# Package 'plinkQC'

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Description Genotyping arrays enable the direct measurement of an individuals genotype at thousands of markers. 'plinkQC' facilitates genotype quality control for genetic association studies as described by Anderson and colleagues (2010) <doi:10.1038/nprot.2010.116>. It makes 'PLINK' basic statistics (e.g. missing genotyping rates per individual, allele frequencies per genetic marker) and relationship functions accessible from 'R' and generates a per-individual and per-marker quality control report. Individuals and markers that fail the quality control can subsequently be removed to generate a new, clean dataset. Removal of individuals based on relationship status is optimised to retain as many individuals as possible in the study.

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checkFiltering

Check and construct PLINK sample and marker filters

## Description

checkFiltering checks that the file names with the individuals and markers to be filtered can be found. If so, it constructs the command for filtering

## Usage

```
checkFiltering(
   keep_individuals = NULL,
   remove_individuals = NULL,
   extract_markers = NULL,
   exclude_markers = NULL
)
```

#### checkPlink

#### Arguments

keep\_individuals

[character] Path to file with individuals to be retained in the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples not listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.

remove\_individuals

[character] Path to file with individuals to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See <a href="https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#indiv">https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#indiv</a>. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.

#### extract\_markers

[character] Path to file with makers to be included in the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All unlisted variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter# snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.

#### exclude\_markers

[character] Path to file with makers to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All listed variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.

#### Value

Vector containing args in sys::exec\_wait format to enable filtering on individuals and/or markers.

checkPlink

Check PLINK software access

#### Description

checkPlink checks that the PLINK software (https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/) can be found from system call.

#### Usage

checkPlink(path2plink = NULL)

path2plink	[character] Absolute path to PLINK executable (https://www.cog-genomics.
	org/plink/1.9/) i.e. plink should be accessible as path2plink -h. The full
	name of the executable should be specified: for windows OS, this means path/plink.exe
	for unix platforms this is path/plink. If not provided, assumed that PATH set-up
	works and PLINK will be found by exec('plink').

#### Value

Path to PLINK executable.

checkRemoveIDs Check and construct individual IDs to be removed

#### Description

checkRemoveIDs checks that the file names with the individuals to be filtered can be found. It reads the corresponding files, combines the selected individuals into one data.frame and compares these to all individuals in the analysis.

## Usage

checkRemoveIDs(prefix, remove\_individuals = NULL, keep\_individuals)

#### Arguments

prefix [character] Prefix of PLINK files, i.e. path/2/name.bed, path/2/name.bim and path/2/name.fam.

#### remove\_individuals

[character] Path to file with individuals to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.

#### keep\_individuals

[character] Path to file with individuals to be retained in the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples not listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/ plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.

#### Value

data.frame containing family (FID) and individual (IID) IDs of individuals to be removed from analysis.

check\_ancestry

#### Description

Runs and evaluates results of plink –pca on merged genotypes from individuals to be QCed and individuals of reference population of known genotypes. Currently, check ancestry only supports automatic selection of individuals of European descent. It uses information from principal components 1 and 2 returned by plink –pca to find the center of the European reference samples (mean(PC1\_europeanRef), mean(PC2\_europeanRef). It then computes the maximum Euclidean distance (maxDist) of the European reference samples from this centre. All study samples whose Euclidean distance from the centre falls outside the circle described by the radius r=europeanTh\* maxDist are considered non-European and their IDs are returned as failing the ancestry check. check\_ancestry creates a scatter plot of PC1 versus PC2 colour-coded for samples of the reference populations and the study population.

#### Usage

```
check_ancestry(
  indir,
  name,
  qcdir = indir,
  prefixMergedDataset,
  europeanTh = 1.5,
  defaultRefSamples = c("HapMap", "1000Genomes"),
  refPopulation = c("CEU", "TSI"),
  refSamples = NULL,
  refColors = NULL,
  refSamplesFile = NULL,
  refColorsFile = NULL,
  refSamplesIID = "IID",
  refSamplesPop = "Pop",
  refColorsColor = "Color",
  refColorsPop = "Pop",
  studyColor = "#2c7bb6"
  legend_labels_per_row = 6,
  run.check_ancestry = TRUE,
  interactive = FALSE,
  verbose = verbose,
  highlight_samples = NULL,
  highlight_type = c("text", "label", "color", "shape"),
  highlight_text_size = 3,
  highlight_color = "#c51b8a",
  highlight_shape = 17,
  highlight_legend = FALSE,
  legend_text_size = 5,
  legend_title_size = 7,
```

```
axis_text_size = 5,
axis_title_size = 7,
title_size = 9,
keep_individuals = NULL,
remove_individuals = NULL,
exclude_markers = NULL,
extract_markers = NULL,
path2plink = NULL,
showPlinkOutput = TRUE
)
```

indir	[character] /path/to/directory containing the basic PLINK data files name.bim, name.bed, name.fam files.
name	[character] prefix of plink files, i.e. name.bed, name.bim, name.fam.
qcdir	[character] /path/to/directory where prefixMergedDataset.eigenvec results as re- turned by plink –pca should be saved. Per default qcdir=indir. If run.check_ancestry is FALSE, it is assumed that plink –pca prefixMergedDataset has been run and qcdir/prefixMergedDataset.eigenvec exists.User needs writing permission to qcdir.
prefixMergedDa	taset
	[character] Prefix of merged dataset (study and reference samples) used in plink -pca, resulting in prefixMergedDataset.eigenvec.
europeanTh	[double] Scaling factor of radius to be drawn around center of European refer- ence samples, with study samples inside this radius considered to be of European descent and samples outside this radius of non-European descent. The radius is computed as the maximum Euclidean distance of European reference samples to the centre of European reference samples.
defaultRefSamp	les
	[character] Option to use pre-downloaded individual and population identifiers from either the 1000Genomes or HapMap project. If refSamples and refSam- plesFile are not provided, the HapMap identifiers (or 1000Genomes is specified) will be used as default and the function will fail if the reference samples in the prefixMergedDataset do not match these reference samples. If refColors and refColorsFile are not provided, this also sets default colors for the reference populations.
refPopulation	[vector] Vector with population identifiers of European reference population. Identifiers have to be corresponding to population IDs [refColorsPop] in refCol- orsfile/refColors.
refSamples	[data.frame] Dataframe with sample identifiers [refSamplesIID] corresponding to IIDs in prefixMergedDataset.eigenvec and population identifier [refSample- sPop] corresponding to population IDs [refColorsPop] in refColorsfile/refColors. Either refSamples or refSamplesFile have to be specified.
refColors	[data.frame, optional] Dataframe with population IDs in column [refColorsPop] and corresponding colour-code for PCA plot in column [refColorsColor]. If not provided and is.null(refColorsFile) default colors are used.

refSamplesFile	[character] /path/to/File/with/reference samples. Needs columns with sample identifiers [refSamplesIID] corresponding to IIDs in prefixMergedDataset.eigenvec and population identifier [refSamplesPop] corresponding to population IDs [re-fColorsPop] in refColorsfile/refColors.
refColorsFile	[character, optional] /path/to/File/with/Population/Colors containing population IDs in column [refColorsPop] and corresponding colour-code for PCA plot in column [refColorsColor].If not provided and is.null(refColors) default colors for are used.
refSamplesIID	[character] Column name of reference sample IDs in refSamples/refSamplesFile.
refSamplesPop	[character] Column name of reference sample population IDs in refSamples/refSamplesFile.
refColorsColor	[character] Column name of population colors in refColors/refColorsFile
refColorsPop	[character] Column name of reference sample population IDs in refColors/refColorsFile.
studyColor	[character] Colour to be used for study population.
legend_labels_p	per_row
	[integer] Number of population names per row in PCA plot.
run.check_ances	
	[logical] Should plink –pca be run to determine principal components of merged dataset; if FALSE, it is assumed that plink –pca has been run successfully and
	qcdir/prefixMergedDataset.eigenvec is present; check_ancestry will fail with
	missing file error otherwise.
interactive	[logical] Should plots be shown interactively? When choosing this option, make
	sure you have X-forwarding/graphical interface available for interactive plot-
	ting. Alternatively, set interactive=FALSE and save the returned plot object
	(p_ancestry) via ggplot2::ggsave(p=p_ancestry, other_arguments) or pdf(outfile) print(p_ancestry) dev.off().
verbose	[logical] If TRUE, progress info is printed to standard out.
highlight_samp]	
	[character vector] Vector of sample IIDs to highlight in the plot (p_ancestry);
	all highlight_samples IIDs have to be present in the IIDs of the prefixMerged- Dataset.fam file.
highlight_type	
nightight_type	highlighting data points in different "color" and/or "shape". "text" and "label"
	use ggrepel for minimal overlap of text labels ("text) or label boxes ("label").
	Only one of "text" and "label" can be specified.Text/Label size can be speci-
	fied with highlight_text_size, highlight color with highlight_color, or highlight
highlight_text_	shape with highlight_shape.
nigniigni_text_	[integer] Text/Label size for samples specified to be highlighted (highlight_samples)
	by "text" or "label" (highlight_type).
highlight_color	
	[character] Color for samples specified to be highlighted (highlight_samples) by
highlight_shape	"color" (highlight_type).
	[integer] Shape for samples specified to be highlighted (highlight_samples) by
	"shape" (highlight_type). Possible shapes and their encoding can be found at:
	<pre>https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/articles/ggplot2-specs.html#sec:shape-spec</pre>

highlight_legend		
	[logical] Should a separate legend for the highlighted samples be provided; only relevant for highlight_type == "color" or highlight_type == "shape".	
<pre>legend_text_siz</pre>	ze	
	[integer] Size for legend text.	
legend_title_si	ze	
	[integer] Size for legend title.	
axis_text_size	[integer] Size for axis text.	
axis_title_size		
	[integer] Size for axis title.	
title_size	[integer] Size for plot title.	
keep_individual		
	[character] Path to file with individuals to be retained in the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples not listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/ plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.	
remove_individu	als	
	[character] Path to file with individuals to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.	
exclude_markers	-	
	[character] Path to file with makers to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All listed variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/ filter#snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.	
extract_markers		
	[character] Path to file with makers to be included in the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All unlisted variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter# snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.	
path2plink	[character] Absolute path to PLINK executable (https://www.cog-genomics. org/plink/1.9/) i.e. plink should be accessible as path2plink -h. The full name of the executable should be specified: for windows OS, this means path/plink.exe, for unix platforms this is path/plink. If not provided, assumed that PATH set-up works and PLINK will be found by exec('plink').	
showPlinkOutput		
	[logical] If TRUE, plink log and error messages are printed to standard out.	

## Value

Named [list] with i) fail\_ancestry, containing a [data.frame] with FID and IID of non-European individuals and ii) p\_ancestry, a ggplot2-object 'containing' a scatter plot of PC1 versus PC2 colour-

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coded for samples of the reference populations and the study population, which can be shown by print(p\_ancestry).

#### Examples

```
## Not run:
indir <- system.file("extdata", package="plinkQC")</pre>
name <- "data"
fail_ancestry <- check_ancestry(indir=indir, name=name,</pre>
refSamplesFile=paste(indir, "/HapMap_ID2Pop.txt", sep="").
refColorsFile=paste(indir, "/HapMap_PopColors.txt", sep=""),
prefixMergedDataset="data.HapMapIII", interactive=FALSE,
run.check_ancestry=FALSE)
# highlight samples
highlight_samples <- read.table(system.file("extdata", "keep_individuals",</pre>
package="plinkQC"))
fail_ancestry <- check_ancestry(indir=gcdir, name=name,</pre>
refSamplesFile=paste(qcdir, "/HapMap_ID2Pop.txt", sep=""),
refColorsFile=paste(qcdir, "/HapMap_PopColors.txt", sep=""),
prefixMergedDataset="data.HapMapIII", interactive=FALSE,
highlight_samples = highlight_samples[,2],
run.check_ancestry=FALSE,
highlight_type = c("text", "shape"))
## End(Not run)
```

check\_het\_and\_miss Identification of individuals with outlying missing genotype or heterozygosity rates

#### Description

Runs and evaluates results from plink –missing (missing genotype rates per individual) and plink –het (heterozygosity rates per individual). Non-systematic failures in genotyping and outlying heterozygosity (hz) rates per individual are often proxies for DNA sample quality. Larger than expected heterozygosity can indicate possible DNA contamination. The mean heterozygosity in PLINK is computed as hz\_mean = (N-O)/N, where N: number of non-missing genotypes and O:observed number of homozygous genotypes for a given individual. Mean heterozygosity can differ between populations and SNP genotyping panels. Within a population and genotyping panel, a reduced heterozygosity rate can indicate inbreeding - these individuals will then likely be returned by check\_relatedness as individuals that fail the relatedness filters. check\_het\_and\_miss creates a scatter plot with the individuals' missingness rates on x-axis and their heterozygosity rates on the y-axis.

#### Usage

check\_het\_and\_miss(
 indir,

```
name,
qcdir = indir,
imissTh = 0.03,
hetTh = 3,
run.check_het_and_miss = TRUE,
label_fail = TRUE,
highlight_samples = NULL,
highlight_type = c("text", "label", "color", "shape"),
highlight_text_size = 3,
highlight_color = "#c51b8a",
highlight_shape = 17,
highlight_legend = FALSE,
interactive = FALSE,
verbose = FALSE,
keep_individuals = NULL,
remove_individuals = NULL,
exclude_markers = NULL,
extract_markers = NULL,
legend_text_size = 5,
legend_title_size = 7,
axis_text_size = 5,
axis_title_size = 7,
title_size = 9,
path2plink = NULL,
showPlinkOutput = TRUE
```

## )

#### Arguments

indir	[character] /path/to/directory containing the basic PLINK data files name.bim, name.bed, name.fam files.
name	[character] Prefix of PLINK files, i.e. name.bed, name.bim, name.fam, name.het and name.imiss.
qcdir	[character] /path/to/directory where name.het as returned by plink –het and name.imiss as returned by plink –missing will be saved. Per default qcdir=indir. If run.check_het_and_miss is FALSE, it is assumed that plink –missing and plink –het have been run and qcdir/name.imiss and qcdir/name.het are present. User needs writing permission to qcdir.
imissTh	[double] Threshold for acceptable missing genotype rate per individual; has to be proportion between $(0,1)$
hetTh	[double] Threshold for acceptable deviation from mean heterozygosity per in- dividual. Expressed as multiples of standard deviation of heterozygosity (het), i.e. individuals outside mean(het) +/- hetTh*sd(het) will be returned as failing heterozygosity check; has to be larger than 0.
run.check_het_a	nd_miss
	[logical] Should plink –missing and plink –het be run to determine genotype missingness and heterozygosity rates; if FALSE, it is assumed that plink –

	missing and plink –het have been run and qcdir/name.imiss and qcdir/name.het are present; check_het_and_miss will fail with missing file error otherwise.	
label_fail	[logical] Set TRUE, to add fail IDs as text labels in scatter plot.	
highlight_sampl	es	
	[character vector] Vector of sample IIDs to highlight in the plot (p_het_imiss); all highlight_samples IIDs have to be present in the IIDs of the name.fam file.	
highlight_type	[character] Type of sample highlight, labeling by IID ("text"/"label") and/or highlighting data points in different "color" and/or "shape". "text" and "label" use ggrepel for minimal overlap of text labels ("text) or label boxes ("label"). Only one of "text" and "label" can be specified.Text/Label size can be speci- fied with highlight_text_size, highlight color with highlight_color, or highlight shape with highlight_shape.	
highlight_text_		
	[integer] Text/Label size for samples specified to be highlighted (highlight_samples) by "text" or "label" (highlight_type).	
highlight_color		
	[character] Color for samples specified to be highlighted (highlight_samples) by "color" (highlight_type).	
highlight_shape		
	[integer] Shape for samples specified to be highlighted (highlight_samples) by "shape" (highlight_type). Possible shapes and their encoding can be found at: https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/articles/ggplot2-specs.html#sec:shape-spec	
highlight_legen		
	[logical] Should a separate legend for the highlighted samples be provided; only relevant for highlight_type == "color" or highlight_type == "shape".	
interactive	[logical] Should plots be shown interactively? When choosing this option, make sure you have X-forwarding/graphical interface available for interactive plot- ting. Alternatively, set interactive=FALSE and save the returned plot object (p_het_imiss) via ggplot2::ggsave(p=p_het_imiss, other_arguments) or pdf(outfile) print(p_het_imiss) dev.off().	
verbose	[logical] If TRUE, progress info is printed to standard out.	
keep_individual	S	
	[character] Path to file with individuals to be retained in the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples not listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/ plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.	
remove_individuals		
exclude_markers	[character] Path to file with individuals to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.	
_	[character] Path to file with makers to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay	

	for them to just be separated by spaces). All listed variants will be removed from the current analysis. See <a href="https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#snp">https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#snp</a> . Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.
extract_markers	5
	[character] Path to file with makers to be included in the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All unlisted variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter# snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.
<pre>legend_text_siz</pre>	ze
	[integer] Size for legend text.
legend_title_si	ize
	[integer] Size for legend title.
<pre>axis_text_size</pre>	[integer] Size for axis text.
axis_title_size	
	[integer] Size for axis title.
title_size	[integer] Size for plot title.
path2plink	[character] Absolute path to PLINK executable (https://www.cog-genomics. org/plink/1.9/) i.e. plink should be accessible as path2plink -h. The full name of the executable should be specified: for windows OS, this means path/plink.exe, for unix platforms this is path/plink. If not provided, assumed that PATH set-up works and PLINK will be found by exec('plink').
showPlinkOutput	t
	[logical] If TRUE, plink log and error messages are printed to standard out.

