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construct_covmat	<i>Constructing a covariance matrix for a variable number of phenotypes</i>
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## Description

construct\_covmat returns the covariance matrix for an underlying target individual and a variable number of its family members for a variable number of phenotypes. It is a wrapper around [construct\\_covmat\\_single](#) and [construct\\_covmat\\_multi](#).

**Usage**

```
construct_covmat(
  fam_vec = c("m", "f", "s1", "mgm", "mgf", "pgm", "pgf"),
  n_fam = NULL,
  add_ind = TRUE,
  h2 = 0.5,
  genetic_corrmat = NULL,
  full_corrmat = NULL,
  phen_names = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

fam_vec	<p>A vector of strings holding the different family members. All family members must be represented by strings from the following list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• m (Mother)</li> <li>• f (Father)</li> <li>• c[0-9]*.[0-9]* (Children)</li> <li>• mgm (Maternal grandmother)</li> <li>• mgf (Maternal grandfather)</li> <li>• pgm (Paternal grandmother)</li> <li>• pgf (Paternal grandfather)</li> <li>• s[0-9]* (Full siblings)</li> <li>• mhs[0-9]* (Half-siblings - maternal side)</li> <li>• phs[0-9]* (Half-siblings - paternal side)</li> <li>• mau[0-9]* (Aunts/Uncles - maternal side)</li> <li>• pau[0-9]* (Aunts/Uncles - paternal side). Defaults to c("m","f","s1","mgm","mgf","pgm","pgf").</li> </ul>
n_fam	<p>A named vector holding the desired number of family members. See <a href="#">setName</a>. All names must be picked from the list mentioned above. Defaults to NULL.</p>
add_ind	<p>A logical scalar indicating whether the genetic component of the full liability as well as the full liability for the underlying individual should be included in the covariance matrix. Defaults to TRUE.</p>
h2	<p>Either a number representing the heritability on liability scale for one single phenotype or a numeric vector representing the liability-scale heritabilities for a positive number of phenotypes. All entries in h2 must be non-negative and at most 1.</p>
genetic_corrmat	<p>Either NULL or a numeric matrix holding the genetic correlations between the desired phenotypes. All diagonal entries must be equal to one, while all off-diagonal entries must be between -1 and 1. In addition, the matrix must be symmetric. Defaults to NULL.</p>
full_corrmat	<p>Either NULL or a numeric matrix holding the full correlations between the desired phenotypes. All diagonal entries must be equal to one, while all off-diagonal entries must be between -1 and 1. In addition, the matrix must be symmetric. Defaults to NULL.</p>

phen\_names Either NULL or a character vector holding the phenotype names. These names will be used to create the row and column names for the covariance matrix. If it is not specified, the names will default to phenotype1, phenotype2, etc. Defaults to NULL.

### Details

This function can be used to construct a covariance matrix for a given number of family members. If  $h^2$  is a number, each entry in this covariance matrix equals the percentage of shared DNA between the corresponding individuals times the liability-scale heritability

$$h^2$$

. However, if  $h^2$  is a numeric vector, and `genetic_corrmat` and `full_corrmat` are two symmetric correlation matrices, each entry equals either the percentage of shared DNA between the corresponding individuals times the liability-scale heritability

$$h^2$$

or the percentage of shared DNA between the corresponding individuals times the correlation between the corresponding phenotypes. The family members can be specified using one of two possible formats.

### Value

If either `fam_vec` or `n_fam` is used as the argument, if it is of the required format, if `add_ind` is a logical scalar and  $h^2$  is a number satisfying

$$0 \leq h^2 \leq 1$$

, then the function `construct_covmat` will return a named covariance matrix, which row- and column-number corresponds to the length of `fam_vec` or `n_fam` (+ 2 if `add_ind=TRUE`). However, if  $h^2$  is a numeric vector satisfying

$$0 \leq h^2_i \leq 1$$

for all

$$i \in \{1, \dots, n_{phenos}\}$$

and if `genetic_corrmat` and `full_corrmat` are two numeric and symmetric matrices satisfying that all diagonal entries are one and that all off-diagonal entries are between -1 and 1, then `construct_covmat` will return a named covariance matrix, which number of rows and columns corresponds to the number of phenotypes times the length of `fam_vec` or `n_fam` (+ 2 if `add_ind=TRUE`). If both `fam_vec` and `n_fam` are equal to `c()` or NULL, the function returns either a  $2 \times 2$  matrix holding only the correlation between the genetic component of the full liability and the full liability for the individual under consideration, or a

$$(2 \times n_{phenos}) \times (2 \times n_{phenos})$$

matrix holding the correlation between the genetic component of the full liability and the full liability for the underlying individual for all phenotypes. If both `fam_vec` and `n_fam` are specified, the user is asked to decide on which of the two vectors to use. Note that the returned object has different attributes, such as `fam_vec`, `n_fam`, `add_ind` and `h2`.

**See Also**

[get\\_relatedness](#), [construct\\_covmat\\_single](#), [construct\\_covmat\\_multi](#)

**Examples**

```
construct_covmat()
construct_covmat(fam_vec = c("m", "mgm", "mgf", "mhs1", "mhs2", "mau1"),
                 n_fam = NULL,
                 add_ind = TRUE,
                 h2 = 0.5)
construct_covmat(fam_vec = NULL,
                 n_fam = stats::setNames(c(1,1,1,2,2), c("m", "mgm", "mgf", "s", "mhs")),
                 add_ind = FALSE,
                 h2 = 0.3)
construct_covmat(h2 = c(0.5,0.5), genetic_corrmat = matrix(c(1,0.4,0.4,1), nrow = 2),
                 full_corrmat = matrix(c(1,0.6,0.6,1), nrow = 2))
```

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construct\_covmat\_multi

*Constructing a covariance matrix for multiple phenotypes*

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**Description**

construct\_covmat\_multi returns the covariance matrix for an underlying target individual and a variable number of its family members for multiple phenotypes.

**Usage**

```
construct_covmat_multi(
  fam_vec = c("m", "f", "s1", "mgm", "mgf", "pgm", "pgf"),
  n_fam = NULL,
  add_ind = TRUE,
  genetic_corrmat,
  full_corrmat,
  h2_vec,
  phen_names = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

fam\_vec      A vector of strings holding the different family members. All family members must be represented by strings from the following list:

- m (Mother)
- f (Father)
- c[0-9]\*.[0-9]\* (Children)
- mgm (Maternal grandmother)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mgf (Maternal grandfather)</li> <li>• pgm (Paternal grandmother)</li> <li>• pgf (Paternal grandfather)</li> <li>• s[0-9]* (Full siblings)</li> <li>• mhs[0-9]* (Half-siblings - maternal side)</li> <li>• phs[0-9]* (Half-siblings - paternal side)</li> <li>• mau[0-9]* (Aunts/Uncles - maternal side)</li> <li>• pau[0-9]* (Aunts/Uncles - paternal side). Defaults to c("m","f","s1","mgm","mgf","pgm","pgf").</li> </ul>
n_fam	A named vector holding the desired number of family members. See <a href="#">setNames</a> . All names must be picked from the list mentioned above. Defaults to NULL.
add_ind	A logical scalar indicating whether the genetic component of the full liability as well as the full liability for the underlying individual should be included in the covariance matrix. Defaults to TRUE.
genetic_corrmat	A numeric matrix holding the genetic correlations between the desired phenotypes. All diagonal entries must be equal to one, while all off-diagonal entries must be between -1 and 1. In addition, the matrix must be symmetric.
full_corrmat	A numeric matrix holding the full correlations between the desired phenotypes. All diagonal entries must be equal to one, while all off-diagonal entries must be between -1 and 1. In addition, the matrix must be symmetric.
h2_vec	A numeric vector representing the liability-scale heritabilities for all phenotypes. All entries in h2_vec must be non-negative and at most 1.
phen_names	A character vector holding the phenotype names. These names will be used to create the row and column names for the covariance matrix. If it is not specified, the names will default to phenotype1, phenotype2, etc. Defaults to NULL.

## Details

This function can be used to construct a covariance matrix for a given number of family members. Each entry in this covariance matrix equals either the percentage of shared DNA between the corresponding individuals times the liability-scale heritability  $h^2$  or the percentage of shared DNA between the corresponding individuals times the correlation between the corresponding phenotypes. That is, for the same phenotype, the covariance between all combinations of the genetic component of the full liability and the full liability is given by

$$\text{Cov}(l_g, l_g) = h^2,$$

$$\text{Cov}(l_g, l_o) = h^2,$$

$$\text{Cov}(l_o, l_g) = h^2$$

and

$$\text{Cov}(l_o, l_o) = 1.$$

For two different phenotypes, the covariance is given by

$$\text{Cov}(l_g^1, l_g^2) = \rho_g^{1,2},$$

$$\text{Cov}(l_g^1, l_o^2) = \rho_g^{1,2},$$

$$\text{Cov}(l_o^1, l_g^2) = \rho_g^{1,2}$$

and

$$\text{Cov}(l_o^1, l_o^2) = \rho_g^{1,2} + \rho_e^{1,2},$$

where  $l_g^i$  and  $l_o^i$  are the genetic component of the full liability and the full liability for phenotype  $i$ , respectively,  $\rho_g^{i,j}$  is the genetic correlation between phenotype  $i$  and  $j$  and  $\rho_e^{1,2}$  is the environmental correlation between phenotype  $i$  and  $j$ . The family members can be specified using one of two possible formats.

### Value

If either `fam_vec` or `n_fam` is used as the argument and if it is of the required format, if `genetic_corrmat` and `full_corrmat` are two numeric and symmetric matrices satisfying that all diagonal entries are one and that all off-diagonal entries are between -1 and 1, and if `h2_vec` is a numeric vector satisfying  $0 \leq h2_i \leq 1$  for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, n_{pheno}\}$ , then the output will be a named covariance matrix. The number of rows and columns corresponds to the number of phenotypes times the length of `fam_vec` or `n_fam` (+ 2 if `add_ind=TRUE`). If both `fam_vec` and `n_fam` are equal to `c()` or `NULL`, the function returns a  $(2 \times n_{pheno}) \times (2 \times n_{pheno})$  matrix holding only the correlation between the genetic component of the full liability and the full liability for the underlying individual for all phenotypes. If both `fam_vec` and `n_fam` are specified, the user is asked to decide on which of the two vectors to use. Note that the returned object has a number different attributes, namely `fam_vec`, `n_fam`, `add_ind`, `genetic_corrmat`, `full_corrmat`, `h2` and `phenotype_names`.

