Guide for trident v1.6.7.1

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$_{12}$ 1 Installation

33 See the Poseidon website (https://www.poseidon-adna.org/#/trident) or the GitHub repository (https:

//github.com/poseidon-framework/poseidon-hs) for up-to-date installation instructions.

$_{\scriptscriptstyle 35}$ 2 Overview

Trident is a command line software tool structured in multiple subcommands. If you installed it properly you

37 can call it on the command line by typing trident. This will show an overview of the general options and all

subcommands, which are explained in detail below.

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Usage: trident [--version] [--logMode MODE | --debug] [--errLength INT] [--inPlinkPopName MODE] (COMMAND | COMMAND)
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trident is a management and analysis tool for Poseidon packages. Report issues here: https://github.com/poseidon-framework/poseidon-hs/issues

Available options:

-h,--help Show this help text
--version Show version number

--logMode MODE How information should be reported: NoLog, SimpleLog,

DefaultLog, ServerLog or VerboseLog.

(default: DefaultLog)

--debug Short for --logMode VerboseLog.

--errLength INT After how many characters should a potential genotype

data parsing error message be truncated. "Inf" for no

truncation. (default: CharCount 1500)

--inPlinkPopName MODE Where to read the population/group name from the FAM

file in Plink-format. Three options are possible:

asFamily (default) | asPhenotype | asBoth.

Package creation and manipulation commands:

init Create a new Poseidon package from genotype data fetch Download data from a remote Poseidon repository forge Select packages, groups or individuals and create a

new Poseidon package from them

genoconvert Convert the genotype data in a Poseidon package to a

different file format

jannocoalesce Coalesce information from one or multiple janno files

to another one

rectify Adjust POSEIDON.yml files automatically to package

changes

Inspection commands:

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list List packages, groups or individuals from local or remote Poseidon repositories

summarise Get an overview over the content of one or multiple Poseidon packages

survey Survey the degree of context information completeness for Poseidon packages

validate Check Poseidon packages or package components for structural correctness
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trident allows to work directly with genotype data (see -p below), but it is optimized for the interaction
with Poseidon packages, which wrap and contextualize the data. Most trident subcommands therefore have a
central parameter, called --baseDir or simply -d to specify one or more base directories to look for packages.
For example, if all Poseidon packages live inside a repository at /path/to/poseidon/packages you would
simply say trident <subcommand> -d /path/to/poseidon/dirs/ and trident would automatically search
all subdirectories inside of the repository for valid Poseidon packages (as identified by valid POSEIDON.yml
files).

46 You can arrange a Poseidon repository in a hierarchical way. For example:

This structure then allows to select only the level of packages you are interested in, even individual ones. -d
can be given multiple times, which is particularly useful as you may have your own data to co-analyse with
external reference data. In this case you simply need to provide your own genotype data as yet another Poseidon
package to be added to your trident command. For example, you may have genotype data in EIGENSTRAT
format (trident supports EIGENSTRAT, PLINK and VCF as formats):

```
~/my_project/my_project.geno
~/my_project/my_project.snp
~/my_project/my_project.ind
```

Then you can transform that into a skeleton Poseidon package with the init command. You can also do it manually by simply adding a POSEIDON.yml file, with, for example, the following content:

```
poseidonVersion: 2.7.1
title: My_awesome_project
description: Unpublished genetic data from my awesome project
contributor:
   - name: Stephan Schiffels
   email: schiffels@institute.org
```

```
packageVersion: 0.1.0
lastModified: 2020-10-07
genotypeData:
   format: EIGENSTRAT
   genoFile: my_project.geno
   snpFile: my_project.snp
   indFile: my_project.ind
jannoFile: my_project.janno
bibFile: sources.bib
```

Two remarks: 1) All file paths in this POSEIDON.yml file are considered *relative* to the directory in which POSEIDON.yml resides. For this example we assume that this file is added into the same directory as the three genotype files. 2) Besides the genotype data files there are two (technically optional) files referenced in this example: sources.bib and my_project.janno. Of course you can add them manually - init automatically creates empty dummy versions.

Once you have set up your own Poseidon package (which is really only a skeleton so far), you can add it to your trident analysis, by simply adding your project directory to the command using -d, for example:

