

# Package ‘QTLEMM’

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**Description** For QTL mapping, this package comprises several functions designed to execute diverse tasks, such as simulating or analyzing data, calculating significance thresholds, and visualizing QTL mapping results. The single-QTL or multiple-QTL method, which enables the fitting and comparison of various statistical models, is employed to analyze the data for estimating QTL parameters. The models encompass linear regression, permutation tests, normal mixture models, and truncated normal mixture models. The Gaussian stochastic process is utilized to compute significance thresholds for QTL detection on a genetic linkage map within experimental populations. Two types of data, complete genotyping, and selective genotyping data from various experimental populations, including backcross, F2, recombinant inbred (RI) populations, and advanced intercrossed (AI) populations, are considered in the QTL mapping analysis. For QTL hotspot detection, statistical methods can be developed based on either utilizing individual-level data or summarized data. We have proposed a statistical framework capable of handling both individual-level data and summarized QTL data for QTL hotspot detection. Our statistical framework can overcome the underestimation of thresholds resulting from ignoring the correlation structure among traits. Additionally, it can identify different types of hotspots with minimal computational cost during the detection process. Here, we endeavor to furnish the R codes for our QTL mapping and hotspot detection methods, intended for general use in genes, genomics, and genetics studies. The QTL mapping methods for the complete and selective genotyping designs are based on the multiple interval mapping (MIM) model proposed by Kao, C.-H., Z.-B. Zeng and R. D. Teasdale (1999) <doi:10.1534/genetics.103.021642> and H.-I Lee, H.-A. Ho and C.-H. Kao (2014) <doi:10.1534/genetics.114.168385>, respectively. The QTL hotspot detection analysis is based on the method by Wu, P.-Y., M.-H. Yang, and C.-H. Kao (2021) <doi:10.1093/g3journal/jkab056>.

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D.make

*Generate D Matrix*

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## Description

Generate the genetic design matrix of specified QTL number and effects.

**Usage**

```
D.make(
  nQTL,
  type = "RI",
  a = TRUE,
  d = TRUE,
  aa = FALSE,
  dd = FALSE,
  ad = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

nQTL	integer. The number of QTLs.
type	character. The population type of the dataset. Includes backcross (type="BC"), advanced intercross population (type="AI"), and recombinant inbred population (type="RI"). The default value is "RI".
a	integer or vector. A integer or vector to determines which additive effects of QTLs will be considered in this design matrix. If a=TRUE, the additive effect of all QTLs will be considered. If a=FALSE, no additive effect will be considered.
d	integer or vector. A integer or vector to determines which dominant effects of QTLs will be considered in this design matrix. If d=TRUE, the dominant effect of all QTLs will be considered. If d=FALSE, no dominant effect will be considered.
aa	vector or matrix. The additive-by-additive interaction. Two format can be used in this parameter. One format is a vector, where every two elements indicate a combination of additive-by-additive interaction. The other format is a 2*i matrix, where i is the number of combinations of interaction, and each column indicates the two interacting QTLs. Additionally, if aa=TRUE, all combinations of additive-by-additive interaction will be considered. If aa=FALSE, no additive-by-additive interaction will be considered.
dd	vector or matrix. The dominant-by-dominant interaction. The format is the same as that in aa.
ad	vector or matrix. The additive-by-dominant interaction. The format is the same as that in aa. Note that in each pair of QTLs, the first element indicates the additive effect, and the second element indicates the dominant effect.

**Value**

The genetic design matrix, where the elements represent the coded variables of the QTL effects. It is a  $g \times p$  matrix, where  $g$  is the number of possible QTL genotypes, and  $p$  is the number of effects in the MIM model.

**Note**

For the 'type' parameter, if type="BC", the design matrix exclusively contains additive effects and additive-by-additive interactions. However, if type="AI" or type="RI", it encompasses additive and dominance effects along with all interactions.

For instance, when `aa=c(1,3,2,4,5,6)`, it denotes that the interaction between QTL1 and QTL3, the interaction between QTL2 and QTL4, and that between QTL5 and QTL6 will be considered in the design matrix. Furthermore, the matrix format can be expressed as `aa=matrix(c(1,3,2,4,5,6),2,3)`. Similarly, parameters DD and AD are also expressed in the same format.

## References

KAO, C.-H. and Z.-B. ZENG 1997 General formulas for obtaining the maximum likelihood estimates and the asymptotic variance-covariance matrix in QTL mapping when using the EM algorithm. *Biometrics* 53, 653-665. <doi: 10.2307/2533965.>

KAO, C.-H., Z.-B. ZENG and R. D. TEASDALE 1999 Multiple interval mapping for Quantitative Trait Loci. *Genetics* 152: 1203-1216. <doi: 10.1093/genetics/152.3.1203>

## Examples

```
D.make(4, d = c(1,3,4), aa = c(1,2,2,3), dd = c(1,3,1,4), ad = c(1,2,2,1,2,3,3,4))

aa <- matrix(c(1,2,3,4,4,5), 2, 3)
aa
D.make(5, type = "BC", a = c(1,3,4,5), aa = aa)
```

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EM.MIM

*EM Algorithm for QTL MIM*


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## Description

Expectation-maximization algorithm for QTL multiple interval mapping.

## Usage

```
EM.MIM(
  D.matrix,
  cp.matrix,
  y,
  E.vector0 = NULL,
  X = NULL,
  beta0 = NULL,
  variance0 = NULL,
  crit = 10^-5,
  stop = 1000,
  conv = TRUE,
  console = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>D.matrix</code>	matrix. The design matrix of QTL effects is a $g \times p$ matrix, where $g$ is the number of possible QTL genotypes, and $p$ is the number of effects considered in the MIM model. This design matrix can be conveniently generated using the function <code>D.make()</code> .
<code>cp.matrix</code>	matrix. The conditional probability matrix is an $n \times g$ matrix, where $n$ is the number of individuals, and $g$ is the number of possible genotypes of QTLs. This conditional probability matrix can be easily generated using the function <code>Q.make()</code> .
<code>y</code>	vector. A vector with $n$ elements that contain the phenotype values of individuals.
<code>E.vector0</code>	vector. The initial value for QTL effects. The number of elements corresponds to the column dimension of the design matrix. If <code>E.vector0=NULL</code> , the initial value for all effects will be set to 0.
<code>X</code>	matrix. The design matrix of the fixed factors except for QTL effects. It is an $n \times k$ matrix, where $n$ is the number of individuals, and $k$ is the number of fixed factors. If <code>X=NULL</code> , the matrix will be an $n \times 1$ matrix where all elements are 1.
<code>beta0</code>	vector. The initial value for effects of the fixed factors. The number of elements corresponds to the column dimension of the fixed factor design matrix. If <code>beta0=NULL</code> , the initial value will be set to the average of <code>y</code> .
<code>variance0</code>	numeric. The initial value for variance. If <code>variance0=NULL</code> , the initial value will be set to the variance of phenotype values.
<code>crit</code>	numeric. The convergence criterion of EM algorithm. The E and M steps will iterate until a convergence criterion is met. It must be a value between 0 and 1.
<code>stop</code>	numeric. The stopping criterion of EM algorithm. The E and M steps will halt when the iteration number reaches the stopping criterion, treating the algorithm as having failed to converge.
<code>conv</code>	logical. If set to <code>False</code> , it will disregard the failure to converge and output the last result obtained during the EM algorithm before reaching the stopping criterion.
<code>console</code>	logical. Determines whether the process of the algorithm will be displayed in the R console or not.

**Value**

<code>E.vector</code>	The QTL effects are calculated by the EM algorithm.
<code>beta</code>	The effects of the fixed factors are calculated by the EM algorithm.
<code>variance</code>	The error variance is calculated by the EM algorithm.
<code>PI.matrix</code>	The posterior probabilities matrix after the process of the EM algorithm.
<code>log.likelihood</code>	The log-likelihood value of this model.
<code>LRT</code>	The LRT statistic of this model.
<code>R2</code>	The coefficient of determination of this model. This can be used as an estimate of heritability.

`y.hat`                The fitted values of trait values are calculated by the estimated values from the EM algorithm.

`iteration.number`        The iteration number of the EM algorithm.

