

Applying the Partitioning Principle to Genome Scans

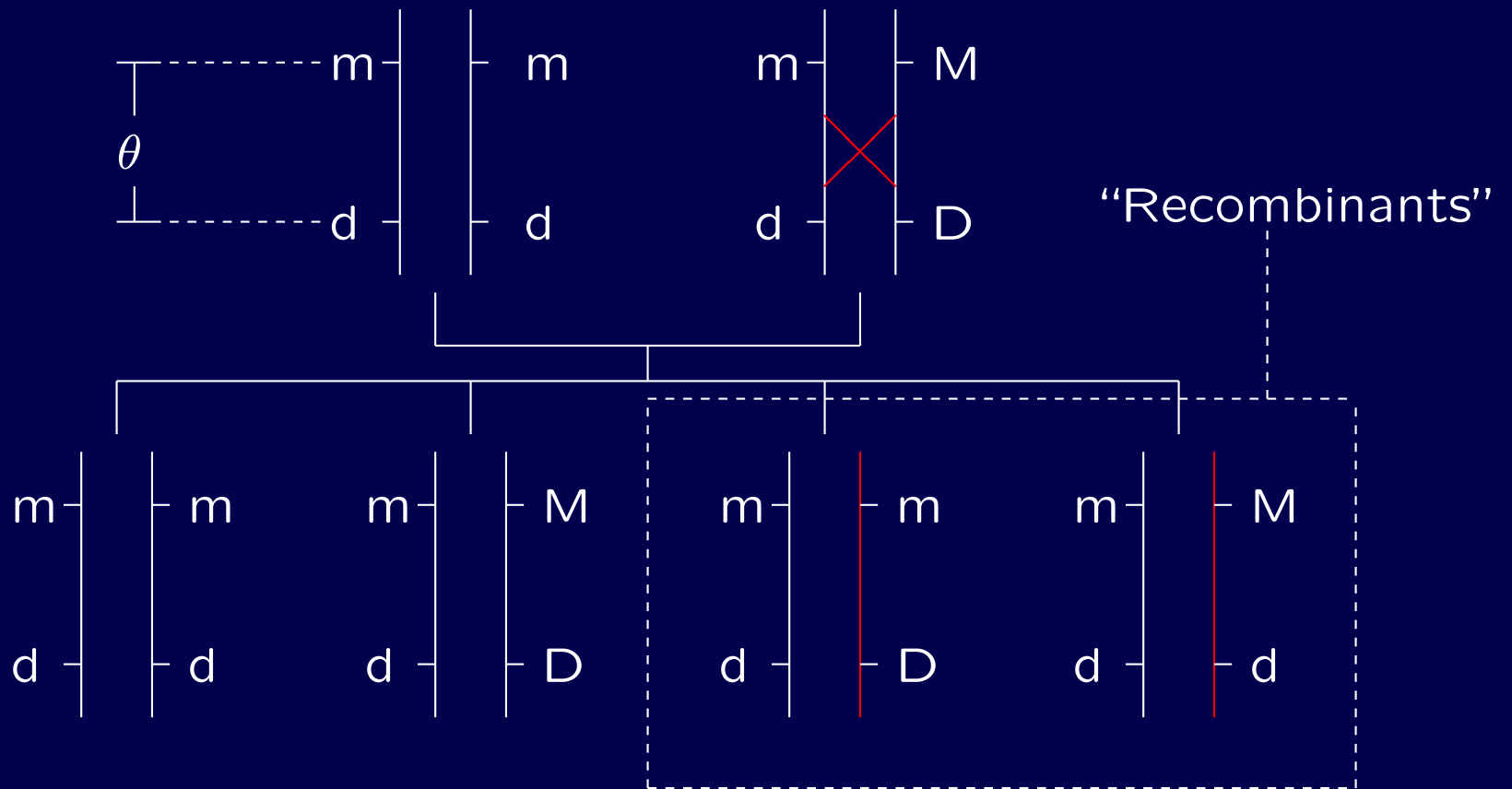
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Genetic Recombination



