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Description The probabilities by one-sided NOISeq are combined by
Fisher's method or Stouffer's method

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metaSeq-package   *Meta-analysis of RNA-Seq count data in multiple studies*

Description

Meta-analysis for multiple studies's RNA-Seq count data. In this package, probability of gene differential is calculated by NOISeq, which is customized for one-sided test. One-sided probabilities are integrated by Fisher's method (without weighting) or Stouffer's method (with weighting by sample-size). P-values or probabilities calculated by non-NOISeq methods are also applicable by other.oneside.pvalues.

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References

Tarazona, S. and Garcia-Alcalde, F. and Dopazo, J. and Ferrer, A. and Conesa, A. (2011) Differential expression in RNA-seq: A matter of depth. *Genome Research*, **21(12)**: 2213-2223

See Also

readData, noiseq

Accelerate.NOISeq *Accelerating NOISeq*

Description

Exporting C++ re-implimated NOISeq to NOISeq namespace. Please use as **Accelerate.NOISeq(OS="Unix")** or **Accelerate.NOISeq(OS="Windows")** according to each OS.

Author(s)

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BreastCancer *Multiple RNA-Seq count data designed as Breast Cancer cell lines vs Normal cells*

Description

A data frame with 23368 rows (genes) with following 18 columns (samples).

All reads were measured by Illumina Genome Analyzer II or IIX, trimmed as 36 base, and mapped to the human reference genome hg19 as single-end. Each experimental design was restricted as Breast cancer cell vs Normal cell. Quality Control was performed by FastQC and samples whose quality scores were at least over 20 were choosed. Counts are quantified by HTSeq.

Usage

```
data(BreastCancer)
```

Details

StudyA: SRP008746

- A_1: Breast Cancer (HCC1937), SRX099961, SRR350976
- A_2: Breast Cancer (HCC3153), SRX101334, SRR353604_1
- A_3: Breast Cancer (SUM131502), SRX101335, SRR353948_1
- A_4: Normal (MCF10A), SRX099963, SRR353603_1
- A_5: Normal (HCC2337), SRX101336, SRR353602_1

StudyB: SRP006726

- B_1: Breast Cancer (HCC1954), SRX061997, SRR201983
- B_2: Normal (HMEC), SRX061998, SRR201986

StudyC: SRP005601

- C_1: Breast Cancer (BT20), SRX040501, SRR097786_1
- C_2: Breast Cancer (BT474), SRX040502, SRR097787_1
- C_3: Breast Cancer (MCF7), SRX040504, SRR097789_1
- C_4: Breast Cancer (MDAMB231), SRX040505, SRR097790_1
- C_5: Breast Cancer (MDAMB468), SRX040506, SRR097791_1
- C_6: Breast Cancer (T47D), SRX040507, SRR097792_1
- C_7: Breast Cancer (ZR751), SRX040508, SRR097793_1
- C_8: Normal (MCF10A), SRX040503, SRR097788_1

StudyD: ERP000992

- D_1: Breast Cancer (MCF7), ERX030989, ERR053953
- D_2: Breast Cancer (T47D), ERX031000, ERR053958
- D_3: Normal (Ishikawa), ERX030994, ERR053948

Source

https://trace.ddbj.nig.ac.jp/DRASearch/study?acc=SRP008746

http://trace.ddbj.nig.ac.jp/DRASearch/study?acc=SRP006726

http://trace.ddbj.nig.ac.jp/DRASearch/study?acc=SRP005601

http://trace.ddbj.nig.ac.jp/DRASearch/study?acc=ERP000992

References

Hon, G. C. and Hawkins, R. D. and Caballero, O. L. and Lo, C et al. (2012) Global DNA hypomethylation coupled to repressive chromatin domain foormation and gene silencing in breast cancer. *Genome Research*, **22 (2)**: 246-258

Sun, Z. and Asmann, Y. W. and Kalari, K. R. and Bot, B. et al. (2011) Integrated analysis of gene expression, CpG island methylation, and gene copy number in breast cancer cells by deep sequencing. *PLOS ONE*, **25;6(2)**: e17490

See Also

StudyA, pvals.

Examples

```
data(BreastCancer)
```

Fisher.test   *Fisher's combined probability method*

Description

Fisher's method combines multiple p-values which are calculated in each study.

Usage

```
Fisher.test(pvals, na.mode = "notignore")
```

Arguments

pvals   A matrix coming from `meta.oneside.noiseq` function or `other.oneside.pvalues`,
               which is used for any one-sided p-values or probability.

na.mode   A string indicating how to treat NA in pvals. "notignore" means that genes
               having at least one NA is regarded as NA. "ignore" means NA is ignored and
               remaining data is used. By default, na.mode = "notignore".