### References

KAO, C.-H. and Z.-B. ZENG 1997 General formulas for obtaining the maximum likelihood estimates and the asymptotic variance-covariance matrix in QTL mapping when using the EM algorithm. *Biometrics* 53, 653-665. <doi: 10.2307/2533965.>

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### See Also

[D.make](#) [Q.make](#) [EM.MIM2](#) [EM.MIMv](#)

### Examples

```
# load the example data
load(system.file("extdata", "exempladata.RDATA", package = "QTLEMM"))

# run and result
D.matrix <- D.make(3, type = "RI", aa = c(1, 3, 2, 3), dd = c(1, 2, 1, 3), ad = c(1, 2, 2, 3))
cp.matrix <- Q.make(QTL, marker, geno, type = "RI", ng = 2)$cp.matrix
result <- EM.MIM(D.matrix, cp.matrix, y)
result$E.vector
```

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EM.MIM2

*EM Algorithm for QTL MIM with Selective Genotyping*

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### Description

Expectation-maximization algorithm for QTL multiple interval mapping. It can handle genotype data which is selective genotyping.

### Usage

```
EM.MIM2(
  QTL,
  marker,
  geno,
  D.matrix,
  cp.matrix = NULL,
  y,
  yu = NULL,
  sele.g = "n",
  tL = NULL,
```

```

tR = NULL,
type = "RI",
ng = 2,
cM = TRUE,
E.vector0 = NULL,
X = NULL,
beta0 = NULL,
variance0 = NULL,
crit = 10^-5,
stop = 1000,
conv = TRUE,
console = TRUE
)

```

### Arguments

QTL	matrix. A $q \times 2$ matrix contains the QTL information, where the row dimension 'q' represents the number of QTLs in the chromosomes. The first column labels the chromosomes where the QTLs are located, and the second column labels the positions of QTLs (in morgan (M) or centimorgan (cM)).
marker	matrix. A $k \times 2$ matrix contains the marker information, where the row dimension 'k' represents the number of markers in the chromosomes. The first column labels the chromosomes where the markers are located, and the second column labels the positions of markers (in morgan (M) or centimorgan (cM)). It's important to note that chromosomes and positions must be sorted in order.
geno	matrix. A $n \times k$ matrix contains the genotypes of k markers for n individuals. The marker genotypes of P1 homozygote (MM), heterozygote (Mm), and P2 homozygote (mm) are coded as 2, 1, and 0, respectively, with NA indicating missing values.
D.matrix	matrix. The design matrix of QTL effects is a $g \times p$ matrix, where g is the number of possible QTL genotypes, and p is the number of effects considered in the MIM model. This design matrix can be conveniently generated using the function D.make().
cp.matrix	matrix. The conditional probability matrix is an $n \times g$ matrix, where n is the number of genotyped individuals, and g is the number of possible genotypes of QTLs. If cp.matrix=NULL, the function will calculate the conditional probability matrix for selective genotyping.
y	vector. A vector that contains the phenotype values of individuals with genotypes.
yu	vector. A vector that contains the phenotype values of individuals without genotypes.
sele.g	character. Determines the type of data being analyzed: If sele.g="n", it considers the data as complete genotyping data. If sele.g="f", it treats the data as selective genotyping data and utilizes the proposed corrected frequency model (Lee 2014) for analysis; If sele.g="t", it considers the data as selective genotyping data and uses the truncated model (Lee 2014) for analysis; If sele.g="p", it treats the data as selective genotyping data and uses the population frequency-based model

(Lee 2014) for analysis. Note that the 'yu' argument must be provided when sele.g="f" or "p".

tL	numeric. The lower truncation point of phenotype value when sele.g="t". When sele.g="t" and tL=NULL, the 'yu' argument must be provided. In this case, the function will consider the minimum of 'yu' as the lower truncation point.
tR	numeric. The upper truncation point of phenotype value when sele.g="t". When sele.g="t" and tR=NULL, the 'yu' argument must be provided. In this case, the function will consider the maximum of 'yu' as the upper truncation point.
type	character. The population type of the dataset. Includes backcross (type="BC"), advanced intercross population (type="AI"), and recombinant inbred population (type="RI"). The default value is "RI".
ng	integer. The generation number of the population type. For instance, in a BC1 population where type="BC", ng=1; in an AI F3 population where type="AI", ng=3.
cM	logical. Specify the unit of marker position. If cM=TRUE, it denotes centimorgan; if cM=FALSE, it denotes morgan.
E.vector0	vector. The initial value for QTL effects. The number of elements corresponds to the column dimension of the design matrix. If E.vector0=NULL, the initial value for all effects will be set to 0.
X	matrix. The design matrix of the fixed factors except for QTL effects. It is an n*k matrix, where n is the number of individuals, and k is the number of fixed factors. If X=NULL, the matrix will be an n*1 matrix where all elements are 1.
beta0	vector. The initial value for effects of the fixed factors. The number of elements corresponds to the column dimension of the fixed factor design matrix. If beta0=NULL, the initial value will be set to the average of y.
variance0	numeric. The initial value for variance. If variance0=NULL, the initial value will be set to the variance of phenotype values.
crit	numeric. The convergence criterion of EM algorithm. The E and M steps will iterate until a convergence criterion is met. It must be a value between 0 and 1.
stop	numeric. The stopping criterion of EM algorithm. The E and M steps will halt when the iteration number reaches the stopping criterion, treating the algorithm as having failed to converge.
conv	logical. If set to False, it will disregard the failure to converge and output the last result obtained during the EM algorithm before reaching the stopping criterion.
console	logical. Determines whether the process of the algorithm will be displayed in the R console or not.

### Value

QTL	The QTL information of this analysis.
E.vector	The QTL effects are calculated by the EM algorithm.
beta	The effects of the fixed factors are calculated by the EM algorithm.
variance	The variance is calculated by the EM algorithm.
PI.matrix	The posterior probabilities matrix after the process of the EM algorithm.



log.likelihood	The log-likelihood value of this model.
LRT	The LRT statistic of this model.
R2	The coefficient of determination of this model. This can be used as an estimate of heritability.
y.hat	The fitted values of trait values with genotyping are calculated by the estimated values from the EM algorithm.
yu.hat	The fitted values of trait values without genotyping are calculated by the estimated values from the EM algorithm.
iteration.number	The iteration number of the EM algorithm.
model	The model of this analysis, contains complete a genotyping model, a proposed model, a truncated model, and a frequency-based model.

## References

KAO, C.-H. and Z.-B. ZENG 1997 General formulas for obtaining the maximum likelihood estimates and the asymptotic variance-covariance matrix in QTL mapping when using the EM algorithm. *Biometrics* 53, 653-665. <doi: 10.2307/2533965.>

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H.-I LEE, H.-A. HO and C.-H. KAO 2014 A new simple method for improving QTL mapping under selective genotyping. *Genetics* 198: 1685-1698. <doi: 10.1534/genetics.114.168385.>

## See Also

[D.make Q.make EM.MIM](#)

## Examples

```
# load the example data
load(system.file("extdata", "exampledata.RDATA", package = "QTLEMM"))

# make the selective genotyping data
ys <- y[y > quantile(y)[4] | y < quantile(y)[2]]
yu <- y[y >= quantile(y)[2] & y <= quantile(y)[4]]
geno.s <- geno[y > quantile(y)[4] | y < quantile(y)[2],]

# run and result
D.matrix <- D.make(3, type = "RI", aa = c(1, 3, 2, 3), dd = c(1, 2, 1, 3), ad = c(1, 2, 2, 3))
result <- EM.MIM2(QTL, marker, geno.s, D.matrix, y = ys, yu = yu, sele.g = "f")
result$E.vector
```

EM.MIMv

*EM Algorithm for QTL MIM with Asymptotic Variance-Covariance Matrix***Description**

Expectation-maximization algorithm for QTL multiple interval mapping. It can obtain the asymptotic variance-covariance matrix of the result from the EM algorithm and the approximate solution of variances of parameters.

