Package ‘AlphaPart’

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Description A software that implements a method for partitioning genetic trends to quantify the sources of genetic gain in breeding programmes. The partitioning method is described in Garcia-Cortes et al. (2008) <doi:10.1017/S175173110800205X>. The package includes the main function AlphaPart for partitioning breeding values and auxiliary functions for manipulating data and summarizing, visualizing, and saving results.

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Description

A function to partition breeding values by a path variable. The partition method is described in García-Cortés et al., 2008: Partition of the genetic trend to validate multiple selection decisions. Animal: an international journal of animal bioscience. DOI: doi: 10.1017/S175173110800205X

Usage

AlphaPart(x, pathNA, recode, unknown, sort, verbose, profile, printProfile, pedType, colId, colFid, colMid, colPath, colBV, colBy, center, scaleEBV)

Arguments

x data.frame, with (at least) the following columns: individual, father, and mother identification, and year of birth; see arguments colId, colFid, colMid, colPath, and colBV; see also details about the validity of pedigree.

pathNA Logical, set dummy path (to "XXX") where path information is unknown (missing).

recode Logical, internally recode individual, father and, mother identification to 1:n codes, while missing parents are defined with 0; this option must be used if identifications in x are not already given as 1:n codes, see also argument sort.
unknown
Value(s) used for representing unknown (missing) parent in x; this options has an effect only when recode=FALSE as it is only needed in that situation.

sort
Logical, initially sort x using orderPed() so that children follow parents in order to make imputation as optimal as possible (imputation is performed within a loop from the first to the last unknown birth year); at the end original order is restored.

verbose
Numeric, print additional information: 0 - print nothing, 1 - print some summaries about the data.

profile
Logical, collect timings and size of objects.

printProfile
Character, print profile info on the fly ("fly") or at the end ("end").

pedType
Character, pedigree type: the most common form is "IPP" for Individual, Parent 1 (say father), and Parent 2 (say mother) data; the second form is "IPG" for Individual, Parent 1 (say father), and one of Grandparents of Parent 2 (say maternal grandfather).

colId
Numeric or character, position or name of a column holding individual identification.

colFid
Numeric or character, position or name of a column holding father identification.

colMid
Numeric or character, position or name of a column holding mother identification or maternal grandparent identification if pedType="IPG".

colPath
Numeric or character, position or name of a column holding path information.

colBV
Numeric or character, position(s) or name(s) of column(s) holding breeding Values.

colBy
Numeric or character, position or name of a column holding group information (see details).

center
Logical, if center=TRUE detect a shift in base population mean and attributes it as parent average effect rather than Mendelian sampling effect, otherwise, if center=FALSE, the base population values are only accounted as Mendelian sampling effect. Default is center = TRUE.

scaleEBV
a list with two arguments defining whether is appropriate to center and/or scale the colBV columns in respect to the base population. The list may contain the following components:

• center: a logical value
• scale: a logical value. If center = TRUE and scale = TRUE then the base population is set to has zero mean and unit variance.

Details

Pedigree in x must be valid in a sense that there are:

• no directed loops (the simplest example is that the individual identification is equal to the identification of a father or mother)
• no bisexuality, e.g., fathers most not appear as mothers
father and/or mother can be unknown (missing) - defined with any "code" that is different from existing identifications

Unknown (missing) values for breeding values are propagated down the pedigree to provide all available values from genetic evaluation. Another option is to cut pedigree links - set parents to unknown and remove them from pedigree prior to using this function - see pedSetBase function. Warning is issued in the case of unknown (missing) values.

In animal breeding/genetics literature the model with the underlying pedigree type "IPP" is often called animal model, while the model for pedigree type "IPG" is often called sire - maternal grandsire model. With a combination of colFid and colMid mother - paternal grandsire model can be accommodated as well.

Argument colBy can be used to directly perform a summary analysis by group. i.e., summary(AlphaPart(...),by="group")

See summary.AlphaPart for more. This can save some CPU time by skipping intermediate steps.