### See Also

[get\\_relatedness](#), [construct\\_covmat\\_single](#) and [construct\\_covmat](#).

### Examples

```
construct_covmat_multi(fam_vec = NULL,
                      genetic_corrmat = matrix(c(1, 0.5, 0.5, 1), nrow = 2),
                      full_corrmat = matrix(c(1, 0.55, 0.55, 1), nrow = 2),
                      h2_vec = c(0.37, 0.44),
                      phen_names = c("p1", "p2"))
construct_covmat_multi(fam_vec = c("m", "mgm", "mgf", "mhs1", "mhs2", "mau1"),
                      n_fam = NULL,
                      add_ind = TRUE,
                      genetic_corrmat = diag(3),
                      full_corrmat = diag(3),
                      h2_vec = c(0.8, 0.65))
construct_covmat_multi(fam_vec = NULL,
                      n_fam = stats::setNames(c(1, 1, 1, 2, 2), c("m", "mgm", "mgf", "s", "mhs")),
                      add_ind = FALSE,
                      genetic_corrmat = diag(2),
                      full_corrmat = diag(2),
                      h2_vec = c(0.75, 0.85))
```

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 construct\_covmat\_single

*Constructing a covariance matrix for a single phenotype*


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## Description

construct\_covmatc\_single returns the covariance matrix for an underlying target individual and a variable number of its family members

## Usage

```
construct_covmat_single(
  fam_vec = c("m", "f", "s1", "mgm", "mgf", "pgm", "pgf"),
  n_fam = NULL,
  add_ind = TRUE,
  h2 = 0.5
)
```

## Arguments

fam_vec	<p>A vector of strings holding the different family members. All family members must be represented by strings from the following list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• m (Mother)</li> <li>• f (Father)</li> <li>• c[0-9]*.[0-9]* (Children)</li> <li>• mgm (Maternal grandmother)</li> <li>• mgf (Maternal grandfather)</li> <li>• pgm (Paternal grandmother)</li> <li>• pgf (Paternal grandfather)</li> <li>• s[0-9]* (Full siblings)</li> <li>• mhs[0-9]* (Half-siblings - maternal side)</li> <li>• phs[0-9]* (Half-siblings - paternal side)</li> <li>• mau[0-9]* (Aunts/Uncles - maternal side)</li> <li>• pau[0-9]* (Aunts/Uncles - paternal side).</li> </ul>
n_fam	<p>A named vector holding the desired number of family members. See <a href="#">setNames</a>. All names must be picked from the list mentioned above. Defaults to NULL.</p>
add_ind	<p>A logical scalar indicating whether the genetic component of the full liability as well as the full liability for the underlying individual should be included in the covariance matrix. Defaults to TRUE.</p>
h2	<p>A number representing the squared heritability on liability scale for a single phenotype. Must be non-negative and at most 1. Defaults to 0.5.</p>



**Details**

This function can be used to construct a covariance matrix for a given number of family members. Each entry in this covariance matrix equals the percentage of shared DNA between the corresponding individuals times the liability-scale heritability  $h^2$ . The family members can be specified using one of two possible formats.

**Value**

If either `fam_vec` or `n_fam` is used as the argument, if it is of the required format and `h2` is a number satisfying  $0 \leq h2 \leq 1$ , then the output will be a named covariance matrix. The number of rows and columns corresponds to the length of `fam_vec` or `n_fam` (+ 2 if `add_ind=TRUE`). If both `fam_vec = c()/NULL` and `n_fam = c()/NULL`, the function returns a  $2 \times 2$  matrix holding only the correlation between the genetic component of the full liability and the full liability for the individual. If both `fam_vec` and `n_fam` are given, the user is asked to decide on which of the two vectors to use. Note that the returned object has different attributes, such as `fam_vec`, `n_fam`, `add_ind` and `h2`.

**See Also**

[get\\_relatedness](#), [construct\\_covmat\\_multi](#), [construct\\_covmat](#)

**Examples**

```
construct_covmat_single()
construct_covmat_single(fam_vec = c("m", "mgm", "mgf", "mhs1", "mhs2", "mau1"),
  n_fam = NULL, add_ind = TRUE, h2 = 0.5)
construct_covmat_single(fam_vec = NULL, n_fam = stats::setNames(c(1,1,1,2,2),
  c("m", "mgm", "mgf", "s", "mhs")), add_ind = FALSE, h2 = 0.3)
```

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convert\_age\_to\_cir      *Convert age to cumulative incidence rate*

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**Description**

`convert_age_to_cir` computes the cumulative incidence rate from a person's age.

**Usage**

```
convert_age_to_cir(age, pop_prev = 0.1, mid_point = 60, slope = 1/8)
```

**Arguments**

<code>age</code>	A non-negative number representing the individual's age.
<code>pop_prev</code>	A positive number representing the overall population prevalence. Must be at most 1. Defaults to 0.1.
<code>mid_point</code>	A positive number representing the mid point logistic function. Defaults to 60.
<code>slope</code>	A number holding the rate of increase. Defaults to 1/8.

**Details**

Given a person's age, `convert_age_to_cir` can be used to compute the cumulative incidence rate (cir), which is given by the formula

$$pop\_prev / (1 + \exp((mid\_point - age) * slope))$$

**Value**

If age and `mid_point` are positive numbers, if `pop_prev` is a positive number between 0 and 1 and if `slope` is a valid number, then `convert_age_to_cir` returns a number, which is equal to the cumulative incidence rate.

**Examples**

```
curve(sapply(age, convert_age_to_cir), from = 10, to = 110, xname = "age")
```

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`convert_age_to_thresh` *Convert age to threshold*

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**Description**

`convert_age_to_thresh` computes the threshold from a person's age using either the logistic function or the truncated normal distribution

**Usage**

```
convert_age_to_thresh(
  age,
  dist = "logistic",
  pop_prev = 0.1,
  mid_point = 60,
  slope = 1/8,
  min_age = 10,
  max_age = 90,
  lower = stats::qnorm(0.05, lower.tail = FALSE),
  upper = Inf
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>age</code>	A non-negative number representing the individual's age.
<code>dist</code>	A string indicating which distribution to use. If <code>dist = "logistic"</code> , the logistic function will be used to compute the age of onset. If <code>dist = "normal"</code> , the truncated normal distribution will be used instead. Defaults to "logistic".
<code>pop_prev</code>	Only necessary if <code>dist = "logistic"</code> . A positive number representing the overall population prevalence. Must be at most 1. Defaults to 0.1.

mid_point	Only necessary if dist = "logistic". A positive number representing the mid point logistic function. Defaults to 60.
slope	Only necessary if dist = "logistic". A number holding the rate of increase. Defaults to 1/8.
min_age	Only necessary if dist = "normal". A positive number representing the individual's earliest age. Defaults to 10.
max_age	Only necessary if dist = "normal". A positive number representing the individual's latest age. Must be greater than min_age. Defaults to 90.
lower	Only necessary if dist = "normal". A number representing the lower cutoff point for the truncated normal distribution. Defaults to 1.645 (stats::qnorm(0.05, lower.tail = FALSE)).
upper	Only necessary if dist = "normal". A number representing the upper cutoff point of the truncated normal distribution. Must be greater or equal to lower. Defaults to Inf.

### Details

Given a person's age, `convert_age_to_thresh` can be used to first compute the cumulative incidence rate (cir), which is then used to compute the threshold using either the logistic function or the truncated normal distribution. Under the logistic function, the formula used to compute the threshold from an individual's age is given by

$$qnorm(pop\_prev / (1 + \exp((mid\_point - age) * slope)), lower.tail = F)$$

, while it is given by

$$qnorm((1 - (age - min\_age) / max\_age) * (pnorm(upper) - pnorm(lower)) + pnorm(lower))$$

under the truncated normal distribution.

### Value

If age is a positive number and all other necessary arguments are valid, then `convert_age_to_thresh` returns a number, which is equal to the threshold.

### Examples

```
curve(sapply(age, convert_age_to_thresh), from = 10, to = 110, xname = "age")
```

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convert\_cir\_to\_age      *Convert cumulative incidence rate to age*

---

### Description

`convert_cir_to_age` computes the age from a person's cumulative incidence rate.

**Usage**

```
convert_cir_to_age(cir, pop_prev = 0.1, mid_point = 60, slope = 1/8)
```

**Arguments**

<code>cir</code>	A positive number representing the individual's cumulative incidence rate.
<code>pop_prev</code>	A positive number representing the overall population prevalence. Must be at most 1 and must be larger than <code>cir</code> . Defaults to 0.1.
<code>mid_point</code>	A positive number representing the mid point logistic function. Defaults to 60.
<code>slope</code>	A number holding the rate of increase. Defaults to 1/8.

**Details**

Given a person's cumulative incidence rate (`cir`), `convert_cir_to_age` can be used to compute the corresponding age, which is given by

$$mid\_point - \log(pop\_prev/cir - 1) * 1/slope$$

**Value**

If `cir` and `mid_point` are positive numbers, if `pop_prev` is a positive number between 0 and 1 and if `slope` is a valid number, then `convert_cir_to_age` returns a number, which is equal to the current age.

**Examples**

```
curve(sapply(cir, convert_cir_to_age), from = 0.001, to = 0.099, xname = "cir")
```

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<code>convert_format</code>	<i>Attempts to convert the list entry input format to a long format</i>
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**Description**

Attempts to convert the list entry input format to a long format

**Usage**

```
convert_format(family, threshs, personal_id_col = "pid", role_col = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>family</code>	a tibble with two entries, family id and personal id. personal id should end in "_role", if a role column is not present.
<code>threshs</code>	thresholds, with a personal id (without role) as well as the lower and upper thresholds
<code>personal_id_col</code>	column name that holds the personal id
<code>role_col</code>	column name that holds the role

**Value**

returns a format similar to prepare\_LTFHPlus\_input, which is used by estimate\_liability

**Examples**

```
family <- data.frame(
  fam_id = c(1, 1, 1, 1),
  pid = c(1, 2, 3, 4),
  role = c("o", "m", "f", "pgf")
)

threshs <- data.frame(
  pid = c(1, 2, 3, 4),
  lower = c(-Inf, -Inf, 0.8, 0.7),
  upper = c(0.8, 0.8, 0.8, 0.7)
)

convert_format(family, threshs)
```

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convert\_liability\_to\_aoo

*Convert liability to age of onset*

---

**Description**

convert\_liability\_to\_aoo computes the age of onset from an individual's true underlying liability using either the logistic function or the truncated normal distribution.