#### Details

check\_het\_and\_miss wraps around run\_check\_missingness, run\_check\_heterozygosity and evaluate\_check\_het\_and\_miss. If run.check\_het\_and\_miss is TRUE, run\_check\_heterozygosity and run\_check\_missingness are executed; otherwise it is assumed that plink -missing and plink het have been run externally and qcdir/name.het and qcdir/name.imiss exist. check\_het\_and\_miss will fail with missing file error otherwise.

For details on the output data.frame fail\_imiss and fail\_het, check the original description on the PLINK output format page: https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/formats#imiss and https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/formats#het

#### Value

Named [list] with i) fail\_imiss [data.frame] containing FID (Family ID), IID (Within-family ID), MISS\_PHENO (Phenotype missing? (Y/N)), N\_MISS (Number of missing genotype call(s), not including obligatory missings), N\_GENO (Number of potentially valid call(s)), F\_MISS (Missing call rate) of individuals failing missing genotype check and ii) fail\_het [data.frame] containing FID (Family ID), IID (Within-family ID), O(HOM) (Observed number of homozygotes), E(HOM) (Expected number of homozygotes), N(NM) (Number of non-missing autosomal genotypes), F (Method-of-moments F coefficient estimate) of individuals failing outlying heterozygosity check and iii) p\_het\_imiss, a ggplot2-object 'containing' a scatter plot with the samples' missingness rates on x-axis and their heterozygosity rates on the y-axis, which can be shown by print(p\_het\_imiss).

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#### Examples

```
## Not run:
indir <- system.file("extdata", package="plinkQC")</pre>
name <- "data"
path2plink <- "path/to/plink"</pre>
# whole dataset
fail_het_miss <- check_het_and_miss(indir=indir, name=name,</pre>
interactive=FALSE,path2plink=path2plink)
# subset of dataset with sample highlighting
highlight_samples <- read.table(system.file("extdata", "keep_individuals",</pre>
package="plinkQC"))
remove_individuals_file <- system.file("extdata", "remove_individuals",</pre>
package="plinkQC")
fail_het_miss <- check_het_and_miss(indir=indir, name=name,</pre>
interactive=FALSE,path2plink=path2plink,
remove_individuals=remove_individuals_file,
highlight_samples=highlight_samples[,2], highlight_type = c("text", "shape"))
```

## End(Not run)

check\_hwe

*Identification of SNPs showing a significant deviation from Hardy-Weinberg- equilibrium (HWE)* 

#### Description

Runs and evaluates results from plink –hardy. It calculates the observed and expected heterozygote frequencies for all variants in the individuals that passed the perIndividualQC and computes the deviation of the frequencies from Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium (HWE) by HWE exact test. The p-values of the HWE exact test are displayed as histograms (stratified by all and low p-values), where the hweTh is used to depict the quality control cut-off for SNPs.

#### Usage

```
check_hwe(
    indir,
    name,
    qcdir = indir,
    hweTh = 1e-05,
    interactive = FALSE,
    path2plink = NULL,
    verbose = FALSE,
    showPlinkOutput = TRUE,
    keep_individuals = NULL,
    remove_individuals = NULL,
    exclude_markers = NULL,
```

```
extract_markers = NULL,
legend_text_size = 5,
legend_title_size = 7,
axis_text_size = 5,
axis_title_size = 7,
title_size = 9
```

indir	[character] /path/to/directory containing the basic PLINK data files name.bim, name.bed, name.fam files.	
name	[character] Prefix of PLINK files, i.e. name.bed, name.bim, name.fam.	
qcdir	[character]/path/to/directory where results will be written to. If perIndividualQC was conducted, this directory should be the same as qcdir specified in perIndividualQC, i.e. it contains name.fail.IDs with IIDs of individuals that failed QC. User needs writing permission to qcdir. Per default, qcdir=indir.	
hweTh	[double] Significance threshold for deviation from HWE.	
interactive	[logical] Should plots be shown interactively? When choosing this option, make sure you have X-forwarding/graphical interface available for interactive plotting. Alternatively, set interactive=FALSE and save the returned plot object (p_hwe) via ggplot2::ggsave(p=p_hwe, other_arguments) or pdf(outfile) print(p_hwe) dev.off().	
path2plink	[character] Absolute path to PLINK executable (https://www.cog-genomics. org/plink/1.9/) i.e. plink should be accessible as path2plink -h. The full name of the executable should be specified: for windows OS, this means path/plink.exe, for unix platforms this is path/plink. If not provided, assumed that PATH set-up works and PLINK will be found by exec('plink').	
verbose	[logical] If TRUE, progress info is printed to standard out and specifically, if TRUE, plink log will be displayed.	
showPlinkOutput		
	[logical] If TRUE, plink log and error messages are printed to standard out.	
keep_individual		
	[character] Path to file with individuals to be retained in the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples not listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/ plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.	
remove_individuals		
	[character] Path to file with individuals to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.	
exclude_markers		
	[character] Path to file with makers to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay	

for them to just be separated by spaces). All listed variants will be removed from the current analysis. See <a href="https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#snp">https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#snp</a>. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.

#### extract\_markers

[character] Path to file with makers to be included in the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All unlisted variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter# snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.

legend\_text\_size

[integer] Size for legend text.

legend\_title\_size

[integer] Size for legend title.

axis\_text\_size [integer] Size for axis text.

axis\_title\_size

[integer] Size for axis title.

```
title_size [integer] Size for plot title.
```

#### Details

check\_hwe uses plink –remove name.fail.IDs –hardy to calculate the observed and expected heterozygote frequencies per SNP in the individuals that passed the perIndividualQC. It does so without generating a new dataset but simply removes the IDs when calculating the statistics.

For details on the output data.frame fail\_hwe, check the original description on the PLINK output format page: https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/formats#hwe.

#### Value

Named list with i) fail\_hwe containing a [data.frame] with CHR (Chromosome code), SNP (Variant identifier), TEST (Type of test: one of 'ALL', 'AFF', 'UNAFF', 'ALL(QT)', 'ALL(NP)'), A1 (Allele 1; usually minor), A2 (Allele 2; usually major), GENO ('/'-separated genotype counts: A1 hom, het, A2 hom), O(HET) (Observed heterozygote frequency E(HET) (Expected heterozygote frequency), P (Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium exact test p-value) for all SNPs that failed the hweTh and ii) p\_hwe, a ggplot2-object 'containing' the HWE p-value distribution histogram which can be shown by (print(p\_hwe)).

#### Examples

```
indir <- system.file("extdata", package="plinkQC")
qcdir <- tempdir()
name <- "data"
path2plink <- '/path/to/plink'
# the following code is not run on package build, as the path2plink on the
# user system is not known.
## Not run:
# run on all individuals and markers
fail_hwe <- check_hwe(indir=indir, qcdir=qcdir, name=name, interactive=FALSE,
verbose=TRUE, path2plink=path2plink)</pre>
```

```
# run on subset of individuals and markers
remove_individuals_file <- system.file("extdata", "remove_individuals",
package="plinkQC")
extract_markers_file <- system.file("extdata", "extract_markers",
package="plinkQC")
fail_hwe <- check_hwe(qcdir=qcdir, indir=indir,
name=name, interactive=FALSE, verbose=TRUE, path2plink=path2plink,
remove_individuals=remove_individuals_file,
extract_markers=extract_markers_file)
```

## End(Not run)

check\_maf

Identification of SNPs with low minor allele frequency

#### Description

Runs and evaluates results from plink –freq. It calculates the minor allele frequencies for all variants in the individuals that passed the perIndividualQC. The minor allele frequency distributions is plotted as a histogram.

#### Usage

```
check_maf(
  indir,
  name,
  qcdir = indir,
 macTh = 20,
 mafTh = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE,
  interactive = FALSE,
  path2plink = NULL,
  showPlinkOutput = TRUE,
  keep_individuals = NULL,
  remove_individuals = NULL,
  exclude_markers = NULL,
  extract_markers = NULL,
  legend_text_size = 5,
  legend_title_size = 7,
  axis_text_size = 5,
  axis_title_size = 7,
  title_size = 9
)
```

#### Arguments

indir

[character] /path/to/directory containing the basic PLINK data files name.bim, name.bed, name.fam files.

name

qcdir

- macTh [double] Threshold for minor allele cut cut-off, if both mafTh and macTh are specified, macTh is used (macTh = mafTh\\*2\\*NrSamples).
- mafTh [double] Threshold for minor allele frequency cut-off.
- verbose [logical] If TRUE, progress info is printed to standard out and specifically, if TRUE, plink log will be displayed.
- interactive [logical] Should plots be shown interactively? When choosing this option, make sure you have X-forwarding/graphical interface available for interactive plotting. Alternatively, set interactive=FALSE and save the returned plot object (p\_hwe) via ggplot2::ggsave(p=p\_maf, other\_arguments) or pdf(outfile) print(p\_maf) dev.off().
- path2plink [character] Absolute path to PLINK executable (https://www.cog-genomics. org/plink/1.9/) i.e. plink should be accessible as path2plink -h. The full name of the executable should be specified: for windows OS, this means path/plink.exe, for unix platforms this is path/plink. If not provided, assumed that PATH set-up works and PLINK will be found by exec('plink').
- showPlinkOutput

keep\_individuals

[character] Path to file with individuals to be retained in the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples not listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/ plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.

```
remove_individuals
```

[character] Path to file with individuals to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See <a href="https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#indiv">https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#indiv</a>. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.

#### exclude\_markers

[character] Path to file with makers to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All listed variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.

#### extract\_markers

[character] Path to file with makers to be included in the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All unlisted variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter# snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.

<sup>[</sup>logical] If TRUE, plink log and error messages are printed to standard out.

<pre>legend_text_siz</pre>	e
	[integer] Size for legend text.
<pre>legend_title_si</pre>	ze
	[integer] Size for legend title.
axis_text_size	[integer] Size for axis text.
axis_title_size	
	[integer] Size for axis title.
title_size	[integer] Size for plot title.

#### Details

check\_maf uses plink –remove name.fail.IDs –freq to calculate the minor allele frequencies for all variants in the individuals that passed the perIndividualQC. It does so without generating a new dataset but simply removes the IDs when calculating the statistics.

For details on the output data.frame fail\_maf, check the original description on the PLINK output format page: https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/formats#frq.

#### Value

Named list with i) fail\_maf containing a [data.frame] with CHR (Chromosome code), SNP (Variant identifier), A1 (Allele 1; usually minor), A2 (Allele 2; usually major), MAF (Allele 1 frequency), NCHROBS (Number of allele observations) for all SNPs that failed the mafTh/macTh and ii) p\_maf, a ggplot2-object 'containing' the MAF distribution histogram which can be shown by (print(p\_maf)).

#### Examples

```
indir <- system.file("extdata", package="plinkQC")</pre>
qcdir <- tempdir()</pre>
name <- "data"
path2plink <- '/path/to/plink'</pre>
# the following code is not run on package build, as the path2plink on the
# user system is not known.
## Not run:
# run on all individuals and markers
fail_maf <- check_maf(indir=indir, qcdir=qcdir, name=name, macTh=15,</pre>
interactive=FALSE, verbose=TRUE, path2plink=path2plink)
# run on subset of individuals and markers
keep_individuals_file <- system.file("extdata", "keep_individuals",</pre>
package="plinkQC")
exclude_markers_file <- system.file("extdata", "exclude_markers",</pre>
package="plinkQC")
fail_maf <- check_maf(qcdir=qcdir, indir=indir,</pre>
name=name, interactive=FALSE, verbose=TRUE, path2plink=path2plink,
keep_individuals=keep_individuals_file, exclude_markers=exclude_markers_file)
```

## End(Not run)

check\_relatedness Identification of related individuals

#### Description

Runs and evaluates results from plink –genome. plink –genome calculates identity by state (IBS) for each pair of individuals based on the average proportion of alleles shared at genotyped SNPs. The degree of recent shared ancestry, i.e. the identity by descent (IBD) can be estimated from the genome-wide IBS. The proportion of IBD between two individuals is returned by plink –genome as PI\_HAT. check\_relatedness finds pairs of samples whose proportion of IBD is larger than the specified highIBDTh. Subsequently, for pairs of individuals that do not have additional relatives in the dataset, the individual with the greater genotype missingness rate is selected and returned as the individual failing the relatedness check. For more complex family structures, the unrelated individuals per family are selected (e.g. in a parents-offspring trio, the offspring will be marked as fail, while the parents will be kept in the analysis). check\_relatedness depicts all pair-wise IBD-estimates as histograms stratified by value of PI\_HAT.

