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aa *Additive-by-additive epistatic deviations*

Description

Returns additive-by-additive epistatic deviations for all traits

Usage

```
aa(pop, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

pop an object of [Pop-class](#)
 simParam an object of [SimParam](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitAD(10, meanDD=0.5)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
aa(pop, simParam=SP)
```

addSegSite *Add segregating site to MapPop*

Description

This function allows for adding a new segregating site with user supplied genotypes to a MapPop. The position of the site is set using a genetic map position.

Usage

```
addSegSite(mapPop, siteName, chr, mapPos, haplo)
```

Arguments

mapPop an object of [MapPop-class](#)
 siteName name to give the segregating site
 chr which chromosome to add the site
 mapPos genetic map position of site in Morgans
 haplo haplotypes for the site

Value

an object of [MapPop-class](#)

Examples

```
# Creates a populations of 10 outbred individuals
# Their genome consists of 1 chromosome and 2 segregating sites
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10,nChr=1,segSites=2)

# Add a locus a the 0.5 Morgan map position
haplo = matrix(sample(x=0:1, size=20, replace=TRUE), ncol=1)

founderPop2 = addSegSite(founderPop, siteName="x", chr=1, mapPos=0.5, haplo=haplo)

pullSegSiteHaplo(founderPop2)
```

asCategorical	<i>Convert a normal (Gaussian) trait to an ordered categorical (threshold) trait</i>
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Description

Convert a normal (Gaussian) trait to an ordered categorical (threshold) trait

Usage

```
asCategorical(
  x,
  p = NULL,
  mean = 0,
  var = 1,
  threshold = c(-Inf, 0, Inf),
  include.lowest = TRUE,
  right = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

x	matrix, values for one or more traits (if not a matrix, we cast to a matrix)
p	NULL, numeric or list, when NULL the threshold argument takes precedence; when numeric, provide a vector of probabilities of categories to convert continuous values into categories for a single trait (if probabilities do not sum to 1, another category is added and a warning is raised); when list, provide a list of numeric probabilities - list node with NULL will skip conversion for a specific trait (see examples); internally p is converted to threshold hence input threshold is overwritten
mean	numeric, assumed mean(s) of the normal (Gaussian) trait(s); used only when p is given
var	numeric, assumed variance(s) of the normal (Gaussian) trait(s); used only when p is given
threshold	NULL, numeric or list, when numeric, provide a vector of threshold values to convert continuous values into categories for a single trait (the thresholds specify left-closed and right-opened intervals [t1, t2), which can be changed with include.lowest and right; ensure you add -Inf and Inf or min and max to cover the whole range of values; otherwise you will get NA values); when list, provide a list of numeric thresholds - list node with NULL will skip conversion for a specific trait (see examples)
include.lowest	logical, see cut
right	logical, see cut

Details

If input trait is normal (Gaussian) then this function generates a categorical trait according to the ordered probit model.

Value

matrix of values with some traits recorded as ordered categories in the form of 1:nC with nC being the number of categories.

Examples

```
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

trtMean = c(0, 0)
trtVarG = c(1, 2)
SP$addTraitA(nQt1PerChr = 10, mean = trtMean, var = trtVarG,
             corA = matrix(data = c(1.0, 0.6,
                                   0.6, 1.0), ncol = 2))

pop = newPop(founderPop)
trtVarE = c(1, 1)
trtVarP = trtVarG + trtVarE
pop = setPheno(pop, varE = trtVarE)
pheno(pop)
```

```

#Convert a single input trait
asCategorical(x = pheno(pop)[, 1])

#Demonstrate threshold argument (in units of pheno SD)
asCategorical(x = pheno(pop)[, 1], threshold = c(-1, 0, 1) * sqrt(trtVarP[1]))
asCategorical(x = pheno(pop)[, 1], threshold = c(-Inf, -1, 0, 1, Inf) * sqrt(trtVarP[1]))
asCategorical(x = pheno(pop)[, 1], threshold = c(-Inf, 0, Inf))

#Demonstrate p argument
asCategorical(x = pheno(pop)[, 1], p = 0.5, var = trtVarP[1])
asCategorical(x = pheno(pop)[, 1], p = c(0.5, 0.5), var = trtVarP[1])
asCategorical(x = pheno(pop)[, 1], p = c(0.25, 0.5, 0.25), var = trtVarP[1])

#Convert multiple input traits (via threshold or p argument)
try(asCategorical(x = pheno(pop)))
asCategorical(x = pheno(pop),
             threshold = list(c(-Inf, 0, Inf),
                             NULL))
try(asCategorical(x = pheno(pop), p = c(0.5, 0.5)))
asCategorical(x = pheno(pop),
             p = list(c(0.5, 0.5),
                     NULL),
             mean = trtMean, var = trtVarP)

asCategorical(x = pheno(pop),
             threshold = list(c(-Inf, 0, Inf),
                             c(-Inf, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, Inf) * sqrt(trtVarP[2])))
q = c(-2, -1, 0, 1, 2)
p = pnorm(q)
p = c(p[1], p[2]-p[1], p[3]-p[2], p[4]-p[3], p[5]-p[4], 1-p[5])
asCategorical(x = pheno(pop),
             p = list(c(0.5, 0.5),
                     p),
             mean = trtMean, var = trtVarP)

```

attrition

Lose individuals at random

Description

Samples individuals at random to remove from the population. The user supplies a probability for the individuals to be removed from the population.

Usage

```
attrition(pop, p)
```

Arguments

pop an object of [Pop-class](#)
 p the expected proportion of individuals that will be lost to attrition.

Value

an object of [Pop-class](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=100, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Lose an expected 5% of individuals
pop = attrition(pop, p=0.05)
```

bv	<i>Breeding value</i>
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Description

Returns breeding values for all traits

Usage

```
bv(pop, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

pop an object of [Pop-class](#)
 simParam an object of [SimParam](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitAD(10, meanDD=0.5)
```

```
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
bv(pop, simParam=SP)
```

calcGCA

Calculate GCA

Description

Calculate general combining ability of test crosses. Intended for output from hybridCross using the "testcross" option, but will work for any population.

Usage

```
calcGCA(pop, use = "pheno")
```

Arguments

pop	an object of Pop-class or HybridPop-class
use	tabulate either genetic values "gv", estimated breeding values "ebv", or phenotypes "pheno"

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10, inbred=TRUE)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Make crosses for full diallele
pop2 = hybridCross(pop, pop, simParam=SP)
GCA = calcGCA(pop2, use="gv")
```

cChr	<i>Combine MapPop chromosomes</i>
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Description

Merges the chromosomes of multiple [MapPop-class](#) or [NamedMapPop-class](#) objects. Each MapPop must have the same number of chromosomes

Usage

```
cChr(...)
```

Arguments

... [MapPop-class](#) or [NamedMapPop-class](#) objects to be combined

Value

Returns an object of [MapPop-class](#)

Examples

```
pop1 = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)
pop2 = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

combinedPop = cChr(pop1, pop2)
```

dd	<i>Dominance deviations</i>
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Description

Returns dominance deviations for all traits

Usage

```
dd(pop, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

pop an object of [Pop-class](#)
simParam an object of [SimParam](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitAD(10, meanDD=0.5)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
dd(pop, simParam=SP)
```

doubleGenome

Double the ploidy of individuals

Description

Creates new individuals with twice the ploidy. This function was created to model the formation of tetraploid potatoes from diploid potatoes. This function will work on any population.

Usage

```
doubleGenome(pop, keepParents = TRUE, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of 'Pop' superclass
keepParents	should previous parents be used for mother and father.
simParam	an object of 'SimParam' class

Value

Returns an object of [Pop-class](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=2, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
```

```
#Create individuals with doubled ploidy
pop2 = doubleGenome(pop, simParam=SP)
```

ebv *Estimated breeding value*

Description

A wrapper for accessing the ebv slot

Usage

```
ebv(pop)
```

Arguments

pop a [Pop-class](#) or similar object

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitAD(10, meanDD=0.5)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
pop@ebv = matrix(rnorm(pop@nInd), nrow=pop@nInd, ncol=1)
ebv(pop)
```

editGenome *Edit genome*

Description

Edits selected loci of selected individuals to a homozygous state for either the 1 or 0 allele. The gv slot is recalculated to reflect the any changes due to editing, but other slots remain the same.

Usage

```
editGenome(pop, ind, chr, segSites, allele, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of Pop-class
ind	a vector of individuals to edit
chr	a vector of chromosomes to edit. Length must match length of segSites.
segSites	a vector of segregating sites to edit. Length must match length of chr.
allele	either 0 or 1 for desired allele
simParam	an object of SimParam

Value

Returns an object of [Pop-class](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=2, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Change individual 1 to homozygous for the 1 allele
#at locus 1, chromosome 1
pop2 = editGenome(pop, ind=1, chr=1, segSites=1,
                  allele=1, simParam=SP)
```

editGenomeTopQtl

Edit genome - the top QTL

Description

Edits the top QTL (with the largest additive effect) to a homozygous state for the allele increasing. Only nonfixed QTL are edited. The gv slot is recalculated to reflect the any changes due to editing, but other slots remain the same.

Usage

```
editGenomeTopQtl(pop, ind, nQtl, trait = 1, increase = TRUE, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of Pop-class
ind	a vector of individuals to edit
nQtl	number of QTL to edit
trait	which trait effects should guide selection of the top QTL
increase	should the trait value be increased or decreased
simParam	an object of SimParam

Value

Returns an object of [Pop-class](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=2, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Change up to 10 loci for individual 1
pop2 = editGenomeTopQtl(pop, ind=1, nQtl=10, simParam=SP)
```

fastRRBLUP

Fast RR-BLUP

Description

Solves an RR-BLUP model for genomic predictions given known variance components. This implementation is meant as a fast and low memory alternative to [RRBLUP](#) or [RRBLUP2](#). Unlike the those functions, the fastRRBLUP does not fit fixed effects (other than the intercept) or account for unequal replication.

Usage

```
fastRRBLUP(
  pop,
  traits = 1,
  use = "pheno",
  snpChip = 1,
  useQtl = FALSE,
```

```

    maxIter = 1000,
    Vu = NULL,
    Ve = NULL,
    simParam = NULL,
    ...
)

```

Arguments

pop	a Pop-class to serve as the training population
traits	an integer indicating the trait to model, a trait name, or a function of the traits returning a single value. Only univariate models are supported.
use	train model using phenotypes "pheno", genetic values "gv", estimated breeding values "ebv", breeding values "bv", or randomly "rand"
snpChip	an integer indicating which SNP chip genotype to use
useQtl	should QTL genotypes be used instead of a SNP chip. If TRUE, snpChip specifies which trait's QTL to use, and thus these QTL may not match the QTL underlying the phenotype supplied in traits.
maxIter	maximum number of iterations.
Vu	marker effect variance. If value is NULL, a reasonable value is chosen automatically.
Ve	error variance. If value is NULL, a reasonable value is chosen automatically.
simParam	an object of SimParam
...	additional arguments if using a function for traits

Examples

```

#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=20)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)
SP$addSnpChip(10)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Run GS model and set EBV
ans = fastRRBLUP(pop, simParam=SP)
pop = setEBV(pop, ans, simParam=SP)

#Evaluate accuracy
cor(gv(pop), ebv(pop))

```

genicVarA	<i>Additive genic variance</i>
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Description

Returns additive genic variance for all traits

Usage

```
genicVarA(pop, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of Pop-class
simParam	an object of SimParam

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitAD(10, meanDD=0.5)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
genicVarA(pop, simParam=SP)
```

genicVarAA	<i>Additive-by-additive genic variance</i>
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Description

Returns additive-by-additive epistatic genic variance for all traits

Usage

```
genicVarAA(pop, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of Pop-class
simParam	an object of SimParam

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitAD(10, meanDD=0.5)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
genicVarAA(pop, simParam=SP)
```

genicVarD

Dominance genic variance

Description

Returns dominance genic variance for all traits

Usage

```
genicVarD(pop, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of Pop-class
simParam	an object of SimParam

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitAD(10, meanDD=0.5)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
genicVarD(pop, simParam=SP)
```

genicVarG	<i>Total genic variance</i>
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Description

Returns total genic variance for all traits

Usage

```
genicVarG(pop, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of Pop-class
simParam	an object of SimParam

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitAD(10, meanDD=0.5)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
genicVarG(pop, simParam=SP)
```

genParam	<i>Sumarize genetic parameters</i>
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Description

Calculates genetic and genic additive and dominance variances for an object of [Pop-class](#)

Usage

```
genParam(pop, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of Pop-class
simParam	an object of SimParam

Value

varA an nTrait by nTrait matrix of additive genetic variances
varD an nTrait by nTrait matrix of dominance genetic variances
varAA an nTrait by nTrait matrix of additive-by-additive genetic variances
varG an nTrait by nTrait matrix of total genetic variances
genicVarA an nTrait vector of additive genic variances
genicVarD an nTrait vector of dominance genic variances
genicVarAA an nTrait vector of additive-by-additive genic variances
genicVarG an nTrait vector of total genic variances
covA_HW an nTrait vector of additive covariances due to non-random mating
covD_HW an nTrait vector of dominance covariances due to non-random mating
covAA_HW an nTrait vector of additive-by-additive covariances due to non-random mating
covG_HW an nTrait vector of total genic covariances due to non-random mating
covA_L an nTrait vector of additive covariances due to linkage disequilibrium
covD_L an nTrait vector of dominance covariances due to linkage disequilibrium
covAA_L an nTrait vector of additive-by-additive covariances due to linkage disequilibrium
covAD_L an nTrait vector of additive by dominance covariances due to linkage disequilibrium
covAAA_L an nTrait vector of additive by additive-by-additive covariances due to linkage disequilibrium
covDAA_L an nTrait vector of dominance by additive-by-additive covariances due to linkage disequilibrium
covG_L an nTrait vector of total genic covariances due to linkage disequilibrium
mu an nTrait vector of trait means
mu_HW an nTrait vector of expected trait means under random mating
gv a matrix of genetic values with dimensions nInd by nTraits
bv a matrix of breeding values with dimensions nInd by nTraits
dd a matrix of dominance deviations with dimensions nInd by nTraits
aa a matrix of additive-by-additive epistatic deviations with dimensions nInd by nTraits
gv_mu an nTrait vector of intercepts with dimensions nInd by nTraits
gv_a a matrix of additive genetic values with dimensions nInd by nTraits
gv_d a matrix of dominance genetic values with dimensions nInd by nTraits
gv_aa a matrix of additive-by-additive genetic values with dimensions nInd by nTraits
alpha a list of average allele substitution effects with length nTraits
alpha_HW a list of average allele substitution effects at Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium with length nTraits

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitAD(10, meanDD=0.5)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
ans = genParam(pop, simParam=SP)
```

getGenMap

Get genetic map

Description

Retrieves the genetic map for all loci.

Usage

```
getGenMap(object = NULL, sex = "A")
```

Arguments

object	where to retrieve the genetic map. Can be an object of SimParam or MapPop-class . If NULL, the function will look for a SimParam object called "SP" in your global environment.
sex	determines which sex specific map is returned. Options are "A" for average map, "F" for female map, and "M" for male map. All options are equivalent if not using sex specific maps or using pulling from a MapPop.

Value

Returns a data.frame with:

id Unique identifier for locus
chr Chromosome containing the locus
pos Genetic map position

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
getGenMap(founderPop)
```

getNumThreads	<i>Number of available threads</i>
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Description

Gets the number of available threads by calling the OpenMP function `omp_get_max_threads()`

Usage

```
getNumThreads()
```

Value

integer

Examples

```
getNumThreads()
```

getPed	<i>Get pedigree</i>
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Description

Returns the population's pedigree as stored in the id, mother and father slots. NULL is returned if the input population lacks the required.

Usage

```
getPed(pop)
```

Arguments

pop a population

Examples

```

# Create a founder population
founderPop = quickHaplo(2,1,2)

# Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

# Create a population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

# Get the pedigree
getPed(pop)

# Returns NULL when a population lacks a pedigree
getPed(founderPop)

```

getQtlMap

Get QTL genetic map

Description

Retrieves the genetic map for the QTL of a given trait.

Usage

```
getQtlMap(trait = 1, sex = "A", simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

trait	an integer for the
sex	determines which sex specific map is returned. Options are "A" for average map, "F" for female map, and "M" for male map. All options are equivalent if not using sex specific maps.
simParam	an object of SimParam

Value

Returns a data.frame with:

id Unique identifier for the QTL
chr Chromosome containing the QTL
site Segregating site on the chromosome
pos Genetic map position

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(5)

#Pull SNP map
getQtlMap(trait=1, simParam=SP)
```

getSnpMap

Get SNP genetic map

Description

Retrieves the genetic map for a given SNP chip.

Usage

```
getSnpMap(snpChip = 1, sex = "A", simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

snpChip	an integer. Indicates which SNP chip's map to retrieve.
sex	determines which sex specific map is returned. Options are "A" for average map, "F" for female map, and "M" for male map. All options are equivalent if not using sex specific maps.
simParam	an object of SimParam

Value

Returns a data.frame with:

id Unique identifier for the SNP
chr Chromosome containing the SNP
site Segregating site on the chromosome
pos Genetic map position

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addSnpChip(5)

#Pull SNP map
getSnpMap(snpChip=1, simParam=SP)
```

gv

Genetic value

Description

A wrapper for accessing the gv slot

Usage

```
gv(pop)
```

Arguments

pop a [Pop-class](#) or similar object

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitAD(10, meanDD=0.5)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
gv(pop)
```

hybridCross	<i>Hybrid crossing</i>
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Description

A convenient function for hybrid plant breeding simulations. Allows for easy specification of a test cross scheme and/or creation of an object of [HybridPop-class](#). Note that the [HybridPop-class](#) should only be used if the parents were created using the [makeDH](#) function or [newPop](#) using inbred founders. The id for new individuals is [mother_id]_[father_id]

Usage

```
hybridCross(
  females,
  males,
  crossPlan = "testcross",
  returnHybridPop = FALSE,
  simParam = NULL
)
```

Arguments

females	female population, an object of Pop-class
males	male population, an object of Pop-class
crossPlan	either "testcross" for all possible combinations or a matrix with two columns for designed crosses
returnHybridPop	should results be returned as HybridPop-class . If false returns results as Pop-class . Population must be fully inbred if TRUE.
simParam	an object of SimParam

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=2, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Make crosses for full diallele
pop2 = hybridCross(pop, pop, simParam=SP)
```

HybridPop-class	<i>Hybrid population</i>
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Description

A lightweight version of [Pop-class](#) for hybrid lines. Memory is saved by not storing genotypic data.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'HybridPop'
x[i]

## S4 method for signature 'HybridPop'
c(x, ...)

isHybridPop(x)
```

Arguments

x	a 'HybridPop'
i	index of individuals
...	additional 'HybridPop' objects

Methods (by generic)

- `[]`: Extract HybridPop using index or id
- `c(HybridPop)`: Combine multiple HybridPops

Functions

- `isHybridPop()`: Test if object is of a HybridPop class

Slots

nInd number of individuals
 id an individual's identifier
 mother the identifier of the individual's mother
 father the identifier of the individual's father
 nTraits number of traits
 gv matrix of genetic values. When using GxE traits, gv reflects gv when p=0.5. Dimensions are nInd by nTraits.
 pheno matrix of phenotypic values. Dimensions are nInd by nTraits.
 gxe list containing GxE slopes for GxE traits

importGenMap	<i>Import genetic map</i>
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Description

Formats a genetic map stored in a data.frame to AlphaSimR's internal format. Map positions must be in Morgans.

