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1. Sa	ave/read binary files  Save/read binary files	
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## **Description**

Save/read a numeric data as a fortran-formatted binary file at a defined precision (single or double).

## Usage

## **Arguments**

```
X (numeric matrix) Data to save file (character) Name of the binary file to save/read precision.format
```

(character) Either 'single' or 'double' for numeric precision and memory occupancy (4 bytes/32-bit or 8 bytes/64-bit, respectively) of the matrix to save

rows	(integer vector) Which rows are to be read from the file. Default rows=NULL will read all the rows
cols	(integer vector) Which columns are to be read from the file. Default cols=NULL will read all the columns
drop	Either TRUE or FALSE to whether return a uni-dimensional vector when data is a matrix with either 1 row or 1 column
verbose	TRUE or FALSE to whether printing file information

#### Value

Function 'saveBinary' does not return any value but print a description of the file saved.

Function 'readBinary' returns the data that was read.

```
require(SFSI)
# A numeric matrix
X = matrix(rnorm(500*100), ncol=100)
# Save matrix as double-precision
filename1 = paste0(tempdir(),"/Matrix1.bin")
saveBinary(X, filename1, precision.format="double")
# Save matrix as single-precision
filename2 = paste0(tempdir(),"/Matrix2.bin")
saveBinary(X, filename2, precision.format="single")
# Read the double-precision matrix
X2 = readBinary(filename1)
max(abs(X-X2))
                          # No loss of precision
file.info(filename1)$size # Size of the file
# Read the single-precision matrix
X3 = readBinary(filename2)
                          # Loss of precision
max(abs(X-X3))
file.info(filename2)$size # But smaller-size file
# Read specific rows and columns
rows = c(2,4,5,8,10)
cols = c(1,2,5)
(X2 = readBinary(filename1, rows=rows, cols=cols))
# Equal to:
X[rows,cols]
```

#### 2. Covariance matrix transformations

Conversion of a covariance matrix to a distance/correlation matrix

#### **Description**

Transformation into correlation matrix or distance matrix from a covariance matrix

#### Usage

```
cov2dist(A, a = 1, inplace = FALSE)
cov2cor2(A, a = 1, inplace = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

Α	(numeric matrix) Variance-covariance matrix
inplace	TRUE or FALSE to whether operate directly on the input matrix. When TRUE no result is produced but the input A is modified. Default inplace=FALSE
а	(numeric) A number to multiply the whole resulting matrix by. Default a = 1

#### **Details**

For any variables  $X_i$  and  $X_j$  with mean zero and with sample vectors  $\mathbf{x}_i = (x_{i1}, ..., x_{in})'$  and  $\mathbf{x}_j = (x_{j1}, ..., x_{jn})'$ , their (sample) variances are equal (up-to a constant) to their cross-products, this is,  $var(X_i) = \mathbf{x}_i'\mathbf{x}_i$  and  $var(X_j) = \mathbf{x}_j'\mathbf{x}_j$ . Likewise, the covariance is  $cov(X_i, X_j) = \mathbf{x}_i'\mathbf{x}_j$ .

**Distance.** The Euclidean distance  $d(X_i, X_j)$  between the variables expressed in terms of cross-products is

$$d(X_i, X_j) = \sqrt{\mathbf{x}_i' \mathbf{x}_i + \mathbf{x}_j' \mathbf{x}_j - 2\mathbf{x}_i' \mathbf{x}_j}$$

Therefore, the output distance matrix will contain as off-diagonal entries

$$d(X_i, X_j) = \sqrt{var(X_i) + var(X_j) - 2cov(X_i, X_j)}$$

while in the diagonal, the distance between one variable with itself is  $d(X_i, X_i) = 0$ 

Correlation. The correlation between the variables is obtained from variances and covariances as

$$cor(X_i, X_j) = cov(X_i, X_j)/(sd(X_i)sd(X_j))$$

where  $sd(X_i) = \sqrt{var(X_i)}$ ; while in the diagonal, the correlation between one variable with itself is  $cor(X_i, X_i) = 1$ 

Variances are obtained from the diagonal values while covariances are obtained from the outdiagonal.

#### Value

Function 'cov2dist' returns a matrix containing the Euclidean distances. Function 'cov2cor2' returns a correlation matrix

#### **Examples**

```
require(SFSI)
data(wheatHTP)
X = scale(M)[1:100,]/sqrt(ncol(M))
A = tcrossprod(X)
                       # A 100x100 covariance matrix
# Covariance matrix to distance matrix
D = cov2dist(A)
# (it must equal (but faster) to:)
D0 = as.matrix(dist(X))
max(D-D0)
# Covariance to a correlation matrix
R = cov2cor2(A)
# (it must equal (but faster) to:)
R0 = cov2cor(A)
max(R-R0)
# Inplace calculation
A[1:5,1:5]
cov2dist(A, inplace=TRUE)
A[1:5,1:5] # notice that A was modified
```

3. Solve an Elastic-Net problem

Coordinate Descent algorithm to solve Elastic-Net-type problems

## **Description**

Computes the entire Elastic-Net solution for the regression coefficients for all values of the penalization parameter, via the Coordinate Descent (CD) algorithm (Friedman, 2007). It uses as inputs a variance matrix among predictors and a covariance vector between response and predictors

## Usage

```
solveEN(Sigma, Gamma, alpha = 1, lambda = NULL, nlambda = 100,
    lambda.min = .Machine$double.eps^0.5, lambda.max = NULL,
    common.lambda = TRUE, beta0 = NULL, nsup.max = NULL,
    scale = TRUE, sdx = NULL, tol = 1E-5, maxiter = 1000,
    mc.cores = 1L, save.at = NULL, fileID = NULL,
    precision.format = c("double", "single"), sparse = FALSE,
    eps = .Machine$double.eps*100, verbose = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

Sigma (numeric matrix) Variance-covariance matrix of predictors

Gamma (numeric matrix) Covariance between response variable and predictors. If it con-

tains more than one column, the algorithm is applied to each column separately

as different response variables

lambda (numeric vector) Penalization parameter sequence. Default is lambda = NULL,

in this case a decreasing grid of 'nlambda' lambdas will be generated starting

from a maximum equal to

max(abs(Gamma)/alpha)

to a minimum equal to zero. If alpha = 0 the grid is generated starting from a

maximum equal to 5

nlambda (integer) Number of lambdas generated when lambda = NULL

lambda.min, lambda.max

(numeric) Minimum and maximum value of lambda that are generated when

lambda = NULL

common.lambda TRUE or FALSE to whether computing the coefficients for a grid of lambdas com-

mon to all columns of Gamma or for a grid of lambdas specific to each column of

Gamma. Default is common.lambda = TRUE

beta0 (numeric vector) Initial value for the regression coefficients that will be updated.

If beta0 = NULL a vector of zeros will be considered. These values will be used

as starting values for the first lambda value

alpha (numeric) Value between 0 and 1 for the weights given to the L1 and L2-

penalties

scale TRUE or FALSE to scale matrix Sigma for variables with unit variance and scale

Gamma by the standard deviation (sdx) of the corresponding predictor taken from

the diagonal of Sigma

sdx (numeric vector) Scaling factor that will be used to scale the regression coeffi-

cients. When scale = TRUE this scaling factor vector is set to the squared root of the diagonal of Sigma, otherwise a provided value is used assuming that Sigma

and Gamma are scaled

tol (numeric) Maximum error between two consecutive solutions of the CD algo-

rithm to declare convergence

maxiter (integer) Maximum number of iterations to run the CD algorithm at each lambda

step before convergence is reached

nsup.max (integer) Maximum number of non-zero coefficients in the last solution. Default

nsup.max = NULL will calculate solutions for the entire lambda grid

mc.cores (integer) Number of cores used. When mc.cores > 1, the analysis is run in

parallel for each column of Gamma. Default is mc.cores = 1

save.at (character) Path where regression coefficients are to be saved (this may include

a prefix added to the files). Default save.at = NULL will no save the regression

coefficients and they are returned in the output object

fileID (character) Suffix added to the file name where regression coefficients are to be

saved. Default fileID = NULL will automatically add sequential integers from 1

to the number of columns of Gamma

precision.format

(character) Either 'single' or 'double' for numeric precision and memory occupancy (4 or 8 bytes, respectively) of the regression coefficients. This is only

used when save.at is not NULL

sparse TRUE or FALSE to whether matrix Sigma is sparse with entries being zero or

near-zero

eps (numeric) A numerical zero to determine if entries are near-zero. Default is the

machine precision

verbose TRUE or FALSE to whether printing progress

#### **Details**

Finds solutions for the regression coefficients in a linear model

$$y_i = \mathbf{x}_i' \boldsymbol{\beta} + e_i$$

where  $y_i$  is the response for the  $i^{th}$  observation,  $\mathbf{x}_i = (x_{i1}, ..., x_{ip})'$  is a vector of p predictors assumed to have unit variance,  $\boldsymbol{\beta} = (\beta_1, ..., \beta_p)'$  is a vector of regression coefficients, and  $e_i$  is a residual.

