

Research Note**Estimation of genetic variability, expected genetic advance, correlation and path analysis in field pea (*Pisum sativum* L.)**M.S. Jeberson¹, K.S. Shashidhar¹ and K. Iyanar²¹Directorate of Research, Central Agricultural University, Imphal, Manipur-795004, India²Department of Forages, Centre for Plant Breeding & Genetics, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore-641041, Tamil Nadu, India

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Abstract

The investigation was undertaken to estimate the genetic parameters for nine characters with 12 genotypes of field pea. Based on the mean performance, the genotypes HFP 1016, IPF-13-14, Prakash and Pant P 243 showed higher performance for yield suggesting that these genotypes can be used for breeding to evolve superior genotypes in the region. The analysis of variance shows large variability present among the genotypes studied. High to moderate GCV and PCV estimates and high heritability with high genetic advance as percent of mean were observed for the characters namely plant height, cluster/plant, seeds/pod, 100 seed weight and yield. The correlation coefficients revealed positive and highly significant association of yield with plant height, cluster/plant, pods/plant, pod length, seeds/pod and 100 seed weight. The pods/plant exhibited highly positive and direct effect on grain yield followed by pod length and days to maturity. Therefore these characters can be considered for selecting genotypes to improve the grain yield in the field pea.

Keyword

Field pea, Genetic variability, GA, Correlation, Path analysis

Pea (*Pisum sativum* L.) is a prominent pulse crop of winter season in Manipur. Pea has tremendous nutrient value and contains vitamin A, B and C along with minerals, dietary fibres and antioxidant compounds (Urbanoet al., 2003). Genetic diversity in pea is essential for breeding purpose to improve the crop as well as evolve the new high yielding variety. Javaid et al. (2002) evaluated the local and exotic pea germplasm for earliness and grain yield through simple selection and suggested that elite genotypes can be used in hybridization programme for pea improvement. Nawabet al. (2008) studied positive and significant correlation between green pod yield/plot and number of seeds/pod and weight of pods/plant at genotypic and phenotypic levels. Tiwari et al. (2012) suggested that days to maturity, plant height and pod length showed high positive and direct effect on seed yield. These characters should be given due priority during selection for field pea improvement. Therefore this investigation was undertaken in such a way that to predict an appropriate plant type for selection so as to improve the seed yield in field pea.

The investigations were undertaken at Andro Research Farm, CAU, Imphal, Manipur during the year 2013-14. The Experimental material comprised of 12 genotypes of field pea viz., Rachna, Prakash, VL 59, Pant P 244, KPMR 853, IPF 13-14, RFP 2009-2-1, HFP 1016, KPF 1036, RFG 79, Pant P 243, IPF 13-13. Genetically pure seeds were grown in a RCBD with three replications in a plot size of 7.2 m² (4m x 1.8m). Crop was sown on 29th November, 2013 with 30cm row and 10 cm plant spacing. All recommended agronomic and plant protection

practices were followed. The data were recorded for nine characters viz., days to 50% flowering, days maturity, plant height, cluster/plant, pods/plant, pod length, seeds/pod 100 seed height and yield(kg/ha). Genotypic and phenotypic coefficients of variability, heritability estimates in broad sense and genetic advance as percentage of mean were estimated following Singh and Choudhary (1979). Path co-efficient analysis was calculated according to Dewey and Lu (1959).

The success of any breeding programme lies upon the thorough knowledge of genetic variability, heritability and type of gene action involved in the inheritance of improvement of desirable characters. The analysis of variance showed significant differences among the genotypes for all characters studied which indicates there is wide genetic variability present among the genotypes studied (Table. 1). Thus, success of genetic enhancement is attributed to the magnitude and nature of variability present for a specific character.