## Usage

```
check_relatedness(
  indir,
  name,
  qcdir = indir,
  highIBDTh = 0.1875,
  filter_high_ldregion = TRUE,
  high_ldregion_file = NULL,
  genomebuild = "hg19",
  imissTh = 0.03,
  run.check_relatedness = TRUE,
  interactive = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  mafThRelatedness = 0.1,
  path2plink = NULL,
  keep_individuals = NULL,
  remove_individuals = NULL,
  exclude_markers = NULL,
  extract_markers = NULL,
  legend_text_size = 5,
  legend_title_size = 7,
  axis_text_size = 5,
  axis_title_size = 7,
  title_size = 9,
  showPlinkOutput = TRUE
```

indir	[character] /path/to/directory containing the basic PLINK data files name.bim, name.bed, name.fam files.	
name	[character] Prefix of PLINK files, i.e. name.bed, name.bim, name.fam, name.genome and name.imiss.	
qcdir	[character]/path/to/directory to where name.genome as returned by plink –genome will be saved. Per default qcdir=indir. If run.check_relatedness is FALSE, it is assumed that plink –missing and plink –genome have been run and qcdir/name.imiss and qcdir/name.genome exist. User needs writing permission to qcdir.	
highIBDTh	[double] Threshold for acceptable proportion of IBD between pair of individu- als.	
filter_high_ld	region	
	[logical] Should high LD regions be filtered before IBD estimation; carried out per default with high LD regions for hg19 provided as default via genomebuild. For alternative genome builds not provided or non-human data, high LD regions files can be provided via high_ldregion_file.	
high_ldregion_t	file	
	[character] Path to file with high LD regions used for filtering before IBD es- timation if filter_high_ldregion == TRUE, otherwise ignored; for human genome data, high LD region files are provided and can simply be chosen via genomebuild. Files have to be space-delimited, no column names with the fol- lowing columns: chromosome, region-start, region-end, region number. Chro- mosomes are specified without 'chr' prefix. For instance: 1 48000000 52000000 1 2 86000000 100500000 2	
genomebuild	[character] Name of the genome build of the PLINK file annotations, ie map- pings in the name.bim file. Will be used to remove high-LD regions based on the coordinates of the respective build. Options are hg18, hg19 and hg38. See @details.	
imissTh	[double] Threshold for acceptable missing genotype rate in any individual; has to be proportion between $(0,1)$	
run.check_rela	tedness	
	[logical] Should plink –genome be run to determine pairwise IBD of individuals; if FALSE, it is assumed that plink –genome and plink –missing have been run and qcdir/name.imiss and qcdir/name.genome are present; check_relatedness will fail with missing file error otherwise.	
interactive	[logical] Should plots be shown interactively? When choosing this option, make sure you have X-forwarding/graphical interface available for interactive plotting. Alternatively, set interactive=FALSE and save the returned plot object (p_IBD() via ggplot2::ggsave(p=p_IBD, other_arguments) or pdf(outfile) print(p_IBD) dev.off().	
verbose	[logical] If TRUE, progress info is printed to standard out.	
mafThRelatedness		
	[double] Threshold of minor allele frequency filter for selecting variants for IBD estimation.	

path2plink	[character] Absolute path to PLINK executable (https://www.cog-genomics. org/plink/1.9/) i.e. plink should be accessible as path2plink -h. The full name of the executable should be specified: for windows OS, this means path/plink.exe, for unix platforms this is path/plink. If not provided, assumed that PATH set-up works and PLINK will be found by exec('plink').
keep_individual	
	[character] Path to file with individuals to be retained in the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples not listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/ plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.
remove_individu	als
	[character] Path to file with individuals to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.
exclude_markers	
	[character] Path to file with makers to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All listed variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/ filter#snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.
extract_markers	
	[character] Path to file with makers to be included in the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All unlisted variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter# snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.
legend_text_siz	
-	[integer] Size for legend text.
legend_title_si	ze
	[integer] Size for legend title.
<pre>axis_text_size axis_title_size</pre>	[integer] Size for axis text.
	[integer] Size for axis title.
title_size showPlinkOutput	[integer] Size for plot title.
	[logical] If TRUE, plink log and error messages are printed to standard out.

## Details

check\_relatedness wraps around run\_check\_relatedness and evaluate\_check\_relatedness. If run.check\_relatedness is TRUE, run\_check\_relatedness is executed ; otherwise it is assumed that plink -genome has been run externally and qcdir/name.genome exists. check\_relatedness will fail with missing file error otherwise.

For details on the output data.frame fail\_high\_IBD, check the original description on the PLINK output format page: https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/formats#genome.

Named [list] with i) fail\_high\_IBD containing a [data.frame] of IIDs and FIDs of individuals who fail the IBDTh in columns FID1 and IID1. In addition, the following columns are returned (as originally obtained by plink –genome): FID2 (Family ID for second sample), IID2 (Individual ID for second sample), RT (Relationship type inferred from .fam/.ped file), EZ (IBD sharing expected value, based on just .fam/.ped relationship), Z0 (P(IBD=0)), Z1 (P(IBD=1)), Z2 (P(IBD=2)), PI\_HAT (Proportion IBD, i.e. P(IBD=2) + 0.5\*P(IBD=1)), PHE (Pairwise phenotypic code (1, 0, -1 = AA, AU, and UU pairs, respectively)), DST (IBS distance, i.e. (IBS2 + 0.5\*IBS1) / (IBS0 + IBS1 + IBS2)), PPC (IBS binomial test), RATIO (HETHET : IBS0 SNP ratio (expected value 2)). and ii) failIDs containing a [data.frame] with individual IDs [IID] and family IDs [FID] of individuals failing the highIBDTh iii) p\_IBD, a ggplot2-object 'containing' all pair-wise IBD-estimates as histograms stratified by value of PI\_HAT, which can be shown by print(p\_IBD).

#### Examples

```
## Not run:
indir <- system.file("extdata", package="plinkQC")
name <- 'data'
path2plink <- "path/to/plink"
# whole dataset
relatednessQC <- check_relatedness(indir=indir, name=name, interactive=FALSE,
run.check_relatedness=FALSE, path2plink=path2plink)
# subset of dataset
remove_individuals_file <- system.file("extdata", "remove_individuals",
package="plinkQC")
fail_relatedness <- check_relatedness(indir=qcdir, name=name,
remove_individuals=remove_individuals_file, path2plink=path2plink)
## End(Not run)
```

check\_sex

Identification of individuals with discordant sex information

#### Description

Runs and evaluates results from plink –check-sex. check\_sex returns IIDs for individuals whose SNPSEX != PEDSEX (where the SNPSEX is determined by the heterozygosity rate across X-chromosomal variants). Mismatching SNPSEX and PEDSEX IDs can indicate plating errors, sample-mixup or generally samples with poor genotyping. In the latter case, these IDs are likely to fail other QC steps as well. Optionally, an extra data.frame (externalSex) with sample IDs and sex can be provided to double check if external and PEDSEX data (often processed at different centers) match. If a mismatch between PEDSEX and SNPSEX was detected, while SNPSEX == Sex, PEDSEX of these individuals can optionally be updated (fixMixup=TRUE). check\_sex depicts the X-chromosomal heterozygosity (SNPSEX) of the individuals split by their (PEDSEX).

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## Value

check\_sex

## Usage

```
check_sex(
  indir,
  name,
  qcdir = indir,
 maleTh = 0.8,
  femaleTh = 0.2,
  run.check_sex = TRUE,
  externalSex = NULL,
  externalFemale = "F",
  externalMale = "M",
  externalSexSex = "Sex",
  externalSexID = "IID",
  fixMixup = FALSE,
  interactive = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  label_fail = TRUE,
  highlight_samples = NULL,
  highlight_type = c("text", "label", "color", "shape"),
  highlight_text_size = 3,
  highlight_color = "#c51b8a",
  highlight_shape = 17,
  highlight_legend = FALSE,
  path2plink = NULL,
  keep_individuals = NULL,
  remove_individuals = NULL,
  exclude_markers = NULL,
  extract_markers = NULL,
  legend_text_size = 5,
  legend_title_size = 7,
  axis_text_size = 5,
  axis_title_size = 7,
  title_size = 9,
  showPlinkOutput = TRUE
```

```
)
```

#### Arguments

indir	[character] /path/to/directory containing the basic PLINK data files name.bim, name.bed, name.fam files.
name	[character] Prefix of PLINK files, i.e. name.bed, name.bim, name.fam and name.sexcheck.
qcdir	[character]/path/to/directory to save name.sexcheck as returned by plink –check- sex. Per default qcdir=indir. If run.check_sex is FALSE, it is assumed that plink –check-sex has been run and qcdir/name.sexcheck is present. User needs writing permission to qcdir.
maleTh	[double] Threshold of X-chromosomal heterozygosity rate for males.

femaleTh	[double] Threshold of X-chromosomal heterozygosity rate for females.
run.check_sex	[logical] Should plink –check-sex be run? if set to FALSE, it is assumed that plink –check-sex has been run and qcdir/name.sexcheck is present; check_sex will fail with missing file error otherwise.
externalSex	[data.frame, optional] Dataframe with sample IDs [externalSexID] and sex [ex- ternalSexSex] to double check if external and PEDSEX data (often processed at different centers) match.
externalFemale	[integer/character] Identifier for 'female' in externalSex.
externalMale	[integer/character] Identifier for 'male' in externalSex.
externalSexSex	[character] Column identifier for column containing sex information in exter- nalSex.
externalSexID	[character] Column identifier for column containing ID information in external- Sex.
fixMixup	[logical] Should PEDSEX of individuals with mismatch between PEDSEX and Sex while Sex==SNPSEX automatically corrected: this will directly change the name.bim/.bed/.fam files!
interactive	[logical] Should plots be shown interactively? When choosing this option, make sure you have X-forwarding/graphical interface available for interactive plot- ting. Alternatively, set interactive=FALSE and save the returned plot object (p_sexcheck) via ggplot2::ggsave(p=p_sexcheck, other_arguments) or pdf(outfile) print(p_sexcheck) dev.off().
verbose	[logical] If TRUE, progress info is printed to standard out.
label_fail	[logical] Set TRUE, to add fail IDs as text labels in scatter plot.
highlight_samp]	les
	[character vector] Vector of sample IIDs to highlight in the plot (p_sexcheck); all highlight_samples IIDs have to be present in the IIDs of the name.fam file.
highlight_type	[character] Type of sample highlight, labeling by IID ("text"/"label") and/or highlighting data points in different "color" and/or "shape". "text" and "label" use ggrepel for minimal overlap of text labels ("text) or label boxes ("label"). Only one of "text" and "label" can be specified. Text/Label size can be speci- fied with highlight_text_size, highlight color with highlight_color, or highlight shape with highlight_shape.
highlight_text_	
	[integer] Text/Label size for samples specified to be highlighted (highlight_samples) by "text" or "label" (highlight_type).
highlight_color	
	[character] Color for samples specified to be highlighted (highlight_samples) by "color" (highlight_type).
highlight_shape	
	<pre>[integer] Shape for samples specified to be highlighted (highlight_samples) by "shape" (highlight_type). Possible shapes and their encoding can be found at: https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/articles/ggplot2-specs.html#sec:shape-spec</pre>
highlight_legend	
	[logical] Should a separate legend for the highlighted samples be provided; only relevant for highlight_type == "color" or highlight_type == "shape".

path2plink	[character] Absolute path to PLINK executable (https://www.cog-genomics. org/plink/1.9/) i.e. plink should be accessible as path2plink -h. The full name of the executable should be specified: for windows OS, this means path/plink.exe, for unix platforms this is path/plink. If not provided, assumed that PATH set-up works and PLINK will be found by exec('plink').
keep_individual	LS
	[character] Path to file with individuals to be retained in the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples not listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/ plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.
remove_individu	uals
	[character] Path to file with individuals to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.
exclude_markers	5
	[character] Path to file with makers to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All listed variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/ filter#snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.
extract_markers	5
	[character] Path to file with makers to be included in the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All unlisted variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter# snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.
legend_text_siz	ze
	[integer] Size for legend text.
<pre>legend_title_si</pre>	
	[integer] Size for legend title.
<pre>axis_text_size axis_title_size</pre>	[integer] Size for axis text.
	[integer] Size for axis title.
title_size	[integer] Size for plot title.
showPlinkOutput	
	[logical] If TRUE, plink log and error messages are printed to standard out.

#### Details

check\_sex wraps around run\_check\_sex and evaluate\_check\_sex. If run.check\_sex is TRUE, run\_check\_sex is executed ; otherwise it is assumed that plink –check-sex has been run externally and qcdir/name.sexcheck exists. check\_sex will fail with missing file error otherwise.

For details on the output data.frame fail\_sex, check the original description on the PLINK output format page: https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/formats#sexcheck.

#### Value

Named list with i) fail\_sex: [data.frame] with FID, IID, PEDSEX, SNPSEX and Sex (if external-Sex was provided) of individuals failing sex check, ii) mixup: dataframe with FID, IID, PED-SEX, SNPSEX and Sex (if externalSex was provided) of individuals whose PEDSEX != Sex and Sex == SNPSEX and iii) p\_sexcheck, a ggplot2-object 'containing' a scatter plot of the Xchromosomal heterozygosity (SNPSEX) of the sample split by their (PEDSEX), which can be shown by print(p\_sexcheck).

#### Examples

```
## Not run:
indir <- system.file("extdata", package="plinkQC")
name <- "data"
# whole dataset
fail_sex <- check_sex(indir=indir, name=name, run.check_sex=FALSE,
interactive=FALSE, verbose=FALSE)
# subset of dataset with sample highlighting
highlight_samples <- read.table(system.file("extdata", "keep_individuals",
package="plinkQC"))
remove_individuals_file <- system.file("extdata", "remove_individuals",
package="plinkQC")
fail_sex <- check_sex(indir=indir, name=name,
interactive=FALSE, path2plink=path2plink,
remove_individuals=remove_individuals_file,
highlight_samples=highlight_samples[,2], highlight_type = c("text", "shape"))
```

## End(Not run)

check\_snp\_missingness Identification of SNPs with high missingness rate

#### Description

Runs and evaluates results from plink –missing –freq. It calculate the rates of missing genotype calls and frequency for all variants in the individuals that passed the perIndividualQC. The SNP missingness rates (stratified by minor allele frequency) are depicted as histograms.

#### Usage

```
check_snp_missingness(
    indir,
    name,
    qcdir = indir,
    lmissTh = 0.01,
    interactive = FALSE,
    path2plink = NULL,
```

```
verbose = FALSE,
showPlinkOutput = TRUE,
keep_individuals = NULL,
remove_individuals = NULL,
exclude_markers = NULL,
extract_markers = NULL,
legend_text_size = 5,
legend_title_size = 7,
axis_text_size = 5,
axis_title_size = 7,
title_size = 9
```

)

[character] /path/to/directory containing the basic PLINK data files name.bim, name.bed, name.fam files.	
[character] Prefix of PLINK files, i.e. name.bed, name.bim, name.fam.	
[character]/path/to/directory where results will be written to. If perIndividualQC was conducted, this directory should be the same as qcdir specified in perIndividualQC i.e. it contains name.fail.IDs with IIDs of individuals that failed QC. User needs writing permission to qcdir. Per default, qcdir=indir.	
[double] Threshold for acceptable variant missing rate across samples.	
[logical] Should plots be shown interactively? When choosing this option, make sure you have X-forwarding/graphical interface available for interactive plotting. Alternatively, set interactive=FALSE and save the returned plot object (p_lmiss) via ggplot2::ggsave(p=p_lmiss, other_arguments) or pdf(outfile) print(p_lmiss) dev.off().	
[character] Absolute path to PLINK executable (https://www.cog-genomics. org/plink/1.9/) i.e. plink should be accessible as path2plink -h. The full name of the executable should be specified: for windows OS, this means path/plink.exe, for unix platforms this is path/plink. If not provided, assumed that PATH set-up works and PLINK will be found by exec('plink').	
[logical] If TRUE, progress info is printed to standard out and specifically, if TRUE, plink log will be displayed.	
[logical] If TRUE, plink log and error messages are printed to standard out.	
S	
[character] Path to file with individuals to be retained in the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples not listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/ plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.	
remove_individuals	
[character] Path to file with individuals to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column	

	and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See <a href="https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#indiv">https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#indiv</a> . Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.
exclude markers	
	[character] Path to file with makers to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All listed variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.
extract_markers	5
	[character] Path to file with makers to be included in the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All unlisted variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter# snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.
<pre>legend_text_siz</pre>	
	[integer] Size for legend text.
<pre>legend_title_s</pre>	ze
	[integer] Size for legend title.
axis_text_size	[integer] Size for axis text.
axis_title_size	
	[integer] Size for axis title.
title_size	[integer] Size for plot title.
Details	

#### Details

check\_snp\_missingness uses plink –remove name.fail.IDs –missing –freq to calculate rates of missing genotype calls and frequency per SNP in the individuals that passed the perIndividualQC. It does so without generating a new dataset but simply removes the IDs when calculating the statistics.

For details on the output data.frame fail\_missingness, check the original description on the PLINK output format page: https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/formats#lmiss.

#### Value

Named list with i) fail\_missingness containing a [data.frame] with CHR (Chromosome code), SNP (Variant identifier), CLST (Cluster identifier. Only present with –within/–family), N\_MISS (Number of missing genotype call(s), not counting obligatory missings), N\_CLST (Cluster size; does not include nonmales on Ychr; Only present with –within/–family), N\_GENO (Number of potentially valid call(s)), F\_MISS (Missing call rate) for all SNPs failing the lmissTh and ii) p\_lmiss, a ggplot2-object 'containing' the SNP missingness histogram which can be shown by (print(p\_lmiss)).