The regression coefficients  $\beta$  are estimated as function of the variance matrix among predictors ( $\Sigma$ ) and the covariance vector between response and predictors ( $\Gamma$ ) by minimizing the penalized mean squared error function

$$-\mathbf{\Gamma}'\boldsymbol{\beta} + 1/2\boldsymbol{\beta}'\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \lambda J(\boldsymbol{\beta})$$

where  $\lambda$  is the penalization parameter and  $J(\beta)$  is a penalty function given by

$$1/2(1-\alpha)||\beta||_{2}^{2} + \alpha||\beta||_{1}$$

where  $0 \le \alpha \le 1$ , and  $||\beta||_1 = \sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j|$  and  $||\beta||_2^2 = \sum_{j=1}^p \beta_j^2$  are the L1 and (squared) L2-norms, respectively.

The "partial residual" excluding the contribution of the predictor  $x_{ij}$  is

$$e_i^{(j)} = y_i - \mathbf{x}_i' \boldsymbol{\beta} + x_{ij} \beta_j$$

then the ordinary least-squares (OLS) coefficient of  $x_{ij}$  on this residual is (up-to a constant)

$$\beta_j^{(ols)} = \Gamma_j - \Sigma_j' \beta + \beta_j$$

where  $\Gamma_j$  is the  $j^{th}$  element of  $\Gamma$  and  $\Sigma_j$  is the  $j^{th}$  column of the matrix  $\Sigma$ .

Coefficients are updated for each j=1,...,p from their current value  $\beta_j$  to a new value  $\beta_j(\alpha,\lambda)$ , given  $\alpha$  and  $\lambda$ , by "soft-thresholding" their OLS estimate until convergence as fully described in Friedman (2007).

#### Value

Returns a list object containing the elements:

- lambda: (vector) all the sequence of values of the penalty.
- beta: (matrix) regression coefficients for each predictor (in rows) associated to each value of the penalization parameter lambda (in columns).
- nsup: (vector) number of non-zero predictors associated to each value of lambda.

The returned object is of the class 'LASSO' for which methods coef and fitted exist. Function 'path.plot' can be also used

#### References

Friedman J, Hastie T, Höfling H, Tibshirani R (2007). Pathwise coordinate optimization. *The Annals of Applied Statistics*, **1**(2), 302–332.

```
require(SFSI)
data(wheatHTP)
y = as.vector(Y[,"E1"]) # Response variable
X = scale(X_E1)
                        # Predictors
# Training and testing sets
tst = which(Y$trial %in% 1:10)
trn = seq_along(y)[-tst]
# Calculate covariances in training set
XtX = var(X[trn,])
Xty = cov(X[trn,],y[trn])
# Run the penalized regression
fm = solveEN(XtX,Xty,alpha=0.5,nlambda=100)
# Regression coefficients
dim(coef(fm))
dim(coef(fm, ilambda=50)) # Coefficients associated to the 50th lambda
dim(coef(fm, nsup=25))  # Coefficients with around nsup=25 are non-zero
# Predicted values
yHat1 = predict(fm, X=X[trn,]) # training data
yHat2 = predict(fm, X=X[tst,]) # testing data
# Penalization vs correlation
plot(-log(fm$lambda[-1]),cor(y[trn],yHat1[,-1]), main="training", type="l")
plot(-log(fm$lambda[-1]),cor(y[tst],yHat2[,-1]), main="testing", type="1")
```

4. Least Angle Regression (LARS)

Least Angle Regression to solve LASSO-type problems

## **Description**

Computes the entire LASSO solution for the regression coefficients, starting from zero, to the least-squares estimates, via the Least Angle Regression (LARS) algorithm (Efron, 2004). It uses as inputs a variance matrix among predictors and a covariance vector between response and predictors.

## Usage

```
LARS(Sigma, Gamma, method = c("LAR","LASSO"),
    nsup.max = NULL, steps.max = NULL,
    eps = .Machine$double.eps*100, scale = TRUE,
    sdx = NULL, mc.cores = 1L, save.at = NULL,
    precision.format = c("double","single"),
    fileID = NULL, verbose = 1)
```

## **Arguments**

Sigma	(numeric matrix) Variance-covariance matrix of predictors
Gamma	(numeric matrix) Covariance between response variable and predictors. If it contains more than one column, the algorithm is applied to each column separately as different response variables
method	(character) Either:
	• 'LAR': Computes the entire sequence of all coefficients. Values of lambdas are calculated at each step.
	• 'LASSO': Similar to 'LAR' but solutions when a predictor leaves the solution are also returned.
	Default is method = 'LAR'
nsup.max	(integer) Maximum number of non-zero coefficients in the last LARS solution. Default nsup.max = NULL will calculate solutions for the entire lambda sequence
steps.max	(integer) Maximum number of steps (i.e., solutions) to be computed. Default steps.max = NULL will calculate solutions for the entire lambda sequence
eps	(numeric) A numerical zero. Default is the machine precision
scale	TRUE or FALSE to scale matrix Sigma for variables with unit variance and scale Gamma by the standard deviation (sdx) of the corresponding predictor taken from the diagonal of Sigma
sdx	(numeric vector) Scaling factor that will be used to scale the regression coefficients. When scale = TRUE this scaling factor vector is set to the squared root of the diagonal of Sigma, otherwise a provided value is used assuming that Sigma and Gamma are scaled

mc.cores	(integer) Number of cores used. When mc.cores > 1, the analysis is run in parallel for each column of Gamma. Default is mc.cores = 1
save.at	(character) Path where regression coefficients are to be saved (this may include a prefix added to the files). Default save.at = NULL will no save the regression coefficients and they are returned in the output object
fileID	(character) Suffix added to the file name where regression coefficients are to be saved. Default fileID = NULL will automatically add sequential integers from 1 to the number of columns of Gamma

precision.format

(character) Either 'single' or 'double' for numeric precision and memory occupancy (4 or 8 bytes, respectively) of the regression coefficients. This is only used when save.at is not NULL

verbose If numeric greater than zero details on each LARS step will be printed

#### **Details**

Finds solutions for the regression coefficients in a linear model

$$y_i = \mathbf{x}_i' \boldsymbol{\beta} + e_i$$

where  $y_i$  is the response for the  $i^{th}$  observation,  $\mathbf{x}_i = (x_{i1}, ..., x_{ip})'$  is a vector of p predictors assumed to have unit variance,  $\boldsymbol{\beta} = (\beta_1, ..., \beta_p)'$  is a vector of regression coefficients, and  $e_i$  is a residual.

The regression coefficients  $\beta$  are estimated as function of the variance matrix among predictors ( $\Sigma$ ) and the covariance vector between response and predictors ( $\Gamma$ ) by minimizing the penalized mean squared error function

$$-\mathbf{\Gamma}'\boldsymbol{\beta} + 1/2\boldsymbol{\beta}'\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\boldsymbol{\beta} + 1/2\lambda||\boldsymbol{\beta}||_1$$

where  $\lambda$  is the penalization parameter and  $||\beta||_1 = \sum_{j=1}^p |\beta_j|$  is the L1-norm.

The algorithm to find solutions for each  $\beta_j$  is fully described in Efron (2004) in which the "current correlation" between the predictor  $x_{ij}$  and the residual  $e_i = y_i - \mathbf{x}_i' \boldsymbol{\beta}$  is expressed (up-to a constant) as

$$r_j = \Gamma_j - \Sigma_j' \beta$$

where  $\Gamma_j$  is the  $j^{th}$  element of  $\Gamma$  and  $\Sigma_j$  is the  $j^{th}$  column of the matrix  $\Sigma$ 

## Value

Returns a list object with the following elements:

- lambda: (vector) all the sequence of values of the LASSO penalty.
- beta: (matrix) regression coefficients for each predictor (in rows) associated to each value of the penalization parameter lambda (in columns).
- nsup: (vector) number of non-zero predictors associated to each value of lambda.

