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| calc_neiprob | <i>Calculating a set of neighbor QTL effects from conditional genotype probabilities</i> |
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Description

A function to calculate self QTL effects for all individuals, with given deviation coefficients and conditional genotype probabilities.

Usage

```
calc_neiprob(
  genoprobs,
  a2,
  d2,
  contrasts = NULL,
  smap,
  scale,
  grouping = rep(1, nrow(smap)),
  d2sq0 = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------|---|
| genoprobs | Conditional genotype probabilities as taken from <code>qtl::calc.genoprob()</code> . |
| a2 | A numeric scalar indicating additive deviation. |
| d2 | A numeric scalar indicating dominance deviation. |
| contrasts | A vector composed of three TRUE/FALSE values, which represents the presence/absence of specific genotypes as <code>c(TRUE/FALSE, TRUE/FALSE, TRUE/FALSE)</code> = AA, AB, BB. |
| smap | A matrix showing a spatial map for individuals. The first and second column include spatial positions along an x-axis and y-axis, respectively. |
| scale | A numeric scalar indicating the maximum spatial distance between a focal individual and neighbors to define neighbor effects. |
| grouping | An integer vector assigning each individual to a group. This argument can be used when <code>smap</code> contains different experimental replicates. Default setting means that all individuals are belong to a single group. |
| d2sq0 | An option to make AB/AB interaction effects zero. |

Value

A numeric matrix containing individuals x marker elements for neighbor QTL effects.

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calc_pve

Calculating phenotypic variation explained by neighbor effects

Description

A function to calculate the proportion or ratio of phenotypic variation explained (PVE or RVE) by neighbor effects for a series of neighbor distance (s_seq) using mixed models.

Usage

```
calc_pve(
  genoprobs,
  pheno,
  smap,
  s_seq,
  addcovar = NULL,
  grouping = rep(1, nrow(smap)),
  response = c("quantitative", "binary"),
  fig = TRUE,
  contrasts = NULL
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------|---|
| genoprobs | Conditional genotype probabilities as taken from <code>qtl::calc.genoprob()</code> . |
| pheno | A vector of individual phenotypes. |
| smap | A matrix showing a spatial map for individuals. The first and second column include spatial positions along an x-axis and y-axis, respectively. |
| s_seq | A numeric vector including a set of the maximum spatial distance between a focal individual and neighbors to define neighbor effects. A scalar is also allowed. |
| addcovar | An optional matrix including additional non-genetic covariates. It contains no. of individuals x no. of covariates. |
| grouping | An optional integer vector assigning each individual to a group. This argument can be used when smap contains different experimental replicates. Default setting means that all individuals are belong to a single group. |
| response | An optional argument to select trait types. The "quantitative" or "binary" applies the "lmm.aireml()" or "logistic.mm.aireml()" for a mixed model, respectively. |

fig TRUE/FALSE to add a figure of Delta PVE or not.

contrasts An optional vector composed of three TRUE/FALSE values, which represents the presence/absence of specific genotypes as c(TRUE/FALSE, TRUE/FALSE, TRUE/FALSE) = AA, AB, BB. If NULL, it is compiled from genoprobs automatically.

Details

This function calls linear or logistic mixed models via the *gaston* package (Perdry & Dandine-Roulland 2020). If "quantitative" is selected, `Var_self` or `Var_nei` in the output is given by the proportion of phenotypic variation explained (PVE) by neighbor effects as $PVE_{nei} = \sigma_2^2 / (\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + \sigma_e^2)$. If "binary" is selected, `Var_self` or `Var_nei` is given by the ratio of phenotypic variation explained (RVE) by neighbor effects as $RVE_{nei} = \sigma_2^2 / \sigma_1^2$ and p-values are not available. This is because a logistic mixed model `logistic.mm.aireml()` called via the *gaston* package does not provide σ_e^2 and log-likelihood (see Chen et al. 2016 for the theory).

Value

A matrix containing the maximum neighbor distance, phenotypic variation explained by neighbor effects, and p-value by a likelihood ratio test.