**Usage**

```
convert_liability_to_aoo(
  liability,
  dist = "logistic",
  pop_prev = 0.1,
  mid_point = 60,
  slope = 1/8,
  min_aoo = 10,
  max_aoo = 90,
  lower = stats::qnorm(0.05, lower.tail = FALSE),
  upper = Inf
)
```

**Arguments**

**liability**      A number representing the individual's true underlying liability.

<code>dist</code>	A string indicating which distribution to use. If <code>dist = "logistic"</code> , the logistic function will be used to compute the age of onset. If <code>dist = "normal"</code> , the truncated normal distribution will be used instead. Defaults to "logistic".
<code>pop_prev</code>	Only necessary if <code>dist = "logistic"</code> . A positive number representing the overall population prevalence. Must be at most 1. Defaults to 0.1.
<code>mid_point</code>	Only necessary if <code>dist = "logistic"</code> . A positive number representing the mid point logistic function. Defaults to 60.
<code>slope</code>	Only necessary if <code>dist = "logistic"</code> . A number holding the rate of increase. Defaults to 1/8.
<code>min_aoo</code>	Only necessary if <code>dist = "normal"</code> . A positive number representing the individual's earliest age of onset. Defaults to 10.
<code>max_aoo</code>	Only necessary if <code>dist = "normal"</code> . A positive number representing the individual's latest age of onset. Must be greater than <code>min_aoo</code> . Defaults to 90.
<code>lower</code>	Only necessary if <code>dist = "normal"</code> . A number representing the lower cutoff point for the truncated normal distribution. Defaults to 1.645 ( <code>stats::qnorm(0.05, lower.tail = FALSE)</code> ).
<code>upper</code>	Only necessary if <code>dist = "normal"</code> . A number representing the upper cutoff point of the truncated normal distribution. Must be greater or equal to <code>lower</code> . Defaults to <code>Inf</code> .

### Details

Given a person's cumulative incidence rate (`cir`), `convert_liability_to_aoo` can be used to compute the corresponding age. Under the logistic function, the age is given by

$$mid\_point - \log(pop\_prev/cir - 1) * 1/slope$$

, while it is given by

$$(1 - truncated\_normal\_cdf(liability = liability, lower = lower, upper = upper)) * max\_aoo + min\_aoo$$

under the truncated normal distribution.

### Value

If `liability` is a number and all other necessary arguments are valid, then `convert_liability_to_aoo` returns a positive number, which is equal to the age of onset.

### Examples

```
curve(sapply(liability, convert_liability_to_aoo), from = 1.3, to = 3.5, xname = "liability")
curve(sapply(liability, convert_liability_to_aoo, dist = "normal"),
      from = qnorm(0.05, lower.tail = FALSE), to = 3.5, xname = "liability")
```

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`convert_observed_to_liability_scale`*Convert the heritability on the observed scale to that on the liability scale*

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## Description

`convert_observed_to_liability_scale` transforms the heritability on the observed scale to the heritability on the liability scale.

## Usage

```
convert_observed_to_liability_scale(  
  obs_h2 = 0.5,  
  pop_prev = 0.05,  
  prop_cases = 0.5  
)
```

## Arguments

<code>obs_h2</code>	A number or numeric vector representing the liability-scale heritability(ies) on the observed scale. Must be non-negative and at most 1. Defaults to 0.5
<code>pop_prev</code>	A number or numeric vector representing the population prevalence(s). All entries must be non-negative and at most one. If it is a vector, it must have the same length as <code>obs_h2</code> . Defaults to 0.05.
<code>prop_cases</code>	Either NULL or a number or a numeric vector representing the proportion of cases in the sample. All entries must be non-negative and at most one. If it is a vector, it must have the same length as <code>obs_h2</code> . Defaults to 0.5.

## Details

This function can be used to transform the heritability on the observed scale to that on the liability scale. `convert_observed_to_liability_scale` uses either Equation 17 (if `prop_cases = NULL`) or Equation 23 from Sang Hong Lee, Naomi R. Wray, Michael E. Goddard and Peter M. Visscher, "Estimating Missing Heritability for Diseases from Genome-wide Association Studies", *The American Journal of Human Genetics*, Volume 88, Issue 3, 2011, pp. 294-305, [doi:10.1016/j.ajhg.2011.02.002](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ajhg.2011.02.002) to transform the heritability on the observed scale to the heritability on the liability scale.

## Value

If `obs_h2`, `pop_prev` and `prop_cases` are non-negative numbers that are at most one, the function returns the heritability on the liability scale using Equation 23 from Sang Hong Lee, Naomi R. Wray, Michael E. Goddard and Peter M. Visscher, "Estimating Missing Heritability for Diseases from Genome-wide Association Studies", *The American Journal of Human Genetics*, Volume 88, Issue 3, 2011, pp. 294-305, [doi:10.1016/j.ajhg.2011.02.002](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ajhg.2011.02.002). If `obs_h2`, `pop_prev` and

prop\_cases are non-negative numeric vectors where all entries are at most one, the function returns a vector of the same length as obs\_h2. Each entry holds to the heritability on the liability scale which was obtained from the corresponding entry in obs\_h2 using Equation 23. If obs\_h2 and pop\_prev are non-negative numbers that are at most one and prop\_cases is NULL, the function returns the heritability on the liability scale using Equation 17 from Sang Hong Lee, Naomi R. Wray, Michael E. Goddard and Peter M. Visscher, "Estimating Missing Heritability for Diseases from Genome-wide Association Studies", The American Journal of Human Genetics, Volume 88, Issue 3, 2011, pp. 294-305, doi:10.1016/j.ajhg.2011.02.002. If obs\_h2 and pop\_prev are non-negative numeric vectors such that all entries are at most one, while prop\_cases is NULL, convert\_observed\_to\_liability\_scale returns a vector of the same length as obs\_h2. Each entry holds to the liability-scale heritability that was obtained from the corresponding entry in obs\_h2 using Equation 17.

## References

Sang Hong Lee, Naomi R. Wray, Michael E. Goddard, Peter M. Visscher (2011, March). Estimating Missing Heritability for Diseases from Genome-wide Association Studies. In The American Journal of Human Genetics (Vol. 88, Issue 3, pp. 294-305). doi:10.1016/j.ajhg.2011.02.002

## Examples

```
convert_observed_to_liability_scale()
convert_observed_to_liability_scale(prop_cases=NULL)
convert_observed_to_liability_scale(obs_h2 = 0.8, pop_prev = 1/44,
                                   prop_cases = NULL)
convert_observed_to_liability_scale(obs_h2 = c(0.5,0.8),
                                   pop_prev = c(0.05, 1/44),
                                   prop_cases = NULL)
```

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correct\_positive\_definite

*Positive definite matrices*

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## Description

correct\_positive\_definite verifies that a given covariance matrix is indeed positive definite by checking that all eigenvalues are positive. If the given covariance matrix is not positive definite, correct\_positive\_definite tries to modify the underlying correlation matrices genetic\_cormat and full\_cormat in order to obtain a positive definite covariance matrix.

## Usage

```
correct_positive_definite(
  covmat,
  correction_val = 0.99,
  correction_limit = 100
)
```



**Arguments**

- covmat** A symmetric and numeric matrix. If the covariance matrix should be corrected, it must have a number of attributes, such as `attr(covmat, "fam_vec")`, `attr(covmat, "n_fam")`, `attr(covmat, "add_ind")`, `attr(covmat, "h2")`, `attr(covmat, "genetic_corrmat")`, `attr(covmat, "full_corrmat")` and `attr(covmat, "phenotype_names")`. Any covariance matrix obtained by [construct\\_covmat](#), [construct\\_covmat\\_single](#) or [construct\\_covmat\\_multi](#) will have these attributes by default.
- correction\_val** A positive number representing the amount by which `genetic_corrmat` and `full_corrmat` will be changed, if some eigenvalues are non-positive. That is, `correction_val` is the number that will be multiplied to all off\_diagonal entries in `genetic_corrmat` and `full_corrmat`. Defaults to 0.99.
- correction\_limit** A positive integer representing the upper limit for the correction procedure. Defaults to 100.

**Details**

This function can be used to verify that a given covariance matrix is positive definite. It calculates all eigenvalues in order to investigate whether they are all positive. This property is necessary for the covariance matrix to be used as a Gaussian covariance matrix. It is especially useful to check whether any covariance matrix obtained by [construct\\_covmat\\_multi](#) is positive definite. If the given covariance matrix is not positive definite, `correct_positive_definite` tries to modify the underlying correlation matrices (called `genetic_corrmat` and `full_corrmat` in [construct\\_covmat](#) or [construct\\_covmat\\_multi](#)) by multiplying all off-diagonal entries in the correlation matrices by a given number.

**Value**

If `covmat` is a symmetric and numeric matrix and all eigenvalues are positive, `correct_positive_definite` simply returns `covmat`. If some eigenvalues are not positive and `correction_val` is a positive number, `correct_positive_definite` tries to convert `covmat` into a positive definite matrix. If `covmat` has attributes `add_ind`, `h2`, `genetic_corrmat`, `full_corrmat` and `phenotype_names`, `correct_positive_definite` computes a new covariance matrix using slightly modified correlation matrices `genetic_corrmat` and `full_corrmat`. If the correction is performed successfully, i.e. if the new covariance matrix is positive definite, the new covariance matrix is returned. Otherwise, `correct_positive_definite` returns the original covariance matrix.

**See Also**

[construct\\_covmat](#), [construct\\_covmat\\_single](#) and [construct\\_covmat\\_multi](#).

