

# Package ‘SNPtools’

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**Description** Provides S4-based structures to encapsulate the import, organization, and processing of genetic data from PLINK and FImpute files, with customizable arguments. Includes tools for combining SNP panels, summarizing genotype data, and facilitating downstream quality control and analysis workflows.

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cbind_SnpMatrix	<i>Safe cbind for SnpMatrix preserving dimnames</i>
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**Description**

This function performs a column-wise binding of multiple `SnpMatrix` objects, explicitly preserving row names and column names, avoiding unexpected "object has no names" warnings.

**Usage**

```
cbind_SnpMatrix(...)
```

**Arguments**

...                    `SnpMatrix` objects to combine (must have identical row names).

**Value**

A single combined `SnpMatrix` with preserved row and column names.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
cbind_SnpMatrix(matrix1, matrix2)

## End(Not run)
```

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`check.sample.call.rate`*Check Sample Call Rate*

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**Description**

Identifies samples with call rate below a given threshold.

**Usage**

```
check.sample.call.rate(sample.summary, min.call.rate)
```

**Arguments**

`sample.summary` A data frame with a "Call.rate" column for each sample.

`min.call.rate` Minimum acceptable call rate (between 0 and 1).

**Value**

A character vector with the names of samples to remove.

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`combinarSNPData`*Combine multiple SNPDataLong objects*

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**Description**

This function merges a list of `SNPDataLong` objects, typically representing different SNP panels or datasets, into a single unified `SNPDataLong` object. It ensures that all genotype matrices have the same set of SNPs (filling missing SNPs with NA), and merges the marker map information while removing duplicate SNP entries.

**Usage**

```
combinarSNPData(lista)
```

**Arguments**

`lista` A list of `SNPDataLong` objects to be combined.

**Value**

A single `SNPDataLong` object containing the combined genotype matrix, merged map, and a concatenated path string.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
combined <- combinarSNPData(list(snp_obj1, snp_obj2, snp_obj3))

## End(Not run)
```

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FImputeRunner	<i>Build FImputeRunner object</i>
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## Description

A convenience function to construct a ‘FImputeRunner’ object from basic inputs.

## Usage

```
FImputeRunner(object, path, exec_path = "FImpute3", name = "data")
```

## Arguments

path	A character string indicating the directory to save FImpute files.
exec_path	Path to the FImpute executable (default = "FImpute3").
name	Name for the dataset (used internally, default = "gen_data").
geno	A SnpMatrix object.
map	A data.frame with SNP metadata (columns: Name, Chromosome, Position).

## Value

An object of class ‘FImputeRunner’.

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genoToDF	<i>Convert geno slot from SNPDataLong to a data.frame</i>
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## Description

Converts the genotype matrix (geno slot) of a SNPDataLong object to a data.frame, with optional centering and scaling per SNP (column).

## Usage

```
genoToDF(object, center = FALSE, scale = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of class SNPDataLong.
center	Logical or numeric. If TRUE (default FALSE), center columns to mean zero.
scale	Logical or numeric. If TRUE (default FALSE), scale columns to standard deviation one.

**Value**

A data.frame with individuals as rows and SNPs as columns (numeric 0/1/2, or centered/scaled values).

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
df <- genoToDF(nelore_imputed, center = TRUE, scale = TRUE)
head(df[, 1:5])

## End(Not run)
```

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getGeno	<i>Flexible and efficient genotype file reading with autodetection using fread</i>
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**Description**

This generic and method allow flexible import of SNP genotype data from Illumina FinalReport files, supporting fast initial column detection using `data.table::fread`, followed by full genotype matrix construction via `snpStats::read.snps.long`.

**Usage**

```
getGeno(...)
```

**Arguments**

path	Path to the directory containing FinalReport.txt
fields	A list specifying column indices for sample, SNP, allele1, allele2, and confidence
codes	A character vector with allele codes (e.g., c("A", "B"))
threshold	Confidence threshold for genotype calling
sep	Field separator used in the files
skip	Number of lines to skip at the start of the file
verbose	Logical; if TRUE, displays progress messages
every	Frequency of progress update (number of SNPs)

**Value**

An SNPDataLong object containing the genotype matrix and map, or NULL if an error occurs

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importAllGenos	<i>Import and combine multiple genotype configurations</i>
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**Description**

This generic method import genotype data from multiple configurations defined in an SNPImportList object, then combine them into a single unified SNPDataLong object.

