

PopGenome Session

Bastian Pfeifer

December 10, 2013

1 Introduction

PopGenome is a new package for population genomic analysis and method development. PopGenome includes, e.g., a wide range of polymorphism, neutrality statistics and F_{ST} estimates, which are applicable to sequence data stored in alignment format, as well as whole genome SNP data from the 1000/1001 Genome projects. The full range of methods can be applied to sliding-windows based on either the whole genome or only the SNPs. PopGenome is also able to handle GFF/GTF annotation files and automatically specifies the SNPs located in, e.g., exon or intron regions. Those subsites can be analyzed at once (e.g., all introns together) or each region separately (e.g., one value per intron). The PopGenome framework is linked to Hudson's MS program for significance tests using coalescent simulations.

The following sections explain how to use the PopGenome package. Detail informations about the functions and their corresponding parameter can be found in the PopGenome manual on CRAN.

2 Install PopGenome

Install the package via R

```
> install.packages("PopGenome")
```

Loading the PopGenome package

```
> library(PopGenome)
```

3 Reading data (alignments)

Reading three alignments in FASTA-format (*4CL1tl.fas*, *C4Htl.fas* and *CADtl.fas*) stored in the folder "FASTA". (An example FASTA-file can be found in the *data* subdirectory of the PopGenome package on CRAN. Alignment formats like *Phylip*, *MEGA*, *MAF* are also accepted.

Note: valid nucleotides are A,a,C,c,T,t,U,u,G,g,-(gap),N,n,?(unknown). Internally those nucleotides are coded into numeric values:

- $T, U \rightarrow 1$

- $C \rightarrow 2$
- $G \rightarrow 3$
- $A \rightarrow 4$
- $unknown \rightarrow 5$
- $- \rightarrow 6$

```
> GENOME.class <- readData("FASTA")
```

`GENOME.class` is an object of class `GENOME`. When printing `GENOME.class` we get some informations about the main methods provided by PopGenome and how to get the results. The `GENOME` class is the input for every function printed below.

Note: `GENOME.class` ist just a variable, you can choose here whatever you want.

```
> GENOME.class
```

```
-----
Modules:
```

	Calculation	Description	Get.the.Result
1	readData	Reading data	get.sum.data
2	neutrality.stats	Neutrality tests	get.neutrality
3	linkage.stats	Linkage disequilibrium	get.linkage
4	recomb.stats	Recombination	get.recomb
5	F_ST.stats	Fixation index	get.F_ST,get.diversity
6	MKT	McDonald-Kreitman test	get.MKT
7	detail.stats	Mixed statistics	get.detail
8	MS	Coalescent simulation	@
9	-----	-----	-----
10	set.populations	Defines the populations	
11	sliding.window.transform	Sliding window	
12	splitting.data	Splits the data	
13	show.slots	?provided slots?	
14	get.status	Status of calculations	

The class `GENOME` contains all observed data and statistic values which are presentable in a multi-locus-scale. Use the function `show.slots(GENOME.class)` to get an overview or check out the PopGenome manual on CRAN. To access those values we use the `@`-operator.

How many sites were analyzed in each alignment ?

```
> GENOME.class@n.sites
```

```
4CL1tl.fas  C4Htl.fas  CADtl.fas
      2979      2620      2930
```

```
> GENOME.class@region.names
```

```
[1] "4CL1tl.fas" "C4Htl.fas" "CADtl.fas"
```

To get some summary information from the alignments use the `get.sum.data` function. This function extracts the values from the class `GENOME` and puts them into a matrix. We can also look at those values separately with the `@`-operator (`GENOME.class@n.biallelic.sites`).

```
> get.sum.data(GENOME.class)

      n.sites n.biallelic.sites n.gaps n.unknowns n.valid.sites
4CL1tl.fas   2979             176    617          0          2362
C4Htl.fas    2620              84   1454          0          1161
CADtl.fas    2930             197    740          0          2189
      n.polyallelic.sites trans.transv.ratio
4CL1tl.fas              0          1.120482
C4Htl.fas               5          1.470588
CADtl.fas               1          0.970000
```