#### Examples

```
indir <- system.file("extdata", package="plinkQC")
qcdir <- tempdir()
name <- "data"
path2plink <- '/path/to/plink'</pre>
```

#### cleanData

```
# the following code is not run on package build, as the path2plink on the
# user system is not known.
## Not run:
# run on all individuals and markers
fail_snp_missingness <- check_snp_missingness(qcdir=qcdir, indir=indir,
name=name, interactive=FALSE, verbose=TRUE, path2plink=path2plink)
# run on subset of individuals and markers
keep_individuals_file <- system.file("extdata", "keep_individuals",
package="plinkQC")
extract_markers_file <- system.file("extdata", "extract_markers",
package="plinkQC")
fail_snp_missingness <- check_snp_missingness(qcdir=qcdir, indir=indir,
name=name, interactive=FALSE, verbose=TRUE, path2plink=path2plink,
keep_individuals=keep_individuals_file, extract_markers=extract_markers_file)
```

## End(Not run)

cleanData

Create plink dataset with individuals and markers passing quality control

## Description

Individuals that fail per-individual QC and markers that fail per-marker QC are removed from indir/name.bim/.bed/.fam and a new, dataset with the remaining individuals and markers is created as qcdir/name.clean.bim/.bed/.fam.

#### Usage

```
cleanData(
  indir.
  name,
  qcdir = indir,
  filterSex = TRUE,
  filterHeterozygosity = TRUE,
  filterSampleMissingness = TRUE,
  filterAncestry = TRUE,
  filterRelated = TRUE,
  filterSNPMissingness = TRUE,
  lmissTh = 0.01,
  filterHWE = TRUE,
  hweTh = 1e-05.
  filterMAF = TRUE,
  macTh = 20,
 mafTh = NULL,
  path2plink = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE,
```

```
keep_individuals = NULL,
remove_individuals = NULL,
exclude_markers = NULL,
extract_markers = NULL,
showPlinkOutput = TRUE
)
```

indir	[character] /path/to/directory containing the basic PLINK data files name.bim, name.bed, name.fam files.
name	[character] Prefix of PLINK files, i.e. name.bed, name.bim, name.fam.
qcdir	[character] /path/to/directory where results will be written to. If perIndividualQC was conducted, this directory should be the same as qcdir specified in perIndividualQC, i.e. it contains name.fail.IDs with IIDs of individuals that failed QC. User needs writing permission to qcdir. Per default, qcdir=indir.
filterSex	[logical] Set to exclude samples that failed the sex check (via check_sex or perIndividualQC). Requires file qcdir/name.fail-sexcheck.IDs (automatically created by perIndividualQC if do.evaluate_check_sex set to TRUE).
filterHeterozyg	gosity
	[logical] Set to exclude samples that failed check for outlying heterozygosity rates (via check_het_and_miss or perIndividualQC). Requires file qcdir/name.fail- het.IDs (automatically created by perIndividualQC if do.evaluate_check_het_and_miss set to TRUE).
filterSampleMis	ssingness
	[logical] Set to exclude samples that failed check for excessive missing genotype rates (via check_het_and_miss or perIndividualQC). Requires file qcdir/name.fail- imiss.IDs (automatically created by perIndividualQC if do.evaluate_check_het_and_miss set to TRUE).
filterAncestry	[logical] Set to exclude samples that failed ancestry check (via check_ancestry or perIndividualQC). Requires file qcdir/name.fail-ancestry.IDs (automatically created by perIndividualQC if do.check_ancestry set to TRUE).
filterRelated	[logical] Set to exclude samples that failed relatedness check (via check_relatedness or perIndividualQC). Requires file qcdir/name.fail-IBD.IDs (automatically created by perIndividualQC if do.evaluate_check_relatedness set to TRUE).
filterSNPMissin	ngness
	[logical] Set to exclude markers that have excessive missing rates across samples (via check_snp_missingness or perMarkerQC). Requires lmissTh to be set.
lmissTh	[double] Threshold for acceptable variant missing rate across samples.
filterHWE	[logical] Set to exclude markers that fail HWE exact test (via check_hwe or perMarkerQC). Requires hweTh to be set.
hweTh	[double] Significance threshold for deviation from HWE.
filterMAF	[logical] Set to exclude markers that fail minor allele frequency or minor allele count threshold (via check_maf or perMarkerQC). Requires mafTh or macTh to be set.

## cleanData

macTh	[double] Threshold for minor allele cut cut-off, if both mafTh and macTh are specified, macTh is used (macTh = mafTh\*2\*NrSamples).
mafTh	[double] Threshold for minor allele frequency cut-off.
path2plink	[character] Absolute path to PLINK executable (https://www.cog-genomics. org/plink/1.9/) i.e. plink should be accessible as path2plink -h. The full name of the executable should be specified: for windows OS, this means path/plink. for unix platforms this is path/plink. If not provided, assumed that PATH set-up works and PLINK will be found by exec('plink').
verbose	[logical] If TRUE, progress info is printed to standard out.
keep_individua	als
	[character] Path to file with individuals to be retained in the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples not listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See <a href="https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#indiv">https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#indiv</a> . Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.
remove_individ	duals
	[character] Path to file with individuals to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See <a href="https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#indiv">https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#indiv</a> . Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.
exclude marker	
	[character] Path to file with makers to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All listed variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.
extract marker	-
	[character] Path to file with makers to be included in the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All unlisted variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter# snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.
showPlinkOutpu	Jt
	[logical] If TRUE, plink log and error messages are printed to standard out.
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names [list] with i) passIDs, containing a [data.frame] with family [FID] and individual [IID] IDs of samples that pass the QC, ii) failIDs, containing a [data.frame] with family [FID] and individual [IID] IDs of samples that fail the QC.

## Examples

```
package.dir <- find.package('plinkQC')
indir <- file.path(package.dir, 'extdata')
qcdir <- tempdir()</pre>
```

```
name <- "data"
path2plink <- '/path/to/plink'</pre>
# the following code is not run on package build, as the path2plink on the
# user system is not known.
## Not run:
# Run qc on all samples and markers in the dataset
## Run individual QC checks
fail_individuals <- perIndividualQC(indir=indir, qcdir=qcdir, name=name,</pre>
refSamplesFile=paste(qcdir, "/HapMap_ID2Pop.txt", sep=""),
refColorsFile=paste(qcdir, "/HapMap_PopColors.txt", sep=""),
prefixMergedDataset="data.HapMapIII", interactive=FALSE, verbose=FALSE,
path2plink=path2plink)
## Run marker QC checks
fail_markers <- perMarkerQC(indir=indir, qcdir=qcdir, name=name,</pre>
path2plink=path2plink)
## Create new dataset of individuals and markers passing QC
ids_all <- cleanData(indir=indir, qcdir=qcdir, name=name, macTh=15,</pre>
verbose=TRUE, path2plink=path2plink, filterAncestry=FALSE,
filterRelated=TRUE)
# Run qc on subset of samples and markers in the dataset
highlight_samples <- read.table(system.file("extdata", "keep_individuals",</pre>
package="plinkQC"))
remove_individuals_file <- system.file("extdata", "remove_individuals",</pre>
package="plinkQC")
fail_individuals <- perIndividualQC(indir=indir, qcdir=qcdir, name=name,</pre>
dont.check_ancestry = TRUE, interactive=FALSE, verbose=FALSE,
highlight_samples = highlight_samples[,2], highlight_type = "label",
remove_individuals = remove_individuals_file, path2plink=path2plink)
## Run marker QC checks
fail_markers <- perMarkerQC(indir=indir, qcdir=qcdir, name=name,</pre>
path2plink=path2plink)
## Create new dataset of individuals and markers passing QC
ids_all <- cleanData(indir=indir, qcdir=qcdir, name=name, macTh=15,</pre>
verbose=TRUE, path2plink=path2plink, filterAncestry=FALSE,
remove_individuals = remove_individuals_file)
```

## End(Not run)

evaluate\_check\_ancestry

Evaluate results from PLINK PCA on combined study and reference data

#### Description

Evaluates and depicts results of plink –pca (via run\_check\_ancestry or externally conducted pca) on merged genotypes from individuals to be QCed and individuals of reference population of known genotypes. Currently, check ancestry only supports automatic selection of individuals of European descent. It uses information from principal components 1 and 2 returned by plink –pca to find the center of the European reference samples (mean(PC1\_europeanRef), mean(PC2\_europeanRef). It computes the maximum Euclidean distance (maxDist) of the European reference samples from this centre. All study samples whose Euclidean distance from the centre falls outside the circle described by the radius r=europeanTh\* maxDist are considered non-European and their IDs are returned as failing the ancestry check. check\_ancestry creates a scatter plot of PC1 versus PC2 colour-coded for samples of the reference populations and the study population.

#### Usage

```
evaluate_check_ancestry(
  indir,
  name,
  prefixMergedDataset,
  qcdir = indir,
  europeanTh = 1.5,
  defaultRefSamples = c("HapMap", "1000Genomes"),
  refSamples = NULL,
  refColors = NULL,
  refSamplesFile = NULL,
  refColorsFile = NULL,
  refSamplesIID = "IID"
  refSamplesPop = "Pop",
  refColorsColor = "Color",
  refColorsPop = "Pop",
  studyColor = "#2c7bb6"
  refPopulation = c("CEU", "TSI"),
  legend_labels_per_row = 6,
  legend_text_size = 5,
  legend_title_size = 7,
  axis_text_size = 5,
  axis_title_size = 7,
  title_size = 9,
  highlight_samples = NULL,
  highlight_type = c("text", "label", "color", "shape"),
  highlight_text_size = 3,
  highlight_color = "#c51b8a",
  highlight_shape = 17,
  highlight_legend = FALSE,
  interactive = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

-	
indir	[character] /path/to/directory containing the basic PLINK data files name.bim, name.bed, name.fam files.
name	[character] Prefix of PLINK files, i.e. name.bed, name.bim, name.fam.
prefixMergedDat	aset
	[character] Prefix of merged dataset (study and reference samples) used in plink -pca, resulting in prefixMergedDataset.eigenvec.
qcdir	[character]/path/to/directory/with/QC/results containing prefixMergedDataset.eigenvec results as returned by plink –pca. Per default qcdir=indir.
europeanTh	[double] Scaling factor of radius to be drawn around center of European refer- ence samples, with study samples inside this radius considered to be of European descent and samples outside this radius of non-European descent. The radius is computed as the maximum Euclidean distance of European reference samples to the centre of European reference samples.
defaultRefSampl	es
	[character] Option to use pre-downloaded individual and population identifiers from either the 1000Genomes or HapMap project. If refSamples and refSam- plesFile are not provided, the HapMap identifiers (or 1000Genomes is specified) will be used as default and the function will fail if the reference samples in the prefixMergedDataset do not match these reference samples. If refColors and refColorsFile are not provided, this also sets default colors for the reference populations.
refSamples	[data.frame] Dataframe with sample identifiers [refSamplesIID] corresponding to IIDs in prefixMergedDataset.eigenvec and population identifier [refSample- sPop] corresponding to population IDs [refColorsPop] in refColorsfile/refColors. If refSamples and refSamplesFile are not specified, defaultRefSamples will be used as reference.
refColors	[data.frame, optional] Dataframe with population IDs in column [refColorsPop] and corresponding colour-code for PCA plot in column [refColorsColor]. If refColors and refColorsFile are not specified and refSamples and refSamplesFile are not specified, default colors will be determined from the defaultRefSamples option. If refColors and refColorsFile are not specified and but refSamples or refSamplesFile are given, ggplot default colors will be used.
refSamplesFile	[character] /path/to/File/with/reference samples. Needs columns with sample identifiers [refSamplesIID] corresponding to IIDs in prefixMergedDataset.eigenvec and population identifier [refSamplesPop] corresponding to population IDs [re-fColorsPop] in refColorsfile/refColors. If both refSamplesFile and refSamples are not NULL, defaultRefSamples information is used.
refColorsFile	[character, optional] /path/to/File/with/Population/Colors containing population IDs in column [refColorsPop] and corresponding colour-code for PCA plot in column [refColorsColor]. If refColors and refColorsFile are not specified and refSamples and refSamplesFile are not specified, default colors will be deter- mined from the defaultRefSamples option. If refColors and refColorsFile are not specified and but refSamples or refSamplesFile are given, ggplot default colors will be used.

refSamplesIID	[character] Column name of reference sample IDs in refSamples/refSamplesFile.
refSamplesPop	[character] Column name of reference sample population IDs in refSamples/refSamplesFile.
refColorsColor	[character] Column name of population colors in refColors/refColorsFile
refColorsPop	[character] Column name of reference sample population IDs in refColors/refColorsFile.
studyColor	[character] Colour to be used for study population if plot is TRUE.
refPopulation	[vector] Vector with population identifiers of European reference population.
	Identifiers have to be corresponding to population IDs [refColorsPop] in refCol- orsfile/refColors.
legend_labels_p	
	[integer] Number of population names per row in PCA plot.
legend_text_siz	
legend_title_si	[integer] Size for legend text.
regenu_title_si	[integer] Size for legend title.
avis text size	[integer] Size for axis text.
axis_title_size	
	[integer] Size for axis title.
title_size	[integer] Size for plot title.
highlight_sampl	
	[character vector] Vector of sample IIDs to highlight in the plot (p_ancestry);
	all highlight_samples IIDs have to be present in the IIDs of the prefixMerged- Dataset.fam file.
highlight_type	highlighting data points in different "color" and/or "shape". "text" and "label" use ggrepel for minimal overlap of text labels ("text) or label boxes ("label"). Only one of "text" and "label" can be specified.Text/Label size can be speci- fied with highlight_text_size, highlight color with highlight_color, or highlight shape with highlight_shape.
highlight_text_	
	[integer] Text/Label size for samples specified to be highlighted (highlight_samples) by "text" or "label" (highlight_type).
highlight_color	
	[character] Color for samples specified to be highlighted (highlight_samples) by
highlight_shape	"color" (highlight_type).
highiight_shape	[integer] Shape for samples specified to be highlighted (highlight_samples) by
	"shape" (highlight_type). Possible shapes and their encoding can be found at:
	https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/articles/ggplot2-specs.html#sec:shape-spec
highlight_leger	
	[logical] Should a separate legend for the highlighted samples be provided; only relevant for highlight_type == "color" or highlight_type == "shape".
interactive	[logical] Should plots be shown interactively? When choosing this option, make sure you have X-forwarding/graphical interface available for interactive plot- ting. Alternatively, set interactive=FALSE and save the returned plot object (p_ancestry) via ggplot2::ggsave(p=p_ancestry, other_arguments) or pdf(outfile) print(p_ancestry) dev.off().

verbose

[logical] If TRUE, progress info is printed to standard out.

#### Details

Both run\_check\_ancestry and evaluate\_check\_ancestry can simply be invoked by check\_ancestry.

1000 Genomes samples were downloaded from https://www.internationalgenome.org/category/ sample/, HapMap Phase 3 samples were downloaded from https://www.broadinstitute.org/ medical-and-population-genetics/hapmap-3.

## Value

Named [list] with i) fail\_ancestry, containing a [data.frame] with FID and IID of non-European individuals and ii) p\_ancestry, a ggplot2-object 'containing' a scatter plot of PC1 versus PC2 colour-coded for samples of the reference populations and the study population, which can be shown by print(p\_ancestry) and iii) plot\_data, a data.frame with the data visualised in p\_ancestry (ii).

#### Examples