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trident list -d /path/to/poseidon/packages/modern \
  -d /path/to/poseidon/packages/ReferenceGenomes \
  -d ~/my_project \
  --packages
```

2.1 Logging and command line output

- For all subcommands the general argument --logMode defines how trident reports messages (to stderr) on the command line:
 - NoLog: Hides all messages.

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- SimpleLog: Plain and simple output.
- DefaultLog: Adds the severity indicators (log levels) Info, Warning and Error before each message. This is the default setting.
 - ServerLog: Additionally adds timestamps before each message.
 - *VerboseLog*: Shows not just messages on the log levels Info, Warning and Error like the other modes, but also on the more verbose level Debug. Use this mostly relevant for debugging.
- --debug is short for --logMode VerboseLog to activate this important log level more easily.

2.2 Package duplicates and versions

- For trident multiple packages in a set of base directories can share the same title, if they have different
 packageVersion numbers. If the version numbers are also identical or missing, then trident stops with
 an exception.
 - The trident subcommands genoconvert, list, rectify, survey and validate by default consider all versions of each Poseidon package in the given base directories. The --onlyLatest flag causes them to instead only consider the latest versions.
- fetch and forge generally consider all package versions. Their selection language (see below) allows for detailed version handling.

• summarize and jannocoalesce consider always only the latest package versions.

2.3 Individual/Sample duplicates

- Poseidon_IDs (so individual/sample names) within one package have to be unique, or trident will stop.
- We also discourage sample duplicates across packages in package repositories, but trident will generally continue with them. validate will fail though, if the --ignoreDuplicates flag is not set.
- forge offers a special mechanism to resolve sample duplicates within its selection language.

2.4 Group names in .fam files

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The .fam file of PLINK-formatted genotype data is used inconsistently across different popular aDNA software tools to store group/population name information. The (global) trident option --inPlinkPopName with the arguments asFamily (default), asPhenotype and asBoth allows to control the reading of the population name from PLINK .fam files. The subcommands that write genotype data (forge, genoconvert) have a corresponding option --outPlinkPopName to specify this for the output.

⁹³ 2.5 Whitespaces in the .janno file

While reading the .janno file trident trims all leading and trailing whitespaces around individual cells. Also all instances of the No-Break Space unicode character will be removed. This means these whitespaces will not be preserved when a package is forged.

₉₇ 3 Init command

init creates a new Poseidon package from genotype data files. It adds a POSEIDON.yml file, a dummy .janno file for context information and an empty .bib file for literature references.

100 Command line details

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Usage: trident init ((-p|--genoOne FILE) | --genoFile FILE --snpFile FILE
                      --indFile FILE |
                      --bedFile FILE --bimFile FILE --famFile FILE |
                      --vcfFile FILE) [--snpSet SET] (-o|--outPackagePath DIR)
                    [-n|--outPackageName STRING] [--minimal]
 Create a new Poseidon package from genotype data
Available options:
  -h,--help
                           Show this help text
  -p,--genoOne FILE
                           One of the input genotype data files. Expects .bed,
                           .bed.gz, .bim, .bim.gz or .fam for PLINK, .geno,
                           .geno.gz, .snp, .snp.gz or .ind for EIGENSTRAT,
                           or.vcf or .vcf.gz for VCF. In case of EIGENSTRAT and
                           PLINK, the two other files must be in the same
                           directory and must have the same base name. If a
                           gzipped file is given, it is assumed that the file
                           pairs (.geno.gz, .snp.gz) or (.bim.gz, .bed.gz) are
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both zipped, but not the .fam or .ind file. If a .ind
                         or .fam file is given, it is assumed that none of the
                         file triples is zipped.
--genoFile FILE
                         Eigenstrat genotype matrix, optionally gzipped.
                         Accepted file endings are .geno, .geno.gz
                         Eigenstrat snp positions file, optionally gzipped.
--snpFile FILE
                         Accepted file endings are .snp, .snp.gz
--indFile FILE
                         Eigenstrat individual file. Accepted file endings are
                         .ind
                         Plink genotype matrix, optionally gzipped. Accepted
--bedFile FILE
                         file endings are .bed, .bed.gz
--bimFile FILE
                         Plink snp positions file, optionally gzipped.
                         Accepted file endings are .bim, .bim.gz
--famFile FILE
                         Plink individual file. Accepted file endings are .fam
--vcfFile FILE
                         VCF (Variant Call Format) file, optionall gzipped.
                         Accepted file endings are .vcf, .vcf.gz
--snpSet SET
                         The snpSet of the package: 1240K, HumanOrigins or
                         Other. Only relevant for data input with -p|--genoOne
                         or --genoFile + --snpFile + --indFile, because the
                         packages in a -d|--baseDir already have this
                         information in their respective POSEIDON.yml files.
                         (default: Other)
-o,--outPackagePath DIR
                         Path to the output package directory.
-n, -- outPackageName STRING
                         The output package name. This is optional: If no name
                         is provided, then the package name defaults to the
                         basename of the (mandatory) --outPackagePath
                         argument. (default: Nothing)
--minimal
                         Should the output Poseidon package be reduced to a
                         necessary minimum?
```

101 The command

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trident init \
   --genoFile path/to/genoFile.geno \
   --snpFile path/to/snpFile.snp \
   --indFile path/to/indFile.ind \
   --snpSet 1240K|HumanOrigins|Other \
   -o path/to/new_package_name
```

requires the paths to the respective files (--genoFile --snpFile --indFile | --bedFile --bimFile --famFile | --vcfFile), and optionally the "shape" of these files (--snpSet), so if they cover the 1240K, the HumanOrigins or an Other SNP set.

A simpler interface is available with -p (+ --snpSet), which only requires a path to one of the genotype data files and automatically discovers the others if they share the same base name:

```
trident init \
  -p path/to/genoFile \
  --snpSet 1240K|HumanOrigins|Other \
  -o path/to/new_package_name
```

107 The following file extensions are expected:

	EIGENSTRAT	PLINK	VCF
genoFile	.geno	.bed	.vcf
${\rm snpFile}$.snp	.bim	_
$\operatorname{indFile}$.ind	.fam	

The output package created by init is located in a new directory -o, which should not already exist when init is called, and gets the package title corresponding to the basename of -o. You can also set the title explicitly with -n.

The --minimal flag causes init to create a minimal package with a very basic POSEIDON.yml and no .bib and .janno files.

113 4 Fetch command

fetch allows to download Poseidon packages from a remote Poseidon server via a Web API. This server provides
 all packages in the Poseidon public archives.

16 Command line details

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Usage: trident fetch (-d|--baseDir DIR)
                     (--downloadAll |
                       (--fetchFile FILE | (-f|--fetchString DSL)))
                     [--remoteURL URL] [--archive STRING]
 Download data from a remote Poseidon repository
Available options:
  -h,--help
                           Show this help text
  -d,--baseDir DIR
                           A base directory to search for Poseidon packages.
  --downloadAll
                           Download all packages the server is offering.
  --fetchFile FILE
                           A file with a list of packages. Works just as -f, but
                           multiple values can also be separated by newline, not
                           just by comma. -f and --fetchFile can be combined.
  -f,--fetchString DSL
                           List of packages to be downloaded from the remote
                           server. Package names should be wrapped in asterisks:
                           *package_title*. You can combine multiple values with
                           comma, so for example: "*package_1*, *package_2*,
                           *package_3*". fetchString uses the same parser as
                           forgeString, but does not allow excludes. If groups
```