Usage

```
importGenMap(genMap)
```

Arguments

genMap	genetic map as a data.frame. The first three columns must be: marker name, chromosome, and map position (Morgans). Marker name and chromosome are coerced using as.character.
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Value

a list of named vectors

Examples

```
genMap = data.frame(markerName=letters[1:5],
                    chromosome=c(1,1,1,2,2),
                    position=c(0,0.5,1,0.15,0.4))

asrMap = importGenMap(genMap=genMap)

str(asrMap)
```

importHaplo	<i>Import haplotypes</i>
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Description

Formats haplotype in a matrix format to an AlphaSimR population that can be used to initialize a simulation. This function serves as wrapper for [newMapPop](#) that utilizes a more user friendly input format.

Usage

```
importHaplo(haplo, genMap, ploidy = 2L, ped = NULL)
```

Arguments

haplo	a matrix of haplotypes
genMap	genetic map as a data.frame. The first three columns must be: marker name, chromosome, and map position (Morgans). Marker name and chromosome are coerced using as.character. See importGenMap
ploidy	ploidy level of the organism
ped	an optional pedigree for the supplied genotypes. See details.

Details

The optional pedigree can be a data.frame, matrix or a vector. If the object is a data.frame or matrix, the first three columns must include information in the following order: id, mother, and father. All values are coerced using as.character. If the object is a vector, it is assumed to only include the id. In this case, the mother and father will be set to "0" for all individuals.

Value

a [MapPop-class](#) if ped is NULL, otherwise a [NamedMapPop-class](#)

Examples

```
haplo = rbind(c(1,1,0,1,0),
             c(1,1,0,1,0),
             c(0,1,1,0,0),
             c(0,1,1,0,0))
colnames(haplo) = letters[1:5]

genMap = data.frame(markerName=letters[1:5],
                   chromosome=c(1,1,1,2,2),
                   position=c(0,0.5,1,0.15,0.4))

ped = data.frame(id=c("a","b"),
                mother=c(0,0),
                father=c(0,0))

founderPop = importHaplo(haplo=haplo,
                       genMap=genMap,
                       ploidy=2L,
                       ped=ped)
```

Description

Formats the genotypes from inbred, diploid lines to an AlphaSimR population that can be used to initialize a simulation. An attempt is made to automatically detect 0,1,2 or -1,0,1 genotype coding. Heterozygotes or probabilistic genotypes are allowed, but will be coerced to the nearest homozygote. Pedigree information is optional and when provided will be passed to the population for easier identification in the simulation.

Usage

```
importInbredGeno(geno, genMap, ped = NULL)
```

Arguments

geno	a matrix of genotypes
genMap	genetic map as a data.frame. The first three columns must be: marker name, chromosome, and map position (Morgans). Marker name and chromosome are coerced using as.character. See importGenMap
ped	an optional pedigree for the supplied genotypes. See details.

Details

The optional pedigree can be a data.frame, matrix or a vector. If the object is a data.frame or matrix, the first three columns must include information in the following order: id, mother, and father. All values are coerced using as.character. If the object is a vector, it is assumed to only include the id. In this case, the mother and father will be set to "0" for all individuals.

Value

a [MapPop-class](#) if ped is NULL, otherwise a [NamedMapPop-class](#)

Examples

```
geno = rbind(c(2,2,0,2,0),
             c(0,2,2,0,0))
colnames(geno) = letters[1:5]

genMap = data.frame(markerName=letters[1:5],
                   chromosome=c(1,1,1,2,2),
                   position=c(0,0.5,1,0.15,0.4))

ped = data.frame(id=c("a","b"),
                mother=c(0,0),
                father=c(0,0))

founderPop = importInbredGeno(geno=geno,
                              genMap=genMap,
                              ped=ped)
```

isFemale	<i>Test if individuals of a population are female or male</i>
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Description

Test if individuals of a population are female or male

Usage

```
isFemale(x)
```

```
isMale(x)
```

Arguments

x [Pop-class](#)

Value

logical

Functions

- `isMale()`: Test if individuals of a population are female or male

Examples

```
founderGenomes <- quickHaplo(nInd = 3, nChr = 1, segSites = 100)
SP <- SimParam$new(founderGenomes)
SP$setSexes(sexes = "yes_sys")
pop <- newPop(founderGenomes)

isFemale(pop)
isMale(pop)

pop[isFemale(pop)]
pop[isFemale(pop)]@sex
```

isPop	<i>Test if object is of a Population class</i>
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Description

Utilify function to test if object is of a Population class

Usage

```
isPop(x)
```

Arguments

x [Pop-class](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=2, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitA(10)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
isPop(pop)
isPop(SP)
```

LociMap-class	<i>Loci metadata</i>
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Description

used for both SNPs and QTLs

Slots

nLoci total number of loci
 lociPerChr number of loci per chromosome
 lociLoc physical position of loci
 name optional name for LociMap object

makeCross	<i>Make designed crosses</i>
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Description

Makes crosses within a population using a user supplied crossing plan.

Usage

```
makeCross(pop, crossPlan, nProgeny = 1, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of Pop-class
crossPlan	a matrix with two column representing female and male parents. Either integers for the position in population or character strings for the IDs.
nProgeny	number of progeny per cross
simParam	an object of SimParam

Value

Returns an object of [Pop-class](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Cross individual 1 with individual 10
crossPlan = matrix(c(1,10), nrow=1, ncol=2)
pop2 = makeCross(pop, crossPlan, simParam=SP)
```

`makeCross2`*Make designed crosses*

Description

Makes crosses between two populations using a user supplied crossing plan.

Usage

```
makeCross2(females, males, crossPlan, nProgeny = 1, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

<code>females</code>	an object of Pop-class for female parents.
<code>males</code>	an object of Pop-class for male parents.
<code>crossPlan</code>	a matrix with two column representing female and male parents. Either integers for the position in population or character strings for the IDs.
<code>nProgeny</code>	number of progeny per cross
<code>simParam</code>	an object of SimParam

Value

Returns an object of [Pop-class](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Cross individual 1 with individual 10
crossPlan = matrix(c(1,10), nrow=1, ncol=2)
pop2 = makeCross2(pop, pop, crossPlan, simParam=SP)
```

makeDH	<i>Generates DH lines</i>
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Description

Creates DH lines from each individual in a population. Only works with diploid individuals. For polyploids, use [reduceGenome](#) and [doubleGenome](#).

Usage

```
makeDH(pop, nDH = 1, useFemale = TRUE, keepParents = TRUE, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of 'Pop' superclass
nDH	total number of DH lines per individual
useFemale	should female recombination rates be used.
keepParents	should previous parents be used for mother and father.
simParam	an object of 'SimParam' class

Value

Returns an object of [Pop-class](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=2, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Create 1 DH for each individual
pop2 = makeDH(pop, simParam=SP)
```

 MapPop-class

Raw population with genetic map

Description

Extends [RawPop-class](#) to add a genetic map. This is the first object created in a simulation. It is used for creating initial populations and setting traits in the [SimParam](#).

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'MapPop'
x[i]

## S4 method for signature 'MapPop'
c(x, ...)

isMapPop(x)
```

Arguments

x	a 'MapPop' object
i	index of individuals
...	additional 'MapPop' objects

Methods (by generic)

- `[]`: Extract MapPop by index
- `c(MapPop)`: Combine multiple MapPops

Functions

- `isMapPop()`: Test if object is of a MapPop class

Slots

genMap list of chromosome genetic maps
 centromere vector of centromere positions
 inbred indicates whether the individuals are fully inbred

meanEBV	<i>Mean estimated breeding values</i>
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Description

Returns the mean estimated breeding values for all traits

Usage

```
meanEBV(pop)
```

Arguments

pop an object of [Pop-class](#) or [HybridPop-class](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitA(10)
trtH2 = 0.5
SP$setVarE(h2=trtH2)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
pop@ebv = trtH2 * (pop@pheno - meanP(pop)) #ind performance based EBV
meanEBV(pop)
```

meanG	<i>Mean genetic values</i>
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Description

Returns the mean genetic values for all traits

Usage

```
meanG(pop)
```

Arguments

pop an object of [Pop-class](#) or [HybridPop-class](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitA(10)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
meanG(pop)
```

meanP

Mean phenotypic values

Description

Returns the mean phenotypic values for all traits

Usage

```
meanP(pop)
```

Arguments

pop an object of [Pop-class](#) or [HybridPop-class](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitA(10)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
meanP(pop)
```

mendelianSampling *Calculate Mendelian sampling*

Description

Calculate Mendelian sampling

Usage

```

mendelianSampling(
  pop,
  parents = NULL,
  mothers = NULL,
  fathers = NULL,
  use = "gv",
  simParam = NULL
)

```

Arguments

pop	Pop-class with individuals whose parent average will be calculated
parents	Pop-class with mothers and fathers of individuals in pop; if NULL must provide mothers and fathers
mothers	Pop-class with mothers of individuals in pop; if NULL must provide parents
fathers	Pop-class with fathers of individuals in pop; if NULL must provide parents
use	character, calculate using "gv", "bv", "ebv", or "pheno"
simParam	SimParam object

Value

a matrix of Mendelian samplings with dimensions nInd by nTraits

Examples

```

#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitAD(10, meanDD=0.5)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
pop2 = randCross(pop, nCrosses=10, nProgeny=2)
mendelianSampling(pop2, parents = pop)

```

```
mendelianSampling(pop2, mothers = pop, fathers = pop)
```

mergeGenome	<i>Combine genomes of individuals</i>
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Description

This function is designed to model the pairing of gametes. The male and female individuals are treated as gametes, so the ploidy of newly created individuals will be the sum of it parents.

Usage

```
mergeGenome(females, males, crossPlan, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

females	an object of Pop-class for female parents.
males	an object of Pop-class for male parents.
crossPlan	a matrix with two column representing female and male parents. Either integers for the position in population or character strings for the IDs.
simParam	an object of SimParam

Value

Returns an object of [Pop-class](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Cross individual 1 with individual 10
crossPlan = matrix(c(1,10), nrow=1, ncol=2)
pop2 = mergeGenome(pop, pop, crossPlan, simParam=SP)
```

mergePops	<i>Merge list of populations</i>
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Description

Rapidly merges a list of populations into a single population

Usage

```
mergePops(popList)
```

Arguments

popList a list containing [Pop-class](#) elements or a [MultiPop-class](#)

Value

Returns a [Pop-class](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

#Create a list of populations and merge list
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
pop@misc$tmp = rnorm(n=10)
pop@misc$tmp2 = rnorm(n=10)

popList = list(pop, pop)
pop2 = mergePops(popList)
```

MultiPop-class	<i>Multi-Population</i>
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Description

The mega-population represents a population of populations. It is designed to behave like a list of populations.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'MultiPop'
x[i]

## S4 method for signature 'MultiPop'
x[[i]]

## S4 method for signature 'MultiPop'
c(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'MultiPop'
length(x)

isMultiPop(x)
```

Arguments

x a 'MultiPop' object
i index of populations or mega-populations
... additional 'MultiPop' or 'Pop' objects

Methods (by generic)

- `[]`: Extract MultiPop by index
- `[[]`: Extract Pop by index
- `c(MultiPop)`: Combine multiple MultiPops
- `length(MultiPop)`: Number of pops in MultiPop

Functions

- `isMultiPop()`: Test if object is of a MultiPop class

Slots

pops list of [Pop-class](#) and/or [MultiPop-class](#)

mutate

Add Random Mutations

Description

Adds random mutations to individuals in a population. Note that any existing phenotypes or EBVs are kept. Thus, the user will need to run `setPheno` and/or `setEBV` to generate new phenotypes or EBVs that reflect changes introduced by the new mutations.

Usage

```
mutate(pop, mutRate = 2.5e-08, returnPos = FALSE, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of Pop-class
mutRate	rate of new mutations
returnPos	should the positions of mutations be returned
simParam	an object of SimParam

Value

an object of [Pop-class](#) if returnPos=FALSE or a list containing a [Pop-class](#) and a data.frame containing the positions of mutations if returnPos=TRUE

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=2, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Introduce mutations
pop = mutate(pop, simParam=SP)
```

NamedMapPop-class *Raw population with genetic map and id*

Description

Extends [MapPop-class](#) to add id, mother and father.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'NamedMapPop'
x[i]

## S4 method for signature 'NamedMapPop'
c(x, ...)

isNamedMapPop(x)
```

Arguments

x	a 'NamedMapPop' object
i	index of individuals
...	additional 'NamedMapPop' objects

Methods (by generic)

- []: Extract NamedMapPop by index
- c(NamedMapPop): Combine multiple NamedMapPops

Functions

- isNamedMapPop(): Test if object is a NamedMapPop class

Slots

id	an individual's identifier
mother	the identifier of the individual's mother
father	the identifier of the individual's father

newEmptyPop	<i>Creates an empty population</i>
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Description

Creates an empty [Pop-class](#) object with user defined ploidy and other parameters taken from `simParam`.

Usage

```
newEmptyPop(ploidy = 2L, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

ploidy	the ploidy of the population
simParam	an object of SimParam

Value

Returns an object of [Pop-class](#) with zero individuals

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=2, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitA(10)

#Create empty population
pop = newEmptyPop(simParam=SP)
isPop(pop)
```

newMapPop

New MapPop

Description

Creates a new [MapPop-class](#) from user supplied genetic maps and haplotypes.

Usage

```
newMapPop(genMap, haplotypes, inbred = FALSE, ploidy = 2L)
```

Arguments

genMap	a list of genetic maps
haplotypes	a list of matrices or data.frames that can be coerced to matrices. See details.
inbred	are individuals fully inbred
ploidy	ploidy level of the organism

Details

Each item of genMap must be a vector of ordered genetic lengths in Morgans. The first value must be zero. The length of the vector determines the number of segregating sites on the chromosome.

Each item of haplotypes must be coercible to a matrix. The columns of this matrix correspond to segregating sites. The number of rows must match the number of individuals times the ploidy if using inbred=FALSE. If using inbred=TRUE, the number of rows must equal the number of individuals. The haplotypes can be stored as numeric, integer or raw. The underlying C++ function will use raw.

Value

an object of [MapPop-class](#)

Examples

```
# Create genetic map for two chromosomes, each 1 Morgan long
# Each chromosome contains 11 equally spaced segregating sites
genMap = list(seq(0,1,length.out=11),
              seq(0,1,length.out=11))

# Create haplotypes for 10 outbred individuals
chr1 = sample(x=0:1,size=20*11,replace=TRUE)
chr1 = matrix(chr1,nrow=20,ncol=11)
chr2 = sample(x=0:1,size=20*11,replace=TRUE)
chr2 = matrix(chr2,nrow=20,ncol=11)
haplotypes = list(chr1,chr2)

founderPop = newMapPop(genMap=genMap, haplotypes=haplotypes)
```

newMultiPop

Create new Multi Population

Description

Creates a new [MultiPop-class](#) from one or more [Pop-class](#) and/or [MultiPop-class](#) objects.

Usage

```
newMultiPop(...)
```

Arguments

... one or more [Pop-class](#) and/or [MultiPop-class](#) objects.

Value

Returns an object of [MultiPop-class](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=2, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitA(10)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
megaPop = newMultiPop(pop=pop)
isMultiPop(megaPop)
```

newPop	<i>Create new population</i>
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Description

Creates an initial [Pop-class](#) from an object of [MapPop-class](#) or [NamedMapPop-class](#). The function is intended for use with output from functions such as [runMacs](#), [newMapPop](#), or [quickHaplo](#).

Usage

```
newPop(rawPop, simParam = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

rawPop	an object of MapPop-class or NamedMapPop-class
simParam	an object of SimParam
...	additional arguments used internally

Details

Note that newPop takes genomes from the rawPop and uses them without recombination! Hence, if you call newPop(rawPop = founderGenomes) twice, you will get two sets of individuals with different id but the same genomes. To get genetically different sets of individuals you can subset the rawPop input, say first half for one set and the second half for the other set.

