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**Description** Rare Variant Sharing (RVS) implements tests of association and linkage between rare genetic variant genotypes and a dichotomous phenotype, e.g. a disease status, in family samples. The tests are based on probabilities of rare variant sharing by relatives under the null hypothesis of absence of linkage and association between the rare variants and the phenotype and apply to single variants or multiple variants in a region (e.g. gene-based test).

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ComputeKinshipPropCoef

*ratio of excess kinship among descendants over mean kinship among founders*

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**Description**

Computes, for each pair of final descendants in the pedigree structure contained in the pedigree object, the ratio of the difference between the inferred and expected kinship coefficient for the pair over the mean kinship among founders.

**Usage**

```
ComputeKinshipPropCoef(ped)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'pedigree'
```

```
ComputeKinshipPropCoef(ped)
```

**Arguments**

ped                    pedigree object (S3)

**Details**

The ratio for each pair of final descendants is computed using equation (A1) of Bureau et al. Dividing the difference between the inferred and expected kinship coefficient for each pair by this ratio gives a pair-specific estimate of the mean kinship among founders, which can then be averaged over all pairs of final descendants from the same population to obtain a global estimate of the mean kinship among founders.

**Value**

a symmetric matrix of ratios for all pair of final descendants in the pedigree structure contained in the pedigree

**References**

Bureau, A., Younkin, S., Parker, M.M., Bailey-Wilson, J.E., Marazita, M.L., Murray, J.C., Mangold, E., Albacha-Hejazi, H., Beaty, T.H. and Ruczinski, I. (2014) Inferring rare disease risk variants based on exact probabilities of sharing by multiple affected relatives. *Bioinformatics*, 30(15): 2189-96, doi:10.1093/bioinformatics/btu198.

**Examples**

```
data(samplePedigrees)
ComputeKinshipPropCoef(samplePedigrees$firstCousinTriple)
```

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convertMatrix                    *convert snpMatrix to a list of vectors of sharing*

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**Description**

convert snpMatrix to a list of vectors of sharing

**Usage**

```
convertMatrix(snpMat, famInfo, minorAllele = NA)
```

**Arguments**

snpMat	SnpMatrix
famInfo	data frame containing pedigree, member, father, mother, sex, affected fields for each sequenced subject
minorAllele	vector specifying the minor allele of each variant

**Value**

list of boolean vectors indicating sharing pattern for each variant

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enrichmentPValue	<i>enrichment p-value across multiple families and variants</i>
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### Description

Computes a p-value for all variants seen across all families

### Usage

```
enrichmentPValue(snpMat, famInfo, sharingProbs, threshold = 0)
```

### Arguments

snpMat	SnpMatrix
famInfo	data frame containing pedigree, member, father, mother, sex, affected fields for each sequenced subject
sharingProbs	vector of sharing probabilities, must be a named vector with famid's for each probability
threshold	minimum p-value threshold passed to multipleFamilyPValue

### Details

For each variant, the families which have all sequenced subjects sharing the variant and the families which have some sequenced subjects sharing the variant are recorded. All unique (family, variant) pairs are accumulated into a single vector and passed to multipleFamilyPValue

### Value

p-value

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ex.ped.mat	<i>matrix of pedigree information and genotype data from famVCF stored in the LINKAGE format</i>
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### Description

matrix of pedigree information and genotype data from famVCF stored in the LINKAGE format

### Usage

```
ex.ped.mat
```

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fam15157.vcf	<i>VCF objects containing genotype data for two families: fam15157 and fam28003 (corresponding to the secondCousinTriple and firstAndSecondCousinsTriple families in samplePedigrees)</i>
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**Description**

VCF objects containing genotype data for two families: fam15157 and fam28003 (corresponding to the secondCousinTriple and firstAndSecondCousinsTriple families in samplePedigrees)

**Usage**

fam15157.vcf

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fam28003.vcf	<i>VCF objects containing genotype data for two families: fam15157 and fam28003 (corresponding to the secondCousinTriple and firstAndSecondCousinsTriple families in samplePedigrees)</i>
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**Description**

VCF objects containing genotype data for two families: fam15157 and fam28003 (corresponding to the secondCousinTriple and firstAndSecondCousinsTriple families in samplePedigrees)

**Usage**

fam28003.vcf

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GeneDrop	<i>deprecated function</i>
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**Description**

This function is deprecated with version  $\geq 2.0$  and should not be used, instead use RVsharing with nSim option

**Usage**

GeneDrop(...)