**Usage**

```
importAllGenos(object)
```

**Arguments**

object                    An object of class SNPImportList containing import configurations

**Value**

A single combined SNPDataLong object

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importFImputeResults	<i>Import imputed FImpute results from disk</i>
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**Description**

Reads existing imputed results from a given path and returns an object of class SNPDataLong.

**Usage**

```
importFImputeResults(path)
```

**Arguments**

path                    Character. Path to the folder containing 'output\_fimpute' (e.g., "fimpute\_run\_nelore").

**Value**

An object of class SNPDataLong containing the imputed genotypes and SNP map.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
imputed_obj <- importFImputeResults("fimpute_run_nelore")
head(imputed_obj@map)

## End(Not run)
```

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import_genotype_list	<i>Import multiple genotype datasets from a list of configurations</i>
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### Description

This function iterates over a list of configuration lists (each specifying parameters such as path, fields, separators, etc.), imports each genotype dataset using `getGeno()`, and then combines them into a single `SNPDataLong` object.

### Usage

```
import_genotype_list(config_list)
```

### Arguments

<code>config_list</code>	A list of configuration lists. Each element must include at least <code>path</code> and <code>fields</code> . Optional elements include <code>codes</code> , <code>threshold</code> , <code>sep</code> , <code>skip</code> , and <code>verbose</code> .
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### Value

A unified `SNPDataLong` object containing combined genotype data from all configurations.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
configs <- list(
  list(path = "panel1", fields = list(sample = 2, snp = 1, allele1 = 7, allele2 = 8, confidence = 9)),
  list(path = "panel2", fields = list(sample = 2, snp = 1, allele1 = 7, allele2 = 8, confidence = 9), threshold = 0.10
)
combined_data <- import_genotype_list(configs)

## End(Not run)
```

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plotPCAgroups	<i>Plot PCA groups from anticlustering result</i>
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### Description

Plot PCA groups from anticlustering result

### Usage

```
plotPCAgroups(pca_res, groups, pcs = c(1, 2), filename = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

pca_res	A prcomp object.
groups	A factor or vector of group assignments.
pcs	Vector of length 2 indicating which PCs to plot (default: c(1, 2)).
filename	Optional. If provided, saves plot to this file (e.g., "antic.png").

**Value**

A ggplot object (also prints to screen).

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
res <- runAnticlusteringPCA(nelore_imputed, K = 2, n_pcs = 20)
plotPCAgroups(res$pca, res$groups)

## End(Not run)
```

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qcSamples

*Quality control on samples*


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**Description**

Applies quality control (QC) procedures to samples in a ‘SNPDataLong’ object, based on heterozygosity and call rate thresholds.

**Usage**

```
qcSamples(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'SNPDataLong'
qcSamples(
  x,
  heterozygosity = NULL,
  smp_cr = NULL,
  action = c("report", "filter", "both")
)
```

**Arguments**

x	An object of class ‘SNPDataLong’.
heterozygosity	A numeric threshold or range for heterozygosity. Samples outside this threshold are removed.
smp_cr	Minimum acceptable sample call rate (between 0 and 1). Samples below this value are removed.



**action** Character string indicating the action to perform. One of: - "report": only returns a list of samples to remove and those kept; - "filter": returns a filtered object without reporting; - "both": performs filtering and returns the filtered object.

### Value

Depending on the 'action' argument: - "report": returns a list with removed and kept samples; - "filter": returns a new 'SNPDataLong' object with filtered genotypes; - "both": returns a list with: - 'filtered': the filtered 'SNPDataLong' object; - 'report': a list of removed and kept samples.

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qcSNPs

*Quality Control for SNPDataLong with optional criteria*

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### Description

Allows applying genotypic quality filters with user-defined criteria, including call rate, MAF, HWE, monomorphism, chromosome filtering, and removal of SNPs at the same genomic position.

