

LPG Packages: Implement a four-group probabilistic approach to leveraging pleiotropy in genome-wide association studies

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Overview

The vignette provides an introduction to R package `LPG`. The `LPG` package provides functions to analyze pleiotropic effects among GWAS data sets and then make inference about pleiotropy.

install the packages

```
install.packages("devtools")
library(devtools)
install_github("Shufeyangyi2015310117/LPG")
```

load the package

```
library(LPG)
```

Data introduction

There are two classes of data that `LPG` can analyze. The first is ordinary matrix often used in usual linear regression, The other is plink file often used in GWAS study.

Fitting the `LPG` with matrix data

There is simulation data in the package, we can load it using the command

```
data(simulation)
```

we can get two n-by-p design matrix `X`, `X2`, two n-by-1 phenotype `y`, `y2` and two n-by-q covariates matrix `z`, `z2`.

We can fit different model with following commands. In addition, we can set the opts to satisfy our demand. Fit `Ftp` for separate analysis with quantitative phenotype

```
opts = list(max_iter = 1e5, dispF = 1, display_gap = 20, epsStopLogLik = 1e-5)
fit<-Lpg(X, y, opts = opts)
```

Fit Ftp for separate analysis with binary phenotype

```
opts = list(max_iter = 1e5, dispF = 1, display_gap = 20, epsStopLogLik = 1e-5)
fit<-Lpg(X, y, family = "binomial", opts = opts)
```

Fit Ftp for joint analysis with quantitative phenotype

```
opts = list(max_iter = 1e5, dispF = 1, display_gap = 20, epsStopLogLik = 1e-5, constraintalpha = 0)
fit<-Lpg(X, y, x2 = X2, y2 = y2, opts = opts)
```

Fit Ftp for joint analysis with binary phenotype

```
opts = list(max_iter = 1e5, dispF = 1, display_gap = 20, epsStopLogLik = 1e-5, constraintalpha = 0)
fit<-Lpg(X, y, x2 = X2, y2 = y2, family = "binomial", opts = opts)
```

If we want to add covariates in Ftp, we can do as the following command.
Separate analysis

```
opts = list(max_iter = 1e5, dispF = 1, display_gap = 20, epsStopLogLik = 1e-5)
fit<-Lpg(X, y, z=z, family = "binomial", opts = opts)
```

Joint analysis

```
opts = list(max_iter = 1e5, dispF = 1, display_gap = 20, epsStopLogLik = 1e-5, constraintalpha = 0)
fit<-Lpg(X, y, z = z, x2 = X2, y2 = y2, z2 = z2, family = "binomial", opts = opts)
```

If we want to fit Ftp with alpha controlled. we set the logic parameter constraintalpha equal to 1.

```
opts = list(max_iter = 1e5, dispF = 1, display_gap = 20, epsStopLogLik = 1e-5, constraintalpha = 1)
fit<-Lpg(X, y, z = z, x2 = X2, y2 = y2, z2 = z2, family = "binomial", opts = opts)
```

The result of fit is a list contains model parameters and variational parameters. In general, it has following components.

```
str(fit)
```

```
## List of 7
## $ vardist_gamma      : num [1:2000, 1:2] 0.000476 0.000724 0.000485 0.001242 0.000457 ...
## $ vardist_mu         : num [1:2000, 1:2] -0.0713 -0.1894 -0.0619 -0.2769 -0.0199 ...
## $ vardist_sigma2beta: num [1:2000, 1:2] 0.0362 0.0365 0.0399 0.0383 0.0373 ...
## $ sigma2beta         : num [1:2, 1] 0.73 1.97
## $ alpha              : num [1, 1:4] 9.96e-01 2.06e-08 1.68e-03 2.03e-03
## $ Lq                 : num [1, 1:34] -1380 -1340 -1331 -1324 -1319 ...
## $ u                  : num [1:2, 1] -0.092 -0.00362
```

Fitting the LPG with plink file

If we have two plink file BDqc37 and BDqc36 placed in the directory “D:/realdata/WTCCC_all”, we can fit Ftp with the following command.