However, only means can be obtained, while summary method gives more flexibility.

Value

An object of class AlphaPart, which can be used in further analyses - there is a handy summary method (summary.AlphaPart works on objects of AlphaPart class) and a plot method for its output (plot.summaryAlphaPart works on objects of summaryAlphaPart class). Class AlphaPart is a list. The first length(colBV) components (one for each trait and named with trait label, say trt) are data frames. Each data.frame contains:

- x columns from initial data x
- trt_pa parent average
- trt_w Mendelian sampling term
- trt_path1, trt_path2, ... breeding value partitions

The last component of returned object is also a list named info with the following components holding meta information about the analysis:

- path column name holding path information
- nP number of paths
- lP path labels
- nT number of traits
- lT trait labels
- warn potential warning messages associated with this object

If colBy!=NULL the resulting object is of a class summaryAlphaPart, see summary.AlphaPart for details.

If profile=TRUE, profiling info is printed on screen to spot any computational bottlenecks.

References

See Also

`summary.AlphaPart` for summary method that works on output of `AlphaPart`, `pedSetBase` for setting base population, `pedFixBirthYear` for imputing unknown (missing) birth years, `orderPed` in `pedigree` package for sorting pedigree

Examples

```r
## Small pedigree with additive genetic (=breeding) values
ped <- data.frame(
id = c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6),
fid = c(0, 0, 2, 0, 4, 0),
mid = c(0, 0, 1, 0, 3, 3),
gen = c(1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3),
trt1 = c(100, 120, 115, 130, 125, 125),
trt2 = c(100, 110, 105, 100, 85, 110))

## Partition additive genetic values
tmp <- AlphaPart(x = ped, colBV = c("trt1", "trt2"))
print(tmp)

## Summarize by generation (genetic mean)
summary(tmp, by = "gen")

## Summarize by generation (genetic variance)
summary(tmp, by = "gen", FUN = var)

## There are also two demos
demo(topic = "AlphaPart_deterministic", package = "AlphaPart", ask = interactive())
demo(topic = "AlphaPart_stochastic", package = "AlphaPart", ask = interactive())
```

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**AlphaPart.ped**

Sample pedigree for partition.

**Description**

A dataset containing pedigree information and breeding values for six individuals.

**Usage**

AlphaPart.ped
Format
A data frame with 6 rows and 8 variables:

- **IId** individual’s ID
- **FId** Father’s ID
- **MId** Mother’s ID
- **gen** Generation
- **country** Country
- **gender** Individual’s sex
- **bv1** Breeding value for trait 1
- **bv2** Breeding value for trait 1

Source
Simulation.

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**AlphaPartSubset**  **AlphaPartSubset.R**

Description
A function to choose the partition paths to keep.

Usage
AlphaPartSubset(x, paths = NULL)

Arguments
- **x** AlphaPart or summaryAlphaPart, object from the AlphaPart(...) or summary(AlphaPart(...), ...) call.
- **paths** Character, names of paths to be kept.

Details
Displaying results of partitions for many paths is often confusing. This function helps in selecting only paths of interest. Unspecified paths are removed from the input object x. Meta information is modified accordingly. Default setting does nothing.

Value
An object of class AlphaPart or summaryAlphaPart with only some paths. Meta information in slot "info" is modified as well.
See Also

AlphaPart for the main method, summary.AlphaPart for summary method that works on output of AlphaPart, AlphaPartSum for sum method.

Examples

```r
## Small pedigree with additive genetic (=breeding) values
ped <- data.frame(
id=c( 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6),
fid=c( 0, 0, 2, 0, 4, 0),
mid=c( 0, 0, 1, 0, 3, 3),
gen=c( 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3),
trt1=c(100, 120, 115, 130, 125, 125),
trt2=c(100, 110, 105, 100, 85, 110))

## Partition additive genetic values
(tmp <- AlphaPart(x=ped, colBV=c("trt1", "trt2")))

## Keep some partitions (working on object of class AlphaPart)
(tmp2 <- AlphaPartSubset(x=tmp, paths="A"))

## Summarize by generation
(tmpS <- summary(tmp, by="gen"))

## Keep some partitions (working on object of class summaryAlphaPart)
(tmpS2 <- AlphaPartSubset(x=tmpS, paths="A"))

## ... must be equal to
(tmpS3 <- summary(tmp2, by="gen"))
```

Description

A function to sum partitions of several paths.

