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bed.matrix.split.genomic.region

Bed matrix for variants associated to multiple genomic regions

Description

Creates a new bed matrix with variants associated to multiple genomic regions being duplicated

Usage

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Arguments

| X | A bed.matrix |
|----------------|--|
| changeID | TRUE/FALSE: whether to change the variants ID by including the gene name |
| genomic.region | A vector containing the genomic region of each variant |
| split.pattern | The character separating the genomic regions |

Details

If changeID=TRUE, variants will have new IDs being CHR:POS:A1:A2:genomic.region. The genomic region(s) associated to each variant should be in x@snps\$genomic.region or given as a vector to genomic.region. If both are present, genomic.region is used.

Value

A bed matrix with variants assigned to multiple genomic regions being duplicated and the corresponding genomic regions separated and transformed into factors.

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burden.continuous

Linear regression on a genetic score

Description

Performs a linear regression on a genetic score

Usage

Arguments

| X | A bed matrix, only needed if burden="CAST" or burden="WSS" |
|----------------|--|
| pheno | A numeric vector containing the phenotype of each individual, x@ped\$pheno by default |
| genomic.region | A factor containg the genomic region of each SNP, x@snps\$genomic.region by default, only needed if burden="CAST" or burden="WSS" $$ |
| burden | "CAST" or "WSS" to directly compute the CAST or the WSS genetic score; or a matrix with one row per individual and one column per genomic.region if another genetic score is wanted. |
| maf.threshold | The MAF threshold to use for the definition of a rare variant in the CAST score |
| formula | An R formula corresponding to the regression model indicating which covariates from data to include in the model if only some of them are to be included |
| data | A matrix containing the potential covariates to include in the model with one covariate per column and one individual per row |

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Details

This function will return results from the regression of the continuous phenotype on the genetic score for each genomic region.

If another genetic score than CAST or WSS is wanted, a matrix with one row per individual and one column per genomic.region containing this score should be given to burden. In this situation, no bed matrix x is needed.

Value

A dataframe with one row per genomic region and at least two columns:

p. value The p. value of the regression

is.err 0/1: whether there was a convergence problem with the regression

See Also

```
CAST, WSS, burden.weighted.matrix
```

```
#Importation of data in a bed matrix
x <- as.bed.matrix(x=LCT.matrix.bed, fam=LCT.matrix.fam, bim=LCT.snps)</pre>
#Add population
x@ped[,c("pop", "superpop")] <- LCT.matrix.pop1000G[,c("population", "super.population")]</pre>
#Select EUR superpopulation
x <- select.inds(x, superpop=="EUR")</pre>
x@ped$pop <- droplevels(x@ped$pop)</pre>
#Group variants within known genes
x <- set.genomic.region(x)</pre>
#Filter of rare variants: only non-monomorphic variants with
#a MAF lower than 2.5%
#keeping only genomic regions with at least 10 SNPs
x1 <- filter.rare.variants(x, filter = "whole", maf.threshold = 0.025, min.nb.snps = 10)
#run burden test WSS, using a random continuous variable as phenotype
#The population is available in the object LCT.pop
x1@ped$pheno <- rnorm(nrow(x1))</pre>
burden.continuous(x1, burden = "WSS")
#Simulation of a covariate + Sex as a covariate
sex <- x1@ped$sex; u <- runif(nrow(x1))
covar <- cbind(sex, u)</pre>
#with the covariate sex
burden.continuous(x1, burden = "WSS", data=covar, formula = ~ sex)
```

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| burden.mlogit | Logistic or multinomial regression on a genetic score | |
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| burden.mlogit | Logistic or multinomial regression on a genetic score | |

Description

Performs a logistical or a non-ordinal multinomial regression on a genetic score

Usage

Arguments

| X | A bed matrix, only needed if burden="CAST" or burden="WSS" |
|----------------|--|
| group | A factor containing the group of each individual, x@ped\$pheno by default |
| genomic.region | A factor containg the genomic region of each SNP, x@snps\$genomic.region by default, only needed if burden="CAST" or burden="WSS" $$ |
| burden | "CAST" or "WSS" to directly compute the CAST or the WSS genetic score; or a matrix with one row per individual and one column per genomic.region if another genetic score is wanted. |
| maf.threshold | The MAF threshold to use for the definition of a rare variant in the CAST score |
| ref.level | The reference group of individuals for the regression |
| formula | An R formula corresponding to the regression model indicating which covariates from data to include in the model if only some of them are to be included |
| data | A matrix containing the potential covariates to include in the model with one covariate per column and one individual per row |
| get.OR.value | TRUE/FALSE: whether to return the OR values associated to the regression |
| alpha | The alpha threshold to use for the OR confidence interval |

Details

This function will return results from the regression of the phenotype on the genetic score for each genomic region.

If only two groups of individuals are present, a classical logistic regression is performed. If more than two groups of individuals are present, a non-ordinal multinomial regression is performed, comparing each group of individuals to the reference group indicated by the argument ref.level. The choice of the reference group won't affect the p-values, but only the Odds Ratios.

If another genetic score than CAST or WSS is wanted, a matrix with one row per individual and one column per genomic.region containing this score should be given to burden. In this situation, no bed matrix x is needed.

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Value

A dataframe with one row per genomic region and at least two columns:

p.value The p.value of the regression

is.err 0/1: whether there was a convergence problem with the regression

If get.OR.value=TRUE, additional columns are present:

OR The OR value(s) associated to the regression. If there are more than two groups,

there will be one OR value per group compared to the reference group

1. lower The lower bound of the confidence interval of each OR1. upper The upper bound of the confidence interval of each OR

References

Bocher O, et al. *Rare variant associationtesting for multicategory phenotype*. Genet. Epidemiol. 2019:43:646–656.