The returned object is of the class 'LASSO' for which methods coef and predict exist. Function 'path.plot' can be also used

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#### Author(s)

Adapted from the 'lars' function in package 'lars' (Hastie & Efron, 2013)

#### References

Efron B, Hastie T, Johnstone I, Tibshirani R (2004). Least angle regression. *The Annals of Statistics*, **32**(2), 407–499.

Hastie T, Efron B (2013). lars: least angle regression, Lasso and forward stagewise. https://cran.r-project.org/package=lars.

## **Examples**

```
require(SFSI)
data(wheatHTP)
y = as.vector(Y[,"E1"]) # Response variable
X = scale(X_E1)
                          # Predictors
# Training and testing sets
tst = which(Y$trial %in% 1:10)
trn = seq_along(y)[-tst]
# Calculate covariances in training set
XtX = var(X[trn,])
Xty = cov(X[trn,],y[trn])
# Run the penalized regression
fm = LARS(XtX, Xty, method="LASSO")
# Regression coefficients
dim(coef(fm))
dim(coef(fm, ilambda=50)) # Coefficients associated to the 50th lambda
dim(coef(fm, nsup=25))  # Coefficients with around nsup=25 are non-zero
# Predicted values
yHat1 = predict(fm, X=X[trn,]) # training data
yHat2 = predict(fm, X=X[tst,]) # testing data
# Penalization vs correlation
plot(-log(fm$lambda[-1]),cor(y[trn],yHat1[,-1]), main="Training", type="l")
plot(-log(fm$lambda[-1]),cor(y[tst],yHat2[,-1]), main="Testing", type="l")
```

5. Sparse Genomic Prediction (SGP)

Sparse Genomic Prediction

## **Description**

Computes the entire Elastic-Net solution for the regression coefficients of a Selection Index for a grid of values of the penalization parameter.

An optimal penalization can be chosen using cross-validation (CV) within a specific training set.

#### Usage

```
SGP(y = NULL, X = NULL, b = NULL, Z = NULL, K = NULL,
   trn = NULL, tst = NULL, varU = NULL, varE = NULL,
   ID_geno = NULL, ID_trait = NULL, intercept = TRUE,
   alpha = 1, lambda = NULL, nlambda = 100,
   lambda.min = .Machine$double.eps^0.5,
   common.lambda = TRUE, subset = NULL, tol = 1E-4,
   maxiter = 500, method = c("REML", "ML"), tag = NULL,
    save.at = NULL, precision.format = c("single", "double"),
   mc.cores = 1L, verbose = 2)
SGP.CV(y, X = NULL, b = NULL, Z = NULL, K,
       trn = NULL, varU = NULL, varE = NULL,
       ID_geno = NULL, ID_trait = NULL,
       intercept = TRUE, alpha = 1, lambda = NULL,
       nlambda = 100, lambda.min = .Machine$double.eps^0.5,
       common.lambda = TRUE, nfolds = 5, nCV = 1L,
       folds = NULL, seed = NULL, subset = NULL, tol = 1E-4,
       maxiter = 500, method = c("REML","ML"), tag = NULL,
       save.at = NULL, mc.cores = 1L, verbose = TRUE)
```

## **Arguments**

У	(numeric vector) Response variable. It can be a matrix with each column representing a different response variable. If it is passed to the 'SGP' function, predicted values for testing data are computed using phenotypes from training data
X	(numeric matrix) Design matrix for fixed effects. When X = NULL, a vector of ones is constructed only for the intercept (default)
b	(numeric vector) Fixed effects. When b = NULL, only the intercept is estimated from training data using generalized least squares (default)
K	(numeric matrix) Kinship relationship matrix
Z	(numeric matrix) Design matrix for random effects. When Z = NULL an identity matrix is considered (default) thus $G = K$ ; otherwise $G = Z K Z'$ is used
varU, varE	(numeric) Genetic and residual variances. When either varU = NULL or varE = NULL (default), they are calculated from training data using the function 'fit-BLUP' (see help(fitBLUP)) for single-trait analysis. For multi-trait analysis, unstructured matrices are calculated using the function 'getGenCov' in a pairwise fashion
ID_geno	(character/integer) For multi-trait analysis only, vector with either names or in-

dices mapping entries of the vector y to rows/columns of matrix G

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ID\_trait (character/integer) For multi-trait analysis only, vector with either names or in-

dices mapping entries of the vector y to rows/columns of matrices varU and

varE

intercept TRUE or FALSE to whether fit an intercept. When FALSE, the model assumes a

null intercept

trn, tst (integer vector) Which elements from vector y are in training and testing sets,

respectively. When both trn = NULL and tst = NULL, non-NA entries in vector

y will be used as training set

subset (integer vector) c(m, M) to fit the model only for the  $m^{th}$  subset out of M

subsets that the testing set will be divided into. Results can be automatically saved as per the save.at argument and can be retrieved later using function 'read\_SGP' (see help(read\_SGP)). In cross-validation, it should has format

c(fold, CV) to fit the model for a given fold within partition

alpha (numeric) Value between 0 and 1 for the weights given to the L1 and L2-

penalties

lambda (numeric vector) Penalization parameter sequence. Default is lambda = NULL, in

this case a decreasing grid of nlambda lambdas will be generated starting from

a maximum equal to

max(abs(G[trn,tst])/alpha)

to a minimum equal to zero. If alpha = 0 the grid is generated starting from a

maximum equal to 5

nlambda (integer) Number of lambdas generated when lambda = NULL

lambda.min (numeric) Minimum value of lambda in the generated grid when lambda = NULL

nfolds (integer/character) Either 2,3,5,10 or 'n' indicating the number of non-overlapping

folds in which the data is split into to do cross-validation. When nfolds = 'n'

a leave-one-out CV is performed

seed (numeric vector) Seed to fix randomization when creating folds for cross-validation.

If it is a vector, a number equal to its length of CV repetitions are performed

nCV (integer) Number of CV repetitions to be performed. Default is nCV = 1

folds (integer matrix) A matrix with nTRN rows and nCV columns where each column

represents a different partition with nfolds folds. It can be created using the

function 'get folds'

common.lambda TRUE or FALSE to whether computing the coefficients for a grid of lambdas com-

mon to all individuals in testing set or for a grid of lambdas specific to each

individual in testing set. Default is common.lambda = TRUE

mc.cores (integer) Number of cores used. When mc.cores > 1, the analysis is run in

parallel for each testing set individual. Default is mc.cores = 1

tol (numeric) Maximum error between two consecutive solutions of the CD algo-

rithm to declare convergence

maxiter (integer) Maximum number of iterations to run the CD algorithm at each lambda

step before convergence is reached

save.at (character) Path where files (regression coefficients and output object) are to be saved (this may include a prefix added to the files). Default save.at = NULL

will no save any results and they are returned in the output object. No regression

coefficients are saved for function 'SGP.CV'

precision.format

(character) Either 'single' or 'double' for numeric precision and memory occupancy (4 or 8 bytes, respectively) of the regression coefficients. This is only

used when save.at is not NULL

method (character) Either 'REML' (Restricted Maximum Likelihood) or 'ML' (Max-

imum Likelihood) to calculate variance components as per the function 'fit-

BLUP'

tag (character) Name given to the output for tagging purposes. Default tag = NULL

will give the name of the method used

verbose (integer) If greater than zero analysis details will be printed

#### **Details**

The basic linear mixed model that relates phenotypes with genetic values is of the form

$$y = Xb + Zg + e$$

where  $\mathbf{y}$  is a vector with the response,  $\mathbf{b}$  is the vector of fixed effects,  $\mathbf{g}$  is the vector of the genetic values of the genotypes,  $\mathbf{e}$  is the vector of environmental residuals, and  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{Z}$  are design matrices for the fixed and genetic effects, respectively. Genetic effects are assumed to follow a Normal distribution as  $\mathbf{g} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \sigma_n^2 \mathbf{K})$ , and environmental terms are assumed  $\mathbf{e} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \sigma_e^2 \mathbf{I})$ .