The Slot `region.data` contains some detail (site specific) informations, which are not presentable in a multi-locus-scale. `region.data` is another class and its slots are accessible with the `@` operator. See also the figure in section [PopGenome classes](#).

```
> GENOME.class@region.data
```

```
-----
SLOTS:
-----
```

	Slots	Description
1	populations	Samples of each population (rows)
2	populations2	Samples of each population (names)
3	outgroup	Samples of outgroup
4	transitions	Biallelic site transitions
5	biallelic.matrix	Biallelic matrix
6	n.singletons	Number of singletons
7	biallelic.sites	Position of biallelic sites
8	reference	SNP reference
9	n.nucleotides	Number of nucleotides per sequence
10	biallelic.compositions	Nucleotides per sequence (biallelic)
11	synonymous	Synonymous biallelic sites
12	biallelic.substitutions	Biallelic substitutions
13	polyallelic.sites	Sites with >2 nucleotides
14	sites.with.gaps	Sites with gap positions
15	sites.with.unknowns	Sites with unknown positions
16	minor.alleles	Minor alleles
17	codons	Codons of biallelic substitutions
18	IntronSNPS	SNPs in intron region
19	UTRSNPS	SNPs in UTR region
20	CodingSNPS	SNPs in coding region
21	ExonSNPS	SNPs in exon region
22	GeneSNPS	SNPs in gene region

```

-----
These are the Slots (class region.data)

The first 10 biallelic positions ([1:10]) of the first alignment ([[1]]):

> GENOME.class@region.data@biallelic.sites[[1]][1:10]

[1] 12 13 31 44 59 101 121 154 165 202

Which of those biallelic sites are transitions ?

> GENOME.class@region.data@transitions[[1]][1:10]

[1] TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE FALSE TRUE FALSE FALSE FALSE

```

3.1 The slots of the class region.data

populations

'list' of length n.populations. Contains the row identifiers (biallelic.matrix) of each individual

populations2

list of length n.populations. Contains the character names of each individual

outgroup

contains the row identifiers (biallelic.matrix) of the outgroup individuals

transitions

a boolean vector of length n.snps. TRUE if the substitution producing the SNP was a transition

biallelic.matrix

all calculations are based on this matrix. It contains zeros (mayor allele) and ones (minor allele). rows=individuals. columns=SNPs (see `get.biallelic.matrix` in the manual) If the parameter `include.unknown` of the `readData` function is switched to TRUE, the unknown nucleotides are NA in the biallelic matrix.

n.singletons

vector of length n.individuals. Number of SNPs where exactly one individual causes a SNP.

biallelic.sites

positions of the single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNP)

n.nucleotides

number of valid nucleotides for each individual.

biallelic.composition

the nucleotide distribution for each individual

synonymous

vector of length=n.snps. TRUE:synonymous, FALSE:non-synonymous,NA:non-coding region

biallelic.substitutions

The correspondig nucleotides of the SNPs:

first row: minor allele, second row: mayor allele

polyallelic.sites

position of polyallelic sites (>2 nucleotides)

sites.with.gaps

sites including gaps (those sites are excluded)

sites.with.unknowns

sites with unknown positions (N,n,?). Those sites are included if the parameter `include.unknown` is `TRUE`

minor.alleles

The minor allele of the SNP represented as a numerical value

codons

a list of length=`n.snps`. The codon changes are represented as numerical values. This slot is only available for data in alignment format.

For SNP data we provide the function `set.synonsyn` because of memory issues. See also `get.codons` for some detail informations about the codon-changes and `codontable()` to define your own genetic code.

<FEATURE>SNPS

boolean vector of length=`n.snps`, `TRUE`, if the SNP lies in a (coding, exon, intron or UTR) region. This slot will be present after reading data with the corresponding GFF-file.

