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dspc	<i>Add downsampling index to rppca object</i>
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Description

This index is used by plot.rppca to downsample the col (colour) values. It is stored in the rppca object's ds slot.

Usage

```
dspc(pc, to = 10000)
```

Arguments

pc	an object of class rppca
to	The down-sampling parameter. A numeric > 0 or a vector or NA. Interpreted as a proportion or integer or a index vector, see details.

Details

The parameter to is used to specify and possibly which individuals are sampled. If NA, all individuals are retained. If to is of length one and is between 0 and 1, then it is interpreted as a proportion. If it is greater than 1, it is taken to be the number of individuals to be sampled (possibly rounded by sample.int). If to is a logical or an integer vector, it is used for logical or integer indexing, respectively. The integer indices of the sample individuals are written to the ds slot. If ds exists, it is overwritten with a warning.

Value

An (invisible) object of class rppca with a slot ds added.

 getNumVectorsHutchinson

Compute the number of vectors to use for Hutchinson trace estimation

Description

Follows Skorski, M. (2021). Modern Analysis of Hutchinson’s Trace Estimator. 2021 55th Annual Conference on Information Sciences and Systems (CISS), 1–5. <https://doi.org/10.1109/CISS50987.2021.9400306>

Usage

```
getNumVectorsHutchinson(e, d)
```

Arguments

e	A numeric denoting the relative error margin
d	A numeric. 1-d is the probability the the relative error is bounded by e.

Value

a scalar

hutchpp

Hutch++ trace estimation

Description

Hutch++ trace estimation

Usage

```
hutchpp(
  B,
  num_queries = 10,
  sketch_frac = 2/3,
  center = FALSE,
  oraculum = oraculumLi
)
```

Arguments

B	An object related to the matrix A for which the trace is to be estimated
num_queries	Number of random vectors to draw
sketch_frac	Hutch++ detail
center	Whether or not to implicitly centre
oraculum	The oracle function to be used

Details

The Hutch++ algorithm (Meyer et al. 2021, <https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2010.09649>) estimates the trace of a matrix A by evaluating matrix vector products of A and (sub-gaussian) random vectors. This is used on a matrix B which is related to A through some function. The oracle function has to be chosen so that oracle(B, G) returns the product A the oracle function is set to work on a pedigree's L inverse matrix. But this implementation is general and should work - given a custom oracle function - on other input too.

In the context of pedigree PCA, this is used to estimate the trace of an (implicitly) centred additive relationship matrix.

There logical parameter center allows for a pedigree's L matrix to be (implicitly) centred. This is important because centring changes the total variance of the data and thus the trace of A.

Value

An estimate of A's trace - numeric

Examples

```
hutchpp(pedLInv)
hutchpp(pedLInv, center=TRUE)
```

importLinv

Generate spam object from L inverse file

Description

RandPedPCA relies in the spam onject format. But matrices are commonly stored in other formats.

Usage

```
importLinv(pth)
```

Arguments

pth path to matrix market file for L inverse matrix in dgTMatrix format

Value

A spam sparse matrix

pedLInv

L inverse matrix of the one-population example pedigree

Description

An L inverse matrix generated from an AlphaSimR simulation of 20 generations.

Usage

pedLInv

Format

'pedLInv' Matrix object of class 'spam' of dimension 2100x2100, with 6100 (row-wise) nonzero elements. Density of the matrix is 0.138 Class 'spam' (32-bit)

Source

Simulation

pedLInv2

L inverse matrix of the two-population example pedigree

Description

An L inverse matrix generated from an AlphaSimR simulation of 20 generations. Two diverged populations A and B. After a number of generations, crossbreeding starts.

Usage

pedLInv2

Format

'pedLInv2' Matrix object of class 'spam' of dimension 2650x2650, with 7750 (row-wise) nonzero elements. Density of the matrix is 0.11 Class 'spam' (32-bit)

Source

Simulation

pedLInv4

L inverse matrix of the four-population example pedigree

Description

An L inverse matrix generated from an AlphaSimR simulation of 20 generations. One population, ABCD, is split into four, A, B, C, D.