17 It works with

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trident fetch -d ... -d ... \
  -f "*package_title_1*,*package_title_2-1.0.1*,group_name,<iindividual1>"
```

and the entities you want to download must be listed either in a simple string of comma-separated values, which can be passed via -f/--fetchString, or in a text file (--fetchFile). Entities are then combined from these sources.

Entities are specified using a special syntax (see also the documentation of forge below): packages are wrapped in asterisks, with or without a version number appended after a dash (e.g. *package_title* or *package_title-1.2.3), group names are spelled as is, and individual names are wrapped in angular brackets (e.g. <individual1>). Fetch will figure out which packages need to be downloaded to include all specified entities.

--downloadAll, which can be given instead of -f and --fetchFile, causes fetch to download all packages from the server. The downloaded packages are added in the first (!) -d directory (which gets created if it doesn't exist), but downloads are only performed if the respective packages are not already present in the latest version in any of the -d directories.

Note that trident fetch is usually used in a workflow with trident list --remote: First one inspects what is available on the server with list, to then compile a custom, targeted fetch command.

fetch has the optional arguments --remote https:://..." to name an alternative Poseidon server and --archive to select a specific Poseidon archive on the server.

5 Forge command

forge creates new Poseidon packages by extracting and merging packages, populations and individuals/samples
 from Poseidon repositories.

136 Command line details

[--forgeFile FILE | (-f|--forgeString DSL)]
[--selectSnps FILE] [--intersect] [--outFormat FORMAT]
[--onlyGeno | --minimal | --preservePyml] [-z|--zip]
(-o|--outPackagePath DIR) [-n|--outPackageName STRING]
[--packagewise] [--outPlinkPopName MODE] [--ordered]

Select packages, groups or individuals and create a new Poseidon package from them

Available options:

Available options:	
-h,help	Show this help text
-d,baseDir DIR	A base directory to search for Poseidon packages.
-p,genoOne FILE	One of the input genotype data files. Expects .bed,
	.bed.gz, .bim, .bim.gz or .fam for PLINK, .geno,
	.geno.gz, .snp, .snp.gz or .ind for EIGENSTRAT,
	or.vcf or .vcf.gz for VCF. In case of EIGENSTRAT and
	PLINK, the two other files must be in the same
	directory and must have the same base name. If a
	gzipped file is given, it is assumed that the file
	pairs (.geno.gz, .snp.gz) or (.bim.gz, .bed.gz) are
	both zipped, but not the .fam or .ind file. If a .ind
	or .fam file is given, it is assumed that none of the
	file triples is zipped.
genoFile FILE	Eigenstrat genotype matrix, optionally gzipped.
	Accepted file endings are .geno, .geno.gz
snpFile FILE	Eigenstrat snp positions file, optionally gzipped.
	Accepted file endings are .snp, .snp.gz
indFile FILE	Eigenstrat individual file. Accepted file endings are .ind
bedFile FILE	Plink genotype matrix, optionally gzipped. Accepted
	file endings are .bed, .bed.gz
bimFile FILE	Plink snp positions file, optionally gzipped.
	Accepted file endings are .bim, .bim.gz
famFile FILE	Plink individual file. Accepted file endings are .fam
vcfFile FILE	VCF (Variant Call Format) file, optionall gzipped.
	Accepted file endings are .vcf, .vcf.gz
snpSet SET	The snpSet of the package: 1240K, HumanOrigins or
	Other. Only relevant for data input with $-p $ genoOne
	orgenoFile +snpFile +indFile, because the
	packages in a $-d$ baseDir already have this
	information in their respective POSEIDON.yml files.
	(default: Other)
forgeFile FILE	A file with a list of packages, groups or individual
	samples. Works just as -f, but multiple values can
	also be separated by newline, not just by comma.

Empty lines are ignored and comments start with "#", so everything after "#" is ignored in one line.

Multiple instances of -f and --forgeFile can be given. They will be evaluated according to their input order on the command line.

-f,--forgeString DSL

List of packages, groups or individual samples to be combined in the output package. Packages follow the syntax *package_title*, populations/groups are simply group_id and individuals <individual_id>. You can combine multiple values with comma, so for example: "*package_1*, <individual_1>, <individual_2>, group_1". Duplicates are treated as one entry. Negative selection is possible by prepending "-" to the entity you want to exclude (e.g. "*package 1*, -<individual_1>, -group_1"). forge will apply excludes and includes in order. If the first entity is negative, then forge will assume you want to merge all individuals in the packages found in the baseDirs (except the ones explicitly excluded) before the exclude entities are applied. An empty forgeString (and no --forgeFile) will therefore merge all available individuals. If there are individuals in your input packages with equal individual id, but different main group or source package, they can be specified with the special syntax "<package:group:individual>".

--selectSnps FILE

To extract specific SNPs during this forge operation, provide a Snp file. Can be either Eigenstrat (file ending must be '.snp' or '.snp.gz') or Plink (file ending must be '.bim' or '.bim.gz'). When this option is set, the output package will have exactly the SNPs listed in this file. Any SNP not listed in the file will be excluded. If option '--intersect' is also set, only the SNPs overlapping between the SNP file and the forged packages are output.

--intersect

Whether to output the intersection of the genotype files to be forged. The default (if this option is not set) is to output the union of all SNPs, with genotypes defined as missing in those packages which do not have a SNP that is present in another package. With this option set, the forged dataset will typically have fewer SNPs, but less missingness. The format of the output genotype data: EIGENSTRAT,

--outFormat FORMAT

PLINK or VCF. (default: PLINK)

(default: Nothing)

--onlyGeno Should only the resulting genotype data be returned? This means the output will not be a Poseidon package. Should the output Poseidon package be reduced to a --minimal necessary minimum? --preservePyml Should the output Poseidon package mimic the input package? With this option some fields of the source package's POSEIDON.yml file, its README file and its CHANGELOG file (if available) are copied to the output package. Only works for a singular source package. -z,--zipShould the resulting genotype- and snp-files be gzipped? -o,--outPackagePath DIR Path to the output package directory. -n, -- outPackageName STRING The output package name. This is optional: If no name is provided, then the package name defaults to the basename of the (mandatory) --outPackagePath argument. (default: Nothing) Skip the within-package selection step in forge. This --packagewise will result in outputting all individuals in the relevant packages, and hence a superset of the requested individuals/groups. It may result in better performance in cases where one wants to forge entire packages or almost entire packages. Details: Forge conceptually performs two types of selection: First, it identifies which packages in the supplied base directories are relevant to the requested forge, i.e. whether they are either explicitly listed using *PackageName*, or because they contain selected individuals or groups. Second, within each relevant package, individuals which are not requested are removed. This option skips only the second step, but still performs the first. Where to write the population/group name into the FAM --outPlinkPopName MODE file in Plink-format. Three options are possible: asFamily (default) | asPhenotype | asBoth. See also --inPlinkPopName. With this option, the output of forge is ordered --ordered according to the entities given.

137 forge can be used with

```
trident forge -d ... -d ... \
  -f "*package_name*, group_id, <individual_id>" \
  -o path/to/new_package_name
```

where the entities (packages, groups/populations, individuals/samples) you want in the output package can be
denoted either as a string on the command line (-f/--forgeString), or in an input text file (--forgeFile).
See the section below for the syntax of this selection language. Do not forget to wrap the --forgeString query
in quotes.

Including one or multiple Poseidon packages with -d is not the only way to include data for a forge operation. It is
also possible to consider unpackaged genotype data directly with -p (+ --snpSet), --genoFile + --snpFile
+ --indFile (+ --snpSet) (for EIGENSTRAT data), --bedFile + --bimFile + --famFile (+ --snpSet)
(for PLINK data) or --vcfFile (+ --snpSet) (for VCF data). This makes the following example possible, where
we merge data from one Poseidon package and two unpackaged genotype datasets to get a new EIGENSTRAT
dataset.