Value

Returns an object of [Pop-class](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=2, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitA(10)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
isPop(pop)

#Misc
pop@misc$tmp1 = rnorm(n=2)
pop@misc$tmp2 = rnorm(n=2)

#MiscPop
pop@miscPop$tmp1 = sum(pop@misc$tmp1)
pop@miscPop$tmp2 = sum(pop@misc$tmp2)
```

nInd	<i>Number of individuals</i>
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Description

A wrapper for accessing the nInd slot

Usage

```
nInd(pop)
```

Arguments

pop a [Pop-class](#) or similar object

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitAD(10, meanDD=0.5)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
nInd(pop)
```

parentAverage	<i>Calculate parent average</i>
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Description

Calculate parent average

Usage

```
parentAverage(
  pop,
  parents = NULL,
  mothers = NULL,
  fathers = NULL,
  use = "gv",
  simParam = NULL
)
```

Arguments

pop	Pop-class with individuals whose parent average will be calculated
parents	Pop-class with mothers and fathers of individuals in pop; if NULL must provide mothers and fathers
mothers	Pop-class with mothers of individuals in pop; if NULL must provide parents
fathers	Pop-class with fathers of individuals in pop; if NULL must provide parents
use	character, calculate using "gv", "bv", "ebv", or "pheno"
simParam	SimParam object

Value

a matrix of parent averages with dimensions nInd by nTraits

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitAD(10, meanDD=0.5)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
pop2 = randCross(pop, nCrosses=10, nProgeny=2)
parentAverage(pop2, parents = pop)
parentAverage(pop2, mothers = pop, fathers = pop)
```

pedigreeCross

Pedigree cross

Description

Creates a [Pop-class](#) from a generic pedigree and a set of founder individuals.

The way in which the user supplied pedigree is used depends on the value of matchID. If matchID is TRUE, the IDs in the user supplied pedigree are matched against founderNames. If matchID is FALSE, founder individuals in the user supplied pedigree are randomly sampled from founderPop.

Usage

```
pedigreeCross(
  founderPop,
  id,
  mother,
  father,
  matchID = FALSE,
  maxCycle = 100,
  DH = NULL,
  nSelf = NULL,
  useFemale = TRUE,
  simParam = NULL
)
```

Arguments

founderPop	a Pop-class
id	a vector of unique identifiers for individuals in the pedigree. The values of these IDs are separate from the IDs in the founderPop if matchID=FALSE.
mother	a vector of identifiers for the mothers of individuals in the pedigree. Must match one of the elements in the id vector or they will be treated as unknown.
father	a vector of identifiers for the fathers of individuals in the pedigree. Must match one of the elements in the id vector or they will be treated as unknown.
matchID	indicates if the IDs in founderPop should be matched to the id argument. See details.
maxCycle	the maximum number of loops to make over the pedigree to sort it.
DH	an optional vector indicating if an individual should be made a doubled haploid.
nSelf	an optional vector indicating how many generations an individual should be selfed.
useFemale	If creating DH lines, should female recombination rates be used. This parameter has no effect if, recombRatio=1.
simParam	an object of 'SimParam' class

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=2, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Pedigree for a biparental cross with 7 generations of selfing
id = 1:10
```

```

mother = c(0,0,1,3:9)
father = c(0,0,2,3:9)
pop2 = pedigreeCross(pop, id, mother, father, simParam=SP)

```

pheno

Phenotype

Description

A wrapper for accessing the pheno slot

Usage

```
pheno(pop)
```

Arguments

pop a [Pop-class](#) or similar object

Examples

```

#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitAD(10, meanDD=0.5)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
pheno(pop)

```

Pop-class

Population

Description

Extends [RawPop-class](#) to add sex, genetic values, phenotypes, and pedigrees.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Pop'
x[i]

## S4 method for signature 'Pop'
c(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'Pop'
show(object)

## S4 method for signature 'Pop'
length(x)
```

Arguments

x	a 'Pop' object
i	index of individuals
...	additional 'Pop' objects
object	a 'Pop' object

Methods (by generic)

- `[]`: Extract Pop by index or id
- `c(Pop)`: Combine multiple Pops
- `show(Pop)`: Show population summary
- `length(Pop)`: Number of individuals in Pop (the same as `nInd()`)

Slots

`id` an individual's identifier

`iid` an individual's internal identifier

`mother` the identifier of the individual's mother

`father` the identifier of the individual's father

`sex` sex of individuals: "M" for males, "F" for females, and "H" for hermaphrodites

`nTraits` number of traits

`gv` matrix of genetic values. When using GxE traits, `gv` reflects `gv` when $p=0.5$. Dimensions are `nInd` by `nTraits`.

`pheno` matrix of phenotypic values. Dimensions are `nInd` by `nTraits`.

`ebv` matrix of estimated breeding values. Dimensions are `nInd` rows and a variable number of columns.

`gxe` list containing GxE slopes for GxE traits

`fixEff` a fixed effect relating to the phenotype. Used by genomic selection models but otherwise ignored.

`misc` a list whose elements correspond to additional miscellaneous nodes with the items for individuals in the population (see example in [newPop](#)) - we support vectors and matrices or objects that have a generic length and subset method. This list is normally empty and exists solely as an open slot available for uses to store extra information about individuals.

`miscPop` a list of any length containing optional meta data for the population (see example in [newPop](#)). This list is empty unless information is supplied by the user. Note that the list is emptied every time the population is subsetted or combined because the meta data for old population might not be valid anymore.

See Also

[newPop](#), [newEmptyPop](#), [resetPop](#)

popVar	<i>Population variance</i>
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Description

Calculates the population variance matrix as opposed to the sample variance matrix calculated by [var](#). i.e. divides by n instead of n-1

Usage

```
popVar(X)
```

Arguments

X an n by m matrix

Value

an m by m variance-covariance matrix

pullIbdHaplo	<i>Pull IBD haplotypes</i>
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Description

Retrieves IBD haplotype data

Usage

```
pullIbdHaplo(pop, chr = NULL, snpChip = NULL, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of Pop-class
chr	a vector of chromosomes to retrieve. If NULL, all chromosomes are retrieved.
snpChip	an integer indicating which SNP array loci are to be retrieved. If NULL, all sites are retrieved.
simParam	an object of SimParam

Value

Returns a matrix of IBD haplotypes.

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=15)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)
SP$addSnpChip(5)
SP$setTrackRec(TRUE)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
pullIbdHaplo(pop, simParam=SP)
```

pullMarkerGeno	<i>Pull marker genotypes</i>
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Description

Retrieves genotype data for user specified loci

Usage

```
pullMarkerGeno(pop, markers, asRaw = FALSE, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of RawPop-class or MapPop-class
markers	a character vector. Indicates the names of the loci to be retrieved.
asRaw	return in raw (byte) format
simParam	an object of SimParam , not used if pop is MapPop-class

Value

Returns a matrix of genotypes.

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=15)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)
SP$addSnpChip(5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Pull genotype data for first two markers on chromosome one.
#Marker name is consistent with default naming in AlphaSimR.
pullMarkerGeno(pop, markers=c("1_1","1_2"), simParam=SP)
```

pullMarkerHaplo	<i>Pull marker haplotypes</i>
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Description

Retrieves haplotype data for user specified loci

Usage

```
pullMarkerHaplo(pop, markers, haplo = "all", asRaw = FALSE, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of RawPop-class or MapPop-class
markers	a character vector. Indicates the names of the loci to be retrieved
haplo	either "all" for all haplotypes or an integer for a single set of haplotypes. Use a value of 1 for female haplotypes and a value of 2 for male haplotypes in diploids.
asRaw	return in raw (byte) format
simParam	an object of SimParam , not used if pop is MapPop-class

Value

Returns a matrix of genotypes.

Examples

```

#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=15)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)
SP$addSnpChip(5)
SP$setTrackRec(TRUE)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Pull haplotype data for first two markers on chromosome one.
#Marker name is consistent with default naming in AlphaSimR.
pullMarkerHaplo(pop, markers=c("1_1", "1_2"), simParam=SP)

```

pullQtlGeno

Pull QTL genotypes

Description

Retrieves QTL genotype data

Usage

```
pullQtlGeno(pop, trait = 1, chr = NULL, asRaw = FALSE, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of Pop-class
trait	an integer. Indicates which trait's QTL genotypes to retrieve.
chr	a vector of chromosomes to retrieve. If NULL, all chromosome are retrieved.
asRaw	return in raw (byte) format
simParam	an object of SimParam

Value

Returns a matrix of QTL genotypes.

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=15)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)
SP$addSnpChip(5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
pullQtlGeno(pop, simParam=SP)
```

pullQtlHaplo

Pull QTL haplotypes

Description

Retrieves QTL haplotype data

Usage

```
pullQtlHaplo(
  pop,
  trait = 1,
  haplo = "all",
  chr = NULL,
  asRaw = FALSE,
  simParam = NULL
)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of Pop-class
trait	an integer. Indicates which trait's QTL haplotypes to retrieve.
haplo	either "all" for all haplotypes or an integer for a single set of haplotypes. Use a value of 1 for female haplotypes and a value of 2 for male haplotypes in diploids.
chr	a vector of chromosomes to retrieve. If NULL, all chromosome are retrieved.
asRaw	return in raw (byte) format
simParam	an object of SimParam

Value

Returns a matrix of QTL haplotypes.

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=15)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)
SP$addSnpChip(5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
pullQtlHaplo(pop, simParam=SP)
```

pullSegSiteGeno *Pull segregating site genotypes*

Description

Retrieves genotype data for all segregating sites

Usage

```
pullSegSiteGeno(pop, chr = NULL, asRaw = FALSE, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of RawPop-class or MapPop-class
chr	a vector of chromosomes to retrieve. If NULL, all chromosome are retrieved.
asRaw	return in raw (byte) format
simParam	an object of SimParam , not used if pop is MapPop-class

Value

Returns a matrix of genotypes

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=15)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitA(10)
SP$addSnpChip(5)

#Create population
```

```
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
pullSegSiteGeno(pop, simParam=SP)
```

pullSegSiteHaplo *Pull seg site haplotypes*

Description

Retrieves haplotype data for all segregating sites

Usage

```
pullSegSiteHaplo(
  pop,
  haplo = "all",
  chr = NULL,
  asRaw = FALSE,
  simParam = NULL
)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of RawPop-class or MapPop-class
haplo	either "all" for all haplotypes or an integer for a single set of haplotypes. Use a value of 1 for female haplotypes and a value of 2 for male haplotypes in diploids.
chr	a vector of chromosomes to retrieve. If NULL, all chromosome are retrieved.
asRaw	return in raw (byte) format
simParam	an object of SimParam , not used if pop is MapPop-class

Value

Returns a matrix of haplotypes

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=15)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)
SP$addSnpChip(5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
pullSegSiteHaplo(pop, simParam=SP)
```

pullSnpGeno	<i>Pull SNP genotypes</i>
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Description

Retrieves SNP genotype data

Usage

```
pullSnpGeno(pop, snpChip = 1, chr = NULL, asRaw = FALSE, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of Pop-class
snpChip	an integer. Indicates which SNP chip's genotypes to retrieve.
chr	a vector of chromosomes to retrieve. If NULL, all chromosome are retrieved.
asRaw	return in raw (byte) format
simParam	an object of SimParam

Value

Returns a matrix of SNP genotypes.

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=15)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)
SP$addSnpChip(5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
pullSnpGeno(pop, simParam=SP)
```

pullSnpHaplo	<i>Pull SNP haplotypes</i>
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Description

Retrieves SNP haplotype data

Usage

```
pullSnpHaplo(  
  pop,  
  snpChip = 1,  
  haplo = "all",  
  chr = NULL,  
  asRaw = FALSE,  
  simParam = NULL  
)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of Pop-class
snpChip	an integer. Indicates which SNP chip's haplotypes to retrieve.
haplo	either "all" for all haplotypes or an integer for a single set of haplotypes. Use a value of 1 for female haplotypes and a value of 2 for male haplotypes in diploids.
chr	a vector of chromosomes to retrieve. If NULL, all chromosome are retrieved.
asRaw	return in raw (byte) format
simParam	an object of SimParam

Value

Returns a matrix of SNP haplotypes.

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes  
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=15)  
  
#Set simulation parameters  
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)  
  
SP$addTraitA(10)  
SP$addSnpChip(5)  
  
#Create population  
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)  
pullSnpHaplo(pop, simParam=SP)
```

quickHaplo	<i>Quick founder haplotype simulation</i>
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Description

Rapidly simulates founder haplotypes by randomly sampling 0s and 1s. This is equivalent to having all loci with allele frequency 0.5 and being in linkage equilibrium.

Usage

```
quickHaplo(nInd, nChr, segSites, genLen = 1, ploidy = 2L, inbred = FALSE)
```

Arguments

nInd	number of individuals to simulate
nChr	number of chromosomes to simulate
segSites	number of segregating sites per chromosome
genLen	genetic length of chromosomes
ploidy	ploidy level of organism
inbred	should founder individuals be inbred

Value

an object of [MapPop-class](#)

Examples

```
# Creates a populations of 10 outbred individuals
# Their genome consists of 1 chromosome and 100 segregating sites
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10,nChr=1,segSites=100)
```

randCross	<i>Make random crosses</i>
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Description

A wrapper for [makeCross](#) that randomly selects parental combinations for all possible combinations.

Usage

```
randCross(  
  pop,  
  nCrosses,  
  nProgeny = 1,  
  balance = TRUE,  
  parents = NULL,  
  ignoreSexes = FALSE,  
  simParam = NULL  
)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of Pop-class
nCrosses	total number of crosses to make
nProgeny	number of progeny per cross
balance	if using sexes, this option will balance the number of progeny per parent
parents	an optional vector of indices for allowable parents
ignoreSexes	should sexes be ignored
simParam	an object of SimParam

Value

Returns an object of [Pop-class](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes  
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)  
  
#Set simulation parameters  
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)  
  
#Create population  
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)  
  
#Make 10 crosses  
pop2 = randCross(pop, 10, simParam=SP)
```

`randCross2`*Make random crosses*

Description

A wrapper for `makeCross2` that randomly selects parental combinations for all possible combinations between two populations.

Usage

```
randCross2(  
  females,  
  males,  
  nCrosses,  
  nProgeny = 1,  
  balance = TRUE,  
  femaleParents = NULL,  
  maleParents = NULL,  
  ignoreSexes = FALSE,  
  simParam = NULL  
)
```

Arguments

<code>females</code>	an object of <code>Pop-class</code> for female parents.
<code>males</code>	an object of <code>Pop-class</code> for male parents.
<code>nCrosses</code>	total number of crosses to make
<code>nProgeny</code>	number of progeny per cross
<code>balance</code>	this option will balance the number of progeny per parent
<code>femaleParents</code>	an optional vector of indices for allowable female parents
<code>maleParents</code>	an optional vector of indices for allowable male parents
<code>ignoreSexes</code>	should sex be ignored
<code>simParam</code>	an object of <code>SimParam</code>

Value

Returns an object of `Pop-class`

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes  
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)  
  
#Set simulation parameters  
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
```

```
#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Make 10 crosses
pop2 = randCross2(pop, pop, 10, simParam=SP)
```

RawPop-class

Raw Population

Description

The raw population class contains only genotype data.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'RawPop'
x[i]

## S4 method for signature 'RawPop'
c(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'RawPop'
show(object)

isRawPop(x)
```

Arguments

x	a 'RawPop' object
i	index of individuals
...	additional 'RawPop' objects
object	a 'RawPop' object

Methods (by generic)

- `[]`: Extract RawPop by index
- `c(RawPop)`: Combine multiple RawPops
- `show(RawPop)`: Show population summary

Functions

- `isRawPop()`: Test if object is of a RawPop class

Slots

nInd number of individuals
 nChr number of chromosomes
 ploidy level of ploidy
 nLoci number of loci per chromosome
 geno list of nChr length containing chromosome genotypes. Each element is a three dimensional array of raw values. The array dimensions are nLoci by ploidy by nInd.

reduceGenome	<i>Create individuals with reduced ploidy</i>
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Description

Creates new individuals from gametes. This function was created to model the creation of diploid potatoes from tetraploid potatoes. It can be used on any population with an even ploidy level. The newly created individuals will have half the ploidy level of the originals. The reduction can occur with or without genetic recombination.

Usage

```
reduceGenome(  
  pop,  
  nProgeny = 1,  
  useFemale = TRUE,  
  keepParents = TRUE,  
  simRecomb = TRUE,  
  simParam = NULL  
)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of 'Pop' superclass
nProgeny	total number of progeny per individual
useFemale	should female recombination rates be used.
keepParents	should previous parents be used for mother and father.
simRecomb	should genetic recombination be modeled.
simParam	an object of 'SimParam' class

Value

Returns an object of [Pop-class](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=2, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Create individuals with reduced ploidy
pop2 = reduceGenome(pop, simParam=SP)
```

resetPop

Reset population

Description

Recalculates a population's genetic values and resets phenotypes and EBVs.

Usage

```
resetPop(pop, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of Pop-class
simParam	an object of SimParam

Value

an object of [Pop-class](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=2, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitA(10)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Rescale to set mean to 1
SP$rescaleTraits(mean=1)
```

```
pop = resetPop(pop, simParam=SP)
```

RRBLUP

RR-BLUP Model

Description

Fits an RR-BLUP model for genomic predictions.

