

# Package ‘mapLD’

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**Description** mapLD measures linkage disequilibrium and constructs  
haplotype blocks using the method described in Gabriel et al (2002) and Wall & Prichard (2003).

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mapLD

*Construct Haplotype Blocks*


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### Description

mapLD calculates confidence intervals for Lewontin's  $D'$  (1964) and constructs haplotype blocks using the approach described by Gabriel, et al (2002).

### Usage

```
mapLD(SNPdata, locusID.col, subjectID.col, allele.cols, WhichGene = NA, outgraph = NA)
```

### Arguments

SNPdata	Data frame containing SNP data. At least 4 fields are required, see arguments locusID.col, subjectID.col and allele.cols for details.
locusID.col	Column name or index for a marker ID.
subjectID.col	Column name or index for a sample ID.
allele.cols	A vector of 2 for the column names or indices for the values of two alleles.
WhichGene	Gene name. Default is NA.
outgraph	Name of an EPS file to which the heatmap of LD is printed. If not specified, the heatmap is printed to a file called LDmap.eps under the working directory where the current R session is running.

### Details

EM algorithm is not used for estimating two-locus haplotype frequencies. Instead, A faster one-dimensional golden section search combined with parabolic interpolation is applied to finding the MLE for two-locus haplotype frequencies (Weir BS (1996)). In addition, a recursive function is defined to compute the haplotype blocks according to Gabriel et al's (2002) definition later on modified by Wall and Pritchard (2003).

### Value

A list of the following components:

LDinfo	A dataframe containing information about the point estimate and the corresponding 90% coverage confidence interval for the pair-wise $D'$ , as well as the four 2-locus haplotype frequencies.
LDblock	A dataframe containing the head and tail SNPs for each of the haplotype blocks.
LocusIndex	A numeric index for each of the SNP markers under investigation.

In addition, an pair-wise LD heatmap with haplotype block boundaries labelled is printed to a postscript file. See argument outgraph for details.

**Warning**

If the value of sample ID is an integer exceeding the precision setup in R for integers, then merging two loci marker data by sample ID is error-prone. Such a problem could be avoided by specifying option `colClasses = 'character'` when data are read using function `read.table`.

**Note**

A LD map is most meaningful when the markers are ordered by physical locations on the chromosome. It is therefore recommended markers be sorted before data are passed into the `mapLD` function.

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**References**

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**Examples**

```
data(SNPdata)
getLD <- mapLD(SNPdata = SNPdata,
  locusID.col = 'markerID',
  subjectID.col = 'subjectID',
  allele.cols = 1:2,
  WhichGene = NA,
  outgraph = NA)
```

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SNPdata

*An Example of Genotyping Data*

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**Description**

The example SNP data are a subset of real SNP data. Due to the concerns on confidentiality, Real subject IDs and marker IDs are replaced with their corresponding indices.

**Usage**

```
data(SNPdata)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 100 observations and 13 SNP markers on the following 5 variables:

**Allele1:** Allele variant 1

**Allele2:** Allele variant 2

**subjectID:** Sample ID

**markerID:** SNP Marker ID

**position:** Relative position of the SNP marker in the chromosome

**Examples**

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data(SNPdata)
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