4 Reading data with GFF/GTF information

The GFF folder contains GFF-files for each alignment stored in the FASTA folder. The GFF-files should have the same names as the corresponding FASTA-files (in this example: *4CL1tl.gff*, *C4Htl.gff* and *CADtl.gff*) to ensure the right matching.

```
> GENOME.class <- readData("FASTA",gffpath="GFF")
```

Which of the first 10 SNPs (`[1:10]`) of the second (`[[2]]`) alignment are part of an synonymous mutation ?

```
> GENOME.class@region.data@synonymous[[2]][1:10]

[1] TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE  NA  NA  NA  NA
```

NA values indicate that the sites are not in a coding region

```
> GENOME.class@region.data@CodingSNPS[[2]][1:10]

[1] 1413 1428 1446 1455 1482 1488 1744 1756 1798 1802
```

4.1 Splitting the data in subsites

PopGenome can scan the data based on the features defined in the GFF file. In this example we are splitting into `coding` (CDS) regions. The returned value is again an object of class `GENOME`.

```
> GENOME.class.split <- splitting.data(GENOME.class, subsites="coding")
```

Each region contains now the SNP-informations of each coding region defined in the gff-files. In case of whole-genome SNP data this mechanism can be very useful. (see manual:`readSNP`,`readVCF` and section (*Reading data (SNP files)*))

```
> GENOME.class.split@n.sites
```

```
[1] 1056 413 103 96 785 132 595 92 112 226 438 220
```

```
> GENOME.class.split <- neutrality.stats(GENOME.class.split)
```

Apply the neutrality module to all synonymous SNPs in the coding regions.

```
> GENOME.class.split <- neutrality.stats(GENOME.class.split, subsites="syn")
```

```
> GENOME.class.split@Tajima.D
```

The function `get.gff.info` provides additional features to extract annotation informations out of a GFF/GTF file.

5 Define the populations

Define two populations as a list.

```
> GENOME.class <- set.populations(GENOME.class, list(
+   c("CON", "KAS-1", "RUB-1", "PER-1", "RI-0", "MR-0", "TUL-0"),
+   c("MH-0", "YO-0", "ITA-0", "CVI-0", "COL-2", "LA-0", "NC-1")
+ ))
```

Individual names are returned by the function `get.individuals(GENOME.class)`

6 Define an outgroup

If one or more outgroup sequences are defined, PopGenome will only consider SNPs where the outgroup is monomorphic. The monomorphic nucleotide is then automatically defined as the major allele 0 (non mutant).

```
> GENOME.class <- set.outgroup(GENOME.class, c("Alyr-1", "Alyr-2"))
```

7 Statistics

The methods and statistical tests provided by PopGenome are listed in the user manual. The corresponding references are in the *references* section.

7.1 Neutrality statistics

```
> GENOME.class <- neutrality.stats(GENOME.class)
```

Getting the result from the object of class `GENOME`.

```
> get.neutrality(GENOME.class)
```

```
      neutrality stats
pop 1 Numeric,27
pop 2 Numeric,27
```

Let's look at the first population `[[1]]`.

```
> get.neutrality(GENOME.class)[[1]]
```

	Tajima.D	n.segregating.sites	Rozas.R_2	Fu.Li.F	Fu.Li.D
4CL1tl.fas	-1.1791799	16	NA	-0.9247377	-1.1331823
C4Htl.fas	0.6987394	17	NA	0.6742517	0.4167836
CADtl.fas	0.5503743	14	NA	0.4458431	0.1590690

	Fu.F_S	Fay.Wu.H	Zeng.E	Strobeck.S
4CL1tl.fas	NA	NaN	NaN	NA
C4Htl.fas	NA	NaN	NaN	NA
CADtl.fas	NA	NaN	NaN	NA

The NA values indicates that the statistics could not be calculated. This can have several reasons.

- the statistic needs an outgroup
- the statistic was not switched on
- there are no SNPs in the entire region

In each module you can switch on/off statistics and define an outgroup. (check out the PopGenome manual on CRAN). PopGenome also provides a population specific view of each statistic value.

```
> GENOME.class@Tajima.D
```

	pop 1	pop 2
4CL1tl.fas	-1.1791799	-0.0702101
C4Htl.fas	0.6987394	1.1819777
CADtl.fas	0.5503743	0.2682897

If we have read in the data with the corresponding GFF files PopGenome can also analyse subsites like **exon**, **coding**, **utr** or **intron** regions.

```
> GENOME.class <- neutrality.stats(GENOME.class, subsites="coding")
```

```
> GENOME.class@Tajima.D
```

	pop 1	pop 2
4CL1tl.fas	-1.023785	0.2626617
C4Htl.fas	1.013372	1.9121846
CADtl.fas	1.981520	1.5191652