Model for Simple Data Type

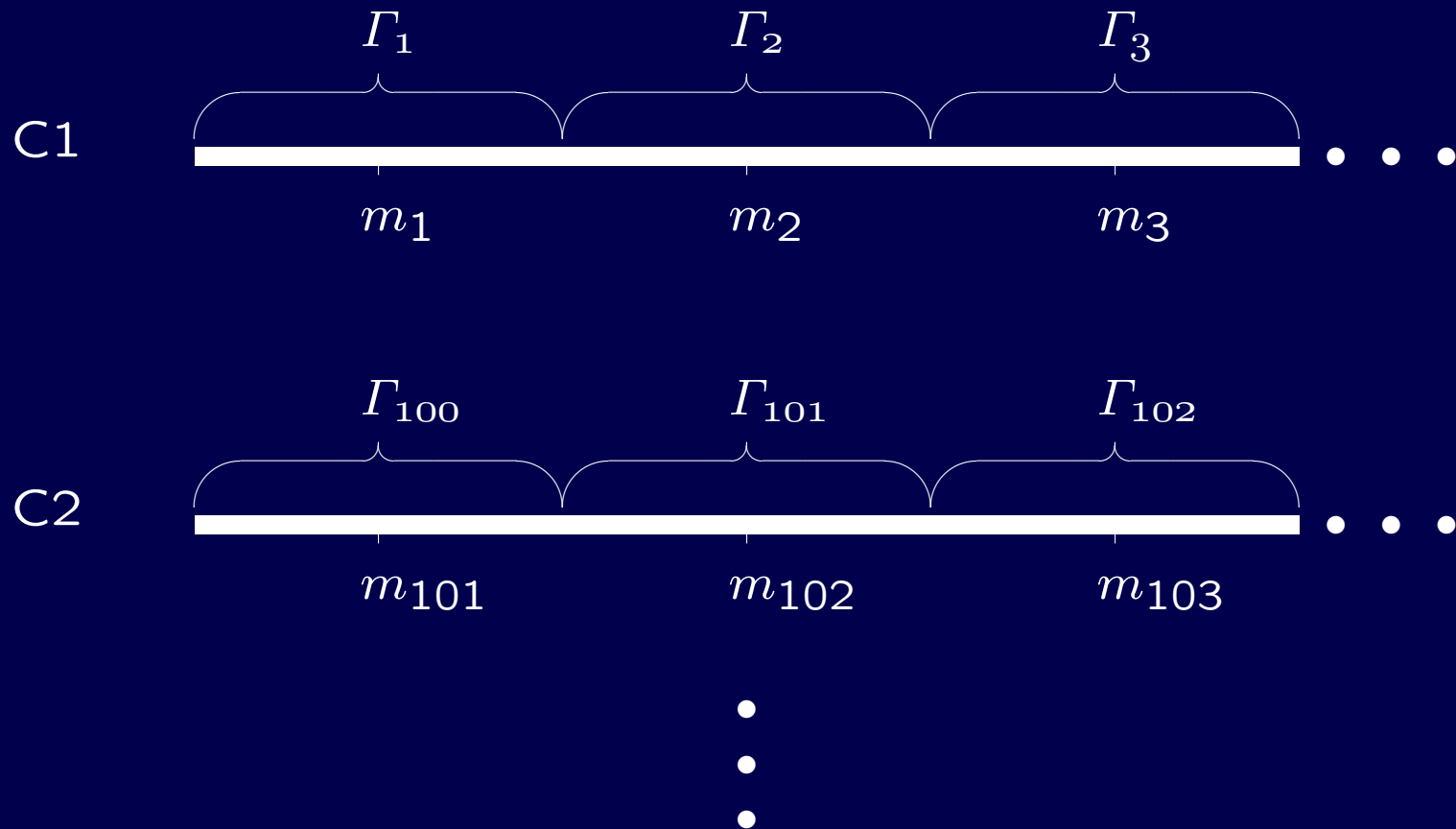
- Suppose one large nuclear family with k children.
- For each marker m , define

$R_m = \#$ of children in family who are recombinant w.r.t. marker m .