Usage

```r
AlphaPartSum(
x, map = NULL, remove = TRUE, zeroPath = TRUE, call = "AlphaPartSum"
)
```
Arguments

x summaryAlphaPart, object from the AlphaPart(...) or summary(AlphaPart(...), ...) call.

map List, a map of summing paths; see details and examples.

remove Logical, remove original paths or not.

zeroPath Logical, set called path to zero if it does not exist.

call character, for internal use with AlphaPartSubset).

Details

Sometimes partitions of particular paths are very small or we want to sum paths that have some similarity. These actions are easy to achieve manually but this function provides a way to do this consistently with the given object x.

Arguments map must be a list of vectors of length at least two. Vectors of length one are skipped. The idea is that the first element is the new or existing path into which we add up all the remaining specified paths, say list(c("A", "B"), c("X", "X", "Y"), c("Z", "X")) would imply A = B, X = X + Y, and Z = X = X + Y. Note that once X is changed its changed value is used in further calculations. Specify different (new) names for new targets if you want to avoid this.

Be careful with remove=TRUE, which is the default setting, as all partitions defined after the first (target/new) partition in vector in list will be removed, for example with list(c("A", "B"), c("X", "X", "Y"), c("Z", "X")) partitions B and Y will be removed, while X will not be removed as it is defined as a target/new partition.

Value

An object of class AlphaPart or summaryAlphaPart with modified partitions. Meta information in slot "info" is modified as well.

See Also

AlphaPart for the main method, summary.AlphaPart for summary method that works on output of AlphaPart, AlphaPartSubset for subset/keep method

Examples

## Small pedigree with additive genetic (=breeding) values
ped <- data.frame( id=c( 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6),
                   fid=c( 0, 0, 2, 0, 4, 0),
                   mid=c( 0, 0, 1, 0, 3, 3),
                   gen=c( 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3),
                   trt1=c(100, 120, 115, 130, 125, 125),
                   trt2=c(100, 110, 105, 140, 85, 110))

## Partition additive genetic values
(tmp <- AlphaPart(x=ped, colBV=c("trt1", "trt2")))

## Sum some partitions (working on object of class AlphaPart)
pedFixBirthYear

```r
(tmp2 <- AlphaPartSum(x=tmp, map=list(c("X", "A", "B"), c("A", "B"))))

## Summarize by generation
(tmpS <- summary(tmp, by="gen"))

## Sum some partitions (working on object of class summaryAlphaPart)
(tmpS2 <- AlphaPartSum(x=tmpS, map=list(c("X", "A", "B"), c("A", "B"))))

## ... must be equal to
(tmpS3 <- summary(tmp2, by="gen"))
```

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### Description

A function to fix (impute) missing birth years in pedigree.

### Usage

```r
pedFixBirthYear(x, interval, down = FALSE, na.rm = TRUE, sort = TRUE, direct = TRUE, report = TRUE, colId = 1, colFid = 2, colMid = 3, colBY = 4)
```

### Arguments

- **x**: data.frame, with (at least) the following columns: individual, father, and mother identification, and year of birth; see arguments colId, colFid, colMid, and colBY
- **interval**: Numeric, a value for generation interval in years.
- **down**: Logical, the default is to impute birth years based on the birth year of children starting from the youngest to the oldest individuals, while with down=TRUE birth year is imputed based on the birth year of parents in the opposite order.
- **na.rm**: Logical, remove NA values when searching for the minimal (maximal) year of birth in children (parents); setting this to FALSE can lead to decreased success of imputation

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pedFixBirthYear    pedFixBirthYear.R
sort
Logical, initially sort x using orderPed() so that children follow parents in order to make imputation as optimal as possible (imputation is performed within a loop from the first to the last unknown birth year); at the end original order is restored.

direct
Logical, insert inferred birth years immediately so they can be used for successive individuals within the loop.

report
Logical, report success.

colId
Numeric or character, position or name of a column holding individual identification.

colFid
Numeric or character, position or name of a column holding father identification.

colMid
Numeric or character, position or name of a column holding mother identification.

colBY
Numeric or character, position or name of a column holding birth year.