Author(s)

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References

Fisher, R. A. (1932) *Statistical Methods for Research Workers*, **4th edition**, Oliver and Boyd, London.

See Also

`meta.readData`, `meta.oneside.noiseq`, `other.oneside.pvalues`

Examples

```
data(BreastCancer)
library("snow")

# Experimental condition (1: BreastCancer, 0: Normal)
flag1 <- c(1,1,1,0,0, 1,0, 1,1,1,1,1,1,1,0, 1,1,0)

# Source of data
flag2 <- c("A","A","A","A","A", "B","B", "C","C","C","C","C","C","C","C", "D","D","D")

# readData function for meta-analysis
cds <- meta.readData(data = BreastCancer, factor = flag1, studies = flag2)

# oneside NOISeq for meta-analysis
# cl <- makeCluster(4, "SOCK")
# result <- meta.oneside.noiseq(cds, k = 0.5, norm = "tmm", replicates = "biological", factor = flag1, conditions =
```

```
# stopCluster(cl)

# Script above is very time-consumming step. Please use this pre-calculated result instead
data(Result.Meta)
result <- Result.Meta

# Fisher's method (without weighting)
F <- Fisher.test(result)
str(F)

# Stouffer's method (with weighting by sample-size)
S <- Stouffer.test(result)
str(S)
```

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meta.oneside.noiseq   *One-sided NOISeq for meta-analysis*

Description

NOISeq customized for one-sided test in meta-analysis. Parallel computing is also available by
snow package.

Usage

```
meta.oneside.noiseq(input, k = 0.5, norm = c("rpkm", "uqua", "tmm", "n"), replicates = c("technical", "b
```

Arguments

input	Object of eSet class coming from readData function or other R packages such as DESeq.
k	Counts equal to 0 are replaced by k. By default, k = 0.5.
norm	Normalization method. It can be one of "rpkm" (default), "uqua" (upper quartile), "tmm" (trimmed mean of M) or "n" (no normalization).
replicates	In this argument, the type of replicates to be used is defined. Technical, biological or none. By default, technical replicates option is chosen. **Note that "no" is automatically chosen against the study which has no replicate.**
factor	A string indicating the name of factor whose levels are the conditions to be compared.
conditions	A vector containing the two conditions to be compared by the differential expression algorithm (needed when the factor contains more than 2 different conditions).
pnr	Percentage of the total reads used to simulated each sample when no replicates are available. By default, pnr = 0.2.
nss	Number of samples to simulate for each condition (nss>= 2). By default, nss = 5.

v	Variability in the simulated sample total reads. By default, v = 0.02. Sample total reads is computed as a random value from a uniform distribution in the interval [(pnr-v)*sum(counts), (pnr+v)*sum(counts)]
lc	Length correction is done by dividing expression by length^lc. By default, lc = 1.
studies	A vector specifying which column in data are measured in common study. Its length must be equal to the number of column in data.
cl	cluster object in snow pacakge.

Author(s)

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References

Tarazona, S. and Garcia-Alcalde, F. and Dopazo, J. and Ferrer, A. and Conesa, A. (2011) Differential expression in RNA-seq: A matter of depth. *Genome Research*, **21(12)**: 2213-2223

See Also

noiseq

Examples

```
data(BreastCancer)
library("snow")

# Experimental condition (1: BreastCancer, 0: Normal)
flag1 <- c(1,1,1,0,0, 1,0, 1,1,1,1,1,1,1,0, 1,1,0)

# Source of data
flag2 <- c("A","A","A","A","A", "B","B", "C","C","C","C","C","C","C","C", "D","D","D")

# readData function for meta-analysis
cds <- meta.readData(data = BreastCancer, factor = flag1, studies = flag2)

# oneside NOISeq for meta-analysis
# cl <- makeCluster(4, "SOCK")
# result <- meta.oneside.noiseq(cds, k = 0.5, norm = "tmm", replicates = "biological", factor = flag1, conditions =
# stopCluster(cl)

# Script above is very time-consumming step. Please use this pre-calculated result instead
data(Result.Meta)
result <- Result.Meta

# Fisher's method (without weighting)
F <- Fisher.test(result)
str(F)

# Stouffer's method (with weighting by sample-size)
S <- Stouffer.test(result)
```

```
str(S)
```

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meta.readData   *readData function for meta-analysis*

Description

readData function in NOISeq package customized for one-sided test in meta-analysis. Parallel computing is also available by snow package.