Genotypic and phenotypic coefficients of variation was high in case of cluster/plant (27.03, 44.45), plant height (24.33, 25.30) and yield (kg/ha) (20.53, 21.28), which indicates the presence of high amount of variation among the genotypes. Lowest genotypic and phenotypic coefficient of variation estimate was found in a days to maturity (1.61, 1.63). The other characters which recorded moderate GCV and PCV estimates were., pods/plant (16.98, 21.50), 100 seed weight (12.51, 14.49), seeds/pod (12.46, 14.6), pod length (7.45, 9.82) and days to 50% flowering (5.06, 5.14). Ahmad et al. (2014) reported high genotypic and

phenotypic coefficient of variation for pods/plant, seed yield per plot and cluster/plant. Yadav *et al.* (2009) reported that plant height and seed yield recorded high and significant positive GCV and PCV in field pea. Lavanya *et al.* (2010) also observed high GCV and PCV estimates for seed yield per plant. Heritability estimates ranged from 37.0% (cluster/plant) to 97.5% (days to maturity). High heritability recorded for days to maturity (97.5%), days to 50% flowering (96.8%), yield (93.1%) and plant height (92.5%). The moderate heritability were found in 100 seed height (74.5%), seeds/pod (71.9%), pods and pod length (57.5%). Nawab *et al.* (2008) also shown the high heritability for days to 50% flowering and yield (kg/ha). The high heritability for these characters indicates there is a less influence of environment. Lavanya *et al.* (2010) recorded high heritability for plant height, seed yield and days to 50% flowering. High genetic advance as percent of mean were recorded for plant height (48.21), yield (kg/ha) (40.82), cluster/plant (33.85), pods/plant (27.62), 100 seed weight (22.24) and seeds/pod (21.76). It reveals that these characters were governed by additive genes and selection for improvement in these traits would be beneficial. The character days to maturity exhibited low genetic advance as mean percent (3.28) which indicates that the character is governed by non additive genes. Jaiswal *et al.* (2015) observed that days to maturity recorded low genetic advance as percent of mean (4.03). In case of correlation coefficients studies for genotypic and phenotypic, the genotypic coefficient values are higher than the phenotypic correlation coefficients value for almost all the characters either it is in positive or negative direction shows that the strong association between these characters (Table 3.) which indicates environment plays minor role in the modification of the expression of the genes. The correlation coefficients recorded positive and highly significant association of yield with plant height, cluster/plant, pods/plant, pod length, seeds/pod and 100 seed weight. This result is in corroboration with study of the Yadav *et al.* (2010) who studied the character association with 52 diverse pea genotypes. Days to 50% flowering is negatively correlated with all the characters except days to maturity. Days to maturity is negatively correlated with all the character except days to 50% flowering. Plant height is positively and significantly correlated with pods/plant, pod length, seeds/pod and yield (kg/ha); cluster/plant is positively correlated with pods/plant, pod length, seeds/pod, 100 seed weight and yield; pods/plant is positively correlated with all the characters except days to 50% flowering and days to maturity. Pod length is positively correlated with all the character except days to 50% flowering and days to maturity. Seeds/pod is positively correlated with all except days to 50% flowering and days to maturity. 100 seed weight is positively correlated

with all the character except days to 50% flowering, days to maturity and plant height. These results are akin with the results of Nawab *et al.* (2008), Vikas *et al.* (1999), Sandeep *et al.* (2011), Singh *et al.* (2011) and Singh *et al.* (2006). In the present study, correlation studies shows that, all the characters had positive character association are important yield contributing characters except days to 50% flowering and days to maturity and plant height.

Raiet *et al.* (2006) observed similar results that the yield/plant had positive and significant association with pods/plant and plant height. Govardhan *et al.* (2013) were also recorded that grain yield/plant is positively correlates with pods/plant. Parihar *et al.* (2014) also observed that seed yield had positive and significant association with most of the traits. Path coefficient was worked out based on the yield as a dependant variable and all the other eight characters as independent variables (Table 4.). The pods/plant exhibited highest positive and direct effect on grain yield followed by pod length and days to maturity. Therefore these characters can be considered for selecting genotypes to improve the grain yield in the field pea. The days to 50% flowering, plant height, cluster/plant, seeds/pod and 100 seed weight shows the negative direct effect. However, the negative direct effects of all these characters were nullified by their indirect effect through other characters, which ultimately resulted in to highly significant positive correlation with grain yield. Therefore indirect selection through other component characters with these five traits exhibited positive indirect effects can be recommended so as to bring improvement in grain yield. The high and positive direct effect was also reported by Tiwari *et al.* (2012), Kumar *et al.* (2003) and Arya *et al.* (2004). The high and positive direct of pods/plant, pod length and days to maturity on yield resulted from tight and positive correlation between them.