**Examples**

```
ntrait <- 2
genetic_corrmat <- matrix(0.6, ncol = ntrait, nrow = ntrait)
diag(genetic_corrmat) <- 1
full_corrmat <- matrix(-0.25, ncol = ntrait, nrow = ntrait)
diag(full_corrmat) <- 1
h2_vec <- rep(0.6, ntrait)
```

```

cov <- construct_covmat(fam_vec = c("m", "f"),
  genetic_corrmat = genetic_corrmat,
  h2 = h2_vec,
  full_corrmat = full_corrmat)
cov
correct_positive_definite(cov)

```

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```
estimate_gen_liability_ltfh
```

*Estimate genetic liability similar to LT-FH*

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## Description

Estimate genetic liability similar to LT-FH

## Usage

```

estimate_gen_liability_ltfh(
  h2,
  phen,
  child_threshold,
  parent_threshold,
  status_col_offspring = "CHILD_STATUS",
  status_col_father = "P1_STATUS",
  status_col_mother = "P2_STATUS",
  status_col_siblings = "SIB_STATUS",
  number_of_siblings_col = "NUM_SIBS",
  tol = 0.01
)

```

## Arguments

h2	Liability scale heritability of the trait being analysed.
phen	tibble or data.frame with status of the genotyped individual, parents and siblings.
child_threshold	single numeric value that is used as threshold for the offspring and siblings.
parent_threshold	single numeric value that is used as threshold for both parents
status_col_offspring	Column name of status for the offspring
status_col_father	Column name of status for the father
status_col_mother	Column name of status for the mother
status_col_siblings	Column name of status for the siblings

number\_of\_siblings\_col  
 Column name for the number of siblings for a given individual

tol  
 Convergence criteria of the Gibbs sampler. Default is 0.01, meaning a standard error of the mean below 0.01

**Value**

Returns the estimated genetic liabilities.

**Examples**

```
phen <- data.frame(
  CHILD_STATUS = c(0,0),
  P1_STATUS = c(1,1),
  P2_STATUS = c(0,1),
  SIB_STATUS = c(1,0),
  NUM_SIBS = c(2,0))

h2 <- 0.5
child_threshold <- 0.7
parent_threshold <- 0.8

estimate_gen_liability_ltfh(h2, phen, child_threshold, parent_threshold)
```

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estimate\_liability     *Estimating the genetic or full liability for a variable number of phenotypes*

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**Description**

estimate\_liability estimates the genetic component of the full liability and/or the full liability for a number of individuals based on their family history for one or more phenotypes. It is a wrapper around [estimate\\_liability\\_single](#) and [estimate\\_liability\\_multi](#).

**Usage**

```
estimate_liability(
  .tbl = NULL,
  family_graphs = NULL,
  h2 = 0.5,
  pid = "PID",
  fam_id = "fam_ID",
  role = "role",
  family_graphs_col = "fam_graph",
  out = c(1),
  tol = 0.01,
  genetic_corrmat = NULL,
```

```

    full_corrmat = NULL,
    phen_names = NULL
  )

```

## Arguments

<code>.tbl</code>	<p>A matrix, list or data frame that can be converted into a tibble. Must have at least five columns that hold the family identifier, the personal identifier, the role and the lower and upper thresholds for all phenotypes of interest. Note that the role must be one of the following abbreviations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• g (Genetic component of full liability)</li> <li>• o (Full liability)</li> <li>• m (Mother)</li> <li>• f (Father)</li> <li>• c[0-9]*.[0-9]* (Children)</li> <li>• mgm (Maternal grandmother)</li> <li>• mgf (Maternal grandfather)</li> <li>• pgm (Paternal grandmother)</li> <li>• pgf (Paternal grandfather)</li> <li>• s[0-9]* (Full siblings)</li> <li>• mhs[0-9]* (Half-siblings - maternal side)</li> <li>• phs[0-9]* (Half-siblings - paternal side)</li> <li>• mau[0-9]* (Aunts/Uncles - maternal side)</li> <li>• pau[0-9]* (Aunts/Uncles - paternal side). Defaults to NULL.</li> </ul>
<code>family_graphs</code>	<p>A tibble with columns <code>pid</code> and <code>family_graph_col</code>. See <code>prepare_graph</code> for construction of the graphs. The family graphs Defaults to NULL.</p>
<code>h2</code>	<p>Either a number representing the heritability on liability scale for a single phenotype, or a numeric vector representing the liability-scale heritabilities for all phenotypes. All entries in <code>h2</code> must be non-negative and at most 1.</p>
<code>pid</code>	<p>A string holding the name of the column in <code>family</code> and <code>threshs</code> that hold the personal identifier(s). Defaults to "PID".</p>
<code>fam_id</code>	<p>A string holding the name of the column in <code>family</code> that holds the family identifier. Defaults to "fam_ID".</p>
<code>role</code>	<p>A string holding the name of the column in <code>.tbl</code> that holds the role. Each role must be chosen from the following list of abbreviations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• g (Genetic component of full liability)</li> <li>• o (Full liability)</li> <li>• m (Mother)</li> <li>• f (Father)</li> <li>• c[0-9]*.[0-9]* (Children)</li> <li>• mgm (Maternal grandmother)</li> <li>• mgf (Maternal grandfather)</li> <li>• pgm (Paternal grandmother)</li> </ul>

- pgf (Paternal grandfather)
- s[0-9]\* (Full siblings)
- mhs[0-9]\* (Half-siblings - maternal side)
- phs[0-9]\* (Half-siblings - paternal side)
- mau[0-9]\* (Aunts/Uncles - maternal side)
- pau[0-9]\* (Aunts/Uncles - paternal side). Defaults to "role".

family_graphs_col	Name of column with family graphs in family_graphs. Defaults to "fam_graph".
out	A character or numeric vector indicating whether the genetic component of the full liability, the full liability or both should be returned. If out = c(1) or out = c("genetic"), the genetic liability is estimated and returned. If out = c(2) or out = c("full"), the full liability is estimated and returned. If out = c(1, 2) or out = c("genetic", "full"), both components are estimated and returned. Defaults to c(1).
tol	A number that is used as the convergence criterion for the Gibbs sampler. Equals the standard error of the mean. That is, a tolerance of 0.2 means that the standard error of the mean is below 0.2. Defaults to 0.01.
genetic_corrmat	Either NULL (if h2 is a number) or a numeric matrix (if h2 is a vector of length > 1) holding the genetic correlations between the desired phenotypes. All diagonal entries must be equal to one, while all off-diagonal entries must be between -1 and 1. In addition, the matrix must be symmetric. Defaults to NULL.
full_corrmat	Either NULL (if h2 is a number) or a numeric matrix (if h2 is a vector of length > 1) holding the full correlations between the desired phenotypes. All diagonal entries must be equal to one, while all off-diagonal entries must be between -1 and 1. In addition, the matrix must be symmetric. Defaults to NULL.
phen_names	Either NULL or a character vector holding the phenotype names. These names will be used to create the row and column names for the covariance matrix. If it is not specified, the names will default to phenotype1, phenotype2, etc. Defaults to NULL.

## Details

This function can be used to estimate either the genetic component of the full liability, the full liability or both for a variable number of traits.

## Value

If family and threshs are two matrices, lists or data frames that can be converted into tibbles, if family has two columns named like the strings represented in pid and fam\_id, if threshs has a column named like the string given in pid as well as a column named "lower" and a column named "upper" and if the liability-scale heritability h2 is a number (length(h2)=1), and out, tol and always\_add are of the required form, then the function returns a tibble with either four or six columns (depending on the length of out). The first two columns correspond to the columns fam\_id and pid ' present in family. If out is equal to c(1) or c("genetic"), the third and fourth column hold the estimated genetic liability as well as the corresponding standard error, respectively. If out equals c(2) or c("full"), the third and fourth column hold the estimated full liability as well as

the corresponding standard error, respectively. If `out` is equal to `c(1,2)` or `c("genetic", "full")`, the third and fourth column hold the estimated genetic liability as well as the corresponding standard error, respectively, while the fifth and sixth column hold the estimated full liability as well as the corresponding standard error, respectively. If `h2` is a numeric vector of length greater than 1 and if `genetic_corrmat`, `full_corrmat`, `out` and `tol` are of the required form, then the function returns a tibble with at least six columns (depending on the length of `out`). The first two columns correspond to the columns `fam_id` and `pid` present in the tibble `family`. If `out` is equal to `c(1)` or `c("genetic")`, the third and fourth columns hold the estimated genetic liability as well as the corresponding standard error for the first phenotype, respectively. If `out` equals `c(2)` or `c("full")`, the third and fourth columns hold the estimated full liability as well as the corresponding standard error for the first phenotype, respectively. If `out` is equal to `c(1,2)` or `c("genetic", "full")`, the third and fourth columns hold the estimated genetic liability as well as the corresponding standard error for the first phenotype, respectively, while the fifth and sixth columns hold the estimated full liability as well as the corresponding standard error for the first phenotype, respectively. The remaining columns hold the estimated genetic liabilities and/or the estimated full liabilities as well as the corresponding standard errors for the remaining phenotypes.

### See Also

[future\\_apply](#), [estimate\\_liability\\_single](#), [estimate\\_liability\\_multi](#)

### Examples

```
genetic_corrmat <- matrix(0.4, 3, 3)
diag(genetic_corrmat) <- 1
full_corrmat <- matrix(0.6, 3, 3)
diag(full_corrmat) <- 1
#
sims <- simulate_under_LTM(fam_vec = c("m","f"), n_fam = NULL, add_ind = TRUE,
  genetic_corrmat = genetic_corrmat, full_corrmat = full_corrmat, h2 = rep(.5,3),
  n_sim = 1, pop_prev = rep(.1,3))
estimate_liability(.tbl = sims$thresholds, h2 = rep(.5,3),
  genetic_corrmat = genetic_corrmat, full_corrmat = full_corrmat,
  pid = "indiv_ID", fam_id = "fam_ID", role = "role", out = c(1),
  phen_names = paste0("phenotype", 1:3), tol = 0.01)
```

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estimate\_liability\_multi

*Estimating the genetic or full liability for multiple phenotypes*

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### Description

`estimate_liability_multi` estimates the genetic component of the full liability and/or the full liability for a number of individuals based on their family history for a variable number of phenotypes.

**Usage**