Separate analysis for quantitative phenotype

```
opts = list(max_iter = 1e5, dispF = 1, display_gap = 20, epsStopLogLik = 1e-5)
fit <- Lpg.Plink("D:/realdata/WTCCC_all/BDqc37", opts = opts)
```

Separate analysis for binary phenotype

```
opts = list(max_iter = 1e5, dispF = 1, display_gap = 20, epsStopLogLik = 1e-5)
fit <- Lpg.Plink("D:/realdata/WTCCC_all/BDqc37", family = "binomial", opts = opts)
```

Joint analysis for quantitative phenotype

```
opts = list(max_iter = 1e5, dispF = 1, display_gap = 20, epsStopLogLik = 1e-5, constraintalpha = 0)
fit <- Lpg.Plink("D:/realdata/WTCCC_all/BDqc37", file2 = "D:/realdata/WTCCC_all/BDqc36", opts = opts)
```

Joint analysis for binary phenotype

```
opts = list(max_iter = 1e5, dispF = 1, display_gap = 20, epsStopLogLik = 1e-5, constraintalpha = 0)
fit <- Lpg.Plink("D:/realdata/WTCCC_all/BDqc37", file2 =
  "D:/realdata/WTCCC_all/BDqc36", family = "binomial", opts = opts)
```

Separate analysis for binary phenotype with covariates

```
opts = list(max_iter = 1e5, dispF = 1, display_gap = 20, epsStopLogLik = 1e-5)
fit <- Lpg.Plink("D:/realdata/WTCCC_all/BDqc37", z, family = "binomial", opts = opts)
```

Joint analysis for binary phenotype with covariates

```
opts = list(max_iter = 1e5, dispF = 1, display_gap = 20, epsStopLogLik = 1e-5, constraintalpha = 0)
fit <- Lpg.Plink("D:/realdata/WTCCC_all/BDqc37", z = z, file2 =
  "D:/realdata/WTCCC_all/BDqc36", z2 = z2, family = "binomial", opts = opts)
```

Get matrix data from plink file

If we want to read a plink file to check its content. We can read the plink file as following.

```
data <- Read.Plink("D:/realdata/WTCCC_all/BDqc37")
```

The object data is a list consisting of two components, genotype matrix “X” and phenotype “Y”.

```
str(data)
```

```
## List of 2
## $ X: num [1:4707, 1:446] 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 1 0 0 ...
## $ Y: num [1:4707, 1] 0.705 0.554 0.696 0.694 0.584 ...
```

Statistical inference and Pleiotropy test

Association mapping

```
opts = list(max_iter = 1e5, dispF = 1, display_gap = 20, epsStopLogLik = 1e-5, constraintalpha = 0)
fit<-Lpg(X, y, x2 = X2, y2 = y2, family = "binomial", opts = opts)
```

Risk SNPs

```
riskmat<-assoc(fit, FDR = 0.2, fdrControl="global")
```

```
## Info: Association mapping based on the global FDR control at level 0.2.
```

struct of risk SNP matrix

```
str(riskmat)
```

```
##  num [1:2000, 1:2] 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 ...
```

Estimate under null hypothesis and alternative hypothesis

```
opts = list(max_iter = 1e5, dispF = 1, display_gap = 20, epsStopLogLik = 1e-5, constraintalpha = 1)
fit0<-Lpg(X, y, x2 = X2, y2 = y2, family = "binomial", opts = opts)
```

Pleiotropy test

```
out<-Pleiotropy.test(fit0,fit)
```

a list consists of LRT statistics and p-value

```
str(out)
```

```
## List of 2
##  $ LRT    : num 17.2
##  $ pvalue: num 3.4e-05
```

Reference

LPG: a four-group probabilistic approach to leveraging pleiotropy in genome-wide association studies