

# Package ‘markerSearchPower’

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markerSearchPower-package

*Package of power calculation for marker detection strategies*

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**Details**

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This package requires three other R packages: mvtnorm, adapt, corpcor.

Installation from local files: For windows: Download the .zip file into your local hard drive. Open Rgui (R graphical interface), go to menu "Packages or install packages from local (zip) files ...", then select the provided zip file. Go to menu "Packages or load package..." to load the package into R for use. For Linux or Unix: Download the .tar.gz file into your local hard drive. Install the R package from the source file using the following commands: first go to the directory where the downloaded file is stored and then use "R CMD INSTALL <filename>.tar.gz". For more options please see R help on "INSTALL".

Very easy to use. Only one external function. Choose proper parameters and methods for function markerSearchPower, which returns a power value.

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**References**

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**Examples**

```
markerSearchPower (mainEff1=0.1, mainEff2=0.1, epistasisEff=2.4, noiseSD=sqrt(3), alleleFreq
```

```
alleleFreq2=0.7, strategy = "marginal", powerDef = "both", DetectionN=10,
obsN=1000, markerN=300000);
```

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markerSearchPower *Function of power calculation*

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## Description

Analytically calculate statistical power for three model selection methods in genome-wide association studies: marginal selection, exhaustive search, and forward selection. Power definitions are (A) the probability of identifying exactly the true model (in marginal selection, it is the probability of detecting both true markers); and (b) the probability of detecting at least one of the true markers.

## Usage

```
markerSearchPower(mainEff1, mainEff2, epistasisEff, noiseSD, alleleFreq1, alleleFreq2,
alleleFreq3 = 0.5, DetectionN, obsN, markerN,
strategy = c("marginal", "exhaustive", "forward"),
powerDef = c("both", "either"), samplePointN = 20000,
decompMethod = c("svd", "chol", "eigen"))
```

## Arguments

mainEff1	The main effect of associated marker 1. It is represented by b1 in the true genetic model. See Details below.
mainEff2	The main effect of associated marker 2. It is represented by b2 in the true genetic model. See Details below.
epistasisEff	The epistatic effect (interaction) between markers 1 and 2. It is represented by b3 in the true genetic model.
noiseSD	The standard deviation of noise term.
alleleFreq1	The frequency of the effective allele at marker 1.
alleleFreq2	The frequency of the effective allele at marker 2.
alleleFreq3	Allele frequency of other non-associated markers. This value has little effect on power calculation.
DetectionN	The number of top models selected. For power of detecting both associated markers in marginal selection, DetectionN >= 2.
obsN	Sample size.
markerN	Number of markers genotyped.
strategy	The strategy of marker searching: "marginal", "exhaustive", or "forward". Default is "marginal".
powerDef	Definition of power. Either "all" indicates the probability of identifying exactly the true model (in marginal selection, it is the probability of detecting both true markers); or "either" indicates the probability of detecting at least one of the true markers.

samplePointN Number of random points for Monte Carlo integration. Default is 20,000.

decompMethod Matrix decomposition used to determine the matrix root of sigma, possible methods are singular value decomposition ("svd", default), eigenvalue decomposition ("eigen"), and Cholesky decomposition ("chol"). This argument is only useful for forward selection identifying either true SNP.

## Details

The power calculation is based on a hypothetical true underlying genetic model of a two biallelic marker system for a quantitative trait:  $y = b_0 + b_1 * X_1 + b_2 * X_2 + b_3 * X_1 * X_2 + \text{noise}$ . Noise has normal distribution with mean zero and standard deviation `noiseSD`.  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are the genotypes of markers 1 and 2, respectively. Genotype values are based on the assumption of additive allelic effect: it is equal to the number of copies of the effective allele. For the main covariates, the signs of coefficients  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  illustrate the direction of effective alleles of markers 1 and 2. The coefficient  $b_3$  for the interaction term represents the direction and magnitude of epistasis. The power calculation for binary trait is under development.

## Value

The power of a given marker search strategy under a given definition either (A) or (B).

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## References

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## Examples

```
markerSearchPower (mainEff1=0.1, mainEff2=0.1, epistasisEff=2.4, noiseSD=sqrt(3),
  alleleFreq1=0.7, alleleFreq2=0.7, DetectionN=2, obsN=100, markerN=300);
markerSearchPower (mainEff1=0.1, mainEff2=0.1, epistasisEff=2.4, noiseSD=sqrt(3),
  alleleFreq1=0.7, alleleFreq2=0.7, DetectionN=1, obsN=100, markerN=300,
  powerDef = "either");
markerSearchPower (mainEff1=0.1, mainEff2=0.1, epistasisEff=1.4, noiseSD=sqrt(3),
  alleleFreq1=0.7, alleleFreq2=0.7, DetectionN=1, obsN=100, markerN=300,
  strategy = "exhaustive", powerDef = "either");
markerSearchPower (mainEff1=0.1, mainEff2=0.1, epistasisEff=1.4, noiseSD=sqrt(3),
  alleleFreq1=0.7, alleleFreq2=0.7, DetectionN=1, obsN=100, markerN=300,
  strategy = "exhaustive", powerDef = "both");
markerSearchPower (mainEff1=0.1, mainEff2=0.1, epistasisEff=1.4, noiseSD=sqrt(3),
  alleleFreq1=0.7, alleleFreq2=0.7, DetectionN=5, obsN=100, markerN=300,
  strategy = "forward", powerDef = "both");
markerSearchPower (mainEff1=0.1, mainEff2=0.1, epistasisEff=1.4, noiseSD=sqrt(3),
  alleleFreq1=0.7, alleleFreq2=0.7, DetectionN=5, obsN=100, markerN=300,
  strategy = "forward", powerDef = "either");
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