**Usage**

```
EM.MIMv(
  QTL,
  marker,
  geno,
  D.matrix,
  cp.matrix = NULL,
  y,
  type = "RI",
  ng = 2,
  cM = TRUE,
  E.vector0 = NULL,
  X = NULL,
  beta0 = NULL,
  variance0 = NULL,
  crit = 10^-5,
  stop = 1000,
  conv = TRUE,
  var.pos = TRUE,
  console = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

QTL	matrix. A $q \times 2$ matrix contains the QTL information, where the row dimension 'q' represents the number of QTLs in the chromosomes. The first column labels the chromosomes where the QTLs are located, and the second column labels the positions of QTLs (in morgan (M) or centimorgan (cM)).
marker	matrix. A $k \times 2$ matrix contains the marker information, where the row dimension 'k' represents the number of markers in the chromosomes. The first column labels the chromosomes where the markers are located, and the second column labels the positions of markers (in morgan (M) or centimorgan (cM)). It's important to note that chromosomes and positions must be sorted in order.
geno	matrix. A $n \times k$ matrix contains the genotypes of k markers for n individuals. The marker genotypes of P1 homozygote (MM), heterozygote (Mm), and P2

	homozygote (mm) are coded as 2, 1, and 0, respectively, with NA indicating missing values.
D.matrix	matrix. The design matrix of QTL effects is a $g \times p$ matrix, where $g$ is the number of possible QTL genotypes, and $p$ is the number of effects considered in the MIM model. The design matrix can be easily generated by the function <code>D.make()</code> .
cp.matrix	matrix. The conditional probability matrix is an $n \times g$ matrix, where $n$ is the number of genotyped individuals, and $g$ is the number of possible genotypes of QTLs. If <code>cp.matrix=NULL</code> , the function will calculate the conditional probability matrix, and markers whose positions are the same as QTLs will be skipped.
y	vector. A vector with $n$ elements that contain the phenotype values of individuals.
type	character. The population type of the dataset. Includes backcross ( <code>type="BC"</code> ), advanced intercross population ( <code>type="AI"</code> ), and recombinant inbred population ( <code>type="RI"</code> ). The default value is "RI".
ng	integer. The generation number of the population type. For instance, in a BC1 population where <code>type="BC"</code> , <code>ng=1</code> ; in an AI F3 population where <code>type="AI"</code> , <code>ng=3</code> .
cM	logical. Specify the unit of marker position. If <code>cM=TRUE</code> , it denotes centimorgan; if <code>cM=FALSE</code> , it denotes morgan.
E.vector0	vector. The initial value for QTL effects. The number of elements corresponds to the column dimension of the design matrix. If <code>E.vector0=NULL</code> , the initial value for all effects will be set to 0.
X	matrix. The design matrix of the fixed factors except for QTL effects. It is an $n \times k$ matrix, where $n$ is the number of individuals, and $k$ is the number of fixed factors. If <code>X=NULL</code> , the matrix will be an $n \times 1$ matrix where all elements are 1.
beta0	vector. The initial value for effects of the fixed factors. The number of elements corresponds to the column dimension of the fixed factor design matrix. If <code>beta0=NULL</code> , the initial value will be set to the average of $y$ .
variance0	numeric. The initial value for variance. If <code>variance0=NULL</code> , the initial value will be the variance of phenotype values.
crit	numeric. The convergence criterion of EM algorithm. The E and M steps will iterate until a convergence criterion is met. It must be a value between 0 and 1.
stop	numeric. The stopping criterion of EM algorithm. The E and M steps will halt when the iteration number reaches the stopping criterion, treating the algorithm as having failed to converge.
conv	logical. If set to <code>False</code> , it will disregard the failure to converge and output the last result obtained during the EM algorithm before reaching the stopping criterion.
var.pos	logical. Determines whether the variance of the position of QTLs will be considered in the asymptotic variance-covariance matrix or not.
console	logical. Determines whether the process of the algorithm will be displayed in the R console or not.

**Value**

E.vector	The QTL effects are calculated by the EM algorithm.
beta	The effects of the fixed factors are calculated by the EM algorithm.
variance	The error variance is calculated by the EM algorithm.
PI.matrix	The posterior probabilities matrix after the process of the EM algorithm.
log.likelihood	The log-likelihood value of this model.
LRT	The LRT statistic of this model.
R2	The coefficient of determination of this model. This can be used as an estimate of heritability.
y.hat	The fitted values of trait values are calculated by the estimated values from the EM algorithm.
iteration.number	The iteration number of the EM algorithm.
avc.matrix	The asymptotic variance-covariance matrix contains position of QTLs, QTL effects, variance, and fix effects.
EMvar	The asymptotic approximate variances include the position of QTLs, QTL effects, variance, and fixed effects. Parameters for which the approximate variance cannot be calculated will be shown as 0. The approximate variance of the position of QTLs is calculated in morgan.

**References**

KAO, C.-H. and Z.-B. ZENG 1997 General formulas for obtaining the maximum likelihood estimates and the asymptotic variance-covariance matrix in QTL mapping when using the EM algorithm. *Biometrics* 53, 653-665. <doi: 10.2307/2533965.>

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**See Also**

[D.make Q.make EM.MIM](#)

**Examples**

```
# load the example data
load(system.file("extdata", "exempladata.RDATA", package = "QTLEMM"))

# run and result
D.matrix <- D.make(3, type = "RI", aa = c(1, 3, 2, 3), dd = c(1, 2, 1, 3), ad = c(1, 2, 2, 3))
result <- EM.MIMv(QTL, marker, geno, D.matrix, cp.matrix = NULL, y)
result$EMvar
```

EQF.permu

*EQF Permutation***Description**

The EQF matrix cluster permutation process for QTL hotspot detection.

**Usage**

```
EQF.permu(
  LOD.QTLdetect.result,
  ptime = 1000,
  alpha = 0.05,
  Q = TRUE,
  console = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

LOD.QTLdetect.result	list. The data list of the output from LOD.QTLdetect().
ptime	integer. The permutation times.
alpha	numeric. The type 1 error rate of detecting the hotspot.
Q	logical. When set to TRUE, the function will additionally carry out the population of the Q method as the control group, which will be indicated as 'B' in the output.
console	logical. Determines whether the process of the algorithm will be displayed in the R console or not.

**Value**

EQF.matrix	The matrix denotes the EQF value of each bin.
bin	The bin information matrix used in this analysis.
LOD.threshold	The LOD threshold used in this analysis.
cluster.number	The number of QTLs in each cluster group.
cluster.id	The serial number of traits in each cluster group.
cluster.matrix	The new EQF matrix from the clustering process.
permu.matrix.cluster	The permutation result of the clustering method, which has been sorted by order.
permu.matrix.Q	The permutation result of the Q method, which has been sorted by order.
EQF.threshold	The EQF threshold is calculated from the permutation process.

**References**

Wu, P.-Y., M.-H. Yang, and C.-H. KAO 2021 A Statistical Framework for QTL Hotspot Detection. G3: Genes, Genomes, Genetics: jkab056. <doi: 10.1093/g3journal/jkab056>

**See Also**

[LOD.QTLdetect EQF.plot](#)

**Examples**

```
# load the example data
load(system.file("extdata", "LODexample.RDATA", package = "QTLEMM"))

# run and result
result <- EQF.permu(LOD.QTLdetect.result, ptime = 50)
result$cluster.number
```

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EQF.plot

*EQF plot*

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**Description**

Generate an EQF plot based on the result of the permutation process used to detect the QTL hotspot.

**Usage**

```
EQF.plot(result, plot.all = TRUE, plot.chr = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>result</code>	list. The data list of the output from <code>LOD.QTLdetect()</code> or <code>EQF.permu()</code> .
<code>plot.all</code>	logical. When set to <code>TRUE</code> , it directs the function to output one figure of the EQF values over the bins.
<code>plot.chr</code>	logical. When set to <code>TRUE</code> , it instructs the function to output the figures of the EQF values over the bins for each chromosome.

**Value**

One or several EQF plots.

**References**

Wu, P.-Y., M.-H. Yang, and C.-H. KAO 2021 A Statistical Framework for QTL Hotspot Detection. G3: Genes, Genomes, Genetics: jkab056. <doi: 10.1093/g3journal/jkab056>

**See Also**

[LOD.QTLdetect EQF.permu](#)

**Examples**

```
# load the example data
load(system.file("extdata", "LODexample.RDATA", package = "QTLEMM"))

# run and result
EQF.plot(LOD.QTLdetect.result)
EQF.plot(EQF.permu.result)
```

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IM.search

*QTL search by IM*


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**Description**

Expectation-maximization algorithm for QTL interval mapping to search for possible position of QTL in all chromosomes.

**Usage**

```
IM.search(
  marker,
  geno,
  y,
  method = "EM",
  type = "RI",
  D.matrix = NULL,
  ng = 2,
  cM = TRUE,
  speed = 1,
  crit = 10^-5,
  d.eff = FALSE,
  LRT.thre = TRUE,
  simu = 1000,
  alpha = 0.05,
  detect = TRUE,
  QTLdist = 15,
  plot.all = TRUE,
  plot.chr = TRUE,
  console = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

**marker** matrix. A  $k \times 2$  matrix contains the marker information, where the row dimension 'k' represents the number of markers in the chromosomes. The first column labels the chromosomes where the markers are located, and the second column labels the positions of markers (in morgan (M) or centimorgan (cM)). It's important to note that chromosomes and positions must be sorted in order.