Or each subsite-region separately by splitting the data as described in section 2.1.

```
> GENOME.class.split <- splitting.data(GENOME.class, subsites="coding")
```

```
> GENOME.class.split <- neutrality.stats(GENOME.class.split)
```

```
> GENOME.class.split@Tajima.D
```

	pop 1	pop 2
240 - 1295	-0.2749244	-0.3186974
1890 - 2302	-1.0062306	0.7546749
2679 - 2781	-1.0062306	0.5590170
2884 - 2979	-1.0062306	NaN
3465 - 4249	NA	NA
4337 - 4468	NaN	NaN
4696 - 5290	-1.6097384	2.1259529
6181 - 6272	NaN	NaN
6412 - 6523	NaN	NaN
7320 - 7545	0.2390231	1.8112198
7643 - 8080	-0.3018700	1.1684289
8176 - 8395	NaN	NaN

The `splitting.data` function just transforms the class into another object of class `GENOME`, as a consequence we can apply all methods to the transformed class `GENOME.class.split`. Lets for example analyse all non-synonymous SNPs in the coding regions.

```
> GENOME.class.split <- neutrality.stats(GENOME.class.split, subsites="nonsyn")
```

The `PopGenome` framework provides several modules to calculate statistics. All methods will work in the same way as the `neutrality.stats()` function described above. Every time the input is an object of class `GENOME`.

7.2 The slot `region.stats`

The slot `region.stats` includes some site-specific statistics or values that can not be shown in a multi-locus-scale. See also the section `PopGenome classes`.

```
> GENOME.class@region.stats
```

```
-----
SLOTS:
-----
```

	Slots	Description	Module
1	nucleotide.diversity	Nucleotide diversity	FST
2	haplotype.diversity	Haplotype diversity	FST
3	haplotype.counts	Haplotype distribution	FST
4	minor.allele.freqs	Minor allele frequencies	Detail
5	linkage.disequilibrium	Linkage disequilibrium	Linkage
6	biallelic.structure	Shared and fixed polymorphisms	Detail

```
-----
```

These are the Slots (class `region.data`)

```
> GENOME.class <- F_ST.stats(GENOME.class)
or
> GENOME.class <- diversity.stats(GENOME.class)

> GENOME.class@region.stats@nucleotide.diversity
```



```
[[1]]
      pop 1      pop 2
pop 1 5.142857      NA
pop 2 6.163265 5.238095
```

```
[[2]]
      pop 1 pop 2
pop 1 7.809524      NA
pop 2 8.816327      4
```

```
[[3]]
      pop 1      pop 2
pop 1 6.285714      NA
pop 2 5.836735 4.285714
```

nucleotide.diversity

The nucleotide diversity (average pairwise nucleotide differences) within and between the populations. Have to be divided by the slot `GENOME.class@n.sites` (see also `diversity.stats`)

haplotype.diversity

The haplotype diversity (average pairwise haplotype differences) within and between the populations. (see also: `diversity.stats`)

haplotype.counts

A vector of length=`n.indivuals`. Number of times a sequence of a specific individual-sequence appears in the whole population

minor.allele.freqs

The minor allele (0) frequencies for each SNP calculated with the function `detail.stats`

linkage.disequilibrium

The function `linkage.stats(...,detail=TRUE)` calculates some linkage disequilibrium measurements for each pair of SNP (r^2 , D' ...). See also: `R2.stats`

biallelic.structure

Can be calculated with the function

```
detail.stats(GENOME.class, biallelic.structure=TRUE).
```

To extract the results use the function

```
get.detail(GENOME.class,biallelic.structure=TRUE)
```

The returned values (for each SNP) are described in the user manual.

8 Sliding Window Analysis

The `sliding.window.transform()` transforms an object of class `GENOME` in another object of class `GENOME`. This mechanism enables the user to apply all methods existing in the PopGenome framework.

