



Original merged gene expression dataset

genes:

prior to filtering lowly-expressed genes: 57820

after filtering out lowly-expressed genes: 43885

samples: 1931

samples for which genotype data is avail: 1452

Expression matrix for all **adults**:

genes:

prior to filtering lowly-expressed genes: 57820

after filtering out lowly-expressed genes: 42524

samples: 1387

samples for which genotype data is avail: **1387**

Expression matrix for all **European adults**:

genes:

prior to filtering lowly-expressed genes: 57820

after filtering out lowly-expressed genes: 41353

samples: 938

samples for which genotype data is avail: **938**

Re-calculate fQTLs based on a revised gene expression matrix (biomarkers)

Means of calculating eQTLs

cis/trans

use **all genes** in the genome to calculate eQTLs

pull out those **eQTLs that match the 440 biomarker genes**, and find matches between their associated SNVs and those SNVs that correspond to fQTLs

find matches between **ALL of the SNVs** in this set of eQTLs and those SNVs that correspond to fQTLs

use only the **~440 biomarker genes** to calculate eQTLs

simply extract gene expression values for these genes from the **original normlized expression matrix** (which contains all genes)

re-normalize the gene expression matrix (from scratch) using only the 440 biomarker genes

Additional variables:

Use only **adult samples**?

Use only **adult European** samples? If so, then should we:

- include or exclude **genotype principal components** (not an option for trans-eQTLs)?
- include or exclude **PEER** factors (not an option for trans-eQTLs)?