See Also

```
CAST, WSS, burden.weighted.matrix
```

```
#Importation of data in a bed matrix
x <- as.bed.matrix(x=LCT.matrix.bed, fam=LCT.matrix.fam, bim=LCT.snps)
#Add population
x@ped[,c("pop", "superpop")] <- LCT.matrix.pop1000G[,c("population", "super.population")]</pre>
#Select EUR superpopulation
x <- select.inds(x, superpop=="EUR")</pre>
x@ped$pop <- droplevels(x@ped$pop)</pre>
#Group variants within known genes
x <- set.genomic.region(x)</pre>
#Filter of rare variants: only non-monomorphic variants with
#a MAF lower than 2.5%
#keeping only genomic regions with at least 10 SNPs
x1 <- filter.rare.variants(x, filter = "whole", maf.threshold = 0.025, min.nb.snps = 10)
#run burden test WSS, using the 1000Genome population as "outcome"
#The population is available in the object LCT.pop
burden.mlogit(x1, x1@ped$pop, burden = "WSS", ref.level="CEU", get.OR.value=TRUE)
#Simulation of a covariate + Sex as a covariate
sex <- x1@ped$sex
u <- runif(nrow(x1))</pre>
covar <- cbind(sex, u)</pre>
```

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```
#with the covariate sex burden.mlogit(x1, x1@ped$pop, burden = "WSS", ref.level="CEU", get.OR.value=TRUE, data=covar, formula = \sim sex)
```

```
burden.weighted.matrix
```

Score matrix for burden tests

Description

Computes the score matrix for burden tests based on variants' weights

Usage

```
burden.weighted.matrix(x, weights, genomic.region = x@snps$genomic.region)
```

Arguments

```
x A bed.matrix
```

weights A vector containing the weight of each variant

genomic.region A vector containing the genomic region of each variant

Details

For variant i and individual j, the genetic score will be computed as weight of variant i * number of minor alleles for individual j.

Value

A matrix containing the computed genetic score with one row per individual and one column per genomic.region.

See Also

```
CAST, WSS, burden.mlogit
```

```
#Importation of data in a bed matrix
x <- as.bed.matrix(x=LCT.matrix.bed, fam=LCT.matrix.fam, bim=LCT.snps)
# Group variants within known genes
x <- set.genomic.region(x)
# Filter variants with maf (computed on whole sample) < 0.025
# keeping only genomic region with at least 10 SNPs</pre>
```

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```
x1 <- filter.rare.variants(x, filter = "whole", maf.threshold = 0.025, min.nb.snps = 10)
#Compute burden score with weights = 1-maf
score.burden <- burden.weighted.matrix(x1, weights=1-x1@snps$maf)</pre>
```

CAST

Cohort Allelic Sum Test

Description

Calculates the CAST genetic score

Usage

```
CAST(x, genomic.region = x@snps$genomic.region, maf.threshold = 0.01)
```

Arguments

```
    x A bed.matrix
    genomic.region A factor defining the genomic region of each variant
    maf.threshold The MAF used for the definition of a rare variant, set at 0.01 by default
```

Value

A matrix containing the CAST genetic score with one row per individual and one column per genomic.region

References

Morgenthaler S and Thilly WG. A strategy to discover genes that carry multi-allelic or mono-allelic risk for common diseases: a cohort allelic sums test (CAST). Mutat Res. 2007

See Also

```
WSS, burden.weighted.matrix, burden.mlogit
```

```
#Importation of data in a bed matrix
x <- as.bed.matrix(x=LCT.matrix.bed, fam=LCT.matrix.fam, bim=LCT.snps)

# Group variants within known genes
x <- set.genomic.region(x)

# Filter variants with maf (computed on whole sample) < 0.025
# keeping only genomic region with at least 10 SNPs
x1 <- filter.rare.variants(x, filter = "whole", maf.threshold = 0.025, min.nb.snps = 10)
# Compute burden score CAST
score.CAST <- CAST(x1, maf.threshold=0.025)</pre>
```

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filter.rare.variants Rare variants filtering

Description

Filter rare variants based on a MAF threshold and a given number of SNP per genomic region

Usage

Arguments

A bed.matrix

ref.level The level corresponding to the controls group, only needed if filter=="controls"

filter On which group the filter will be applied

maf.threshold The MAF threshold used to define a rare variant

min.nb.snps The minimum number of snps needed to keep a genomic region

A vector or factor indicating the group of each individual if missing, v@nedfabore

group A vector or factor indicating the group of each individual, if missing, x@ped\$pheno

is taken

Details

If filter="whole", only the variants having a MAF lower than the threshold in the entire sample are kept.

If filter="controls", only the variants having a MAF lower than the threshold in the controls group are kept.

If filter="any", only the variants having a MAF lower than the threshold in any of the groups are kept.

Value

A bed.matrix with filtered variants

```
#Import 1000Genome data from region around LCT gene
x <- as.bed.matrix(LCT.gen, LCT.fam, LCT.bim)
table(x@snps$genomic.region, useNA="ifany")

#Group variants within known genes
x <- set.genomic.region(x)

#Filter of rare variants: only non-monomorphic variants with
#a MAF lower than 2.5%</pre>
```

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```
#keeping only genomic regions with at least 10 SNPs x1 <- filter.rare.variants(x, filter = "whole", maf.threshold = 0.025, min.nb.snps = 10) table(x1@snps$genomic.region, useNA="ifany")
```

genes.positions

Genes positions

Description

Positions of human genes. These data were downloaded from Biomart on the Ensembl website with the GRCh37 and GRCh38 versions. Only genes present in GnomAD were kept.

Data contain the Chr, the Start position, the End position and the Gene_Name of all the genes in chromosomes 1 to 22 representing 19375 and 18278 genes in the two GRCh versions respectively.

Usage

```
data(genes.b37)
data(genes.b38)
```

Format

The data contain one dataframe with four columns:

```
Chr The chromosome of the gene
Start The start position of the gene
End The end position of the gene
Gene_Name The name of the gene
```

Source

The data were obtained from the Ensembl website (see http://grch37.ensembl.org/biomart/martview/ and http://www.ensembl.org/biomart/martview/).

See Also

