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blup BLUP

## Description

**BLUP** 

#### Usage

```
blup(data, geno = NULL, what, index.weights = NULL, gwas.ncore = 0L)
```

Requires what="markers".

## Arguments

data object of class\_prep from blup\_prep
geno object of class\_geno from read\_geno
what "id" or "marker"
index.weights named vector of index weights for the locations or traits
gwas.ncore Integer indicating number of cores to use for GWAS (default is 0 for no GWAS).

## **Details**

Argument what="id" leads to prediction of breeding values (BV) and genotypic values (GV), including the average fixed effect of the environments and any fixed effect markers. For what="marker", environment fixed effects are not included in the BLUP. Argument index.weights is a named vector (matching the names of the locations or traits), and the values are interpreted for standardized traits. An overall scaling factor is also applied so that the sum of the squared index coefficients equals 1.

#### Value

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blup_prep	Prepare data for BLUP	

## Description

Prepare data for BLUP

## Usage

```
blup_prep(data, vcov = NULL, geno = NULL, vars, mask = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

data	data frame of BLUEs from Stage 1
vcov	list of variance-covariance matrices for the BLUEs
geno	object of class_geno from read_geno
vars	object of class_var from Stage2
mask	(optional) data frame with possible columns "id", "env", "trait"

#### Value

Object of class\_prep

class_geno-class S4 class for marker genotype date
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## Description

S4 class for marker genotype data

#### **Slots**

```
map Marker map positions

coeff Coefficients of the marker effects (dim: indiv x marker)

scale Scaling factor between markers and indiv

G Additive relationship matrix (from markers and potentially also pedigree)

eigen.G list of eigenvalues and eigenvectors
```

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class\_prep-class

S4 class to prepare for blup

#### **Description**

S4 class to prepare for blup

#### **Slots**

```
id genotype identifiers

var.u variance of random effects

var.u.inv inverse of var.u

var.uhat variance of BLUPs

fixed fixed effect estimates

random random effect estimates

add matrix of additive variances from class_var

loc.env data frame with loc, env

trait.env data frame with trait, env

index.scale sqrt of genetic variances for the locations/traits
```

fixed.marker names of fixed effect markers

class\_var-class

S4 class for variances

## Description

S4 class for variances

#### **Slots**

add additive
g.resid genetic residual
resid residual
meanG mean of diagonal of G
meanOmega mean of diagonal of Omega

fixed.marker.cov contribution of marker fixed effects to additive covariance between locations

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nold Compute GWAS discovery threshold
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#### **Description**

Compute GWAS discovery threshold

#### Usage

```
gwas_threshold(geno, alpha = 0.05, exclude.chrom = NULL, n.core = 1)
```

#### **Arguments**

geno object of class\_geno

alpha genome-wide significance level

exclude.chrom chromosomes to exclude n.core number of cores to use

#### **Details**

Uses a Bonferroni-type correction based on an effective number of markers that accounts for LD (Moskvina and Schmidt, 2008).

#### Value

-log10(p) threshold

#### References

Moskvina V, Schmidt KM (2008) On multiple-testing correction in genome-wide association studies. Genetic Epidemiology 32:567-573. doi:10.1002/gepi.20331

manhattan\_plot Create Manhattan plot

## Description

Create Manhattan plot

#### Usage

```
manhattan_plot(data, chrom = NULL, thresh = NULL, rotate.label = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

data frame with columns for marker, chrom, position, and gwas.score

chrom optional, to plot only one chromosome

thresh optional, to include horizontal line at discovery threshold

rotate.label TRUE/FALSE whether to rotate x-axis labels to be perpendicular

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#### **Details**

Assumes position in bp

#### Value

ggplot2 object

predict

Predict additive (breeding) values from marker effects

## Description

Predict additive (breeding) values from marker effects

## Arguments

```
object of class_geno
marker.effects data frame with columns "marker","add.effect"
```

#### **Details**

Use the blup function with what="marker" to generate the data frame for marker.effects.

#### Value

data frame with columns "id", "BV"

quantile

G matrix quantile

## **Description**

G matrix quantile

## Arguments

```
x object of class_geno
prob probability
```

## Details

Unlike the S3 method, prob must have length = 1

#### Value

data frame with the quantile of the G matrix coefficients for each id

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read\_geno

Read marker genotype data

#### **Description**

Read marker genotype data

#### Usage

```
read_geno(
  filename,
  ploidy,
  map,
  min.minor.allele = 5,
  w = 1e-05,
  ped = NULL,
  dominance = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

filename Name of CSV file with marker allele dosage

ploidy 2,4,6,etc. (even numbers)

map TRUE/FALSE

min.minor.allele

threshold for marker filtering (see Details)

w blending parameter (see Details)

ped optional, pedigree data frame with 3 or 4 columns (see Details)

dominance TRUE/FALSE whether to include dominance covariance (see Details)

### **Details**

When map=TRUE, first three columns of the file are marker, chrom, position. When map=FALSE, the first column is marker. Subsequent columns contain the allele dosage for individuals/clones, coded 0,1,2,...ploidy (fractional values are allowed). The input file for diploids can also be coded using -1,0,1 (fractional values allowed). Additive coefficients are computed by subtracting the population mean from each marker, and the additive (genomic) relationship matrix is computed as G = tcrossprod(coeff)/scale. The scale parameter ensures the mean of the diagonal elements of G equals 1 under panmictic equilibrium. Missing genotype data is replaced with the population mean.

G can be blended with the pedigree relationship matrix (A) by providing a pedigree data frame in ped and blending parameter w. The blended relationship matrix is H = (1-w)G + wA. The first three columns of ped are id, parent1, parent2. Missing parents must be coded NA. An optional fourth column in binary (0/1) format can be used to indicate which ungenotyped individuals should be included in the H matrix. If there is no fourth column, only genotyped individuals are included. If a vector of w values is provided, the function returns a list of class\_geno objects.

If the A matrix is not used, then G is blended with the identity matrix (times the mean diagonal of G) to improve numerical conditioning for matrix inversion. The default for w is 1e-5, which is somewhat arbitrary and based on tests with the vignette dataset.

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When dominance=FALSE, non-additive effects are captured using a residual genetic effect, with zero covariance. If dominance=TRUE, a (digenic) dominance covariance matrix D is used instead.

The argument min.minor.allele specifies the minimum number of individuals that must contain the minor allele. Markers that do not meet this threshold are discarded.

#### Value

Variable of class class\_geno.

Stage1

Stage 1 analysis of multi-environment trials

#### **Description**

Computes genotype BLUEs within each environment

#### Usage

