COMPARISON OF BRAY CURTIS AND NEI’S GENETIC DISTANCE ON MANTEL TEST FOR CHICKEN DIVERSITY DATA

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Abstract

Attempts to machine harvest cotton in Turkey essentially began in 1996. In the period beginning from 1969 until 1996, some brand, for time to time to test the market, imported and demonstrated cotton harvesting machines with spindle and saw type pickup units which harvest losses were more than the acceptable limit. In 1996, with the arrival of spindle machines of American origin that harvest losses were less than the acceptable limit, machine harvesting show continuity. This shows that cotton harvesting machine picking technology has been an important factor in harvest continuity and increase. Technological developments and innovations on spindle system machines which are still used today are increasing day by day. In this study, cotton harvesting machines that from past to present used in Turkey market introduced. Researches have done on harvest efficiency of its technologies and aimed to create resource on this topic. As a result of the research, it has been determined that every improvement made at the technological level is a reason for preference and completed some deficiencies experienced during and after harvest, and many technologies on machinery have not yet been applied in our country’s harvest conditions due to qualified deficiencies.

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1. Introduction

Mantel test (Mantel 1967; Mantel and Valand 1970) allows linear or monotonic comparisons between the elements of two distance matrices. The Mantel statistic is usually tested by permutation although it can be tested using an asymptotic normal approximation when the number of observations, n, is large. Since Mantel and Valand (1970), the procedure, known as the Mantel test in the biological and environmental sciences, includes any analysis relating two distance matrices or, more generally, two resemblance or proximity matrices. In population genetics, Mantel tests have been used to determine whether local populations that are
geographically close are either genetically or phylogenetically similar (Legendre or Fortin, 2010). That is Mantel test used to explore significance and scale of relationship between spatial genetic variation and geographic distances. Many researchers (Sharma et al., 2013; Sahoo et al., 2013; Costa et al., 2013) used Nei’s (1972) genetic distance which measure that genetic differences arise due to mutations and genetic drift. However, some researchers used (Bennett and Gratton, 2013; Maurice et al., 2013; Blum et al., 2012) Bray Curtis distance which used to quantify the compositional dissimilarity between two different sites, based on counts at each site.

The objective of this study was to examine the effects of both Nei’s genetic distance and Bray Curtis distance versus geographical distance for Mantel test on chicken data.

2. Material and Method
The experimental procedures of this study were approved by the Local Animal Care and Ethics Committee of Ondokuz Mayıs University, Samsun, Turkey (approval number: 2008/47).

Turkish local chickens’ blood samples were collected from 5 provinces including 3 counties with 3 villages or districts located in the Central Black Sea Region of Turkey. The map driven with GPS (Global Positioning System) coordinates of the sampling locations of the village populations was shown in Figure 1 (Mercan and Okumuş, 2015). In all villages at least 3 and at most 5 flocks were randomly selected. At least one male and one female village chickens were collected in each population.

![Figure 1. Study Sampling locations of village chicken populations (Mercan and Okumuş, 2015).](image)

Twenty-eight autosomal microsatellite DNA markers based genetic distance data of the populations was calculated from row data received from Mercan (2010). Geographical distance between locations were measured as the Euclidean distance (in km) using the ruler implemented in Google Earth version 4 and natural logarithm of geographic distances were used (Procházka et al, 2011).

To explore the relationship between genetic and geographic distances among populations, simple Mantel test can be used. The statistic used for the measure of the correlation between the matrices is the classical Pearson correlation coefficient;

\[ r = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} \left( \frac{A_{ij} - \bar{A}}{S_A} \right) \left( \frac{B_{ij} - \bar{B}}{S_B} \right) \]

(1)

Where \( N \) is the number of elements in the lower or upper triangular part of the matrix, \( \bar{A} \) is mean for \( A \) elements and \( S_A \) is the standard deviation of \( A \) elements. This coefficient measures the linear correlation and hence is subject to the same statistical assumptions. Consequently, if non-linear relationships between matrices exist, they will be degraded or lost.

If matrices \( A \) and \( B \) normalized:

\[ a_{ij} = \frac{A_{ij} - \bar{A}}{S_A} \quad b_{ij} = \frac{B_{ij} - \bar{B}}{S_B} \]

then it goes to:

\[ \bar{a} = 0 \quad S_a = 1 \quad \bar{b} = 0 \quad S_B = 1 \]

which simplifies equation (1) as:

\[ R = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} a_{ij} b_{ij} \]

This coefficient measures the linear correlation and hence is subject to the same statistical assumptions. Consequently, they will be degraded or lost, if non-linear relationships between matrices exist.

The testing procedure for the simple Mantel test goes as follows:

Assume two symmetric dissimilarity matrices \( A \) and \( B \) of size \( m \times n \). The rows and columns correspond to the same objects. The first step is to compute the Pearson correlation coefficient between the corresponding elements of the lower (or upper)-triangular part of the matrices.

1) Compute the reference value \( r_{AB} \) using equation.
2) Permute randomly rows and the corresponding columns of one of the matrices, creating a new matrix \( A' \).
3) Compute the \( r_{A'B} \) statistic between matrix \( A' \) and matrix \( B \) using equation.
4) Repeat steps 2 and 3 a great number of times (>5000). This will constitute the reference
distribution under the null hypothesis. The number of repeats determine the overall precision of the test ( » 1000 for α = 0.05; » 5000 for α = 0.01; » 10000 for greater precision (Manly 1997).