Details
Warnings are issued when there is no information to use to impute birth years or missing values (NA) are propagated.
Arguments down and na.rm allow for repeated use of this function, i.e., with down=FALSE and with down=TRUE (both in combination with na.rm=TRUE) in order to propagate information over the pedigree until "convergence".
This function can be very slow on large pedigrees with extensive missingness of birth years.

Value
Object x with imputed birth years based on the birth year of children or parents. If report=TRUE success is printed on the screen as the number of initially, fixed, and left unknown birth years is printed.

See Also
orderPed in pedigree package

Examples
## Example pedigree with missing (unknown) birth year for some individuals
ped0 <- data.frame(id=c( 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14),
                   fid=c( 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 3, 3, 3, 5, 4, 0, 0, 12),
                   mid=c( 0, 0, 2, 0, 2, 2, 2, 5, 0, 0, 0, 13),
                   birth_dt=c(NA, 0, 1, NA, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, NA, 6, 6) + 2000)

## First run - using information from children
ped1 <- pedFixBirthYear(x=ped0, interval=1)

## Second run - using information from parents
ped2 <- pedFixBirthYear(x=ped1, interval=1, down=TRUE)

## Third run - using information from children, but with no success
ped3 <- pedFixBirthYear(x=ped2, interval=1)
**Description**

A function to set the base population in the pedigree.

**Usage**

```r
pedSetBase(
  x,
  keep = NULL,
  unknown = NA,
  report = TRUE,
  colId = 1,
  colFid = 2,
  colMid = 3
)
```

**Arguments**

- `x` : data.frame, with (at least) the following columns: individual, father, and mother identification, and year of birth; see arguments `colId`, `colFid`, `colMid`, and `colBY`
- `keep` : Logical, indicator that defines which individuals should stay in the pedigree; see details.
- `unknown` : Value used to represent unknown/missing identification
- `report` : Logical, report success.
- `colId` : Numeric or character, position or name of a column holding individual identification.
- `colFid` : Numeric or character, position or name of a column holding father identification.
- `colMid` : Numeric or character, position or name of a column holding mother identification.

**Details**

Base population in the pedigree is set by removing rows for some individuals, while their presence as parents is also removed.

Arguments `down` and `na.rm` allow for repeated use of this function, i.e., with `down=FALSE` and with `down=TRUE` (both in combination with `na.rm=TRUE`) in order to propagate information over the pedigree until "convergence".

This function can be very slow on large pedigrees with extensive missingness of birth years.
plot.summaryAlphaPart

Value

Object x with removed rows for some individuals and their presence as parents. If report=TRUE progress is printed on the screen.

See Also

orderPed in pedigree package

Examples

## Example pedigree
ped <- data.frame(id=1:10,
    fid=c(0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 3, 3, 3, 5),
    mid=c(0, 0, 0, 2, 0, 2, 2, 2, 5, 0),
    birth_dt=c(0, 0, 1, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5) + 2000)

## Set base population as those individuals that were born after year 2002
pedSetBase(x=ped, keep=ped$birth_dt > 2002, unknown=0)

plot.summaryAlphaPart  A function to plot summary of partitioned breeding values.

Description

A function to plot summary of partitioned breeding values.

Usage

## S3 method for class 'summaryAlphaPart'
plot(x, by, sortValue, sortValueFUN, sortValueDec, addSum, paths, xlab, ylab, xlim, ylim, color, lineSize, lineType, lineTypeList, useDirectLabels, method, labelPath, ...)