PopGenome tries to concatenate the data if the parameter `whole.data` is switched to `TRUE`. This mechanism enables the user to calculate really big data which can be splitted into smaller chunks stored in the input folder. PopGenome is able to concatenate them afterwards. Functions like `readVCF` and `readSNP` will do this automatically. (see also `concatenate.regions`) If `whole.data=FALSE` the

regions are scanned separately.

type=1: Scanning the SNPs

type=2: Scanning the nucleotides

8.1 Scanning the whole data

```
> GENOME.class.slide <- sliding.window.transform(GENOME.class,width=50,
+                                                jump=50,type=1,whole.data=TRUE)

> GENOME.class.slide@region.names

[1] "1 - 50 :"      "51 - 100 :"    "101 - 150 :"   "151 - 200 :"   "201 - 250 :"
[6] "251 - 300 :"   "301 - 350 :"   "351 - 400 :"   "401 - 450 :"

> GENOME.class.slide <- linkage.stats(GENOME.class.slide)

> get.linkage(GENOME.class.slide)[[1]]

      Wall.B      Wall.Q  Rozas.ZA  Rozas.ZZ  Kelly.Z_nS
1 - 50 :    0.6666667  0.7500000  0.6666667   0.2916667  0.375000000
51 - 100 :         NaN         NaN  0.0000000   0.0000000  0.000000000
101 - 150 : 0.0000000  0.0000000  0.01851852 -0.05266204  0.071180556
151 - 200 : 0.6250000  0.6666667  0.37847222  0.10206619  0.276406036
201 - 250 : 0.5833333  0.6923077  5.40972222  1.05354208  4.356180145
251 - 300 : 0.0000000  0.0000000  0.01388889 -0.17860000  0.192488889
301 - 350 : 0.0000000  0.0000000  0.01388889  0.00462963  0.009259259
351 - 400 : 0.4000000  0.5000000  3.95688889  2.19704321  1.759845679
401 - 450 : 0.5000000  0.6000000  1.81250000  1.31916667  0.493333333
```

The slot `GENOME.class.slide@region.names` can be used to generate the x-values for e.g. a plot along the chromosome.

```
> xaxis <- strsplit(GENOME.class.slide@region.names,split=" ; ")
> xaxis <- sapply(GENOME.class.slide@region.names,function(x){
+               return(mean(as.numeric(x)))
+             })
> plot(xaxis,GENOME.class.slide@Wall.B)
```

8.2 Scanning the regions separately

```
> GENOME.class.slide <- sliding.window.transform(GENOME.class,width=50,
+                                                jump=50,type=1,whole.data=FALSE)

> GENOME.class.slide@region.names

[1] "1:4CL1tl.fas" "2:4CL1tl.fas" "3:4CL1tl.fas" "4:C4Htl.fas" "5:CADtl.fas"
[6] "6:CADtl.fas"  "7:CADtl.fas"

> GENOME.class.slide <- linkage.stats(GENOME.class.slide)

> get.linkage(GENOME.class.slide)[[1]]
```

	Wall.B	Wall.Q	Rozas.ZA	Rozas.ZZ	Kelly.Z_nS
1:4CL1t1.fas	0.6666667	0.75	0.6666667	0.2916667	0.3750000
2:4CL1t1.fas	NaN	NaN	0.0000000	0.0000000	0.0000000
3:4CL1t1.fas	0.0000000	0.00	0.01851852	-0.05266204	0.07118056
4:C4Ht1.fas	0.6666667	0.80	0.54086420	-0.09315802	0.63402222
5:CADt1.fas	0.0000000	0.00	2.09259259	-0.04456019	2.13715278
6:CADt1.fas	0.0000000	0.00	0.01388889	-1.37808642	1.39197531
7:CADt1.fas	0.5000000	0.60	0.88888889	-0.27527778	1.16416667

9 Reading data (SNP files)

PopGenome can handle SNP-data formats like VCF (1000 Genome project), HapMap and .SNP (1001 Genome project). VCF files can be read in with the function `readData(format="VCF")`. The VCF file (same as with alignments) have to be stored in a folder. To study whole genomes, VCFs could be splitted in fairly sized chunks (by position) which should be numbered consecutively and stored in one folder. PopGenome can concatenate them afterwards in the PopGenome framework. Alternatively use the function `readVCF` which can read in a tabixed VCF-file like it is published from the 1000 Genome project. `readVCF` supports fast access of defined subregions of the file and automatically splits the data in chunks in cases when the region of interest is too big for the available RAM.