geno	matrix. A $n \times k$ matrix contains the genotypes of $k$ markers for $n$ individuals. The marker genotypes of P1 homozygote (MM), heterozygote (Mm), and P2 homozygote (mm) are coded as 2, 1, and 0, respectively, with NA indicating missing values.
y	vector. A vector with $n$ elements contains the phenotype values of individuals.
method	character. When method="EM", it indicates that the interval mapping method by Lander and Botstein (1989) is used in the analysis. Conversely, when method="REG", it indicates that the approximate regression interval mapping method by Haley and Knott (1992) is used in the analysis.
type	character. The population type of the dataset. Includes backcross (type="BC"), advanced intercross population (type="AI"), and recombinant inbred population (type="RI"). The default value is "RI".
D.matrix	matrix. The design matrix of the IM model. If D.matrix=NULL, the design matrix will be constructed using Cockerham's model: In BC population, it is a $2 \times 1$ matrix with values 0.5 and -0.5 for the additive effect; In RI or AI population, it is a $3 \times 2$ matrix. The first column consists of 1, 0, and -1 for the additive effect, and the second column consists of 0.5, -0.5, and 0.5 for the dominant effect.
ng	integer. The generation number of the population type. For instance, in a BC1 population where type="BC", ng=1; in an AI F3 population where type="AI", ng=3.
cM	logical. Specify the unit of marker position. If cM=TRUE, it denotes centimorgan; if cM=FALSE, it denotes morgan.
speed	numeric. The walking speed of the QTL search (in cM).
crit	numeric. The convergence criterion of EM algorithm. The E and M steps will iterate until a convergence criterion is met. It must be a value between 0 and 1.
d.eff	logical. Specifies whether the dominant effect will be considered in the parameter estimation for AI or RI population.
LRT.thre	logical or numeric. If set to TRUE, the LRT threshold will be computed based on the Gaussian stochastic process (Kao and Ho 2012). Alternatively, users can input a numerical value as the LRT threshold to evaluate the significance of QTL detection.
simu	integer. Determines the number of simulation samples that will be used to compute the LRT threshold using the Gaussian process. It must be a value between 50 and $10^8$ .
alpha	numeric. The type I error rate for the LRT threshold.
detect	logical. Determines whether the significant QTL, whose LRT statistic is larger than the LRT threshold, will be displayed in the output dataset or not.
QTLdist	numeric. The minimum distance (in cM) among different linked significant QTL.
plot.all	logical. When set to TRUE, it directs the function to output the profile of LRT statistics for the genome in one figure.
plot.chr	logical. When set to TRUE, it instructs the function to output the profile of LRT statistics for the chromosomes.
console	logical. Determines whether the process of the algorithm will be displayed in the R console or not.



**Value**

effect            The estimated effects and LRT statistics of all positions.

LRT.threshold    The LRT threshold value is computed for the data using the Gaussian stochastic process (Kuo 2011; Kao and Ho 2012).

detect.QTL        The positions, effects, and LRT statistics of the detected QTL are significant using the obtained LRT threshold value.

Graphical outputs including LOD value and effect of each position.

**References**

KAO, C.-H. and Z.-B. ZENG 1997 General formulas for obtaining the maximum likelihood estimates and the asymptotic variance-covariance matrix in QTL mapping when using the EM algorithm. *Biometrics* 53, 653-665. <doi: 10.2307/2533965.>

KAO, C.-H., Z.-B. ZENG and R. D. TEASDALE 1999 Multiple interval mapping for Quantitative Trait Loci. *Genetics* 152: 1203-1216. <doi: 10.1093/genetics/152.3.1203>

KAO, C.-H. and H.-A. Ho 2012 A score-statistic approach for determining threshold values in QTL mapping. *Frontiers in Bioscience*. E4, 2670-2682. <doi: 10.2741/e582>

**See Also**

[EM.MIM IM.search2 LRTthre](#)

**Examples**

```
# load the example data
load(system.file("extdata", "exampledata.RDATA", package = "QTLEMM"))

# run and result
result <- IM.search(marker, geno, y, type = "RI", ng = 2, speed = 7, crit = 10^-3, LRT.thre = 10)
result$detect.QTL
```

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IM.search2

*QTL search by IM with Selective Genotyping*


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**Description**

Expectation-maximization algorithm for QTL interval mapping to search for possible positions of QTL in all chromosomes. It can handle genotype data which is selective genotyping.

**Usage**

```
IM.search2(
  marker,
  geno,
  y,
  yu = NULL,
```

```

sele.g = "n",
tL = NULL,
tR = NULL,
method = "EM",
type = "RI",
D.matrix = NULL,
ng = 2,
cM = TRUE,
speed = 1,
crit = 10^-5,
d.eff = FALSE,
LRT.thre = TRUE,
simu = 1000,
alpha = 0.05,
detect = TRUE,
QTLdist = 15,
plot.all = TRUE,
plot.chr = TRUE,
console = TRUE
)

```

### Arguments

marker	matrix. A $k \times 2$ matrix contains the marker information, where the row dimension 'k' represents the number of markers in the chromosomes. The first column labels the chromosomes where the markers are located, and the second column labels the positions of markers (in morgan (M) or centimorgan (cM)). It's important to note that chromosomes and positions must be sorted in order.
geno	matrix. A $n \times k$ matrix contains the genotypes of k markers for n individuals. The marker genotypes of P1 homozygote (MM), heterozygote (Mm), and P2 homozygote (mm) are coded as 2, 1, and 0, respectively, with NA indicating missing values.
y	vector. A vector that contains the phenotype values of individuals with genotypes.
yu	vector. A vector that contains the phenotype values of individuals without genotypes.
sele.g	character. Determines the type of data being analyzed: If <code>sele.g="n"</code> , it considers the data as complete genotyping data. If <code>sele.g="f"</code> , it treats the data as selective genotyping data and utilizes the proposed corrected frequency model (Lee 2014) for analysis; If <code>sele.g="t"</code> , it considers the data as selective genotyping data and uses the truncated model (Lee 2014) for analysis; If <code>sele.g="p"</code> , it treats the data as selective genotyping data and uses the population frequency-based model (Lee 2014) for analysis. Note that the 'yu' argument must be provided when <code>sele.g="f"</code> or "p".
tL	numeric. The lower truncation point of phenotype value when <code>sele.g="t"</code> . When <code>sele.g="t"</code> and <code>tL=NULL</code> , the 'yu' argument must be provided. In this case, the function will consider the minimum of 'yu' as the lower truncation point.

tR	numeric. The upper truncation point of phenotype value when sele.g="t". When sele.g="t" and tR=NULL, the 'yu' argument must be provided. In this case, the function will consider the maximum of 'yu' as the upper truncation point.
method	character. When method="EM", it indicates that the interval mapping method by Lander and Botstein (1989) is used in the analysis. Conversely, when method="REG", it indicates that the approximate regression interval mapping method by Haley and Knott (1992) is used in the analysis.
type	character. The population type of the dataset. Includes backcross (type="BC"), advanced intercross population (type="AI"), and recombinant inbred population (type="RI"). The default value is "RI".
D.matrix	matrix. The design matrix of the IM model. If D.matrix=NULL, the design matrix will be constructed using Cockerham's model: In BC population, it is a 2*1 matrix with values 0.5 and -0.5 for the additive effect; In RI or AI population, it is a 3*2 matrix. The first column consists of 1, 0, and -1 for the additive effect, and the second column consists of 0.5, -0.5, and 0.5 for the dominant effect.
ng	integer. The generation number of the population type. For instance, in a BC1 population where type="BC", ng=1; in an AI F3 population where type="AI", ng=3.
cM	logical. Specify the unit of marker position. If cM=TRUE, it denotes centimorgan; if cM=FALSE, it denotes morgan.
speed	numeric. The walking speed of the QTL search (in cM).
crit	numeric. The convergence criterion of EM algorithm. The E and M steps will iterate until a convergence criterion is met. It must be a value between 0 and 1.
d.eff	logical. Specifies whether the dominant effect will be considered in the parameter estimation for AI or RI population.
LRT.thre	logical or numeric. If set to TRUE, the LRT threshold will be computed based on the Gaussian stochastic process (Kao and Ho 2012). Alternatively, users can input a numerical value as the LRT threshold to evaluate the significance of QTL detection.
simu	integer. Determines the number of simulation samples that will be used to compute the LRT (Likelihood Ratio Test) threshold using the Gaussian process. It must be a value between 50 and 10^8.
alpha	numeric. The type I error rate for the LRT threshold.
detect	logical. Determines whether the significant QTL, whose LRT statistic is larger than the LRT threshold, will be displayed in the output dataset or not.
QTLdist	numeric. The minimum distance (in cM) among different linked significant QTL.
plot.all	logical. When set to TRUE, it directs the function to output the profile of LRT statistics for the genome in one figure.
plot.chr	logical. When set to TRUE, it instructs the function to output the profile of LRT statistics for the chromosomes.
console	logical. Determines whether the process of the algorithm will be displayed in the R console or not.