```
estimate_liability_multi(
  .tbl = NULL,
  family_graphs = NULL,
  h2_vec,
  genetic_corrmat,
  full_corrmat,
  phen_names = NULL,
  pid = "PID",
  fam_id = "fam_ID",
  role = "role",
  family_graphs_col = "fam_graph",
  out = c(1),
  tol = 0.01
)
```

**Arguments**

- `.tbl` A matrix, list or data frame that can be converted into a tibble. Must have at least seven columns that hold the family identifier, the personal identifier, the role and the lower and upper thresholds for all phenotypes of interest. Note that the role must be one of the following abbreviations
- g (Genetic component of full liability)
  - o (Full liability)
  - m (Mother)
  - f (Father)
  - c[0-9]\*.[0-9]\* (Children)
  - mgm (Maternal grandmother)
  - mgf (Maternal grandfather)
  - pgm (Paternal grandmother)
  - pgf (Paternal grandfather)
  - s[0-9]\* (Full siblings)
  - mhs[0-9]\* (Half-siblings - maternal side)
  - phs[0-9]\* (Half-siblings - paternal side)
  - mau[0-9]\* (Aunts/Uncles - maternal side)
  - pau[0-9]\* (Aunts/Uncles - paternal side). Defaults to NULL.
- `family_graphs` A tibble with columns `pid` and `family_graph_col`. See `prepare_graph` for construction of the graphs. The family graphs Defaults to NULL.
- `h2_vec` A numeric vector representing the liability-scale heritabilities for all phenotypes. All entries in `h2_vec` must be non-negative and at most 1.
- `genetic_corrmat` A numeric matrix holding the genetic correlations between the desired phenotypes. All diagonal entries must be equal to one, while all off-diagonal entries must be between -1 and 1. In addition, the matrix must be symmetric.

full_corrmat	A numeric matrix holding the full correlations between the desired phenotypes. All diagonal entries must be equal to one, while all off-diagonal entries must be between -1 and 1. In addition, the matrix must be symmetric.
phen_names	A character vector holding the phenotype names. These names will be used to create the row and column names for the covariance matrix. If it is not specified, the names will default to phenotype1, phenotype2, etc. Defaults to NULL.
pid	A string holding the name of the column in family and threshs that hold the personal identifier(s). Defaults to "PID".
fam_id	A string holding the name of the column in family that holds the family identifier. Defaults to "fam_ID".
role	A string holding the name of the column in .tbl that holds the role. Each role must be chosen from the following list of abbreviations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• g (Genetic component of full liability)</li> <li>• o (Full liability)</li> <li>• m (Mother)</li> <li>• f (Father)</li> <li>• c[0-9]*.[0-9]* (Children)</li> <li>• mgm (Maternal grandmother)</li> <li>• mgf (Maternal grandfather)</li> <li>• pgm (Paternal grandmother)</li> <li>• pgf (Paternal grandfather)</li> <li>• s[0-9]* (Full siblings)</li> <li>• mhs[0-9]* (Half-siblings - maternal side)</li> <li>• phs[0-9]* (Half-siblings - paternal side)</li> <li>• mau[0-9]* (Aunts/Uncles - maternal side)</li> <li>• pau[0-9]* (Aunts/Uncles - paternal side). Defaults to "role".</li> </ul>
family_graphs_col	Name of column with family graphs in family_graphs. Defaults to "fam_graph".
out	A character or numeric vector indicating whether the genetic component of the full liability, the full liability or both should be returned. If out = c(1) or out = c("genetic"), the genetic liability is estimated and returned. If out = c(2) or out = c("full"), the full liability is estimated and returned. If out = c(1, 2) or out = c("genetic", "full"), both components are estimated and returned. Defaults to c(1).
tol	A number that is used as the convergence criterion for the Gibbs sampler. Equals the standard error of the mean. That is, a tolerance of 0.2 means that the standard error of the mean is below 0.2. Defaults to 0.01.

## Details

This function can be used to estimate either the genetic component of the full liability, the full liability or both for a variable number of traits.



**Value**

If family and threshs are two matrices, lists or data frames that can be converted into tibbles, if family has two columns named like the strings represented in pid and fam\_id, if threshs has a column named like the string given in pid as well as a column named "lower" and a column named "upper" and if the liability-scale heritabilities in h2\_vec, genetic\_corrmat, full\_corrmat, out and tol are of the required form, then the function returns a tibble with at least six columns (depending on the length of out). The first two columns correspond to the columns fam\_id and pid present in the tibble family. If out is equal to c(1) or c("genetic"), the third and fourth columns hold the estimated genetic liability as well as the corresponding standard error for the first phenotype, respectively. If out equals c(2) or c("full"), the third and fourth columns hold the estimated full liability as well as the corresponding standard error for the first phenotype, respectively. If out is equal to c(1,2) or c("genetic", "full"), the third and fourth columns hold the estimated genetic liability as well as the corresponding standard error for the first phenotype, respectively, while the fifth and sixth columns hold the estimated full liability as well as the corresponding standard error for the first phenotype, respectively. The remaining columns hold the estimated genetic liabilities and/or the estimated full liabilities as well as the corresponding standard errors for the remaining phenotypes.

**See Also**

[future\\_apply](#), [estimate\\_liability\\_single](#), [estimate\\_liability](#)

**Examples**

```
genetic_corrmat <- matrix(0.4, 3, 3)
diag(genetic_corrmat) <- 1
full_corrmat <- matrix(0.6, 3, 3)
diag(full_corrmat) <- 1
#
sims <- simulate_under_LTM(fam_vec = c("m","f"), n_fam = NULL, add_ind = TRUE,
  genetic_corrmat = genetic_corrmat, full_corrmat = full_corrmat, h2 = rep(.5,3),
  n_sim = 1, pop_prev = rep(.1,3))
estimate_liability_multi(.tbl = sims$thresholds, h2_vec = rep(.5,3),
  genetic_corrmat = genetic_corrmat, full_corrmat = full_corrmat,
  pid = "indiv_ID", fam_id = "fam_ID", role = "role", out = c(1),
  phen_names = paste0("phenotype", 1:3), tol = 0.01)
```

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estimate\_liability\_single

*Estimating the genetic or full liability*

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**Description**

estimate\_liability\_single estimates the genetic component of the full liability and/or the full liability for a number of individuals based on their family history.

**Usage**

```
estimate_liability_single(
  .tbl = NULL,
  family_graphs = NULL,
  h2 = 0.5,
  pid = "PID",
  fam_id = "fam_ID",
  family_graphs_col = "fam_graph",
  role = NULL,
  out = c(1),
  tol = 0.01
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>.tbl</code>	<p>A matrix, list or data frame that can be converted into a tibble. Must have at least five columns that hold the family identifier, the personal identifier, the role and the lower and upper thresholds. Note that the role must be one of the following abbreviations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• g (Genetic component of full liability)</li> <li>• o (Full liability)</li> <li>• m (Mother)</li> <li>• f (Father)</li> <li>• c[0-9]*.[0-9]* (Children)</li> <li>• mgm (Maternal grandmother)</li> <li>• mgf (Maternal grandfather)</li> <li>• pgm (Paternal grandmother)</li> <li>• pgf (Paternal grandfather)</li> <li>• s[0-9]* (Full siblings)</li> <li>• mhs[0-9]* (Half-siblings - maternal side)</li> <li>• phs[0-9]* (Half-siblings - paternal side)</li> <li>• mau[0-9]* (Aunts/Uncles - maternal side)</li> <li>• pau[0-9]* (Aunts/Uncles - paternal side). Defaults to NULL.</li> </ul>
<code>family_graphs</code>	A tibble with columns <code>pid</code> and <code>family_graph_col</code> . See <code>prepare_graph</code> for construction of the graphs. The family graphs Defaults to NULL.
<code>h2</code>	A number representing the heritability on liability scale for a single phenotype. Must be non-negative. Note that under the liability threshold model, the heritability must also be at most 1. Defaults to 0.5.
<code>pid</code>	A string holding the name of the column in <code>.tbl</code> (or <code>family</code> and <code>threshs</code> ) that hold the personal identifier(s). Defaults to "PID".
<code>fam_id</code>	A string holding the name of the column in <code>.tbl</code> or <code>family</code> that holds the family identifier. Defaults to "fam_ID".
<code>family_graphs_col</code>	Name of column with family graphs in <code>family_graphs</code> . Defaults to "fam_graph".

role	<p>A string holding the name of the column in .tbl that holds the role. Each role must be chosen from the following list of abbreviations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• g (Genetic component of full liability)</li> <li>• o (Full liability)</li> <li>• m (Mother)</li> <li>• f (Father)</li> <li>• c[0-9]*.[0-9]* (Children)</li> <li>• mgm (Maternal grandmother)</li> <li>• mgf (Maternal grandfather)</li> <li>• pgm (Paternal grandmother)</li> <li>• pgf (Paternal grandfather)</li> <li>• s[0-9]* (Full siblings)</li> <li>• mhs[0-9]* (Half-siblings - maternal side)</li> <li>• phs[0-9]* (Half-siblings - paternal side)</li> <li>• mau[0-9]* (Aunts/Uncles - maternal side)</li> <li>• pau[0-9]* (Aunts/Uncles - paternal side). Defaults to "role".</li> </ul>
out	<p>A character or numeric vector indicating whether the genetic component of the full liability, the full liability or both should be returned. If out = c(1) or out = c("genetic"), the genetic liability is estimated and returned. If out = c(2) or out = c("full"), the full liability is estimated and returned. If out = c(1, 2) or out = c("genetic", "full"), both components are estimated and returned. Defaults to c(1).</p>
tol	<p>A number that is used as the convergence criterion for the Gibbs sampler. Equals the standard error of the mean. That is, a tolerance of 0.2 means that the standard error of the mean is below 0.2. Defaults to 0.01.</p>

### Details

This function can be used to estimate either the genetic component of the full liability, the full liability or both. It is possible to input either

### Value

If family and threshs are two matrices, lists or data frames that can be converted into tibbles, if family has two columns named like the strings represented in pid and fam\_id, if threshs has a column named like the string given in pid as well as a column named "lower" and a column named "upper" and if the liability-scale heritability h2, out, tol and always\_add are of the required form, then the function returns a tibble with either four or six columns (depending on the length of out). The first two columns correspond to the columns fam\_id and pid ' present in family. If out is equal to c(1) or c("genetic"), the third and fourth column hold the estimated genetic liability as well as the corresponding standard error, respectively. If out equals c(2) or c("full"), the third and fourth column hold the estimated full liability as well as the corresponding standard error, respectively. If out is equal to c(1, 2) or c("genetic", "full"), the third and fourth column hold the estimated genetic liability as well as the corresponding standard error, respectively, while the fifth and sixth column hold the estimated full liability as well as the corresponding standard error, respectively.

**See Also**

[future\\_apply](#), [estimate\\_liability\\_multi](#), [estimate\\_liability](#)

**Examples**

```
sims <- simulate_under_LTM(fam_vec = c("m","f","s1"), n_fam = NULL,
  add_ind = TRUE, h2 = 0.5, n_sim=10, pop_prev = .05)
#
estimate_liability_single(.tbl = sims$thresholds,
  h2 = 0.5, pid = "indiv_ID", fam_id = "fam_ID", role = "role", out = c(1),
  tol = 0.01)
#
sims <- simulate_under_LTM(fam_vec = c(), n_fam = NULL, add_ind = TRUE,
  h2 = 0.5, n_sim=10, pop_prev = .05)
#
estimate_liability_single(.tbl = sims$thresholds,
  h2 = 0.5, pid = "indiv_ID", fam_id = "fam_ID", role = "role",
  out = c("genetic"), tol = 0.01)
```

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get\_all\_combs

*construct all combinations of input vector*

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**Description**

pastes together all combinations of input vector

**Usage**

```
get_all_combs(vec)
```

**Arguments**

vec                    vector of strings

**Value**

A vector of strings is returned.

