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findIPs	<i>Function to detect influential points for feature rankings</i>
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Description

findIPs employs two important functions: getdrop1ranks and sumRanks. getdrop1ranks can calculate the original feature ranking and leave-one-out feature rankings. The outputs are subsequently taken to sumRanks, which computes the overall rank changes for each observation, indicating their influence on feature rankings.

Usage

```
findIPs(  
  X,  
  y,  
  fun,  
  decreasing = FALSE,  
  topN = 100,  
  method = "adaptive",  
  nCores = NULL  
)
```

Arguments

X	A data matrix, with rows being the variables and columns being samples.
y	Groups or survival object (for cox regression).
fun	<i>fun</i> can either be a character or a function. <i>fun</i> should be one of the 't.test', 'cox', 'log2fc', and 'kruskal.test' when it is a character. findIPs() incorporates four widely used ranking criteria: t-test, univariate cox model, log2fc, and kruskal test, whose outputs are p values except log2fc (absolute log2 fold changes). The features would be ordered by specifying the argument decreasing. For instance, if fun = 't.test', the decreasing = F, such that features are order by the pvalues of t.test in a increasing manner. <i>fun</i> can also be a function to obtain ranking criteria with x and y being the only input and the ranking criteria, such as p-values being the only output.
decreasing	logical. How the rank criteria are ordered? For instance, p-value should be ordered increasingly, while fold-change should be ordered decreasingly.
topN	the number of important features included for comparison.

method	method to summarize rank changes. It should be one of the 'adaptive', 'weightedSpearman', and 'unweighted'. Both 'adaptive' and 'weightedSpearman' are weighted rank comparison method, but former employs the weight that are adaptive to the distribution of rank changes. 'unweighted' denotes a direct comparison of ranks without considering weights.
nCores	the number of CPU cores used for parallel running. If nCores = NULL, a single core is used.

Value

kappa	The weight function's shape is controlled by kappa, which ranges from 0 to 1. Weighted rank changes are calculated using kappa, with higher values indicating more weight on top features.
score	The influence of each observation on feature rankings, with larger values indicating more influence.
origRank	The original ranking. origRank is exactly the input. Here it is re-output for visualization purposes.
drop1Rank	The leave-one-out rankings.
origRankWeighted	The weighted original ranking
drop1RankWeighted	The weighted leave-one-out rankings

Examples

```
data(miller05)
X <- miller05$X
y <- miller05$y

obj <- findIPs(X, y,
               fun = 't.test',
               decreasing = FALSE,
               topN = 100,
               method = 'adaptive')

par(mfrow = c(1, 3), mar = c(4, 4, 2, 2))
plotRankScatters(obj, top = TRUE)
plotAdaptiveWeights(kappa = obj$kappa,
                    n = nrow(obj$drop1Rank),
                    type = 'line',
                    ylim = NULL)
plotIPs(obj, topn = 5, ylim = NULL)

## Interop with ExpressionSet class
library(Biobase)
data(sample.ExpressionSet)
design <- phenoData(sample.ExpressionSet)$type
IPs <- findIPs(exprs(sample.ExpressionSet), design, fun = "t.test",
               method = "adaptive")
plotIPs(IPs)

## Interop with SummarizedExperiment class
library(SummarizedExperiment)
## Make a SummarizedExperiment class
```

```

sample.SummarizedExperiment <- makeSummarizedExperimentFromExpressionSet(
  sample.ExpressionSet)

design <- colData(sample.SummarizedExperiment)$type
IPs <- findIPs(assay(sample.SummarizedExperiment), design, fun = "t.test",
  method = "adaptive")
plotIPs(IPs)

```

getdrop1ranks

Derive ranking lists including original and leave-one-out rankings

Description

This function calculates the original and leave-one-out feature rankings using a predefined rank method

Usage

```
getdrop1ranks(X, y, fun, decreasing = FALSE, topN = 100, nCores = NULL)
```

Arguments

X	A data matrix, with rows being the variables and columns being samples.
y	Groups or survival object (for cox regression)
fun	<i>fun</i> can either be a character or a function. <i>fun</i> should be one of the 't.test', 'cox', 'log2fc', and 'kruskal.test' when it is a character. <code>findIPs()</code> incorporates four widely used ranking criteria: t-test, univariate cox model, log2fc, and kruskal test, whose outputs are p values except log2fc (absolute log2 fold changes). The features would be ordered by specifying the argument <code>decreasing</code> . For instance, if <code>fun = 't.test'</code> , the <code>decreasing = F</code> , such that features are order by the pvalues of t.test in the increasing manner. <i>fun</i> can also be a function to obtain ranking criteria with x and y being the only input and the ranking criteria, such as p-values being the only output.
decreasing	logical. How the rank criteria are ordered? For instance, p-value should be ordered increasingly, while fold-change should be ordered decreasingly.
topN	the number of important features included for comparison. The top n features in the original ranking list.
nCores	the number of CPU cores used for parallel running. If <code>nCores = NULL</code> , a single core is used.

Value

orig	vector:,original ranking
drop1rank	matrix, Leave-one-out rankings

Examples

```
data(miller05)
X <- miller05$X
y <- miller05$y
obj <- getdrop1ranks(X, y,
                     fun = 't.test',
                     decreasing = FALSE,
                     topN = 100)
rks <- sumRanks(origRank = obj$origRank,
                drop1Rank = obj$drop1Rank,
                topN = 100,
                method = 'adaptive')
plotIPs(rks, topn = 5, ylim = NULL)
```

miller05	<i>miller05 data</i>
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Description

miller05 is gene expression data with 1000 genes randomly sampled from 22283 genes and 236 samples since removing the case with missing response. The data has binary and survival response. The binary response contains 58 case with p53 mutant and 193 wild type mutant. The survival response has a total of 55 events.

