

Appendix S2 Estimation equations for parameters from fastBayesA

At convergence of the EM algorithm when $\hat{\gamma}^{(k-1)} \approx \hat{\gamma}^{(k)}$, the fastBayesA estimates of SNP effects ($\hat{\gamma}$) and fixed effects ($\hat{\beta}$) satisfy

$$\hat{\gamma} = \left[\mathbf{Z}'\mathbf{Z} + \hat{\mathbf{D}}^{-1}\sigma_e^2 \right]^{-1} \mathbf{Z}'(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta}),$$

and

$$\hat{\beta} = \left(\mathbf{X}'\hat{\mathbf{V}}^{-1}\mathbf{X} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{X}'\hat{\mathbf{V}}^{-1}\mathbf{y},$$

in which

$$\hat{\mathbf{D}} = \text{diag} \left\{ \frac{\hat{\gamma}_j^2 + \nu_\gamma S_\gamma^2}{\nu_\gamma + 1} \right\}_{j=1}^m,$$

and

$$\hat{\mathbf{V}} = \mathbf{Z}\hat{\mathbf{D}}\mathbf{Z}' + \mathbf{I}\sigma_e^2.$$

In this study the residual variance is assumed known from simulation. In most cases where the residual variance is unknown, the estimate in the k th step of EM iteration is calculated as

$$\{\hat{\sigma}_e^2\}^{(k)} = \frac{\left[\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta}^{(k)} - \mathbf{Z}\hat{\gamma}^{(k)} \right]' \left[\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\hat{\beta}^{(k)} - \mathbf{Z}\hat{\gamma}^{(k)} \right]}{n - \text{rank}(\mathbf{X})}.$$