Usage

```
meta.readData(data = NULL, factors = NULL, length = NULL, biotype = NULL, chromosome = NULL, gc = NULL, s
```

Arguments

data	Matrix or data.frame containing the counts (or expression data) for each feature and sample. Features must be in rows and samples must be in columns.
factors	A data.frame containing the experimental condition or group for each sample (columns in the data object).
length	Optional argument.Vector, matrix or data.frame containing the length of each feature. In case of giving a vector, the names of the vector must be the feature names or ids with the same type of identifier used in data. If a matrix or a data.frame is provided, and it has two columns, it is expected that the feature names or ids are in the first column and the length of the features in the second. If it only has one column containing the length, the rownames of the object must be the feature names or ids.
biotype	Optional argument.Vector, matrix or data.frame containing the biological group (biotype) for each feature. In case of giving a vector, the names of the vector must be the feature names or ids with the same type of identifier used in data. If a matrix or a data.frame is provided, and it has two columns, it is expected that the feature names or ids are in the first column and the biotypes of the features in the second. If it only has one column containing the biotypes, the rownames of the object must be the feature names or ids.
chromosome	Optional argument. A matrix or data.frame containing the chromosome, start position and end position of each feature. The rownames must be the feature names or ids with the same type of identifier used in data.
gc	Optional argument.Vector, matrix or data.frame containing the GC content of each feature. In case of giving a vector, the names of the vector must be the feature names or ids with the same type of identifier used in data. If a matrix or a data.frame is provided, and it has two columns, it is expected that the feature names or ids are in the first column and the GC content of the features in the second. If it only has one column containing the GC content, the rownames of the object must be the feature names or ids.
studies	A vector specifying which column in data are measured in common study. Its length must be equal to the number of column in data.

Author(s)

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References

Tarazona, S. and Garcia-Alcalde, F. and Dopazo, J. and Ferrer, A. and Conesa, A. (2011) Differential expression in RNA-seq: A matter of depth. *Genome Research*, **21(12)**: 2213-2223

See Also

readData

Examples

```
data(BreastCancer)
library("snow")

# Experimental condition (1: BreastCancer, 0: Normal)
flag1 <- c(1,1,1,0,0, 1,0, 1,1,1,1,1,1,1,0, 1,1,0)

# Source of data
flag2 <- c("A","A","A","A","A", "B","B", "C","C","C","C","C","C","C","C", "D","D","D")

# readData function for meta-analysis
cds <- meta.readData(data = BreastCancer, factor = flag1, studies = flag2)

# oneside NOISeq for meta-analysis
# cl <- makeCluster(4, "SOCK")
# result <- meta.oneside.noiseq(cds, k = 0.5, norm = "tmm", replicates = "biological", factor = flag1, conditions =
# stopCluster(cl)

# Script above is very time-consumming step. Please use this pre-calculated result instead
data(Result.Meta)
result <- Result.Meta

# Fisher's method (without weighting)
F <- Fisher.test(result)
str(F)

# Stouffer's method (with weighting by sample-size)
S <- Stouffer.test(result)
str(S)
```

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other.oneside.pvalues   *Optional function for non-NOISeq method*

Description

Optional function for non-NOISeq method users. P-values or probability in one-sided test in positive and negative differentiation is integrated and converted as a input matrix for `Fisher.test` or `Stouffer.test`. Weight in each study can also be introduced.

Usage

```
other.oneside.pvalues(Upper, Lower, weight = NULL)
```

Arguments

Upper   A matrix which means p-values or probability in one-sided test (positive dif-
               ferentiation). Its rows mean "gene" and its columns mean "study" that test was
               conducted.

Lower   A matrix which means p-values or probability in one-sided test (negative dif-
               ferentiation). Its rows mean "gene" and its columns mean "study" that test was
               conducted.

weight   A vector which means weight in each study. Its length must be equal to the
               number of column in Upper and Lower.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
## Assume these are one-sided p-value generated by non-NOISeq method (e.g., cufflinks)
upper <- matrix(runif(300), ncol=3, nrow=100)
lower <- 1 - upper
rownames(upper) <- paste0("Gene", 1:100)
rownames(lower) <- paste0("Gene", 1:100)
weight <- c(3,6,8)

# other.oneside.pvalues function return a matrix which can input Fisher.test or Stouffer.test
result <- other.oneside.pvalues(upper, lower, weight)

# Fisher's method (without weighting)
F <- Fisher.test(result)
str(F)

# Stouffer's method (with weighting by sample-size)
S <- Stouffer.test(result)
str(S)
```

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pvals   *P-values or probability calculated by DESeq, edgeR, baySeq, NOISeq,*
                               and DEGseq against StudyA

Description

P-values or probability calculated by **DESeq**, **edgeR**, **baySeq**, **NOISeq**, and **DEGSeq** against
StudyA, which was down-sampled simulation data (1, 1/2, 1/4, 1/8, 1/16, and 1/32).

Usage

```
data(pvals)
```

Source

<https://trace.ddbj.nig.ac.jp/DRASearch/study?acc=SRP008746>

See Also

[StudyA,](StudyA) [BreastCancer.](BreastCancer)

Examples