GeneDropSim.allsubsets.fn(...)

GeneDropSim.fn(...)

GeneDropSimExcessSharing.fn(...)

**Arguments**

... arguments to the old function

**Value**

none

**Examples**

```
tryCatch(GeneDrop(), error = function(e) message(e))
```

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get.psubset	<i>deprecated function</i>
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**Description**

This function is deprecated with version  $\geq 2.0$  and should not be used, instead use `multipleFamilyPValue`

**Usage**

```
get.psubset(vec, not, pshare.data)
```

**Arguments**

`vec` a vector of names of all families where a variant is seen

`not` a vector of names of families where not all affected subjects share the rare variant

`pshare.data` a data frame with at least two of the following columns: `pshare`: vector of RV sharing probabilities `ped.tocompute.vec`: vector of names of the families whose sharing probability is contained in `pshare`. The names in the arguments `vec` and `not` must be found in `ped.tocompute.vec`

**Value**

P-value of the exact rare variant sharing test requiring sharing by all affected subjects.

**Examples**

```
data(samplePedigrees)
notSharedFams <- c(15159, 15053, 15157)
famids <- sapply(samplePedigrees, function(p) p$famid[1])
notShared <- famids %in% notSharedFams
probs <- sapply(samplePedigrees, RVsharing)
get.psubset(famids, notShared, data.frame(pshare=probs,
ped.tocompute.vec=famids))
```

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multipleFamilyPValue *probability of sharing of rare variants in a subset of families*

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### Description

Computing probability of sharing of rare variants in a subset of families where rare variants are seen based on precomputed family-specific rare variant sharing probabilities.

### Usage

```
multipleFamilyPValue(sharingProbs, observedSharing, minPValue = 0)
```

### Arguments

**sharingProbs**    named vector of sharing probabilities, where names correspond to famid value of pedigree

**observedSharing**    boolean vector describing if all affected subjects in the family share the variant (TRUE if all share)

**minPValue**    the minimum p-value threshold, once the true p-value is determined to be less than this, the computation stops and minPValue is returned - this prevents extremely long computations for extremely small p-values

### Details

All the subsets of families of size equal or inferior to the length of not are created, and the joint probability of each such subset not sharing a rare variant and the remaining families sharing a rare variant is obtained as the product of the family-specific rare variant sharing probabilities or its complement. The function then sums the pattern probabilities inferior or equal to the probability of the observed pattern of the not families not sharing a rare variant and the remaining families sharing a rare variant.

### Value

P-value of the exact rare variant sharing test requiring sharing by all affected subjects

### References

Bureau, A., Younkin, S., Parker, M.M., Bailey-Wilson, J.E., Marazita, M.L., Murray, J.C., Mangold, E., Albacha-Hejazi, H., Beaty, T.H. and Ruczinski, I. (2014) Inferring rare disease risk variants based on exact probabilities of sharing by multiple affected relatives. *Bioinformatics*, 30(15): 2189-96, doi:10.1093/bioinformatics/btu198.

