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Description Provides functions to convert files from the PLINK2 pgen format
to SeqArray GDS.

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seqPGEN2GDS

*Reformat PLINK2 PGEN files***Description**

Reformats PLINK2 pgen files to GDS format.

Usage

```
seqPGEN2GDS(pgen.fn, pvar.fn=NULL, psam.fn=NULL, out.gdsfn,
  compress.geno="LZMA_RA", compress.annot="LZMA_RA", variant.sel=NULL,
  sample.sel=NULL, start=1L, count=NA_integer_,
  ignore.chr.prefix=c("chr", "0"), reference=NULL, optimize=TRUE,
  digest=TRUE, parallel=FALSE, balancing=TRUE, verbose=TRUE)
```

Arguments

<code>pgen.fn</code>	a file name for the pgen file
<code>pvar.fn</code>	a file name for the pvar file, or NULL to use the default
<code>psam.fn</code>	a file name for the psam file, or NULL to use the default
<code>out.gdsfn</code>	the file name of output GDS file
<code>compress.geno</code>	the compression method for "genotype"; optional values are defined in the function <code>add.gdsn</code>
<code>compress.annot</code>	the compression method for the GDS variables, except "genotype"; optional values are defined in the function <code>add.gdsn</code>
<code>variant.sel</code>	NULL for no variant selection, a logical vector or a numeric vector to specify the variant selection
<code>sample.sel</code>	NULL for no sample selection, a logical vector or a numeric vector to specify the sample selection
<code>start</code>	the starting variant if importing part of the pgen file
<code>count</code>	the maximum count of variant if importing part of the pgen file, <code>NA_integer_</code> or any non-positive value indicates importing to the end
<code>ignore.chr.prefix</code>	a vector of character, indicating the prefix of chromosome which should be ignored, e.g., "chr"; it is not case-sensitive
<code>reference</code>	genome reference, like "GRCh37", "GRCh38"; it is not specified if <code>reference=NULL</code>
<code>optimize</code>	if TRUE, optimize the access efficiency by calling <code>cleanup.gds</code>
<code>digest</code>	a logical value (TRUE/FALSE) or a character (e.g., "md5"); add hash codes to the GDS file if TRUE or a digest algorithm is specified
<code>parallel</code>	FALSE (serial processing), TRUE (parallel processing), a numeric value indicating the number of cores, or a cluster object for parallel processing; <code>parallel</code> is passed to the argument <code>cl</code> in <code>seqParallel</code> , see <code>seqParallel</code> for more details
<code>balancing</code>	whether to perform workload balancing or not, only applicable when multiple cores are used; if NA, use TRUE as a default until <code>getOption("seqarray.balancing")</code> is set and not TRUE
<code>verbose</code>	if TRUE, show information

Value

Return the file name of SeqArray GDS file with an absolute path.

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References

<https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/2.0/>

See Also

[seqReadPVAR](#)

Examples

```
pgen_fn <- system.file("extdata", "plink2_gen.pgen", package="pgen2gds")
seqPGEN2GDS(pgen_fn, out.gdsfn="test.gds")

# delete the temporary file
unlink("test.gds", force=TRUE)
```

seqReadPVAR	<i>Read PLINK2 pvar file</i>
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Description

Read PLINK2 pvar file for variants

Usage

```
seqReadPVAR(pvar, sel=NULL)
```

Arguments

pvar	a file name of a pvar file (from NewPvar), or a pvar object, which can be queried for variant IDs and allele codes
sel	NULL, a logical vector or a numeric vector for specifying the variants; NULL for including all variants

Value

Return a data frame with the columns chrom, pos, allele and rsid.

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References

<https://www.cog-genomics.org/plink/2.0/>

See Also[seqPGEN2GDS](#)**Examples**

```
pvar_fn <- system.file("extdata", "plink2_gen.pvar", package="pgen2gds")  
head(seqReadPVAR(pvar_fn))
```

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