Further, the present investigation, it is revealed that 57 percent of the yield contributing characters was utilized in this data analysis as the residual effect was 0.43(43%) (Fig. 1).

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Table 1. Analysis of variance for different morphological and economic trait in Field pea

S.No.	Traits	Sum of Squares	Mean squares	Fvalue
1.	Days to 50% flower	423.56	38.51	91.31
2.	Days to maturity	107.00	9.73	116.73
3.	Plant height	9819.39	892.67	37.91
4.	cluster/plant	9.75	0.89	2.75
5.	Pods/plant	18.23	1.66	5.97
6.	Pod length	5.74	0.52	5.07
7.	Seeds/pod	12.51	1.14	8.69
8.	100 seed weight	153.24	13.93	9.78
9.	Yield (kg/ha)	1287855.56	117077.78	41.73

Table 2. Genetic parameters for different morphological traits in Field pea

Variables	VG	VP	GCV%	PCV%	h ²	GA	GA as percent mean
Days to 50% flowering	12.694	13.116	5.058	5.141	96.8	7.221	10.250
Days to Maturity	3.215	3.298	1.613	1.634	97.5	3.647	3.280
Plant height	289.71	313.256	24.333	25.302	92.5	33.719	48.205
Cluster/plant	0.188	0.509	27.026	44.453	37.0	0.543	33.847
Pods/plant	0.46	0.737	16.976	21.496	62.4	1.103	27.616
Pod length	0.139	0.243	7.445	9.817	57.5	0.584	11.631
Seeds/pod	0.335	0.466	12.456	14.686	71.9	1.012	21.761
100 seed weight	4.169	5.593	12.507	14.487	74.5	3.631	22.243
Yield (kg/ha)	38090.656	40896.465	20.532	21.275	93.1	388.010	40.819

Table 3. Estimates of genotypic and phenotypic correlation coefficient in Field pea

Traits		Days to 50% flowering	Days to maturity	Plant height (cm)	cluster/plant	Pods/plant	Pod length (cm)	Seeds/pod	100 Sw (g)	yield (kg/ha)
Days to 50% flowering	G	1.00	0.8009	-0.6562	-0.2661	-0.4036	-0.1211	-0.2844	-0.2413	-0.4976
	P	1.00	0.7802	-0.6248	-0.1702	-0.3214	-0.0266	-0.2165	-0.2021	-0.4842
Days to maturity	G		1.00	-0.4488	-0.8085	-0.5930	-0.1938	-0.1926	-0.0073	-0.5557
	P		1.00	-0.4045	-0.4672	-0.4492	-0.1401	-0.1295	-0.0010	-0.5163
Plant height	G			1.00	-0.2339	0.0968	0.2568	0.3280	-0.1749	0.2294
	P			1.00	-0.0762	0.1407	0.2024	0.3182	-0.1800	0.2377
Cluster/plant	G				1.00	0.8411	0.4425	0.1937	0.1791	0.8660
	P				1.00	0.7195	0.2049	0.1341	-0.0440	0.4870
Pods/plant	G					1.00	0.5185	0.6137	0.4026	0.9982
	P					1.00	0.4202	0.4239	0.1875	0.7692
Pod length	G						1.00	0.8475	0.3689	0.7934
	P						1.00	0.6749	0.2678	0.5410
Seeds/pod	G							1.00	0.4657	0.7690
	P							1.00	0.2853	0.6284
100 Seed weight	G								1.00	0.5146
	P								1.00	0.4442

Table 4. Direct and indirect effects of different traits on seed yield in Field pea

Traits	Days to 50% flowering	Days to maturity	Plant height (cm)	Cluster/plant	Pods/plant	Pod length (cm)	Seeds/pod	100 Sw (g)
Days to 50% flowering	-1.3969	-1.1187	0.9166	0.3717	0.5637	0.1691	0.3973	0.3371
Days to maturity	0.9140	1.1412	-0.5121	-0.9227	-0.6767	-0.2212	-0.2198	-0.0084
Plant height	0.2778	0.1900	-0.4234	0.0990	-0.0410	-0.1087	-0.1389	0.0741
Cluster/plant	0.0287	0.0873	0.0253	-0.1080	-0.0909	-0.0478	-0.0209	-0.0193
Pods/plant	-0.5406	-0.7944	0.1297	1.1267	1.3396	0.6946	0.8221	0.5393
Pod length	-0.1530	-0.2450	0.3245	0.5593	0.6554	1.2640	1.0712	0.4663
Seeds/pod	0.2668	0.1807	-0.3077	-0.1818	-0.5757	-0.7951	-0.9382	-0.4369
100 Seed weight	0.1056	0.0032	0.0765	-0.0783	-0.1762	-0.1614	-0.2038	-0.4376
Yield (kg/ha)	-0.4976	-0.5557	0.2294	0.8660	0.9982	0.7934	0.7690	0.5146