Usage

```
pedLInv4
```

Format

```
## 'pedLInv4' Matrix object of class 'spam' of dimension 4200x4200, with 12200 (row-wise)
nonzero elements. Density of the matrix is 0.0692 Class 'spam' (32-bit)
```

Source

Simulation

pedMeta

Metadata associated with one-population example

Description

A dataframe.

Usage

```
pedMeta
```

Format

```
## 'pedMeta' A 'data.frame' of 2100 individuals (rows) with 9 variables (cols):
```

id Integer individual ID

population Population code. A, B or AB

generation Generation of the individual

mid dam ID

fid sire ID

gv1 genetic value

pv1 phenotypic value

gv2 genetic value

pv2 phenotypic value

Source

Simulation

pedMeta2

Metadata associated with the two-population example pedigree

Description

A dataframe.

Usage

pedMeta2

Format

'pedMeta2' A 'data.frame' of 2650 individuals (rows) with 12 variables (cols):

id Integer individual ID

population Population code. A, B or AB

generation Generation of the individual

mid dam ID

fid sire ID

gv1 genetic value

pv1 phenotypic value

gv2 genetic value

pv2 phenotypic value

gv genetic value

pv phenotypic value

generationPlotShift for plotting

Source

Simulation

pedMeta4

Metadata associated with the four-population example pedigree

Description

A dataframe.

Usage

```
pedMeta4
```

Format

```
## 'pedMeta4' A 'data.frame' of 4200 individuals (rows) with 9 variables (cols):
```

id Integer individual ID

population Population code. A, B, C, D, or ABCD

generation Generation of the individual

mid dam ID

fid sire ID

gv1 genetic value

pv1 phenotypic value

gv2 genetic value

pv2 phenotypic value

Source

Simulation

plot3D

3D plot using rgl

Description

A simple wrapper around rgl's pot3d function.

Usage

```
plot3D(x, dims = c(1, 2, 3), xlab = NULL, ylab = NULL, zlab = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

x	an rppca object
dims	vector of length 3 - indices of the PCs to plot
xlab	(optional) x axis label
ylab	(optional) yaxis label
zlab	(optional) xz axis label
...	additional arguments passed to rgl::plot3d

Details

Note, different to `plot.rppca`, which is relatively slow, `plot3D` does not down-sample the principal components and it ignores the `ds` slot of an `rppca` object if present.

Value

No return value, called for its side effects.

Examples

```
pc <- rppca(pedLInv)
plot3D(pc)

ped <- pedigree(sire=pedMeta$fid, dam=pedMeta$mid, label=pedMeta$id)
pc2 <- rppca(ped)
plot3D(pc2)
```

plot3DWithProj

3D plot of PC scores with projections on coordinate planes

Description

3D plot of PC scores with projections on coordinate planes

Usage

```
plot3DWithProj(
  pc,
  dims = c(1, 2, 3),
  plotProj = TRUE,
  grid = TRUE,
  col = 1,
  ff = 0.5,
  theta = -45,
  phi = 25
)
```

Arguments

pc	An rppca object
dims	integer vector, which PCs to plot, defaults to 1:3
plotProj	logical, whether to plot the projections
grid	logical, wheter to plot grids
col	the dot colours, integer or string, scalar or vector
ff	numeric, offset for projection (proportion of the orthogonal axis's range)
theta, phi	polar coordinates in degrees. theta rotates round the vertical axis. phi rotates round the horizontal axis.

Value

nothing

Examples

```
ped <- pedigree(pedMeta$fid,
pedMeta$mid,
pedMeta$id
)
pc <- rppca(ped)
plot3DWithProj(pc, col=as.numeric(factor(pedMeta$population)))
```

randRangeFinder *Generate range matrix for SVD*

Description

Generate range matrix for SVD

Usage