```
set.genomic.region
```

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| genotypic.freq | Genotypic frequencies calculation for data simulations | |
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| | | |

Description

Calculates the three genotypic frequencies in the controls group and each group of cases based on MAF in the general population and GRR values

Usage

Arguments

| 3 | 5* | |
|---|---------------|--|
| | genes.maf | A file containing the MAF in the general population (column maf) for variants with their associated gene (column gene), by default the file Kryukov is used |
| | GRR.het | A matrix giving the GRR of the heterozygous genotype compared to the homozygous reference genotype with one row per cases group and one column per variant |
| | GRR.homo.alt | A matrix giving the GRR of the homozygous alternative genotype compared to the homozygous reference genotype with one row per cases group and one column per variant, only need if genetic.model="general" |
| | prev | A vector containing the prevalence of each group of cases |
| | genetic.model | The genetic model of the disease |
| | select.gene | Which gene to choose from genes.maf\$gene if multiple genes are present. If missing, only the first level is kept. |
| | | |

Details

This function is used to simulate genetic data.

The genetic model of the disease needs to be specified to genetic.model:

If genetic.model="general", there is no link between the GRR associated to the heterozygous genotype and the GRR associated to the homozygous alternative genotype. Therefore, the user has to give two matrices of GRR, one for each of these genotypes.

If genetic.model="multiplicative", we assume that the GRR associated to the homozygous alternative genotype is the square of the GRR associated to the heterozygous genotype.

If genetic.model="dominant", we assume that the GRR associated to the heterozygous genotype and the GRR associated to the homozygous alternative genotype are equal.

If genetic.model="recessive", we assume that the GRR associated to the heterozygous genotype is equal to 1: the GRR given is the one associated to the homozygous alternative genotype.

prev corresponds to the proportion of each sub-group of cases in the population. It is used only to calculate the MAF in the controls group.

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The dataframes Kryukov or GnomADgenes available with the package Ravages can be used for the argument genes.maf.

Value

A matrix of MAF values with one column per variant and one row per group (the first one being the controls group)

See Also

```
GRR.matrix, random.bed.matrix, GnomADgenes, Kryukov
```

Examples

GnomADgenes

GnomADgenes dataset

Description

This dataframe contains variants from the GnomAD database with MAF values in the Non-Finnish European (NFE) and their consequences from VEP with each associated gene.

Usage

```
data(GnomADgenes)
```

Format

GnomADgenes is a dataframe with five columns:

chr The chromosome of the variant

pos The position of the variant

consequence The functionnal consequence of the variant predicted by Variant Effect Predictor (VEP)

gene The gene associated to each variant predicted by VEP

maf The MAF of the variant in the NFE population

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Source

The data were obtained from the GnomAD website (see http://gnomad.broadinstitute.org/) and the VEP website (see https://www.ensembl.org/info/docs/tools/vep/).

GRR.matrix GRR matrix for genetic data simulation

Description

Computes a GRR matrix based on a simulation model

Usage

Arguments

genes.maf A dataframe containing at least the MAF in the general population (column maf)

with their associated gene (column gene). By default, maf from the file Kryukov

are used

n.case.groups The number of cases groups (set at 2 by default), i.e. the number of groups

where variants will have a GRR greater than 1

GRR How to calculate the GRR

GRR.value GRR value if GRR="constant"

GRR. function A function indicating how to calculate the GRR depending on MAF in the gen-

eral population, only needed if GRR="variable"

GRR.multiplicative.factor

A vector of size (n. case.groups-1) containing the multiplicative factor for the

GRR for each group of cases compared to the first group of cases

select.gene The gene(s) to be selected from the file genes.maf if multiple genes are present.

If missing, the first level of genes.maf\$gene is kept.

Details

The GRR can be computed in three ways using the argument GRR.

If GRR="constant", the same GRR is given to all the variants, its value being specified to GRR.value. If GRR="SKAT", the GRR are calculating using the formula from the paper presenting the SKAT method and thus depend on MAF. If GRR="variable", the GRR are calculating using a function given by the user to GRR.function depending only on the MAF in the general population.

The argument multiplicative.factor contains n. case.groups-1 values; if multiplicative.factor=1, GRR will be the same between the different groups of cases.

The two dataframes Kryukov (used by default) and GnomADgenes (containing MAF in the NFE population) can be used as genes.maf.

GRR. matrix returns a matrix that can be used in other simulation functions such as random.bed.matrix.

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Value

A matrix containing the GRR values with one column per variant and one line per cases group

See Also

```
random.bed.matrix, GnomADgenes, Kryukov
```

Examples

Jaccard

Jaccard index

Description

Calculates the Jaccard index for each pair of individuals using a bed.matrix

Usage

```
Jaccard(x, maf.threshold = 0.01)
```

Arguments

```
A bed.matrix
```

 ${\sf maf.threshold}$ The MAF used for the definition of a rare variant, set at 0.01 by default

Details

The individuals carrying no rare variants will have a null Jaccard index with all the individuals including themselves.

Value

A squared matrix giving the Jaccard index for each pair of individuals

References

Jaccard, P. (1908) *Nouvelles researches sur la distribution florale*, Bulletin de la Société vaudoise des sciences naturelles, **44**, **223-270**

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Kryukov

Kryukov data set

Description

The data from *Kryukov et al*, 2009, contain simulated site frequency spectrum data using European demographic models with purifying selection.

Usage

```
data(Kryukov)
```

Format

Kryukov is a dataframe with four columns:

```
gene The unit of each variant
maf The maf of each variant in the European population
selection.coefficient The selction coefficient of each variant in the European population
position The position of each variant
```

Details

200 units are present corresponding to 200 genes. For each unit, the data set contains the maf in the European population, the selection coefficient and the position of each variant.

Source

The data were obtained from the SeqPower software (see also http://www.bioinformatics.org/spower/input#data_download).

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References

Kryukov et al, 2009, *Power of deep, all-exon resequencing for discovery of human trait genes*, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, DOI:10.1073/pnas.0812824106

LCT.haplotypes

LCT haplotypes data set

Description

These data contain the haplotype matrix LCT. hap of the 5008 individuals from the 1000 Genomes data for a ~300kb segment containing the Lactase gene. Information about individuals (sex, population and super population) is present in LCT. sample, and information about snps is available in LCT. snps.

Usage

```
data(LCT.haplotypes)
```

Format

Three data objects are present in LCT. haplotypes:

LCT.hap A matrix of haplotypes

LCT. sample A data frame with information on individuals (sex, population, super.population)

LCT. snps A data frame with information on snps (chr, id, dist, pos, A1, A2)

Source

Data were obtained from the 1000 Genomes Project (https://www.internationalgenome.org/).

References

McVean et al, 2012, *An integrated map of genetic variation from 1,092 human genomes*, Nature **491, 56-65** doi:10.1038/nature11632

See Also

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LCT genotypes matrix

Description

These data contain the genotype matrix corresponding to haplotypes present in LCT.haplotypes from the 1000 Genomes data for a ~300kb segment containing the Lactase gene. Information about individuals is present in LCT.matrix.fam, and information about population (population and super population) is present in LCT.matrix.pop1000G, in a format needed to generate a bedmatrix. LCT.snps from LCT.haplotypes can be used as the corresponding bim file of this genotypes matrix.

Usage