```
trident forge \
  -d 2017_GonzalesFortesCurrentBiology \
  -p 2018_VeeramahPNAS/2018_VeeramahPNAS.fam \
  --bedFile 2017_HaberAJHG/2017_HaberAJHG.bed \
  --bimFile 2017_HaberAJHG/2017_HaberAJHG.bim \
  --famFile 2017_HaberAJHG/2017_HaberAJHG.fam \
  -f "<STR241.SG>,<ERS1790729.SG>,Iberia_HG.SG" \
  -o testpackage \
  --outFormat EIGENSTRAT \
  --onlyGeno
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¹⁴⁸ 5.1 The forge selection language

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The text in --forgeString and --forgeFile (and with a reduced syntax also in --fetchString and --fetchFile) are parsed as a domain specific query language that describes precisely which entities should be compiled in the output package of a given forge operation. The language has multiple syntactic elements and a specific evaluation logic.

In general a --forgeString query consists of multiple entities, separated by ,. The main entities are Poseidon packages, groups/populations and individuals/samples:

- Each package title is surrounded by *: *package*. That means if you want all individuals of the Poseidon package 2019_Jeong_InnerEurasia in the output package you would add *2019_Jeong_InnerEurasia* to the query.
- Groups/populations are not specially marked: group. So to get all individuals of the group Swiss_Roman_Period, you would simply add Swiss_Roman_Period.
- Individuals/samples are surrounded by < and >: <individual>. ALA026 therefore becomes <ALA026>. A second way to denote individuals is with the more verbose and specific syntax <package:group:individual>. Such defined individuals take precedence over differently defined ones (so directly with <individual> or as a subset of *package* or group). This allows to resolve duplication issues precisely at least in cases where the duplicated individuals differ in source package or primary group.
- Package versions can be appended to package names, such as *package-1.2.3*.
- This also works with the verbose individual syntax: <package-1.2.3:group:individual>.

In the --forgeFile each line is treated as a separate forgeString, empty lines are ignored and # symbols start comments. So this is a valid example of a forgeFile:

By prepending - to entities, we can exclude them from the forged package (this feature is not available for fetch). forge figures out the final list of samples to include by interpreting all forge-entities in order. So an entity list *pac1*,-<ind1>,group1 may result in a different outcome than *pac1*,group1,-<ind1>, depending on whether <ind1> belongs to group1 or not.

173 If the forge entity list starts with a negative entity, or if the entity list is empty, forge will implicitly assume 174 you want to include all individuals in all **latest** versions of packages found in the base directories (except the 175 ones explicitly excluded, of course).

176 The specific semantics of the various ways to include or exclude entities are as follows:

5.1.1 Inclusion queries

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- *pac1*: Select all individuals in the latest version of package "pac1"
- *pac1-1.0.1*: Select all individuals in package "pac1" with version "1.0.1"
- group1: Select all individuals associated with "group1" in all latest versions of all packages
 - <ind1>: Select the individual named "ind1", searching in all latest packages.
 - <pac1:group1:ind1>: Select the individual named "ind1" associated with "group1" in the latest version of package "pac1"
 - <pac1-1.0.1:group1:ind1>: Select the individual named "ind1" associated with "group1" in the package "pac1" with version "1.0.1"

186 5.1.2 Exclusion queries

- -*pac1*: Remove all individuals in all versions of package "pac1"
- -*pac1-1.0.1*: Remove only individuals in package "pac1" with version "1.0.1" (but leave other versions in)
- -group1: Remove all individuals associated with "group1" in all versions of all packages (not just the latest)
 - -<ind1>: Remove all individuals named "ind1" in all versions of all packages (not just the latest)
 - -<pac1:group1:ind1>: Remove the individual named "ind1" associated with "group1", searching in all versions of package "pac1"
 - -<pac1-1.0.1:group1:ind1>: Remove the individual named "ind1" associated with "group1", but only if they are in "pac1" with version "1.0.1"

97 If a query results in multiple individuals with the same name, forge will throw an error.

§ 5.2 Ordered output

- By default the order of samples in a Poseidon package created with forge depends on the order in which the
 relevant source packages are discovered by trident (e.g. when it crawls for packages in the -d base directories)
 and then the sample order within these packages.
- The option --ordered gives more control over the output order. It causes trident to output the resulting package with samples ordered according to the selection in -f or --forgeFile. This works through an alternative, slower sample selection algorithm that loops through the list of entities and checks for each entity which samples it adds or removes respectively to and from the final selection.
- For simple, positive selection, packages, groups and samples are added as expected. Negative selection removes samples from the list again. If an entity is selected twice via positive selection, then its first occurrence is considered for the ordering.

5.2.1 Reordering samples in a package

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One particular application of **--ordered** is the reordering of samples in an existing Poseidon package, here for example MyPac. We suggest the following workflow for this application:

1. Generate a --forgeFile with the desired order of the samples in MyPac. This can be done manually or with any suitable tool. Here is an example, where we employ qjanno to generate a forge selection so that the samples are ordered alphabetically by their Poseidon_ID:

```
qjanno "SELECT '<'||Poseidon_ID||'>' FROM d(MyPac) ORDER BY Poseidon_ID" \
    --raw --noOutHeader > myOrder.txt
```

2. Use trident forge with --ordered and --preservePyml (see below) to create the package with the specified order:

```
trident forge -d MyPac --forgeFile myOrder.txt -o MyPac2 --ordered --preservePyml
```

3. Apply trident rectify to increment the package version number and document the reordering:

```
trident rectify -d MyPac2 --packageVersion Minor \
    --logText "reordered the samples alphabetically by Poseidon_ID"
```

MyPac2 then acts as a stand-in replacement for MyPac that only differs in the order of samples (and maybe the order of variables/fields in the POSEIDON.yml, .janno, .ssf or .bib files).

5.3 Treatment of the genotype data while merging

221 Forge performs a series of steps to merge the genotype data of multiple source files:

- 1. Genotype data from each package is streamed in parallel. Because our packages may have different SNP locations (specified by chromosome-position pairs) listed in their .bim/.snp or .vcf file, we first perform a zipping-operation, whose behaviour depends on whether --intersect is set or not. Without --intersect, any SNP position listed in any package will be forwarded to the output, with missing values being filled in in all packages that do not list that particular SNP. With --intersect, only SNP positions that are present in all packages are considered. Note that relevant for this step is only whether a given SNP position is part of the genotype data, not whether the actual genotypes are missing or not.
- 2. At each SNP, the consensus alleles are selected, by collecting all reference and alternative alleles from all sources. If more than two non-dummy alleles (alleles different from \mathbb{N}) are present in that collection, an

error is thrown. If exactly two non-dummy alleles are present (which should be the case for binary SNPs), the two alleles are declared "reference" and "alternative" alleles for the output. If only one non-dummy allele is present, it is set to be the reference allele, and "N" is set to be the alternative.