The resulting vector of genetic values  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{g}$  will therefore follow  $\mathbf{u} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \sigma_u^2 \mathbf{G})$  where  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{K}\mathbf{Z}'$ . In the un-replicated case,  $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{I}$  is an identity matrix, and hence  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{g}$  and  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{K}$ .

The values  $\mathbf{u}_{tst} = \{u_i\}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, ..., n_{tst}$ , for a testing set are estimated individual-wise using (as predictors) all available observations in a training set as

$$u_i = \boldsymbol{\beta}_i'(\mathbf{y}_{trn} - \mathbf{X}_{trn}\mathbf{b})$$

where  $\beta_i$  is a vector of weights that are found separately for each individual in the testing set, by minimizing the penalized mean squared error function

$$-\sigma_u^2 \mathbf{G}_{trn,tst(i)}' \boldsymbol{\beta}_i + 1/2 \boldsymbol{\beta}_i' (\sigma_u^2 \mathbf{G}_{trn} + \sigma_e^2 \mathbf{I}) \boldsymbol{\beta}_i + \lambda J(\boldsymbol{\beta}_i)$$

where  $\mathbf{G}_{trn,tst(i)}$  is the  $i^{th}$  column of the sub-matrix of  $\mathbf{G}$  whose rows correspond to the training set and columns to the testing set;  $\mathbf{G}_{trn}$  is the sub-matrix corresponding to the training set;  $\lambda$  is the penalization parameter; and  $J(\beta_i)$  is a penalty function given by

$$1/2(1-\alpha)||\boldsymbol{\beta}_i||_2^2 + \alpha||\boldsymbol{\beta}_i||_1$$

where  $0 \le \alpha \le 1$ , and  $||\boldsymbol{\beta}_i||_1 = \sum_{j=1}^{n_{trn}} |\beta_{ij}|$  and  $||\boldsymbol{\beta}_i||_2^2 = \sum_{j=1}^{n_{trn}} \beta_{ij}^2$  are the L1 and (squared) L2-norms, respectively.

Function 'SGP' calculates each individual solution using the function 'solveEN' (via the Coordinate Descent algorithm, see help(solveEN)) by setting the argument Sigma equal to  $\sigma_u^2 \mathbf{G}_{trn} + \sigma_e^2 \mathbf{I}$  and Gamma equal to  $\sigma_u^2 \mathbf{G}_{trn,tst(i)}$ .

Function 'SGP.CV' performs cross-validation within the training data specified in argument trn. Training data is divided into k folds and the SGP is sequentially derived for (all individuals in) one fold (as testing set) using information from the remaining folds (as training set).

#### Value

Function 'SGP' returns a list object of the class 'SGP' for which methods coef, predict, plot, and summary exist. Functions 'net.plot' and 'path.plot' can be also used. It contains the elements:

- b: (vector) fixed effects solutions (including the intercept).
- Xb: (vector) total fixed values (Xb).
- u: (matrix) total genetic values ( $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{g}$ ) for testing individuals (in rows) associated to each value of lambda (in columns).
- varU, varE, h2: variance components solutions.
- alpha: value for the elastic-net weights used.
- lambda: (matrix) sequence of values of lambda used (in columns) for each testing individual (in rows).
- nsup: (matrix) number of non-zero predictors at each solution given by lambda for each testing individual (in rows).
- file\_beta: path where regression coefficients are saved.

Function 'SGP.CV' returns a list object of length nCV of the class 'SGP'. Optimal cross-validated penalization values can be obtained using thesummary method. Method plot is also available.

```
require(SFSI)
data(wheatHTP)
index = which(Y$trial %in% 1:12)  # Use only a subset of data
Y = Y[index,]
M = scale(M[index,])/sqrt(ncol(M)) # Subset and scale markers
G = tcrossprod(M)
                            # Genomic relationship matrix
Y0 = scale(as.matrix(Y[,4:6])) # Response variable
#-----
# Single-trait model
#-----
y = Y0[,1]
# Training and testing sets
tst = which(Y$trial %in% 2:3)
trn = seq_along(y)[-tst]
# Sparse genomic prediction
fm1 = SGP(y, K=G, trn=trn, tst=tst)
```

```
uHat = predict(fm1)
                      # Predicted values for each testing element
out = summary(fm1)
                      # Useful function to get results
out$optCOR
                      # SGP with maximum accuracy
B = coef(fm1)
                      # Regression coefficients for all tst
B = coef(fm1, iy=1)
                     # Coefficients for first tst (tst[1])
B = coef(fm1, ilambda=10) # Coefficients associated to the 10th lambda
B = coef(fm1, nsup=10)
                      # Coefficients for which nsup=10
                       # Penalization vs accuracy plot
plot(fm1)
plot(fm1, y.stat="MSE", ylab='Mean Square Error', xlab='Sparsity')
varU = fm1$varU
varE = fm1$varE
b = fm1$b
#-----
# Predicting a testing set using a value of lambda
# obtained from cross-validation in a traning set
#-----
# Run a cross validation in training set
fm2 = SGP.CV(y, K=G, varU=varU, varE=varE, b=b, trn=trn, nfolds=5, tag="1 5CV")
lambda = summary(fm2)$optCOR["lambda"]
# Fit the index with the obtained lambda
fm3 = SGP(y, K=G, varU=varU, varE=varE, b=b, trn=trn, tst=tst, lambda=lambda)
summary(fm3)$accuracy
                       # Testing set accuracy
# Compare the accuracy with that of the non-sparse index (G-BLUP)
summary(fm1)$accuracy[fm1$nlambda,1] # we take the last one
#-----
# Multi-trait SGP
#-----
ID_geno = as.vector(row(Y0))
ID_trait = as.vector(col(Y0))
y = as.vector(Y0)
# Training and testing sets
tst = c(which(ID_trait==1)[Y$trial %in% 2:3],
      which(ID_trait==2)[Y$trial %in% 2],
      which(ID_trait==3)[Y$trial %in% 3])
trn = seq_along(y)[-tst]
fmMT = SGP(y=y, K=G, ID_geno=ID_geno, ID_trait=ID_trait,
         trn=trn, tst=tst)
multitrait.plot(fmMT)
```

6. BLUP estimation from Linear Mixed Model Fitting a Linear Mixed model to calculate BLUP

## Description

Solves the Linear Mixed Model and calculates the Best Linear Unbiased Predictor (BLUP)