### Usage

```
qcSNPs(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

<b>x</b>	An object of class SNPDataLong.
<b>missing_ind</b>	Maximum allowed proportion of missing data per individual (optional). *[Currently not implemented in this function]*
<b>missing_snp</b>	Maximum allowed proportion of missing data per SNP (optional). *[Currently not implemented in this function]*
<b>min_snp_cr</b>	Minimum acceptable call rate for SNPs.
<b>min_maf</b>	Minimum minor allele frequency allowed for SNPs (optional).
<b>hwe</b>	p-value threshold for Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium test (optional).
<b>snp_position</b>	Logical. If TRUE, removes SNPs mapped to the same position, keeping the one with the highest MAF.
<b>snp_mono</b>	Logical. If TRUE, identifies and removes monomorphic SNPs.
<b>remove_chr</b>	Character vector of chromosomes to exclude (optional).
<b>action</b>	One of "report" (returns a list of removed SNPs), "filter" (returns a filtered SNPDataLong object), or "both" (returns both).

### Value

Depending on the action argument: - "report": list with SNPs removed by each criterion and SNPs kept. - "filter": filtered SNPDataLong object. - "both": list with the filtered object and detailed report.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
set.seed(123)
mat <- matrix(sample(c(0, 1, 2, NA), 100, replace = TRUE, prob = c(0.4, 0.4, 0.15, 0.05)),
              nrow = 10, ncol = 10)
colnames(mat) <- paste0("snp", 1:10)
rownames(mat) <- paste0("ind", 1:10)
map <- data.frame(Name = colnames(mat), Chrom = 1, Position = 1:10)
x <- new("SNPDataLong", geno = mat, map = map)

qcSNPs(x, min_snp_cr = 0.8, min_maf = 0.05, snp_mono = TRUE, snp_position = TRUE, action = "report")

## End(Not run)
```

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qc\_header

*Formatted header message*

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### Description

Prints a formatted message with a border for section titles in the console.

### Usage

```
qc_header(title)
```

### Arguments

title                      Character string to be printed inside the header box.

### Value

No return value. Used for side effects (message).

### Examples

```
qc_header("Quality Control on Samples")
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rbindSnpFlexible	<i>Faster row-bind for SnpMatrix objects with differing columns</i>
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**Description**

Combines multiple SnpMatrix objects by rows, automatically handling differing SNP columns, optimized for large matrices.

**Usage**

```
rbindSnpFlexible(...)
```

**Arguments**

...                    One or more SnpMatrix objects.

**Value**

A single SnpMatrix object with all rows combined.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:  
combined <- rbindSnpFlexible(brangus_geno, batch_BM@geno)  
  
## End(Not run)
```

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rbind_SnpMatrix	<i>Safe rbind for SnpMatrix preserving dimnames</i>
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**Description**

This function performs a row-wise binding of multiple SnpMatrix objects, explicitly preserving row names and column names, avoiding unexpected "object has no names" warnings.

**Usage**

```
rbind_SnpMatrix(...)
```

**Arguments**

...                    SnpMatrix objects to combine (must have identical column names).

**Value**

A single combined SnpMatrix with preserved row and column names.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
rbind_SnpMatrix(matrix1, matrix2)

## End(Not run)
```

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read.fimpute	<i>Read imputed genotypes from FImpute output and return SNPData-Long object</i>
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**Description**

Reads imputed genotypes and SNP information from FImpute output, builds a SnpMatrix and a corresponding map, and returns an SNPDataLong object.

**Usage**

```
read.fimpute(file)
```

**Arguments**

file                      Character. Path to the FImpute output directory (usually "output\_fimpute").

**Value**

An object of class SNPDataLong containing the imputed genotypes and SNP map.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
snp_long <- read.fimpute("output_fimpute")

## End(Not run)
```

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runAnticlusteringPCA	<i>Run PCA and Anticlustering on SNPDataLong</i>
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**Description**

Converts a SNPDataLong object to a data.frame, runs PCA, and performs anticlustering grouping.

**Usage**

```
runAnticlusteringPCA(object, K = 2, n_pcs = 20, center = TRUE, scale = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of class SNPDataLong.
K	Number of groups for anticlustering.
n_pcs	Number of top principal components to use (default: 20).
center	Logical or numeric. Center columns before PCA (default: TRUE).
scale	Logical or numeric. Scale columns before PCA (default: TRUE).

**Value**

A list with: - groups: vector with group assignments. - pca: the PCA result object (prcomp). - pcs: matrix of top PCs used in anticlustering.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
res <- runAnticlusteringPCA(nelore_imputed, K = 2, n_pcs = 20)
table(res$groups)

## End(Not run)
```

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runFImpute

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*Run FImpute from a FImputeRunner object*


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**Description**

This function runs the external FImpute software using a 'FImputeRunner' object, ensuring that all required input files are present and the results are imported.