Usage

```
RRBLUP(
  pop,
  traits = 1,
  use = "pheno",
  snpChip = 1,
  useQtl = FALSE,
  maxIter = 1000L,
  simParam = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

pop	a Pop-class to serve as the training population
traits	an integer indicating the trait or traits to model, a vector of trait names, or a function of the traits returning a single value.
use	train model using phenotypes "pheno", genetic values "gv", estimated breeding values "ebv", breeding values "bv", or randomly "rand"
snpChip	an integer indicating which SNP chip genotype to use
useQtl	should QTL genotypes be used instead of a SNP chip. If TRUE, snpChip specifies which trait's QTL to use, and thus these QTL may not match the QTL underlying the phenotype supplied in traits.
maxIter	maximum number of iterations. Only used when number of traits is greater than 1.
simParam	an object of SimParam
...	additional arguments if using a function for traits

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=20)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
```

```

SP$addTraitA(10)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)
SP$addSnpChip(10)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Run GS model and set EBV
ans = RRBLUP(pop, simParam=SP)
pop = setEBV(pop, ans, simParam=SP)

#Evaluate accuracy
cor(gv(pop), ebv(pop))

```

RRBLUP2

RR-BLUP Model 2

Description

Fits an RR-BLUP model for genomic predictions. This implementation is meant for situations where [RRBLUP](#) is too slow. Note that RRBLUP2 is only faster in certain situations, see details below. Most users should use [RRBLUP](#).

Usage

```

RRBLUP2(
  pop,
  traits = 1,
  use = "pheno",
  snpChip = 1,
  useQtl = FALSE,
  maxIter = 10,
  Vu = NULL,
  Ve = NULL,
  useEM = TRUE,
  tol = 1e-06,
  simParam = NULL,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

pop	a Pop-class to serve as the training population
traits	an integer indicating the trait to model, a trait name, or a function of the traits returning a single value. Unlike RRBLUP , only univariate models are supported.

use	train model using phenotypes "pheno", genetic values "gv", estimated breeding values "ebv", breeding values "bv", or randomly "rand"
snpChip	an integer indicating which SNP chip genotype to use
useQtl	should QTL genotypes be used instead of a SNP chip. If TRUE, snpChip specifies which trait's QTL to use, and thus these QTL may not match the QTL underlying the phenotype supplied in traits.
maxIter	maximum number of iterations.
Vu	marker effect variance. If value is NULL, a reasonable starting point is chosen automatically.
Ve	error variance. If value is NULL, a reasonable starting point is chosen automatically.
useEM	use EM to solve variance components. If false, the initial values are considered true.
tol	tolerance for EM algorithm convergence
simParam	an object of SimParam
...	additional arguments if using a function for traits

Details

The RRBLUP2 function works best when the number of markers is not too large. This is because it solves the RR-BLUP problem by setting up and solving Henderson's mixed model equations. Solving these equations involves a square matrix with dimensions equal to the number of fixed effects plus the number of random effects (markers). Whereas the [RRBLUP](#) function solves the RR-BLUP problem using the EMMA approach. This approach involves a square matrix with dimensions equal to the number of phenotypic records. This means that the RRBLUP2 function uses less memory than RRBLUP when the number of markers is approximately equal to or smaller than the number of phenotypic records.

The RRBLUP2 function is not recommend for cases where the variance components are unknown. This is uses the EM algorithm to solve for unknown variance components, which is generally considerably slower than the EMMA approach of [RRBLUP](#). The number of iterations for the EM algorithm is set by maxIter. The default value is typically too small for convergence. When the algorithm fails to converge a warning is displayed, but results are given for the last iteration. These results may be "good enough". However we make no claim to this effect, because we can not generalize to all possible use cases.

The RRBLUP2 function can quickly solve the mixed model equations without estimating variance components. The variance components are set by defining Vu and Ve. Estimation of components is suppressed by setting useEM to false. This may be useful if the model is being retrained multiple times during the simulation. You could run [RRBLUP](#) function the first time the model is trained, and then use the variance components from this output for all future runs with the RRBLUP2 functions. Again, we can make no claim to the general robustness of this approach.

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=20)
```

```

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)
SP$addSnpChip(10)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Run GS model and set EBV
ans = RRBLUP2(pop, simParam=SP)
pop = setEBV(pop, ans, simParam=SP)

#Evaluate accuracy
cor(gv(pop), ebv(pop))

```

RRBLUPMemUse

RRBLUP Memory Usage

Description

Estimates the amount of RAM needed to run the [RRBLUP](#) and its related functions for a given training population size. Note that this function may underestimate total usage.

Usage

```
RRBLUPMemUse(nInd, nMarker, model = "REG")
```

Arguments

nInd	the number of individuals in the training population
nMarker	the number of markers per individual
model	either "REG", "GCA", or "SCA" for RRBLUP , RRBLUP_GCA and RRBLUP_SCA respectively.

Value

Returns an estimate for the required gigabytes of RAM

Examples

```
RRBLUPMemUse(nInd=1000, nMarker=5000)
```

RRBLUP_D

*RR-BLUP Model with Dominance***Description**

Fits an RR-BLUP model for genomic predictions that includes dominance effects.

Usage

```
RRBLUP_D(
  pop,
  traits = 1,
  use = "pheno",
  snpChip = 1,
  useQtl = FALSE,
  maxIter = 40L,
  simParam = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

pop	a Pop-class to serve as the training population
traits	an integer indicating the trait to model, a trait name, or a function of the traits returning a single value.
use	train model using phenotypes "pheno", genetic values "gv", estimated breeding values "ebv", breeding values "bv", or randomly "rand"
snpChip	an integer indicating which SNP chip genotype to use
useQtl	should QTL genotypes be used instead of a SNP chip. If TRUE, snpChip specifies which trait's QTL to use, and thus these QTL may not match the QTL underlying the phenotype supplied in traits.
maxIter	maximum number of iterations. Only used when number of traits is greater than 1.
simParam	an object of SimParam
...	additional arguments if using a function for traits

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=20)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitAD(10, meanDD=0.5)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)
```

```

SP$addSnpChip(10)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Run GS model and set EBV
ans = RRBLUP_D(pop, simParam=SP)
pop = setEBV(pop, ans, simParam=SP)

#Evaluate accuracy
cor(gv(pop), ebv(pop))

```

RRBLUP_D2

RR-BLUP with Dominance Model 2

Description

Fits an RR-BLUP model for genomic predictions that includes dominance effects. This implementation is meant for situations where [RRBLUP_D](#) is too slow. Note that RRBLUP_D2 is only faster in certain situations. Most users should use [RRBLUP_D](#).

Usage

```

RRBLUP_D2(
  pop,
  traits = 1,
  use = "pheno",
  snpChip = 1,
  useQtl = FALSE,
  maxIter = 10,
  Va = NULL,
  Vd = NULL,
  Ve = NULL,
  useEM = TRUE,
  tol = 1e-06,
  simParam = NULL,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

pop	a Pop-class to serve as the training population
traits	an integer indicating the trait to model, a trait name, or a function of the traits returning a single value.
use	train model using phenotypes "pheno", genetic values "gv", estimated breeding values "ebv", breeding values "bv", or randomly "rand"

snpChip	an integer indicating which SNP chip genotype to use
useQtl	should QTL genotypes be used instead of a SNP chip. If TRUE, snpChip specifies which trait's QTL to use, and thus these QTL may not match the QTL underlying the phenotype supplied in traits.
maxIter	maximum number of iterations. Only used when number of traits is greater than 1.
Va	marker effect variance for additive effects. If value is NULL, a reasonable starting point is chosen automatically.
Vd	marker effect variance for dominance effects. If value is NULL, a reasonable starting point is chosen automatically.
Ve	error variance. If value is NULL, a reasonable starting point is chosen automatically.
useEM	use EM to solve variance components. If false, the initial values are considered true.
tol	tolerance for EM algorithm convergence
simParam	an object of SimParam
...	additional arguments if using a function for traits

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=20)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitAD(10, meanDD=0.5)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)
SP$addSnpChip(10)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Run GS model and set EBV
ans = RRBLUP_D2(pop, simParam=SP)
pop = setEBV(pop, ans, simParam=SP)

#Evaluate accuracy
cor(gv(pop), ebv(pop))
```

Description

Fits an RR-BLUP model that estimates separate marker effects for females and males. Useful for predicting GCA of parents in single cross hybrids. Can also predict performance of specific single cross hybrids.

Usage

```
RRBLUP_GCA(
  pop,
  traits = 1,
  use = "pheno",
  snpChip = 1,
  useQtl = FALSE,
  maxIter = 40L,
  simParam = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

pop	a Pop-class to serve as the training population
traits	an integer indicating the trait to model, a trait name, or a function of the traits returning a single value.
use	train model using phenotypes "pheno", genetic values "gv", estimated breeding values "ebv", breeding values "bv", or randomly "rand"
snpChip	an integer indicating which SNP chip genotype to use
useQtl	should QTL genotypes be used instead of a SNP chip. If TRUE, snpChip specifies which trait's QTL to use, and thus these QTL may not match the QTL underlying the phenotype supplied in traits.
maxIter	maximum number of iterations for convergence.
simParam	an object of SimParam
...	additional arguments if using a function for traits

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=20)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)
SP$addSnpChip(10)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
```

```
#Run GS model and set EBV
ans = RRBLUP_GCA(pop, simParam=SP)
pop = setEBV(pop, ans, simParam=SP)

#Evaluate accuracy
cor(gv(pop), ebv(pop))
```

RRBLUP_GCA2

RR-BLUP GCA Model 2

Description

Fits an RR-BLUP model that estimates separate marker effects for females and males. This implementation is meant for situations where `RRBLUP_GCA` is too slow. Note that `RRBLUP_GCA2` is only faster in certain situations. Most users should use `RRBLUP_GCA`.

Usage

```
RRBLUP_GCA2(
  pop,
  traits = 1,
  use = "pheno",
  snpChip = 1,
  useQtl = FALSE,
  maxIter = 10,
  VuF = NULL,
  VuM = NULL,
  Ve = NULL,
  useEM = TRUE,
  tol = 1e-06,
  simParam = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

<code>pop</code>	a Pop-class to serve as the training population
<code>traits</code>	an integer indicating the trait to model, a trait name, or a function of the traits returning a single value.
<code>use</code>	train model using phenotypes "pheno", genetic values "gv", estimated breeding values "ebv", breeding values "bv", or randomly "rand"
<code>snpChip</code>	an integer indicating which SNP chip genotype to use
<code>useQtl</code>	should QTL genotypes be used instead of a SNP chip. If TRUE, <code>snpChip</code> specifies which trait's QTL to use, and thus these QTL may not match the QTL underlying the phenotype supplied in <code>traits</code> .

maxIter	maximum number of iterations for convergence.
VuF	marker effect variance for females. If value is NULL, a reasonable starting point is chosen automatically.
VuM	marker effect variance for males. If value is NULL, a reasonable starting point is chosen automatically.
Ve	error variance. If value is NULL, a reasonable starting point is chosen automatically.
useEM	use EM to solve variance components. If false, the initial values are considered true.
tol	tolerance for EM algorithm convergence
simParam	an object of SimParam
...	additional arguments if using a function for traits

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=20)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)
SP$addSnpChip(10)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Run GS model and set EBV
ans = RRBLUP_GCA2(pop, simParam=SP)
pop = setEBV(pop, ans, simParam=SP)

#Evaluate accuracy
cor(gv(pop), ebv(pop))
```

RRBLUP_SCA

RR-BLUP SCA Model

Description

An extension of [RRBLUP_GCA](#) that adds dominance effects. Note that we have not seen any consistent benefit of this model over [RRBLUP_GCA](#).

Usage

```
RRBLUP_SCA(
  pop,
  traits = 1,
  use = "pheno",
  snpChip = 1,
  useQtl = FALSE,
  maxIter = 40L,
  simParam = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

pop	a Pop-class to serve as the training population
traits	an integer indicating the trait to model, a trait name, or a function of the traits returning a single value.
use	train model using phenotypes "pheno", genetic values "gv", estimated breeding values "ebv", breeding values "bv", or randomly "rand"
snpChip	an integer indicating which SNP chip genotype to use
useQtl	should QTL genotypes be used instead of a SNP chip. If TRUE, snpChip specifies which trait's QTL to use, and thus these QTL may not match the QTL underlying the phenotype supplied in traits.
maxIter	maximum number of iterations for convergence.
simParam	an object of SimParam
...	additional arguments if using a function for traits

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=2, nChr=1, segSites=20)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)
SP$addSnpChip(10)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Run GS model and set EBV
ans = RRBLUP_SCA(pop, simParam=SP)
pop = setEBV(pop, ans, simParam=SP)

#Evaluate accuracy
cor(gv(pop), ebv(pop))
```

RRBLUP_SCA2

*RR-BLUP SCA Model 2***Description**

Fits an RR-BLUP model that estimates separate additive effects for females and males and a dominance effect. This implementation is meant for situations where [RRBLUP_SCA](#) is too slow. Note that [RRBLUP_SCA2](#) is only faster in certain situations. Most users should use [RRBLUP_SCA](#).

Usage

```
RRBLUP_SCA2(
  pop,
  traits = 1,
  use = "pheno",
  snpChip = 1,
  useQtl = FALSE,
  maxIter = 10,
  VuF = NULL,
  VuM = NULL,
  VuD = NULL,
  Ve = NULL,
  useEM = TRUE,
  tol = 1e-06,
  simParam = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

pop	a Pop-class to serve as the training population
traits	an integer indicating the trait to model, a trait name, or a function of the traits returning a single value.
use	train model using phenotypes "pheno", genetic values "gv", estimated breeding values "ebv", breeding values "bv", or randomly "rand"
snpChip	an integer indicating which SNP chip genotype to use
useQtl	should QTL genotypes be used instead of a SNP chip. If TRUE, snpChip specifies which trait's QTL to use, and thus these QTL may not match the QTL underlying the phenotype supplied in traits.
maxIter	maximum number of iterations for convergence.
VuF	marker effect variance for females. If value is NULL, a reasonable starting point is chosen automatically.
VuM	marker effect variance for males. If value is NULL, a reasonable starting point is chosen automatically.

VuD	marker effect variance for dominance. If value is NULL, a reasonable starting point is chosen automatically.
Ve	error variance. If value is NULL, a reasonable starting point is chosen automatically.
useEM	use EM to solve variance components. If false, the initial values are considered true.
tol	tolerance for EM algorithm convergence
simParam	an object of SimParam
...	additional arguments if using a function for traits

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=20)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)
SP$addSnpChip(10)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Run GS model and set EBV
ans = RRBLUP_SCA2(pop, simParam=SP)
pop = setEBV(pop, ans, simParam=SP)

#Evaluate accuracy
cor(gv(pop), ebv(pop))
```

RRsol-class

RR-BLUP Solution

Description

Contains output from AlphaSimR's genomic selection functions.

Slots

gv Trait(s) for estimating genetic values
 bv Trait(s) for estimating breeding values
 female Trait(s) for estimating GCA in the female pool
 male Trait(s) for estimating GCA in the male pool
 Vu Estimated marker variance(s)
 Ve Estimated error variance

`runMacs`*Create founder haplotypes using MaCS*

Description

Uses the MaCS software to produce founder haplotypes (Chen et al. 2009).

Usage

```
runMacs(  
  nInd,  
  nChr = 1,  
  segSites = NULL,  
  inbred = FALSE,  
  species = "GENERIC",  
  split = NULL,  
  ploidy = 2L,  
  manualCommand = NULL,  
  manualGenLen = NULL,  
  nThreads = NULL  
)
```

Arguments

<code>nInd</code>	number of individuals to simulate
<code>nChr</code>	number of chromosomes to simulate
<code>segSites</code>	number of segregating sites to keep per chromosome. A value of NULL results in all sites being retained.
<code>inbred</code>	should founder individuals be inbred
<code>species</code>	species history to simulate. See details.
<code>split</code>	an optional historic population split in terms of generations ago.
<code>ploidy</code>	ploidy level of organism
<code>manualCommand</code>	user provided MaCS options. For advanced users only.
<code>manualGenLen</code>	user provided genetic length. This must be supplied if using <code>manualCommand</code> . If not using <code>manualCommand</code> , this value will replace the predefined genetic length for the species. However, this the genetic length is only used by AlphaSimR and is not passed to MaCS, so MaCS still uses the predefined genetic length. For advanced users only.
<code>nThreads</code>	if OpenMP is available, this will allow for simulating chromosomes in parallel. If the value is NULL, the number of threads is automatically detected.

Details

There are currently three species histories available: GENERIC, CATTLE, WHEAT, and MAIZE.

The GENERIC history is meant to be a reasonable all-purpose choice. It runs quickly and models a population with an effective populations size that has gone through several historic bottlenecks. This species history is used as the default arguments in the `runMacs2` function, so the user should examine this function for the details of how the species is modeled.

The CATTLE history is based off of real genome sequence data (MacLeod et al. 2013).

The WHEAT (Gaynor et al. 2017) and MAIZE (Hickey et al. 2014) histories have been included due to their use in previous simulations. However, it should be noted that neither faithfully simulates its respective species. This is apparent by the low number of segregating sites simulated by each history relative to their real-world analogs. Adjusting these histories to better represent their real-world analogs would result in a drastic increase to runtime.