```
## Not run:
qcdir <- system.file("extdata", package="plinkQC")</pre>
name <- "data"
# whole dataset
fail_ancestry <- evaluate_check_ancestry(indir=qcdir, name=name,</pre>
refSamplesFile=paste(qcdir, "/HapMap_ID2Pop.txt", sep=""),
refColorsFile=paste(qcdir, "/HapMap_PopColors.txt", sep=""),
prefixMergedDataset="data.HapMapIII", interactive=FALSE)
# highlight samples
highlight_samples <- read.table(system.file("extdata", "keep_individuals",
package="plinkQC"))
fail_ancestry <- evaluate_check_ancestry(indir=qcdir, name=name,</pre>
refSamplesFile=paste(qcdir, "/HapMap_ID2Pop.txt",sep=""),
refColorsFile=paste(qcdir, "/HapMap_PopColors.txt", sep=""),
prefixMergedDataset="data.HapMapIII", interactive=FALSE,
highlight_samples = highlight_samples[,2],
highlight_type = c("text", "shape"))
```

## End(Not run)

evaluate\_check\_het\_and\_miss

*Evaluate results from PLINK missing genotype and heterozygosity rate check.* 

#### Description

Evaluates and depicts results from plink –missing (missing genotype rates per individual) and plink –het (heterozygosity rates per individual) via run\_check\_heterozygosity and run\_check\_missingness or externally conducted check.) Non-systematic failures in genotyping and outlying heterozygosity (hz) rates per individual are often proxies for DNA sample quality. Larger than expected heterozygosity can indicate possible DNA contamination. The mean heterozygosity in PLINK is computed as hz\_mean = (N-O)/N, where N: number of non-missing genotypes and O:observed number of homozygous genotypes for a given individual. Mean heterozygosity can differ between populations and SNP genotyping panels. Within a population and genotyping panel, a reduced heterozygosity rate can indicate inbreeding - these individuals will then be returned by check\_relatedness as individuals that fail the relatedness filters. evaluate\_check\_het\_and\_miss creates a scatter plot with the individuals' missingness rates on x-axis and their heterozygosity rates on the y-axis.

#### Usage

```
evaluate_check_het_and_miss(
  qcdir,
  name,
  imissTh = 0.03,
  hetTh = 3,
  label_fail = TRUE,
  highlight_samples = NULL,
  highlight_type = c("text", "label", "color", "shape"),
  highlight_text_size = 3,
  highlight_color = "#c51b8a",
  highlight_shape = 17,
  legend_text_size = 5,
  legend_title_size = 7,
  axis_text_size = 5,
  axis_title_size = 7,
  title_size = 9,
  highlight_legend = FALSE,
  interactive = FALSE
)
```

#### Arguments

qcdir	[character] path/to/directory/with/QC/results containing name.imiss and name.het results as returned by plink –missing and plink –het.
name	[character] Prefix of PLINK files, i.e. name.bed, name.bim, name.fam, name.het and name.imiss.
imissTh	[double] Threshold for acceptable missing genotype rate in any individual; has to be proportion between $(0,1)$
hetTh	[double] Threshold for acceptable deviation from mean heterozygosity in any individual. Expressed as multiples of standard deviation of heterozygosity (het), i.e. individuals outside mean(het) +/- hetTh*sd(het) will be returned as failing heterozygosity check; has to be larger than 0.

label\_fail [logical] Set TRUE, to add fail IDs as text labels in scatter plot.

highlight\_samples

[character vector] Vector of sample IIDs to highlight in the plot (p\_het\_imiss); all highlight\_samples IIDs have to be present in the IIDs of the name.fam file.

- highlight\_type [character] Type of sample highlight, labeling by IID ("text"/"label") and/or highlighting data points in different "color" and/or "shape". "text" and "label" use ggrepel for minimal overlap of text labels ("text) or label boxes ("label"). Only one of "text" and "label" can be specified.Text/Label size can be specified with highlight\_text\_size, highlight color with highlight\_color, or highlight shape with highlight\_shape.
- highlight\_text\_size

[integer] Text/Label size for samples specified to be highlighted (highlight\_samples) by "text" or "label" (highlight\_type).

#### highlight\_color

[character] Color for samples specified to be highlighted (highlight\_samples) by "color" (highlight\_type).

#### highlight\_shape

[integer] Shape for samples specified to be highlighted (highlight\_samples) by "shape" (highlight\_type). Possible shapes and their encoding can be found at: https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/articles/ggplot2-specs.html#sec:shape-spec

#### legend\_text\_size

[integer] Size for legend text.

legend\_title\_size

[integer] Size for legend title.

- axis\_text\_size [integer] Size for axis text.
- axis\_title\_size

[integer] Size for axis title.

title\_size [integer] Size for plot title.

#### highlight\_legend

[logical] Should a separate legend for the highlighted samples be provided; only relevant for highlight\_type == "color" or highlight\_type == "shape".

interactive [logical] Should plots be shown interactively? When choosing this option, make sure you have X-forwarding/graphical interface available for interactive plotting. Alternatively, set interactive=FALSE and save the returned plot object (p\_het\_imiss) via ggplot2::ggsave(p=p\_het\_imiss, other\_arguments) or pdf(outfile) print(p\_het\_imiss) dev.off().

#### Details

All, run\_check\_heterozygosity, run\_check\_missingness and evaluate\_check\_het\_and\_miss can simply be invoked by check\_het\_and\_miss.

For details on the output data.frame fail\_imiss and fail\_het, check the original description on the PLINK output format page: https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/formats#imiss and https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/formats#het

#### Value

named [list] with i) fail\_imiss dataframe containing FID (Family ID), IID (Within-family ID), MISS\_PHENO (Phenotype missing? (Y/N)), N\_MISS (Number of missing genotype call(s), not including obligatory missings), N\_GENO (Number of potentially valid call(s)), F\_MISS (Missing call rate) of individuals failing missing genotype check and ii) fail\_het dataframe containing FID (Family ID), IID (Within-family ID), O(HOM) (Observed number of homozygotes), E(HOM) (Expected number of homozygotes), N(NM) (Number of non-missing autosomal genotypes), F (Method-of-moments F coefficient estimate) of individuals failing outlying heterozygosity check; iii) p\_het\_imiss, a ggplot2-object 'containing' a scatter plot with the samples' missingness rates on x-axis and their heterozygosity rates on the y-axis, which can be shown by print(p\_het\_imiss) and iv) plot\_data, a data.frame with the data visualised in p\_het\_imiss (iii).

#### Examples

```
qcdir <- system.file("extdata", package="plinkQC")
name <- "data"
## Not run:
fail_het_miss <- evaluate_check_het_and_miss(qcdir=qcdir, name=name,
interactive=FALSE)
#' # highlight samples
highlight_samples <- read.table(system.file("extdata", "keep_individuals",
package="plinkQC"))
fail_het_miss <- evaluate_check_het_and_miss(qcdir=qcdir, name=name,
interactive=FALSE, highlight_samples = highlight_samples[,2],
highlight_type = c("text", "color"))</pre>
```

## End(Not run)

evaluate\_check\_relatedness

Evaluate results from PLINK IBD estimation.

#### Description

Evaluates and depicts results from plink –genome on the LD pruned dataset (via run\_check\_relatedness or externally conducted IBD estimation). plink –genome calculates identity by state (IBS) for each pair of individuals based on the average proportion of alleles shared at genotyped SNPs. The degree of recent shared ancestry, i.e. the identity by descent (IBD) can be estimated from the genomewide IBS. The proportion of IBD between two individuals is returned by –genome as PI\_HAT. evaluate\_check\_relatedness finds pairs of samples whose proportion of IBD is larger than the specified highIBDTh. Subsequently, for pairs of individual that do not have additional relatives in the dataset, the individual with the greater genotype missingness rate is selected and returned as the individual failing the relatedness check. For more complex family structures, the unrelated individuals per family are selected (e.g. in a parents-offspring trio, the offspring will be marked as fail, while the parents will be kept in the analysis). evaluate\_check\_relatedness depicts all pair-wise IBD-estimates as histograms stratified by value of PI\_HAT.

## Usage

```
evaluate_check_relatedness(
   qcdir,
   name,
   highIBDTh = 0.1875,
   imissTh = 0.03,
   interactive = FALSE,
   legend_text_size = 5,
   legend_title_size = 7,
   axis_text_size = 5,
   axis_title_size = 7,
   title_size = 9,
   verbose = FALSE
)
```

#### Arguments

qcdir	[character] path/to/directory/with/QC/results containing name.imiss and name.genome results as returned by plink –missing and plink –genome.
name	[character] Prefix of PLINK files, i.e. name.bed, name.bim, name.fam, name.genome and name.imiss.
highIBDTh	[double] Threshold for acceptable proportion of IBD between pair of individu- als.
imissTh	[double] Threshold for acceptable missing genotype rate in any individual; has to be proportion between $(0,1)$
interactive	[logical] Should plots be shown interactively? When choosing this option, make sure you have X-forwarding/graphical interface available for interactive plotting. Alternatively, set interactive=FALSE and save the returned plot object (p_IBD() via ggplot2::ggsave(p=p_IBD, other_arguments) or pdf(outfile) print(p_IBD) dev.off().
<pre>legend_text_siz</pre>	e
	[integer] Size for legend text.
<pre>legend_title_si</pre>	ze
	[integer] Size for legend title.
axis_text_size	[integer] Size for axis text.
axis_title_size	
	[integer] Size for axis title.
title_size	[integer] Size for plot title.
verbose	[logical] If TRUE, progress info is printed to standard out.

## Details

Both run\_check\_relatedness and evaluate\_check\_relatedness can simply be invoked by check\_relatedness.

For details on the output data.frame fail\_high\_IBD, check the original description on the PLINK output format page: https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/formats#genome.

#### Value

a named [list] with i) fail\_high\_IBD containing a [data.frame] of IIDs and FIDs of individuals who fail the IBDTh in columns FID1 and IID1. In addition, the following columns are returned (as originally obtained by plink –genome): FID2 (Family ID for second sample), IID2 (Individual ID for second sample), RT (Relationship type inferred from .fam/.ped file), EZ (IBD sharing expected value, based on just .fam/.ped relationship), Z0 (P(IBD=0)), Z1 (P(IBD=1)), Z2 (P(IBD=2)), PI\_HAT (Proportion IBD, i.e. P(IBD=2) + 0.5\*P(IBD=1)), PHE (Pairwise phenotypic code (1, 0, -1 = AA, AU, and UU pairs, respectively)), DST (IBS distance, i.e. (IBS2 + 0.5\*IBS1) / (IBS0 + IBS1 + IBS2)), PPC (IBS binomial test), RATIO (HETHET : IBS0 SNP ratio (expected value 2)). and ii) failIDs containing a [data.frame] with individual IDs [IID] and family IDs [FID] of individuals failing the highIBDTh; iii) p\_IBD, a ggplot2-object 'containing' all pair-wise IBD-estimates as histograms stratified by value of PI\_HAT, which can be shown by print(p\_IBD and iv) plot\_data, a data.frame with the data visualised in p\_IBD (iii).

#### Examples

```
qcdir <- system.file("extdata", package="plinkQC")
name <- 'data'
## Not run:
relatednessQC <- evaluate_check_relatedness(qcdir=qcdir, name=name,
interactive=FALSE)</pre>
```

## End(Not run)

evaluate\_check\_sex Evaluate results from PLINK sex check.

#### Description

Evaluates and depicts results from plink –check-sex (via run\_check\_sex or externally conducted sex check). Takes file qcdir/name.sexcheck and returns IIDs for samples whose SNPSEX != PED-SEX (where the SNPSEX is determined by the heterozygosity rate across X-chromosomal variants). Mismatching SNPSEX and PEDSEX IDs can indicate plating errors, sample-mixup or generally samples with poor genotyping. In the latter case, these IDs are likely to fail other QC steps as well. Optionally, an extra data.frame (externalSex) with sample IDs and sex can be provided to double check if external and PEDSEX data (often processed at different centers) match. If a mismatch between PEDSEX and SNPSEX was detected while SNPSEX == Sex, PEDSEX of these individuals can optionally be updated (fixMixup=TRUE). evaluate\_check\_sex depicts the X-chromosomal heterozygosity (SNPSEX) of the samples split by their (PEDSEX).

#### Usage

```
evaluate_check_sex(
  qcdir,
  name,
  maleTh = 0.8,
  femaleTh = 0.2,
```

```
externalSex = NULL,
fixMixup = FALSE,
indir = qcdir,
externalFemale = "F",
externalMale = "M",
externalSexSex = "Sex",
externalSexID = "IID",
verbose = FALSE,
label_fail = TRUE,
highlight_samples = NULL,
highlight_type = c("text", "label", "color", "shape"),
highlight_text_size = 3,
highlight_color = "#c51b8a",
highlight_shape = 17,
highlight_legend = FALSE,
legend_text_size = 5,
legend_title_size = 7,
axis_text_size = 5,
axis_title_size = 7,
title_size = 9,
path2plink = NULL,
keep_individuals = NULL,
remove_individuals = NULL,
exclude_markers = NULL,
extract_markers = NULL,
showPlinkOutput = TRUE,
interactive = FALSE
```

```
)
```

#### Arguments

qcdir	[character] /path/to/directory containing name.sexcheck as returned by plink – check-sex.
name	[character] Prefix of PLINK files, i.e. name.bed, name.bim, name.fam and name.sexcheck.
maleTh	[double] Threshold of X-chromosomal heterozygosity rate for males.
femaleTh	[double] Threshold of X-chromosomal heterozygosity rate for females.
externalSex	[data.frame, optional] with sample IDs [externalSexID] and sex [externalSex-Sex] to double check if external and PEDSEX data (often processed at different centers) match.
fixMixup	[logical] Should PEDSEX of individuals with mismatch between PEDSEX and Sex, with Sex==SNPSEX automatically corrected: this will directly change the name.bim/.bed/.fam files!
indir	[character] /path/to/directory containing the basic PLINK data files name.bim, name.bed, name.fam files; only required of fixMixup==TRUE. User needs writing permission to indir.
externalFemale	[integer/character] Identifier for 'female' in externalSex.

externalMale	[integer/character] Identifier for 'male' in externalSex.
externalSexSex	[character] Column identifier for column containing sex information in exter- nalSex.
externalSexID	[character] Column identifier for column containing ID information in external- Sex.
verbose	[logical] If TRUE, progress info is printed to standard out.
label_fail	[logical] Set TRUE, to add fail IDs as text labels in scatter plot.
highlight_sampl	es
	[character vector] Vector of sample IIDs to highlight in the plot (p_sexcheck); all highlight_samples IIDs have to be present in the IIDs of the name.fam file.
highlight_type	[character] Type of sample highlight, labeling by IID ("text"/"label") and/or highlighting data points in different "color" and/or "shape". "text" and "label" use ggrepel for minimal overlap of text labels ("text) or label boxes ("label"). Only one of "text" and "label" can be specified. Text/Label size can be speci- fied with highlight_text_size, highlight color with highlight_color, or highlight shape with highlight_shape.
highlight_text_	size
	[integer] Text/Label size for samples specified to be highlighted (highlight_samples) by "text" or "label" (highlight_type).
highlight_color	
	[character] Color for samples specified to be highlighted (highlight_samples) by "color" (highlight_type).
highlight_shape	
	[integer] Shape for samples specified to be highlighted (highlight_samples) by "shape" (highlight_type). Possible shapes and their encoding can be found at: https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/articles/ggplot2-specs.html#sec:shape-spec
highlight_leger	
	[logical] Should a separate legend for the highlighted samples be provided; only relevant for highlight_type == "color" or highlight_type == "shape".
<pre>legend_text_siz</pre>	
	[integer] Size for legend text.
legend_title_si	
	[integer] Size for legend title.
<pre>axis_text_size axis_title_size</pre>	[integer] Size for axis text.
axis_title_size	[integer] Size for axis title.
title_size	[integer] Size for plot title.
path2plink	[character] Absolute path to PLINK executable (https://www.cog-genomics. org/plink/1.9/) i.e. plink should be accessible as path2plink -h. The full name of the executable should be specified: for windows OS, this means path/plink.exe, for unix platforms this is path/plink. If not provided, assumed that PATH set-up works and PLINK will be found by exec('plink').
keep_individual	
	[character] Path to file with individuals to be retained in the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and

	within-family IDs in the second column. All samples not listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/ plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.
remove_individ	duals
	[character] Path to file with individuals to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.
exclude_marker	rs
	[character] Path to file with makers to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All listed variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/ filter#snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.
extract_marker	rs
	[character] Path to file with makers to be included in the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All unlisted variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter# snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.
showPlinkOutpu	Jt
	[logical] If TRUE, plink log and error messages are printed to standard out.
interactive	[logical] Should plots be shown interactively? When choosing this option, make sure you have X-forwarding/graphical interface available for interactive plot- ting. Alternatively, set interactive=FALSE and save the returned plot object (p_sexcheck) via ggplot2::ggsave(p=p_sexcheck, other_arguments) or pdf(outfile) print(p_sexcheck) dev.off().
Details	

#### Details

Both run\_check\_sex and evaluate\_check\_sex can simply be invoked by check\_sex.

For details on the output data.frame fail\_sex, check the original description on the PLINK output format page: https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/formats#sexcheck.

## Value

named list with i) fail\_sex: dataframe with FID, IID, PEDSEX, SNPSEX and Sex (if externalSex was provided) of individuals failing sex check; ii) mixup: dataframe with FID, IID, PEDSEX, SNPSEX and Sex (if externalSex was provided) of individuals whose PEDSEX != Sex and Sex == SNPSEX; iii) p\_sexcheck, a ggplot2-object 'containing' a scatter plot of the X-chromosomal heterozygosity (SNPSEX) of the individuals split by their (PEDSEX), which can be shown by print(p\_sexcheck) and iv) plot\_data, a data.frame with the data visualised in p\_sexcheck (iii).

#### Examples