**Usage**

```
runFImpute(object, verbose = TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'FImputeRunner'
runFImpute(object, verbose = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of class 'FImputeRunner'.
verbose	Logical. If TRUE (default), FImpute output will be printed to the console.

**Value**

An updated 'FImputeRunner' object with the 'results' slot populated (SnpMatrix).

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Example: Running FImpute from a FImputeRunner object

path_fimpute <- "fimpute_run_example"
param_file <- file.path(path_fimpute, "fimpute.par")
fimpute_exec <- "FImpute3" # assuming it is in PATH

export_obj <- new("FImputeExport",
                  geno = geno_obj@geno,
                  map = geno_obj@map,
                  path = path_fimpute)

runner <- new("FImputeRunner",
             export = export_obj,
             par_file = param_file,
             exec_path = fimpute_exec)

runner <- runFImpute(runner, verbose = TRUE)
head(runner@results)

## End(Not run)
```

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saveFImpute

*Save genotype and map files in FImpute format*


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## Description

S4 method to export genotype (‘.gen’), map (‘.map’), and parameter (‘data.par’) files compatible with the [FImpute](<https://www.aps.uoguelph.ca/~msargol/fimpute/>) software.

## Usage

```
saveFImpute(object, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'FImputeExport'
saveFImpute(object)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'SNPDataLong'
saveFImpute(object, path = NULL)
```

## Arguments

object	An object of class ‘FImputeExport’ or ‘SNPDataLong’.
...	Further arguments passed to methods.
path	Character. Output directory where files will be written (only for ‘SNPDataLong’ method; default = “fimpute_run”).

**Value**

No return value. Files are saved to disk.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
if (requireNamespace("snpStats", quietly = TRUE)) {
  mat <- matrix(sample(c(0L, 1L, 2L), 50, replace = TRUE), nrow = 5)
  colnames(mat) <- paste0("snp", 1:10)
  rownames(mat) <- paste0("ind", 1:5)

  sm <- new("SnpMatrix", data = as.raw(mat))
  map <- data.frame(Name = colnames(mat), Chromosome = 1, Position = 1:10)
  x <- new("SNPDataLong", geno = sm, map = map)

  saveFImpute(x, path = tempdir())
}

## End(Not run)
```

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saveFImputeRaw

*Export genotypes and map using basic arguments*


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**Description**

Convenience function to export FImpute files directly from a ‘SnpMatrix’ and map ‘data.frame’.

**Usage**

```
saveFImputeRaw(geno, map, path)
```

**Arguments**

geno	A ‘SnpMatrix’ object (from the ‘snpStats’ package).
map	A ‘data.frame’ with columns ‘Name’, ‘Chromosome’, and ‘Position’.
path	Path where the files will be saved.

**Value**

No return value. Files are saved to disk.

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savePlink	<i>Save SNPDataLong object to PLINK format</i>
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## Description

Saves genotype and map data from an SNPDataLong object in PLINK format (.ped/.map and optionally binary files).

## Usage

```
savePlink(  
  object,  
  path = "plink_out",  
  name = "plink_data",  
  run_plink = TRUE,  
  chunk_size = 1000  
)
```

## Arguments

object	An object of class SNPDataLong.
path	Character. Directory where files will be saved.
name	Character. Base name for PLINK output files.
run_plink	Logical. If TRUE (default), runs PLINK1 to convert to binary files. If FALSE, only .ped and .map files are saved.
chunk_size	Integer. Number of individuals per chunk for writing .ped file (default: 1000).

## Value

No return value. Files are saved to disk.

## Examples

```
## Not run:  
savePlink(genotypes_qc, path = "plink_out", name = "nelore_qc", run_plink = TRUE, chunk_size = 2000)  
  
## End(Not run)
```



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`summary,SNPDataLong-method`*Summary for SNPDataLong objects*

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**Description**

Provides a detailed summary of an SNPDataLong object, including sample and SNP counts, proportion of missing data, and SNP distribution by chromosome if mapping information is available.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'SNPDataLong'
summary(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

`object`                    An object of class SNPDataLong.

**Value**

Prints a summary to the console. Returns NULL (invisible).

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