Usage

```
data(miller05)
```

Format

a list

Value

miller05 data, a list containing 1000 genes and binary and survival response.

References

Miller, Lance D., et al. 'An expression signature for p53 status in human breast cancer predicts mutation status, transcriptional effects, and patient survival.' *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 102.38 (2005): 13550-13555.doi:10.1073/pnas.0506230102

Examples

```
data(miller05)
```

plotAdaptiveWeights	<i>Visualize the weight function for adaptive weights</i>
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Description

Plot the weight function for the adaptive weights with given kappa and the list length (n).

Usage

```
plotAdaptiveWeights(kappa, n, type = c("line", "points"), ylim = NULL)
```

Arguments

kappa	a shape parameter of the weight function.
n	the length list.
type	draw line or points. Both line and points will be plotted if type = c('line', 'points').
ylim	y coordinates ranges.

Value

plot based on basic graph

Examples

```
par(mfrow = c(1, 2), mar = c(4, 4, 2, 2))
plotAdaptiveWeights(kappa = 0.01, n = 100, type = 'line', ylim = c(0, 0.025))
plotAdaptiveWeights(kappa = 0.02, n = 100, type = 'line', ylim = c(0, 0.025))
```

plotIPs	<i>Visualize the influential scores</i>
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Description

Visualize influential score using lollipop plot. The function uses the output obtained from rank.compare or findIPs function.

Usage

```
plotIPs(obj, topn = 5, ylim = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

obj	the object obtained from rank.compare or findIPs function.
topn	the top n most influential points to be labelled in the plot.
ylim	y coordinates ranges
...	other arguments

Value

plot based on basic graph

Examples

```
data(miller05)
X <- miller05$X
y <- miller05$y
obj <- getdrop1ranks(X, y,
                     fun = 't.test',
                     decreasing = FALSE,
                     topN = 100)
rks <- sumRanks(origRank = obj$origRank,
                drop1Rank = obj$drop1Rank,
                topN = 100,
                method = 'adaptive')
plotIPs(rks, topn = 5, ylim = NULL)
```

plotRankScatters

Visualize the unweighted rank changes

Description

Visualize the unweighted rank changes using scatter plot. The plot displays the original ranking and leave-one-out rankings.

Usage

```
plotRankScatters(obj, top = TRUE, points.arg = list(), top.arg = list())
```

Arguments

obj	the objective obtained from findIPs() or sumRanks() functions
top	logical, whether the most influential case needs to be plot in black
points.arg	a list. Arguments in graphics::points() can be used to define the points.
top.arg	a list. Arguments in graphics::points() can be used to define the top points.

Value

a plot based on basic graphic.

Examples

```
data(miller05)
X <- miller05$X
y <- miller05$y

obj <- getdrop1ranks(X, y,
                     fun = 't.test',
                     decreasing = FALSE,
                     topN = 100)
```

```
rks <- sumRanks(origRank = obj$origRank,
                drop1Rank = obj$drop1Rank,
                topN = 100,
                method = 'adaptive')
plotRankScatters(rks)
```

sumRanks

Summarize the weighted rank changes caused by case-deletion

Description

This function measures the overall rank changes due to case deletion. A large rank changes indicates more influence of the deleted case on feature rankings. `sumRanks()` provides three methods to compute the overall rank changes: unweighted, weighted Spearman, and adaptive weights.

Usage

```
sumRanks(origRank, drop1Rank, topN = NULL, method = "adaptive", ...)
```

Arguments

<code>origRank</code>	vectors, reference rankings. For influential observation detection, <code>origRank</code> denotes the original ranking obtained using the whole data.
<code>drop1Rank</code>	matrix or data.frame, Each column is a feature list with a case removed.
<code>topN</code>	the top n features in <code>origRank</code> will be used for rank comparison. If null, include all features.
<code>method</code>	method to summarize rank changes. It should be one of the 'adaptive', 'weightedSpearman', and 'unweighted'. Both 'adaptive' and 'weightedSpearman' are weighted rank comparison method, but former employs the weight that are adaptive to the distribution of rank changes. 'unweighted' denotes a direct comparison of ranks without considering weights.
<code>...</code>	other arguments

Value

<code>kappa</code>	The weight function's shape is controlled by <code>kappa</code> , which ranges from 0 to 1. Weighted rank changes are calculated using <code>kappa</code> , with higher values indicating more weight on top features.
<code>score</code>	The influence of each observation on feature rankings, with larger values indicating more influence.
<code>origRank</code>	The original ranking. <code>origRank</code> is exactly the input. Here it is re-output for visualization purposes.
<code>drop1Rank</code>	The leave-one-out rankings.
<code>origRankWeighted</code>	The weighted original ranking. <code>origRankWeighted</code> will be returned when <code>method = 'adaptive'</code> .
<code>drop1RankWeighted</code>	The weighted leave-one-out rankings. <code>drop1RankWeighted</code> will be returned when <code>method = 'adaptive'</code> .

Examples

```
data(miller05)
X <- miller05$X
y <- miller05$y
obj <- getdrop1ranks(X, y,
                     fun = 't.test',
                     decreasing = FALSE,
                     topN = 100)

rks <- sumRanks(origRank = obj$origRank,
                drop1Rank = obj$drop1Rank,
                topN = 100,
                method = 'adaptive')

plotIPs(rks, topn = 5, ylim = NULL)
```

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