```
data(pvals)
names(pvals)
```

```
Reset.Accelerate.NOISeq
```
                         Reset Accelerate.NOISeq function

Description

Reseting the result of Accelerate.NOISeq function and making NOISeq as normal mode. Just type
Reset.Accelerate.NOISeq() after running **Accelerate.NOISeq()**.

Author(s)

Koki Tsuyuzaki, Itoshi Nikaido

```
Result.Meta             Result of meta.oneside.noiseq against Brast Cancer data
```

Description

A matrix which containing the probability of oneside.noiseq in each study.

Usage

```
data(Result.Meta)
```

Source

<https://trace.ddbj.nig.ac.jp/DRASearch/study?acc=SRP008746>

<http://trace.ddbj.nig.ac.jp/DRASearch/study?acc=SRP006726>

<http://trace.ddbj.nig.ac.jp/DRASearch/study?acc=SRP005601>

<http://trace.ddbj.nig.ac.jp/DRASearch/study?acc=ERP000992>

References

Hon, G. C. and Hawkins, R. D. and Caballero, O. L. and Lo, C et al. (2012) Global DNA hypomethylation coupled to repressive chromatin domain foormation and gene silencing in breast cancer. *Genome Research*, **22 (2)**: 246-258

Sun, Z. and Asmann, Y. W. and Kalari, K. R. and Bot, B. et al. (2011) Integrated analysis of gene expression, CpG island methylation, and gene copy number in breast cancer cells by deep sequencing. *PLOS ONE*, **25;6(2)**: e17490

See Also

BreastCancer, meta.oneside.noiseq.

Examples

```
data(Result.Meta)
```

Stouffer.test   *Stouffer's weighted Z-score method (Inverse normal method)*

Description

Stouffer's method combines multiple weighted Z-scores which are calculated in each study. Although many weight can be introduced but weighting by sample-size is used in meta.oneside.noiseq.

Usage

```
Stouffer.test(pvals, na.mode = "notignore")
```

Arguments

pvals   A matrix coming from meta.oneside.noiseq function or other.oneside.pvalues, which is used for any one-sided p-values or probability.

na.mode   A string indicating how to treat NA in pvals. "notignore" means that genes having at least one NA is regarded as NA. "ignore" means NA is ignored and remaining data is used. By default, na.mode = "notignore".

Author(s)

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References

Stouffer, S. A. and Suchman, E. A. and DeVinney, L. C. and Star, S. A. and Williams, R. M. Jr. (1949) *The American Soldier*, **Vol. 1** - Adjustment during Army Life. Princeton, Princeton University Press.

Examples

```
data(BreastCancer)
library("snow")

# Experimental condition (1: BreastCancer, 0: Normal)
flag1 <- c(1,1,1,0,0, 1,0, 1,1,1,1,1,1,1,0, 1,1,0)

# Source of data
flag2 <- c("A","A","A","A","A", "B","B", "C","C","C","C","C","C","C","C", "D","D","D")

# readData function for meta-analysis
cds <- meta.readData(data = BreastCancer, factor = flag1, studies = flag2)

# oneside NOISeq for meta-analysis
# cl <- makeCluster(4, "SOCK")
# result <- meta.oneside.noiseq(cds, k = 0.5, norm = "tmm", replicates = "biological", factor = flag1, conditions =
# stopCluster(cl)

# Script above is very time-consumming step. Please use this pre-calculated result instead
data(Result.Meta)
result <- Result.Meta

# Fisher's method (without weighting)
F <- Fisher.test(result)
str(F)

# Stouffer's method (with weighting by sample-size)
S <- Stouffer.test(result)
str(S)
```

StudyA   *Count data of SRP008746*

Description

Count data of SRP008746 used for simulation study. Original count data ([BreastCancer](#)) are down-sampled repeatedly in accordance with distributions of binomial (the probability equals 0.5). 1, 1/2, 1/4, 1/8, 1/16, and 1/32 data are prepared.

Usage

```
data(StudyA)
```

Source

https://trace.ddbj.nig.ac.jp/DRASearch/study?acc=SRP008746

See Also

[pvals](#), [BreastCancer](#).

Examples

```
data(StudyA)
```

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text.busca_unix	*One of C++ re-implimated components in NOISeq*

Description

This object is imported to namespace of NOISeq in Unix machine

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text.busca_win	*One of C++ re-implimated components in NOISeq*

Description

This object is imported to namespace of NOISeq in Windows machine

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text.n.menor_unix	*One of C++ re-implimated components in NOISeq*

Description

This object is imported to namespace of NOISeq in Unix machine

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text.n.menor_win	*One of C++ re-implimated components in NOISeq*

Description

This object is imported to namespace of NOISeq in Windows machine

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