The ${\it EPISbigRR}$ package - a tutorial

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Introduction

This vignette gives an introduction to the EPISbigRR package. The package performs genomic predictions for models including marker interaction effects. It uses the same theory as for the bigRR package but extends bigRR to models including interaction effects. It allows several variance components to be fitted in the functions bigRR, bigRR_update, hugeRR and hugeRR_update. The hugeRR and hugeRR_update functions stores the design matrices in parts as DatABEL objects (see the GenABEL package on CRAN and the bigRR documentation). The EPISbigRR package is available upon request from the author.

Example using the Arabidopsis data

In this example there are 84 observations and we use the first 100 markers. The fitted pair-wise epistatic effects from the BLUP and updated BLUP models are plotted at the end of the file.

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> library(EPISbigRR)
> data(Arabidopsis)
> N=length(y)
> X <- matrix(1, N, 1)
 p = 1e2 #We use the first 100 markers to make this example run fast
 Z = Z[,1:p]
> scZ <- scale(Z)/sqrt(p)</pre>
> #Store matrix for the main effects
> matrix2databel(scZ, paste('main_effects',1,sep=""))
uninames$unique.names = FALSE
uninames$unique.rownames = TRUE
uninames$unique.colnames = FALSE
backingfilename = main_effects1
cachesizeMb = 64
number of columns (variables) =
number of rows (observations) = 84
usedRowIndex: 1 2 3 4 5
usedColIndex: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Upper-left 10 columns and 5 rows:
                [,2]
                         [,3]
                                  [,4]
       [,1]
  V7 -0.15270576 -0.14442918 0.15270576 0.03654126
  ۷9
  [,5]
               [,6]
                         [,7]
V1 -0.0344342 -0.16188269 -0.02222718 -0.08608551
V4 -0.0344342 0.06103773 -0.02222718 -0.08608551
V9 -0.0344342 0.06103773 -0.02222718 -0.08608551
       [,9]
               [,10]
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V1 -0.06286796 0.0405811
V4 -0.06286796 0.0405811
V7 0.15716991 0.0405811
V8 -0.06286796 -0.2434866
V9 -0.06286796 0.0405811
> #Create and store the scaled insidence matrix for the epistatic effects
> Zepi <- matrix(0, N, p*p)
> for (i in 1:(p-1)) {
      matrix2databel(matrix(scZ[,i]*scZ[,(i+1):p], N, (p-i)),
                     paste('epistatic_effects_data',i,sep=""))
      if (i%%10==0) print(i)
    }
[1] 10
[1] 20
[1] 30
Γ17 40
[1] 50
[1] 60
[1] 70
[1] 80
[1] 90
> EPI2.BLUP.result <- hugeRR(y = y, X = X,
                          Z.name = list('main_effects','epistatic_effects_data'),
                          Z.index = list(1, 1:(p-1)), save.cache = TRUE)
Creating kinship matrix ...
Cholesky-decomposition & inversion ...
Creating kinship matrix ...
                                        5
                                                   6
                                                             7
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Cholesky-decomposition & inversion ...
Fitting HGLM ...
Calculating effects and leverages ...
 main_effects Done.
          2
                    3
                                        5
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 epistatic_effects_data Done.
Done.
> mat.u <- matrix(NA,p,p)</pre>
> mat.u[lower.tri(mat.u)] <- abs(EPI2.BLUP.result$u[-(1:p)])</pre>
> pdf(file="EpistaticBLUP.pdf")
> image(mat.u, col = heat.colors(3)) #Plot the SNP interaction effects
> dev.off()
null device
> #hugeRR_update
> EPI3.BLUP.result <- hugeRR_update(EPI2.BLUP.result,
                          Z.name = list('main_effects','epistatic_effects_data'),
                          Z.index = list(1, 1:(p-1)), save.cache = TRUE)
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Cholesky-decomposition & inversion ...
Creating kinship matrix ...
            5
               6
      3
Cholesky-decomposition & inversion ...
Fitting HGLM ...
Calculating effects and leverages ...
main_effects Done.
1 2
     3
            5
               6
                  7
epistatic_effects_data Done.
Done.
> mat2.u <- matrix(NA,p,p)</pre>
> mat2.u[lower.tri(mat2.u)] <- abs(EPI3.BLUP.result$u[-(1:p)])</pre>
> pdf(file="EpistaticUpdatedBLUP.pdf")
> image(mat2.u, col = heat.colors(3))
> dev.off()
null device
> #Remove working files
> file.remove(list.files()[substr(list.files(),1,3)=="tZi"])
[199] TRUE TRUE
> file.remove(list.files()[substr(list.files(),1,3)=="epi"])
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> file.remove(list.files()[substr(list.files(),1,3)=="G_s"])
[1] TRUE TRUE TRUE TRUE
> file.remove(list.files()[substr(list.files(),1,3)=="mai"])
[1] TRUE TRUE
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