```
randRangeFinder(L, rank, depth, numVectors, cent = FALSE)
```

Arguments

L	a pedigree's L inverse matrix in sparse 'spam' format
rank	An integer, how many principal components to return
depth	integer, number of iterations for generating the range matrix
numVectors	An integer > rank, to specify the oversampling for the
cent	logical whether or not to (implicitly) 'centre' the additive relationship matrix, or more precisely, its underlying 'data matrix' L

Value

The range matrix for randSVD

randSVD	<i>Singular value decomposition in sparse triangular matrix</i>
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Description

Uses randomised linear algebra, see Halko et al. (2010). Singular value decomposition (SVD) decomposes a matrix $X = U\Sigma W^T$

Usage

```
randSVD(L, rank, depth, numVectors, cent = FALSE)
```

Arguments

L	a pedigree's L inverse matrix in sparse 'spam' format
rank	An integer, how many principal components to return
depth	integer, the number of iterations for generating the range matrix
numVectors	An integer > rank to specify the oversampling for the
cent	logical, whether or not to (implicitly) centre the additive relationship matrix

Value

A list of three: u (=U), d (=Sigma), and v (=W^T)

randTraceHutchinson	<i>Trace estimation for sparse L inverse matrices</i>
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Description

Using Hutchinson's method

Usage

```
randTraceHutchinson(L, numVectors)
```

Arguments

L	A pedigree's L inverse matrix
numVectors	an integer specifying how many random vectors to use If you do not have a good reason to do otherwise, use the function hutchpp instead. The higher numVectors, the higher the accuracy and the longer the running time. Accuracy can be estimated with the function getNumVectorsHutchinson.

Value

a scalar

rppca	<i>Fast pedigree PCA using sparse matrices and randomised linear algebra</i>
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Description

Fast pedigree PCA using sparse matrices and randomised linear algebra

Usage

```
rppca(X, ...)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'spam'
```

```
rppca(
  X,
  method = "randSVD",
  rank = 10,
  depth = 3,
  numVectors,
  totVar = NULL,
  center = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'pedigree'
```

```
rppca(
  X,
  method = "randSVD",
  rank = 10,
  depth = 3,
  numVectors,
  totVar = NULL,
  center = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

X	A representation of a pedigree, see Details.
...	optional arguments passed to methods
method	string, "randSVD" (the default) or "rspec" can be chosen, see Details
rank	integer, the number of principal components to return
depth	integer, number of iterations for generating the range matrix
numVectors	integer > rank, the number of random vectors to be sampled when generating the range matrix, defaults to ceiling(rank*1.5).

totVar	scalar, (optional) the total variance, required for computation of variance proportions when using an L-inverse matrix a input
center	logical, whether or not to (implicitly) centre the additive relationship matrix

Details

The output slots are named like those of R's built in `prcomp` function. Rotation is not returned by default as it is the transpose of the PC scores, which are returned in `x`. `scale` and `center` are set to `FALSE`.

Which method performs better depends on the number of PC requested, whether centring is applied, and on the structure of the pedigree. As a rule of thumb, "rspec" is faster than the default when rank is 8 or greater.

Value

A list containing:

`x` the principal components

`sdev` the variance components of each PC. Note that the total variance is not known per se and this these components cannot be used to compute the proportion of the total variance accounted for by each PC. However, if `nVecTraceEst` is specified, `rppca` will estimate the total variance and return variance proportions.

`vProp` the estimated variance proportions accounted for by each PC. Only returned if `totVar` is set.

`scale` always `FALSE`

`center` logical indicating whether or not the implicit data matrix was centred

`rotation` the right singular values of the relationship matrix. Only returned if `returnRotation == TRUE`

`varProps` proportion of the total variance explained by each PC. Only returned if starting from a pedigree object without centring, or if `totVar` is supplied.

Examples

```
pc <- rppca(pedLInv)
ped <- pedigree(sire=pedMeta$fid,
               dam=pedMeta$mid,
               label=pedMeta$id
               )
pc2 <- rppca(ped)
```

`sparse2spam`*Convert generic sparse matrix to spam format*

Description

Convert generic sparse matrix to spam format

Usage

```
sparse2spam(sprs)
```

Arguments

`sprs` A sparse matrix.

Value

A spam sparse matrix

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