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Abstract

Signatures of recent historical admixture are ubiquitous in human populations. We present a mechanistic model of admixture with two source populations, encompassing recurrent admixture periods and study the distribution of admixture fractions for finite but arbitrary genome size. We provide simulation-based methods to estimate the introgression parameters and discuss the implications of reaching stationarity on estimability of parameters when there are recurrent admixture events with different rates.

Keywords: recurrent admixture, introgression parameters, stationary distribution, population genetics, Bayesian computation

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