## Usage

```
fitBLUP(y, X = NULL, Z = NULL, K = NULL, trn = NULL,
        EVD = NULL, varU = NULL, varE = NULL,
        ID_geno = NULL, ID_trait = NULL, intercept = TRUE,
        BLUP = TRUE, method = c("REML","ML"),
        interval = c(1E-9,1E9), tol = 1E-8, maxiter = 1000,
        n.regions = 10, verbose = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

У	(numeric vector) Response variable. It can be a matrix with each column representing a different response variable
X	(numeric matrix) Design matrix for fixed effects. When $X=NULL$ a vector of ones is constructed only for the intercept (default)
Z	(numeric matrix) Design matrix for random effects. When Z=NULL an identity matrix is considered (default) thus ${\bf G}={\bf K}$ ; otherwise ${\bf G}={\bf Z}\;{\bf K}\;{\bf Z}'$ is used
K	(numeric matrix) Kinship relationship matrix
trn	(integer vector) Which elements from vector y are to be used for training. When $trn = NULL$ , non-NA entries in vector y will be used as training set
EVD	(list) Eigenvectors and eigenvalues from eigenvalue decomposition (EVD) of ${\bf G}$ corresponding to training data
ID_geno	(character/integer) For within-trait analysis only, vector with either names or indices mapping entries of the vector y to rows/columns of matrix ${\sf G}$
ID_trait	(character/integer) For within-trait analysis only, vector with either names or indices mapping entries of the vector y to different traits
varU, varE	(numeric) Genetic and residual variances. When both varU and varE are not NULL they are not calculated; otherwise, the likelihood function (REML or ML) is optimized to search for the genetic/residual variances ratio
intercept	TRUE or FALSE to whether fit an intercept. When FALSE, the model assumes a null intercept $$
BLUP	TRUE or FALSE to whether return the random effects estimates
method	$\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{(character) Either 'REML' (Restricted Maximum Likelihood) or 'ML' (Maximum Likelihood)} \end{array}$

tol	(numeric) Maximum error between two consecutive solutions (convergence tolerance) when finding the root of the log-likelihood's first derivative
maxiter	(integer) Maximum number of iterations to run before convergence is reached
interval	(numeric vector) Range of values in which the root is searched
n.regions	(numeric) Number of regions in which the searched 'interval' is divided for local optimization
verbose	TRUE or FALSE to whether show progress

#### **Details**

The basic linear mixed model that relates phenotypes with genetic values is of the form

$$y = Xb + Zg + e$$

where  $\mathbf{y}$  is a vector with the response,  $\mathbf{b}$  is the vector of fixed effects,  $\mathbf{u}$  is the vector of the (random) genetic effects of the genotypes,  $\mathbf{e}$  is the vector of environmental residuals (random error), and  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{Z}$  are design matrices for the fixed and genetic effects, respectively. Genetic effects are assumed to follow a Normal distribution as  $\mathbf{g} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \sigma_u^2 \mathbf{K})$ , and the error terms are assumed  $\mathbf{e} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \sigma_e^2 \mathbf{I})$ .

The vector of total genetic values  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{g}$  will therefore follow  $\mathbf{u} \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \sigma_u^2 \mathbf{G})$  where  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{K}\mathbf{Z}'$ . In the un-replicated case,  $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{I}$  is an identity matrix, and hence  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{g}$  and  $\mathbf{G} = \mathbf{K}$ .

The predicted values  $\mathbf{u}_{trn} = \{u_i\}, i = 1, 2, ..., n_{trn}, \text{ corresponding to observed data (training set)}$  are derived as

$$\mathbf{u}_{trn} = \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{y}_{trn} - \mathbf{X}_{trn}\mathbf{b})$$

where **B** is a matrix of weights given by

$$\mathbf{B} = \sigma_u^2 \mathbf{G}_{trn} (\sigma_u^2 \mathbf{G}_{trn} + \sigma_e^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1}$$

where  $G_{trn}$  is the sub-matrix corresponding to the training set. This matrix can be rewritten as

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{G}_{trn}(\mathbf{G}_{trn} + \theta \mathbf{I})^{-1}$$

where  $\theta=\sigma_e^2/\sigma_u^2$  is the residual/genetic variances ratio representing a ridge-like shrinkage parameter.

The matrix  $\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{G}_{trn} + \theta \mathbf{I}$  in the above equation can be used to obtain predictions corresponding to un-observed data (testing set),  $\mathbf{u}_{tst} = \{u_i\}, i = 1, 2, ..., n_{tst}$ , by

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{G}_{tst,trn}(\mathbf{G}_{trn} + \theta \mathbf{I})^{-1}$$

where  $G_{tst,trn}$  is the sub-matrix of G corresponding to the testing set (in rows) and training set (in columns).

Solutions are found using the GEMMA (Genome-wide Efficient Mixed Model Analysis) approach (Zhou & Stephens, 2012). First, the Brent's method is implemented to solve for the genetic/residual variances ratio (i.e.,  $1/\theta$ ) from the first derivative of the log-likelihood (either REML or ML). Then, variances  $\sigma_u^2$  and  $\sigma_e^2$  are calculated. Finally, **b** is obtained using Generalized Least Squares.

#### Value

Returns a list object that contains the elements:

- b: (vector) fixed effects solutions (including the intercept).
- u: (vector) total genetic values ( $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{g}$ ).
- g: (vector) genetic effects solutions.
- varU: random effect variance.
- varE: residual variance.
- h2: heritability.
- convergence: (logical) whether Brent's method converged.
- method: either 'REML' or 'ML' method used.

#### References

Zhou X, Stephens M (2012). Genome-wide efficient mixed-model analysis for association studies. *Nature Genetics*, **44**(7), 821-824

```
require(SFSI)
data(wheatHTP)
index = which(Y$trial %in% 1:20)  # Use only a subset of data
Y = Y[index,]
M = scale(M[index,])/sqrt(ncol(M)) # Subset and scale markers
                                                                                                                          # Genomic relationship matrix
G = tcrossprod(M)
Y0 = scale(as.matrix(Y[,4:6])) # Response variable
#-----
# Single-trait model
#-----
y = Y0[,1]
# Training and testing sets
tst = which(Y$trial %in% 1:3)
trn = seq_along(y)[-tst]
# Kinship-based model
fm1 = fitBLUP(y, K=G, trn=trn)
                                                                                                        # Genetic effects
head(fm1$g)
plot(y[tst],fm1$yHat[tst]) # Predicted vs observed values in testing set
 \begin{array}{lll} & & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ & & \\ 
fm1$varU
                                                                                                          # Genetic variance
fm1$varE
                                                                                                           # Residual variance
fm1$h2
                                                                                                          # Heritability
                                                                                                           # Fixed effects
fm1$b
```

```
# Markers-based model
fm2 = fitBLUP(y, Z=M, trn=trn)
head(fm2$g)
                              # Marker effects
all.equal(fm1$yHat, fm2$yHat)
fm2$varU
                              # Genetic variance
fm2$varU*sum(apply(M,2,var))
# Multiple response variables
ID_geno = as.vector(row(Y0))
ID_trait = as.vector(col(Y0))
y = as.vector(Y0)
# Training and testing sets
tst = c(which(ID_trait==1)[Y$trial %in% 1:3],
        which(ID_trait==2)[Y$trial %in% 1:3],
        which(ID_trait==3)[Y$trial %in% 1:3])
trn = seq_along(y)[-tst]
# Across traits model
fm3 = fitBLUP(y, K=G, ID_geno=ID_geno, trn=trn)
plot(fm1$yHat,fm3$yHat[ID_trait==1]) # different from the single-trait model
# Within traits model: pass an index for traits
fm4 = fitBLUP(y, K=G, ID_geno=ID_geno, ID_trait=ID_trait, trn=trn)
plot(fm1$yHat,fm4$yHat[ID_trait==1]) # equal to the single-trait model
```

7. Genetic covariances computation

Pairwise Genetic Covariance

## **Description**

Calculation of genetic and environmental (unstructured) covariances matrices from pairwise models of variables with the same experimental design

#### Usage

#### **Arguments**

y (numeric matrix) Response variable vector. It can be a matrix with each column representing a different response variable

X	(numeric matrix) Design matrix for fixed effects. When X=NULL a vector of ones is constructed only for the intercept (default)
Z	(numeric matrix) Design matrix for random effects. When Z=NULL an identity matrix is considered (default) thus ${\bf G}={\bf K}$ ; otherwise ${\bf G}={\bf Z}\;{\bf K}\;{\bf Z}'$ is used
K	(numeric matrix) Kinship relationship matrix
trn	(integer vector) Which elements from vector y are to be used for training. When trn = NULL, non-NA entries in vector y will be used as training set
EVD	(list) Eigenvectors and eigenvalues from eigenvalue decomposition (EVD) of ${\bf G}$ corresponding to training data
ID_geno	(character/integer) Vector with either names or indices mapping entries of the vector y to rows/columns of matrix G
ID_trait	(character/integer) Vector with either names or indices mapping entries of the vector y to different traits
scale	TRUE or FALSE to scale each column of y by their corresponding standard deviations so the resulting variables will have unit variance
pairwise	TRUE or FALSE to calculate pairwise genetic covariances for all columns in y. When pairwise = FALSE (default) covariances of the first column in y with the remaining columns (2,,ncol(y)) are calculated
verbose	TRUE or FALSE to whether show progress
	Other arguments passed to the function 'fitBLUP'

## **Details**

Assumes that both  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  follow the basic linear mixed model that relates phenotypes with genetic values of the form

$$\mathbf{y}_1 = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b}_1 + \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{g}_1 + \mathbf{e}_1$$

$$\mathbf{y}_2 = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b}_2 + \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{g}_2 + \mathbf{e}_2$$

where  $\mathbf{b}_1$  and  $\mathbf{b}_2$  are the specific fixed effects,  $\mathbf{g}_1$  and  $\mathbf{g}_2$  are the specific genetic effects of the genotypes,  $\mathbf{e}_1$  and  $\mathbf{e}_2$  are the vectors of specific environmental residuals, and  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{Z}$  are common design matrices for the fixed and genetic effects, respectively. Genetic effects are assumed to follow a Normal distribution as  $\mathbf{g}_1 \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \sigma_{u_1}^2 \mathbf{K})$  and  $\mathbf{g}_2 \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \sigma_{u_2}^2 \mathbf{K})$ , and environmental terms are assumed  $\mathbf{e}_1 \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \sigma_{e_1}^2 \mathbf{I})$  and  $\mathbf{e}_2 \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \sigma_{e_2}^2 \mathbf{I})$ .

The genetic covariance  $\sigma_{u_1u_2}^2$  is estimated from the formula for the variance for the sum of two variables as

$$\sigma_{u_1u_2}^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\sigma_{u_3}^2 - \sigma_{u_1}^2 - \sigma_{u_2}^2)$$

where  $\sigma_{u_3}^2$  is the genetic variance of the variable  $\mathbf{y}_3 = \mathbf{y}_1 + \mathbf{y}_2$  that also follows the same model as for  $\mathbf{y}_1$  and  $\mathbf{y}_2$ .

Likewise, the environmental covariance  $\sigma_{e_1e_2}^2$  is estimated as

$$\sigma_{e_1 e_2}^2 = \frac{1}{2} (\sigma_{e_3}^2 - \sigma_{e_1}^2 - \sigma_{e_2}^2)$$

where  $\sigma_{e_3}^2$  is the error variance of the variable  $\mathbf{y}_3$ .

Solutions are found using the function 'fitBLUP' (see help(fitBLUP)) to sequentially fit mixed models for all the variables  $y_1$ ,  $y_2$  and  $y_3$ .

#### Value

Returns a list object that contains the elements:

- varU: (vector) genetic variances.
- varE: (vector) error variances.
- covU: (vector) genetic covariances between response variable 1 and the rest.
- covE: (vector) environmental covariances between response variable 1 and the rest.

When pairwise = TRUE, varU and varE are matrices containing all variances (diagonal) and pairwise covariances (off diagonal)