- `scale` Maximum neighbor distance given as an argument
- `Var_self` Proportion or ratio of phenotypic variation explained (PVE or RVE) by self-genotype effects for linear or logistic mixed models, respectively
- `Var_nei` Proportion or ratio of phenotypic variation explained (PVE or RVE) by neighbor effects for linear or logistic mixed models, respectively
- `p-value` p-value by a likelihood ratio test between models with or without neighbor effects. Self effects are tested when the scale is zero

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References

- Perdry H, Dandine-Roulland C (2020) *gaston*: Genetic Data Handling (QC, GRM, LD, PCA) & Linear Mixed Models. R package version 1.5.6. <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=gaston>
- Chen H, Wang C, Conomos M. et al. (2016) Control for population structure and relatedness for binary traits in genetic association studies via logistic mixed models. *The American Journal of Human Genetics* 98: 653-666.

Examples

```
set.seed(1234)
test_map <- qtl::sim.map(len=rep(20,5),n.mar=3,include.x=FALSE)
test_cross <- qtl::sim.cross(test_map,n.ind=50)
test_smap <- cbind(runif(50,1,100),runif(50,1,100))
test_genoprobs <- qtl::calc.genoprob(test_cross,step=2)
s_seq <- quantile(dist(test_smap),c(0.1*(1:10)))
```

```
test_pve <- calc_pve(genoprobs=test_genoprobs,  
                    pheno=test_cross$pheno$phenotype,  
                    smap=test_smap, s_seq=s_seq,  
                    )
```

decompose_genoprobs *Decomposition of conditional genotype probabilities*

Description

A function to decompose qt1's object of conditional genotype probabilities.

Usage

```
decompose_genoprobs(genoprobs, contrasts = NULL)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------|--|
| genoprobs | Conditional genotype probabilities as taken from qt1::calc.genoprob(). |
| contrasts | A vector composed of three TRUE/FALSE values, which represents the presence/absence of specific genotypes as c(TRUE/FALSE, TRUE/FALSE, TRUE/FALSE) = AA, AB, BB. |

Value

A list of three numeric matrices for genotype probabilities AA, AB, and BB. Each contains elements of individuals x markers.

- AA Homozygote AA probabilities.
- AB Heterozygote AB probabilities for. NA if inbred lines
- BB Homozygote BB probabilities. NA if backcross lines

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 eff_neighbor

Estimation of self and neighbor QTL effects across a genome

Description

A function to estimate additive and dominance deviation for self and neighbor QTL effects by a simple regression.

Usage

```
eff_neighbor(
  genoprobs,
  pheno,
  smap,
  scale,
  addcovar = NULL,
  addQTL = NULL,
  grouping = rep(1, nrow(smap)),
  response = c("quantitative", "binary"),
  fig = TRUE,
  contrasts = NULL
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------|---|
| genoprobs | Conditional genotype probabilities as taken from <code>qtl::calc.genoprob()</code> . |
| pheno | A vector of individual phenotypes. |
| smap | A matrix showing a spatial map for individuals. The first and second column include spatial position along an x-axis and y-axis, respectively. |
| scale | A numeric scalar indicating the maximum spatial distance between a focal individual and neighbors to define neighbor effects. |
| addcovar | An optional matrix including additional non-genetic covariates. It contains no. of individuals x no. of covariates. |
| addQTL | An optional vector containing marker names that are considered covariates. Namely, this option allows composite interval mapping (Jansen 1993). |
| grouping | An optional integer vector assigning each individual to a group. This argument can be used when smap contains different experimental replicates. Default setting means that all individuals are belong to a single group. |
| response | An optional argument to select trait types. The "quantitative" or "binary" calls the "gaussian" or "binomial" family in <code>glm()</code> , respectively. |
| fig | TRUE/FALSE to plot the effects or not. |
| contrasts | An optional vector composed of three TRUE/FALSE values, which represents the presence/absence of specific genotypes as <code>c(TRUE/FALSE, TRUE/FALSE, TRUE/FALSE) = AA, AB, BB</code> . If NULL, it is compiled from <code>genoprobs</code> automatically. |

Details

Similar to Haley-Knott regression (Haley & Knott 1992), the additive and dominance deviations are approximated by a regression of trait values on conditional genotype probabilities. The self QTL effects a_1 and d_1 are estimated in the same way as the `qtl` package performs the Haley-Knott regression. If `contrasts = c(TRUE, TRUE, TRUE)`, neighbor QTL effects a_1 and d_1 are estimated using a quadratic regression; otherwise, the additive neighbor effects are estimated using a linear regression. See also Sato, Takeda & Nagano (2021) for the rationale behind the approximation.