Arguments

x  summaryAlphaPart, object from the AlphaPart(...) or summary(AlphaPart(...), ...) call.
by  Character, the name of a column by which summary function FUN should be applied; if NULL (default) summary is given for the whole table.
sortValueLogical, affect legend attributes via sort of paths according to sortValueFUN function; if not logical, then ordered paths are given as a character vector.
sortValueFUN Function, that produces single value for one vector, say mean or sum.
sortValueDecLogical, sort decreasing.
addSum  Logical, plot the overall trend.
paths Character or list of characters, name of paths to plot; if NULL plot all paths; see examples.
xlab Character, x-axis label.
ylab Character, y-axis label; can be a vector of several labels if there are more traits in x (recycled!).
xlim Numeric, a vector of two values with x-axis limits; use a list of vectors for more traits.
ylim Numeric, a vector of two values with y-axis limits; use a list of vectors for more traits.
color Character, color names; by default a set of 54 colors is predefined from the RColorBrewer package; in addition a black colour is attached at the beginning for the overall trend; if there are more paths than colors then recycling occurs.
lineSize Numeric, line width.
lineType Numeric, line type (recycled); can be used only if lineTypeList=NULL.
lineTypeList List, named list of numeric values that help to point out a set of paths (distinguished by color), e.g., lineTypeList=list("-1"=1, "-2"=2, def=1) will lead to use of line 2 for paths having ",-2" at the end of path name, while line type 1 (default) will be used for other paths; specification of this argument also causes recycling of colors for the upper level of paths; if NULL all lines have a standard line type, otherwise lineType does not have any effect.
useDirectLabels Logical, use directlabels package for legend.
method List, method for direct.label.
labelPath Character, legend title; used only if useDirectLabels=FALSE.
... Arguments passed to other functions (not used at the moment).

Details

Information in summaries of partitions of breeding values can be overwhelming due to a large volume of numbers. Plot method can be used to visualise this data in an eye pleasing way using ggplot2 graphics.

Value

A list of ggplot objects that can be further modified or displayed. For each trait in x there is one plot visualising summarized values.

Examples

```r
## Partition additive genetic values by country
(res <- AlphaPart(x=AlphaPart.ped, colPath="country", colBV=c("bv1", "bv2")))

## Summarize population by generation (=trend)
```
\begin{verbatim}
(ret <- summary(res, by="gen"))

## Plot the partitions
p <- plot(ret, ylab=c("bv for trait 1", "bv for trait 2"), xlab="Generation")
print(p[[1]]$abs)
print(p[[2]]$abs)
print(p)

## Partition additive genetic values by country and sex
AlphaPart.ped$country.gender <- with(AlphaPart.ped, paste(country, gender, sep="-"))
(res <- AlphaPart(x=AlphaPart.ped, colPath="country.gender", colBV=c("bv1", "bv2")))

## Summarize population by generation (=trend)
(ret <- summary(res, by="gen"))

## Plot the partitions
p <- plot(ret, ylab=c("BV for trait 1", "BV for trait 2"), xlab="Generation")
print(p)

p <- plot(ret, ylab=c("BV for trait 1", "BV for trait 2"), xlab="Generation",
lineTypeList=list("-1"=1, "-2"=2, def=3))
print(p)

p <- plot(ret, ylab=c("BV for trait 1", "BV for trait 2"), xlab="Generation",
lineTypeList=list("-1"=1, "-2"=2, def=3), useGgplot2=FALSE, useDirectLabels = FALSE)
print(p)

## Plot control (color and type of lines + limits)
p <- plot(ret, ylab=c("BV for trait 1", "BV for trait 2"), xlab="Generation",
useGgplot2=TRUE, color=c("green", "gray"), lineType=c(2, 3),
sortValue=FALSE, lineSize=4,
xlim=c(-1, 7))
print(p)
\end{verbatim}

\textbf{print.AlphaPart} \quad \textit{Print method for the output of \texttt{AlphaPart} function.}

\textbf{Description}

Partitioning of breeding values if often performed on quite large datasets, which quickly fills in the whole screen. Print method therefore prints out paths, number of individuals and the first and the last few lines for each trait to quickly see what kind of data is in \emph{x}.