**Examples**

```
get_all_combs(letters[1:3])
```

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get_kinship	<i>Construct kinship matrix from graph</i>
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**Description**

construct the kinship matrix from a graph representation of a family, centered on an index person (proband).

**Usage**

```
get_kinship(fam_graph, h2, index_id = NA, add_ind = TRUE, fix_diag = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

fam_graph	graph.
h2	heritability.
index_id	proband id. Only used in conjunction with add_ind = TRUE.
add_ind	add genetic liability to the kinship matrix. Defaults to true.
fix_diag	Whether to set diagonal to 1 for all entries except for the genetic liability.

**Value**

A kinship matrix.

**Examples**

```
fam <- data.frame(
  i = c(1, 2, 3, 4),
  f = c(3, 0, 4, 0),
  m = c(2, 0, 0, 0)
)

thresholds <- data.frame(
  i = c(1, 2, 3, 4),
  lower = c(-Inf, -Inf, 0.8, 0.7),
  upper = c(0.8, 0.8, 0.8, 0.7)
)

graph <- prepare_graph(fam, icol = "i", fcol = "f", mcol = "m", thresholds = thresholds)

get_kinship(graph, h2 = 0.5, index_id = "1")
```

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get_relatedness	<i>Relatedness between a pair of family members</i>
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### Description

get\_relatedness returns the relatedness times the liability-scale heritability for a pair of family members

### Usage

```
get_relatedness(s1, s2, h2 = 0.5, from_covmat = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

s1, s2	Strings representing the two family members. The strings must be chosen from the following list of strings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• g (Genetic component of full liability)</li> <li>• o (Full liability)</li> <li>• m (Mother)</li> <li>• f (Father)</li> <li>• c[0-9]*.[0-9]* (Children)</li> <li>• mgm (Maternal grandmother)</li> <li>• mgf (Maternal grandfather)</li> <li>• pgm (Paternal grandmother)</li> <li>• pgf (Paternal grandfather)</li> <li>• s[0-9]* (Full siblings)</li> <li>• mhs[0-9]* (Half-siblings - maternal side)</li> <li>• phs[0-9]* (Half-siblings - paternal side)</li> <li>• mau[0-9]* (Aunts/Uncles - maternal side)</li> <li>• pau[0-9]* (Aunts/Uncles - paternal side).</li> </ul>
h2	A number representing the squared heritability on liability scale. Must be non-negative and at most 1. Defaults to 0.5
from_covmat	logical variable. Only used internally. allows for skip of negative check.

### Details

This function can be used to get the percentage of shared DNA times the liability-scale heritability  $h^2$  for two family members.

### Value

If both s1 and s2 are strings chosen from the mentioned list of strings and h2 is a number satisfying  $0 \leq h2 \leq 1$ , then the output will be a number that equals the percentage of shared DNA between s1 and s2 times the squared heritability h2.

**Note**

If you are only interested in the percentage of shared DNA, set  $h2 = 1$ .

**Examples**

```
get_relatedness("g", "o")
get_relatedness("g", "f", h2 = 1)
get_relatedness("o", "s", h2 = 0.3)
```

```
# This will result in errors:
try(get_relatedness("a", "b"))
try(get_relatedness(m, mhs))
```

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```
graph_based_covariance_construction
```

*Constructing covariance matrix from local family graph*

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**Description**

Function that constructs the genetic covariance matrix given a graph around a proband and extracts the threshold information from the graph.

**Usage**

```
graph_based_covariance_construction(
  pid,
  cur_proband_id,
  cur_family_graph,
  h2,
  add_ind = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

pid	Name of column of personal ID
cur_proband_id	id of proband
cur_family_graph	local graph of current proband
h2	liability scale heritability
add_ind	whether to add genetic liability of the proband or not. Defaults to true.

**Value**

list with two elements. The first element is `temp_tbl`, which contains the id of the current proband, the family ID and the lower and upper thresholds. The second element, `cov`, is the covariance matrix of the local graph centered on the current proband.

**Examples**

```
fam <- data.frame(
  id = c("pid", "mom", "dad", "pgf"),
  dadcol = c("dad", 0, "pgf", 0),
  momcol = c("mom", 0, 0, 0))

thresholds <- data.frame(
  id = c("pid", "mom", "dad", "pgf"),
  lower = c(-Inf, -Inf, 0.8, 0.7),
  upper = c(0.8, 0.8, 0.8, 0.7))

graph <- prepare_graph(fam, icol = "id", fcol = "dadcol", mcol = "momcol", thresholds = thresholds)

graph_based_covariance_construction(pid = "id",
                                     cur_proband_id = "pid",
                                     cur_family_graph = graph,
                                     h2 = 0.5)
```

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```
graph_based_covariance_construction_multi
```

*Constructing covariance matrix from local family graph for multi trait analysis*

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**Description**

Function that constructs the genetic covariance matrix given a graph around a proband and extracts the threshold information from the graph.

**Usage**

```
graph_based_covariance_construction_multi(
  fam_id,
  pid,
  cur_proband_id,
  cur_family_graph,
  h2_vec,
  genetic_corrmat,
  phen_names,
  add_ind = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

fam_id	Name of column with the family ID
pid	Name of column of personal ID
cur_proband_id	id of proband



`cur_family_graph` local graph of current proband  
`h2_vec` vector of liability scale heritabilities  
`genetic_corrmat` matrix with genetic correlations between considered phenotypes. Must have same order as `h2_vec`.  
`phen_names` Names of the phenotypes, as given in `cur_family_graph`.  
`add_ind` whether to add genetic liability of the proband or not. Defaults to true.

### Value

list with three elements. The first element is `temp_tbl`, which contains the id of the current proband, the family ID and the lower and upper thresholds for all phenotypes. The second element, `cov`, is the covariance matrix of the local graph centred on the current proband. The third element is `newOrder`, which is the order of ids from `pid` and `phen_names` pasted together, such that order can be enforced elsewhere too.

### Examples

```

fam <- data.frame(
  fam = c(1, 1, 1, 1),
  id = c("pid", "mom", "dad", "pgf"),
  dadcol = c("dad", 0, "pgf", 0),
  momcol = c("mom", 0, 0, 0))

thresholds <- data.frame(
  id = c("pid", "mom", "dad", "pgf"),
  lower_1 = c(-Inf, -Inf, 0.8, 0.7),
  upper_1 = c(0.8, 0.8, 0.8, 0.7),
  lower_2 = c(-Inf, 0.3, -Inf, 0.2),
  upper_2 = c(0.3, 0.3, 0.3, 0.2))

graph <- prepare_graph(fam, icol = "id", fcol = "dadcol", mcol = "momcol", thresholds = thresholds)

ntrait <- 2
genetic_corrmat <- matrix(0.2, ncol = ntrait, nrow = ntrait)
diag(genetic_corrmat) <- 1
full_corrmat <- matrix(0.3, ncol = ntrait, nrow = ntrait)
diag(full_corrmat) <- 1
h2_vec <- rep(0.6, ntrait)

graph_based_covariance_construction_multi(fam_id = "fam",
  pid = "id",
  cur_proband_id = "pid",
  cur_family_graph = graph,
  h2_vec = h2_vec,
  genetic_corrmat = genetic_corrmat,
  phen_names = c("1", "2"))

```

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prepare_graph	<i>Construct graph from register information</i>
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### Description

prepare\_graph constructs a graph based on mother, father, and offspring links.

### Usage

```
prepare_graph(
  .tbl,
  icol,
  fcol,
  mcol,
  thresholds,
  lower_col = "lower",
  upper_col = "upper",
  missingID_patterns = "^0$"
)
```

### Arguments

.tbl	tibble with columns icol, fcol, mcol. Additional columns will be attributes in the constructed graph.
icol	column name of column with proband ids.
fcol	column name of column with father ids.
mcol	column name of column with mother ids.
thresholds	tibble with icol, lower_col and upper_col. Used to assign lower and upper thresholds to individuals in the graph as attributes.
lower_col	Column name of column with proband's lower threshold.
upper_col	Column name of column with proband's upper threshold.
missingID_patterns	string of missing values in the ID columns. Multiple values can be used, but must be separated by " ". Defaults to "^0\$".

### Value

An igraph object. A (directed) graph object based on the links provided in .tbl with the lower and upper thresholds stored as attributes.

### Examples

```
fam <- data.frame(
  id = c("pid", "mom", "dad", "pgf"),
  dadcol = c("dad", 0, "pgf", 0),
  momcol = c("mom", 0, 0, 0))
```

```

thresholds <- data.frame(
  id = c("pid", "mom", "dad", "pgf"),
  lower = c(-Inf, -Inf, 0.8, 0.7),
  upper = c(0.8, 0.8, 0.8, 0.7))

prepare_graph(fam, icol = "id", fcol = "dadcol", mcol = "momcol", thresholds = thresholds)

```

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```
prepare_LTFHPlus_input
```

*Prepares input for estimate\_liability*

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### Description

Prepares input for estimate\_liability

### Usage

```

prepare_LTFHPlus_input(
  .tbl,
  CIP,
  age_col,
  aoo_col,
  CIP_merge_columns = c("sex", "birth_year", "age"),
  CIP_cip_col = "cip",
  status_col = "status",
  use_fixed_case_thr = FALSE,
  fam_id_col = "fam_id",
  personal_id_col = "pid",
  interpolation = NULL,
  bst.params = list(max_depth = 10, base_score = 0, nthread = 4, min_child_weight = 10),
  min_CIP_value = 1e-05,
  xgboost_itr = 50
)

```

### Arguments

.tbl	contains family and personal ids and role with a family.
CIP	tibble with population representative cumulative incidence proportions. CIP values should be merged by CIP_columns.
age_col	name of column with age
aoo_col	name of column with age of onset
CIP_merge_columns	The columns the CIPs are subset by, e.g. CIPs by birth_year, sex.
CIP_cip_col	name of column with CIP values

status_col	Column that contains the status of each family member
use_fixed_case_thr	Should the threshold be fixed for cases? Can be used if CIPs are detailed, e.g. stratified by birth_year and sex.
fam_id_col	Column that contains the family ID
personal_id_col	Column that contains the personal ID
interpolation	type of interpolation, defaults to NULL.
bst.params	list of parameters to pass on to xgboost
min_CIP_value	minimum cip value to allow, too low values may lead to numerical instabilities.
xgboost_itr	Number of iterations to run xgboost for.

**Value**

tibble formatted for estimate\_liability

**Examples**