**Value**

effect	The estimated effects and LRT statistics of all positions.
LRT.threshold	The LRT threshold value computed for the data using the Gaussian stochastic process (Kuo 2011; Kao and Ho 2012).
detect.QTL	The positions, effects and LRT statistics of the detected QTL significant using the obtained LRT threshold value.
model	The model of selective genotyping data in this analyze.

Graphical outputs including LOD value and effect of each position.

**References**

- KAO, C.-H. and Z.-B. ZENG 1997 General formulas for obtaining the maximum likelihood estimates and the asymptotic variance-covariance matrix in QTL mapping when using the EM algorithm. *Biometrics* 53, 653-665. <doi: 10.2307/2533965.>
- KAO, C.-H., Z.-B. ZENG and R. D. TEASDALE 1999 Multiple interval mapping for Quantitative Trait Loci. *Genetics* 152: 1203-1216. <doi: 10.1093/genetics/152.3.1203>
- H.-I LEE, H.-A. HO and C.-H. KAO 2014 A new simple method for improving QTL mapping under selective genotyping. *Genetics* 198: 1685-1698. <doi: 10.1534/genetics.114.168385.>
- KAO, C.-H. and H.-A. Ho 2012 A score-statistic approach for determining threshold values in QTL mapping. *Frontiers in Bioscience*. E4, 2670-2682. <doi: 10.2741/e582>

**See Also**

[EM.MIM2 IM.search LRTthre](#)

**Examples**

```
# load the example data
load(system.file("extdata", "exampledata.RDATA", package = "QTLEMM"))

# make the selective genotyping data
ys <- y[y > quantile(y)[4] | y < quantile(y)[2]]
yu <- y[y >= quantile(y)[2] & y <= quantile(y)[4]]
geno.s <- geno[y > quantile(y)[4] | y < quantile(y)[2],]

# run and result
result <- IM.search2(marker, geno.s, ys, yu, sele.g = "f", type = "RI", ng = 2,
speed = 7, crit = 10^-3, LRT.thre = 10)
result$detect.QTL
```

LOD.QTLdetect

*QTL Detect by LOD*

**Description**

Detect QTL by the likelihood of odds (LOD) matrix.

**Usage**

LOD.QTLdetect(LOD, bin, thre = 3, QTLdist = 20, console = TRUE)

**Arguments**

- LOD                   matrix. The LOD matrix, which is a t\*p matrix, where t is the number of traits and p is the number of bins on the chromosomes. Missing values should be denoted as NA in the matrix.
- bin                   matrix. An n\*2 matrix that represents the number of bins on each chromosome, where n is the number of chromosomes. The first column denotes the chromosome number, and the second column denotes how many bins are on that chromosome. It's important to ensure that chromosomes are divided in order.
- thre                  numeric. The LOD threshold. Any LOD score under this threshold will be calculated as 0.
- QTLdist              numeric. The minimum distance (in bins) among different linked significant QTL.
- console              logical. Determines whether the process of the algorithm will be displayed in the R console or not.

**Value**

- detect.QTL.number    The number of detected QTL in each trait.
- QTL.matrix           The QTL position matrix. Where the elements 1 donates the position of QTL; elements 0 donate the bins whose LOD score is under the LOD threshold; other positions are shown as NA.
- EQF.matrix           The matrix denotes the EQF value of each bin.
- linkage.QTL.number   The linkage QTL number of all detected QTL. In other words, it is the table that denote how many QTL are on one chromosome.
- LOD.threshold        The LOD threshold used in this analysis.
- bin                   The bin information matrix used in this analysis.

**References**

Wu, P.-Y., M.-H. Yang, and C.-H. KAO 2021 A Statistical Framework for QTL Hotspot Detection. G3: Genes, Genomes, Genetics: jkab056. <doi: 10.1093/g3journal/jkab056>

**See Also**

[EQF.permu EQF.plot](#)

**Examples**

```
# load the example data
load(system.file("extdata", "LODexample.RDATA", package = "QTLEMM"))
dim(LODexample) # 100 traits, 633 bins on chromosome

# run and result
result <- LOD.QTLdetect(LODexample, bin, thre = 3, QTLdist = 10)
result$detect.QTL.number
```

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LRTthre

*LRT Threshold*


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**Description**

The LRT threshold for QTL interval mapping based on the Gaussian stochastic process (Kao and Ho 2012).

**Usage**

```
LRTthre(
  marker,
  type = "RI",
  ng = 2,
  cM = TRUE,
  ns = 200,
  gv = 25,
  speed = 1,
  simu = 1000,
  d.eff = FALSE,
  alpha = 0.05,
  console = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

marker	matrix. A $k \times 2$ matrix contains the marker information, where the row dimension 'k' represents the number of markers in the chromosomes. The first column labels the chromosomes where the markers are located, and the second column labels the positions of markers (in morgan (M) or centimorgan (cM)). It's important to note that chromosomes and positions must be sorted in order.
type	character. The population type of the dataset. Includes backcross (type="BC"), advanced intercross population (type="AI"), and recombinant inbred population (type="RI"). The default value is "RI".

ng	integer. The generation number of the population type. For instance, in a BC1 population where type="BC", ng=1; in an AI F3 population where type="AI", ng=3.
cM	logical. Specify the unit of marker position. If cM=TRUE, it denotes centimorgan; if cM=FALSE, it denotes morgan.
ns	integer. The number of individuals for generating the individual trait values. Changes in this value do not significantly affect the outcome of the LRT threshold value.
gv	numeric. The genetic variance for generating the individual trait values. Changes in this value do not significantly affect the outcome of the LRT threshold value.
speed	numeric. The walking speed of the QTL analysis (in cM).
simu	integer. Determines the number of simulation samples that will be used to compute the LRT threshold using the Gaussian process.
d.eff	logical. Specifies whether the dominant effect will be considered in the parameter estimation for AI or RI population.
alpha	numeric. The type I error rate for the LRT threshold.
console	logical. Determines whether the process of the algorithm will be displayed in the R console or not.

### Value

The LRT threshold for QTL interval mapping.

### References

KAO, C.-H. and H.-A. Ho 2012 A score-statistic approach for determining threshold values in QTL mapping. *Frontiers in Bioscience*. E4, 2670-2682. <doi: 10.2741/e582>

### See Also

[rmvnorm](#)

### Examples

```
# load the example data
load(system.file("extdata", "exampledata.RDATA", package = "QTLEMM"))

# run and result
LRTthre(marker, type = "RI", ng = 2, speed = 2, simu = 60)
```

MIM.points

*QTL Short Distance Correction by MIM***Description**

Expectation-maximization algorithm for QTL multiple interval mapping to find the best QTL position near the designated QTL position.

**Usage**

```
MIM.points(
  QTL,
  marker,
  geno,
  y,
  method = "EM",
  type = "RI",
  D.matrix = NULL,
  ng = 2,
  cM = TRUE,
  scope = 5,
  speed = 1,
  crit = 10^-3,
  console = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

QTL	matrix. A $q \times 2$ matrix contains the QTL information, where the row dimension 'q' represents the number of QTLs in the chromosomes. The first column labels the chromosomes where the QTLs are located, and the second column labels the positions of QTLs (in morgan (M) or centimorgan (cM)).
marker	matrix. A $k \times 2$ matrix contains the marker information, where the row dimension 'k' represents the number of markers in the chromosomes. The first column labels the chromosomes where the markers are located, and the second column labels the positions of markers (in morgan (M) or centimorgan (cM)). It's important to note that chromosomes and positions must be sorted in order.
geno	matrix. A $n \times k$ matrix contains the genotypes of k markers for n individuals. The marker genotypes of P1 homozygote (MM), heterozygote (Mm), and P2 homozygote (mm) are coded as 2, 1, and 0, respectively, with NA indicating missing values.
y	vector. A vector with n elements that contains the phenotype values of individuals.
method	character. When method="EM", it indicates that the interval mapping method by Lander and Botstein (1989) is used in the analysis. Conversely, when method="REG", it indicates that the approximate regression interval mapping method by Haley and Knott (1992) is used in the analysis.



type	character. The population type of the dataset. Includes backcross (type="BC"), advanced intercross population (type="AI"), and recombinant inbred population (type="RI"). The default value is "RI".
D.matrix	matrix. The design matrix of QTL effects is a $g \times p$ matrix, where $g$ is the number of possible QTL genotypes, and $p$ is the number of effects considered in the MIM model. This design matrix can be easily generated by the function <code>D.make()</code> . If set to NULL, it will automatically generate a design matrix with all additive and dominant effects and without any epistasis effect.
ng	integer. The generation number of the population type. For instance, in a BC1 population where type="BC", ng=1; in an AI F3 population where type="AI", ng=3.
cM	logical. Specify the unit of marker position. If cM=TRUE, it denotes centimorgan; if cM=FALSE, it denotes morgan.
scope	numeric vector. During the MIM process, it will search forward and backward for the corresponding centimorgan (cM). Users can assign a numeric number for every QTL or a numeric vector for each QTL. Note that 0 denotes that the corresponding QTL position is fixed, and the positions of its surrounding intervals will not be searched.
speed	numeric. The walking speed of the QTL search (in cM).
crit	numeric. The convergence criterion of EM algorithm. The E and M steps will iterate until a convergence criterion is met. It must be a value between 0 and 1.
console	logical. Determines whether the process of the algorithm will be displayed in the R console or not.