```
data(LCT.matrix)
```

Format

Three data objects are present in LCT. haplotypes:

```
LCT.matrix.bed The matrix of genotypes
```

LCT.matrix.fam The corresponding fam file

LCT.matrix.pop1000G A data frame with population information for individuals (population, superpopulation)

Source

Data were obtained from the 1000 Genomes Project (https://www.internationalgenome.org/).

References

McVean et al, 2012, *An integrated map of genetic variation from 1,092 human genomes*, Nature **491, 56-65** doi:10.1038/nature11632

See Also

```
LCT.haplotypes
```

```
#Importation of data in a bed matrix x \leftarrow as.bed.matrix(x=LCT.matrix.bed, fam=LCT.matrix.fam, bim=LCT.snps) #Add population x \neq c("pop", "superpop")] \leftarrow LCT.matrix.pop1000G[,c("population", "super.population")]
```

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| random.bed.matrix | Simulation of genetic data using GRR values | |
|-------------------|---|--|
|-------------------|---|--|

Description

Generates a simulated bed.matrix with genotypes for cases and controls based on GRR values

Usage

Arguments

| genes.maf | A dataframe containing at least the MAF in the general population (column maf) for variants with their associated gene (column gene), by default the file Kryukov is used |
|----------------|--|
| size | A vector containing the size of each group (the first one being the control group) |
| prev | A vector containing the prevalence of each group of cases |
| replicates | The number of simulations to perform |
| GRR.matrix.del | A list containing the GRR matrix associated to the heterozygous genotype compared to the homozygous reference genotype as if all variants are deleterious. An additional GRR matrix associated to the homozygous for the alternate allele is needed if genetic.genetic.model="general" |
| GRR.matrix.pro | The same argument as GRR.matrix.del but for protective variants |
| p.causal | The proportion of causal variants in cases |
| p.protect | The proportion of protective variants in cases among causal variants |
| same.variant | TRUE/FALSE: whether the causal variants are the same in the different groups of cases |
| genetic.model | The genetic model of the disease |
| select.gene | Which gene to choose from genes.maf\$gene if multiple genes are present. If missing, only the first level is kept. |

Details

The genetic model of the disease needs to be specified in this function.

If genetic.model="general", there is no link between the GRR for the heterozygous genotype and the GRR for the homozygous alternative genotype. Therefore, the user has to give two matrices of GRR, one for the heterozygous genotype, the other for the homozygous alternative genotype.

If genetic.model="multiplicative", we assume that the the GRR for the homozygous alternative genotype is the square of the GRR for the heterozygous genotype.

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If genetic.model="dominant", we assume that the GRR for the heterozygous genotype and the GRR for the homozygous alternative genotype are equal.

If genetic.model="recessive", we assume that the GRR for the heterozygous genotype is equal to 1: the GRR given is the one associated to the homozygous alternative genotype.

GRR.matrix.del contains GRR values as if all variants are deleterious. These values will be used only for the proportion p.causal of variants that will be sampled as causal.

The files Kryukov or GnomADgenes available with the package Ravages can be used as the argument genes.maf.

If GRR.matrix.del (or GRR.matrix.pro) has been generated using the function GRR.matrix, the arguments genes.maf and select.gene should have the same value as in GRR.matrix.

Value

A bed.matrix with as much columns (variants) as replicates*number of variants. The field x@snps\$genomic.region contains the replicate number and the field x@ped\$pheno contrains the group of each individual, "0" being the controls group.

See Also

```
GRR.matrix, Kryukov, GnomADgenes
```

Examples

rbm.haplos.freqs

Simulation of genetic data based on haplotypic frequencies

Description

Simulates genetic data with respect to allele frequency spectrum and linkage disequilibrium pattern observed on given haplotypes and their frequencies

Usage

```
rbm.haplos.freqs(haplos, freqs, size, replicates)
```

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Arguments

haplos A matrix of haplotypes with one row per haplotype and one column per variant

freqs A matrix of haplotypes frequencies in each group of individuals

The sizes of each group of individuals replicates

The number of simulations to perform

Details

Simulations are performed to respect linkage disequilibrium pattern and allelic frequency spectrum in each group of individuals The phenotypic values will be the colnames of freqs and stored in @ped\$pheno. The simulation number will be in @snps\$genomic.region.

Value

x A bed matrix with simulated genotypes

Examples

rbm.haplos.thresholds Simulation of genetic data based on haplotypes and a libaility model

Description

Simulates genetic data with respect to allele frequency spectrum and linkage disequilibrium pattern observed on given haplotype data under a libaility model

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Usage

Arguments

haplos A matrix of haplotypes with one row per haplotype and one column per variant weights A vector of weights for each variant to compute the burden used in the liability

model. By default, wieghts=-0.4*log10(MAF)

maf.threshold The maf threshold to consider a rare variant (set at 0.01 by default), variants

with a MAF upper this threshold will have a weight of 0

nb.causal The number of causal variants

p.protect The proportion of protective variants among causal variants

h2 The variance explained by the gene

prev A vector with the prevalence in each group of individuals

normal.approx TRUE/FALSE: whether to use the normal approximation to compute thresholds.

Set at TRUE by default

The sizes of each group of individuals replicates

The number of simulations to perform

rep.by.causal The number of time causal variants will be sampled

Details

nb.causal, p.protect, h2 and prev should be vectors of length corresponding to the number of groups to simulate. If they are of size 1, values will be duplicated.

All monomorphic variants and variants with a MAF higher than maf. threshold will have a weight of 0. Causal variants are sampled among variants having weights greater than 0.

A liability model is built on haplotypes' burden computed on sampled causal variants using each variant's weights, and adjusted on the desired h2. Thresholds from this liability are then chosen to respect the given prev (from a standard normal distribution if normal.approx=TRUE, or using a distribution from 1e6 sampled burdens if normal.approx=FALSE). Please be carreful when using the normal approximation with high h2 values or low prev values. Haplotypes' probabilities in each group of individuals are then computed and two haplotypes are then sampled for each individual based on these probabilities.

To simulate a group of controls, prev needs to be set at 1, regardless of the other arguments.

N replicates will be performed, and to gain in computation time, the same causal variants can be used for multiple replicates as different haplotypes will be sampled for each individual. rep.by.causal indicates the number of replicates to perform for each set of causal variants. To ensure a variability in the simulations, we yet recommend to resample causal variants a few times when many replicates are to be performed. For example, if 1000 replicates are to be performed, we recommend to resample causal variants 20 times.

The phenotype will be stored in @ped\$pheno, and the simulation number is @snps\$genomic.region.

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Value

Х

A bed matrix with simulated genotypes

Examples

set.genomic.region

Variants annotation based on gene positions

Description

Attributes genes to variants based on known genes positions

Usage