```
qcdir <- system.file("extdata", package="plinkQC")
name <- "data"</pre>
```

#### overviewPerIndividualQC

```
path2plink <- '/path/to/plink'
## Not run:
fail_sex <- evaluate_check_sex(qcdir=qcdir, name=name, interactive=FALSE,
verbose=FALSE, path2plink=path2plink)
# highlight_samples <- read.table(system.file("extdata", "keep_individuals",
package="plinkQC"))
fail_sex <- evaluate_check_sex(qcdir=qcdir, name=name, interactive=FALSE,
verbose=FALSE, path2plink=path2plink,
highlight_samples = highlight_samples[,2],
highlight_type = c("label", "color"), highlight_color = "darkgreen")</pre>
```

```
## End(Not run)
```

overviewPerIndividualQC

Overview of per sample QC

#### Description

overviewPerIndividualQC depicts results of perIndividualQC as intersection plots (via upset) and returns dataframes indicating which QC checks individuals failed or passed.

#### Usage

```
overviewPerIndividualQC(results_perIndividualQC, interactive = FALSE)
```

#### Arguments

results\_perIndividualQC

[list] Output of perIndividualQC i.e. named [list] with i) sample\_missingness containing a [vector] with sample IIDs failing the selected missingness threshold imissTh, ii) highIBD containing a [vector] with sample IIDs failing the selected relatedness threshold highIBDTh, iii) outlying\_heterozygosity containing a [vector] with sample IIDs failing selected the heterozygosity threshold hetTh, iv) mismatched\_sex containing a [vector] with the sample IIDs failing the sexcheck based on SNPSEX and selected femaleTh/maleTh, v) ancestry containing a vector with sample IIDs failing the ancestry check based on the selected europeanTh and vi) p\_sampleQC, a ggplot2-object 'containing' a sub-paneled plot with the QC-plots of check\_sex, check\_het\_and\_miss, check\_relatedness and check\_ancestry.

interactive [logical] Should plots be shown interactively? When choosing this option, make sure you have X-forwarding/graphical interface available for interactive plotting. Alternatively, set interactive=FALSE and save the returned plot object (p\_overview) via ggplot2::ggsave(p=p\_overview, other\_arguments) or pdf(outfile) print(p\_overview) dev.off(). Value

Named [list] with i) nr\_fail\_samples: total number of samples [integer] failing perIndividualQC, ii) fail\_QC containing a [data.frame] with samples that failed QC steps (excluding ancestry) with IID, FID, all QC steps applied by perIndividualQC (max=4), with entries=0 if passing the QC and entries=1 if failing that particular QC and iii) fail\_QC\_and\_ancestry containing a [data.frame] with samples that failed ancestry and QC checks with IID, FID, QC\_fail and Ancestry\_fail, with entries=0 if passing and entries=1 if failing that check, iii) p\_overview, a ggplot2-object 'containing' a sub-paneled plot with the QC-plots.

#### Examples

```
indir <- system.file("extdata", package="plinkQC")
qcdir <- tempdir()
name <- "data"
## Not run:
fail_individuals <- perIndividualQC(qcdir=qcdir, indir=indir, name=name,
refSamplesFile=paste(qcdir, "/HapMap_ID2Pop.txt",sep=""),
refColorsFile=paste(qcdir, "/HapMap_PopColors.txt", sep=""),
prefixMergedDataset="data.HapMapIII", interactive=FALSE, verbose=FALSE,
do.run_check_het_and_miss=FALSE, do.run_check_relatedness=FALSE,
do.run_check_sex=FALSE, do.run_check_ancestry=FALSE)</pre>
```

overview <- overviewPerIndividualQC(fail\_individuals)</pre>

## End(Not run)

overviewPerMarkerQC Overview of per marker QC

## Description

overviewPerMarkerQC depicts results of perMarkerQC as an intersection plot (via upset) and returns a dataframe indicating which QC checks were failed or passed.

#### Usage

```
overviewPerMarkerQC(results_perMarkerQC, interactive = FALSE)
```

#### Arguments

results\_perMarkerQC

[list] Output of perIndividualQC i.e. named [list] with i) fail\_list, a named [list] with 1. SNP\_missingness, containing SNP IDs failing the missingness threshold lmissTh, 2. hwe, containing SNP IDs failing the HWE exact test threshold hweTh and 3. maf, containing SNPs failing the MAF threshold mafTh/MAC threshold macTh and ii) p\_markerQC, a ggplot2-object 'containing' a sub-paneled plot with the QC-plots of check\_snp\_missingness, check\_hwe and check\_maf

interactive [logical] Should plots be shown interactively? When choosing this option, make sure you have X-forwarding/graphical interface available for interactive plotting. Alternatively, set interactive=FALSE and save the returned plot object (p\_overview) via ggplot2::ggsave(p=p\_overview, other\_arguments) or pdf(outfile) print(p\_overview) dev.off().

## Value

Named [list] with i) nr\_fail\_markers: total number of markers [integer] failing perMarkerQC, ii) fail\_QC containing a [data.frame] with markers that failed QC steps: marker rsIDs in rows, columns are all QC steps applied by perMarkerQC (max=3), with entries=0 if passing the QC and entries=1 if failing that particular QC.

#### Examples

```
indir <- system.file("extdata", package="plinkQC")
qcdir <- tempdir()
name <- "data"
path2plink <- '/path/to/plink'
# the following code is not run on package build, as the path2plink on the
# user system is not known.
# All quality control checks
## Not run:
fail_markers <- perMarkerQC(qcdir=qcdir, indir=indir, name=name,
interactive=FALSE, verbose=TRUE, path2plink=path2plink)
overview <- overviewPerMarkerQC(fail_markers)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

perIndividualQC Quality control for all individuals in plink-dataset

#### Description

perIndividualQC checks the samples in the plink dataset for their total missingness and heterozygosity rates, the concordance of their assigned sex to their SNP sex, their relatedness to other study individuals and their genetic ancestry.

#### Usage

```
perIndividualQC(
    indir,
    name,
    qcdir = indir,
    dont.check_sex = FALSE,
    do.run_check_sex = TRUE,
    do.evaluate_check_sex = TRUE,
    maleTh = 0.8,
```

```
femaleTh = 0.2,
externalSex = NULL,
externalMale = "M",
externalSexSex = "Sex",
externalSexID = "IID",
externalFemale = "F",
fixMixup = FALSE,
dont.check_het_and_miss = FALSE,
do.run_check_het_and_miss = TRUE,
do.evaluate_check_het_and_miss = TRUE,
imissTh = 0.03,
hetTh = 3,
dont.check_relatedness = FALSE,
do.run_check_relatedness = TRUE,
do.evaluate_check_relatedness = TRUE,
highIBDTh = 0.1875,
mafThRelatedness = 0.1,
filter_high_ldregion = TRUE,
high_ldregion_file = NULL,
genomebuild = "hg19",
dont.check_ancestry = FALSE,
do.run_check_ancestry = TRUE,
do.evaluate_check_ancestry = TRUE,
prefixMergedDataset,
europeanTh = 1.5,
defaultRefSamples = c("HapMap", "1000Genomes"),
refSamples = NULL,
refColors = NULL,
refSamplesFile = NULL,
refColorsFile = NULL,
refSamplesIID = "IID",
refSamplesPop = "Pop",
refColorsColor = "Color",
refColorsPop = "Pop",
studyColor = "#2c7bb6",
label_fail = TRUE,
highlight_samples = NULL,
highlight_type = c("text", "label", "color", "shape"),
highlight_text_size = 3,
highlight_color = "#c51b8a",
highlight_shape = 17,
highlight_legend = FALSE,
interactive = FALSE,
verbose = TRUE,
keep_individuals = NULL,
remove_individuals = NULL,
exclude_markers = NULL,
extract_markers = NULL,
```

## perIndividualQC

```
legend_text_size = 5,
legend_title_size = 7,
axis_text_size = 5,
axis_title_size = 7,
subplot_label_size = 9,
title_size = 9,
path2plink = NULL,
showPlinkOutput = TRUE
```

```
)
```

# Arguments

indir	[character] /path/to/directory containing the basic PLINK data files name.bim, name.bed, name.fam files.
name	[character] Prefix of PLINK files, i.e. name.bed, name.bim, name.fam.
qcdir	[character]/path/to/directory where results will be saved. Per default, qcdir=indir. If do.evaluate_[analysis] is set to TRUE and do.run_[analysis] is FALSE, perIndividualQC expects the analysis-specific plink output files in qcdir i.e. do.check_sex ex- pects name.sexcheck, do.evaluate_check_het_and_miss expects name.het and name.imiss, do.evaluate_check_relatedness expects name.genome and name.imiss and do.evaluate_check_relatedness expects name.genome and name.imiss are not present perIndividualQC will fail with missing file error. Setting do.run_[analysis] TRUE will execute the checks and create the required files. User needs writing permission to qcdir.
dont.check_sex	[logical] If TRUE, no sex check will be conducted; short for do.run_check_sex=FALSE and do.evaluate_check_sex=FALSE. Takes precedence over do.run_check_sex and do.evaluate_check_sex.
do.run_check_se	X
	[logical] If TRUE, run run_check_sex
do.evaluate_che	
	[logical] If TRUE, run evaluate_check_sex
maleTh	[double] Threshold of X-chromosomal heterozygosity rate for males.
femaleTh	[double] Threshold of X-chromosomal heterozygosity rate for females.
externalSex	[data.frame, optional] Dataframe with sample IDs [externalSexID] and sex [ex- ternalSexSex] to double check if external and PEDSEX data (often processed at different centers) match.
externalMale	[integer/character] Identifier for 'male' in externalSex.
externalSexSex	[character] Column identifier for column containing sex information in exter- nalSex.
externalSexID	[character] Column identifier for column containing ID information in external- Sex.
externalFemale	[integer/character] Identifier for 'female' in externalSex.
fixMixup	[logical] Should PEDSEX of individuals with mismatch between PEDSEX and Sex while Sex==SNPSEX automatically corrected: this will directly change the name.bim/.bed/.fam files!

<pre>dont.check_het_</pre>	_and_miss
	[logical] If TRUE, no heterozygosity and missingness check will be conducted; short for do.run_check_heterozygosity=FALSE, do.run_check_missingness=FALSE and do.evaluate_check_het_and_miss=FALSE. Takes precedence over do.run_check_heterozygosity, do.run_check_missingness and do.evaluate_check_het_and_miss.
do.run_check_he	et_and_miss [logical] If TRUE, run run_check_heterozygosity and run_check_missingness
do.evaluate_che	eck_het_and_miss [logical] If TRUE, run evaluate_check_het_and_miss.
imissTh	[double] Threshold for acceptable missing genotype rate in any individual; has to be proportion between $(0,1)$
hetTh	[double] Threshold for acceptable deviation from mean heterozygosity per in- dividual. Expressed as multiples of standard deviation of heterozygosity (het), i.e. individuals outside mean(het) +/- hetTh*sd(het) will be returned as failing heterozygosity check; has to be larger than 0.
dont.check_rela	atedness
	[logical] If TRUE, no relatedness check will be conducted; short for do.run_check_relatedness=FALSE and do.evaluate_check_relatedness=FALSE. Takes precedence over do.run_check_relatedness and do.evaluate_check_relatedness.
do.run_check_re	elatedness
	[logical] If TRUE, run run_check_relatedness.
do.evaluate_che	eck_relatedness [logical] If TRUE, run evaluate_check_relatedness.
highIBDTh	[double] Threshold for acceptable proportion of IBD between pair of individu- als.
mafThRelatednes	
	[double] Threshold of minor allele frequency filter for selecting variants for IBD estimation.
filter_high_ldr	region
	[logical] Should high LD regions be filtered before IBD estimation; carried out per default with high LD regions for hg19 provided as default via genomebuild. For alternative genome builds not provided or non-human data, high LD regions
	files can be provided via high_ldregion_file.
high_ldregion_f	file
	[character] Path to file with high LD regions used for filtering before IBD es- timation if filter_high_ldregion == TRUE, otherwise ignored; for human genome data, high LD region files are provided and can simply be chosen via genomebuild. Files have to be space-delimited, no column names with the fol- lowing columns: chromosome, region-start, region-end, region number. Chro- mosomes are specified without 'chr' prefix. For instance: 1 48000000 52000000 1 2 86000000 100500000 2
genomebuild	[character] Name of the genome build of the PLINK file annotations, ie map- pings in the name.bim file. Will be used to remove high-LD regions based on the coordinates of the respective build. Options are hg18, hg19 and hg38. See @details.

dont.check\_ancestry

[logical] If TRUE, no ancestry check will be conducted; short for do.run\_check\_ancestry=FALSE and do.evaluate\_check\_ancestry=FALSE. Takes precedence over do.run\_check\_ancestry and do.evaluate\_check\_ancestry.

do.run\_check\_ancestry

[logical] If TRUE, run run\_check\_ancestry.

#### do.evaluate\_check\_ancestry

[logical] If TRUE, run evaluate\_check\_ancestry.

#### prefixMergedDataset

[character] Prefix of merged dataset (study and reference samples) used in plink –pca, resulting in prefixMergedDataset.eigenvec.

europeanTh [double] Scaling factor of radius to be drawn around center of European reference samples, with study samples inside this radius considered to be of European descent and samples outside this radius of non-European descent. The radius is computed as the maximum Euclidean distance of European reference samples to the centre of European reference samples.

#### defaultRefSamples

[character] Option to use pre-downloaded individual and population identifiers from either the 1000Genomes or HapMap project. If refSamples and refSamplesFile are not provided, the HapMap identifiers (or 1000Genomes is specified) will be used as default and the function will fail if the reference samples in the prefixMergedDataset do not match these reference samples. If refColors and refColorsFile are not provided, this also sets default colors for the reference populations.