Value

an object of `MapPop-class`

References

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Examples

```
# Creates a populations of 10 outbred individuals
# Their genome consists of 1 chromosome and 100 segregating sites
## Not run:
founderPop = runMacs(nInd=10,nChr=1,segSites=100)

## End(Not run)
```

runMacs2 *Alternative wrapper for MaCS*

Description

A wrapper function for `runMacs`. This wrapper is designed to provide a more intuitive interface for writing custom commands in MaCS (Chen et al. 2009). It effectively automates the creation of an appropriate line for the `manualCommand` argument in `runMacs` using user supplied variables, but only allows for a subset of the functionality offered by this argument. The default arguments of this function were chosen to match `species="GENERIC"` in `runMacs`.

Usage

```
runMacs2(
  nInd,
  nChr = 1,
  segSites = NULL,
  Ne = 100,
  bp = 1e+08,
  genLen = 1,
  mutRate = 2.5e-08,
  histNe = c(500, 1500, 6000, 12000, 1e+05),
  histGen = c(100, 1000, 10000, 1e+05, 1e+06),
  inbred = FALSE,
  split = NULL,
  ploidy = 2L,
  returnCommand = FALSE,
  nThreads = NULL
)
```

Arguments

<code>nInd</code>	number of individuals to simulate
<code>nChr</code>	number of chromosomes to simulate
<code>segSites</code>	number of segregating sites to keep per chromosome
<code>Ne</code>	effective population size
<code>bp</code>	base pair length of chromosome
<code>genLen</code>	genetic length of chromosome in Morgans
<code>mutRate</code>	per base pair mutation rate
<code>histNe</code>	effective population size in previous generations
<code>histGen</code>	number of generations ago for effective population sizes given in <code>histNe</code>
<code>inbred</code>	should founder individuals be inbred
<code>split</code>	an optional historic population split in terms of generations ago
<code>ploidy</code>	ploidy level of organism

returnCommand should the command passed to manualCommand in `runMacs` be returned. If TRUE, MaCS will not be called and the command is returned instead.

nThreads if OpenMP is available, this will allow for simulating chromosomes in parallel. If the value is NULL, the number of threads is automatically detected.

Value

an object of `MapPop-class` or if returnCommand is true a string giving the MaCS command passed to the manualCommand argument of `runMacs`.

References

Chen GK, Marjoram P, Wall JD (2009). "Fast and Flexible Simulation of DNA Sequence Data." *Genome Research*, **19**, 136-142. <https://genome.cshlp.org/content/19/1/136>.

Examples

```
# Creates a populations of 10 outbred individuals
# Their genome consists of 1 chromosome and 100 segregating sites
# The command is equivalent to using species="GENERIC" in runMacs
## Not run:
founderPop = runMacs2(nInd=10,nChr=1,segSites=100)

# runMacs() Implementation of the cattle demography following
# Macleod et al. (2013) https://doi.org/10.1093/molbev/mst125
cattleChrSum = 2.8e9 # https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/datasets/genome/GCF_002263795.3/
(cattleChrBp = cattleChrSum / 30)
recRate = 9.26e-09
(cattleGenLen = recRate * cattleChrBp)
mutRate = 1.20e-08
runMacs2(nInd = 10, nChr = 1, Ne = 90, bp = cattleChrBp,
         genLen = cattleGenLen, mutRate = 1.20e-08,
         histNe = c(120, 250, 350, 1000, 1500, 2000, 2500, 3500, 7000, 10000, 17000, 62000),
         histGen = c( 3,  6, 12,  18,  24, 154,  454,  654, 1754,  2354,  3354, 33154),
         returnCommand = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

sampleHaplo

Sample haplotypes from a MapPop

Description

Creates a new `MapPop-class` from an existing `MapPop-class` by randomly sampling haplotypes.

Usage

```
sampleHaplo(mapPop, nInd, inbred = FALSE, ploidy = NULL, replace = TRUE)
```

Arguments

mapPop	the MapPop-class used to sample haplotypes
nInd	the number of individuals to create
inbred	should new individuals be fully inbred
ploidy	new ploidy level for organism. If NULL, the ploidy level of the mapPop is used.
replace	should haplotypes be sampled with replacement

Value

an object of [MapPop-class](#)

Examples

```
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=2,nChr=1,segSites=11,inbred=TRUE)
founderPop = sampleHaplo(mapPop=founderPop,nInd=20)
```

selectCross

Select and randomly cross

Description

This is a wrapper that combines the functionalities of [randCross](#) and [selectInd](#). The purpose of this wrapper is to combine both selection and crossing in one function call that minimized the amount of intermediate populations created. This reduces RAM usage and simplifies code writing. Note that this wrapper does not provide the full functionality of either function.

Usage

```
selectCross(
  pop,
  nInd = NULL,
  nFemale = NULL,
  nMale = NULL,
  nCrosses,
  nProgeny = 1,
  trait = 1,
  use = "pheno",
  selectTop = TRUE,
  simParam = NULL,
  ...,
  balance = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of Pop-class
nInd	the number of individuals to select. These individuals are selected without regards to sex and it supercedes values for nFemale and nMale. Thus if the simulation uses sexes, it is likely better to leave this value as NULL and use nFemale and nMale instead.
nFemale	the number of females to select. This value is ignored if nInd is set.
nMale	the number of males to select. This value is ignored if nInd is set.
nCrosses	total number of crosses to make
nProgeny	number of progeny per cross
trait	the trait for selection. Either a number indicating a single trait or a function returning a vector of length nInd.
use	select on genetic values "gv", estimated breeding values "ebv", breeding values "bv", phenotypes "pheno", or randomly "rand"
selectTop	selects highest values if true. Selects lowest values if false.
simParam	an object of SimParam
...	additional arguments if using a function for trait
balance	if using sexes, this option will balance the number of progeny per parent. This argument occurs after ..., so the argument name must be matched exactly.

Value

Returns an object of [Pop-class](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Select 4 individuals and make 8 crosses
pop2 = selectCross(pop, nInd=4, nCrosses=8, simParam=SP)
```

selectFam	<i>Select families</i>
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Description

Selects a subset of full-sib families from a population.

Usage

```
selectFam(
  pop,
  nFam,
  trait = 1,
  use = "pheno",
  sex = "B",
  famType = "B",
  selectTop = TRUE,
  returnPop = TRUE,
  candidates = NULL,
  simParam = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

pop	and object of Pop-class , HybridPop-class or MultiPop-class
nFam	the number of families to select
trait	the trait for selection. Either a number indicating a single trait or a function returning a vector of length nInd. The function must work on a vector or matrix of use values as <code>trait(pop@use, ...)</code> - depending on what use is. See the examples and selIndex .
use	the selection criterion. Either a character (genetic values "gv", estimated breeding values "ebv", breeding values "bv", phenotypes "pheno", or randomly "rand") or a function returning a vector of length nInd. The function must work on pop as <code>use(pop, trait, ...)</code> or as <code>trait(pop@use, ...)</code> depending on what trait is. See the examples.
sex	which sex to select. Use "B" for both, "F" for females and "M" for males. If the simulation is not using sexes, the argument is ignored.
famType	which type of family to select. Use "B" for full-sib families, "F" for half-sib families on female side and "M" for half-sib families on the male side.
selectTop	selects highest values if true. Selects lowest values if false.
returnPop	should results be returned as a Pop-class . If FALSE, only the index of selected individuals is returned.
candidates	an optional vector of eligible selection candidates.
simParam	an object of SimParam
...	additional arguments if using a function for trait and use

Value

Returns an object of [Pop-class](#), [HybridPop-class](#) or [MultiPop-class](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Create 3 biparental families with 10 progeny
pop2 = randCross(pop, nCrosses=3, nProgeny=10, simParam=SP)

#Select best 2 families
pop3 = selectFam(pop2, 2, simParam=SP)
```

 selectInd

Select individuals

Description

Selects a subset of nInd individuals from a population.

Usage

```
selectInd(
  pop,
  nInd,
  trait = 1,
  use = "pheno",
  sex = "B",
  selectTop = TRUE,
  returnPop = TRUE,
  candidates = NULL,
  simParam = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

pop	and object of Pop-class , HybridPop-class or MultiPop-class
nInd	the number of individuals to select
trait	the trait for selection. Either a number indicating a single trait or a function returning a vector of length nInd. The function must work on a vector or matrix of use values as <code>trait(pop@use, ...)</code> - depending on what use is. See the examples and selIndex .
use	the selection criterion. Either a character (genetic values "gv", estimated breeding values "ebv", breeding values "bv", phenotypes "pheno", or randomly "rand") or a function returning a vector of length nInd. The function must work on pop as <code>use(pop, trait, ...)</code> or as <code>trait(pop@use, ...)</code> depending on what trait is. See the examples.
sex	which sex to select. Use "B" for both, "F" for females and "M" for males. If the simulation is not using sexes, the argument is ignored.
selectTop	selects highest values if true. Selects lowest values if false.
returnPop	should results be returned as a Pop-class . If FALSE, only the index of selected individuals is returned.
candidates	an optional vector of eligible selection candidates.
simParam	an object of SimParam
...	additional arguments if using a function for trait or use

Value

Returns an object of [Pop-class](#), [HybridPop-class](#) or [MultiPop-class](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Select top 5 (directional selection)
pop2 = selectInd(pop, 5, simParam=SP)
hist(pop@pheno); abline(v=pop@pheno, lwd=2)
abline(v=pop2@pheno, col="red", lwd=2)

#Select 5 most deviating from an optima (disruptive selection)
squaredDeviation = function(x, optima=0) (x - optima)^2
pop3 = selectInd(pop, 5, trait=squaredDeviation, selectTop=TRUE, simParam=SP)
```

```

hist(pop@pheno); abline(v=pop@pheno, lwd=2)
abline(v=pop3@pheno, col="red", lwd=2)

#Select 5 least deviating from an optima (stabilising selection)
pop4 = selectInd(pop, 5, trait=squaredDeviation, selectTop=FALSE, simParam=SP)
hist(pop@pheno); abline(v=pop@pheno, lwd=2)
abline(v=pop4@pheno, col="red", lwd=2)

#Select 5 individuals based on miscellaneous information with use function
pop@misc = list(smth=rnorm(10), smth2=rnorm(10))
useFunc = function(pop, trait=NULL) pop@misc$smth + pop@misc$smth2
pop5 = selectInd(pop, 5, use=useFunc, simParam=SP)
pop5@id

#... equivalent result with the use & trait function
useFunc2 = function(pop, trait=NULL) cbind(pop@misc$smth, pop@misc$smth2)
trtFunc = function(x) rowSums(x)
pop6 = selectInd(pop, 5, trait=trtFunc, use=useFunc2, simParam=SP)
pop6@id

```

selectOP

Select open pollinating plants

Description

This function models selection in an open pollinating plant population. It allows for varying the percentage of selfing. The function also provides an option for modeling selection as occurring before or after pollination.

Usage

```

selectOP(
  pop,
  nInd,
  nSeeds,
  probSelf = 0,
  pollenControl = FALSE,
  trait = 1,
  use = "pheno",
  selectTop = TRUE,
  candidates = NULL,
  simParam = NULL,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

pop	and object of Pop-class or MultiPop-class
nInd	the number of plants to select
nSeeds	number of seeds per plant
probSelf	percentage of seeds expected from selfing. Value ranges from 0 to 1.
pollenControl	are plants selected before pollination
trait	the trait for selection. Either a number indicating a single trait or a function returning a vector of length nInd. The function must work on a vector or matrix of use values as <code>trait(pop@use, ...)</code> - depending on what use is. See the examples and selIndex .
use	the selection criterion. Either a character (genetic values "gv", estimated breeding values "ebv", breeding values "bv", phenotypes "pheno", or randomly "rand") or a function returning a vector of length nInd. The function must work on pop as <code>use(pop, trait, ...)</code> or as <code>trait(pop@use, ...)</code> depending on what trait is. See the examples.
selectTop	selects highest values if true. Selects lowest values if false.
candidates	an optional vector of eligible selection candidates.
simParam	an object of SimParam
...	additional arguments if using a function for trait and use

Value

Returns an object of [Pop-class](#) or [MultiPop-class](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Create new population by selecting the best 3 plant
#Assuming 50% selfing in plants and 10 seeds per plant
pop2 = selectOP(pop, nInd=3, nSeeds=10, probSelf=0.5, simParam=SP)
```

selectWithinFam	<i>Select individuals within families</i>
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Description

Selects a subset of nInd individuals from each full-sib family within a population. Will return all individuals from a full-sib family if it has less than or equal to nInd individuals.

Usage

```
selectWithinFam(
  pop,
  nInd,
  trait = 1,
  use = "pheno",
  sex = "B",
  famType = "B",
  selectTop = TRUE,
  returnPop = TRUE,
  candidates = NULL,
  simParam = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

pop	and object of Pop-class , HybridPop-class or MultiPop-class
nInd	the number of individuals to select within a family
trait	the trait for selection. Either a number indicating a single trait or a function returning a vector of length nInd. The function must work on a vector or matrix of use values as trait(pop@use, ...) - depending on what use is. See the examples and selIndex .
use	the selection criterion. Either a character (genetic values "gv", estimated breeding values "ebv", breeding values "bv", phenotypes "pheno", or randomly "rand") or a function returning a vector of length nInd. The function must work on pop as use(pop, trait, ...) or as trait(pop@use, ...) depending on what trait is. See the examples.
sex	which sex to select. Use "B" for both, "F" for females and "M" for males. If the simulation is not using sexes, the argument is ignored.
famType	which type of family to select. Use "B" for full-sib families, "F" for half-sib families on female side and "M" for half-sib families on the male side.
selectTop	selects highest values if true. Selects lowest values if false.
returnPop	should results be returned as a Pop-class . If FALSE, only the index of selected individuals is returned.
candidates	an optional vector of eligible selection candidates.

simParam an object of [SimParam](#)
 ... additional arguments if using a function for trait and use

Value

Returns an object of [Pop-class](#), [HybridPop-class](#) or [MultiPop-class](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Create 3 biparental families with 10 progeny
pop2 = randCross(pop, nCrosses=3, nProgeny=10, simParam=SP)

#Select best individual per family
pop3 = selectWithinFam(pop2, 1, simParam=SP)
```

self *Self individuals*

Description

Creates selfed progeny from each individual in a population. Only works when sexes is "no".

Usage

```
self(pop, nProgeny = 1, parents = NULL, keepParents = TRUE, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

pop an object of [Pop-class](#)
 nProgeny total number of selfed progeny per individual
 parents an optional vector of indices for allowable parents
 keepParents should previous parents be used for mother and father.
 simParam an object of [SimParam](#)

Value

Returns an object of [Pop-class](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=2, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Self pollinate each individual
pop2 = self(pop, simParam=SP)
```

 selIndex

Selection index

Description

Calculates values of a selection index given trait values and weights. This function is intended to be used in combination with selection functions working on populations such as [selectInd](#).

Usage

```
selIndex(Y, b, scale = FALSE)
```

Arguments

Y	a matrix of trait values
b	a vector of weights
scale	should Y be scaled and centered

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

#Model two genetically correlated traits
G = 1.5*diag(2)-0.5 #Genetic correlation matrix
SP$addTraitA(10, mean=c(0,0), var=c(1,1), corA=G)
```

```

SP$setVarE(h2=c(0.5,0.5))

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Calculate Smith-Hazel weights
econWt = c(1, 1)
b = smithHazel(econWt, varG(pop), varP(pop))

#Selection 2 best individuals using Smith-Hazel index
#selIndex is used as a trait
pop2 = selectInd(pop, nInd=2, trait=selIndex,
                 simParam=SP, b=b)

```

selInt	<i>Selection intensity</i>
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Description

Calculates the standardized selection intensity

Usage

```
selInt(p)
```

Arguments

p the proportion of individuals selected

Examples

```
selInt(0.1)
```

setEBV	<i>Set estimated breeding values (EBV)</i>
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Description

Adds genomic estimated values to a populations's EBV slot using output from a genomic selection functions. The genomic estimated values can be either estimated breeding values, estimated genetic values, or estimated general combining values.

Usage

```
setEBV(
  pop,
  solution,
  value = "gv",
  targetPop = NULL,
  append = FALSE,
  simParam = NULL
)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of Pop-class
solution	an object of RRsol-class
value	the genomic value to be estimated. Can be either "gv", "bv", "female", or "male".
targetPop	an optional target population that can be used when value is "bv", "female", or "male". When supplied, the allele frequency in the targetPop is used to set these values.
append	should estimated values be appended to existing data in the EBV slot. If TRUE, a new column is added. If FALSE, existing data is replaced with the new estimates.
simParam	an object of SimParam

Value

Returns an object of [Pop-class](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=20)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)
SP$addSnpChip(10)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Run GS model and set EBV
ans = RRBLUP(pop, simParam=SP)
pop = setEBV(pop, ans, simParam=SP)

#Evaluate accuracy
cor(gv(pop), ebv(pop))
```

setMarkerHaplo	<i>Set marker haplotypes</i>
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Description

Manually sets the haplotypes in a population for all individuals at one or more loci.