```
set.genomic.region(x, genes = genes.b37, flank.width = 0L)
```

Arguments

x A bed.matrix

genes A dataframe containing the fields: Chr (the chromosome of the gene), Start

(the start position of the gene), End (the end position of the gene), and Gene_Name

(the name of the gene - a factor),

flank.width An integer: width of the flanking regions in base pairs downstream and upstream

the genes.

Details

Warnings: genes\$Gene_Name should be a factor containing the names of the genes, ordered in the genome order.

If x@snps\$chr is not a vector of integers, it should be a factor with same levels as genes\$Chr. We provide two data sets of autosomal humain genes, genes.b37 and genes.b38.

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If flank.width is null, only the variants having their position between the genes\$Start and the genes\$End of a gene will be attributed to the corresponding gene. When two genes overlap, variants in the overlapping zone will be assigned to those two genes, separated by a comma.

If flank.width is a positive number, variants flank.width downstream or upstream a gene will be annotated annotated to this gene. You can use flank.width = Inf to have each variant attributed to the nearest gene.

Value

The same bed matrix as x with an additional column x@snps\$genomic.region containing the annotation of each variant (character).

See Also

```
genes.b37, genes.b38
```

Examples

```
#Import 1000Genome data from region around LCT gene
x <- as.bed.matrix(LCT.gen, LCT.fam, LCT.bim)

#Group variants within known genes
x <- set.genomic.region(x)

#Group variants within known genes +/- 500bp
x <- set.genomic.region(x, flank.width=500)</pre>
```

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Multi group SKAT test

Description

Peforms SKAT on two or more groups of individuals

Usage

```
SKAT(x, NullObject, genomic.region = x@snps$genomic.region,
   weights = (1 - x@snps$maf)**24, maf.threshold = 0.5,
   get.moments = "size.based", estimation.pvalue = "kurtosis",
   params.sampling, cores = 10, debug = FALSE)
```

Arguments

```
    x A bed.matrix
    NullObject A list returned from SKAT.NullObject
    genomic.region A factor defining the genomic region of each variant
```

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weights A vector with the weight of each variant. By default, the weight of each variant

is inversely proportionnal to its MAF, as it was computed in the original SKAT

method

maf.threshold The MAF above which variants are removed (default is to keep all variants)

get.moments How to estimate the moments to compute the p-values among "size.based",

"bootstrap", "permutations", or "theoretical" for categorial phenotypes (2 or more groups of individuals). By default "size.based" that will choose the method

depending on sample size (see details)

estimation.pvalue

Whether to use the skewness ("skewness") or the kurtosis ("kurtosis") for the

chi-square approximation

params.sampling

A list containing the elements "perm.target", "perm.max", "debug". Only needed

if get.moments = "boostrap" or get.moments = "permutations"

cores How many cores to use for moments computation, set at 10 by default

debug Whether to return the mean, standard deviation, skewness and kurtosis of the

statistics

Details

The p-value is calculated using a chi-square approximation based on the statistics' moments. The user has to choose how to compute these moments (argument get.moments), and which moments to use for the chi-square approximation (argument estimation.pvalue): The moments can be computed either using a sampling procedure ("permutations" if there are no covariates, or "bootstrap" otherwise), or using theoretical moments computed as in Liu et al. 2008 ("theoretical"). If get.moments = "size.based", the sampling procedure will be used for sample sizes lower than 2000, and the theoretical calculations otherwise.

To estimate the p-values, either the first three moments are used (estimation.pvalue = "skewness"), or the moments 1, 2 and 4 are used (estimation.pvalue = "kurtosis").

If get.moments = "theoretical" and estimation.pvalue = "skewness", it corresponds to method = "liu" in the SKAT package. If get.moments = "theoretical" and estimation.pvalue = "kurtosis", it corresponds to method = "liu.mod" in the SKAT package.

For small samples, p-values estimation is based on sampling and a sequential procedure: permutated statistics are computed and each one is compared to the observed statistics. This method requires perm.target and perm.max that should be given as a list to params.bootstrap. If params.bootstrap is not specified, perm.target will be set at 100, perm.max at 5e4. The boostrap progam stops when either perm.target or perm.max is reached. P-values are then computed using a mixed procedure:

if perm.target is reached, the p-value is computed as : perm.target divided by the number of permutations used to reach perm.target;

if perm.max is reached, the SKAT small sample procedure is used, and p-values are approximated using a chi-square distributions based on statistics' moments 1, 2 and 4 computed from the permutated values.

If debug=TRUE, more informations about the estimated statistics moments are given.

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If SKAT.NullObject.continuous has been used to generate NullObject, the method from Liu et al. will be used to compute the p-value for the continuous phenotype, but estimation.pvalue can be set at "skewness" or "kurtosis".

Value

A data frame containing for each genomic region:

The observed statistics p.value The p-value of the test

If get.moments = "bootstrap" or get.moments = "permutations", additional fields are present:

p.perm The p-value computed by permutations: number of times permutated is greater

than observed statistics divided by the total number of permutations performed

p.chi2 The p-value computed by the chi-square approximation using the SKAT small

sample procedure

If debug = TRUE, the mean, standard deviation, skewness and kurtosis are also returned, as well as for the sampling procedure:

nb.gep The number of times a permutated statistics is equal or greater than the observed

statistics stat

nb. eq The number of times a permutated statistics is equal to the observed statistics

stat

nb.perms The total number of simulations performed

References

Wu et al. 2011, Rare-variant association testing for sequencing data with the sequence kernel association test, American Journal of Human Genetics 82-93 doi:10.1016/j.ajhg.2011.05.029; Lee et al. 2012, Optimal Unified Approach for Rare-Variant Association Testing with Application to Small-Sample Case-Control Whole-Exome Sequencing Studies, American Journal of Human Genetics, doi:10.1016/j.ajhg.2012.06.007; Liu et al. 2008, A new chi-square approximation to the distribution of non-negative definite quadratic forms in non-central normal variables, Computational Statistics & Data Analysis, doi:10.1016/j.csda.2008.11.025

See Also