- 3. All source genotype data is then read and recoded in terms of the two chosen consensus alleles. This will make sure that source data with flipped reference and alternative allele gets correctly merged in.
- 4. SNP IDs, as part of PLINK .bim and .vcf files are checked across the source files. If all SNP IDs for a given SNP are missing, then the result will also be missing. If there is only one SNP ID present in some or all source packages, that ID gets forwarded to the output. In the (unusual) case that there are multiple different non-missing SNP IDs (of the form "rs" followed by a number), then a debug warning is output (which gets printed to the screen when --debug is selected), and simply the first value is chosen to be output into the forged .bim file. We decided not to throw an error in that case, because we consider the physical position of the SNP (specified by Chromosome and position) to be definitive, and the SNP ID to be of secondary importance.
- 5. Genetic positions, as part of PLINK .bim files are checked in a similar manner, with "0.0" being interpreted as missing.

5.4 Treatment of the . janno file while merging

forge merges and subsets .janno files along with the genotype data. If a package lacks a .janno file, then a
basic one will be created internally an on-the-fly based on the information in the genotype data, and used for
the output. Missing columns across packages will be filled with n/a.

For merging two .janno files $\bf A$ and $\bf B$ the following rules apply regarding undefined, arbitrary additional columns:

- If A has an additional column which is not in B then empty cells in the rows imported from B are filled with n/a.
- If **A** and **B** share additional columns with identical column name, then they are treated as semantically identical units and merged accordingly.
- In the resulting .janno file, all additional columns from both A and B are sorted alphabetically and appended after the normal, specified variables.

258 The following example illustrates the described behaviour:

A.janno

Poseidon_ID	Group_Name	Genetic_Sex	AdditionalColumn1	AdditionalColumn2
XXX011	POP1	M	A	D
XXX012	POP2	F	В	E
XXX013	POP1	M	С	F

B.janno

Poseidon_ID	${\tt Group_Name}$	${\rm Genetic_Sex}$	${\bf Additional Column 3}$	AdditionalColumn2
YYY022	POP5	F	G	J
YYY023	POP5	\mathbf{F}	Н	K
YYY024	POP5	M	I	L

A.janno + B.janno

Poseidon_ID	Group_Name	Genetic_Sex	AdditionalColumn1	AdditionalColumn2	AdditionalColumn3
XXX011	POP1	M	A	D	n/a
XXX012	POP2	F	В	E	n/a
XXX013	POP1	M	\mathbf{C}	F	n/a
YYY022	POP5	F	n/a	J	G
YYY023	POP5	F	n/a	K	H
YYY024	POP5	M	n/a	L	I

262 5.5 Treatment of the .ssf file while merging

The Sequencing Source File (short .ssf file) is forged in exactly the same way as the .janno file. .ssf files
that are present are included in the forge product, following selection of those entities which are listed in the
poseidon_IDs columns. Columns that are only present in some packages, including those not defined in the
Poseidon package specification, are also included in the forged product in the same way as described for .janno
files above.

²⁶⁸ 5.6 Treatment of the .bib file while merging

In the forge process all relevant samples for the output package are determined. This includes their .janno entries and therefore the information on the publication keys documented for them in the .janno Publication column. The output .bib file compiles only the relevant references for the samples in the output package. It includes the references exactly once and is sorted alphabetically by key.

73 5.7 Output modes

- The output package of forge is created as a new directory -o. The title can also be explicitly defined with -n.
- 275 forge by default returns a new output package with a generic POSEIDON.yml file, the genotype data as created
- from the input and the selection, and a .janno file. If the input includes .bib or .ssf files, the output will as
- Other output formats can be selected with these mutually exclusive flags:

279 --onlyGeno:

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Only the genotype data is returned without any Poseidon package wrapping around it. This is especially useful for data analysis pipelines, where only the genotype data is required.

282 --minimal:

A minimal output package without .janno, .bib and .ssf. This wraps the genotype data in a very basic Poseidon package.

285 --preservePyml:

- A full Poseidon package just as the default, but with various settings copied from the source package. This only works in case of a single source package.
- For the specific task of sub-setting or reordering (see above) a singular, existing Poseidon package it can be useful to preserve some fields of the POSEIDON.yml file of this input package, as well as supplementary information in

the README.md and the CHANGELOG.md file. These are typically discarded by forge, but can be copied over to the output package with the new --preservePyml output mode.

--preservePyml specifically preserves the following POSEIDON.yml fields:

- description
- contributor

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- packageVersion
- lastModified
- readmeFile
 - changelogFile

This does not include the package title, which can be easily set to be identical to the source with -n or -o
if it is desired. The poseidonVersion field is also not copied, because trident can only ever produce output
packages with the latest Poseidon schema version.

With -z|--zip the genotype data output (independent of the selected output mode) can be wrapped in gzipped archives with the additional file extension .gz. trident can seamlessly interact with genotype data in this format.

305 5.8 Other options

forge has a an optional flag --intersect, that defines, if the genotype data from different packages should be merged with a union or an intersect operation. See *Treatment of the genotype data while merging* above.

one resulting package. If the snpSets of all input packages are identical, then the resulting package will just inherit this configuration. Otherwise forge applies the following pairwise merging logic:

Input snpSet A	Input snpSet B	intersect	Ouput snpSet
Other	*	*	Other
1240K	HumanOrigins	True	HumanOrigins
1240K	HumanOrigins	False	1240K

--selectSnps allows to provide forge with a SNP file in EIGENSTRAT (.snp) or PLINK (.bim) format to create a package with a specific selection. When this option is set, the output package will have exactly the SNPs listed in this file. Any SNP not listed in the file will be excluded. If --intersect is also set, only the SNPs overlapping between the SNP file and the forged packages are output.

With --packagewise the within-package selection step in forge can be skipped. This will result in outputting all individuals in the relevant packages, and hence a superset of the requested individuals/groups. It may result in better performance in cases where one wants to forge entire packages.

6 Genoconvert command

genoconvert converts the genotype data in a Poseidon package to a different file format. The respective entries in the POSEIDON.yml file are changed accordingly.