5) For a one-tailed test involving the upper tail of the distribution, the p value is equal to the proportion of values \( r_{\text{AB.C}} \) greater than or equal to \( r_{\text{AB.C}} \). Symmetrically, the p value for the lower tail is the proportion of values \( r_{\text{AB.C}} \) smaller than or equal to \( r_{\text{AB.C}} \) (Bonnet and Van de Peer, 2002).

In this study both Nei’s genetic distance and Bray Curtis distance were used to compare their effects. Nei’s genetic distance could be calculated as (Hillis, 1984):

\[
D = -\ln I
\]

where \( I = \sum x_i y_i / (\sum x_i^2 \sum y_i^2)^{0.5} \)

and Bray Curtis distance could be calculated as:

\[
d_{jk} = \frac{\sum |x_{ji} - x_{kj}|}{\sum x_{ji} + x_{kj}}
\]

which shows for the distance between samples \( j \) and \( k \) (Koren et al, 2013).

After building the genetic and geographical distance matrices, genetic differentiation and geographical distance was compared with Mantel test (Mantel 1967; Procházka et al, 2011) using the software zt (Bonnet and Van de Peer, 2002). Significance was tested using permutation methods (10 000 randomizations) to obtain exact type I error rate (Legendre and Fortin, 2010).

3. Results and Discussion

364 backyard chickens were successfully genotyped at the 28 microsatellite loci. All loci were polymorphic, showing 6 to 28 alleles and relatively high expected heterozygosity ranging between 0.544 and 0.770. There was a significant positive correlation between the level of genetic differentiation and the natural logarithm of geographic distance among all pairs of backyard chicken populations for Nei’s genetic distance \( r=0.518589; p=0.000010 \) and for Bray Curtis distance \( r=0.530520; p=0.000010 \). Relationship between genetic differentiations and geographical distance (loge) between populations for all samples were given in Figure 2 and Figure 3. Some descriptive statistics for Bray Curtis distance and Nei’s genetic distance belongs to data were given in Table 1.

| Table 1. Descriptive statistics for Bray Curtis distance and Nei’s genetic distance |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Bray Curtis distance | Nei’s genetic distance |
| Min             | 0.526           | 0.158 |
| Max             | 1.00            | 0.96  |
| Mean            | 0.859           | 0.769 |
| Std dev         | 0.084           | 0.103 |
| CV (%)          | 9.732           | 13.347 |

Figure 2. Relationship between genetic differentiation (Bray Curtis distance) and geographic distance (loge) between populations for all samples.

When the Table 1 examined, it was easily understood that coefficient of variation (CV) value of Bray Curtis distance was smaller than value of Nei’s genetic distance. This value showed that Bray Curtis distance measure narrowed the range of data which could be seen with comparison of Figure 2 and Figure 3. Nei’s genetic distance produced values with higher deviance than Bray Curtis distance. Koren et al. (2013) declared that Bray Curtis distance measure had a moderate effect to limit the data for clustering. Mason et al. (2012) showed that Bray Curtis distance produced more reliable distance measures than other distance measures for comparison. For the genetic diversity studies Papadoupoulou et al. (2011) used bray
Curtis distance measure for species-genetic diversity correlation and declared that this distance measure could be applied accomplishedly. Boler et al. (2012) showed that Bray Curtis distance was more reliable than Euclidean distance for genotypic data. Cordier et al. (2012) showed that Bray Curtis distance could be used in Mantel test to calculate relationship between genetic and geographic distance. Shiro et al. (2013) introduced that Bray-Curtis measure reliably described the structure and geographical distribution of the genotypic data than others. Ikinci and Oberprieler (2010) used Bray Curtis distance measure to calculate genetic relationships for Lilium L. species and declared that Bray Curtis distance measure was more reliable than Nei’s genetic distance, which was support the results of the study conducted by Odat et al. (2004). Møller et al. (2013) denoted that Bray Curtis distance was more efficient for genotypic analysis. All that studies supported our results that Bray Curtis distance was superior to Nei’s genetic distance to calculate relationship between genetic differentiations and geographic distance between populations. This situation could be caused form the distance values in Bray-Curtis measure never exceed one, so this measure performed exceptionally well than all other distance metrics (Kokare, et al., 2003). Also the Bray–Curtis distance measure is semimetric and so, that measure could be used in ecological, biological and genomic applications (Anderson, 2006).

Bray Curtis distance measure is also suitable to calculate linear combinations of variables (Parker et al., 2012). Also this distance measure can be easily adapted to data (Peres-Neto et al., 2006). Bray Curtis measure was also superior to other distance metrics on intrapopulation genetic diversity studies (Eckholm et al., 2011).

4. Conclusion
In Mantel test to calculate relationship between genetic differentiations and geographic distance between populations Bray Curtis distance could be used substituted for Nei’s genetic distance with great reliability on chicken diversity data. For further studies, the other distance measures can be compared on genotypic data in matrix comparison or other statistical techniques such as clustering and discrimination.

Conflict of interest
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