```
require(SFSI)
data(wheatHTP)
index = which(Y$trial %in% 1:10)
                                    # Use only a subset of data
Y = Y[index,]
M = scale(M[index,])/sqrt(ncol(M)) # Subset and scale markers
                                    # Genomic relationship matrix
G = tcrossprod(M)
Y0 = scale(as.matrix(Y[,4:7]))
                                    # Response variable
ID_geno = as.vector(row(Y0))
ID_trait = as.vector(col(Y0))
y = as.vector(Y0)
# Pairwise covariance for all columns in y
fm = getGenCov(y=y, K=G, ID_geno=ID_geno, ID_trait=ID_trait)
fm$varU
                 # Genetic variances
                 # Residual variances
fm$varE
fm$varU+fm$varE # Phenotypic covariance
                  # Sample phenotypic covariance
# Covariances between the first and the rest: y[,1] and y[,2:4]
fm = getGenCov(y=y, K=G, ID_geno=ID_geno, ID_trait=ID_trait, pairwise=FALSE)
                  # Genetic covariance between y[,1] and y[,2:4]
# Containing some missing values:
# The model is estimated from common training data
YNA[Y$trial %in% 1:2, 1] = NA
YNA[Y$trial %in% 2:3, 3] = NA
y = as.vector(YNA)
```

```
fm = getGenCov(y=y, K=G, ID_geno=ID_geno, ID_trait=ID_trait)
fm$varU
fm$varE
```

8. SGP accuracy vs penalization plot Accuracy vs penalization plot

#### **Description**

Accuracy as a function of the penalization plot for an object of the class 'SGP'

#### Usage

## **Arguments**

... Other arguments to be passed:

- One or more objects of the class 'SGP'
- Optional arguments for method plot: 'xlab', 'ylab', 'main', 'lwd', 'xlim', 'vlim'
- For multi-trait SGP, optional argument 'trait' to plot results for a specific trait
- x.stat (character) Either 'nsup' (number of non-zero regression coefficients entering in

the prediction of a given testing individual) or 'lambda' (penalization parameter

in log scale) to plot in the x-axis

y. stat (character) Either 'accuracy' (correlation between observed and predicted val-

ues) or 'MSE' (mean squared error) to plot in the y-axis

label (character) Similar to x. stat but to show the value in x-axis for which the y-axis

is maximum

nbreaks.x (integer) Number of breaks in the x-axis

#### Value

Creates a plot of either accuracy or MSE versus either the support set size (average number of predictors with non-zero regression coefficient) or versus lambda.

```
# See examples in
# help(SGP, package="SFSI")
```

Create partitions

Data partition into folds of the same size

#### **Description**

Create a random data partition of size n into k non-overlapping folds of approximately the same size

#### Usage

```
get_folds(n, k = 5L, nCV = 1L, seed = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

n (integer) Sample size k (integer) Number of folds

nCV (integer) Number of different partitions to be created

seed (integer vector) Optional seed for randomization (see help(set.seed)). It has

to be of length equal to nCV

#### Value

Returns a matrix with n rows and nCV columns. Each column contains a partition with k folds.

## **Examples**

```
require(SFSI)
# Create 5 different partitions into 10 folds
# for a sample size equal to 115
out = get_folds(n=115, k=10, nCV=5)
# Size of folds at first partition
table(out[,1])
```

Graphical Network from a numeric matrix  $Graphical\ Network$ 

#### **Description**

Obtain a Graphical Network representation from a matrix where nodes are subjects in the rows and columns, and edges are obtained from the matrix entries

#### Usage

```
net(object, K = NULL,
    nsup = NULL, p.radius = 1.7,
    delta = .Machine$double.eps)
```

## **Arguments**

object	Either a numeric matrix X or an object of the 'SGP' class. When the object is of the 'SGP' class the regression coefficients are used as X
K	(numeric matrix) Kinship relationship matrix among nodes
nsup	(numeric) For a SGP, average number of training individuals contributing to the prediction (with non-zero regression coefficient) of testing individuals. Default nsup = NULL will use the value of nsup that yielded the optimal accuracy
p.radius	(numeric) For a multi-trait SGP, a factor (x-folds radius) to separate each trait from the origin $\frac{1}{2}$
delta	(numeric) Minumum value to determine nodes to be connected. Default is the machine precision (numerical zero)

#### **Details**

For a numeric matrix  $\mathbf{X} = \{x_{ij}\}$  with m rows and n columns, a graphical network with m + n nodes is obtained by defining edges connecting subjects in rows with those in columns. An edge between subject in row i and subject in column j is determined if the corresponding (absolute) entry matrix is larger than certain value, i.e.,  $|x_{ij}| > \delta$ .

For a symmetric matrix, only m=n nodes are considered with edges determined by the above diagonal entries of the matrix.

Nodes and edges are plotted in the cartesian plane according to the Fruchterman-Reingold algorithm. When a matrix  $\mathbf{K}$  is provided, nodes are plotted according to the top 2 eigenvectors from the spectral value decomposition of  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbf{U} \, \mathbf{D} \, \mathbf{U}$ .

When the object is a 'SGP' class object the edges are taken from the regression coefficients (associated to a specific nsup value) are used as matrix **X** with testing subjects in rows and training subjects in columns.

#### Value

Returns a plottable object of the class 'net' that can be visualized using 'plot' method

```
require(SFSI)
data(wheatHTP)

#-----
# Net for an SGP object
#------
index = which(Y$trial %in% 1:6)  # Use only a subset of data
Y = Y[index,]
```

```
M = scale(M[index,])/sqrt(ncol(M)) # Subset and scale markers
G = tcrossprod(M)
                                # Genomic relationship matrix
y = as.vector(scale(Y[,"E1"]))
                              # Scale response variable
# Training and testing sets
tst = which(Y$trial %in% 2)
trn = seq_along(y)[-tst]
fm = SGP(y, K=G, trn=trn, tst=tst)
                   # Get the net
nt = net(fm)
                   # Plot the net
plot(nt)
plot(nt, i=c(1,5)) # Show the first and fifth tst elements
plot(net(fm, nsup=10), show.names=c(TRUE,TRUE,FALSE))
# Net for a numeric matrix
#-----
B = as.matrix(coef(fm, nsup=10))
plot(net(B), curve=TRUE, set.size=c(3.5,1.5,1))
# Net for a symmetric numeric matrix
#-----
X = X_E1[,seq(1,ncol(X_E1),by=5)]
R2 = cor(X)^2 + An R2 matrix
plot(net(R2, delta=0.9))
```

