# Package 'LPmerge'

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## Usage

```
LPmerge(Maps, max.interval = 3, weights = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

Maps List of T genetic maps for a single linkage group. Each genetic map is a data

frame with two columns: the first column contains the marker names, the second

column contains the map position.

max.interval Whole number specifying the maximum interval size between bins to include in

the objective function.

weights Numeric array of length T, used to differentially weight the maps in the objective

function.

#### **Details**

Map positions in the ith linkage map are denoted by  $y_i$ , and consensus map positions are denoted by x. Within linkage map i, the markers are ordered from  $\mathbf{j}=1$  to  $M_i$ , and the map distance between the jth and  $(\mathbf{j}+\mathbf{q})$ th markers is  $y_i(j+q)-y_i(j)$ . Letting u(j;i) denote the consensus map bin containing marker  $\mathbf{j}$  from map  $\mathbf{i}$ , the corresponding distance in the consensus map is x(u(j+q;i))-x(u(j;i)). The total error across T maps with maximum interval size K is

$$\sum_{i=1}^{T} W_i N_i^{-1} \sum_{q=1}^{K} \sum_{j=1}^{M_i} |x(u(j+q;i)) - x(u(j;i)) - [y_i(j+q) - y_i(j)]|$$

where  $N_i = \sum_{q=1}^K \sum_{j=1}^{M_i} 1$  is the number of error terms for map i, and  $W_i$  are the weights (equal to 1 by default). At the end of linkage map, where the sum j+q exceeds  $M_i$ , the expression is evaluated as if the map were circular rather than linear. These "wrap-around" error terms keep the total consensus map length commensurate with the average length of the linkage maps.

Linear inequality constraints are used to ensure the marker order in the consensus map is consistent with the order in the linkage maps. When the linkage maps are not consistent, a minimum set of constraints is deleted to resolve the conflicts. See Chancerel et al. for details. The deleted constraints are printed to the standard output.

One way to select the maximum interval size K is based on the principle of minimizing the root mean-squared error (RMSE) between the consensus map and the linkage maps. The RMSE for each linkage map, and the overall mean, is displayed for convenience. Since the consensus map length can vary with K, this is another factor to consider when selecting this parameter.

#### Value

A data frame containing the consensus map and the component linkage maps.

#### References

Chancerel et al.

### **Examples**

```
#generate two pseudo-linkage maps, each with 500 markers out of 1000 possible
m1 <- c(0,sort(sort(runif(1000),index.return=TRUE)$ix[1:500]))
m2 <- c(0,sort(sort(runif(1000),index.return=TRUE)$ix[1:500]))
Maps <- list()
Maps[[1]] <- data.frame(marker=m1,map=m1)
Maps[[2]] <- data.frame(marker=m2,map=m2)
ans <- LPmerge(Maps,max.interval=3)</pre>
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