Value

A matrix of estimated additive and dominance deviation for self and neighbor effects, with the chromosome numbers and positions. The row names correspond to marker names.

- `chr` Chromosome number
- `pos` Marker position
- `a1` Additive deviation for self effects
- `d1` Dominance deviation for self effects
- `a2` Additive deviation for neighbor effects
- `d2` Dominance deviation for neighbor effects

Author(s)

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References

- Haley CS, Knott SA (1992) A simple regression method for mapping quantitative trait loci in line crosses using flanking markers. *Heredity* 69:315-324.
- Jansen RC (1993) Interval mapping of multiple quantitative trait loci. *Genetics* 135:205-211.
- Sato Y, Takeda K, Nagano AJ (2021) Neighbor QTL: an interval mapping method for quantitative trait loci underlying plant neighborhood effects. *G3; Genes|Genomes|Genetics* 11:jkab017.

Examples

```
set.seed(1234)
test_map <- qtl::sim.map(len=rep(20,5),n.mar=3,include.x=FALSE)
test_cross <- qtl::sim.cross(test_map,n.ind=50)
test_smap <- cbind(runif(50,1,100),runif(50,1,100))
test_genoprob <- qtl::calc.genoprob(test_cross,step=2)

test_eff <- eff_neighbor(genoprob=test_genoprob,
                        pheno=test_cross$pheno$phenotype,
                        smap=test_smap, scale=20, fig=TRUE
                        )
```

genoprobs2selfprobs *Calculating a set of self QTL effects from conditional genotype probabilities*

Description

A function to reshape qt1's object of conditional genotype probabilities, and to calculate self QTL effects for all individuals with given deviation coefficients and conditional genotype probabilities.

Usage

```
genoprobs2selfprobs(genoprobs, a1, d1, contrasts = NULL)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------|--|
| genoprobs | Conditional genotype probabilities as taken from qt1::calc.genoprob(). |
| a1 | A numeric scalar indicating additive deviation. |
| d1 | A numeric scalar indicating dominance deviation. |
| contrasts | A vector composed of three TRUE/FALSE values, which represents the presence/absence of specific genotypes as c(TRUE/FALSE, TRUE/FALSE, TRUE/FALSE) = AA, AB, BB. |

Value

A numeric matrix containing individuals x marker elements for self QTL effects.

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get_markers *Reshaping marker information*

Description

A function to get marker information from a genetic map including observed and pseudo markers

Usage

```
get_markers(genoprobs)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------|--|
| genoprobs | Conditional genotype probabilities as taken from qt1::calc.genoprob(). |
|-----------|--|

Value

A matrix showing the chromosome numbers (the first column) and positions (the second column) for all markers (row names).

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int_neighbor

Testing marker-by-marker epistasis in neighbor QTL effects

Description

A function to test interaction terms between one focal marker and the other markers across a genome.

Usage

```
int_neighbor(
  genoprobs,
  pheno,
  smap,
  scale,
  addcovar = NULL,
  addQTL,
  intQTL,
  grouping = rep(1, nrow(smap)),
  response = c("quantitative", "binary"),
  contrasts = NULL
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------|--|
| genoprobs | Conditional genotype probabilities as taken from <code>qt1::calc.genoprob()</code> . |
| pheno | A vector of individual phenotypes. |
| smap | A matrix showing a spatial map for individuals. The first and second column include spatial positions along an x-axis and y-axis, respectively. |
| scale | A numeric scalar indicating the maximum spatial distance between a focal individual and neighbors to define neighbor effects. |
| addcovar | An optional matrix including additional non-genetic covariates. It contains no. of individuals x no. of covariates. |
| addQTL | A vector containing marker names that are considered covariates. This argument is necessary for <code>int_neighbor()</code> , and must match the marker names of <code>gmap</code> . |
| intQTL | A name of a focal marker to be tested for its epistasis with the other markers in neighbor effects. The marker name must be included by <code>addQTL</code> . |

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| logLik_glm.fit | <i>Calculating log-likelihood in generalized linear models</i> |
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Description

An utility function to extract log-likelihood based on AIC of glm.fit()

Usage