```
SKAT.NullObject, SKAT.theoretical, SKAT.bootstrap, SKAT.permutations
```

```
#Importation of data in a bed matrix
x <- as.bed.matrix(x=LCT.matrix.bed, fam=LCT.matrix.fam, bim=LCT.snps)
#Add population
x@ped[,c("pop", "superpop")] <- LCT.matrix.pop1000G[,c("population", "super.population")]
#Select EUR superpopulation
x <- select.inds(x, superpop=="EUR")</pre>
```

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```
x@ped$pop <- droplevels(x@ped$pop)</pre>
#Group variants within known genes
x <- set.genomic.region(x)</pre>
#Filter of rare variants: only non-monomorphic variants with
#a MAF lower than 2.5%
#keeping only genomic regions with at least 10 SNPs
x1 <- filter.rare.variants(x, filter = "whole", maf.threshold = 0.025, min.nb.snps = 10)
#Simulation of a covariate + Sex as a covariate
sex <- x1@snps$sex
u <- runif(nrow(x1))</pre>
covar <- cbind(sex, u)</pre>
#run SKAT using the 1000 genome EUR populations as "outcome"
#The maximum number of permutations used is 500, please increase
#this number for a more accurate estimation of the p-values
#Fit Null model
x1.H0 <- SKAT.NullObject(x1@ped$pop)</pre>
#Parameters for the sampling procedure
params.sampling = list(perm.target = 100, perm.max = 500)
#Run SKAT using the method based on sample size, here permutations
SKAT(x1, x1.H0, params.sampling = params.sampling)
#Run SKAT with the covariates: use boostrap as n<2000
SKAT(x1, x1.H0, params.sampling = params.sampling, get.moments = "bootstrap")
## Not run:
#Run SKAT using theoretical moments (discourage here as n<2000) and 1 core
SKAT(x1, x1.H0, get.moments = "theoretical", cores = 1)
## End(Not run)
#Run SKAT with a random continuous phenotype
#Null Model
x1.H0.c <- SKAT.NullObject.continuous(rnorm(nrow(x1)))</pre>
SKAT(x1, x1.H0.c)
```

SKAT.bootstrap

Multi group SKAT test using bootstrap sampling

Description

Peforms SKAT on two or more groups of individuals using bootstrap sampling

Usage

```
SKAT.bootstrap(x, NullObject, genomic.region = x@snps$genomic.region,
```

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```
weights = (1-x@snps$maf)**24, maf.threshold = 0.5,
perm.target = 100, perm.max = 5e4, debug = FALSE,
estimation.pvalue = "kurtosis")
```

Arguments

x A bed.matrix

NullObject A list returned from SKAT.NullObject

genomic.region A factor defining the genomic region of each variant

weights A vector with the weight of each variant. By default, the weight of each variant

is inversely proportionnal to its MAF, as it was computed in the original SKAT

method

maf.threshold The MAF above which variants are removed (default is to keep all variants)

perm. target The number of times to exceed the observed statistics. If not reached, perm. max

permutations will be used

perm. max The maximum number of permutations to perform to estimate the p-value, will

be used if perm. target is not reached

debug Whether to print details about the permutations (mean, standard deviation, skew-

ness, kurtosis), FALSE by default

estimation.pvalue

Whether to use the skewness ("skewness") or the kurtosis ("kurtosis") for the

chi-square approximation

Details

P-values estimation is based on bootstrap sampling and a sequential procedure: permutated statistics are computed and each one is compared to the observed statistics. The boostrap program stops when either perm. target or perm. max is reached. P-values are then computed using a mixed procedure:

if perm.target is reached, the p-value is computed as : perm.target divided by the number of permutations used to reach perm.target;

if perm.max is reached, p-values are approximated using a chi-square distributions based on the first three moments if estimation.pvalue = "skewness", or on statistics' moments 1, 2 and 4 if estimation.pvalue = "kurtosis".

If debug=TRUE, more informations about the estimated statistics moments are given.

This function is used by SKAT when the sample size is smaller than 2000 and covariates are present.

Value

A data frame containing for each genomic:

stat The observed statistics

p.value p.perm if perm. target is reached, p.chi2 if perm.max is reached.

p.perm The p-value computed by permutations: number of times permutated is greater

than observed statistics divided by the total number of permutations performed

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p.chi2 The p-value computed by the chi-square approximation using the SKAT small sample procedure

If debug=TRUE, other informations are given about the moments estimation:

nb.gep The number of times a permutated statistics is equal or greater than the observed

statistics stat

nb. eq The number of times a permutated statistics is equal to the observed statistics

stat

nb.perms The total number of simulations performed

mean The mean of the permutated statistics

sigma The standard deviation of the permutated statistics

skewness The skweness of the permutated statistics kurtosis The kurtosis of the permutated statistics

References

Wu et al. 2011, Rare-variant association testing for sequencing data with the sequence kernel association test, American Journal of Human Genetics **82-93** doi:10.1016/j.ajhg.2011.05.029; Lee et al. 2012, Optimal Unified Approach for Rare-Variant Association Testing with Application to Small-Sample Case-Control Whole-Exome Sequencing Studies, American Journal of Human Genetics, doi:10.1016/j.ajhg.2012.06.007;

See Also

```
SKAT, SKAT. NullObject
```

```
#Importation of data in a bed matrix
x <- as.bed.matrix(x=LCT.matrix.bed, fam=LCT.matrix.fam, bim=LCT.snps)
#Add population
x@ped[,c("pop", "superpop")] <- LCT.matrix.pop1000G[,c("population", "super.population")]</pre>
#Select EUR superpopulation
x <- select.inds(x, superpop=="EUR")</pre>
x@ped$pop <- droplevels(x@ped$pop)</pre>
#Group variants within known genes
x <- set.genomic.region(x)</pre>
#Filter of rare variants: only non-monomorphic variants with
#a MAF lower than 1%
#keeping only genomic regions with at least 10 SNPs
x1 <- filter.rare.variants(x, filter = "whole", maf.threshold = 0.01, min.nb.snps = 10)
#Simulation of a covariate + Sex as a covariate
sex <- x1@snps$sex
u <- runif(nrow(x1))</pre>
```

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```
covar <- cbind(sex, u)

#run SKAT using the 1000 genome EUR populations as "outcome"
#The maximum number of permutations used is 100,
#and the target number is 10, please increase
#both values for a more accurate estimation of the p-values
#Fit Null model with covariates
x1.H0 <- SKAT.NullObject(x1@ped$pop, data = covar)

SKAT.bootstrap(x1, x1.H0, perm.target = 10, perm.max = 100)</pre>
```