### Value

effect	The estimated effects, log-likelihood value, and LRT statistics of all searched positions.
QTL.best	The positions of the best QTL combination.
effect.best	The estimated effects and LRT statistics of the best QTL combination.

### References

KAO, C.-H. and Z.-B. ZENG 1997 General formulas for obtaining the maximum likelihood estimates and the asymptotic variance-covariance matrix in QTL mapping when using the EM algorithm. *Biometrics* 53, 653-665. <doi: 10.2307/2533965.>

KAO, C.-H., Z.-B. ZENG and R. D. TEASDALE 1999 Multiple interval mapping for Quantitative Trait Loci. *Genetics* 152: 1203-1216. <doi: 10.1093/genetics/152.3.1203>

### See Also

[EM.MIM.MIM.points2](#)

**Examples**

```
# load the example data
load(system.file("extdata", "exampledata.RDATA", package = "QTLEMM"))

# run and result
result <- MIM.points(QTL, marker, geno, y, type = "RI", ng = 2, scope = c(0,1,2), speed = 2)
result$QTL.best
result$effect.best
```

MIM.points2

*QTL Short Distance Correction by MIM with Selective Genotyping***Description**

Expectation-maximization algorithm for QTL multiple interval mapping to find the best QTL position near the designated QTL position. It can handle genotype data which is selective genotyping.

**Usage**

```
MIM.points2(
  QTL,
  marker,
  geno,
  y,
  yu = NULL,
  sele.g = "n",
  tL = NULL,
  tR = NULL,
  method = "EM",
  type = "RI",
  D.matrix = NULL,
  ng = 2,
  cM = TRUE,
  scope = 5,
  speed = 1,
  crit = 10^-3,
  console = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

QTL matrix. A  $q \times 2$  matrix contains the QTL information, where the row dimension 'q' represents the number of QTLs in the chromosomes. The first column labels the chromosomes where the QTLs are located, and the second column labels the positions of QTLs (in morgan (M) or centimorgan (cM)).

marker	matrix. A $k \times 2$ matrix contains the marker information, where the row dimension 'k' represents the number of markers in the chromosomes. The first column labels the chromosomes where the markers are located, and the second column labels the positions of markers (in morgan (M) or centimorgan (cM)). It's important to note that chromosomes and positions must be sorted in order.
geno	matrix. A $n \times k$ matrix contains the genotypes of k markers for n individuals. The marker genotypes of P1 homozygote (MM), heterozygote (Mm), and P2 homozygote (mm) are coded as 2, 1, and 0, respectively, with NA indicating missing values.
y	vector. A vector that contains the phenotype values of individuals with genotypes.
yu	vector. A vector that contains the phenotype values of individuals without genotypes.
sele.g	character. Determines the type of data being analyzed: If sele.g="n", it considers the data as complete genotyping data. If sele.g="f", it treats the data as selective genotyping data and utilizes the proposed corrected frequency model (Lee 2014) for analysis; If sele.g="t", it considers the data as selective genotyping data and uses the truncated model (Lee 2014) for analysis; If sele.g="p", it treats the data as selective genotyping data and uses the population frequency-based model (Lee 2014) for analysis. Note that the 'yu' argument must be provided when sele.g="f" or "p".
tL	numeric. The lower truncation point of phenotype value when sele.g="t". When sele.g="t" and tL=NULL, the 'yu' argument must be provided. In this case, the function will consider the minimum of 'yu' as the lower truncation point.
tR	numeric. The upper truncation point of phenotype value when sele.g="t". When sele.g="t" and tR=NULL, the 'yu' argument must be provided. In this case, the function will consider the maximum of 'yu' as the upper truncation point.
method	character. When method="EM", it indicates that the interval mapping method by Lander and Botstein (1989) is used in the analysis. Conversely, when method="REG", it indicates that the approximate regression interval mapping method by Haley and Knott (1992) is used in the analysis.
type	character. The population type of the dataset. Includes backcross (type="BC"), advanced intercross population (type="AI"), and recombinant inbred population (type="RI"). The default value is "RI".
D.matrix	matrix. The design matrix of QTL effects is a $g \times p$ matrix, where g is the number of possible QTL genotypes, and p is the number of effects considered in the MIM model. This design matrix can be easily generated by the function D.make(). If set to NULL, it will automatically generate a design matrix with all additive and dominant effects and without any epistasis effect.
ng	integer. The generation number of the population type. For instance, in a BC1 population where type="BC", ng=1; in an AI F3 population where type="AI", ng=3.
cM	logical. Specify the unit of marker position. If cM=TRUE, it denotes centimorgan; if cM=FALSE, it denotes morgan.

scope	numeric vector. During the MIM process, it will search forward and backward for the corresponding centimorgan (cM). Users can assign a numeric number for every QTL or a numeric vector for each QTL. Note that 0 denotes that the corresponding QTL position is fixed, and the positions of its surrounding intervals will not be searched.
speed	numeric. The walking speed of the QTL search (in cM).
crit	numeric. The convergence criterion of EM algorithm. The E and M steps will iterate until a convergence criterion is met. It must be a value between 0 and 1.
console	logical. Determines whether the process of the algorithm will be displayed in the R console or not.

### Value

effect	The estimated effects, log likelihood value, and LRT statistics of all searched positions.
QTL.best	The positions of the best QTL combination.
effect.best	The estimated effects and LRT statistics of the best QTL combination.
model	The model of selective genotyping data in this analysis.

### References

- KAO, C.-H. and Z.-B. ZENG 1997 General formulas for obtaining the maximum likelihood estimates and the asymptotic variance-covariance matrix in QTL mapping when using the EM algorithm. *Biometrics* 53, 653-665. <doi: 10.2307/2533965.>
- KAO, C.-H., Z.-B. ZENG and R. D. TEASDALE 1999 Multiple interval mapping for Quantitative Trait Loci. *Genetics* 152: 1203-1216. <doi: 10.1093/genetics/152.3.1203>
- H.-I LEE, H.-A. HO and C.-H. KAO 2014 A new simple method for improving QTL mapping under selective genotyping. *Genetics* 198: 1685-1698. <doi: 10.1534/genetics.114.168385.>

### See Also

[EM.MIM2 MIM.points](#)

### Examples

```
# load the example data
load(system.file("extdata", "exampledata.RDATA", package = "QTLEMM"))

# make the selective genotyping data
ys <- y[y > quantile(y)[4] | y < quantile(y)[2]]
yu <- y[y >= quantile(y)[2] & y <= quantile(y)[4]]
geno.s <- geno[y > quantile(y)[4] | y < quantile(y)[2],]

# run and result
result <- MIM.points2(QTL, marker, geno.s, ys, yu, sele.g = "f",
  type = "RI", ng = 2, scope = c(0,1,2), speed = 2)
result$QTL.best
result$effect.best
```

MIM.search

*QTL search by MIM***Description**

Expectation-maximization algorithm for QTL multiple interval mapping to find one more QTL in the presence of some known QTLs.

**Usage**

```
MIM.search(
  QTL,
  marker,
  geno,
  y,
  method = "EM",
  type = "RI",
  D.matrix = NULL,
  ng = 2,
  cM = TRUE,
  speed = 1,
  QTLdist = 15,
  link = TRUE,
  crit = 10^-3,
  console = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