Graphical network plot

Plotting a network

## **Description**

Plot a Graphical Network obtained from a numeric matrix

#### Usage

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## Arguments

x	An object of the 'net' class as per the net function
i	(integer vector) Index subjects in rows to be shown in plot. Default i=NULL will consider all elements in rows
show.names	TRUE or FALSE to whether show node names given by the row/column names of the matrix used to make the net (see help(net))
group	(data.frame) Column grouping for the subjects
group.shape	(integer vector) Shape of each level of the grouping column provided as group
bg.color	(character) Plot background color
line.color	(character) Color of lines connecting nodes in rows with those in columns
line.width	(numeric) Width of lines connecting nodes in rows with those in columns
curve	TRUE or FALSE to whether draw curve lines connecting nodes in rows with those in columns
set.color	(character vector) Color point of each type of node: row, 'active' column, and 'non-active' column, respectively
set.size	(numeric vector) Size of each type of node: row, 'active' column, and 'non-active' column, respectively
axis.labels	TRUE or FALSE to whether show labels in both axes
unified	TRUE or FALSE to whether show an unified plot or separated for each individual in 'testing'
point.color	(character) Color of the points in the plot
ni	(integer) Maximum number of row nodes that are plotted separated as indicated by unified=FALSE
legend.pos	(character) Either "right", topright", "bottomleft", "bottomright", "topleft", or "none" indicating where the legend is positioned in the plot
sets	(character vector) Names of the types of node: row, 'active' column, and 'non-active' column, respectively
circle	TRUE or FALSE to whether draw a circle for each trait in a multi-trait 'SGP'
	Other arguments for method plot: 'xlab', 'ylab', 'main'

## **Details**

Plot a Graphical Network from a matrix where nodes are subjects in the rows and columns, and edges are obtained from the matrix entries. This Network is obtained using net function

```
# See examples in
# help(net, package="SFSI")
```

Multi-trait SGP accuracy vs penalization plot  $Accuracy \ vs \ penalization \ from \ multi-trait \ SGP$ 

#### **Description**

Visualizing results from an object of the class 'SGP'

## Usage

## Arguments

object	An object of the class 'SGP' for a multi-trait case	
x.stat	(character) Either 'nsup' (number of non-zero regression coefficients entering in the prediction of a given testing individual) or 'lambda' (penalization parameter in log scale) to plot in the x-axis	
y.stat	(character) Either 'accuracy' (correlation between observed and predicted values) or 'MSE' (mean squared error) to plot in the y-axis	
label	(character) Similar to $x$ . stat but to show the value in $x$ -axis for which the $y$ -axis is maximum across traits	
point.color, line.color		
	(character) Color of the points and lines	
point.size	(numeric) Size of the points showing the maximum accuracy	
nbreaks.x	(integer) Number of breaks in the x-axis	
trait_names	(character) Names of traits to be shown in the plot	
	Other arguments for method plot: 'xlab', 'ylab', 'main', 'lwd', 'xlim', 'ylim'	

#### Value

Creates a plot of either accuracy or MSE versus either the support set size (average number of predictors with non-zero regression coefficient) or versus lambda. This is done separately for each trait

```
# See examples in
# help(SGP, package="SFSI")
```

R-squared pruning 29

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## Description

Pruning features using an R-squared threshold and maximum distance

## Usage

```
Prune(X, alpha = 0.95,
    pos = NULL, d.max = NULL,
    centered = FALSE, scaled = FALSE,
    verbose = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

X	(numeric matrix) A matrix with observations in rows and features (e.g., SNPs) in columns
alpha	(numeric) R-squared threshold used to determine connected sets
pos	(numeric vector) Optional vector with positions (e.g., bp) of features
d.max	(numeric) Maximum distance that connected sets are apart
centered	TRUE or FALSE whether columns in X are centered with mean zero
scaled	TRUE or FALSE whether columns in X are scaled with unit standard deviation
verbose	TRUE or FALSE to whether show progress

## **Details**

The algorithm identifies sets of connected features as those that share an  $R^2>\alpha$  and retains only one feature (first appearance) for each set.

The sets can be limited to lie within a distance less or equal to a d.max value.

#### Value

Returns a list object that contains the elements:

- prune.in: (vector) indices of selected (unconnected) features.
- prune.out: (vector) indices of dropped out features.

```
require(SFSI)
data(wheatHTP)

index = c(154:156,201:205,306:312,381:387,540:544)
X = M[,index]  # Subset markers
colnames(X) = 1:ncol(X)
```

```
# See connected sets using R^2=0.8
R2thr = 0.8
R2 = cor(X)^2
nw1 = net(R2, delta=R2thr)
plot(nw1, show.names=TRUE)

# Get pruned features
res = Prune(X, alpha=R2thr)

# See selected (unconnected) features
nw2 = net(R2[res$prune.in,res$prune.in], delta=R2thr)
nw2$xy = nw1$xy[res$prune.in,]
plot(nw2, show.names=TRUE)
```

Reading and combining SGP outputs

\*Read and combine SGP outputs\*

## **Description**

Read the output generated by the 'SGP' or 'SGP.CV' functions saved at the provided save.at parameter. It merges all partial files when data was splited according to argument subset. Function 'read\_summary' reads the output generated after calling the method summary; multiple outputs are read if argument path is a vector and in this case, they are combined by averaging across all outputs.

## Usage

## Arguments

path	(character) Path where output files were saved. This may include a prefix
type	(character) Either 'SGP' or 'SGP.CV' to collect results generated by either function of the same name $$
file.ext	(character) This is the file extension at which file was saved as per the argument $save.at$
verbose	TRUE or FALSE to whether printing details

## Value

An object of the class 'SGP' for which methods predict, plot and summary exist

## **Examples**

```
require(SFSI)
data(wheatHTP)
index = which(Y$trial %in% 1:10)
                                 # Use only a subset of data
Y = Y[index,]
M = scale(M[index,])/sqrt(ncol(M)) # Subset and scale markers
G = tcrossprod(M)
                                   # Genomic relationship matrix
y = as.vector(scale(Y[,"E1"]))
                                   # Scale response variable
# Training and testing sets
tst = which(Y$trial %in% 1:3)
trn = seq\_along(y)[-tst]
path = paste0(tempdir(),"/testSGP_")
# Run the analysis into 4 subsets and save them at a given path
SGP(y, K=G, trn=trn, tst=tst, subset=c(1,4), save.at=path)
SGP(y, K=G, trn=trn, tst=tst, subset=c(2,4), save.at=path)
SGP(y, K=G, trn=trn, tst=tst, subset=c(3,4), save.at=path)
SGP(y, K=G, trn=trn, tst=tst, subset=c(4,4), save.at=path)
# Collect all results after completion
fm = read_SGP(path)
# Generate and save summary
summary(fm, save.at=path)
fm2 = read_summary(path)
```

Regression coefficients and predicted values in LASSO-type problems  $L\!ASSO\ methods$ 

#### **Description**

Retrieving regression coefficients and predicted values from the 'solveEN' and 'LARS' functions' outputs

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'LASSO'
coef(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'LASSO'
predict(object, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

object

An object of the class 'LASSO' returned either by the function 'LARS' or 'solveEN'

... Other arguments:

- X (numeric matrix) scores for as many predictors there are in ncol(object\$beta) (in columns) for a desired number n of observations (in rows)
- iy (integer vector) Optional index of columns of the matrix 'Gamma' to be returned in coef function
- ilambda (integer) Optional to return regression coefficients associated to a specific penalty position
- nsup (numeric) Optional to return regression coefficients associated to a given penalty that yield approximately 'nsup' non-zero coefficients

#### Value

Method coef returns a matrix that contains the regression coefficients (in rows) associated to each value of lambda (in columns). When the regression was applied to an object Gamma with more than one column, method coef returns a list

Method predict returns a matrix with predicted values  $X\beta$  (in rows) for each value of lambda (in columns).

#### **Examples**