- refSamples [data.frame] Dataframe with sample identifiers [refSamplesIID] corresponding to IIDs in prefixMergedDataset.eigenvec and population identifier [refSamplesPop] corresponding to population IDs [refColorsPop] in refColorsfile/refColors. Either refSamples or refSamplesFile have to be specified.
- refColors [data.frame, optional] Dataframe with population IDs in column [refColorsPop] and corresponding colour-code for PCA plot in column [refColorsColor]. If not provided and is.null(refColorsFile) default colors are used.
- refSamplesFile [character] /path/to/File/with/reference samples. Needs columns with sample identifiers [refSamplesIID] corresponding to IIDs in prefixMergedDataset.eigenvec and population identifier [refSamplesPop] corresponding to population IDs [re-fColorsPop] in refColorsfile/refColors.
- refColorsFile [character, optional] /path/to/File/with/Population/Colors containing population IDs in column [refColorsPop] and corresponding colour-code for PCA plot in column [refColorsColor].If not provided and is.null(refColors) default colors for are used.
- refSamplesIID [character] Column name of reference sample IDs in refSamples/refSamplesFile.
- refSamplesPop [character] Column name of reference sample population IDs in refSamples/refSamplesFile.
- refColorsColor [character] Column name of population colors in refColors/refColorsFile
- refColorsPop [character] Column name of reference sample population IDs in refColors/refColorsFile.
- studyColor [character] Colour to be used for study population.

label\_fail [logical] Set TRUE, to add fail IDs as text labels in scatter plot.

highlight_samples			
	[character vector] Vector of sample IIDs to highlight in the plot (p_sexcheck); all highlight_samples IIDs have to be present in the IIDs of the name.fam file.		
highlight_type	[character] Type of sample highlight, labeling by IID ("text"/"label") and/or highlighting data points in different "color" and/or "shape". "text" and "label" use ggrepel for minimal overlap of text labels ("text) or label boxes ("label"). Only one of "text" and "label" can be specified. Text/Label size can be speci- fied with highlight_text_size, highlight color with highlight_color, or highlight shape with highlight_shape.		
highlight_text_			
	[integer] Text/Label size for samples specified to be highlighted (highlight_samples) by "text" or "label" (highlight_type).		
highlight_color			
	[character] Color for samples specified to be highlighted (highlight_samples) by "color" (highlight_type).		
highlight_shape			
	<pre>[integer] Shape for samples specified to be highlighted (highlight_samples) by "shape" (highlight_type). Possible shapes and their encoding can be found at: https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/articles/ggplot2-specs.html#sec:shape-spec</pre>		
highlight_leger	nd		
	[logical] Should a separate legend for the highlighted samples be provided; only relevant for highlight_type == "color" or highlight_type == "shape".		
interactive	[logical] Should plots be shown interactively? When choosing this option, make sure you have X-forwarding/graphical interface available for interactive plot- ting. Alternatively, set interactive=FALSE and save the returned plot object (p_sampleQC) via ggplot2::ggsave(p=p_sampleQC, other_arguments) or pdf(outfile) print(p_sampleQC) dev.off(). If TRUE, i) depicts the X-chromosomal heterozy- gosity (SNPSEX) of the samples split by their PEDSEX (if do.evaluate_check_sex is TRUE), ii) creates a scatter plot with samples' missingness rates on x-axis and their heterozygosity rates on the y-axis (if do.evaluate_check_het_and_miss is TRUE), iii) depicts all pair-wise IBD-estimates as histogram (if do.evaluate_check_relatedness is TRUE) and iv) creates a scatter plot of PC1 versus PC2 color-coded for sam- ples of reference populations and study population (if do.check_ancestry is set to TRUE).		
verbose	[logical] If TRUE, progress info is printed to standard out.		
keep_individua]	ls		
	[character] Path to file with individuals to be retained in the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples not listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/ plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.		
remove_individu	remove_individuals		
	[character] Path to file with individuals to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.		

exclude\_markers [character] Path to file with makers to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All listed variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/ filter#snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers. extract\_markers [character] Path to file with makers to be included in the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All unlisted variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter# snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers. legend\_text\_size [integer] Size for legend text. legend\_title\_size [integer] Size for legend title. axis\_text\_size [integer] Size for axis text. axis\_title\_size [integer] Size for axis title. subplot\_label\_size [integer] Size of the subplot labeling. title\_size [integer] Size for plot title. path2plink [character] Absolute path to PLINK executable (https://www.cog-genomics. org/plink/1.9/) i.e. plink should be accessible as path2plink -h. The full name of the executable should be specified: for windows OS, this means path/plink.exe, for unix platforms this is path/plink. If not provided, assumed that PATH set-up works and PLINK will be found by exec('plink'). showPlinkOutput

#### [logical] If TRUE, plink log and error messages are printed to standard out.

#### Details

perIndividualQC wraps around the individual QC functions check\_sex, check\_het\_and\_miss, check\_relatedness and check\_ancestry. For details on the parameters and outputs, check these function documentations. For detailed output for fail IIDs (instead of simple IID lists), run each function individually.

#### Value

Named [list] with i) fail\_list, a named [list] with 1. sample\_missingness containing a [vector] with sample IIDs failing the missingness threshold imissTh, 2. highIBD containing a [vector] with sample IIDs failing the relatedness threshold highIBDTh, 3. outlying\_heterozygosity containing a [vector] with sample IIDs failing the heterozygosity threshold hetTh, 4. mismatched\_sex containing a [vector] with the sample IIDs failing the sexcheck based on SNPSEX and femaleTh/maleTh and 5. ancestry containing a vector with sample IIDs failing the ancestry check based on europeanTh and ii) p\_sampleQC, a ggplot2-object 'containing' a sub-paneled plot with the QC-plots of check\_sex, check\_het\_and\_miss, check\_relatedness and check\_ancestry, which can be shown by print(p\_sampleQC). List entries contain NULL if that specific check was not chosen.

#### Examples

```
indir <- system.file("extdata", package="plinkQC")</pre>
qcdir <- tempdir()</pre>
name <- "data"
# All quality control checks
## Not run:
# whole dataset
fail_individuals <- perIndividualQC(indir=indir, qcdir=qcdir, name=name,</pre>
refSamplesFile=paste(qcdir, "/HapMap_ID2Pop.txt", sep=""),
refColorsFile=paste(gcdir, "/HapMap_PopColors.txt", sep=""),
prefixMergedDataset="data.HapMapIII", interactive=FALSE, verbose=FALSE,
do.run_check_het_and_miss=FALSE, do.run_check_relatedness=FALSE,
do.run_check_sex=FALSE, do.run_check_ancestry=FALSE)
# Only check sex and missingness/heterozygosity
fail_sex_het_miss <- perIndividualQC(indir=indir, qcdir=qcdir, name=name,</pre>
dont.check_ancestry=TRUE, dont.check_relatedness=TRUE,
interactive=FALSE, verbose=FALSE)
# subset of dataset with sample highlighting
highlight_samples <- read.table(system.file("extdata", "keep_individuals",
package="plinkQC"))
remove_individuals_file <- system.file("extdata", "remove_individuals",</pre>
package="plinkQC")
individual_qc <- perIndividualQC(indir=indir, qcdir=qcdir, name=name,</pre>
refSamplesFile=paste(qcdir, "/HapMap_ID2Pop.txt", sep=""),
refColorsFile=paste(qcdir, "/HapMap_PopColors.txt", sep=""),
prefixMergedDataset="data.HapMapIII", interactive=FALSE, verbose=FALSE,
do.run_check_ancestry=FALSE, do.evaluate_check_ancestry=TRUE,
path2plink=path2plink,
remove_individuals=remove_individuals_file,
highlight_samples=highlight_samples[,2],
highlight_type = c("text", "color"), highlight_color="goldenrod")
## End(Not run)
```

perMarkerQC

Quality control for all markers in plink-dataset

#### Description

perMarkerQC checks the markers in the plink dataset for their missingness rates across samples, their deviation from Hardy-Weinberg-Equilibrium (HWE) and their minor allele frequencies (MAF). Per default, it assumes that IDs of individuals that have failed perIndividualQC have been written to qcdir/name.fail.IDs and removes these individuals when computing missingness rates, HWE p-values and MAF. If the qcdir/name.fail.IDs file does not exist, a message is written to stdout but the analyses will continue for all samples in the name.fam/name.bed/name.bim dataset. Depicts i) SNP missingness rates (stratified by minor allele frequency) as histograms, ii) p-values of HWE exact test (stratified by all and low p-values) as histograms and iii) the minor allele frequency distribution as a histogram.

## perMarkerQC

## Usage

```
perMarkerQC(
  indir,
  qcdir = indir,
  name,
  do.check_snp_missingness = TRUE,
  lmissTh = 0.01,
  do.check_hwe = TRUE,
  hweTh = 1e-05,
  do.check_maf = TRUE,
 macTh = 20,
 mafTh = NULL,
  interactive = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  keep_individuals = NULL,
  remove_individuals = NULL,
  exclude_markers = NULL,
  extract_markers = NULL,
  legend_text_size = 5,
  legend_title_size = 7,
  axis_text_size = 5,
  axis_title_size = 7,
  title_size = 9,
  subplot_label_size = 9,
  path2plink = NULL,
  showPlinkOutput = TRUE
```

```
)
```

## Arguments

indir	[character] /path/to/directory containing the basic PLINK data files name.bim, name.bed, name.fam files.
qcdir	[character]/path/to/directory where results will be written to. If perIndividualQC was conducted, this directory should be the same as qcdir specified in perIndividualQC, i.e. it contains name.fail.IDs with IIDs of individuals that failed QC. User needs writing permission to qcdir. Per default, qcdir=indir.
name	[character] Prefix of PLINK files, i.e. name.bed, name.bim, name.fam.
do.check_snp_m	issingness
	[logical] If TRUE, run check_snp_missingness.
lmissTh	[double] Threshold for acceptable variant missing rate across samples.
do.check_hwe	[logical] If TRUE, run check_hwe.
hweTh	[double] Significance threshold for deviation from HWE.
do.check_maf	[logical] If TRUE, run check_maf.
macTh	[double] Threshold for minor allele cut cut-off, if both mafTh and macTh are specified, macTh is used (macTh = mafTh\*2\*NrSamples).
mafTh	[double] Threshold for minor allele frequency cut-off.

interactive	[logical] Should plots be shown interactively? When choosing this option, make sure you have X-forwarding/graphical interface available for interactive plot- ting. Alternatively, set interactive=FALSE and save the returned plot object (p_marker) via ggplot2::ggsave(p=p_marker, other_arguments) or pdf(outfile) print(p_marker) dev.off().
verbose	[logical] If TRUE, progress info is printed to standard out.
keep_individual	S
	[character] Path to file with individuals to be retained in the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples not listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/ plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.
remove_individu	-
	[character] Path to file with individuals to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.
exclude_markers	
	[character] Path to file with makers to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All listed variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/
	filter#snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.
extract_markers	
	[character] Path to file with makers to be included in the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All unlisted variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter# snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.
<pre>legend_text_siz</pre>	-
	[integer] Size for legend text.
<pre>legend_title_si</pre>	ze
	[integer] Size for legend title.
<pre>axis_text_size axis_title_size</pre>	[integer] Size for axis text.
	[integer] Size for axis title.
title_size	[integer] Size for plot title.
<pre>subplot_label_s</pre>	
	[integer] Size of the subplot labeling.
path2plink	[character] Absolute path to PLINK executable (https://www.cog-genomics. org/plink/1.9/) i.e. plink should be accessible as path2plink -h. The full name of the executable should be specified: for windows OS, this means path/plink.exe, for unix platforms this is path/plink. If not provided, assumed that PATH set-up works and PLINK will be found by exec('plink').
showPlinkOutput	

[logical] If TRUE, plink log and error messages are printed to standard out.

#### relatednessFilter

#### Details

perMarkerQC wraps around the marker QC functions check\_snp\_missingness, check\_hwe and check\_maf. For details on the parameters and outputs, check these function documentations.

#### Value

Named [list] with i) fail\_list, a named [list] with 1. SNP\_missingness, containing SNP IDs [vector] failing the missingness threshold lmissTh, 2. hwe, containing SNP IDs [vector] failing the HWE exact test threshold hweTh and 3. maf, containing SNPs Ids [vector] failing the MAF threshold mafTh/MAC threshold macTh and ii) p\_markerQC, a ggplot2-object 'containing' a sub-paneled plot with the QC-plots of check\_snp\_missingness, check\_hwe and check\_maf, which can be shown by print(p\_markerQC). List entries contain NULL if that specific check was not chosen.

#### Examples

```
indir <- system.file("extdata", package="plinkQC")</pre>
qcdir <- tempdir()</pre>
name <- "data"
path2plink <- '/path/to/plink'</pre>
# the following code is not run on package build, as the path2plink on the
# user system is not known.
# All quality control checks
## Not run:
# run on all markers and individuals
fail_markers <- perMarkerQC(indir=indir, qcdir=qcdir, name=name,</pre>
interactive=FALSE, verbose=TRUE, path2plink=path2plink)
# run on subset of individuals and markers
keep_individuals_file <- system.file("extdata", "keep_individuals",</pre>
package="plinkQC")
extract_markers_file <- system.file("extdata", "extract_markers",</pre>
package="plinkQC")
fail_markers <- perMarkerQC(qcdir=qcdir, indir=indir,</pre>
name=name, interactive=FALSE, verbose=TRUE, path2plink=path2plink,
keep_individuals=keep_individuals_file, extract_markers=extract_markers_file)
```

## End(Not run)

relatednessFilter Remove related individuals while keeping maximum number of individuals

#### Description

relatednessFilter takes a data.frame with pair-wise relatedness measures of samples and returns pairs of individual IDs that are related as well as a list of suggested individual IDs to remove. relatednessFilter finds pairs of samples whose relatedness estimate is larger than the specified relatednessTh. Subsequently, for pairs of individual that do not have additional relatives in the dataset, the individual with the worse otherCriterionMeasure (if provided) or arbitrarily individual 1 of that pair is selected and returned as the individual failing the relatedness check. For more complex family structures, the unrelated individuals per family are selected (e.g. in a simple case of a parents-offspring trio, the offspring will be marked as fail, while the parents will be kept in the analysis). Selection is achieved by constructing subgraphs of clusters of individuals that are related. relatednessFilter then finds the maximum independent set of vertices in the subgraphs of related individuals. If all individuals are related (i.e. all maximum independent sets are 0), one individual of that cluster will be kept and all others listed as failIDs.

## Usage

```
relatednessFilter(
  relatedness,
  otherCriterion = NULL,
  relatednessTh,
  otherCriterionTh = NULL,
  otherCriterionThDirection = c("gt", "ge", "lt", "le", "eq"),
  relatednessIID1 = "IID1",
  relatednessIID2 = "IID2",
  relatednessFID1 = NULL,
  relatednessFID2 = NULL,
  relatednessRelatedness = "PI_HAT",
  otherCriterionIID = "IID",
  otherCriterionMeasure = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

relatedness	[data.frame] containing pair-wise relatedness estimates (in column [relatedness-Relatedness]) for individual 1 (in column [relatednessIID1] and individual 2 (in column [relatednessIID1]). Columns relatednessIID1, relatednessIID2 and relatednessRelatedness have to present, while additional columns such as family IDs can be present. Default column names correspond to column names in output of plink –genome (https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/ibd). All original columns for pair-wise highIBDTh fails will be returned in fail_IBD.
otherCriterion	[data.frame] containing a QC measure (in column [otherCriterionMeasure]) per individual (in column [otherCriterionIID]). otherCriterionMeasure and other- CriterionIID have to present, while additional columns such as family IDs can be present. IIDs in relatednessIID1 have to be present in otherCriterionIID.
relatednessTh	[double] Threshold for filtering related individuals. Individuals, whose pair-wise relatedness estimates are greater than this threshold are considered related.
otherCriterion	Th
	[double] Threshold for filtering individuals based on otherCriterionMeasure. If related individuals fail this threshold they will automatically be excluded.
otherCriterion	ThDirection
	[character] Used to determine the direction for failing the otherCriterionTh. If 'gt', individuals whose otherCriterionMeasure > otherCriterionTh will automat-

	ically be excluded. For pairs of individuals that have no other related samples in the cohort: if both otherCriterionMeasure < otherCriterionTh, the individual with the larger otherCriterionMeasure will be excluded.
relatednessIID	- 
	[character] Column name of column containing the IDs of the first individual.
relatednessIID2	2
	[character] Column name of column containing the IDs of the second individual.
relatednessFID	1
	[character, optional] Column name of column containing the family IDs of the first individual; if only relatednessFID1 but not relatednessFID2 provided, or none provided even though present in relatedness, FIDs will not be returned.
relatednessFID2	2
	[character, optional] Column name of column containing the family IDs of the second individual; if only relatednessFID2 but not relatednessFID1 provided, or none provided even though present in relatedness, FIDs will not be returned.
relatednessRela	atedness
	[character] Column name of column containing the relatedness estimate.
otherCriterion	IID
	[character] Column name of column containing the individual IDs.
otherCriterion	leasure
	[character] Column name of the column containing the measure of the otherCri- terion (for instance SNP missingness rate).
verbose	[logical] If TRUE, progress info is printed to standard out.

## Value

named [list] with i) relatednessFails, a [data.frame] containing the data.frame relatedness after filtering for pairs of individuals in relatednessIID1 and relatednessIID2, that fail the relatedness QC; the data.frame is reordered with the fail individuals in column 1 and their related individuals in column 2 and ii) failIDs, a [data.frame] with the [IID]s (and [FID]s if provided) of the individuals that fail the relatednessTh.

run\_check\_ancestry Run PLINK principal component analysis

## Description

Run plink -pca to calculate the principal components on merged genotypes of the study and reference dataset.

#### Usage

```
run_check_ancestry(
    indir,
    prefixMergedDataset,
```

```
qcdir = indir,
verbose = FALSE,
path2plink = NULL,
keep_individuals = NULL,
remove_individuals = NULL,
exclude_markers = NULL,
extract_markers = NULL,
showPlinkOutput = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

indir	[character]/path/to/directory containing the basic PLINK data files prefixMerged- Dataset.bim,prefixMergedDataset.fam and prefixMergedDataset.bed.	
prefixMergedDat	aset	
	[character] Prefix of merged study and reference data files, i.e. prefixMerged- Dataset.bed, prefixMergedDataset.bim, prefixMergedDataset.fam.	
qcdir	[character] /path/to/directory to save prefixMergedDataset.eigenvec as returned by plink –pca. User needs writing permission to qcdir. Per default qcdir=indir.	
verbose	[logical] If TRUE, progress info is printed to standard out.	
path2plink	[character] Absolute path to PLINK executable (https://www.cog-genomics. org/plink/1.9/) i.e. plink should be accessible as path2plink -h. The full name of the executable should be specified: for windows OS, this means path/plink.exe, for unix platforms this is path/plink. If not provided, assumed that PATH set-up works and PLINK will be found by exec('plink').	
keep_individual	S	
	[character] Path to file with individuals to be retained in the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples not listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/ plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.	
remove_individu	•	
_	[character] Path to file with individuals to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.	
exclude_markers		
	[character] Path to file with makers to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All listed variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/ filter#snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.	
extract_markers		
	[character] Path to file with makers to be included in the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All unlisted variants will be removed from the	

current analysis. See <a href="https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#snp">https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#snp</a>. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.

showPlinkOutput

[logical] If TRUE, plink log and error messages are printed to standard out.