```
logLik_glm.fit(...)
```

Arguments

... Arguments to be passed to glm.fit().

Value

Log-likelihood

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| min_dist | <i>Calculating the minimum distance</i> |
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Description

A function to calculate a Euclidian distance including at least one neighbor for all individuals.

Usage

```
min_dist(smap, grouping = rep(1, nrow(smap)))
```

Arguments

| | |
|----------|---|
| smap | A matrix showing a spatial map. The first and second column include spatial points along a x-axis and y-axis, respectively. |
| grouping | A integer vector assigning each individual to a group. This argument can be useful when a "smap" contains different experimental replicates. Default setting means that all individuals are belong to a single group. |

Value

Return a scalar of the minimum Euclidian distance that allows all individuals to have at least one neighbor.

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neiprob *Calculating neighbor QTL effects*

Description

A function to calculate neighbor QTL effects between two individuals, with given deviation coefficients and conditional genotype probabilities.

Usage

```
neiprob(i, j, a2, d2, AA, AB, BB, d2sq0 = FALSE)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-------|---|
| i | ID of a target individual. |
| j | ID of an interacting neighbor. |
| a2 | A numeric scalar indicating additive deviation. |
| d2 | A numeric scalar indicating dominance deviation. |
| AA | An individual x marker matrix of conditional probabilities for AA genotype. |
| AB | An individual x marker matrix of conditional probabilities for AB genotype. Input NA if heterozygotes are absent. |
| BB | An individual x marker matrix of conditional probabilities for BB genotype. Input NA for backcross lines. |
| d2sq0 | An option to make AB/AB interaction effects zero. |

Value

A numeric vector containing each marker effect for individual i.

Author(s)

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perm_neighbor *Permutation tests for neighbor effects with a QTL model*

Description

A function to calculate a genome-wide LOD threshold using permutation tests for self or neighbor effects.

Usage

```
perm_neighbor(
  genoprobs,
  pheno,
  smap,
  scale,
  addcovar = NULL,
  addQTL = NULL,
  intQTL = NULL,
  grouping = rep(1, nrow(smap)),
  response = c("quantitative", "binary"),
  type = c("neighbor", "self", "int"),
  times = 99,
  p_val = 0.05,
  n_core = 1L,
  contrasts = NULL
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------|--|
| genoprobs | Conditional genotype probabilities as taken from <code>qtl::calc.genoprob()</code> . |
| pheno | A vector of individual phenotypes. |
| smap | A matrix showing a spatial map for individuals. The first and second column include spatial positions along an x-axis and y-axis, respectively. |
| scale | A numeric scalar indicating the maximum spatial distance between a focal individual and neighbors to define neighbor effects. |
| addcovar | An optional matrix including additional non-genetic covariates. It contains no. of individuals x no. of covariates. |
| addQTL | An optional vector containing marker names that are considered covariates. Namely, this option allows composite interval mapping (Jansen 1993). |
| intQTL | An option when using <code>int_neighbor()</code> . A name of a focal marker to be tested for its epistasis with the other markers in neighbor effects. The marker name must be included by <code>addQTL</code> . |
| grouping | An optional integer vector assigning each individual to a group. This argument can be used when <code>smap</code> contains different experimental replicates. Default setting means that all individuals are belong to a single group. |
| response | An optional argument to select trait types. The "quantitative" or "binary" calls the "gaussian" or "binomial" family in <code>glm()</code> , respectively. |
| type | Select "self", "neighbor", or "int" to perform permutation tests for self effects, neighbor effects, or neighbor epistasis, respectively. |
| times | No. of permutation iterations. Default at 99 times |
| p_val | A vector indicating upper quantiles for permutation LOD scores |
| n_core | No. of cores for a parallel computation. This does not work for Windows OS. Default is a single-core computation. |

contrasts An optional vector composed of three TRUE/FALSE values, which represents the presence/absence of specific genotypes as c(TRUE/FALSE, TRUE/FALSE, TRUE/FALSE) = AA, AB, BB. If NULL, it is compiled from genoprobs automatically.

Value

LOD thresholds at given quantiles by p-val

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See Also

[plot_nei](#) [scan_neighbor](#) [int_neighbor](#)

Examples