QTL	matrix. A $q \times 2$ matrix contains the QTL information, where the row dimension 'q' represents the number of QTLs in the chromosomes. The first column labels the chromosomes where the QTLs are located, and the second column labels the positions of QTLs (in morgan (M) or centimorgan (cM)).
marker	matrix. A $k \times 2$ matrix contains the marker information, where the row dimension 'k' represents the number of markers in the chromosomes. The first column labels the chromosomes where the markers are located, and the second column labels the positions of markers (in morgan (M) or centimorgan (cM)). It's important to note that chromosomes and positions must be sorted in order.
geno	matrix. A $n \times k$ matrix contains the genotypes of k markers for n individuals. The marker genotypes of P1 homozygote (MM), heterozygote (Mm), and P2 homozygote (mm) are coded as 2, 1, and 0, respectively, with NA indicating missing values.
y	vector. A vector with n elements that contains the phenotype values of individuals.

method	character. When method="EM", it indicates that the interval mapping method by Lander and Botstein (1989) is used in the analysis. Conversely, when method="REG", it indicates that the approximate regression interval mapping method by Haley and Knott (1992) is used in the analysis.
type	character. The population type of the dataset. Includes backcross (type="BC"), advanced intercross population (type="AI"), and recombinant inbred population (type="RI"). The default value is "RI".
D.matrix	matrix. The design matrix of QTL effects is a $g \times p$ matrix, where $g$ is the number of possible QTL genotypes, and $p$ is the number of effects considered in the MIM model. It's important to note that the QTL number of the design matrix must be the original QTL number plus one. The design matrix can be easily generated by the function D.make(). If set to NULL, it will automatically generate a design matrix with all additive and dominant effects and without any epistasis effect.
ng	integer. The generation number of the population type. For instance, in a BC1 population where type="BC", ng=1; in an AI F3 population where type="AI", ng=3.
cM	logical. Specify the unit of marker position. If cM=TRUE, it denotes centimorgan; if cM=FALSE, it denotes morgan.
speed	numeric. The walking speed of the QTL search (in cM).
QTLdist	numeric. The minimum distance (in cM) among different linked significant QTL. Positions near the known QTLs within this distance will not be considered as candidate positions in the search process.
link	logical. When set to False, positions on the same chromosomes as the known QTLs will not be searched.
crit	numeric. The convergence criterion of EM algorithm. The E and M steps will iterate until a convergence criterion is met. It must be a value between 0 and 1.
console	logical. Determines whether the process of the algorithm will be displayed in the R console or not.

### Value

effect	The estimated effects, log-likelihood value, and LRT statistics of all searched positions.
QTL.best	The positions of the best QTL combination.
effect.best	The estimated effects and LRT statistics of the best QTL combination.

### References

- KAO, C.-H. and Z.-B. ZENG 1997 General formulas for obtaining the maximum likelihood estimates and the asymptotic variance-covariance matrix in QTL mapping when using the EM algorithm. *Biometrics* 53, 653-665. <doi: 10.2307/2533965.>
- KAO, C.-H., Z.-B. ZENG and R. D. TEASDALE 1999 Multiple interval mapping for Quantitative Trait Loci. *Genetics* 152: 1203-1216. <doi: 10.1093/genetics/152.3.1203>

**See Also**[EM.MIM MIM.search2](#)**Examples**

```
# load the example data
load(system.file("extdata", "exempladata.RDATA", package = "QTLEMM"))

# run and result
QTL <- c(1, 23)
result <- MIM.search(QTL, marker, geno, y, type = "RI", ng = 2, speed = 15, QTLdist = 50)
result$QTL.best
result$effect.best
```

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MIM.search2

*QTL search by MIM with Seletive Genotyping*

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**Description**

Expectation-maximization algorithm for QTL multiple interval mapping to find one more QTL in the presence of some known QTLs. It can handle genotype data which is selective genotyping.

**Usage**

```
MIM.search2(  
  QTL,  
  marker,  
  geno,  
  y,  
  yu = NULL,  
  sele.g = "n",  
  tL = NULL,  
  tR = NULL,  
  method = "EM",  
  type = "RI",  
  D.matrix = NULL,  
  ng = 2,  
  cM = TRUE,  
  speed = 1,  
  QTLdist = 15,  
  link = TRUE,  
  crit = 10^-3,  
  console = TRUE  
)
```

**Arguments**

QTL	matrix. A $q \times 2$ matrix contains the QTL information, where the row dimension 'q' represents the number of QTLs in the chromosomes. The first column labels the chromosomes where the QTLs are located, and the second column labels the positions of QTLs (in morgan (M) or centimorgan (cM)).
marker	matrix. A $k \times 2$ matrix contains the marker information, where the row dimension 'k' represents the number of markers in the chromosomes. The first column labels the chromosomes where the markers are located, and the second column labels the positions of markers (in morgan (M) or centimorgan (cM)). It's important to note that chromosomes and positions must be sorted in order.
geno	matrix. A $n \times k$ matrix contains the genotypes of k markers for n individuals. The marker genotypes of P1 homozygote (MM), heterozygote (Mm), and P2 homozygote (mm) are coded as 2, 1, and 0, respectively, with NA indicating missing values.
y	vector. A vector that contains the phenotype values of individuals with genotypes.
yu	vector. A vector that contains the phenotype values of individuals without genotypes.
sele.g	character. Determines the type of data being analyzed: If <code>sele.g="n"</code> , it considers the data as complete genotyping data. If <code>sele.g="f"</code> , it treats the data as selective genotyping data and utilizes the proposed corrected frequency model (Lee 2014) for analysis; If <code>sele.g="t"</code> , it considers the data as selective genotyping data and uses the truncated model (Lee 2014) for analysis; If <code>sele.g="p"</code> , it treats the data as selective genotyping data and uses the population frequency-based model (Lee 2014) for analysis. Note that the 'yu' argument must be provided when <code>sele.g="f"</code> or <code>"p"</code> .
tL	numeric. The lower truncation point of phenotype value when <code>sele.g="t"</code> . When <code>sele.g="t"</code> and <code>tL=NULL</code> , the 'yu' argument must be provided. In this case, the function will consider the minimum of 'yu' as the lower truncation point.
tR	numeric. The upper truncation point of phenotype value when <code>sele.g="t"</code> . When <code>sele.g="t"</code> and <code>tR=NULL</code> , the 'yu' argument must be provided. In this case, the function will consider the maximum of 'yu' as the upper truncation point.
method	character. When <code>method="EM"</code> , it indicates that the interval mapping method by Lander and Botstein (1989) is used in the analysis. Conversely, when <code>method="REG"</code> , it indicates that the approximate regression interval mapping method by Haley and Knott (1992) is used in the analysis.
type	character. The population type of the dataset. Includes backcross ( <code>type="BC"</code> ), advanced intercross population ( <code>type="AI"</code> ), and recombinant inbred population ( <code>type="RI"</code> ). The default value is "RI".
D.matrix	matrix. The design matrix of QTL effects is a $g \times p$ matrix, where g is the number of possible QTL genotypes, and p is the number of effects considered in the MIM model. It's important to note that the QTL number of the design matrix must be the original QTL number plus one. The design matrix can be easily generated by the function <code>D.make()</code> . If set to <code>NULL</code> , it will automatically generate a design matrix with all additive and dominant effects and without any epistasis effect.



ng	integer. The generation number of the population type. For instance, in a BC1 population where type="BC", ng=1; in an AI F3 population where type="AI", ng=3.
cM	logical. Specify the unit of marker position. If cM=TRUE, it denotes centimorgan; if cM=FALSE, it denotes morgan.
speed	numeric. The walking speed of the QTL search (in cM).
QTLdist	numeric. The minimum distance (in cM) among different linked significant QTL. Positions near the known QTLs within this distance will not be considered as candidate positions in the search process.
link	logical. When set to False, positions on the same chromosomes as the known QTLs will not be searched.
crit	numeric. The convergence criterion of EM algorithm. The E and M steps will iterate until a convergence criterion is met. It must be a value between 0 and 1.
console	logical. Determines whether the process of the algorithm will be displayed in the R console or not.

### Value

effect	The estimated effects, log-likelihood value, and LRT statistics of all searched positions.
QTL.best	The positions of the best QTL combination.
effect.best	The estimated effects and LRT statistics of the best QTL combination.
model	The model of selective genotyping data in this analyze.