```
# See examples in
# help(solveEN, package="SFSI")
# help(LARS, package="SFSI")
```

Regression coefficients path

Coefficients path plot

#### **Description**

Coefficients evolution path plot from an object of the class 'LASSO' or 'SGP'

## Usage

#### **Arguments**

object	An object of the 'LASSO' or 'SGP' class
K	(numeric matrix) Kinship relationships. Only needed for an object of the class 'SGP' $$
i	(integer vector) Index a response variable (columns of matrix Gamma) for an object of the class 'LASSO'. Index testing elements (stored in object\$tst) for an object of the class 'SGP'. Default $i = NULL$ will consider either all columns in matrix Gamma or all elements in object\$tst, respectively
prune	TRUE or FALSE to whether prune within groups of correlated coefficients, keeping only one per group. A group of coefficients that are highly correlated are likely to overlap in the plot
cor.max	(numeric) Correlation threshold to prune within groups of correlated coefficients
lambda.min	(numeric) Minimum value of lambda to show in the plot as -log(lambda)
nbreaks.x	(integer) Number of breaks in the x-axis
npaths.max	(integer) Maximum number of paths defined by the number of predictors times the number of columns of matrix Gamma for an object of the class 'LASSO'. This correspond to the number of training elements (stored in object\$trn) times the number of testing elements (stored in object\$tst) for an object of the class 'SGP'
	Other arguments for method plot: 'xlab', 'ylab', 'main', 'lwd'

#### Value

Returns the plot of the coefficients' evolution path along the regularization parameter

```
require(SFSI)
data(wheatHTP)

index = which(Y$trial %in% 1:6)  # Use only a subset of data
Y = Y[index,]
X = scale(X_E1[index,])  # Reflectance data
M = scale(M[index,])/sqrt(ncol(M))  # Subset and scale markers
G = tcrossprod(M)  # Genomic relationship matrix
y = as.vector(scale(Y[,'E1']))  # Subset response variable

# Sparse phenotypic regression
fm = LARS(var(X),cov(X,y))

path.plot(fm)

# Sparse Genomic Prediction
fm = SGP(y, K=G, trn=12:length(y), tst=1:11)

path.plot(fm, prune=TRUE)
path.plot(fm, K=G, prune=TRUE, cor.max=0.9)
```

```
\# Path plot for the first individual in testing set for the SGP path.plot(fm, K=G, i=1)
```

```
Regression coefficients, predicted values and summary in SGP problems \,
```

SGP methods

## **Description**

Useful methods for retrieving and summarizing important results from the 'SGP' function's output

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'SGP'
coef(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'SGP'
predict(object, ...)
## S3 method for class 'SGP'
summary(object, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

object

An object of the class 'SGP'

. . .

Other arguments to be passed to coef method:

- nsup: (numeric) Average (across testing individuals) number of non-zero regression coefficients. Only the coefficients for the lambda associated to nsup are returned as a 'matrix' with testing individuals in rows
- iy: (integer vector) Index testing elements (stored in object\$tst) to be considered. Only coefficients corresponding to the testing individuals object\$tst[iy] are returned

For predict and summary methods:

• y: (numeric vector) An optional response vector

## Value

Method predict returns a matrix with the predicted values for each individual in the testing set (in rows) for each value of lambda (in columns).

Method coef (list of matrices) returns the regression coefficients for each testing set individual (elements of the list). Each matrix contains the coefficients for each value of lambda (in rows) associated to each training set individual (in columns).

Method summary returns a list object containing:

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- lambda: (vector) sequence of values of lambda used in the coefficients' estimation.
- nsup: (vector) Number of non-zero coefficients (across testing individuals) at each solution associated to each value of lambda.
- accuracy: (vector) correlation between observed and predicted values associated to each value of lambda.
- MSE: (vector) mean squared error associated to each value of lambda.
- optCOR: (vector) summary of the optimal SGP with maximum accuracy.
- optMSE: (vector) summary of the optimal SGP with minimum MSE.

#### **Examples**

```
# See examples in
# help(SGP, package="SFSI")
```

Wheat data set

Wheat dataset

#### **Description**

The dataset consists of 1,092 inbred wheat lines grouped into 39 trials and grown during the 2013-2014 season at the Norman Borlaug experimental research station in Ciudad Obregon, Sonora, Mexico. Each trial consisted of 28 breeding lines that were arranged in an alpha-lattice design with three replicates and six sub-blocks. The trials were grown in four different environments:

- E1: Flat-Drought (sowing in flat with irrigation of 180 mm through drip system)
- E2: Bed-2IR (sowing in bed with 2 irrigations approximately 250 mm)
- E3: Bed-5IR (bed sowing with 5 normal irrigations)
- E4: Bed-EHeat (bed sowing 30 days before optimal planting date with 5 normal irrigations approximately 500 mm)
- 1. Phenotypic data. Measurements of grain yield (YLD) were reported as the total plot yield after maturity. Records for YLD are reported as adjusted means from which trial, replicate and subblock effects were removed. Measurements for days to heading (DTH), days to maturity (DTM), and plant height (PH) were recorded only in the first replicate at each trial and thus no phenotype adjustment was made.
- 2. Reflectance data. Reflectance data was collected from the fields using both infrared and hyperspectral cameras mounted on an aircraft on 9 different dates (time-points) between January 10 and March 27th, 2014. During each flight, data from 250 wavelengths ranging from 392 to 850 nm were collected for each pixel in the pictures. The average reflectance of all the pixels for each wavelength was calculated from each of the geo-referenced trial plots and reported as each line reflectance. Data for reflectance and Green NDVI and Red NDVI are reported as adjusted phenotypes from which trial, replicate and sub-block effects were removed. Each data-point matches to each data-point in phenotypic data.
- **3. Marker data.** Lines were sequenced for GBS at 192-plexing on Illumina HiSeq2000 or HiSeq2500 with 1 x 100 bp reads. SNPs were called across all lines anchored to the genome assembly of

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Chinese Spring (International Wheat Genome Sequencing Consortium 2014). Next, SNP were extracted and filtered so that lines >50% missing data were removed. Markers were recoded as -1, 0, and 1, corresponding to homozygous for the minor allele, heterozygous, and homozygous for the major allele, respectively. Next, markers with a minor allele frequency <0.05 and >15% of missing data were removed. Remaining SNPs with missing values were imputed using the mean of the observed marker genotypes at a given locus.

**Adjusted un-replicated data.** The SFSI R-package includes the wheatHTP dataset containing (unreplicated) only YLD from all environments E1,...,E4, and reflectance (latest time-point only) data from the environment E1 only. Marker data is also included in the dataset. The phenotypic and reflectance data are averages (line effects from mixed models) for 776 lines evaluated in 28 trials (with at least 26 lines each) for which marker information on 3,438 SNPs is available.

The full (replicated) data for all four environments, all traits, and all time-points can be found in the repository https://github.com/MarcooLopez/Data\_for\_Lopez-Cruz\_et\_al\_2020.

**Cross-validation partitions.** One random partition of 4-folds was created for the 776 individuals (distributed into 28 trials). Data from 7 entire trials (25% of 28 the trials) were arbitrarily assigned to each of the 4 folds. The partition consist of an array of length 776 with indices 1, 2, 3, and 4 denoting the fold.

Genetic covariances. Multi-variate Gaussian mixed models were fitted to phenotypes. Bi-variate models were fitted to YLD with each of the 250 wavelengths from environment E1. Tetra-variate models were fitted for YLD from all environments. All models were fitted within each fold (provided partition) using scaled (null mean and unit variance) phenotypes from the remaining 3 folds as training data. Bayesian models were implemented using the 'Multitrait' function from the BGLR R-package with 40,000 iterations discarding 5,000 runs for burning. A marker-derived relationships matrix as in VanRaden (2008) was used to model between-individuals genetic effects. Between-traits genetic covariances were assumed unstructured, while residual covariances were assumed diagonal.

Genetic covariances between YLD and each wavelength (environment E1) are storaged in a matrix of 250 rows and 4 columns (folds). Genetic and residual covariances matrices among YLD within each environment are storaged in a list with 4 elements (folds).

## Usage

data(wheatHTP)

## Format

- Y: (matrix) phenotypic data for YLD in environments E1, E2, E3, and E4; and columns 'trial' and 'CV' (indicating the 4-folds partition).
- M: (matrix) marker data with SNPs in columns.
- X\_E1: (matrix) reflectance data for time-point 9 in environment E1.
- VI\_E1: (matrix) green and red NDVI for time-point 9 in environment E1.
- genCOV\_xy: (matrix) genetic covariances between YLD and each reflectance trait, for each fold (in columns).
- genCOV\_yy: (4-dimensional list) genetic covariances matrices for YLD among environments, for each fold.
- resCOV\_yy: (4-dimensional list) residual covariances matrices for YLD among environments, for each fold.

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