\textbf{Usage}

\begin{verbatim}
## S3 method for class 'AlphaPart'
print(x, n, ...)
\end{verbatim}
Arguments

- **x**: AlphaPart, output object from `AlphaPart` function.
- **n**: Integer, number of the first and last rows in `x` to print out using `head` and `tail`.
- **...**: Arguments passed to `print` function.

See Also

`AlphaPart`, `head`, `tail`.

Examples

```r
## Small pedigree with additive genetic (=breeding) values
ped <- data.frame(id=c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6),
                  fid=c(0, 0, 2, 0, 4, 0),
                  mid=c(0, 0, 1, 0, 3, 3),
                  gen=c(1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3),
                  trt1=c(100, 120, 115, 130, 125, 125),
                  trt2=c(100, 110, 105, 100, 85, 110))

## Partition additive genetic values
tmp <- AlphaPart(x=ped, colBV=c("trt1", "trt2"))
print(tmp)

## Summarize by generation (genetic mean)
summary(tmp, by="gen")

## Summarize by generation (genetic variance)
summary(tmp, by="gen", FUN = var)

## There are also two demos
demo(topic="AlphaPart_deterministic", package="AlphaPart",
     ask=interactive())
demo(topic="AlphaPart_stochastic", package="AlphaPart",
     ask=interactive())
```

**Description**

Plot output object from `plot.summaryAlphaPart`.
print.summaryAlphaPart

Usage

## S3 method for class 'plotSummaryAlphaPart'
print(x, ask, ...)

Arguments

x              plotSummaryAlphaPart, output object from plot.summaryAlphaPart function
ask            Logical, ask before printing another plot?
...            Arguments passed to other functions (not used at the moment).

See Also

plot.summaryAlphaPart

Examples

## Partition additive genetic values
(res <- AlphaPart(x=AlphaPart.ped, colPath="country", colBV=c("bv1", "bv2")))

## Summarize population by generation (=trend)
(ret <- summary(res, by="gen"))

## Plot the partitions
p <- plot(ret, ylab=c("BV for trait 1", "BV for trait 2"), xlab="Generation")
print(p[[1]])
print(p[[2]])
# print(p)

print.summaryAlphaPart

Print method for objects of the class summaryAlphaPart.

Description

Print method for objects of the class summaryAlphaPart (result of summary(AlphaPart(...))).

Usage

## S3 method for class 'summaryAlphaPart'
print(x, ...)

Arguments

x              summaryAlphaPart, output object from summary.AlphaPart function.
...            Arguments passed to other functions (not used at the moment).
See Also

summary.AlphaPart

Examples

```r
## --- Partition additive genetic values by loc ---
res <- AlphaPart(x=AlphaPart.ped, colPath="country", colBV=c("bv1", "bv2"))

## Summarize whole population
ret <- summary(res)

## Summarize population by generation (=trend)
ret <- summary(res, by="gen")

## Summarize population by generation (=trend) but only for domestic location
ret <- summary(res, by="gen", subset=res[1]$country == "domestic")

## --- Partition additive genetic values by loc and gender ---
AlphaPart.ped$country.gender <- with(AlphaPart.ped, paste(country, gender, sep="-"))
res <- AlphaPart(x=AlphaPart.ped, colPath="country.gender", colBV=c("bv1", "bv2"))

## Summarize population by generation (=trend)
ret <- summary(res, by="gen")

## Summarize population by generation (=trend) but only for domestic location
ret <- summary(res, by="gen", subset=res[[1]]$country == "domestic")
```

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### savePlot

Save plot method for AlphaPart

**Description**

Save plot method for AlphaPart

**Usage**

`savePlot(...)`

**Arguments**

`...`

Arguments passed to type specific methods, say width and height for type="pdf" etc.