Usage

```
setMarkerHaplo(pop, haplo, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of RawPop-class or MapPop-class
haplo	a matrix of haplotypes, see details
simParam	an object of SimParam , not used if pop is MapPop-class

Details

The format of the haplotype matrix should match the format of the output from [pullMarkerHaplo](#) with the option haplo="all". Thus, it is recommended that this function is first used to extract the haplotypes and that any desired changes be made to the output of [pullMarkerHaplo](#) before passing the matrix to [setMarkerHaplo](#). Any changes made to QTL may potentially result in changes to an individuals genetic value. These changes will be reflected in the gv and/or gxe slot. All other slots will remain unchanged, so the ebv and pheno slots will not reflect the new genotypes.

Value

an object of the same class as the "pop" input

Examples

```
# Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=15)

# Extract haplotypes for marker "1_1"
H = pullMarkerHaplo(founderPop, markers="1_1")

# Set the first haplotype to 1
H[1,1] = 1L

# Set marker haplotypes
founderPop = setMarkerHaplo(founderPop, haplo=H)
```

setPheno

*Set phenotypes***Description**

Sets phenotypes for all traits by adding random error from a multivariate normal distribution.

Usage

```
setPheno(
  pop,
  h2 = NULL,
  H2 = NULL,
  varE = NULL,
  corE = NULL,
  reps = 1,
  fixEff = 1L,
  p = NULL,
  onlyPheno = FALSE,
  traits = NULL,
  simParam = NULL
)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of Pop-class or HybridPop-class
h2	a vector of desired narrow-sense heritabilities for each trait. See details.
H2	a vector of desired broad-sense heritabilities for each trait. See details.
varE	error (co)variances for traits. See details.
corE	an optional matrix for correlations between errors. See details.
reps	number of replications for phenotype. See details.
fixEff	fixed effect to assign to the population. Used by genomic selection models only.
p	the p-value for the environmental covariate used by GxE traits. If NULL, a value is sampled at random.
onlyPheno	should only the phenotype be returned, see return
traits	an integer vector indicate which traits to set. If NULL, all traits will be set.
simParam	an object of SimParam

Details

There are three arguments for setting the error variance of a phenotype: h2, H2, and varE. The user should only use one of these arguments. If the user supplies values for more than one, only one will be used according to order in which they are listed above.

The h2 argument allows the user to specify the error variance according to narrow-sense heritability. This calculation uses the additive genetic variance and total genetic variance in the founder population. Thus, the heritability relates to the founder population and not the current population.

The H2 argument allows the user to specify the error variance according to broad-sense heritability. This calculation uses the total genetic variance in the founder population. Thus, the heritability relates to the founder population and not the current population.

The varE argument allows the user to specify the error variance directly. The user may supply a vector describing the error variance for each trait or supply a matrix that specify the covariance of the errors.

The corE argument allows the user to specify correlations for the error covariance matrix. These correlations are be supplied in addition to the h2, H2, or varE arguments. These correlations will be used to construct a covariance matrix from a vector of variances. If the user supplied a covariance matrix to varE, these correlations will supercede values provided in that matrix.

The reps parameter is for convenient representation of replicated data. It is intended to represent replicated yield trials in plant breeding programs. In this case, varE is set to the plot error and reps is set to the number of plots per entry. The resulting phenotype represents the entry-means.

Value

Returns an object of [Pop-class](#) or [HybridPop-class](#) if onlyPheno=FALSE, if onlyPheno=TRUE a matrix is returned

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Add phenotype with error variance of 1
pop = setPheno(pop, varE=1)
```

setPhenoGCA

Set GCA as phenotype

Description

Calculates general combining ability from a set of testers and returns these values as phenotypes for a population.

Usage

```

setPhenoGCA(
  pop,
  testers,
  use = "pheno",
  h2 = NULL,
  H2 = NULL,
  varE = NULL,
  corE = NULL,
  reps = 1,
  fixEff = 1L,
  p = NULL,
  inbred = FALSE,
  onlyPheno = FALSE,
  simParam = NULL
)

```

Arguments

pop	an object of Pop-class
testers	an object of Pop-class
use	true genetic value (gv) or phenotypes (pheno, default)
h2	a vector of desired narrow-sense heritabilities for each trait. See details in setPheno .
H2	a vector of desired broad-sense heritabilities for each trait. See details in setPheno .
varE	error (co)variances for traits. See details in setPheno .
corE	an optional matrix for correlations between errors. See details in setPheno .
reps	number of replications for phenotype. See details in setPheno .
fixEff	fixed effect to assign to the population. Used by genomic selection models only.
p	the p-value for the environmental covariate used by GxE traits. If NULL, a value is sampled at random.
inbred	are both pop and testers fully inbred. They are only fully inbred if created by newPop using inbred founders or by the makeDH function
onlyPheno	should only the phenotype be returned, see return
simParam	an object of SimParam

Value

Returns an object of [Pop-class](#) or a matrix if onlyPheno=TRUE

Examples

```

#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10, inbred=TRUE)

```

```

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Set phenotype to average per
pop2 = setPhenoGCA(pop, pop, use="gv", inbred=TRUE, simParam=SP)

```

setPhenoProgTest *Set progeny test as phenotype*

Description

Models a progeny test of individuals in 'pop'. Returns 'pop' with a phenotype representing the average performance of their progeny. The phenotype is generated by mating individuals in 'pop' to randomly chosen individuals in testPop a number of times equal to 'nMatePerInd'.

Usage

```

setPhenoProgTest(
  pop,
  testPop,
  nMatePerInd = 1L,
  use = "pheno",
  h2 = NULL,
  H2 = NULL,
  varE = NULL,
  corE = NULL,
  reps = 1,
  fixEff = 1L,
  p = NULL,
  onlyPheno = FALSE,
  simParam = NULL
)

```

Arguments

pop	an object of Pop-class
testPop	an object of Pop-class
nMatePerInd	number of times an individual in 'pop' is mated to an individual in testPop
use	true genetic value (gv) or phenotypes (pheno, default)
h2	a vector of desired narrow-sense heritabilities for each trait. See details in setPheno .

H2	a vector of desired broad-sense heritabilities for each trait. See details in setPheno .
varE	error (co)variances for traits. See details in setPheno .
corE	an optional matrix for correlations between errors. See details in setPheno .
reps	number of replications for phenotype. See details in setPheno .
fixEff	fixed effect to assign to the population. Used by genomic selection models only.
p	the p-value for the environmental covariate used by GxE traits. If NULL, a value is sampled at random.
onlyPheno	should only the phenotype be returned, see return
simParam	an object of SimParam

Details

The reps parameter is for convenient representation of replicated data. It was intended for representation of replicated yield trials in plant breeding programs. In this case, varE is set to the plot error and reps is set to the number plots per entry. The resulting phenotype would reflect the mean of all replications.

Value

Returns an object of [Pop-class](#) or a matrix if onlyPheno=TRUE

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10, inbred=TRUE)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)

#Create two populations of 5 individuals
pop1 = newPop(founderPop[1:5], simParam=SP)
pop2 = newPop(founderPop[6:10], simParam=SP)

#Set phenotype according to a progeny test
pop3 = setPhenoProgTest(pop1, pop2, use="gv", simParam=SP)
```

SimParam

Simulation parameters

Description

Container for global simulation parameters. Saving this object as SP will allow it to be accessed by function defaults.

Public fields

- nThreads number of threads used on platforms with OpenMP support
- snpChips list of SNP chips
- invalidQtl list of segregating sites that aren't valid QTL
- invalidSnp list of segregating sites that aren't valid SNP
- founderPop founder population used for variance scaling
- finalizePop function applied to newly created populations. Currently does nothing and should only be changed by expert users.
- allowEmptyPop if true, population arguments with nInd=0 will return an empty population with a warning instead of an error.
- v the crossover interference parameter for a gamma model of recombination. A value of 1 indicates no crossover interference (e.g. Haldane mapping function). A value of 2.6 approximates the degree of crossover interference implied by the Kosambi mapping function. (default is 2.6)
- p the proportion of crossovers coming from a non-interfering pathway. (default is 0)
- quadProb the probability of quadrivalent pairing in an autopolyploid. (default is 0)

Active bindings

- traitNames vector of trait names
- snpChipNames vector of chip names
- traits list of traits
- nChr number of chromosomes
- nTraits number of traits
- nSnpChips number of SNP chips
- segSites segregating sites per chromosome
- sexes sexes used for mating
- sepMap are there separate genetic maps for males and females
- genMap list of chromosome genetic maps
- femaleMap list of chromosome genetic maps for females
- maleMap list of chromosome genetic maps for males
- centromere position of centromeres genetic map
- femaleCentromere position of centromeres on female genetic map
- maleCentromere position of centromeres on male genetic map
- lastId last ID number assigned
- isTrackPed is pedigree being tracked
- pedigree pedigree matrix for all individuals
- isTrackRec is recombination being tracked
- recHist list of historic recombination events
- haplotypes list of computed IBD haplotypes

varA additive genetic variance in founderPop
 varG total genetic variance in founderPop
 varE default error variance
 version the version of AlphaSimR used to generate this object
 activeQtl a LociMap representing all active QTL in simulation
 qtlIndex a list of vectors giving trait specific QTL indices relative to all active QTL

Methods

Public methods:

- `SimParam$new()`
- `SimParam$setTrackPed()`
- `SimParam$setTrackRec()`
- `SimParam$resetPed()`
- `SimParam$restrSegSites()`
- `SimParam$setSexes()`
- `SimParam$setFounderHap()`
- `SimParam$addSnpChip()`
- `SimParam$addSnpChipByName()`
- `SimParam$addStructuredSnpChip()`
- `SimParam$addTraitA()`
- `SimParam$addTraitAD()`
- `SimParam$altAddTraitAD()`
- `SimParam$addTraitAG()`
- `SimParam$addTraitADG()`
- `SimParam$addTraitAE()`
- `SimParam$addTraitADE()`
- `SimParam$addTraitAEG()`
- `SimParam$addTraitADEG()`
- `SimParam$manAddTrait()`
- `SimParam$importTrait()`
- `SimParam$switchTrait()`
- `SimParam$removeTrait()`
- `SimParam$setVarE()`
- `SimParam$setCorE()`
- `SimParam$rescaleTraits()`
- `SimParam$setRecombRatio()`
- `SimParam$switchGenMap()`
- `SimParam$switchFemaleMap()`
- `SimParam$switchMaleMap()`
- `SimParam$addToRec()`
- `SimParam$ibdHaplo()`

- `SimParam$updateLastId()`
- `SimParam$addToPed()`
- `SimParam$clone()`

Method new(): Starts the process of building a new simulation by creating a new `SimParam` object and assigning a founder population to the class. It is recommended that you save the object with the name "SP", because subsequent functions will check your global environment for an object of this name if their `simParam` arguments are NULL. This allows you to call these functions without explicitly supplying a `simParam` argument with every call.

Usage:

```
SimParam$new(founderPop)
```

Arguments:

`founderPop` an object of `MapPop`-class

Examples:

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
```

Method setTrackPed(): Sets pedigree tracking for the simulation. By default pedigree tracking is turned off. When turned on, the pedigree of all individuals created will be tracked, except those created by `hybridCross`. Turning off pedigree tracking will turn off recombination tracking if it is turned on.

Usage:

```
SimParam$setTrackPed(isTrackPed, force = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

`isTrackPed` should pedigree tracking be on.

`force` should the check for a running simulation be ignored. Only set to TRUE if you know what you are doing.

Examples:

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
\dontshow{SP$nThreads = 1L}
SP$setTrackPed(TRUE)
```

Method setTrackRec(): Sets recombination tracking for the simulation. By default recombination tracking is turned off. When turned on recombination tracking will also turn on pedigree tracking. Recombination tracking keeps records of all individuals created, except those created by `hybridCross`, because their pedigree is not tracked.

Usage:

```
SimParam$setTrackRec(isTrackRec, force = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

isTrackRec should recombination tracking be on.

force should the check for a running simulation be ignored. Only set to TRUE if you know what you are doing.

Examples:

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
\dontshow{SP$nThreads = 1L}
SP$setTrackRec(TRUE)
```

Method resetPed(): Resets the internal lastId, the pedigree and recombination tracking (if in use) to the supplied lastId. Be careful using this function because it may introduce a bug if you use individuals from the deleted portion of the pedigree.

Usage:

```
SimParam$resetPed(lastId = 0L)
```

Arguments:

lastId last ID to include in pedigree

Examples:

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
\dontshow{SP$nThreads = 1L}

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
pop@id # 1:10

#Create another population after resetting pedigree
SP$resetPed()
pop2 = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
pop2@id # 1:10
```

Method restrSegSites(): Sets restrictions on which segregating sites can serve as a SNP and/or QTL. The default behavior of AlphaSimR is to randomly sample QTL or SNP from all eligible sites and then mark the sampled sites ineligible to be sampled as the other type (e.g. if a site is sampled as a QTL it will be marked as ineligible to be sampled as a SNP). This behavior is designed to produce the most challenging scenario for genomic selection when the markers used for prediction are not causal.

Setting overlap=TRUE will prevent the addition of loci to the ineligible list, but it won't remove sites already added to these lists. Thus, timing of when restrSegSites is called matters. It should be called before any addTrait or addSnpChip functions with the overlap=TRUE argument to freely allow loci to overlap.

The `minQtlPerChr` and `minSnpPerChr` arguments can be used with `overlap=FALSE` to preallocate sites as QTL and SNP respectively. This option is useful when simulating multiple traits and/or SNP chips, because it can be used to guarantee that enough eligible sites are available when running `addTrait` and or `addSnpChip` functions.

Usage:

```
SimParam$restrSegSites(
  minQtlPerChr = NULL,
  minSnpPerChr = NULL,
  excludeQtl = NULL,
  excludeSnp = NULL,
  overlap = FALSE,
  minSnpFreq = NULL
)
```

Arguments:

`minQtlPerChr` the minimum number of segregating sites for QTLs. Can be a single value or a vector values for each chromosome.

`minSnpPerChr` the minimum number of segregating sites for SNPs. Can be a single value or a vector values for each chromosome.

`excludeQtl` an optional vector of segregating site names to exclude from consideration as a viable QTL.

`excludeSnp` an optional vector of segregating site names to exclude from consideration as a viable SNP.

`overlap` should SNP and QTL sites be allowed to overlap.

`minSnpFreq` minimum allowable frequency for SNP loci. No minimum SNP frequency is used if value is NULL.

Examples:

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
\dontshow{SP$nThreads = 1L}
SP$restrSegSites(minQtlPerChr=5, minSnpPerChr=5)
```

Method `setSexes()`: Changes how sexes are determined in the simulation. The default sexes is "no", indicating all individuals are hermaphrodites. To add sexes to the simulation, run this function with "yes_sys" or "yes_rand". The value "yes_sys" will systematically assign sexes to newly created individuals as first male and then female. Populations with an odd number of individuals will have one more male than female. The value "yes_rand" will randomly assign a sex to each individual.

Usage:

```
SimParam$setSexes(sexes, force = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

`sexes` acceptable value are "no", "yes_sys", or "yes_rand"

`force` should the check for a running simulation be ignored. Only set to TRUE if you know what you are doing.

Examples:

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
\dontshow{SP$nThreads = 1L}
SP$setSexes("yes_sys")
```

Method `setFounderHap()`: Allows for the manual setting of founder haplotypes. This functionality is not fully documented, because it is still experimental.

Usage:

```
SimParam$setFounderHap(hapMap)
```

Arguments:

hapMap a list of founder haplotypes

Method `addSnpChip()`: Randomly assigns eligible SNPs to a SNP chip

Usage:

```
SimParam$addSnpChip(nSnpPerChr, minSnpFreq = NULL, refPop = NULL, name = NULL)
```

Arguments:

nSnpPerChr number of SNPs per chromosome. Can be a single value or nChr values.

minSnpFreq minimum allowable frequency for SNP loci. If NULL, no minimum frequency is used.

refPop reference population for calculating SNP frequency. If NULL, the founder population is used.

name optional name for chip

Examples:

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
\dontshow{SP$nThreads = 1L}
SP$addSnpChip(10)
```

Method `addSnpChipByName()`: Assigns SNPs to a SNP chip by supplying marker names. This function does check against excluded SNPs and will not add the SNPs to the list of excluded QTL for the purpose of avoiding overlap between SNPs and QTL. Excluding these SNPs from being used as QTL can be accomplished using the `excludeQtl` argument in `SimParam`'s `restrSegSites` function.

Usage:

```
SimParam$addSnpChipByName(markers, name = NULL)
```

Arguments:

markers a vector of names for the markers

name optional name for chip

Examples:

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)
```

```
#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addSnpChipByName(c("1_1", "1_3"))
```

Method `addStructuredSnpChip()`: Randomly selects the number of snps in structure and then assigns them to chips based on structure

Usage:

```
SimParam$addStructuredSnpChip(nSnpPerChr, structure, force = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

`nSnpPerChr` number of SNPs per chromosome. Can be a single value or `nChr` values.
`structure` a matrix. Rows are snp chips, columns are chips. If value is true then that snp is on that chip.
`force` should the check for a running simulation be ignored. Only set to TRUE if you know what you are doing.

Method `addTraitA()`: Randomly assigns eligible QTLs for one or more additive traits. If simulating more than one trait, all traits will be pleiotropic with correlated additive effects.