```
set.seed(1234)
test_map <- qtl::sim.map(len=rep(20,5),n.mar=3,include.x=FALSE)
test_cross <- qtl::sim.cross(test_map,n.ind=50)
test_smap <- cbind(runif(50,1,100),runif(50,1,100))
test_genoprobs <- qtl::calc.genoprob(test_cross,step=2)

test_perm <- perm_neighbor(genoprobs=test_genoprobs,
                           pheno=test_cross$pheno$phenotype,
                           smap=test_smap,scale=20,
                           times=3, p_val=c(1.0,0.5)
                           )
```

plot_eff

Plot self and neighbor QTL effects across a genome

Description

Plot estimated additive and dominance deviation for self or neighbor effects across a genome

Usage

```
plot_eff(res, type = c("neighbor", "self"))
```

Arguments

res Output results of `eff_neighbor()`.

type An option to select "self" or "neighbor" effects to be shown. Default is "neighbor".

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See Also

[eff_neighbor](#)

plot_nei

Plot LOD score for self or neighbor QTL effects

Description

Plot LOD curves for a genome scan of self and neighbor QTL effects.

Usage

```
plot_nei(res, type = c("neighbor", "self", "int"), chr = NULL, th = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------|---|
| res | Output results of <code>scan_neighbor()</code> . |
| type | Plot "self", "neighbor" or "int" effects. Default is "neighbor" effects. |
| chr | An optional vector to select chromosome numbers to be plotted. If NULL, shown are all chromosomes. |
| th | Add genome-wide threshold by user-defined vectors or Bonferroni correction. Default is no thresholds added. |
| ... | Arguments to be passed to <code>plot()</code> . |

Details

For the type argument, "int" can be selected to draw the results of `int_neighbor()`. In this case, the res object and type must match, otherwise it returns an error message.

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See Also

[scan_neighbor](#) [int_neighbor](#) [perm_neighbor](#)

scan_neighbor

*Genome scan for neighbor effects with a QTL model***Description**

Genome scan using a QTL model for self and neighbor effects, with possible allowance for additional covariates and non-normal traits. Theoretical background is described in Sato, Takeda & Nagano (2021).

Usage

```
scan_neighbor(
  genoprobs,
  pheno,
  smap,
  scale,
  addcovar = NULL,
  addQTL = NULL,
  grouping = rep(1, nrow(smap)),
  response = c("quantitative", "binary"),
  contrasts = NULL
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------|--|
| genoprobs | Conditional genotype probabilities as taken from <code>qtl::calc.genoprob()</code> . |
| pheno | A vector of individual phenotypes. |
| smap | A matrix showing a spatial map for individuals. The first and second column include spatial positions along an x-axis and y-axis, respectively. |
| scale | A numeric scalar indicating the maximum spatial distance between a focal individual and neighbors to define neighbor effects. |
| addcovar | An optional matrix including additional non-genetic covariates. It contains no. of individuals x no. of covariates. |
| addQTL | An optional vector containing marker names that are considered covariates. Namely, this option allows composite interval mapping (Jansen 1993). |
| grouping | An optional integer vector assigning each individual to a group. This argument can be used when smap contains different experimental replicates. Default setting means that all individuals are belong to a single group. |
| response | An optional argument to select trait types. The "quantitative" or "binary" calls the "gaussian" or "binomial" family in <code>glm()</code> , respectively. |
| contrasts | An optional vector composed of three TRUE/FALSE values, which represents the presence/absence of specific genotypes as <code>c(TRUE/FALSE, TRUE/FALSE, TRUE/FALSE) = AA, AB, BB</code> . If NULL, it is compiled from genoprobs automatically. |

Details

This function calculates LOD score after the additive and dominance deviation are estimated using `eff_neighbor()`. As it adopts a stepwise testing from self to neighbor effects, `LOD_self` are the same as standard QTL mapping. Note that the results return 0 LOD scores for covariate markers when using `addQTL` option.

Value

A matrix of LOD scores for self and neighbor effects, with the chromosome numbers and positions. The row names correspond to marker names.

- `chr` Chromosome number
- `pos` Marker position
- `LOD_self` LOD score for self effects
- `LOD_nei` LOD score for neighbor effects

Author(s)

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References

- Jansen RC (1993) Interval mapping of multiple quantitative trait loci. *Genetics* 135:205-211.
- Sato Y, Takeda K, Nagano AJ (2021) Neighbor QTL: an interval mapping method for quantitative trait loci underlying plant neighborhood effects. *G3; Genes|Genomes|Genetics* 11:jkab017.

See Also

[eff_neighbor](#)

Examples