321 Command line details

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Usage: trident genoconvert ((-d|--baseDir DIR) |
                             ((-p|--genoOne FILE) | --genoFile FILE
                               --snpFile FILE --indFile FILE |
                               --bedFile FILE --bimFile FILE --famFile FILE |
                               --vcfFile FILE) [--snpSet SET])
                           --outFormat FORMAT [-o|--outPackagePath DIR]
                           [--removeOld] [--outPlinkPopName MODE] [--onlyLatest]
                           [-z|--zip]
  Convert the genotype data in a Poseidon package to a different file format
Available options:
  -h,--help
                           Show this help text
  -d,--baseDir DIR
                           A base directory to search for Poseidon packages.
  -p,--genoOne FILE
                           One of the input genotype data files. Expects .bed,
                           .bed.gz, .bim, .bim.gz or .fam for PLINK, .geno,
                           .geno.gz, .snp, .snp.gz or .ind for EIGENSTRAT,
                           or.vcf or .vcf.gz for VCF. In case of EIGENSTRAT and
                           PLINK, the two other files must be in the same
                           directory and must have the same base name. If a
                           gzipped file is given, it is assumed that the file
                           pairs (.geno.gz, .snp.gz) or (.bim.gz, .bed.gz) are
                           both zipped, but not the .fam or .ind file. If a .ind
                           or .fam file is given, it is assumed that none of the
                           file triples is zipped.
  --genoFile FILE
                           Eigenstrat genotype matrix, optionally gzipped.
                           Accepted file endings are .geno, .geno.gz
                           Eigenstrat snp positions file, optionally gzipped.
  --snpFile FILE
                           Accepted file endings are .snp, .snp.gz
  --indFile FILE
                           Eigenstrat individual file. Accepted file endings are
                           .ind
  --bedFile FILE
                           Plink genotype matrix, optionally gzipped. Accepted
                           file endings are .bed, .bed.gz
                           Plink snp positions file, optionally gzipped.
  --bimFile FILE
                           Accepted file endings are .bim, .bim.gz
                           Plink individual file. Accepted file endings are .fam
  --famFile FILE
  --vcfFile FILE
                           VCF (Variant Call Format) file, optionall gzipped.
                           Accepted file endings are .vcf, .vcf.gz
                           The snpSet of the package: 1240K, HumanOrigins or
  --snpSet SET
                           Other. Only relevant for data input with -p|--genoOne
                           or --genoFile + --snpFile + --indFile, because the
                           packages in a -d|--baseDir already have this
                           information in their respective POSEIDON.yml files.
```

the format of the output genotype data: EIGENSTRAT,

(default: Other)

--outFormat FORMAT

```
PLINK or VCF.
                         Path for the converted genotype files to be written
-o,--outPackagePath DIR
                         to. If a path is provided, only the converted
                         genotype files are written out, with no change of the
                         original package. If no path is provided, genotype
                         files will be converted in-place, including a change
                         in the POSEIDON.yml file to yield an updated valid
                         package (default: Nothing)
                         Remove the old genotype files when creating the new
--removeOld
                         ones.
--outPlinkPopName MODE
                         Where to write the population/group name into the FAM
                         file in Plink-format. Three options are possible:
                         asFamily (default) | asPhenotype | asBoth. See also
                         --inPlinkPopName.
--onlyLatest
                         Consider only the latest versions of packages, or the
                         groups and individuals within the latest versions of
                         packages, respectively.
                         Should the resulting genotype- and snp-files be
-z,--zip
                         gzipped?
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322 With the default setting

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trident genoconvert -d ... -d ... --outFormat EIGENSTRAT|PLINK
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all packages in -d will be converted to the desired --outFormat (either EIGENSTRAT or PLINK), if the data is not already in this format. This includes updating the respective POSEIDON.yml files.

The "old" data is not deleted, but kept around. That means conversion can result in a package with both PLINK and EIGENSTRAT data, but only one is linked in the POSEIDON.yml file, and that is what will be used by trident. To delete the old data in the conversion you can add the --removeOld flag.

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-p (+ --snpSet), --genoFile + --snpFile + --indFile (+ --snpSet) (for EIGENSTRAT data),
--bedFile + --bimFile + --famFile (+ --snpSet) (for PLINK data) or --vcfFile (+ --snpSet) (for VCF data) allow to directly convert genotype data that is not wrapped in a Poseidon package and store it to a
directory given in -o. See this example:
```

```
trident genoconvert \
  -p 2018_Mittnik_Baltic/Mittnik_Baltic.bed \
  --outFormat EIGENSTRAT \
  -o my_directory
```

With -z|--zip the genotype data output can be wrapped in gzipped archives with the additional file extension .gz.

₄ 7 Jannocoalesce command

- jannocoalesce merges information from one or multiple source .janno files into a target .janno file.
- 336 Command line details

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Usage: trident jannocoalesce ((-s|--sourceFile FILE) | (-d|--baseDir DIR))
                             (-t|--targetFile FILE) [-o|--outFile FILE]
                             [--includeColumns ARG | --excludeColumns ARG]
                             [-f|--force] [--sourceKey ARG] [--targetKey ARG]
                             [--stripIdRegex ARG]
  Coalesce information from one or multiple janno files to another one
Available options:
  -h,--help
                           Show this help text
  -s,--sourceFile FILE
                           The source .janno file.
  -d,--baseDir DIR
                           A base directory to search for Poseidon packages.
  -t,--targetFile FILE
                           The target .janno file to fill.
                           An optional file to write the results to. If not
  -o, -- outFile FILE
                           specified, change the target file in place.
                           (default: Nothing)
                           A comma-separated list of .janno column names to
  --includeColumns ARG
                           coalesce. If not specified, all columns that can be
                           found in the source and target will get filled.
  --excludeColumns ARG
                           A comma-separated list of .janno column names NOT to
                           coalesce. All columns that can be found in the source
                           and target will get filled, except the ones listed
                           here.
  -f,--force
                           With this option, potential non-missing content in
                           target columns gets overridden with non-missing
                           content in source columns. By default, only missing
                           data gets filled-in.
  --sourceKey ARG
                           The .janno column to use as the source key.
                           (default: "Poseidon_ID")
  --targetKey ARG
                           The .janno column to use as the target key.
                           (default: "Poseidon_ID")
                           An optional regular expression to identify parts of
  --stripIdRegex ARG
                           the IDs to strip before matching between source and
                           target. Uses POSIX Extended regular expressions.
```

 $_{\rm 337}$ $\,$ A most basic run may just include two arguments:

```
trident jannocoalesce \
   --sourceFile path/to/source.janno \
   --targetFile path/to/target.janno
```

jannocoalesce generally works by reading a source .janno file with -s|--sourceFile (or all .janno files in a -d|--baseDir) and a target .janno file with -t|--targetFile.

It then merges these files by a key column, which can be selected with --sourceKey and --targetKey. The
default for both of these key columns is the Poseidon_ID. In case the entries in the key columns slightly and
systematically differ, e.g. because the Poseidon_IDs in either have a special suffix (for example _SG), then the

--stripIdRegex option allows to strip these with a regular expression to thus match the keys.

jannocoalesce generally attempts to fill all empty cells in the target . janno file with information from the 344 source. --includeColumns and --excludeColumns allow to select specific columns for which this should be 345 done. In some cases it may be desirable to not just fill empty fields in the target, but overwrite the information 346 already there with the -f|--force option. If the target file should be preserved, then the output can be directed 347 to a new output .janno file with -o|--outFile.