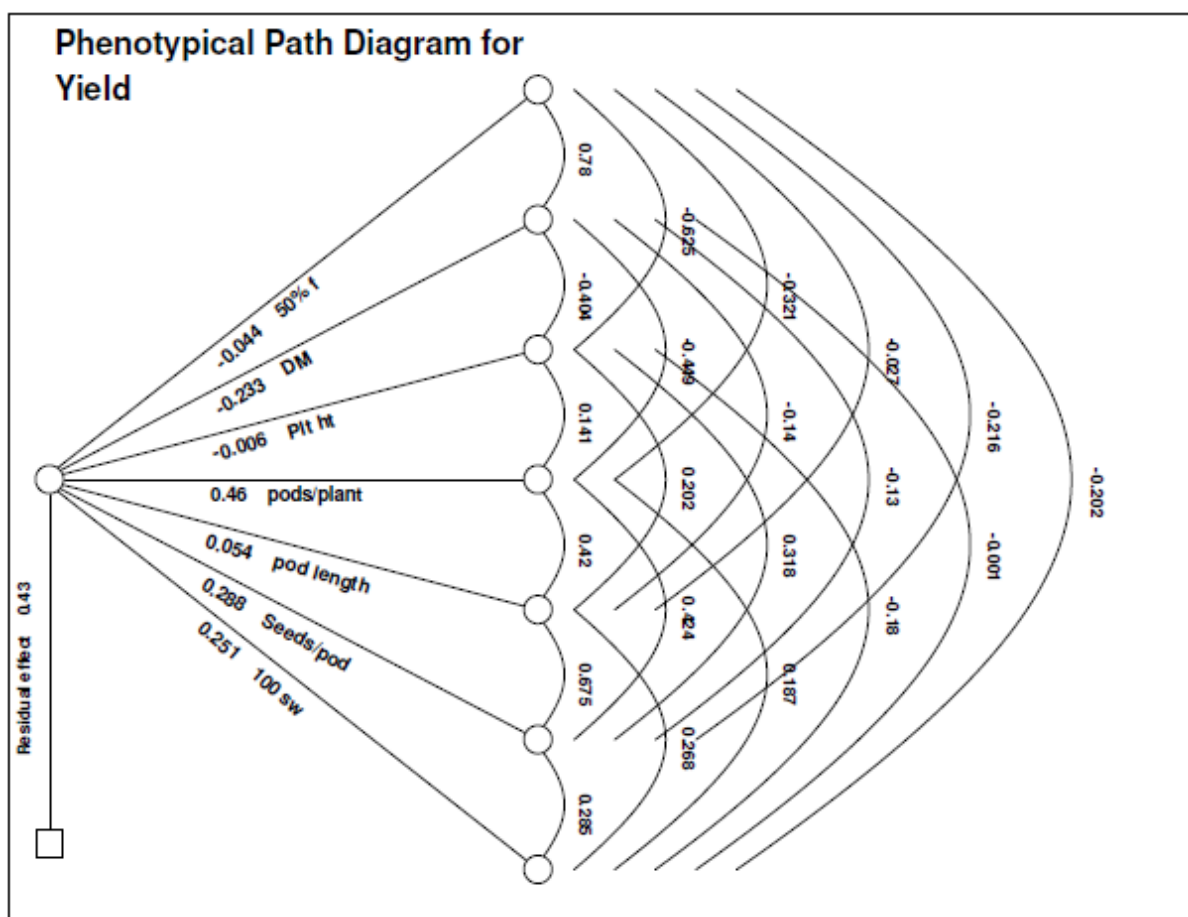


Fig.1: Phenotypal path diagram for yield