- Then:

$$\begin{array}{l} R_1 \sim \text{Binomial}(\theta_1, k) \\ \vdots \\ R_{1000} \sim \text{Binomial}(\theta_{1000}, k) \end{array}$$

Partitioning the Parameter Space



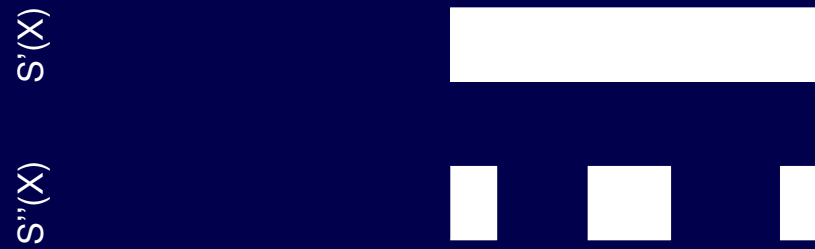
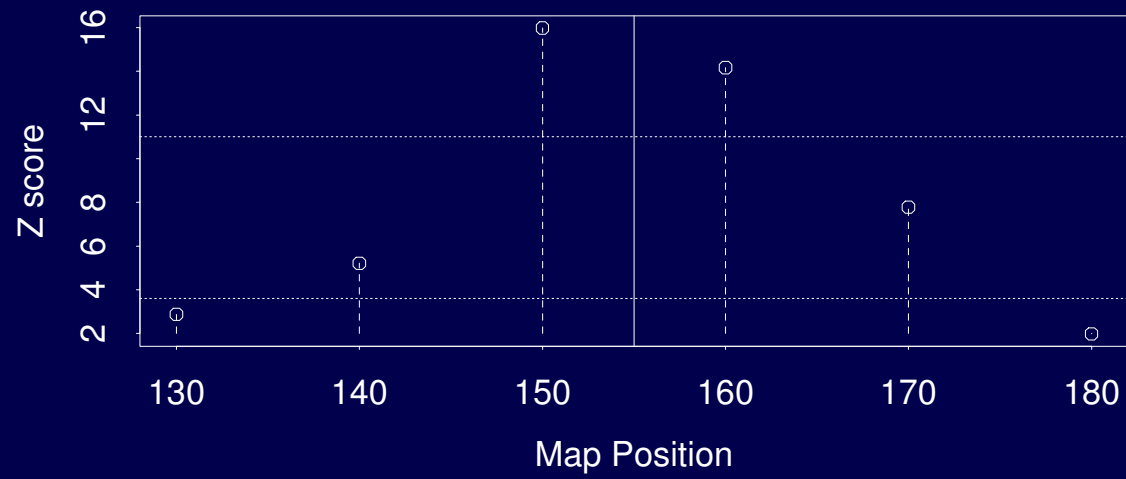
Testing Every Possible Disease Locus

- Let γ denote the (unknown) locus of the disease gene.
- For $\gamma' \in \Gamma_i$,
 - $\gamma = \gamma' \iff \theta_i = \theta'_i$ for some θ'_i .
 - we test $H_{0\gamma'} : \gamma = \gamma'$ by testing
$$H_{0\theta'_i} : \theta_i \leq \theta'_i \text{ versus } H_{A\theta'_i} : \theta_i > \theta'_i$$
 - use R_i to test $H_{0\gamma'}$ at level α .
- Do this for every γ' on the genome.

Assembling the Confidence Set

- $S(R_1, \dots, R_{1000}) = \{\gamma' : H_{0\gamma'} \text{ is accepted}\}$ is a $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence set for γ .
- No Multiplicity Adjustment ! (relevant multiplicity is number of disease genes, not number of markers or number of hypotheses).

Application to Simulated Data



To Learn More ...

- Lin, Rogers and Hsu (2001). A Confidence Set Approach for Finding Tightly Linked Genomic Regions. *American Journal of Human Genetics* **68**, 1219–1228.
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