8 Rectify command 349

rectify automatically harmonizes POSEIDON.yml files of one or multiple packages. This is not an automatic 350 update from one Poseidon version to the next, but rather a clean-up wizard after manual modifications. It also 351 includes additional, automatic package editing features. 352

Command line details 353

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Usage: trident rectify (-d|--baseDir DIR) [--ignorePoseidonVersion]
                        [--poseidonVersion ?.?.?]
                        [--packageVersion VPART [--logText STRING]]
                        [--checksumAll | [--checksumGeno] [--checksumJanno]
                          [--checksumSSF] [--checksumBib]]
                        [--newContributors DSL] [--jannoRemoveEmpty]
                        [--onlyLatest]
```

Adjust POSEIDON.yml files automatically to package changes				
Available options:				
-h,help	Show this help text			
-d,baseDir DIR	A base directory to search for Poseidon packages.			
ignorePoseidonVersion	Read packages even if their poseidonVersion is not			
	compatible with trident.			
poseidonVersion ?.?.?	Poseidon version the packages should be updated to:			
	e.g. "2.5.3".			
packageVersion VPART	Part of the package version number in the			
	POSEIDON.yml file that should be updated: Major,			
	Minor or Patch (see https://semver.org).			
logText STRING	Log text for this version in the CHANGELOG file.			
checksumAll	Update all checksums.			
checksumGeno	Update genotype data checksums.			
checksumJanno	Update .janno file checksum.			
checksumSSF	Update .ssf file checksum			
checksumBib	Update .bib file checksum.			
newContributors DSL	Contributors to add to the POSEIDON.yml file in the			
	form "[Firstname Lastname] (Email address);".			
jannoRemoveEmpty	Reorder the .janno file and remove empty colums.			
	Remember to pair this option withchecksumJanno to			
	also update the checksum.			

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--onlyLatest Consider only the latest versions of packages, or the groups and individuals within the latest versions of packages, respectively.
```

It can be called with a lot of optional arguments. Note that rectify by default does **not** apply any changes if none of these arguments are set. Each change requires explicit opt-in.

```
trident rectify -d ... -d ... \
    --poseidonVersion "X.X.X" \
    --packageVersion Major|Minor|Patch \
    --logText "short description of the update" \
    --checksumAll \
    --newContributors "[Firstname Lastname](Email address);..." \
    --jannoRemoveEmpty
```

- 356 The following arguments determine which fields of the POSEIDON.yml file should be modified:
 - --poseidonVersion allows a simple change of the poseidonVersion field in the POSEIDON.yml file.
 - --packageVersion increments the package version number in the first, the second or the third position.
 It can optionally be called with --logText, which appends an entry to the CHANGELOG file for the respective package version update. --logText also creates a new CHANGELOG.md file if it does not exist yet.
 - --checksumGeno, --checksumJanno, --checksumSSF and --checksumBib add or modify the respective checksum fields in the POSEIDON.yml file. --checksumAll is a wrapper to call all of them at once.
 - --newContributors adds new contributors.
- As rectify reads and rewrites POSEIDON.yml files, it may change their inner order, layout or even content (e.g. if they have fields which are not in the POSEIDON.yml specification). Create a backup of the POSEIDON.yml file before running rectify if you are uncertain if this might affect you negatively.
- --jannoRemoveEmpty is the first option that does not edit POSEIDON.yml, but .janno files. It allows to remove
 empty columns from .janno files, so columns that only feature empty strings or n/a values. As part of this process
 it reorders the columns of the .janno file. Remember to pair this option with --checksumJanno or checksumAll
 to automatically update the .janno checksum in the POSEIDON.yml file afterwards.

³⁷² 9 List command

³⁷³ list lists packages, groups, individuals and bibliography entries of local Poseidon package datasets, or of packages available in the archives on the web server.

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List packages, groups or individuals from local or remote Poseidon repositories Available options: -h,--help Show this help text -d,--baseDir DIR A base directory to search for Poseidon packages. --remote List packages from a remote server instead the local file system. URL of the remote Poseidon server. --remoteURL URL (default: "https://server.poseidon-adna.org") The name of the Poseidon package archive that should --archive STRING be queried. If not given, then the query falls back to the default archive of the server selected with --remoteURL. See the archive documentation at https://www.poseidon-adna.org/#/archive_overview for a list of archives currently available from the official Poseidon Web API. (default: Nothing) --packages List all packages. --fullOutput extend the output to include information contained the POSEIDON.yml file List all groups, ignoring any group names after the --groups first as specified in the .janno-file. --individuals List all individuals/samples. --fullJanno output all Janno Columns -j,--jannoColumn COLNAME List additional fields from the janno files, using the .janno column heading name, such as "Country", "Site", "Date_C14_Uncal_BP", etc... Can be given multiple times output bibliography information for packages --bibliography --fullBib output all bibliography fields found in any bibliography item -b,--bibField BIB-FIELD List information from the given bibliography field, for example "abstract" or "publisher". Can be given multiple times. --raw Return the output table as tab-separated values without header. This is useful for piping into grep or awk. --onlyLatest Consider only the latest versions of packages, or the groups and individuals within the latest versions of packages, respectively.

 $_{376}$ $\,$ To list packages from your local repositories, as seen above you can run

trident list -d ... -d ... --packages

This will yield a nicely formatted table of all packages, their version and the number of individuals in them.

- With --fullOutput the table includes additional fields from the packages' POSEIDON.yml files.
- You can use --remote to show packages on the remote server. For example

```
trident list --packages --remote --archive "community-archive"
```

will result in a view of all packages available in one of the public Poseidon archives. Just as for fetch, the

--archive flag allows to choose which public archive to query.

Independent of whether you query a local or an online archive, you can not just list packages, but also groups, as defined in the third column of EIGENSTRAT .ind files (or the first/last column of a PLINK .fam file), and individuals with the flags --groups and --individuals (instead of --packages). --bibliography returns

publication-wise bibliography information.

The --individuals flag additionally provides a way to immediately access information from .janno files on the command line. This works with the -j|--jannoColumn option. For example adding -j Country -j

Date_C14_Uncal_BP to the commands above will add the Country and the Date_C14_Uncal_BP columns to the respective output tables. --fullJanno outputs all available columns.

Analogously, with --bibliography additional fields from the .bib files can be added to the output table with

-b|--bibField ... and --fullBib. -b journal, for example, adds a column with the publication's journal.

