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FastKM-package	<i>A Fast Multiple-Kernel Method Based on a Low-Rank Approximation</i>
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Description

A computationally efficient and statistically rigorous fast Kernel Machine method for multi-kernel analysis. The approach is based on a low-rank approximation to the nuisance effect kernel matrices. The algorithm is applicable to continuous, dichotomous, and survival traits and is implemented using the existing single-kernel analysis software 'SKAT' or 'coxKM'.

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geno *Create a geno Object.*

Description

Creates an object of class `geno` containing a matrix of one-column-per-marker formatted genotype data, the type of kernel, and the weights to be used to create the kernel matrix. This function is used to simplify the input structure of the call to `KITdesign`.

Usage

```
geno(mat, kernel = "linear", weights = NULL, inheritMode = NA)
```

Arguments

<code>mat</code>	Design matrix for genotype data in either one- or two-column-per-marker format. Object can be a vector, matrix, or <code>data.frame</code> . Missing values can be coded as either 9 or NA.
<code>kernel</code>	Character object indicating type of kernel. Must be one of ('ibs', 'linear', 'quadratic'). For linear kernel, the constant is taken to be zero; for quadratic kernel, it is one.
<code>weights</code>	Weights, if any, to be used in generating kernel. Object can be a vector or matrix. If vector and kernel is not <code>ibs</code> , weights are converted to a diagonal matrix.
<code>inheritMode</code>	For two-column-per-marker format, the inheritance mode to be used to convert to one-column-per-marker format. Must be one of ('add', 'dom', 'rec') indicating additive, dominant, or recessive, respectively.

Details

There are two conventions for genotype data: one- and two-column-per-marker formats. Either format can be used. If genotype data is in one-column format, `inheritMode = NA`. If genotype data is in two-column format, `inheritMode = add/dom/rec`.

Non-integer imputed values can be provided. If it is determined that non-integer values are provided and that the kernel was specified as 'ibs,' the kernel will be reset to 'linear.' In addition, if provided in the two-column format, `inheritMode` will be set to 'add.'

Value

Returns an object of class `geno` containing the one-column-per-marker genotype data, the weights to be used in generating the kernel, and the type of kernel to be generated.

Author(s)

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See Also

[nongen](#), [KITdesign](#)

Examples

```
gdata <- matrix(sample(0:1,40,replace=TRUE,prob=c(0.9,0.1)),ncol=4L)
geno(mat = gdata, kernel = "ibs",
      weights = NULL, inheritMode="add")
```

geno-class

Class "geno"

Description

Class contains all information needed to generate a kernel matrix for genotype data.

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("geno", ...)`.

Slots

mat: Object of class "matrix or NULL"; one-column-per-marker formatted genotype data.

kernel: Object of class "character"; type of kernel to generate.

weights: Object of class "matrix"; weights to be used when generating kernel matrix.

Methods

No methods defined with class "geno" in the signature.

Note

This class is used to simplify input and logic within the main program. New objects of this class should be created only through function `geno()`.

Author(s)

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See Also

[geno](#), [nongen](#)

Examples

```
showClass("geno")
```

KITdesign

*A Fast Multiple-Kernel Method Based on a Low-Rank Approximation
with Design Matrix Inputs*

Description

A computationally efficient and statistically rigorous fast Kernel Machine method for multi-kernel analysis. The approach is based on a low-rank approximation to the nuisance effect kernel matrices. The algorithm is applicable to continuous, dichotomous, and survival traits and is implemented using the existing single-kernel analysis software 'SKAT' or 'coxKM'. This function accepts as input objects of class `geno` and/or `nongeno` containing a design matrix, kernel type, and weights.