SKAT.continuous

Multi group SKAT test using Liu et al. approximation

Description

Peforms SKAT on a continuous phenotype using Liu et al. approximation

Usage

Arguments

x A bed.matrix

NullObject A list returned from SKAT.NullObject.continuous genomic.region A factor defining the genomic region of each variant

weights A vector with the weight of each variant. By default, the weight of each variant

is inversely proportionnal to its MAF, as it was computed in the original SKAT

method

maf.threshold The MAF above which variants are removed (default is to keep all variants)

estimation.pvalue

Whether to use the skewness ("skewness") or the kurtosis ("kurtosis") for the

chi-square approximation

debug Whether to return the mean, standard deviation, skewness and kurtosis of the

statistics. Set at FALSE by default

Details

The method from Liu et al. 2008 is used where p-values are estimated using a chi-square approximation from moment's

If estimation.pvalue = "kurtosis", the kurtosis is used instead of skewness in the chi-square approximation. This is equivalent to "liu.mod" in SKAT package.

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Value

A data frame containing for each genomic region:

stat The observed statistics
p.value The p-value of the test

If debug = TRUE, the mean, standard deviation, skewness and kurtosis used to compute the p-value are returned

References

Wu et al. 2011, Rare-variant association testing for sequencing data with the sequence kernel association test, American Journal of Human Genetics **82-93** doi:10.1016/j.ajhg.2011.05.029; Liu et al. 2008, A new chi-square approximation to the distribution of non-negative definite quadratic forms in non-central normal variables, Computational Statistics & Data Analysis, doi:10.1016/j.csda.2008.11.025

See Also

```
SKAT. NullObject, SKAT
```

```
#Importation of data in a bed matrix
x <- as.bed.matrix(x=LCT.matrix.bed, fam=LCT.matrix.fam, bim=LCT.snps)
#Add population
x@ped[,c("pop", "superpop")] <- LCT.matrix.pop1000G[,c("population", "super.population")]</pre>
#Select EUR superpopulation
x <- select.inds(x, superpop=="EUR")</pre>
x@ped$pop <- droplevels(x@ped$pop)</pre>
#Group variants within known genes
x <- set.genomic.region(x)</pre>
#Filter of rare variants: only non-monomorphic variants with
#a MAF lower than 2.5%
#keeping only genomic regions with at least 10 SNPs
x1 <- filter.rare.variants(x, filter = "whole", maf.threshold = 0.025, min.nb.snps = 10)
#run SKAT using a random continuous phenotype
#Fit Null model
x1.H0 <- SKAT.NullObject.continuous(rnorm(nrow(x1)))</pre>
SKAT.continuous(x1, x1.H0)
```

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Description

Get the parameters under the null model to peforms SKAT

Usage

```
SKAT.NullObject(group, data, formula)
```

Arguments

group A factor containing the group of each individual

data Optional, a matrix containing the covariates with one column per covariate and

one row per individual

formula Optional, an R formula corresponding to the regression model indicating which

covariates from data to include in the model if only some of them are to be

included

Details

This function computes the probabilites for each individual of belonging to each group based on the group sizes and the potential covariates.

If formula is missing, all columns from data will be included as covariates.

Value

A list containing:

Pi.data A matrix n.individuals x n.groups containing the probabilities that each individ-

ual belong to each group

X A matrix containing 1 in the first column for the intercept, and covariates from

data and formula

group A factor containing the group of each individual as given

get.moments How to compute moments based on sample size for p-value calculations (only

used if get.moments = "size.based" for a categorial phenotype in SKAT.

P1 The vairance-covariance matrix of (Y - Pi_hat)

See Also

SKAT, SKAT. theoretical, SKAT. bootstrap, SKAT. permutations

SKAT.NullObject.continuous

Null Model for multi group SKAT test

Description

Get the parameters under the null model to peforms SKAT

Usage

SKAT.NullObject.continuous(pheno, data, formula)

Arguments

pheno A numeric vector containing the phenotype value for each individual

data Optional, a matrix containing the covariates with one column per covariate and

one row per individual

formula Optional, an R formula corresponding to the regression model indicating which

covariates from data to include in the model if only some of them are to be

included

Details

This function computes the probabilites for each individual of belonging to each group based on the group sizes and the potential covariates.

If formula is missing, all columns from data will be included as covariates.

Value

A list containing:

ymp A matrix n.individuals x 1 containing the (y - pi_hat) values, i.e. the residuals

from the regression of the phenotype on the potential covariates

X A matrix containing 1 in the first column for the intercept, and covariates from

data and formula

pheno The phenotype of each individual as given

P1 The variance matrix of ymp

See Also

SKAT, SKAT.continuous

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| SKAT.permutations | Multi group SKAT test using bootstrap sampling | |

Description

Peforms SKAT on two or more groups of individuals using bootstrap sampling

Usage

Arguments

| Х | A bed.matrix |
|-------------------|--|
| NullObject | A list returned from SKAT.NullObject |
| genomic.region | A factor defining the genomic region of each variant |
| weights | A vector with the weight of each variant. By default, the weight of each variant is inversely proportionnal to its MAF, as it was computed in the original SKAT method |
| maf.threshold | The MAF above which variants are removed (default is to keep all variants) |
| perm.target | The number of times to exceed the observed statistics. If not reached, ${\tt perm.max}$ permutations will be used |
| perm.max | The maximum number of permutations to perform to estimate the p-value, will be used if perm. target is not reached |
| debug | Whether to print details about the permutations (mean, standard deviation, skewness, kurtosis), FALSE by default |
| estimation.pvalue | |
| | Whether to use the skewness ("skewness") or the kurtosis ("kurtosis") for the chi-square approximation |

Details

P-values estimation is based on permutations sampling and a sequential procedure: permutated statistics are computed and each one is compared to the observed statistics. The boostrap progam stops when either perm. target or perm. max is reached. P-values are then computed using a mixed procedure:

if perm.target is reached, the p-value is computed as : perm.target divided by the number of permutations used to reach perm.target;

if perm.max is reached, p-values are approximated using a chi-square distributions based on the first three moments if estimation.pvalue = "skewness", or on statistics' moments 1, 2 and 4 if estimation.pvalue = "kurtosis".