Note that if you want a less ornate table, for example because you want to load this into Excel, or pipe into another command that cannot deal with the table layout, you can use the --raw option to output that table as a simple tab-delimited stream.

395 10 Summarise command

396 summarise prints some general summary statistics for a given Poseidon dataset taken from the .janno files.

397 Command line details

Usage: trident summarise (-d|--baseDir DIR) [--raw]

Get an overview over the content of one or multiple Poseidon packages

Available options:

-h,--help Show this help text

-d,--baseDir DIR A base directory to search for Poseidon packages.
-raw Return the output table as tab-separated values without header. This is useful for piping into grep

or awk.

398 You can run it with

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trident summarise -d ... -d ...
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which will show you context information like – among others – the number of individuals in the dataset, their sex distribution, the mean age of the samples or the mean coverage on the 1240K SNP array in a table. summarise

depends on complete .janno files and will silently ignore missing information.

You can use the --raw option to output the summary table in a simple, tab-delimited layout.

11 Survey command

- 404 survey tries to indicate package completeness (mostly focused on .janno files) for Poseidon datasets.
- 405 Command line details

```
Usage: trident survey (-d|--baseDir DIR) [--raw] [--onlyLatest]

Survey the degree of context information completeness for Poseidon packages

Available options:
-h,--help Show this help text
-d,--baseDir DIR A base directory to search for Poseidon packages.
--raw Return the output table as tab-separated values without header. This is useful for piping into grep or awk.
--onlyLatest Consider only the latest versions of packages, or the groups and individuals within the latest versions of packages, respectively.
```

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trident survey -d ... -d ...
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- will yield a table with one row for each package. See trident survey -h for a legend which cell of this table
- 408 means what.
- 409 Again you can use the --raw option to output the survey table in a tab-delimited format.

12 Validate command

- validate checks Poseidon packages and individual package components for structural correctness.
- 412 Command line details

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Usage: trident validate ((-d|--baseDir DIR) [--ignoreGeno] [--fullGeno]
                           [--ignoreDuplicates] [-c|--ignoreChecksums]
                           [--ignorePoseidonVersion] |
                          --pyml FILE | (-p|--genoOne FILE) | --genoFile FILE
                          --snpFile FILE --indFile FILE |
                          --bedFile FILE --bimFile FILE --famFile FILE |
                          --vcfFile FILE | --janno FILE | --ssf FILE |
                          --bib FILE) [--noExitCode] [--onlyLatest]
  Check Poseidon packages or package components for structural correctness
Available options:
  -h,--help
                           Show this help text
  -d,--baseDir DIR
                           A base directory to search for Poseidon packages.
  --ignoreGeno
                           Ignore snp and geno file.
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--fullGeno
                         Test parsing of all SNPs (by default only the first
                         100 SNPs are probed).
--ignoreDuplicates
                         Do not stop on duplicated individual names in the
                         package collection.
-c,--ignoreChecksums
                         Whether to ignore checksums. Useful for speedup in
                         debugging.
--ignorePoseidonVersion
                         Read packages even if their poseidonVersion is not
                         compatible with trident.
--pyml FILE
                         Path to a POSEIDON.yml file.
-p,--genoOne FILE
                         One of the input genotype data files. Expects .bed,
                         .bed.gz, .bim, .bim.gz or .fam for PLINK, .geno,
                         .geno.gz, .snp, .snp.gz or .ind for EIGENSTRAT,
                         or.vcf or .vcf.gz for VCF. In case of EIGENSTRAT and
                         PLINK, the two other files must be in the same
                         directory and must have the same base name. If a
                         gzipped file is given, it is assumed that the file
                         pairs (.geno.gz, .snp.gz) or (.bim.gz, .bed.gz) are
                         both zipped, but not the .fam or .ind file. If a .ind
                         or .fam file is given, it is assumed that none of the
                         file triples is zipped.
--genoFile FILE
                         Eigenstrat genotype matrix, optionally gzipped.
                         Accepted file endings are .geno, .geno.gz
--snpFile FILE
                         Eigenstrat snp positions file, optionally gzipped.
                         Accepted file endings are .snp, .snp.gz
--indFile FILE
                         Eigenstrat individual file. Accepted file endings are
--bedFile FILE
                         Plink genotype matrix, optionally gzipped. Accepted
                         file endings are .bed, .bed.gz
--bimFile FILE
                         Plink snp positions file, optionally gzipped.
                         Accepted file endings are .bim, .bim.gz
                         Plink individual file. Accepted file endings are .fam
--famFile FILE
--vcfFile FILE
                         VCF (Variant Call Format) file, optionall gzipped.
                         Accepted file endings are .vcf, .vcf.gz
                         Path to a .janno file.
--janno FILE
--ssf FILE
                         Path to a .ssf file.
--bib FILE
                         Path to a .bib file.
--noExitCode
                         Do not produce an explicit exit code.
--onlyLatest
                         Consider only the latest versions of packages, or the
                         groups and individuals within the latest versions of
                         packages, respectively.
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trident validate -d ... -d ...

to check packages and it will either report a success (Validation passed) or failure with specific error messages.

Instead of validating entire packages with -d you can also apply it to individual files and package components: --pyml (POSEIDON.yml), -p | --genoFile + --snpFile + --indFile | --bedFile + --bimFile + --famFile | --vcfFile (genotype data), --janno (.janno file), --ssf (.ssf file) or --bib (.bib file). In this case validate attempts to read and parse the respective files individually and reports any issues it encounters.

Note that this considers the files in isolation and does not include any cross-file consistency checks.

When applied to packages, validate tries to ensure that each package adheres to the Poseidon package specification. Here is a list of what is checked:

• Structural correctness of the POSEIDON.yml file.

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- Presence of all files references in the POSEIDON.yml file.
- Full structural correctness of .janno, .ssf and .bib file.
- Superficial correctness of genotype data files by parsing the first 100 SNPs. A full check that parses all SNPs can be triggered with the --fullGeno option. --ignoreGeno, on the other hand, causes validate to ignore the genotype data entirely, which speeds up the validation significantly.
 - Correspondence of BibTeX keys in .bib and .janno
 - Correspondence of sample IDs in .janno and .ssf.
 - Correspondence of sample and group IDs in .janno and genotype data files.

In fact much of this validation already runs as part of the general package reading pipeline invoked for other trident subcommands (e.g. forge). validate is meant to be more thorough and brittle, though, and will explicitly fail if even a single package is broken. For special cases more flexibility can be enabled with the options —-ignoreDuplicates, —-ignoreChecksums and —-ignorePoseidonVersion.

Remember to run validate with --debug to get more information in case the default output is not sufficient to analyse an issue.