```
tbl = data.frame(
  fam_id = c(1, 1, 1, 1),
  pid = c(1, 2, 3, 4),
  role = c("o", "m", "f", "pgf"),
  sex = c(1, 0, 1, 1),
  status = c(0, 0, 1, 1),
  age = c(22, 42, 48, 78),
  birth_year = 2023 - c(22, 42, 48, 78),
  aoo = c(NA, NA, 43, 45))

cip = data.frame(
  age = c(22, 42, 43, 45, 48, 78),
  birth_year = c(2001, 1981, 1975, 1945, 1975, 1945),
  sex = c(1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1),
  cip = c(0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.3, 0.3, 0.4))

prepare_LTFHPlus_input(.tbl = tbl,
  CIP = cip,
  age_col = "age",
  aoo_col = "aoo",
  interpolation = NA)
```

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rtmvnorm.gibbs

*Gibbs Sampler for the truncated multivariate normal distribution*


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**Description**

rtmvnorm.gibbs implements Gibbs sampler for the truncated multivariate normal distribution with covariance matrix covmat.

**Usage**

```

rtmvnorm.gibbs(
  n_sim = 1e+05,
  covmat,
  lower = -Inf,
  upper,
  fixed = (lower == upper),
  out = c(1),
  burn_in = 1000
)

```

**Arguments**

n_sim	A positive number representing the number of draws from the Gibbs sampler after burn-in.. Defaults to 1e+05.
covmat	A symmetric and numeric matrix representing the covariance matrix for the multivariate normal distribution.
lower	A number or numeric vector representing the lower cutoff point(s) for the truncated normal distribution. The length of lower must be 1 or equal to the dimension of the multivariable normal distribution. Defaults to -Inf.
upper	A number or numeric vector representing the upper cutoff point(s) for the truncated normal distribution. Must be greater or equal to lower. In addition the length of upper must be 1 or equal to the dimension of the multivariable normal distribution. Defaults to Inf.
fixed	A logical scalar or a logical vector indicating which variables to fix. If fixed is a vector, it must have the same length as lower and upper. Defaults to TRUE when lower is equal to upper and FALSE otherwise.
out	An integer or numeric vector indicating which variables should be returned from the Gibbs sampler. If out = c(1), the first variable (usually the genetic component of the full liability of the first phenotype) is estimated and returned. If out = c(2), the second variable (usually full liability) is estimated and returned. If out = c(1, 2), both the first and the second variable are estimated and returned. Defaults to c(1).
burn_in	A number of iterations that count as burn in for the Gibbs sampler. Must be non-negative. Defaults to 1000.

**Details**

Given a covariance matrix `covmat` and lower and upper cutoff points, the function `rtmvnorm.gibbs()` can be used to perform Gibbs sampler on a truncated multivariable normal distribution. It is possible to specify which variables to return from the Gibbs sampler, making it convenient to use when estimating only the full liability or the genetic component of the full liability.

**Value**

If `covmat` is a symmetric and numeric matrix, if `n_sim` and `burn_in` are positive/non-negative numbers, if `out` is a numeric vector and `lower`, `upper` and `fixed` are numbers or vectors of the

same length and the required format, `rtmvnorm.gibbs` returns the sampling values from the Gibbs sampler for all variables specified in `out`.

## References

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Wilhelm, S., & Manjunath, B. G. (2010). `rtmvnorm`: A package for the truncated multivariate normal distribution. The R Journal. doi:10.32614/RJ2010005

## Examples

```
samp <- rtmvnorm.gibbs(10e3, covmat = matrix(c(1, 0.2, 0.2, 0.5), 2),
                    lower = c(-Inf, 0), upper = c(0, Inf), out = 1:2)
```

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`simulate_under_LTM`     *Simulate under the liability threshold model.*

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## Description

`simulate_under_LTM` simulates families and thresholds under the liability threshold model for a given family structure and a variable number of phenotypes. Please note that it is not possible to simulate different family structures.

## Usage

```
simulate_under_LTM(
  fam_vec = c("m", "f", "s1", "mgm", "mgf", "pgm", "pgf"),
  n_fam = NULL,
  add_ind = TRUE,
  h2 = 0.5,
  genetic_corrmat = NULL,
  full_corrmat = NULL,
  phen_names = NULL,
  n_sim = 1000,
  pop_prev = 0.1
)
```

## Arguments

`fam_vec`     A vector of strings holding the different family members. All family members must be represented by strings from the following list:

- m (Mother)
- f (Father)
- `c[0-9]*.[0-9]*` (Children)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mgm (Maternal grandmother)</li> <li>• mgf (Maternal grandfather)</li> <li>• pgm (Paternal grandmother)</li> <li>• pgf (Paternal grandfather)</li> <li>• s[0-9]* (Full siblings)</li> <li>• mhs[0-9]* (Half-siblings - maternal side)</li> <li>• phs[0-9]* (Half-siblings - paternal side)</li> <li>• mau[0-9]* (Aunts/Uncles - maternal side)</li> <li>• pau[0-9]* (Aunts/Uncles - paternal side). Defaults to c("m", "f", "s1", "mgm", "mgf", "pgm", "pgf")</li> </ul>
n_fam	A named vector holding the desired number of family members. See <a href="#">setName</a> s. All names must be picked from the list mentioned above. Defaults to NULL.
add_ind	A logical scalar indicating whether the genetic component of the full liability as well as the full liability for the underlying target individual should be included in the covariance matrix. Defaults to TRUE.
h2	Either a number or a numeric vector holding the liability-scale heritability(ies) for one or more phenotypes. All entries in h2 must be non-negative. Note that under the liability threshold model, the heritabilities must also be at most 1. Defaults to 0.5.
genetic_corrmat	Either NULL or a numeric matrix holding the genetic correlations between the desired phenotypes. Must be specified, if <code>length(h2) &gt; 0</code> , and will be ignored if h2 is a number. All diagonal entries in genetic_corrmat must be equal to one, while all off-diagonal entries must be between -1 and 1. In addition, the matrix must be symmetric. Defaults to NULL.
full_corrmat	Either NULL or a numeric matrix holding the full correlations between the desired phenotypes. Must be specified, if <code>length(h2) &gt; 0</code> , and will be ignored if h2 is a number. All diagonal entries in full_corrmat must be equal to one, while all off-diagonal entries must be between -1 and 1. In addition, the matrix must be symmetric. Defaults to NULL.
phen_names	Either NULL or character vector holding the phenotype names. These names will be used to create the row and column names for the covariance matrix. Must be specified, if <code>length(h2) &gt; 0</code> , and will be ignored if h2 is a number. If it is not specified, the names will default to phenotype1, phenotype2, etc. Defaults to NULL.
n_sim	A positive number representing the number of simulations. Defaults to 1000.
pop_prev	Either a number or a numeric vector holding the population prevalence(s), i.e. the overall prevalence(s) in the population. All entries in pop_prev must be positive and smaller than 1. Defaults to 0.1.

## Details

This function can be used to simulate the case-control status, the current age and age-of-onset as well as the lower and upper thresholds for a variable number of phenotypes for all family members in each of the `n_sim` families. If `h2` is a number, `simulate_under_LTM` simulates the case-control status, the current age and age-of-onset as well as thresholds for a single phenotype. However, if `h2`

is a numeric vector, if `genetic_corrmat` and `full_corrmat` are two symmetric correlation matrices, and if `phen_names` and `pop_prev` are two numeric vectors holding the phenotype names and the population prevalences, respectively, then `simulate_under_LTM` simulates the case-control status, the current age and age-of-onset as well as thresholds for two or more (correlated) phenotypes. The family members can be specified using one of two possible formats.

### Value

If either `fam_vec` or `n_fam` is used as the argument, if it is of the required format, if the liability-scale heritability  $h^2$  is a number satisfying  $0 \leq h^2$ , `n_sim` is a strictly positive number, and `pop_prev` is a positive number that is at most one, then the output will be a list containing two tibbles. The first tibble, `sim_obs`, holds the simulated liabilities, the disease status and the current age/age-of-onset for all family members in each of the `n_sim` families. The second tibble, `thresholds`, holds the family identifier, the personal identifier, the role (specified in `fam_vec` or `n_fam`) as well as the lower and upper thresholds for all individuals in all families. Note that this tibble has the format required in [estimate\\_liability](#). If either `fam_vec` or `n_fam` is used as the argument and if it is of the required format, if `genetic_corrmat` and `full_corrmat` are two numeric and symmetric matrices satisfying that all diagonal entries are one and that all off-diagonal entries are between -1 and 1, if the liability-scale heritabilities in `h2_vec` are numbers satisfying  $0 \leq h_i^2$  for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, n_{pheno}\}$ , `n_sim` is a strictly positive number, and `pop_prev` is a positive numeric vector such that all entries are at most one, then the output will be a list containing the following lists. The first outer list, which is named after the first phenotype in `phen_names`, holds the tibble `sim_obs`, which holds the simulated liabilities, the disease status and the current age/age-of-onset for all family members in each of the `n_sim` families for the first phenotype. As the first outer list, the second outer list, which is named after the second phenotype in `phen_names`, holds the tibble `sim_obs`, which holds the simulated liabilities, the disease status and the current age/age-of-onset for all family members in each of the `n_sim` families for the second phenotype. There is a list containing `sim_obs` for each phenotype in `phen_names`. The last list entry, `thresholds`, holds the family identifier, the personal identifier, the role (specified in `fam_vec` or `n_fam`) as well as the lower and upper thresholds for all individuals in all families and all phenotypes. Note that this tibble has the format required in [estimate\\_liability](#). Finally, note that if neither `fam_vec` nor `n_fam` are specified, the function returns the disease status, the current age/age-of-onset, the lower and upper thresholds, as well as the personal identifier for a single individual, namely the individual under consideration (called `o`). If both `fam_vec` and `n_fam` are defined, the user is asked to 'decide on which of the two vectors to use.

### See Also

[construct\\_covmat](#) [simulate\\_under\\_LTM\\_single](#) [simulate\\_under\\_LTM\\_multi](#)

### Examples

```
simulate_under_LTM()

genetic_corrmat <- matrix(0.4, 3, 3)
diag(genetic_corrmat) <- 1
full_corrmat <- matrix(0.6, 3, 3)
diag(full_corrmat) <- 1

simulate_under_LTM(fam_vec = NULL, n_fam = stats::setNames(c(1,1,1,2,2),
```



```

c("m", "mgm", "mgf", "s", "mhs")), n_sim = 10)

simulate_under_LTM(fam_vec = c("m", "f", "s1"), n_fam = NULL, add_ind = FALSE,
genetic_corrmat = genetic_corrmat, full_corrmat = full_corrmat, n_sim = 200)

simulate_under_LTM(fam_vec = c(), n_fam = NULL, add_ind = TRUE, h2 = 0.5,
n_sim = 200, pop_prev = 0.05)

```

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```
simulate_under_LTM_multi
```

*Simulate under the liability threshold model (multiple phenotypes).*

---

### Description

`simulate_under_LTM_multi` simulates families and thresholds under the liability threshold model for a given family structure and multiple phenotypes. Please note that it is not possible to simulate different family structures.