### Examples

```
data(samplePedigrees)
probs <- sapply(samplePedigrees, RVsharing)
notSharedFams <- c(15159, 15053, 15157)
famids <- sapply(samplePedigrees, function(p) p$famid[1])
shared <- !famids %in% notSharedFams
names(shared) <- names(probs)
multipleFamilyPValue(probs, shared)
```

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multipleVariantPValue *generalization of multipleFamilyPValue to multiple variants*

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### Description

Computes a p-value for each variant sharing pattern across families

### Usage

```
multipleVariantPValue(snpMat, famInfo, sharingProbs, minorAllele = NA,
  filter = NULL, alpha = 0)
```

### Arguments

snpMat	Snpmatrix
famInfo	data frame containing pedigree, member, father, mother, sex, affected fields for each sequenced subject
sharingProbs	vector of sharing probabilities, must be a named vector with famid's for each probability
minorAllele	vector specifying the minor allele of each variant
filter	criteria for filtering p-values
alpha	parameter for filter

### Details

For each variant, the families which have all sequenced subjects sharing the variant and the families which have some sequenced subjects sharing the variant are recorded. These values are passed to multipleFamilyPValue

### Value

list containing p-values and potential p-values for each variant

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ped2trio *deprecated function*

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### Description

This function is deprecated with version  $\geq 2.0$  and should not be used.

### Usage

```
ped2trio(...)
```

### Arguments

... arguments to the old function



**Value**

none

**Examples**

```
tryCatch(ped2trio(), error = function(e) message(e))
```

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processPedigree	<i>extract useful information from a pedigree</i>
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**Description**

Extract key information from a pedigree object, which makes subsequent computations much easier.

**Usage**

```
processPedigree(ped, carriers = NULL)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'pedigree'
processPedigree(ped, carriers = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

ped	pedigree object (S3)
carriers	subjects in which the rare variant is seen

**Value**

list containing relevant pedigree info

**Examples**

```
data(samplePedigrees)
processPedigree(samplePedigrees$firstCousinPair)
```

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RVgene	<i>Probability of sharing of rare variants in a family sample within a gene</i>
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**Description**

Computing probability of sharing of rare variants in a family sample within a genomic region such as a gene.

**Usage**

```
RVgene(data, ped.listfams, sites, fams, pattern.prob.list, nequiv.list, N.list,
  type = "alleles", minor.allele.vec, precomputed.prob = list(),
  maxdim = 1e+09, partial.sharing = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	A list of <code>SnpMatrix</code> objects corresponding to each pedigree object in <code>ped.listfams</code> , or a <code>data.frame</code> or matrix encoding the pedigree information and genotype data in the standard LINKAGE ped format or the PLINK raw format with additive component only (see PLINK web site [1]). From the pedigree information, only the family ID in the first column, the subject ID in the second column and the affection status in the sixth column are used (columns 3 to 5 are ignored). Also, family members without genotype data do not need to appear in this object. The genotype of each variant can be coded in two ways, each corresponding to a different value of the <code>type</code> option: a minor allele count on one column with missing values coded NA, ( <code>type="count"</code> ) or the identity of the two alleles on two consecutive columns, with missing values coded 0 corresponding to the standard LINKAGE ped format ( <code>type="alleles"</code> ). If you provide a <code>SnpMatrix</code> object then the genotype should be coded as the minor allele count + 1, i.e. 01 is the homozygous genotype for the common allele.
<code>ped.listfams</code>	a list of pedigree objects, one object for each pedigree for which genotype data are included in <code>data</code> .
<code>sites</code>	a vector of the column indices of the variant sites to test in <code>data</code> . If the argument <code>fams</code> is provided, the variant sites are tested in each corresponding family in the <code>fams</code> vector (a variant present in multiple families must then be repeated for every families where it appears).
<code>fams</code>	an optional character vector of the names of families in <code>data</code> and <code>ped.listfams</code> carrying the variants listed in the corresponding position in <code>sites</code> . If missing, the names of the families carrying the minor allele at each position in <code>sites</code> are extracted from <code>data</code>
<code>pattern.prob.list</code>	a list of precomputed rare variant sharing probabilities for all possible sharing patterns in the families in <code>data</code> and <code>ped.listfams</code>
<code>nequiv.list</code>	an optional vector of the number of configurations of rare variant sharing by the affected subjects corresponding to the same pattern and probability in <code>pattern.prob.list</code> . Default is a vector of 1s
<code>N.list</code>	a vector of the number of affected subjects sharing a rare variant in the corresponding pattern in <code>pattern.prob.list</code>
<code>type</code>	an optional character string taking value "alleles" or "count". Default is "alleles"
<code>minor.allele.vec</code>	an optional vector of the minor alleles at each site in the <code>sites</code> vector. It is not needed if <code>type="count"</code> . If it is missing and <code>type="alleles"</code> , the minor allele is assumed to take the value 2
<code>precomputed.prob</code>	an optional list of vectors precomputed rare variant sharing probabilities for families in <code>data</code> and <code>ped.listfams</code> . If the vectors are named, the names must be strings formed by the concatenation of the sorted carrier names separated by semi-columns. If the vectors are not named, the vectors must represent probabilities for all the possible values of <code>N.list</code> for the corresponding family (one probability per value of <code>N.list</code> )
<code>maxdim</code>	upper bound on the dimension of the array containing the joint distribution of the sharing patterns for all families in <code>fams</code> (to avoid running out of memory)
<code>partial.sharing</code>	logical indicating whether the test allowing for sharing by a subset of affected subjects should be performed. If FALSE, only the test requiring sharing by all affected subjects is computed. Default is TRUE

