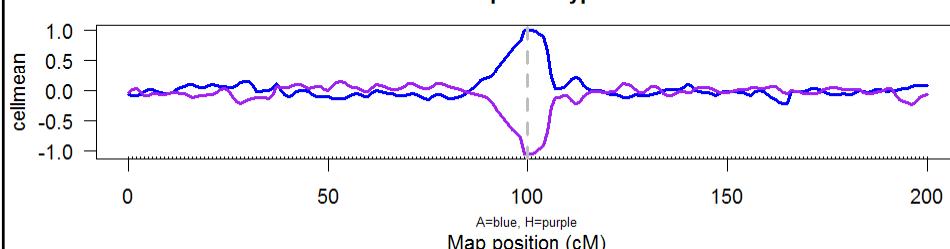
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### scan of marginal Bayes factor & effect

2logBF of phenotype for main



cellmean of phenotype for A+H



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## issues in computing Bayes factors

- $BF$  insensitive to shape of prior on  $\gamma$ 
  - geometric, Poisson, uniform
  - precision improves when prior mimics posterior
- $BF$  sensitivity to prior variance on effects  $\theta$ 
  - prior variance should reflect data variability
  - resolved by using hyper-priors
    - automatic algorithm; no need for user tuning
- easy to compute Bayes factors from samples
  - sample posterior using MCMC
  - posterior  $pr(\gamma / y, m)$  is marginal histogram

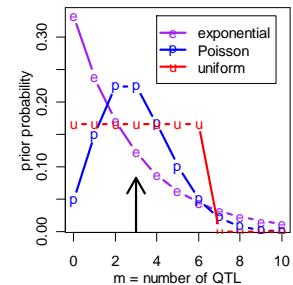
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## Bayes factors & genetic architecture $\gamma$

- $/\gamma = \text{number of QTL}$ 
  - prior  $pr(\gamma)$  chosen by user
  - posterior  $pr(\gamma / y, m)$ 
    - sampled marginal histogram
    - shape affected by prior  $pr(A)$
- pattern of QTL across genome
- gene action and epistasis

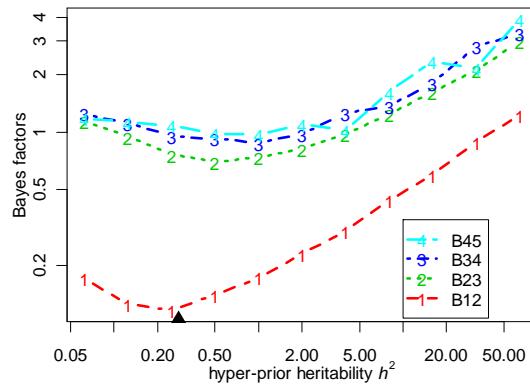


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## BF sensitivity to fixed prior for effects



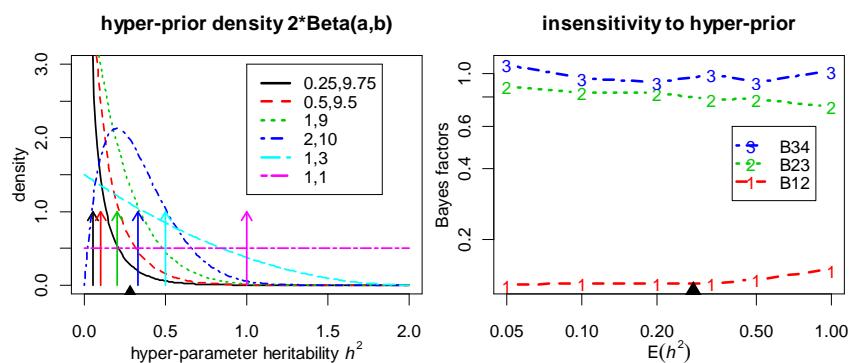
$$\beta_{qj} \sim N(0, \sigma_G^2 / m), \sigma_G^2 = h^2 \sigma_{\text{total}}^2, h^2 \text{ fixed}$$

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## BF insensitivity to random effects prior



$$\beta_{qj} \sim N(0, \sigma_G^2 / m), \sigma_G^2 = h^2 \sigma_{\text{total}}^2, \frac{1}{2} h^2 \sim \text{Beta}(a, b)$$

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