The function `readSNP` reads data published from the 1001 Genome project (*Arabidopsis*), where the *quality-variant.txt* files, which include variant calls from every single individual, have to be stored in a folder. The `readData` function can also read HapMap data. (`readData(format="HapMap")`) In case of using SNP-data the `FAST` parameter can be switched to `TRUE`. `readData(format="VCF", FAST=TRUE)` !!! Example files can be found in the subdirectory *data* of the PopGenome package.

9.1 Example

Reading data from the 1001 Genome project (*Arabidopsis*)

```
# reading chromosome 1
> GENOME.class <- readSNP("Arabidopsis", CHR=1)
# scan the data with consecutive windows
# window size: 1000 nucleotides (type=2)
# jump size: 1000 nucleotides (type=2)
> GENOME.class.slide <- sliding.window.transform(GENOME.class,1000,1000,type=2)
# calculate diversity statistics for all individuals
> GENOME.class.slide <- diversity.stats(GENOME.class.slide)
# Get the results ([[1]], because only one pop is defined)
> get.diversity(GENOME.class.slide)[[1]]
# alternative: directly access the nucleotide diversity
> plot(GENOME.class.slide@nuc.diversity.within)
```

`readSNP` and `readVCF` also accept a GFF-file as an input. To scan alle exons of chromosome 1 and only calculate the diversity of the nonsynonymous sites, do the following:

```
# read chromosome 1 with the corresponding GFF-file
> GENOME.class <- readSNP("Arabidopsis", CHR=1, gffpath="Ara.gff")
# verify the nonsyn/syn SNPs (we need the reference sequence as a FASTA file !)
> GENOME.class <- set.synnonyn(GENOME.class, ref.chr="chr1.fas")
# split the data in exon regions
> GENOME.class.exons <- splitting.data(GENOME.class, subsites="exon")
# calculate the nonsynonymous diversities
> GENOME.class.exons <- diversity.stats(GENOME.class.exons, subsites="nonsyn")
```

We can split the data into [genes](#), [exons](#), [introns](#), [UTRs](#) and [coding regions](#) if the features are present in the GFF file. See also [get.gff.info](#) in the manual.

10 Coalescent simulation

PopGenome supports the Coalescent simulation program MS from Hudson as well as the MSMS simulation tool from Greg Ewing. The observed statistics are tested against the simulated values. You have to specify the θ value and the module you want to apply to the simulated data. An new object of class `cs.stats` will be created. The main input is an object of class `GENOME`

```
> MS.class <- MS(GENOME.class, thetaID="Tajima", neutrality=TRUE)
```

```
> MS.class
```

```
-----
SLOTS:
-----
```

Slots	Description
1 prob.less	Prob. that sim.val <= obs.val P(sim <= obs)
2 prob.equal	Prob. that sim.val = obs.val P(sim = obs)
3 valid.iter	number of valid iter. for each test and loci
4 obs.val	obs.values for each test
5 n.loci	number of loci considered
6 n.iter	number of iterations for each loci
7 average	average values of each statistic (across all loci)
8 variance	variance values of each statistic (across all loci)
9 locus list	list of loc.stats objects, (detail stats for each locus)

```
-----
```

Lets look at the data of the first region

```
> MS.class@locus[[1]]
```

```
      Length      Class      Mode
      1 loc.stats      S4
```

```
-----
SLOTS:
-----
```

Slots	Description
1 n.sam	number of samples for each iteration

```

2         n.iter                                number of iteration
3         theta                                mutation parameter
4         obs.val                                vector with observed values for each test
5         positions                                position of each polymorphic site
6         trees                                if printtree=1, gene tree in Newick format
7         seeds                                random numbers used to generate samples
8         halplotypes                                haplotypes in each iteration
9         stats                                variety of test stats compiled a matrix
10 loc.prob.less Prob. that simulated val. <= to observed val. P(Sim <= Obs)
11 loc.prob.equal Prob. that simulated val = to observed val. P(Sim = Obs)
12 loc.valid.iter                                number of valid iteration for each test
13         quantiles                                13 quantiles for each test

-----
[1] "These are the Slots"