... other arguments to be passed to RVsharing

## Details

The function extracts the carriers of the minor allele at each entry in sites in each family where it is present in ped.mat (or in the families specified in fams if that argument is specified). It then computes exact rare variant sharing probabilities in each family for each variant by calling RVsharing. If multiple rare variants are seen in the same family, the smallest sharing probability among all rare variants is retained. The joint rare variant sharing probability over all families is obtained as the product of the family-specific probabilities. The p-value of the test allowing for sharing by a subset of affected subjects over the rare variants in the genomic region is then computed as the sum of the probabilities of the possible combinations of sharing patterns among all families with a probability less than or equal to the observed joint probability and a total number of carriers greater than or equal to the sum of the number of carriers in all families, using the values in pattern.prob.list, nequiv.list and N.list. The families where all affected subjects share a rare variant are determined by verifying if the length of the carrier vector equals the maximum value of N.list for that family. The p-value of the test requiring sharing by all affected subjects is computed by calling multipleFamilyPValue.

## Value

A list with items: p P-value of the exact rare variant sharing test allowing for sharing by a subset of affected subjects. pall P-value of the exact rare variant sharing test requiring sharing by all affected subjects. potentialp Minimum achievable p-value if all affected subjects were carriers of a rare variant.

## Examples

```
data(samplePedigrees)
data(ex.ped.mat)
fam15157 <- samplePedigrees$secondCousinTriple
fam15157.pattern.prob = c(RVsharing(fam15157,carriers=c(15,16,17)),
  RVsharing(fam15157,carriers=c(15,16)),
  RVsharing(fam15157,carriers=c(15)))
fam15157.nequiv = c(1,3,3)
# check that distribution sums to 1
sum(fam15157.pattern.prob*fam15157.nequiv)
fam15157.N = 3:1
# Creating lists
ex.pattern.prob.list = list("15157"=fam15157.pattern.prob)
ex.nequiv.list = list("15157"=fam15157.nequiv)
ex.N.list = list("15157"=fam15157.N)
ex.ped.obj = list(fam15157)
names(ex.ped.obj) = c("15157")
sites = c(92,119)
minor.allele.vec=c(1,4)
RVgene(ex.ped.mat[1:17,],ex.ped.obj,sites,
  pattern.prob.list=ex.pattern.prob.list,
  nequiv.list=ex.nequiv.list,N.list=ex.N.list,
  minor.allele.vec=minor.allele.vec)
# calling with a SnpMatrix
data(snpMat)
RVgene(list(snpMat),ex.ped.obj,sites,
  pattern.prob.list=ex.pattern.prob.list, nequiv.list=ex.nequiv.list,
  N.list=ex.N.list,minor.allele.vec=minor.allele.vec)
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**Description**

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RVsharing	<i>probability of sharing a rare variant among relatives</i>
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**Description**

computing probability that a rare variant is shared by a set of subjects in a pedigree using the gRain package

**Usage**