Usage

```
KITdesign(y, matA, matB, matC=NULL, x=NULL, trait=NULL, delta=NULL,
         standardize=TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>y</code>	a vector, matrix, or <code>data.frame</code> of traits. Must be a continuous, dichotomous, or survival trait. Missing values must be coded as NA.
<code>matA</code>	an object of class <code>geno</code> or <code>non-geno</code> that specifies the design matrix, weights, and kernel type for matrix A.
<code>matB</code>	an object of class <code>geno</code> or <code>non-geno</code> that specifies the design matrix, weights, and kernel type for matrix B.
<code>matC</code>	If provided, an object of class <code>non-geno</code> . It is the design matrix of the effect for which the user is testing given the design matrices specified in <code>matA</code> and <code>matB</code> . Missing values are coded as NA. If NULL, $A_{\text{kernel}} \times B_{\text{kernel}}$ will be used.
<code>x</code>	a vector, matrix, or <code>data.frame</code> . The design matrix of covariates that are not included in either design matrix specified in <code>matA</code> or <code>matB</code> .
<code>trait</code>	One of ('c','d','s', NULL) indicating the type of trait given in input <code>y</code> , where 'c' = continuous, 'd' = dichotomous, and 's' = survival. If NULL, the software will deduce the trait type using the following logic: If input argument <code>delta</code> is not NULL, assume survival. If <code>y</code> is an integer with only two unique values, dichotomous. If <code>y</code> is not an integer or if <code>y</code> is an integer and there are more than two unique values, continuous. Here, integer does not mean the R class but that a numeric is equivalent to its integer truncation.
<code>delta</code>	the status/event indicator in survival analyses. Usually, 0=alive, 1=dead; TRUE/FALSE (TRUE=death); or 1/2 (2 = death). For continuous or dichotomous traits, <code>delta</code> must be NULL.
<code>standardize</code>	If TRUE, input <code>x</code> and all objects of class <code>nongeno</code> will be centered and scaled.
<code>...</code>	Optional arguments to be passed to kernel machine methods and/or <code>coxph</code> .

Details

If missing values are provided in `matA`, `matB`, `matC`, `y`, or `x`, individuals with missing values in any of these inputs will be removed from all calculations.

The function `SKAT_Null_Model` and `SKAT` of the 'SKAT' R package are used to obtain p-values for continuous and dichotomous traits. For survival traits, `Surv` and `coxph` of the 'survival' package and `coxKM` of the R package 'coxKM' are used. The ellipsis in the call to `KITdesign` can be used to adjust the default setting of the Kernel Machine methods and `coxph`. At the time of this documentation, `coxph` and `coxKM` have an overlap in argument names, namely 'weights.' If weights are provided by user through the ellipsis, it is assumed that this refers to `coxph`.

At the time of writing this documentation, the R package 'coxKM' is not available through the CRAN repository, but can be obtained from <https://github.com/lin-lab/coxKM>. This package is only required to be installed if survival traits are analyzed. Only version 0.3 and above of `coxKM` can be used with this package.

The algorithm maintains the highest possible proportion of variability in both kernel matrices.

Value

A list is returned.

<code>propA</code>	The proportion of variability retained in kernel of <code>matA</code> .
<code>propB</code>	The proportion of variability retained in kernel of <code>matB</code> .
<code>pValue</code>	The p-value as returned by function <code>SKAT</code> or <code>coxKM</code> .

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Examples

```
if( requireNamespace("SKAT", quietly=TRUE) ) {

  matA <- matrix(data = rnorm(100*20), nrow = 100, ncol = 20)
  matB <- matrix(data = rnorm(100), nrow = 100, ncol = 1)

  y <- rnorm(100)

  KITdesign(y = y,
           matA = nongeno(matA, kernel = "linear"),
           matB = nongeno(matB, kernel = "linear"))

}
```

KITkernel *A Fast Multiple-Kernel Method Based on a Low-Rank Approximation with Kernel Inputs.*

Description

A computationally efficient and statistically rigorous fast Kernel Machine method for multi-kernel analysis. The approach is based on a low-rank approximation to the nuisance effect kernel matrices. The algorithm is applicable to continuous, dichotomous, and survival traits and is implemented using the existing single-kernel analysis software 'SKAT' and/or 'coxKM'. This function accepts as input kernel matrices.

Usage

```
KITkernel(y, kmatA, kmatB, kmatC = NULL, x = NULL,
          AkernelC = 0.0, BkernelC = 0.0, trait = NULL, delta = NULL,
          standardize = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

y	a vector, matrix, or data.frame of traits. Must be a continuous, dichotomous, or survival trait. Data must be complete.
kmatA	a matrix or data.frame. A kernel matrix. Data must be complete.
kmatB	a matrix or data.frame. A kernel matrix. Data must be complete.
kmatC	If provided, a matrix or data.frame. The kernel matrix of the effect for which the user is testing given matA and matB. Data must be complete. If NULL, the kmatA x kmatB kernel will be used.
x	a vector, matrix, or data.frame. The design matrix of covariates that are not included in either matA or matB, the kernels of which are provided in kmatA and kmatB. Data must be complete.
AkernelC	If kmatC is NULL and kmatA was calculated using a polynomial or interactive kernel, AkernelC is the value of the constant term. For example if kmatA = (1+X ^T X), AkernelC = 1.0. This input is used to properly account for the constant terms when generating kmatA x kmatB kernel.
BkernelC	If kmatC is NULL and kmatB was calculated using a polynomial or interactive kernel, BkernelC is the value of the constant term. For example if kmatB = (1+X ^T X), BkernelC = 1.0. This input is used to properly account for the constant terms when generating kmatA x kmatB kernel.
trait	One of ('c','d','s', NULL) indicating the type of trait given in input y, where 'c' = continuous, 'd' = dichotomous, and 's' = survival. If NULL, the software will deduce the trait type using the following logic: If input argument delta is not NULL, assume survival. If y is an integer with only two unique values, dichotomous. If y is not an integer or if y is an integer and there are more than two unique values, continuous. Here, integer does not mean the R class but that a numeric is equivalent to its integer truncation.