Usage:

```
SimParam$addTraitA(
  nQtlPerChr,
  mean = 0,
  var = 1,
  corA = NULL,
  gamma = FALSE,
  shape = 1,
  force = FALSE,
  name = NULL
)
```

Arguments:

`nQtlPerChr` number of QTLs per chromosome. Can be a single value or `nChr` values.
`mean` a vector of desired mean genetic values for one or more traits
`var` a vector of desired genetic variances for one or more traits
`corA` a matrix of correlations between additive effects
`gamma` should a gamma distribution be used instead of normal
`shape` the shape parameter for the gamma distribution (the rate/scale parameter of the gamma distribution is accounted for via the desired level of genetic variance, the `var` argument)
`force` should the check for a running simulation be ignored. Only set to TRUE if you know what you are doing.
`name` optional name for trait(s)

Examples:

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
\dontshow{SP$nThreads = 1L}
SP$addTraitA(10)
```

Method `addTraitAD()`: Randomly assigns eligible QTLs for one or more traits with dominance. If simulating more than one trait, all traits will be pleiotropic with correlated effects.

Usage:

```
SimParam$addTraitAD(
  nQtlPerChr,
  mean = 0,
  var = 1,
  meanDD = 0,
  varDD = 0,
  corA = NULL,
  corDD = NULL,
  useVarA = TRUE,
  gamma = FALSE,
  shape = 1,
  force = FALSE,
  name = NULL
)
```

Arguments:

`nQtlPerChr` number of QTLs per chromosome. Can be a single value or `nChr` values.
`mean` a vector of desired mean genetic values for one or more traits
`var` a vector of desired genetic variances for one or more traits
`meanDD` mean dominance degree
`varDD` variance of dominance degree
`corA` a matrix of correlations between additive effects
`corDD` a matrix of correlations between dominance degrees
`useVarA` tune according to additive genetic variance if true. If FALSE, tuning is performed according to total genetic variance.
`gamma` should a gamma distribution be used instead of normal
`shape` the shape parameter for the gamma distribution (the rate/scale parameter of the gamma distribution is accounted for via the desired level of genetic variance, the `var` argument)
`force` should the check for a running simulation be ignored. Only set to TRUE if you know what you are doing.
`name` optional name for trait(s)

Examples:

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)
```

```
#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
\dontshow{SP$nThreads = 1L}
SP$addTraitAD(10, meanDD=0.5)
```

Method `altAddTraitAD()`: An alternative method for adding a trait with additive and dominance effects to an AlphaSimR simulation. The function attempts to create a trait matching user defined values for number of QTL, inbreeding depression, additive genetic variance and dominance genetic variance.

Usage:

```
SimParam$altAddTraitAD(
  nQtlPerChr,
  mean = 0,
  varA = 1,
  varD = 0,
  inbrDepr = 0,
  limMeanDD = c(0, 1.5),
  limVarDD = c(0, 0.5),
  silent = FALSE,
  force = FALSE,
  name = NULL
)
```

Arguments:

`nQtlPerChr` number of QTLs per chromosome. Can be a single value or `nChr` values.
`mean` desired mean of the trait
`varA` desired additive variance
`varD` desired dominance variance
`inbrDepr` desired inbreeding depression, see details
`limMeanDD` limits for `meanDD`, see details
`limVarDD` limits for `varDD`, see details
`silent` should summary details be printed to the console
`force` should the check for a running simulation be ignored. Only set to `TRUE` if you know what you are doing.
`name` optional name for trait

Details: This function will always add a trait to 'SimParam', unless an error occurs with picking QTLs. The resulting trait will always have the desired mean and additive genetic variance. However, it may not have the desired values for inbreeding depression and dominance variance. Thus, it is strongly recommended to check the output printed to the console to determine how close the trait's parameters came to these desired values.

The mean and additive genetic variance will always be achieved exactly. The function attempts to achieve the desired dominance variance and inbreeding depression while staying within the user supplied constraints for the acceptable range of dominance degree mean and variance. If the desired values are not being achieved, the acceptable range need to be increased and/or the number of QTL may need to be increased. There are not limits to setting the range for dominance degree mean and variance, but care should be taken to with regards to the biological

feasibility of the limits that are supplied. The default limits were somewhat arbitrarily set, so I make not claim to how reasonable these limits are for routine use.

Inbreeding depression in this function is defined as the difference in mean genetic value between a population with the same allele frequency as the reference population (population used to initialize SimParam) in Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium compared to a population with the same allele frequency that is fully inbred. This is equivalent to the amount the mean of a population increases when going from an inbreeding coefficient of 1 (fully inbred) to a population with an inbreeding coefficient of 0 (Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium). Note that the sign of the value should (usually) be positive. This corresponds to a detrimental effect of inbreeding when higher values of the trait are considered biologically beneficial.

Summary information on this trait is printed to the console when `silent=FALSE`. The summary information reports the inbreeding depression and dominance variance for the population as well as the dominance degree mean and variance applied to the trait.

Examples:

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
\dontshow{SP$nThreads = 1L}
SP$altAddTraitAD(nQt1PerChr=10, mean=0, varA=1, varD=0.05, inbrDepr=0.2)
```

Method `addTraitAG()`: Randomly assigns eligible QTLs for one or more additive GxE traits. If simulating more than one trait, all traits will be pleiotropic with correlated effects.

Usage:

```
SimParam$addTraitAG(
  nQt1PerChr,
  mean = 0,
  var = 1,
  varGxE = 1e-06,
  varEnv = 0,
  corA = NULL,
  corGxE = NULL,
  gamma = FALSE,
  shape = 1,
  force = FALSE,
  name = NULL
)
```

Arguments:

`nQt1PerChr` number of QTLs per chromosome. Can be a single value or `nChr` values.

`mean` a vector of desired mean genetic values for one or more traits

`var` a vector of desired genetic variances for one or more traits

`varGxE` a vector of total genotype-by-environment variances for the traits

`varEnv` a vector of environmental variances for one or more traits

`corA` a matrix of correlations between additive effects

`corGxE` a matrix of correlations between GxE effects

gamma should a gamma distribution be used instead of normal
 shape the shape parameter for the gamma distribution (the rate/scale parameter of the gamma distribution is accounted for via the desired level of genetic variance, the var argument)
 force should the check for a running simulation be ignored. Only set to TRUE if you know what you are doing.
 name optional name for trait(s)

Examples:

```

#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
\dontshow{SP$nThreads = 1L}
SP$addTraitAG(10, varGxE=2)
  
```

Method addTraitADG(): Randomly assigns eligible QTLs for a trait with dominance and GxE.

Usage:

```

SimParam$addTraitADG(
  nQt1PerChr,
  mean = 0,
  var = 1,
  varEnv = 0,
  varGxE = 1e-06,
  meanDD = 0,
  varDD = 0,
  corA = NULL,
  corDD = NULL,
  corGxE = NULL,
  useVarA = TRUE,
  gamma = FALSE,
  shape = 1,
  force = FALSE,
  name = NULL
)
  
```

Arguments:

nQt1PerChr number of QTLs per chromosome. Can be a single value or nChr values.
 mean a vector of desired mean genetic values for one or more traits
 var a vector of desired genetic variances for one or more traits
 varEnv a vector of environmental variances for one or more traits
 varGxE a vector of total genotype-by-environment variances for the traits
 meanDD mean dominance degree
 varDD variance of dominance degree
 corA a matrix of correlations between additive effects
 corDD a matrix of correlations between dominance degrees
 corGxE a matrix of correlations between GxE effects

useVarA tune according to additive genetic variance if true
 gamma should a gamma distribution be used instead of normal
 shape the shape parameter for the gamma distribution (the rate/scale parameter of the gamma distribution is accounted for via the desired level of genetic variance, the var argument)
 force should the check for a running simulation be ignored. Only set to TRUE if you know what you are doing.
 name optional name for trait(s)

Examples:

```

#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
\dontshow{SP$nThreads = 1L}
SP$addTraitADG(10, meanDD=0.5, varGxE=2)
  
```

Method addTraitAE(): Randomly assigns eligible QTLs for one or more additive and epistasis traits. If simulating more than one trait, all traits will be pleiotropic with correlated additive effects.

Usage:

```

SimParam$addTraitAE(
  nQtlPerChr,
  mean = 0,
  var = 1,
  re1AA = 0,
  corA = NULL,
  corAA = NULL,
  useVarA = TRUE,
  gamma = FALSE,
  shape = 1,
  force = FALSE,
  name = NULL
)
  
```

Arguments:

nQtlPerChr number of QTLs per chromosome. Can be a single value or nChr values.
 mean a vector of desired mean genetic values for one or more traits
 var a vector of desired genetic variances for one or more traits
 re1AA the relative value of additive-by-additive variance compared to additive variance in a diploid organism with allele frequency 0.5
 corA a matrix of correlations between additive effects
 corAA a matrix of correlations between additive-by-additive effects
 useVarA tune according to additive genetic variance if true. If FALSE, tuning is performed according to total genetic variance.
 gamma should a gamma distribution be used instead of normal
 shape the shape parameter for the gamma distribution (the rate/scale parameter of the gamma distribution is accounted for via the desired level of genetic variance, the var argument)

force should the check for a running simulation be ignored. Only set to TRUE if you know what you are doing.

name optional name for trait(s)

Examples:

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)
```

```
#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
\dontshow{SP$nThreads = 1L}
SP$addTraitAE(10, relAA=0.1)
```

Method addTraitADE(): Randomly assigns eligible QTLs for one or more traits with dominance and epistasis. If simulating more than one trait, all traits will be pleiotropic with correlated effects.

Usage:

```
SimParam$addTraitADE(
  nQtlPerChr,
  mean = 0,
  var = 1,
  meanDD = 0,
  varDD = 0,
  relAA = 0,
  corA = NULL,
  corDD = NULL,
  corAA = NULL,
  useVarA = TRUE,
  gamma = FALSE,
  shape = 1,
  force = FALSE,
  name = NULL
)
```

Arguments:

nQtlPerChr number of QTLs per chromosome. Can be a single value or nChr values.

mean a vector of desired mean genetic values for one or more traits

var a vector of desired genetic variances for one or more traits

meanDD mean dominance degree

varDD variance of dominance degree

relAA the relative value of additive-by-additive variance compared to additive variance in a diploid organism with allele frequency 0.5

corA a matrix of correlations between additive effects

corDD a matrix of correlations between dominance degrees

corAA a matrix of correlations between additive-by-additive effects

useVarA tune according to additive genetic variance if true. If FALSE, tuning is performed according to total genetic variance.

gamma should a gamma distribution be used instead of normal

shape the shape parameter for the gamma distribution (the rate/scale parameter of the gamma distribution is accounted for via the desired level of genetic variance, the var argument)
 force should the check for a running simulation be ignored. Only set to TRUE if you know what you are doing.
 name optional name for trait(s)

Examples:

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
\dontshow{SP$nThreads = 1L}
SP$addTraitADE(10)
```

Method addTraitAEG(): Randomly assigns eligible QTLs for one or more additive and epistasis GxE traits. If simulating more than one trait, all traits will be pleiotropic with correlated effects.

Usage:

```
SimParam$addTraitAEG(
  nQtlPerChr,
  mean = 0,
  var = 1,
  relAA = 0,
  varGxE = 1e-06,
  varEnv = 0,
  corA = NULL,
  corAA = NULL,
  corGxE = NULL,
  useVarA = TRUE,
  gamma = FALSE,
  shape = 1,
  force = FALSE,
  name = NULL
)
```

Arguments:

nQtlPerChr number of QTLs per chromosome. Can be a single value or nChr values.
 mean a vector of desired mean genetic values for one or more traits
 var a vector of desired genetic variances for one or more traits
 relAA the relative value of additive-by-additive variance compared to additive variance in a diploid organism with allele frequency 0.5
 varGxE a vector of total genotype-by-environment variances for the traits
 varEnv a vector of environmental variances for one or more traits
 corA a matrix of correlations between additive effects
 corAA a matrix of correlations between additive-by-additive effects
 corGxE a matrix of correlations between GxE effects
 useVarA tune according to additive genetic variance if true. If FALSE, tuning is performed according to total genetic variance.

gamma should a gamma distribution be used instead of normal
 shape the shape parameter for the gamma distribution (the rate/scale parameter of the gamma distribution is accounted for via the desired level of genetic variance, the var argument)
 force should the check for a running simulation be ignored. Only set to TRUE if you know what you are doing.
 name optional name for trait(s)

Examples:

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
\dontshow{SP$nThreads = 1L}
SP$addTraitAEG(10, varGxE=2)
```

Method addTraitAEG(): Randomly assigns eligible QTLs for a trait with dominance, epistasis and GxE.

Usage:

```
SimParam$addTraitAEG(
  nQtlPerChr,
  mean = 0,
  var = 1,
  varEnv = 0,
  varGxE = 1e-06,
  meanDD = 0,
  varDD = 0,
  relAA = 0,
  corA = NULL,
  corDD = NULL,
  corAA = NULL,
  corGxE = NULL,
  useVarA = TRUE,
  gamma = FALSE,
  shape = 1,
  force = FALSE,
  name = NULL
)
```

Arguments:

nQtlPerChr number of QTLs per chromosome. Can be a single value or nChr values.
 mean a vector of desired mean genetic values for one or more traits
 var a vector of desired genetic variances for one or more traits
 varEnv a vector of environmental variances for one or more traits
 varGxE a vector of total genotype-by-environment variances for the traits
 meanDD mean dominance degree
 varDD variance of dominance degree

relAA the relative value of additive-by-additive variance compared to additive variance in a diploid organism with allele frequency 0.5
 corA a matrix of correlations between additive effects
 corDD a matrix of correlations between dominance degrees
 corAA a matrix of correlations between additive-by-additive effects
 corGxE a matrix of correlations between GxE effects
 useVarA tune according to additive genetic variance if true
 gamma should a gamma distribution be used instead of normal
 shape the shape parameter for the gamma distribution (the rate/scale parameter of the gamma distribution is accounted for via the desired level of genetic variance, the var argument)
 force should the check for a running simulation be ignored. Only set to TRUE if you know what you are doing.
 name optional name for trait(s)

Examples:

```

#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
\dontshow{SP$nThreads = 1L}
SP$addTraitADEG(10, meanDD=0.5, varGxE=2)
  
```

Method `manAddTrait()`: Manually add a new trait to the simulation. Trait must be formatted as a [LociMap-class](#). If the trait is not already formatted, consider using `importTrait`.

Usage:

```
SimParam$manAddTrait(lociMap, varE = NA_real_, force = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

lociMap a new object descended from [LociMap-class](#)
 varE default error variance for phenotype, optional
 force should the check for a running simulation be ignored. Only set to TRUE if you know what you are doing

Method `importTrait()`: Manually add a new trait(s) to the simulation. Unlike the `manAddTrait` function, this function does not require formatting the trait as a [LociMap-class](#). The formatting is performed automatically for the user, with more user friendly data.frames or matrices taken as inputs. This function only works for A and AD trait types.

Usage:

```

SimParam$importTrait(
  markerNames,
  addEff,
  domEff = NULL,
  intercept = NULL,
  name = NULL,
  varE = NULL,
  force = FALSE
)
  
```

Arguments:

markerNames a vector of names for the QTL
 addEff a matrix of additive effects (nLoci x nTraits). Alternatively, a vector of length nLoci can be supplied for a single trait.
 domEff optional dominance effects for each locus
 intercept optional intercepts for each trait
 name optional name(s) for the trait(s)
 varE default error variance for phenotype, optional
 force should the check for a running simulation be ignored. Only set to TRUE if you know what you are doing

Method switchTrait(): Switch a trait in the simulation.

Usage:

```
SimParam$switchTrait(traitPos, lociMap, varE = NA_real_, force = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

traitPos an integer indicate which trait to switch
 lociMap a new object descended from [LociMap-class](#)
 varE default error variance for phenotype, optional
 force should the check for a running simulation be ignored. Only set to TRUE if you know what you are doing

Method removeTrait(): Remove a trait from the simulation

Usage:

```
SimParam$removeTrait(traits, force = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

traits an integer vector indicating which traits to remove
 force should the check for a running simulation be ignored. Only set to TRUE if you know what you are doing

Method setVarE(): Defines a default values for error variances used in [setPheno](#). These defaults will be used to automatically generate phenotypes when new populations are created. See the details section of [setPheno](#) for more information about each arguments and how they should be used.

Usage:

```
SimParam$setVarE(h2 = NULL, H2 = NULL, varE = NULL, corE = NULL)
```

Arguments:

h2 a vector of desired narrow-sense heritabilities
 H2 a vector of desired broad-sense heritabilities
 varE a vector or matrix of error variances
 corE an optional matrix of error correlations

Examples:

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
\dontshow{SP$nThreads = 1L}
SP$addTraitA(10)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)
```

Method `setCorE()`: Defines a correlation structure for default error variances. You must call `setVarE` first to define the default error variances.