```
RVsharing(ped, carriers = NULL, alleleFreq = NA, kinshipCoeff = NA,
  nSim = NA, founderDist = NULL, useAffected = FALSE, kinshipOrder = 5,
  ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'pedigree'
```

```
RVsharing(ped, carriers = NULL, alleleFreq = NA,
  kinshipCoeff = NA, nSim = NA, founderDist = NULL, useAffected = FALSE,
  kinshipOrder = 5, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'list'
```

```
RVsharing(ped, carriers = NULL, alleleFreq = NA,
  kinshipCoeff = NA, nSim = NA, founderDist = NULL, useAffected = FALSE,
  kinshipOrder = 5, ...)
```

**Arguments**

ped	S3 pedigree object or a list of pedigree objects
carriers	subjects in pedigree that have the variant, if ped is a list, then this will also be a list of vectors specifying the carriers in each pedigree
alleleFreq	allele frequency among the founders
kinshipCoeff	mean kinship coefficient among the founders
nSim	number of simulations used in monte carlo calculation
founderDist	custom distribution among founders - only used when simulating probability with nSim
useAffected	allows the user to condition on seeing the variant among the affected subjects instead of the final descendants
kinshipOrder	order of the polynomial approximation to the distribution of the number of distinct alleles in the founders (d in Bureau et al.). Must be $\leq 5$
...	allows for arguments in the style of v1.7

**Details**

the function RVsharing computes the probability that all subjects identified as carriers of a rare variant in the vector carriers (or all final descendants in the pedigree if carriers == NULL) share that rare variant AND the final descendants not included in carriers do not carry it, given that the rare variant has been detected in any subject in the union of the carriers and the final descendants of the pedigree. A final descendant is defined as a subject without descendant in the pedigree, it is not necessarily in the youngest generation. If carriers enumerates a subset of pedigree members, the function will then compute the probability these carriers share the rare variant AND the final descendants not included in carriers do not carry it based on the above terms. To obtain the probability that a set of pedigree members carry a rare variant given it was seen in any of the set members (ignoring the carrier status of final descendants not in the set), the pedigree must be trimmed of the other final descendants before calling RVsharing.

**Value**

sharing probability between all carriers in pedigree

**References**

Bureau, A., Younkin, S., Parker, M.M., Bailey-Wilson, J.E., Marazita, M.L., Murray, J.C., Mangold, E., Albacha-Hejazi, H., Beaty, T.H. and Ruczinski, I. (2014) Inferring rare disease risk variants based on exact probabilities of sharing by multiple affected relatives. *Bioinformatics*, 30(15): 2189-96, doi:10.1093/bioinformatics/btu198.

**Examples**

```
data("samplePedigrees")
RVsharing(samplePedigrees$firstCousinPair)
```

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samplePedigrees	<i>list of 8 sample pedigree objects</i>
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**Description**

list of 8 sample pedigree objects

**Usage**

```
samplePedigrees
```

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snpMat	<i>SnpMatrix with genotype information from famVCF for fam15157</i>
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**Description**

SnpMatrix with genotype information from famVCF for fam15157

**Usage**

```
snpMat
```

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SnpMatrixToCount	<i>convert a list of SnpMatrices to a single matrix in a similar format as LINKAGE except with minor allele counts</i>
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**Description**

creates a matrix in LINKAGE format using pedigree information from a list of pedigree objects and genotype information from a list of SnpMatrices

**Usage**

```
SnpMatrixToCount(matList, pedList)
```

**Arguments**

matList	list of SnpMatrices
pedList	list of pedigrees

**Value**

matrix in LINKAGE format

**Examples**

```
data(samplePedigrees)
data(snpMat)
ped <- samplePedigrees$secondCousinTriple
ex.ped.mat <- SnpMatrixToCount(list(snpMat), list(ped))
```

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