**Value**

Beside the side effect of saving plots to disk, filenames are printed on screen during the process and at the end invisibly returned.
savePlot.plotSummaryAlphaPart

Save plot objects on the disk for permanent storage. Function `savePlot` from the `grDevices` package works for current page on graphical device. This is an attempt to make this function generic so that one can define `savePlot` methods for particular needs.

Description
Save plot objects of class `plotSummaryAlphaPart` on the disk for permanent storage.

Usage
```r
## S3 method for class 'plotSummaryAlphaPart'
savePlot(x, filename, type,
    device, pre.hook, traitsAsDir, ...)

## Default S3 method:
savePlot(...)
```

Arguments
- `x`: Object on which to chose `savePlot` method.
- `filename`: Character, filename to save to.
- `type`: Character, file/device type.
- `device`: Device, the device to save from.
- `pre.hook`: Function, call some code before calling print method for plots (see examples).
- `traitsAsDir`: Logical, should plots be saved within trait folders; the construction is `file.path(dirname(file), trait, basename(file))`. folders are created if they do not exist.
- `...`: Arguments passed to type specific methods, say `width` and `height` for `type="pdf"` etc.

Value
Beside the side effect of saving plots to disk, filenames are printed on screen during the process and at the end invisibly returned.

See Also
- `savePlot` help page on the default `savePlot` method in the `grDevices` package; 
- `savePlot.plotSummaryAlphaPart` help page on the method for the objects of `plotSummaryAlphaPart` class; and 
- `plot.summaryAlphaPart` for plotting results of `summaryAlphaPart` object.
## Examples

```r
## Partition additive genetic values
res <- AlphaPart(x=AlphaPart.ped, colPath="country", colBV=c("bv1", "bv2"))

## Summarize population by generation (=trend)
ret <- summary(res, by="gen")

## Plot the partitions
p <- plot(ret, ylab=c("BV for trait 1", "BV for trait 2"), xlab="Generation")

## Save the plots
tmp <- savePlot(x = p, filename="test", type="png")

## Remove the files
unlink(tmp)
```

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**summary.AlphaPart**

_A function to summarize AlphaPart object._

### Description

Breeding values of individuals are often summarized, either by year of birth or some other classification. Function `summary.AlphaPart` provides a way to ease the computation of such summaries on partitions of breeding values.

### Usage

```r
## S3 method for class 'AlphaPart'
summary(object, by, FUN, labelSum, subset, sums, cov, ...)
```

### Arguments

- **object**: AlphaPart, output object from `AlphaPart` function.
- **by**: Character, the name of a column by which summary function `FUN` should be applied; if NULL (default) summary is given for the whole table.
- **FUN**: Function, which function should be used in summary; function should return single value per each level of by.
- **labelSum**: Character, label used for the overall breeding value.
- **subset**: Logical, perform summary only on a subset of `object` subsetted by this argument.
- **sums**: Logical, link between `AlphaPart` and `summary.AlphaPart()` (only for internal use!).
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`cov` Logical, if FALSE returns n variances plus one additional column containing two times the sum of all covariances; otherwise returns n variance and n(n-1)/2 covariances in the form of 2*Cov(.,.). where n is the number of partitions. This argument only works when `FUN = var`. Default `cov = FALSE`.

... Arguments passed to other functions (not used at the moment).

**Value**

An object of class `summaryAlphaPart`, which is a list of data frames with summary statistics on breeding value partitions. For each trait there a dataframe holds summary for the "whole/original" breeding value and its partitions. In addition another list is added (named `info`) with the following components holding meta info:

- `path` column name holding path information
- `nP` number of paths
- `lP` path labels
- `nT` number of traits
- `lT` trait labels
- `by` column name of variable by which summary was performed
- `warn` potential warning messages associated with this object
- `labelSum` column name of summary for "whole/original" breeding values

There is a handy plot method (`plot.summaryAlphaPart`) for output.