#### Details

Both, run\_check\_ancestry and its evaluation by evaluate\_check\_ancestry can simply be invoked by check\_ancestry.

#### Examples

```
indir <- system.file("extdata", package="plinkQC")
qcdir <- tempdir()
prefixMergedDataset <- 'data.HapMapIII'
path2plink <- 'path/to/plink'
# the following code is not run on package build, as the path2plink on the
# user system is not known.
## Not run:
# ancestry check on all individuals in dataset
run <- run_check_ancestry(indir=indir, qcdir=qcdir, prefixMergedDataset,
path2plink=path2plink)
# ancestry check on subset of dataset
remove_individuals_file <- system.file("extdata", "remove_individuals",</pre>
```

```
package="plinkQC")
run <- run_check_ancestry(indir=indir, qcdir=qcdir, name=name,
remove_individuals=remove_individuals_file, path2plink=path2plink)</pre>
```

## End(Not run)

run\_check\_heterozygosity

Run PLINK heterozygosity rate calculation

#### Description

Run plink -het to calculate heterozygosity rates per individual.

## Usage

```
run_check_heterozygosity(
    indir,
    name,
    qcdir = indir,
    verbose = FALSE,
    path2plink = NULL,
    keep_individuals = NULL,
    remove_individuals = NULL,
```

```
exclude_markers = NULL,
extract_markers = NULL,
showPlinkOutput = TRUE
)
```

# Arguments

indir	[character] /path/to/directory containing the basic PLINK data files name.bim, name.bed, name.fam files.	
name	[character] Prefix of PLINK files, i.e. name.bed, name.bim, name.fam.	
qcdir	[character] /path/to/directory to save name.het as returned by plink –het. User needs writing permission to qcdir. Per default qcdir=indir.	
verbose	[logical] If TRUE, progress info is printed to standard out.	
path2plink	[character] Absolute path to PLINK executable (https://www.cog-genomics. org/plink/1.9/) i.e. plink should be accessible as path2plink -h. The full name of the executable should be specified: for windows OS, this means path/plink.exe, for unix platforms this is path/plink. If not provided, assumed that PATH set-up works and PLINK will be found by exec('plink').	
keep_individua	ls	
	[character] Path to file with individuals to be retained in the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples not listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/ plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.	
remove_individ	uals	
	[character] Path to file with individuals to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.	
exclude_markers	S	
	[character] Path to file with makers to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All listed variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/ filter#snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.	
extract_markers		
	[character] Path to file with makers to be included in the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All unlisted variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter# snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.	
showPlinkOutpu	t [logical] If TRUE, plink log and error messages are printed to standard out.	

#### Details

All, run\_check\_heterozygosity, run\_check\_missingness and their evaluation by evaluate\_check\_het\_and\_miss can simply be invoked by check\_het\_and\_miss.

#### Examples

```
indir <- system.file("extdata", package="plinkQC")
name <- 'data'
qcdir <- tempdir()
path2plink <- '/path/to/plink'
# the following code is not run on package build, as the path2plink on the
# user system is not known.
## Not run:
# heterozygosity check on all individuals in dataset
run <- run_check_heterozygosity(indir=indir, qcdir=qcdir, name=name,
path2plink=path2plink)
#' # heterozygosity on subset of dataset
remove_individuals_file <- system.file("extdata", "remove_individuals",
package="plinkQC")
run <- run_check_heterozygosity(indir=indir, qcdir=qcdir, name=name,
remove_individuals=remove_individuals_file,path2plink=path2plink)</pre>
```

## End(Not run)

run\_check\_missingness Run PLINK missingness rate calculation

## Description

Run plink –missing to calculate missing genotype rates per individual.

#### Usage

```
run_check_missingness(
    indir,
    name,
    qcdir = indir,
    verbose = FALSE,
    path2plink = NULL,
    keep_individuals = NULL,
    remove_individuals = NULL,
    exclude_markers = NULL,
    extract_markers = NULL,
    showPlinkOutput = TRUE
)
```

# Arguments

indir	[character] /path/to/directory containing the basic PLINK data files name.bim, name.bed, name.fam files.
name	[character] Prefix of PLINK files, i.e. name.bed, name.bim, name.fam.
qcdir	[character] /path/to/directory to save name.imiss as returned by plink –missing. User needs writing permission to qcdir. Per default qcdir=indir.
verbose	[logical] If TRUE, progress info is printed to standard out.
path2plink	[character] Absolute path to PLINK executable (https://www.cog-genomics. org/plink/1.9/) i.e. plink should be accessible as path2plink -h. The full name of the executable should be specified: for windows OS, this means path/plink.exe, for unix platforms this is path/plink. If not provided, assumed that PATH set-up works and PLINK will be found by exec('plink').
keep_individu	als
	[character] Path to file with individuals to be retained in the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples not listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/ plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.
remove_indivi	duals
	[character] Path to file with individuals to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.
exclude_marke	rs
	[character] Path to file with makers to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All listed variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/ filter#snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.
extract_marke	rs
	[character] Path to file with makers to be included in the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All unlisted variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter# snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.
showPlinkOutp	ut
	[logical] If TRUE, plink log and error messages are printed to standard out.
Details	

All, run\_check\_heterozygosity, run\_check\_missingness and their evaluation by evaluate\_check\_het\_and\_miss can simply be invoked by check\_het\_and\_miss.

#### run\_check\_relatedness

#### Examples

```
indir <- system.file("extdata", package="plinkQC")
name <- 'data'
qcdir <- tempdir()
path2plink <- '/path/to/plink'
# the following code is not run on package build, as the path2plink on the
# user system is not known.
## Not run:
# missingness check on all individuals in dataset
run <- run_check_missingness(indir=indir, qcdir=qcdir, name=name,
path2plink=path2plink)
# missingness on subset of dataset
remove_individuals_file <- system.file("extdata", "remove_individuals",
package="plinkQC")
run <- run_check_missingness(indir=indir, qcdir=qcdir, name=name,
remove_individuals=remove_individuals_file, path2plink=path2plink)</pre>
```

## End(Not run)

run\_check\_relatedness Run PLINK IBD estimation

#### Description

Run LD pruning on dataset with plink –exclude range highldfile –indep-pairwise 50 5 0.2, where highldfile contains regions of high LD as provided by Anderson et (2010) Nature Protocols. Subsequently, plink –genome is run on the LD pruned, maf-filtered data. plink –genome calculates identity by state (IBS) for each pair of individuals based on the average proportion of alleles shared at genotyped SNPs. The degree of recent shared ancestry,i.e. the identity by descent (IBD) can be estimated from the genome-wide IBS. The proportion of IBD between two individuals is returned by –genome as PI\_HAT.

#### Usage

```
run_check_relatedness(
    indir,
    name,
    qcdir = indir,
    highIBDTh = 0.185,
    mafThRelatedness = 0.1,
    path2plink = NULL,
    filter_high_ldregion = TRUE,
    high_ldregion_file = NULL,
    genomebuild = "hg19",
    showPlinkOutput = TRUE,
    keep_individuals = NULL,
    remove_individuals = NULL,
```

```
exclude_markers = NULL,
extract_markers = NULL,
verbose = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

indir	[character] /path/to/directory containing the basic PLINK data files name.bim, name.bed, name.fam files.	
name	[character] Prefix of PLINK files, i.e. name.bed, name.bim, name.fam.	
qcdir	[character] /path/to/directory to save name.genome as returned by plink –genome. User needs writing permission to qcdir. Per default qcdir=indir.	
highIBDTh	[double] Threshold for acceptable proportion of IBD between pair of individu- als; only pairwise relationship estimates larger than this threshold will be recorded.	
mafThRelatednes		
	[double] Threshold of minor allele frequency filter for selecting variants for IBD estimation.	
path2plink	[character] Absolute path to PLINK executable (https://www.cog-genomics. org/plink/1.9/) i.e. plink should be accessible as path2plink -h. The full name of the executable should be specified: for windows OS, this means path/plink.exe, for unix platforms this is path/plink. If not provided, assumed that PATH set-up works and PLINK will be found by exec('plink').	
filter_high_ldr	region	
	[logical] Should high LD regions be filtered before IBD estimation; carried out per default with high LD regions for hg19 provided as default via genomebuild. For alternative genome builds not provided or non-human data, high LD regions files can be provided via high_ldregion_file.	
high_ldregion_f		
	[character] Path to file with high LD regions used for filtering before IBD es- timation if filter_high_ldregion == TRUE, otherwise ignored; for human genome data, high LD region files are provided and can simply be chosen via genomebuild. Files have to be space-delimited, no column names with the fol- lowing columns: chromosome, region-start, region-end, region number. Chro- mosomes are specified without 'chr' prefix. For instance: 1 48000000 52000000 1 2 86000000 100500000 2	
genomebuild	[character] Name of the genome build of the PLINK file annotations, ie map- pings in the name.bim file. Will be used to remove high-LD regions based on the coordinates of the respective build. Options are hg18, hg19 and hg38. See @details.	
showPlinkOutput		
	[logical] If TRUE, plink log and error messages are printed to standard out.	
keep_individuals		
	[character] Path to file with individuals to be retained in the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples not listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/ plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.	

remove\_individuals

[character] Path to file with individuals to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See <a href="https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#indiv">https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#indiv</a>. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.

exclude\_markers

[character] Path to file with makers to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All listed variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.

extract\_markers

[character] Path to file with makers to be included in the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All unlisted variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter# snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.

verbose [logical] If TRUE, progress info is printed to standard out.

#### Details

Both run\_check\_relatedness and its evaluation via evaluate\_check\_relatedness can simply be invoked by check\_relatedness.

The IBD estimation is conducted on LD pruned data and in a first step, high LD regions are excluded. The regions were derived from the high-LD-regions file provided by Anderson et (2010) Nature Protocols. These regions are in NCBI36 (hg18) coordinates and were lifted to GRCh37 (hg19) and GRC38 (hg38) coordinates using the liftOver tool available here: https://genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/hgLiftOver. The 'Minimum ratio of bases that must remap' which was set to 0.5 and the 'Allow multiple output regions' box ticked; for all other parameters, the default options were selected. LiftOver files were generated on July 9,2019. The commands for formatting the files are provided in system.file("extdata", 'liftOver.cmd', package="plinkQC").

#### Examples

```
indir <- system.file("extdata", package="plinkQC")
name <- 'data'
qcdir <- tempdir()
path2plink <- '/path/to/plink'
# the following code is not run on package build, as the path2plink on the
# user system is not known.
## Not run:
# Relatedness estimation based in all markers in dataset
run <- run_check_relatedness(indir=indir, qcdir=qcdir, name=name,
path2plink=path2plink)
# relatedness estimation on subset of dataset
keep_individuals_file <- system.file("extdata", "keep_individuals",</pre>
```

```
package="plinkQC")
```

```
run <- run_check_relatedness(indir=indir, qcdir=qcdir, name=name,
keep_individuals=keep_individuals_file, path2plink=path2plink)
```

## End(Not run)

run\_check\_sex Run PLINK sexcheck

## Description

Run plink -sexcheck to calculate the heterozygosity rate across X-chromosomal variants.

#### Usage

```
run_check_sex(
    indir,
    name,
    qcdir = indir,
    verbose = FALSE,
    path2plink = NULL,
    keep_individuals = NULL,
    remove_individuals = NULL,
    exclude_markers = NULL,
    extract_markers = NULL,
    showPlinkOutput = TRUE
)
```

#### Arguments

indir	[character] /path/to/directory containing the basic PLINK data files name.bim, name.bed, name.fam files.
name	[character] Prefix of PLINK files, i.e. name.bed, name.bim, name.fam.
qcdir	[character] /path/to/directory to save name.sexcheck as returned by plink –check- sex. User needs writing permission to qcdir. Per default qcdir=indir.
verbose	[logical] If TRUE, progress info is printed to standard out.
path2plink	[character] Absolute path to PLINK executable (https://www.cog-genomics. org/plink/1.9/) i.e. plink should be accessible as path2plink -h. The full name of the executable should be specified: for windows OS, this means path/plink.exe, for unix platforms this is path/plink. If not provided, assumed that PATH set-up works and PLINK will be found by exec('plink').
keep_individua	ls
	[character] Path to file with individuals to be retained in the analysis. The file

[character] Path to file with individuals to be retained in the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples not listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/ plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.

#### remove\_individuals

[character] Path to file with individuals to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a space/tab-delimited text file with family IDs in the first column and within-family IDs in the second column. All samples listed in this file will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#indiv. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on individuals.

#### exclude\_markers

[character] Path to file with makers to be removed from the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All listed variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter#snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.

#### extract\_markers

[character] Path to file with makers to be included in the analysis. The file has to be a text file with a list of variant IDs (usually one per line, but it's okay for them to just be separated by spaces). All unlisted variants will be removed from the current analysis. See https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/1.9/filter# snp. Default: NULL, i.e. no filtering on markers.

```
showPlinkOutput
```

[logical] If TRUE, plink log and error messages are printed to standard out.

#### Details

Both run\_check\_sex and its evaluation evaluate\_check\_sex can simply be invoked by check\_sex.

#### Examples

```
indir <- system.file("extdata", package="plinkQC")
name <- 'data'
qcdir <- tempdir()
path2plink <- '/path/to/plink'
# the following code is not run on package build, as the path2plink on the
# user system is not known.
## Not run:
# simple sexcheck on all individuals in dataset
run <- run_check_sex(indir=indir, qcdir=qcdir, name=name)
# sexcheck on subset of dataset
keep_individuals_file <- system.file("extdata", "keep_individuals",
package="plinkQC")
run <- run_check_sex(indir=indir, qcdir=qcdir, name=name,
keep_individuals=keep_individuals_file, path2plink=path2plink)</pre>
```

## End(Not run)

testNumerics

# Description

Test all elements of a list if they are numeric, positive numbers, integers or proportions (range 0-1).

## Usage

```
testNumerics(numbers, positives = NULL, integers = NULL, proportions = NULL)
```

## Arguments

numbers	[list] whose elements are tested for being numeric.
positives	[list] whose elements are tested for being positive numbers.
integers	[list] whose elements are tested for being integers.
proportions	[list] whose elements are tested for being proportions. between 0 and 1.

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