### References

- KAO, C.-H. and Z.-B. ZENG 1997 General formulas for obtaining the maximum likelihood estimates and the asymptotic variance-covariance matrix in QTL mapping when using the EM algorithm. *Biometrics* 53, 653-665. <doi: 10.2307/2533965.>
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- H.-I LEE, H.-A. HO and C.-H. KAO 2014 A new simple method for improving QTL mapping under selective genotyping. *Genetics* 198: 1685-1698. <doi: 10.1534/genetics.114.168385.>

### See Also

[EM.MIM2 MIM.search](#)

### Examples

```
# load the example data
load(system.file("extdata", "exampledata.RDATA", package = "QTLEMM"))

# make the selective genotyping data
ys <- y[y > quantile(y)[4] | y < quantile(y)[2]]
yu <- y[y >= quantile(y)[2] & y <= quantile(y)[4]]
```

```

geno.s <- geno[y > quantile(y)[4] | y < quantile(y)[2],]

# run and result
QTL <- c(1, 23)
result <- MIM.search2(QTL, marker, geno.s, ys, yu, sele.g = "f",
  type = "RI", ng = 2, speed = 15, QTLdist = 50)
result$QTL.best
result$effect.best

```

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progeny

*Progeny Simulation*


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### Description

Generate simulated phenotype and genotype data for a specified generation from various breeding schemes.

### Usage

```

progeny(
  QTL,
  marker,
  type = "RI",
  ng = 2,
  cM = TRUE,
  E.vector = NULL,
  h2 = 0.5,
  size = 200
)

```

### Arguments

QTL	matrix. A $q \times 2$ matrix contains the QTL information, where the row dimension 'q' represents the number of QTLs in the chromosomes. The first column labels the chromosomes where the QTLs are located, and the second column labels the positions of QTLs (in morgan (M) or centimorgan (cM)).
marker	matrix. A $k \times 2$ matrix contains the marker information, where the row dimension 'k' represents the number of markers in the chromosomes. The first column labels the chromosomes where the markers are located, and the second column labels the positions of markers (in morgan (M) or centimorgan (cM)). It's important to note that chromosomes and positions must be sorted in order.
type	character. The population type of the dataset. Includes backcross (type="BC"), advanced intercross population (type="AI"), and recombinant inbred population (type="RI"). The default value is "RI".
ng	integer. The generation number of the population type. For instance, in a BC1 population where type="BC", ng=1; in an AI F3 population where type="AI", ng=3.

<code>cM</code>	logical. Specify the unit of marker position. If <code>cM=TRUE</code> , it denotes centimorgan; if <code>cM=FALSE</code> , it denotes morgan.
<code>E.vector</code>	vector. Set the effect of QTLs. It should be a named vector, where the names of elements represent the effects of QTLs and their interactions. For example: the additive effect of QTL1 is coded as "a1"; the dominant effect of QTL2 is coded as "d2"; the interaction of the additive effect of QTL2 and the dominant effect of QTL1 is coded as "a2:d1". So, if the additive effect of QTL1 is 2, the dominant effect of QTL2 is 5, and the interaction of the additive effect of QTL2 and the dominant effect of QTL1 is 3, the user should input: <code>E.vector = c("a1"=2, "d2"=5, "a2:d1"=3)</code> . If <code>E.vector=NULL</code> , the phenotypic value will not be simulated.
<code>h2</code>	numeric. Set the heritability for simulated phenotypes. It should be a number between 0 and 1.
<code>size</code>	numeric. The population size of simulated progeny.

### Value

<code>phe</code>	The phenotypic value of each simulated progeny.
<code>E.vector</code>	The effect vector used in this simulation.
<code>marker.prog</code>	The marker genotype of each simulated progeny.
<code>QTL.prog</code>	The QTL genotype of each simulated progeny.
<code>VG</code>	The genetic variance of this population.
<code>VE</code>	The environmental variance of this population.
<code>genetic.value</code>	The genetic value of each simulated progeny.

### References

Haldane J.B.S. 1919. The combination of linkage values and the calculation of distance between the loci for linked factors. *Genetics* 8: 299–309.

### Examples

```
# load the example data
load(system.file("extdata", "exampledata.RDATA", package = "QTLEMM"))

# run and result
result <- progeny(QTL, marker, type = "RI", ng = 5, E.vector = c("a1" = 2, "d2" = 5, "a2:d1" = 3),
h2 = 0.5, size = 200)
result$phe
```

Q.make

*Generate Q Matrix***Description**

Generate the conditional probability matrix using the information of QTL and marker, along with the genotype data.

**Usage**

```
Q.make(
  QTL,
  marker,
  geno = NULL,
  interval = FALSE,
  type = "RI",
  ng = 2,
  cM = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

QTL	matrix. A $q \times 2$ matrix contains the QTL information, where the row dimension 'q' represents the number of QTLs in the chromosomes. The first column labels the chromosomes where the QTLs are located, and the second column labels the positions of QTLs (in morgan (M) or centimorgan (cM)).
marker	matrix. A $k \times 2$ matrix contains the marker information, where the row dimension 'k' represents the number of markers in the chromosomes. The first column labels the chromosomes where the markers are located, and the second column labels the positions of markers (in morgan (M) or centimorgan (cM)). It's important to note that chromosomes and positions must be sorted in order.
geno	matrix. A $n \times k$ matrix contains the genotypes of k markers for n individuals. The marker genotypes of P1 homozygote (MM), heterozygote (Mm), and P2 homozygote (mm) are coded as 2, 1, and 0, respectively, with NA indicating missing values.
interval	logical. When set to interval=TRUE, if a QTL shares the same position as a marker, the marker will be skipped and not considered as a flanking marker.
type	character. The population type of the dataset. Includes backcross (type="BC"), advanced intercross population (type="AI"), and recombinant inbred population (type="RI"). The default value is "RI".
ng	integer. The generation number of the population type. For instance, in a BC1 population where type="BC", ng=1; in an AI F3 population where type="AI", ng=3.
cM	logical. Specify the unit of marker position. If cM=TRUE, it denotes centimorgan; if cM=FALSE, it denotes morgan.

**Value**

The output contains k conditional probability matrices for the k flanking marker pairs (the k Q-matrices) and a conditional probability matrix of each QTL for all individuals (the cp-matrix) provided the genotype data of the testing population is input..

**Note**

If `geno=NULL`, the function can still be executed, and the output will contain k Q-matrices but no cp-matrix.

**References**

KAO, C.-H. and Z.-B. ZENG 1997 General formulas for obtaining the maximum likelihood estimates and the asymptotic variance-covariance matrix in QTL mapping when using the EM algorithm. *Biometrics* 53, 653-665. <doi: 10.2307/2533965.>

KAO, C.-H., Z.-B. ZENG and R. D. TEASDALE 1999 Multiple interval mapping for Quantitative Trait Loci. *Genetics* 152: 1203-1216. <doi: 10.1093/genetics/152.3.1203>

**Examples**

```
# load the example data
load(system.file("extdata", "exempladata.RDATA", package = "QTLEMM"))

# run and result
result <- Q.make(QTL, marker, geno)
head(result$cp.matrix)
```

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Qhot

*QTL Hotspot*


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**Description**

This function generates both numerical and graphical summaries of the QTL hotspot detection in the genomes, including information about the flanking markers of QTLs.

**Usage**

```
Qhot(DataQTL, DataCrop, ScanStep = 1, NH = 100, NP = 1000, save.pdf = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

DataQTL	data.frame. A data frame with 5 columns for QTL information. The columns represent the serial number of QTLs, the trait names, the chromosome numbers, the left flanking marker positions(in cM) of QTLs, and the right flanking marker positions(in cM) of QTLs.
DataCrop	data.frame. A data frame with 3 columns for chromosome information consists of the chromosome names, the center positions(in cM) and the lengths of chromosomes.

ScanStep	numeric. A value for the length(cM) of every bin.
NH	integer. A value for the number of spurious hotspots in the proposed method.
NP	integer. A value for permutation times to calculate the threshold.
save.pdf	logical. When set to TRUE, the PDF file of plots will be saved in the working directory instead of being displayed in the console.

### Value

EQF	The expected QTL frequency(EQF) in every bin per chromosome.
P.threshold	The EQF thresholds for proposed method.
Q.threshold	The EQF thresholds for the Q method.
nHot	The numbers of detected hotspots per chromosome for the proposed method and Q method.

Graphical outputs for visualizing the summarized results includes the expected QTL frequency of scan steps, and the composition of QTLs for different traits in the detected hotspots.

### Note

This program may generate a large amount of graphical output. To manage this, it's recommended to save the results in a PDF file using the "save.pdf" argument.

### References

Wu, P.-Y., M.-H. Yang, and C.-H. KAO 2021 A Statistical Framework for QTL Hotspot Detection. G3: Genes, Genomes, Genetics: jkab056. <doi: 10.1093/g3journal/jkab056>

### Examples

```
# load the example data
load(system.file("extdata", "QHOTexample.RDATA", package = "QTLEMM"))

# run and result
result <- Qhot(QTL.example, crop.example, 5, 20, 100, save.pdf = FALSE)
```

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