```
set.seed(1234)
test_map <- qtl::sim.map(len=rep(20,5),n.mar=3,include.x=FALSE)
test_cross <- qtl::sim.cross(test_map,n.ind=50)
test_smap <- cbind(runif(50,1,100),runif(50,1,100))
test_genoprobs <- qtl::calc.genoprob(test_cross,step=2)

test_scan <- scan_neighbor(genoprobs=test_genoprobs,
                          pheno=test_cross$pheno$phenotype,
                          smap=test_smap, scale=20
                          )

plot_nei(test_scan)
```

selfprob *Calculating self QTL effects*

Description

A function to calculate self QTL effects for an individual, with given deviation coefficients and conditional genotype probabilities.

Usage

```
selfprob(i, a1, d1, AA, AB, BB)
```

Arguments

| | |
|----|---|
| i | ID of a target individual. |
| a1 | A numeric scalar indicating additive deviation. |
| d1 | A numeric scalar indicating dominance deviation. |
| AA | An individual x marker matrix of conditional probabilities for AA genotype. |
| AB | An individual x marker matrix of conditional probabilities for AB genotype. Input NA if heterozygotes are absent. |
| BB | An individual x marker matrix of conditional probabilities for BB genotype. Input NA for backcross lines. |

Value

A numeric vector containing each marker effect for individual i.

Author(s)

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sim_nei_qtl *Phenotype simulation for neighbor QTL effects*

Description

A function to simulate neighbor effects with given QTL effects, distance scale, and causal markers.

Usage

```

sim_nei_qtl(
  genoprobs,
  a2,
  d2,
  smap,
  scale,
  grouping = rep(1, nrow(smap)),
  n_QTL = 1,
  contrasts = NULL
)

```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------|---|
| genoprobs | Conditional genotype probabilities as taken from <code>qtl::calc.genoprob()</code> . |
| a2 | A numeric scalar indicating additive deviation. |
| d2 | A numeric scalar indicating dominance deviation. |
| smap | A matrix showing a spatial map for individuals. The first and second column include spatial positions along an x-axis and y-axis, respectively. |
| scale | A numeric scalar indicating the maximum spatial distance between a focal individual and neighbors to define neighbor effects. |
| grouping | An integer vector assigning each individual to a group. This argument can be used when <code>smap</code> contains different experimental replicates. Default setting means that all individuals are belong to a single group. |
| n_QTL | A positive integer indicating the number of causal markers. |
| contrasts | An optional vector composed of three TRUE/FALSE values, which represents the presence/absence of specific genotypes as <code>c(TRUE/FALSE, TRUE/FALSE, TRUE/FALSE) = AA, AB, BB</code> . If NULL, it is compiled from <code>genoprobs</code> automatically. |

Details

Major genetic effects, `a2` and `d2`, are allocated to causal loci randomly selected by `n_QTL`, while minor polygenic effects (i.e., 1% of `a2`) are allocated to the other loci.

Value

A numeric matrix containing individuals x marker elements for neighbor QTL effects.

- `true_scale` True distance scale of simulated neighbor effects
- `true_marker` The name(s) of causal markers
- `nei_y` Simulated neighbor effects standardized to have zero mean and one variance

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Examples

```
set.seed(1234)
test_map <- qtl::sim.map(len=rep(20,5),n.mar=3,include.x=FALSE)
test_cross <- qtl::sim.cross(test_map,n.ind=50)
test_smap <- cbind(runif(50,1,100),runif(50,1,100))
test_genoprobs <- qtl::calc.genoprob(test_cross,step=2)

nei_eff <- sim_nei_qtl(genoprobs=test_genoprobs, a2=0.5, d2=0.5,
                      smap=test_smap,
                      scale=20, n_QTL=1)

test_scan <- scan_neighbor(genoprobs=test_genoprobs,
                          pheno=nei_eff$nei_y,
                          smap=test_smap, scale=20
                          )

plot_nei(test_scan)
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