### Usage

```

simulate_under_LTM_multi(
  fam_vec = c("m", "f", "s1", "mgm", "mgf", "pgm", "pgf"),
  n_fam = NULL,
  add_ind = TRUE,
  genetic_corrmat = diag(3),
  full_corrmat = diag(3),
  h2_vec = rep(0.5, 3),
  phen_names = NULL,
  n_sim = 1000,
  pop_prev = rep(0.1, 3)
)

```

### Arguments

<code>fam_vec</code>	<p>A vector of strings holding the different family members. All family members must be represented by strings from the following list:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• m (Mother)</li> <li>• f (Father)</li> <li>• c[0-9]*.[0-9]* (Children)</li> <li>• mgm (Maternal grandmother)</li> <li>• mgf (Maternal grandfather)</li> <li>• pgm (Paternal grandmother)</li> <li>• pgf (Paternal grandfather)</li> <li>• s[0-9]* (Full siblings)</li> <li>• mhs[0-9]* (Half-siblings - maternal side)</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• phs[0-9]* (Half-siblings - paternal side)</li> <li>• mau[0-9]* (Aunts/Uncles - maternal side)</li> <li>• pau[0-9]* (Aunts/Uncles - paternal side). Defaults to c("m", "f", "s1", "mgm", "mgf", "pgm", "pgf")</li> </ul>
n_fam	A named vector holding the desired number of family members. See <a href="#">setNames</a> . All names must be picked from the list mentioned above. Defaults to NULL.
add_ind	A logical scalar indicating whether the genetic component of the full liability as well as the full liability for the underlying target individual should be included in the covariance matrix. Defaults to TRUE.
genetic_corrmat	A numeric matrix holding the genetic correlations between the desired phenotypes. All diagonal entries must be equal to one, while all off-diagonal entries must be between -1 and 1. In addition, the matrix must be symmetric. Defaults to <code>diag(3)</code> .
full_corrmat	A numeric matrix holding the full correlations between the desired phenotypes. All diagonal entries must be equal to one, while all off-diagonal entries must be between -1 and 1. In addition, the matrix must be symmetric. Defaults to <code>diag(3)</code> .
h2_vec	A numeric vector holding the liability-scale heritabilities for a number of phenotype. All entries must be non-negative. Note that under the liability threshold model, the heritabilities must also be at most 1. Defaults to <code>rep(0.5, 3)</code> .
phen_names	A character vector holding the phenotype names. These names will be used to create the row and column names for the covariance matrix. If it is not specified, the names will default to <code>phenotype1</code> , <code>phenotype2</code> , etc. Defaults to NULL.
n_sim	A positive number representing the number of simulations. Defaults to 1000.
pop_prev	A numeric vector holding the population prevalences, i.e. the overall prevalences in the population. All entries in <code>pop_prev</code> must be positive and smaller than 1. Defaults to <code>rep(.1, 3)</code> .

## Value

If either `fam_vec` or `n_fam` is used as the argument and if it is of the required format, if `genetic_corrmat` and `full_corrmat` are two numeric and symmetric matrices satisfying that all diagonal entries are one and that all off-diagonal entries are between -1 and 1, if the liability-scale heritabilities in `h2_vec` are numbers satisfying  $0 \leq h_i^2$  for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, n_{pheno}\}$ , `n_sim` is a strictly positive number, and `pop_prev` is a positive numeric vector such that all entries are at most one, then the output will be a list containing lists for each phenotype. The first outer list, which is named after the first phenotype in `phen_names`, holds the tibble `sim_obs`, which holds the simulated liabilities, the disease status and the current age/age-of-onset for all family members in each of the `n_sim` families for the first phenotype. As the first outer list, the second outer list, which is named after the second phenotype in `phen_names`, holds the tibble `sim_obs`, which holds the simulated liabilities, the disease status and the current age/age-of-onset for all family members in each of the `n_sim` families for the second phenotype. There is a list containing `sim_obs` for each phenotype in `phen_names`. The last list entry, `thresholds`, holds the family identifier, the personal identifier, the role (specified in `fam_vec` or `n_fam`) as well as the lower and upper thresholds for all individuals in all families and all phenotypes. Note that this tibble has the format required in [estimate\\_liability](#). Finally, note that if neither `fam_vec` nor `n_fam` are specified, the function returns the disease status, the current age/age-of-onset, the lower and upper thresholds, as well as the personal identifier for a single

individual, namely the individual under consideration (called o). If both fam\_vec and n\_fam are defined, the user is asked to ' decide on which of the two vectors to use.

### See Also

[construct\\_covmat](#)

### Examples

```
simulate_under_LTM_multi()

genetic_corrmat <- matrix(0.4, 3, 3)
diag(genetic_corrmat) <- 1
full_corrmat <- matrix(0.6, 3, 3)
diag(full_corrmat) <- 1

simulate_under_LTM_multi(fam_vec = NULL, n_fam = stats::setNames(c(1,1,1,2,2),
c("m","mgm","mgf","s","mhs")), n_sim = 10)

simulate_under_LTM_multi(fam_vec = c("m","f","s1"), add_ind = FALSE,
genetic_corrmat = genetic_corrmat, full_corrmat = full_corrmat, n_sim = 10)

simulate_under_LTM_multi(fam_vec = c(), n_fam = NULL, add_ind = TRUE, n_sim = 10)
```

---

```
simulate_under_LTM_single
```

*Simulate under the liability threshold model (single phenotype).*

---

### Description

simulate\_under\_LTM\_single simulates families and thresholds under the liability threshold model for a given family structure and a single phenotype. Please note that it is not possible to simulate different family structures.

### Usage

```
simulate_under_LTM_single(
  fam_vec = c("m", "f", "s1", "mgm", "mgf", "pgm", "pgf"),
  n_fam = NULL,
  add_ind = TRUE,
  h2 = 0.5,
  n_sim = 1000,
  pop_prev = 0.1
)
```

**Arguments**

fam_vec	A vector of strings holding the different family members. All family members must be represented by strings from the following list: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• m (Mother)</li> <li>• f (Father)</li> <li>• c[0-9]*.[0-9]* (Children)</li> <li>• mgm (Maternal grandmother)</li> <li>• mgf (Maternal grandfather)</li> <li>• pgm (Paternal grandmother)</li> <li>• pgf (Paternal grandfather)</li> <li>• s[0-9]* (Full siblings)</li> <li>• mhs[0-9]* (Half-siblings - maternal side)</li> <li>• phs[0-9]* (Half-siblings - paternal side)</li> <li>• mau[0-9]* (Aunts/Uncles - maternal side)</li> <li>• pau[0-9]* (Aunts/Uncles - paternal side). Defaults to c("m", "f", "s1", "mgm", "mgf", "pgm", "pgf")</li> </ul>
n_fam	A named vector holding the desired number of family members. See <a href="#">setNames</a> . All names must be picked from the list mentioned above. Defaults to NULL.
add_ind	A logical scalar indicating whether the genetic component of the full liability as well as the full liability for the underlying target individual should be included in the covariance matrix. Defaults to TRUE.
h2	A number representing the liability-scale heritability for a single phenotype. Must be non-negative. Note that under the liability threshold model, the heritability must also be at most 1. Defaults to 0.5.
n_sim	A positive number representing the number of simulations. Defaults to 1000.
pop_prev	A positive number representing the population prevalence, i.e. the overall prevalence in the population. Must be smaller than 1. Defaults to 0.1.

**Value**

If either `fam_vec` or `n_fam` is used as the argument, if it is of the required format, if the liability-scale heritability  $h^2$  is a number satisfying  $0 \leq h^2$ , `n_sim` is a strictly positive number, and `pop_prev` is a positive number that is at most one, then the output will be a list holding two tibbles. The first tibble, `sim_obs`, holds the simulated liabilities, the disease status and the current age/age-of-onset for all family members in each of the `n_sim` families. The second tibble, `thresholds`, holds the family identifier, the personal identifier, the role (specified in `fam_vec` or `n_fam`) as well as the lower and upper thresholds for all individuals in all families. Note that this tibble has the format required in [estimate\\_liability](#). In addition, note that if neither `fam_vec` nor `n_fam` are specified, the function returns the disease status, the current age/age-of-onset, the lower and upper thresholds, as well as the personal identifier for a single individual, namely the individual under consideration (called `o`). If both `fam_vec` and `n_fam` are defined, the user is asked to 'decide on which of the two vectors to use'.

**See Also**

[construct\\_covmat](#), [simulate\\_under\\_LTM\\_multi](#), [simulate\\_under\\_LTM](#)

**Examples**

```

simulate_under_LTM_single()
simulate_under_LTM_single(fam_vec = NULL, n_fam = stats::setNames(c(1,1,1,2),
c("m","mgm","mgf","mhs")))
simulate_under_LTM_single(fam_vec = c("m","f","s1"), n_fam = NULL, add_ind = FALSE,
h2 = 0.5, n_sim = 500, pop_prev = .05)
simulate_under_LTM_single(fam_vec = c(), n_fam = NULL, add_ind = TRUE, h2 = 0.5,
n_sim = 200, pop_prev = 0.05)

```

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truncated\_normal\_cdf *CDF for truncated normal distribution.*

---

**Description**

truncated\_normal\_cdf computes the cumulative density function for a truncated normal distribution.

**Usage**

```

truncated_normal_cdf(
  liability,
  lower = stats::qnorm(0.05, lower.tail = FALSE),
  upper = Inf
)

```

**Arguments**

liability	A number representing the individual's true underlying liability.
lower	A number representing the lower cutoff point for the truncated normal distribution. Defaults to 1.645 (stats::qnorm(0.05, lower.tail = FALSE)).
upper	A number representing the upper cutoff point of the truncated normal distribution. Must be greater or equal to lower. Defaults to Inf.

**Details**

This function can be used to compute the value of the cumulative density function for a truncated normal distribution given an individual's true underlying liability.

**Value**

If liability is a number and the lower and upper cutoff points are numbers satisfying lower <= upper, then truncated\_normal\_cdf returns the probability that the liability will take on a value less than or equal to liability.

**Examples**

```
curve(sapply(liability, truncated_normal_cdf), from = qnorm(0.05, lower.tail = FALSE), to = 3.5,  
      xname = "liability")
```

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