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ggroups-package

Genetic Group Contribution

#### **Description**

This package contains functions related to calculating the matrix of genetic group contributions to individuals in a pedigree, and adding genetic group contributions to genetic merit of animals in a pedigree. It also calculates the genetic relationship matrix **A** from the pedigree.

#### **Details**

The concept of genetic groups or phantom parent groups is based on the fact that unknown parents do not belong to the same base population and they might come from different genetic levels. With  $\mathbf{Q}$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{g}}$ , and  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$  being the matrix of genetic group contributions to individuals in the pedigree, the vector of predicted additive genetic merit of animals, and the vector of predicted genetic group effects, respectively, the contribution of genetic groups should be added to the predicted genetic merit of animals ( $\mathbf{Q}\hat{\mathbf{g}} + \hat{\mathbf{u}}$ ).

Forming Mixed Model Equations corresponding to the model,  $\hat{\mathbf{u}}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{g}}$  are predicted (Quaas, 1988: Eq. [3]). However, using Quaas and Pollak (1981) transformation,  $\mathbf{Q}\hat{\mathbf{g}} + \hat{\mathbf{u}}$  can be obtained directly (Quaas, 1988: Eq. [4]).

Some solver packages obtain  $\mathbf{Q}\hat{\mathbf{g}} + \hat{\mathbf{u}}$  directly, some not. The aim of this package is to find the genetic contribution of each genetic group on each individual in the pedigree (matrix  $\mathbf{Q}$ ), and also calculating  $\mathbf{Q}\hat{\mathbf{g}} + \hat{\mathbf{u}}$ , given the pedigree and a vector of  $[\hat{\mathbf{g}}, \hat{\mathbf{u}}]$ .

Overlap between sire and dam genetic groups is supported.

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### References

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buildA

Relationship matrix A

# Description

Creates the pedigree-based additive genetic relationship matrix.

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# Usage

```
buildA(ped)
```

#### **Arguments**

ped

: The pedigree  $\mbox{\tt data.frame}$  with integer columns corresponding to ID, SIRE,

DAM.

#### Value

```
A: Relationship matrix A
```

# **Examples**

```
ped = data.frame(ID=1:6, SIRE=c(0,0,1,3,1,4), DAM=c(0,0,2,2,2,5)) buildA(ped)
```

gghead

Pedigree processing

# Description

Does specific pedigree checks; adds genetic groups to the head of the pedigree and sorts it.

# Usage

```
gghead(ped)
```

# **Arguments**

ped

: A data. frame with integer columns corresponding to ID, SIRE, DAM

#### **Details**

Consider this simple pedigree:

- 300
- 4 3 0
- 645
- 500

First, unknown parents are replaced with the corresponding genetic groups.

Please note that unknown parent IDs should be smaller than animal IDs.

- 3 1 2
- 432
- 645
- 5 1 2

This pedigree is used as an example.

Qgpu Qgpu

#### Value

```
ped2: A processed pedigree data.frame
```

#### **Examples**

```
ped = data.frame(ID=c(3,4,6,5), SIRE=c(1,3,4,1), DAM=c(2,2,5,2)) gghead(ped)
```

latest.v

Latest Version

# **Description**

Reports the latest version of the package in the repository.

# Usage

```
latest.v()
```

Qgpu

Vector Qg + u

# Description

Adds genetic group contributions to genetic merit of animals in a pedigree.

#### Usage

```
Qgpu(Q, sol)
```

# **Arguments**

Q : The output matrix from qmat; for more details: ?qmat

sol : A data. frame with numeric columns corresponding to ID, EBV ( $[\hat{\mathbf{g}}, \hat{\mathbf{u}}]$ ).

## Value

```
uhatplus: Vector of \mathbf{Q}\mathbf{\hat{g}} + \mathbf{\hat{u}}
```

# **Examples**

```
ped = data.frame(ID=c(3,4,6,5), SIRE=c(1,3,4,1), DAM=c(2,2,5,2)) Q = qmat(gghead(ped)) ghat = c(0.1, -0.1) uhat = seq(-0.15, 0.15, 0.1) sol = data.frame(ID=1:6, EBV=c(ghat, uhat)) Qgpu(Q, sol)
```

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qmat

Matrix Q

# Description

Creates a genetic group contribution matrix.

# Usage

```
qmat(ped2)
```

# Arguments

ped2

: The output of gghead; for more details: ?gghead

#### Value

```
Q: Matrix Q
```

# **Examples**

```
ped = data.frame(ID=c(3,4,6,5), SIRE=c(1,3,4,1), DAM=c(2,2,5,2)) ped2 = gghead(ped) qmat(ped2)
```

qmatXL

Matrix **Q** for large pedigrees

# **Description**

Creates a genetic group contribution matrix for large pedigrees.

## Usage

```
qmatXL(ped2)
```

# **Arguments**

ped2

: The output of gghead; for more details: ?gghead

#### **Details**

Calculation of a genetic group contribution matrix for large pedigrees requires a lot of memory and time. This might not be possible on ordinary computers, using the function qmat. The function qmatXL takes less RAM and time, making the calculation possible on ordinary computers.

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# Value

Q : Matrix  ${\bf Q}$ 

# Examples

```
ped = data.frame(ID=c(3,4,6,5), SIRE=c(1,3,4,1), DAM=c(2,2,5,2)) 
ped2 = gghead(ped) 
qmatXL(ped2)
```

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