

Instructions for polygenic risk scoring (PRS) using PLINK

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- I. Target genotype data.
- II. LD clumped discovery data set.
- III. Q-Range file.

1. Create a new directory

```
mkdir test_prs  
cd test_prs
```

2. Create a symbolic link of the genotype data (target data set) to be scored in this directory.
(make sure it is post-imputation best guess genotypes with at least several million SNPs)

```
ln -s  
/user/plink/genotype/mix_XXXX_eur_sr-qc.hg19.ch.fl.bgn.bim  
./  
ln -s  
/user/plink/genotype/mix_XXXX_eur_sr-qc.hg19.ch.fl.bgn.bed  
./  
ln -s  
/user/plink/genotype/mix_XXXX_eur_sr-qc.hg19.ch.fl.bgn.fam  
./
```

3. Copy the LD-clumped discovery data set. This will be used as weights in PRS.

```
cp /user/plink/clump/PGC2012/pgc.scz.clump.2012-04.txt.gz  
./
```

Convert odds ratios to log odds ratios. Using odds ratios instead of log odds will yield incorrect results.

```
gunzip -c pgc.scz.clump.2012-04.txt.gz | awk  
'$9=log($9){print}' > pgc.scz.clump.2012-04.txt.gz.xhmc
```

4. Create a q range file: A text file in which each row corresponds to a **different score**, containing a label, then a lower and upper bound for the values as given in the discovery (weights) file. For example one can give a lower and upper bound of **p-value** then only the SNPs that lie between this range will be used. Example of **q range** file below

```
s1 0.00 0.00000005  
s2 0.00 0.000001  
s3 0.00 0.0001  
s4 0.00 0.001  
s5 0.00 0.01  
s6 0.00 0.05  
s7 0.00 0.1  
s8 0.00 0.2  
s9 0.00 0.5  
s10 0.00 1
```

5. Create PRS for the target dataset based on the discovery set using following plink command

```
plink \  
--allow-no-sex \  
--bfile mix_XXXX_eur_sr-qc.hg19.ch.fl.bgn \  
--q-score-range range pgc.scz.clump.2012-04.txt.gz.xhmc 2  
11 header \  
--score pgc.scz.clump.2012-04.txt.gz.xhmc 2 4 9 header sum  
\  
--out OUTNAME.XXXX.bgn.score
```

--q-score-range: take the argument as range file (from Step 4), the LD-clumped file(Step 3) and column number of variant ids (Eg. 2) and the column number of p-values (eg.11)

--score: take the argument as LD-clumped file(Step 3), column number of variant ids (Eg.

2), column number of allele codes (Eg.4) and scores(Eg.Log of odds ratio,9)

6. Look at the different (based on -q-score-range) results files (explanation for S1-S10 see screenshot under 4.)

[OUTNAME.XXXX.bgn.score.S1.profile](#)

[OUTNAME.XXXX.bgn.score.S2.profile](#)

[OUTNAME.XXXX.bgn.score.S3.profile](#)

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[OUTNAME.XXXX.bgn.score.S10.profile](#)

7. For Correlation Analyses you usually need to integrate at least some PCA covariates. For case/control datasets this is usually done via “Nagelkerke”. Separate scripts available by request