```

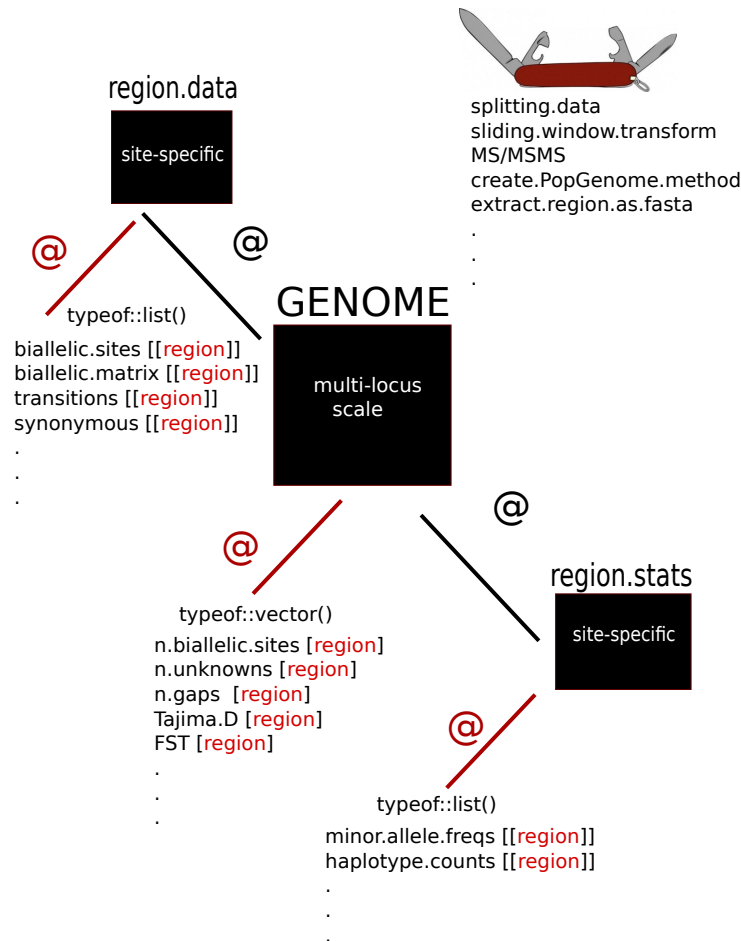
10.1 The function readMS

Reading data produced from the coalescent simulation programs MS (Hudson) and MSMS (Ewing).

```
> GENOME.class <- readMS(file="...")
```

[After reading in the full range of methods can be applied to this data](#)

11 PopGenome classes



12 PopGenome internals

12.1 Synonymous & Non-Synonymous Sites

PopGenome will consider every single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) separately and verify if the SNP is part of a synonymous or nonsynonymous change. When there is a unknown or gap position in the entire site nucleotide-triplet of a specific individual, PopGenome will ignore those sequences and will try to find a valid codon and will interpret this change. If there is one nonsynonymous change PopGenome will set this SNP as a nonsynonymous SNP, also when there are additional synonymous changes. However, the slot `GENOME.class@region.data@codons` includes all codon changes and the function `get.codons` will also give more inside. If necessary the user can redefine the syn/nonsyn changes by manipulating the `GENOME.class@region.data@synonymous` slot or define subpositions of

interest with the `splitting.data` function.

When typing `codontable` in R the Codon-Table is printed where the rows of the second matrix of the list corresponds to the numerical values of the slot `GENOME.class@region.data@codons`.

```
> codonTable <- codontable()
> codonTable[[2]]
```

The first matrix of this list (`codonTable[[1]]`) codes the corresponding Proteins of the nucleotide Triplets. PopGenome will always use the first row of this matrix (standard code) to interpret whether a change is synonymous or nonsynonymous. Here you can change the coding in the first row and load your own file in the R-environment

```
# change the file codontable.R
> library(PopGenome)
> source("../codontable.R")
```

The function have to be `codontable()`