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If debug=TRUE, more informations about the estimated statistics moments are given.

This function is used by SKAT when the sample size is smaller than 2000 and no covariates are present.

Value

A data frame containing for each genomic:

The observed statistics

p.value p.perm if perm. target is reached, p.chi2 if perm.max is reached.

The p-value computed by permutations: number of times permutated is greater than observed statistics divided by the total number of permutations performed p.chi2

The p-value computed by the chi-square approximation using the SKAT small

sample procedure

If debug=TRUE, other informations are given about the moments estimation:

nb.gep The number of times a permutated statistics is equal or greater than the observed

statistics stat

nb. eq The number of times a permutated statistics is equal to the observed statistics

stat

nb.perms The total number of simulations performed mean The mean of the permutated statistics

sigma The standard deviation of the permutated statistics

skewness The skweness of the permutated statistics kurtosis The kurtosis of the permutated statistics

References

Wu et al. 2011, Rare-variant association testing for sequencing data with the sequence kernel association test, American Journal of Human Genetics **82-93** doi:10.1016/j.ajhg.2011.05.029; Lee et al. 2012, Optimal Unified Approach for Rare-Variant Association Testing with Application to Small-Sample Case-Control Whole-Exome Sequencing Studies, American Journal of Human Genetics, doi:10.1016/j.ajhg.2012.06.007;

See Also

```
SKAT, SKAT. NullObject
```

```
#Importation of data in a bed matrix
x <- as.bed.matrix(x=LCT.matrix.bed, fam=LCT.matrix.fam, bim=LCT.snps)
#Add population
x@ped[,c("pop", "superpop")] <- LCT.matrix.pop1000G[,c("population", "super.population")]
#Select EUR superpopulation</pre>
```

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```
x <- select.inds(x, superpop=="EUR")
x@ped$pop <- droplevels(x@ped$pop)

#Group variants within known genes
x <- set.genomic.region(x)

#Filter of rare variants: only non-monomorphic variants with
#a MAF lower than 1%
#keeping only genomic regions with at least 10 SNPs
x1 <- filter.rare.variants(x, filter = "whole", maf.threshold = 0.01, min.nb.snps = 10)

#run SKAT using the 1000 genome EUR populations as "outcome"
#The maximum number of permutations used is 100,
#and the target number is 10, please increase
#both values for a more accurate estimation of the p-values
#Fit Null model
x1.H0 <- SKAT.NullObject(x1@ped$pop)
SKAT.permutations(x1, x1.H0, perm.target = 10, perm.max=100)</pre>
```

SKAT.theoretical

Multi group SKAT test using Liu et al. approximation

Description

Peforms SKAT on two or more groups of individuals using Liu et al. approximation

Usage

Arguments

x A bed.matrix

NullObject A list returned from SKAT.NullObject

genomic.region A factor defining the genomic region of each variant

weights A vector with the weight of each variant. By default, the weight of each variant

is inversely proportionnal to its MAF, as it was computed in the original SKAT

method

maf.threshold The MAF above which variants are removed (default is to keep all variants)

estimation.pvalue

Whether to use the skewness ("skewness") or the kurtosis ("kurtosis") for the

chi-square approximation

cores How many cores to use for moments computation, set at 10 by default

debug Whether to return the mean, standard deviation, skewness and kurtosis of the

statistics. Set at FALSE by default

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Details

The method from Liu et al. 2008 is used where p-values are estimated using a chi-square approximation from moment's statistics

If estimation.pvalue = "kurtosis", the kurtosis is used instead of skewness in the chi-square approximation. This is equivalent to "liu.mod" in SKAT package.

This function is used by SKAT when the sample size is larger than 2000.

Value

A data frame containing for each genomic region:

stat The observed statistics
p.value The p-value of the test

If debug = TRUE, the mean, standard deviation, skewness and kurtosis used to compute the p-value are returned

References

Wu et al. 2011, Rare-variant association testing for sequencing data with the sequence kernel association test, American Journal of Human Genetics **82-93** doi:10.1016/j.ajhg.2011.05.029; Liu et al. 2008, A new chi-square approximation to the distribution of non-negative definite quadratic forms in non-central normal variables, Computational Statistics & Data Analysis, doi:10.1016/j.csda.2008.11.025

See Also

```
SKAT.NullObject, SKAT.theoretical, SKAT.bootstrap, SKAT
```

```
#Importation of data in a bed matrix
x <- as.bed.matrix(x=LCT.matrix.bed, fam=LCT.matrix.fam, bim=LCT.snps)
#Add population
x@ped[,c("pop", "superpop")] <- LCT.matrix.pop1000G[,c("population", "super.population")]
#Select EUR superpopulation
x <- select.inds(x, superpop=="EUR")
x@ped$pop <- droplevels(x@ped$pop)

#Group variants within known genes
x <- set.genomic.region(x)

#Filter of rare variants: only non-monomorphic variants with
#a MAF lower than 2.5%
#keeping only genomic regions with at least 10 SNPs
x1 <- filter.rare.variants(x, filter = "whole", maf.threshold = 0.025, min.nb.snps = 10)
#run SKAT using the 1000 genome EUR populations as "outcome"
#using one core</pre>
```

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```
#Fit Null model
x1.H0 <- SKAT.NullObject(x1@ped$pop)
SKAT.theoretical(x1, x1.H0, cores = 1)</pre>
```

WSS

WSS genetic score

Description

Caluclates the WSS genetic score

Usage

```
WSS(x, genomic.region = x@snps$genomic.region)
```

Arguments

```
x A bed.matrix
genomic.region A vector containing the genomic region of each variant
```

Value

A matrix containing the WSS genetic score with one row per individual and one column per genomic.region

References

Madsen E and Browning S. A Groupwise Association Test for Rare Mutations Using a Weighted Sum Statistic. PLoS Genet. 2009

See Also

```
CAST, burden.weighted.matrix, burden.mlogit
```

```
#Importation of data in a bed matrix
x <- as.bed.matrix(x=LCT.matrix.bed, fam=LCT.matrix.fam, bim=LCT.snps)

# Group variants within known genes
x <- set.genomic.region(x)

# Filter variants with maf (computed on whole sample) < 0.025
# keeping only genomic region with at least 10 SNPs
x1 <- filter.rare.variants(x, filter = "whole", maf.threshold = 0.025, min.nb.snps = 10)
# Compute burden score WSS
score.WSS <- WSS(x1)</pre>
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