Usage:

```
SimParam$setCorE(corE)
```

Arguments:

`corE` a correlation matrix for the error variances

Examples:

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
\dontshow{SP$nThreads = 1L}
SP$addTraitA(10, mean=c(0,0), var=c(1,1), corA=diag(2))
SP$setVarE(varE=c(1,1))
E = 0.5*diag(2)+0.5 #Positively correlated error
SP$setCorE(E)
```

Method `rescaleTraits()`: Linearly scales all traits to achieve desired values of means and variances in the founder population.

Usage:

```
SimParam$rescaleTraits(
  mean = 0,
  var = 1,
  varEnv = 0,
  varGxE = 1e-06,
  useVarA = TRUE
)
```

Arguments:

`mean` a vector of new trait means

`var` a vector of new trait variances

`varEnv` a vector of new environmental variances

`varGxE` a vector of new GxE variances

`useVarA` tune according to additive genetic variance if true

Examples:

```

#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitA(10)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
meanG(pop)

#Change mean to 1
SP$rescaleTraits(mean=1)
\dontshow{SP$nThreads = 1L}
#Run resetPop for change to take effect
pop = resetPop(pop, simParam=SP)
meanG(pop)

```

Method `setRecombRatio()`: Set the relative recombination rates between males and females. This allows for sex-specific recombination rates, under the assumption of equivalent recombination landscapes.

Usage:

```
SimParam$setRecombRatio(femaleRatio)
```

Arguments:

`femaleRatio` relative ratio of recombination in females compared to males. A value of 2 indicate twice as much recombination in females. The value must be greater than 0. (default is 1)

Examples:

```

#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
\dontshow{SP$nThreads = 1L}
SP$setRecombRatio(2) #Twice as much recombination in females

```

Method `switchGenMap()`: Replaces existing genetic map.

Usage:

```
SimParam$switchGenMap(genMap, centromere = NULL)
```

Arguments:

`genMap` a list of length `nChr` containing numeric vectors for the position of each segregating site on a chromosome.

`centromere` a numeric vector of centromere positions. If `NULL`, the centromere are assumed to be metacentric.

Method `switchFemaleMap()`: Replaces existing female genetic map.

Usage:

```
SimParam$switchFemaleMap(genMap, centromere = NULL)
```

Arguments:

genMap a list of length nChr containing numeric vectors for the position of each segregating site on a chromosome.

centromere a numeric vector of centromere positions. If NULL, the centromere are assumed to be metacentric.

Method switchMaleMap(): Replaces existing male genetic map.

Usage:

```
SimParam$switchMaleMap(genMap, centromere = NULL)
```

Arguments:

genMap a list of length nChr containing numeric vectors for the position of each segregating site on a chromosome.

centromere a numeric vector of centromere positions. If NULL, the centromere are assumed to be metacentric.

Method addToRec(): For internal use only.

Usage:

```
SimParam$addToRec(lastId, id, mother, father, isDH, hist, ploidy)
```

Arguments:

lastId ID of last individual

id the name of each individual

mother vector of mother iids

father vector of father iids

isDH indicator for DH lines

hist new recombination history

ploidy ploidy level

Method ibdHaplo(): For internal use only.

Usage:

```
SimParam$ibdHaplo(iid)
```

Arguments:

iid internal ID

Method updateLastId(): For internal use only.

Usage:

```
SimParam$updateLastId(lastId)
```

Arguments:

lastId last ID assigned

Method addToPed(): For internal use only.

Usage:

```
SimParam$addToPed(lastId, id, mother, father, isDH)
```

Arguments:

```
lastId ID of last individual
id the name of each individual
mother vector of mother iids
father vector of father iids
isDH indicator for DH lines
```

Method `clone()`: The objects of this class are cloneable with this method.

Usage:

```
SimParam$clone(deep = FALSE)
```

Arguments:

```
deep Whether to make a deep clone.
```

Note

By default the founder population is the population used to initialize the SimParam object. This population can be changed by replacing the population in the founderPop slot. You must run [resetPop](#) on any existing populations to obtain the new trait values.

Examples

```
## -----
## Method `SimParam$new`
## -----

#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

## -----
## Method `SimParam$setTrackPed`
## -----

#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$setTrackPed(TRUE)

## -----
## Method `SimParam$setTrackRec`
## -----

#Create founder haplotypes
```

```

founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$setTrackRec(TRUE)

## -----
## Method `SimParam$resetPed`
## -----

#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
pop@id # 1:10

#Create another population after resetting pedigree
SP$resetPed()
pop2 = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
pop2@id # 1:10

## -----
## Method `SimParam$restrSegSites`
## -----

#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$restrSegSites(minQtlPerChr=5, minSnpPerChr=5)

## -----
## Method `SimParam$setSexes`
## -----

#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$setSexes("yes_sys")

## -----
## Method `SimParam$addSnpChip`

```

```

## -----
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addSnChip(10)

## -----
## Method `SimParam$addSnChipByName`
## -----

#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addSnChipByName(c("1_1", "1_3"))

## -----
## Method `SimParam$addTraitA`
## -----

#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)

## -----
## Method `SimParam$addTraitAD`
## -----

#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitAD(10, meanDD=0.5)

## -----
## Method `SimParam$altAddTraitAD`
## -----

#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters

```

```

SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$altAddTraitAD(nQt1PerChr=10, mean=0, varA=1, varD=0.05, inbrDepr=0.2)

## -----
## Method `SimParam$addTraitAG`
## -----

#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitAG(10, varGxE=2)

## -----
## Method `SimParam$addTraitADG`
## -----

#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitADG(10, meanDD=0.5, varGxE=2)

## -----
## Method `SimParam$addTraitAE`
## -----

#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitAE(10, relAA=0.1)

## -----
## Method `SimParam$addTraitADE`
## -----

#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitADE(10)

## -----

```

```

## Method `SimParam$addTraitAEG`
## -----

#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitAEG(10, varGxE=2)

## -----
## Method `SimParam$addTraitADEG`
## -----

#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitADEG(10, meanDD=0.5, varGxE=2)

## -----
## Method `SimParam$setVarE`
## -----

#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)

## -----
## Method `SimParam$setCorE`
## -----

#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10, mean=c(0,0), var=c(1,1), corA=diag(2))
SP$setVarE(varE=c(1,1))
E = 0.5*diag(2)+0.5 #Positively correlated error
SP$setCorE(E)

## -----
## Method `SimParam$rescaleTraits`

```

```

## -----
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitA(10)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
meanG(pop)

#Change mean to 1
SP$rescaleTraits(mean=1)

#Run resetPop for change to take effect
pop = resetPop(pop, simParam=SP)
meanG(pop)

## -----
## Method `SimParam$setRecombRatio`
## -----

#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$setRecombRatio(2) #Twice as much recombination in females

```

smithHazel

Calculate Smith-Hazel weights

Description

Calculates weights for Smith-Hazel index given economic weights and phenotypic and genotypic variance-covariance matrices.

Usage

```
smithHazel(econWt, varG, varP)
```

Arguments

econWt	vector of economic weights
varG	the genetic variance-covariance matrix
varP	the phenotypic variance-covariance matrix

Value

a vector of weight for calculating index values

Examples

```
G = 1.5*diag(2)-0.5
E = diag(2)
P = G+E
wt = c(1,1)
smithHazel(wt, G, P)
```

 solveMKM

Solve Multikernel Model

Description

Solves a univariate mixed model with multiple random effects.

Usage

```
solveMKM(y, X, Zlist, Klist, maxIter = 40L, tol = 1e-04)
```

Arguments

y	a matrix with n rows and 1 column
X	a matrix with n rows and x columns
Zlist	a list of Z matrices
Klist	a list of K matrices
maxIter	maximum number of iteration
tol	tolerance for convergence

 solveMVM

Solve Multivariate Model

Description

Solves a multivariate mixed model of form $Y = X\beta + Zu + e$

Usage

```
solveMVM(Y, X, Z, K, tol = 1e-06, maxIter = 1000L)
```

Arguments

Y	a matrix with n rows and q columns
X	a matrix with n rows and x columns
Z	a matrix with n rows and m columns
K	a matrix with m rows and m columns
tol	tolerance for convergence
maxIter	maximum number of iteration

 solveRRBLUP

Solve RR-BLUP

Description

Solves a univariate mixed model of form $y = X\beta + Mu + e$

Usage

```
solveRRBLUP(y, X, M)
```

Arguments

y	a matrix with n rows and 1 column
X	a matrix with n rows and x columns
M	a matrix with n rows and m columns

 solveRRBLUPMK

Solve Multikernel RR-BLUP

Description

Solves a univariate mixed model with multiple random effects.

Usage

```
solveRRBLUPMK(y, X, Mlist, maxIter = 40L)
```

Arguments

y	a matrix with n rows and 1 column
X	a matrix with n rows and x columns
Mlist	a list of M matrices
maxIter	maximum number of iteration

solveRRBLUPMV	<i>Solve Multivariate RR-BLUP</i>
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Description

Solves a multivariate mixed model of form $Y = X\beta + Mu + e$

Usage

`solveRRBLUPMV(Y, X, M, maxIter = 1000L, tol = 1e-06)`

Arguments

Y	a matrix with n rows and q columns
X	a matrix with n rows and x columns
M	a matrix with n rows and m columns
maxIter	maximum number of iteration
tol	tolerance for convergence

solveRRBLUP_EM	<i>Solve RR-BLUP with EM</i>
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Description

Solves a univariate mixed model of form $y = X\beta + Mu + e$ using the Expectation-Maximization algorithm.

Usage

`solveRRBLUP_EM(Y, X, M, Vu, Ve, tol, maxIter, useEM)`

Arguments

Y	a matrix with n rows and 1 column
X	a matrix with n rows and x columns
M	a matrix with n rows and m columns
Vu	initial guess for variance of marker effects
Ve	initial guess for error variance
tol	tolerance for declaring convergence
maxIter	maximum iteration for attempting convergence
useEM	should EM algorithm be used. If false, no estimation of variance components is performed. The initial values are treated as true.

`solveRRBLUP_EM2` *Solve RR-BLUP with EM and 2 random effects*

Description

Solves a univariate mixed model of form $y = X\beta + M_1u_1 + M_2u_2 + e$ using the Expectation-Maximization algorithm.

Usage

```
solveRRBLUP_EM2(Y, X, M1, M2, Vu1, Vu2, Ve, tol, maxIter, useEM)
```

Arguments

<code>Y</code>	a matrix with n rows and 1 column
<code>X</code>	a matrix with n rows and x columns
<code>M1</code>	a matrix with n rows and m1 columns
<code>M2</code>	a matrix with n rows and m2 columns
<code>Vu1</code>	initial guess for variance of the first marker effects
<code>Vu2</code>	initial guess for variance of the second marker effects
<code>Ve</code>	initial guess for error variance
<code>tol</code>	tolerance for declaring convergence
<code>maxIter</code>	maximum iteration for attempting convergence
<code>useEM</code>	should EM algorithm be used. If false, no estimation of variance components is performed. The initial values are treated as true.

`solveRRBLUP_EM3` *Solve RR-BLUP with EM and 3 random effects*

Description

Solves a univariate mixed model of form $y = X\beta + M_1u_1 + M_2u_2 + M_3u_3 + e$ using the Expectation-Maximization algorithm.

Usage

```
solveRRBLUP_EM3(Y, X, M1, M2, M3, Vu1, Vu2, Vu3, Ve, tol, maxIter, useEM)
```

Arguments

Y	a matrix with n rows and 1 column
X	a matrix with n rows and x columns
M1	a matrix with n rows and m1 columns
M2	a matrix with n rows and m2 columns
M3	a matrix with n rows and m3 columns
Vu1	initial guess for variance of the first marker effects
Vu2	initial guess for variance of the second marker effects
Vu3	initial guess for variance of the second marker effects
Ve	initial guess for error variance
tol	tolerance for declaring convergence
maxIter	maximum iteration for attempting convergence
useEM	should EM algorithm be used. If false, no estimation of variance components is performed. The initial values are treated as true.

solveUVM	<i>Solve Univariate Model</i>
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Description

Solves a univariate mixed model of form $y = X\beta + Zu + e$

Usage

```
solveUVM(y, X, Z, K)
```

Arguments

y	a matrix with n rows and 1 column
X	a matrix with n rows and x columns
Z	a matrix with n rows and m columns
K	a matrix with m rows and m columns

TraitA-class	<i>Additive trait</i>
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Description

Extends [LociMap-class](#) to model additive traits

Slots

addEff additive effects
 intercept adjustment factor for gv

TraitA2-class	<i>Sex specific additive trait</i>
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Description

Extends [TraitA-class](#) to model separate additive effects for parent of origin. Used exclusively for genomic selection.

Slots

addEffMale additive effects

TraitA2D-class	<i>Sex specific additive and dominance trait</i>
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Description

Extends [TraitA2-class](#) to add dominance

Slots

domEff dominance effects

TraitAD-class	<i>Additive and dominance trait</i>
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Description

Extends [TraitA-class](#) to add dominance

Slots

domEff dominance effects

TraitADE-class	<i>Additive, dominance, and epistatic trait</i>
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Description

Extends [TraitAD-class](#) to add epistasis

Slots

epiEff epistatic effects

TraitADEG-class	<i>Additive, dominance, epistasis, and GxE trait</i>
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Description

Extends [TraitADE-class](#) to add GxE effects

Slots

gxEff GxE effects
gxEInt GxE intercept
envVar Environmental variance

TraitADG-class	<i>Additive, dominance and GxE trait</i>
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Description

Extends [TraitAD-class](#) to add GxE effects

Slots

gxEff GxE effects
gxEInt GxE intercept
envVar Environmental variance

TraitAE-class	<i>Additive and epistatic trait</i>
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Description

Extends [TraitA-class](#) to add epistasis

Slots

epiEff epistatic effects

TraitAEG-class	<i>Additive, epistasis and GxE trait</i>
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Description

Extends [TraitAE-class](#) to add GxE effects

Slots

gxeEff GxE effects
 gxeInt GxE intercept
 envVar Environmental variance

TraitAG-class	<i>Additive and GxE trait</i>
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Description

Extends [TraitA-class](#) to add GxE effects

Slots

gxeEff GxE effects
 gxeInt GxE intercept
 envVar Environmental variance

usefulness	<i>Usefulness criterion</i>
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Description

Calculates the usefulness criterion

Usage

```
usefulness(
  pop,
  trait = 1,
  use = "gv",
  p = 0.1,
  selectTop = TRUE,
  simParam = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

pop	and object of Pop-class or HybridPop-class
trait	the trait for selection. Either a number indicating a single trait or a function returning a vector of length nInd.
use	select on genetic values (gv, default), estimated breeding values (ebv), breeding values (bv), or phenotypes (pheno)
p	the proportion of individuals selected
selectTop	selects highest values if true. Selects lowest values if false.
simParam	an object of SimParam
...	additional arguments if using a function for trait

Value

Returns a numeric value

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=2, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)

SP$addTraitA(10)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)

#Determine usefulness of population
usefulness(pop, simParam=SP)

#Should be equivalent to GV of best individual
max(gv(pop))
```

varA

Additive variance

Description

Returns additive variance for all traits

Usage

```
varA(pop, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

pop an object of [Pop-class](#)
 simParam an object of [SimParam](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitAD(10, meanDD=0.5)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
varA(pop, simParam=SP)
```

 varAA

Additive-by-additive epistatic variance

Description

Returns additive-by-additive epistatic variance for all traits

Usage

```
varAA(pop, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

pop an object of [Pop-class](#)
 simParam an object of [SimParam](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitAD(10, meanDD=0.5)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)

#Create population
```

```
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
varAA(pop, simParam=SP)
```

varD *Dominance variance*

Description

Returns dominance variance for all traits

Usage

```
varD(pop, simParam = NULL)
```

Arguments

pop an object of [Pop-class](#)
simParam an object of [SimParam](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitAD(10, meanDD=0.5)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
varD(pop, simParam=SP)
```

varEBV *Variance of estimated breeding values*

Description

Returns variance of estimated breeding values for all traits

Usage

```
varEBV(pop)
```

Arguments

pop an object of [Pop-class](#) or [HybridPop-class](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitA(10)
trtH2 = 0.5
SP$setVarE(h2=trtH2)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
pop@ebv = trtH2 * (pop@pheno - meanP(pop)) #ind performance based EBV
varA(pop)
varEBV(pop)
```

varG	<i>Total genetic variance</i>
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Description

Returns total genetic variance for all traits

Usage

```
varG(pop)
```

Arguments

pop an object of [Pop-class](#) or [HybridPop-class](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitA(10)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)

#Create population
```

```
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
varG(pop)
```

varP

Phenotypic variance

Description

Returns phenotypic variance for all traits

Usage

```
varP(pop)
```

Arguments

pop an object of [Pop-class](#) or [HybridPop-class](#)

Examples

```
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=10)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
SP$addTraitA(10)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(founderPop, simParam=SP)
varP(pop)
```

writePlink

Writes a Pop-class as PLINK files

Description

Writes a Pop-class to PLINK PED and MAP files. The arguments for this function were chosen for consistency with [RRBLUP2](#). The base pair coordinate will be the locus position as stored in AlphaSimR and not an actual base pair position. This is because AlphaSimR doesn't track base pair positions, only relative positions for the loci used in the simulation.

Usage

```
writePlink(
  pop,
  baseName,
  traits = 1,
  use = "pheno",
  snpChip = 1,
  useQtl = FALSE,
  simParam = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of Pop-class
baseName	basename for PED and MAP files.
traits	an integer indicating the trait to write, a trait name, or a function of the traits returning a single value.
use	what to use for PLINK's phenotype field. Either phenotypes "pheno", genetic values "gv", estimated breeding values "ebv", breeding values "bv", or random values "rand".
snpChip	an integer indicating which SNP chip genotype to use
useQtl	should QTL genotypes be used instead of a SNP chip. If TRUE, snpChip specifies which trait's QTL to use, and thus these QTL may not match the QTL underlying the phenotype supplied in traits.
simParam	an object of SimParam
...	additional arguments if using a function for traits

Examples

```
## Not run:
#Create founder haplotypes
founderPop = quickHaplo(nInd=10, nChr=1, segSites=15)

#Set simulation parameters
SP = SimParam$new(founderPop)
\dontshow{SP$nThreads = 1L}
SP$setSexes(sex="yes_rand")
SP$addTraitA(nQtlPerChr=10)
SP$addSnpChip(nSnpPerChr=5)
SP$setVarE(h2=0.5)

#Create population
pop = newPop(rawPop = founderPop)

# Write out PLINK files
writePlink(pop, baseName="test")

## End(Not run)
```

writeRecords	<i>Write data records</i>
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Description

Saves a population's phenotypic and marker data to a directory.

Usage

```
writeRecords(  
  pop,  
  dir,  
  snpChip = 1,  
  useQtl = FALSE,  
  includeHaplo = FALSE,  
  append = TRUE,  
  simParam = NULL  
)
```

Arguments

pop	an object of Pop-class
dir	path to a directory for saving output
snpChip	which SNP chip genotype to save. If useQtl=TRUE, this value will indicate which trait's QTL genotype to save. A value of 0 will skip writing a snpChip.
useQtl	should QTL genotype be written instead of SNP chip genotypes.
includeHaplo	should markers be separated by female and male haplotypes.
append	if true, new records are added to any existing records. If false, any existing records are deleted before writing new records. Note that this will delete all files in the 'dir' directory.
simParam	an object of SimParam

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