**See Also**

`AlphaPart` for partitioning breeding values, `plot.summaryAlphaPart` for plotting output of summary method

**Examples**

```r
## --- Partition additive genetic values by loc ---
res <- AlphaPart(x=AlphaPart.ped, colPath="country", colBV=c("bv1", "bv2"))

## Summarize whole population
ret <- summary(res)

## Summarize population by generation (=trend)
ret <- summary(res, by="gen")

## Summarize population by generation (=trend) but only for domestic location
ret <- summary(res, by="gen", subset=res[[1]]$country == "domestic")

## --- Partition additive genetic values by loc and gender ---
AlphaPart.ped$country.gender <- with(AlphaPart.ped, paste(country, gender, sep="-"))
res <- AlphaPart(x=AlphaPart.ped, colPath="country.gender", colBV=c("bv1", "bv2"))

## Summarize population by generation (=trend)
```
ret <- summary(res, by="gen")

## Summarize population by generation (=trend) but only for domestic location
ret <- summary(res, by="gen", subset=res[[1]]$country == "domestic")

---

**write.csv**

Save summaries of partitioned breeding values to CSV files on disk for further analyses of processing with other software or just for saving (backing up) results.

**Usage**

```r
write.csv(...) 
```

## Default S3 method:
write.csv(...)

## S3 method for class 'AlphaPart'
write.csv(x, file, traitsAsDir = FALSE, csv2 = TRUE, row.names = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'summaryAlphaPart'
write.csv(x, file, traitsAsDir = FALSE, csv2 = TRUE, row.names = FALSE, ...)

**Arguments**

- `...` Other options passed to `write.csv2` or `write.csv`.
- `x` AlphaPart, object returned from `AlphaPart` function or summaryAlphaPart, object returned from `summary.AlphaPart` function.
- `file` Character, file name with or without .csv extension, e.g., both "file" and "file.csv" are valid.
- `traitsAsDir` Logical, should results be saved within trait folders; the construction is `file.path(dirname(file), trait, basename(file));` folders are created if they do not exist.
- `csv2` Logical, export using `write.csv2` or `write.csv`.
- `row.names` Logical, export row names as well?

**Details**

Function `write.csv` from the `utils` package works when exported object is a `data.frame` or a `matrix`. This is an attempt to make this function generic so that one can define `write.csv` methods for other objects.
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Value

It contains:

- write.csv - see write.csv for details.
- write.csv.AlphaPart - for each trait (list component in x) a file is saved on disk with name "AlphaPart_trait.csv", where the file will hold original data and breeding value partitions. With traitsAsDir=TRUE files are saved as "trait/file_trait.csv". File names are printed on screen during the process of export and at the end invisibly returned.
- write.csv.summaryAlphaPart - for each trait (list component in x) a file partitions named "file_trait.csv" is saved on disk. With traitsAsDir=TRUE files are saved as "trait/file_trait_*.csv". File names are printed on screen during the process of export and at the end invisibly returned.

Methods (by class)

- default: Default write.csv method.
- AlphaPart: Save partitioned breeding values to CSV files on disk for further analyses or processing with other software or just for saving (backing up) results.
- summaryAlphaPart: Save summaries of partitioned breeding values to CSV files on disk for further analyses of processing with other software or just for saving (backing up) results.

See Also

write.csv help page on the default write.csv and write.csv2 methods in the utils package; summary.AlphaPart and AlphaPart help pages on the objects of summaryAlphaPart and AlphaPart classes.

Examples

```r
## Partition additive genetic values
res <- AlphaPart(x=AlphaPart.ped, colPath="country", colBV=c("bv1", "bv2"))

## Write summary on the disk and collect saved file names
fileName <- file.path(tempdir(), "AlphaPart")
ret <- write.csv(x=res, file=fileName)
print(ret)
file.show(ret[1])

## Clean up
files <- dir(path=tempdir(), pattern="AlphaPart*")
unlink(x=files)
```
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