```
Stage1(
  filename,
  traits,
  effects = NULL,
  solver = "asrem1",
  spline = NULL,
  silent = TRUE,
  workspace = c("500mb", "500mb")
)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
filename Name of CSV file
traits trait names (see Details)
effects data frame specifying other effects in the model (see Details)
solver one of the following: "asreml", "spats"
spline vector of variable names for 2D spline with SpATS
silent TRUE/FALSE, whether to suppress REML output
workspace memory limits for ASRreml-R
```

#### **Details**

The input file must have one column labeled "id" for the individuals and one labeled "env" for the environments. The data for each environment are analyzed independently with a linear mixed model. Although not used in Stage1, to include a genotype x location effect in Stage2, a column labeled "loc" should be present in the input file.

Argument effects is used to specify other i.i.d. effects besides genotype and has three columns: name, fixed, factor. The "name" column is a string that must match a column in the input file. The fixed column is a logical variable to indicate whether the effect is fixed (TRUE) or random (FALSE). The factor column is a logical variable to indicate whether the effect is a factor (TRUE) or numeric (FALSE).

Stage2

Argument solver specifies which software to use for REML. Current options are "asreml" and "spats". For "spats", the argument spline must be a vector of length two, with the names of the x and y variables (respectively) for the 2D spline.

The heritability and residuals in the output are based on a random effects model for id.

Missing response values are omitted for single-trait analysis but retained for multi-trait analysis (unless both traits are missing), to allow for prediction in Stage 2.

Argument workspace is a vector of length two containing the workspace and pworkspace limits for ASReml-R, with default values of 500mb. If you get an error about insufficient memory, try increasing the appropriate value (workspace for variance estimation and pworkspace for BLUE computation).

For multiple traits, only "asreml" is supported, and only the BLUE model is run, so the returned object does not contain H2.

#### Value

List containing

blue data frame of BLUEs for all environments

vcov list of variance-covariance matrices for the BLUEs, one per env

H2 broad-sense H2 on a plot basis

resid list containing diagnostic plots and data frame of residuals

aic AIC for the BLUE model (only with asreml)

Stage2

Stage 2 analysis of multi-environment trials

#### **Description**

Stage 2 analysis of multi-environment trials

### Usage

```
Stage2(
  data,
  vcov = NULL,
  geno = NULL,
  fix.eff.marker = NULL,
  silent = TRUE,
  workspace = "500mb"
)
```

#### **Arguments**

data frame of BLUEs from Stage 1 (see Details)

vcov named list of variance-covariance matrices for the BLUEs

geno output from read\_geno

fix.eff.marker markers in geno to include as additive fixed effect covariates silent TRUE/FALSE, whether to suppress ASReml-R output workspace Memory limit for ASRreml-R variance estimation

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#### **Details**

Stage 2 of the two-stage approach described by Damesa et al. 2017, using ASReml-R for variance component estimation. The variable data has three mandatory column: id, env, BLUE. Optionally, data can have a column labeled "loc", which changes the main effect for genotype into a separable genotype-within-location effect, using a FA2 covariance model for the locations. Optionally, data can have a column labeled "trait", which uses an unstructured covariance model. The multi-location and multi-trait analyses cannot be combined. Missing data are allowed in the multi-trait but not the single-trait analysis. The argument geno is used to partition genetic values into additive and non-additive (g.resid) components. Any individuals in data that are not present in geno are discarded.

The argument vcov is used to partition the macro- and micro-environmental variation, which are called GxE and residual in the output. vcov is a named list of variance-covariance matrices for the BLUEs within each environment, with id for rownames (single trait) or id:trait. The order in vcov and data should match. Both data and vcov can be created using the function Stage1.

Because ASReml-R can only use relationship matrices defined in the global environment, this function creates and then removes global variables when either vcov or geno is used. By default, the workspace memory for ASReml-R is set at 500mb. If you get an error about insufficient memory, try increasing it. ASReml-R version 4.1.0.148 or later is required.

#### Value

List containing

aic AIC

vars variances, as variable of class class\_var

**fixed** Fixed effect estimates for env and markers

random Random effect predictions

uniplot uniplot of the genetic correlation between locations

#### References

Damesa et al. 2017. Agronomy Journal 109: 845-857. doi:10.2134/agronj2016.07.0395

summary

Summarize variances and correlations

### **Description**

Summarize variances and correlations

## **Arguments**

object

object of class\_var

#### **Details**

When reporting the partitioning of variance, the variance component for the additive effect is multiplied by the mean diagonal of the G matrix.

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## Value

A matrix with the proportion of variance and covariance (for multi-trait). For multi-location or multi-trait analysis, a correlation matrix is also returned. If a G matrix was included, the additive correlation is above the diagonal, and genotypic correlation below.

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