<code>delta</code>	the status/event indicator in survival analyses. Usually, 0=alive, 1=dead; TRUE/FALSE (TRUE=death); or 1/2 (2 = death). For continuous or dichotomous traits, delta must be NULL.
<code>standardize</code>	If TRUE, input x will be centered and scaled.
<code>...</code>	Optional arguments to be passed to kernel machine methods and/or <code>coxph</code> .

Details

The function `SKAT_Null_Model` and `SKAT` of the 'SKAT' R package are used to obtain p-values for continuous and dichotomous traits. For survival traits, `Surv` and `coxph` of the 'survival' package and `coxKM` of the R package 'coxKM' are used. The ellipsis in the call to `KITkernel` can be used to adjust the default setting of the Kernel Machine methods and `coxph`. At the time of this documentation, `coxph` and `coxKM` have an overlap in argument names, namely 'weights.' If weights are provided by user through the ellipsis, it is assumed that this refers to `coxph`.

At the time of writing this documentation, the R package 'coxKM' is not available through the CRAN repository, but can be obtained from <https://github.com/lin-lab/coxKM>. This package is only required to be installed if survival traits are analyzed. Only version 0.3 and above of 'coxKM' can be used with this package.

The algorithm maintains the highest possible proportion of variability in both kernel matrices.

Value

A list is returned.

<code>propA</code>	The proportion of variability retained in <code>kmatA</code> .
<code>propB</code>	The proportion of variability retained in <code>kmatB</code> .
<code>pValue</code>	The p-value as returned by function <code>SKAT</code> or <code>coxKM</code> .

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Examples

```
if( requireNamespace("SKAT", quietly=TRUE) ) {

  matA <- matrix(data = rnorm(100*20), nrow = 100, ncol = 20)
  matB <- matrix(data = rnorm(100), nrow = 100, ncol = 1)
  y <- rnorm(100)

  kmatA <- (1 + tcrossprod(matA,matA))^2
  kmatB <- tcrossprod(matB,matB)
```

```
KITkernel(y = y, kmatA = kmatA, kmatB = kmatB, AkernelC = 1.0)
}
```

nongeno

Create a nongeno Object

Description

Creates an object of class nongeno containing a non-genotype design matrix, the type of kernel to generate, and the weights to be used to create the kernel matrix. This function is used to simplify the input structure of the call to KITdesign.

Usage

```
nongeno(mat, kernel = "linear", weights = NULL)
```

Arguments

mat	Design matrix. Missing values must be coded as NA.
kernel	Type of kernel. Must be one of ('interactive', 'linear', 'quadratic'). For linear kernel, the constant is taken to be zero; for quadratic kernel, it is one.
weights	Weights, if any, to be used in generating kernel. Object can be a vector or matrix. If vector, weights is converted to a diagonal matrix.

Value

Returns an object of class nongeno containing the design matrix, the weights to be used in generating the kernel, and the type of kernel to be generated.

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See Also

[geno](#), [KITdesign](#)

Examples

```
ngdata <- matrix(rnorm(40),ncol=4L)
nongeno(mat = ngdata, kernel = "linear", weights = NULL)
```

nongeno-class	Class "nongeno"
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Description

Class contains all information needed to generate a kernel matrix for non-genotype data.

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("nongeno", ...)`.

Slots

mat: Object of class "matrix or NULL"; design matrix.

kernel: Object of class "character"; type of kernel to generate.

weights: Object of class "matrix"; weights to be used when generating kernel matrix.

Methods

No methods defined with class "nongeno" in the signature.

Note

This class is used to simplify input for and logic within the main program. New objects of this class should be created only through function `nongeno()`.

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See Also

[geno](#), [nongeno](#)

Examples

```
showClass("nongeno")
```

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