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Description MeSH (Medical Subject Headings) is the NLM controlled vocabulary used to manually index articles for MEDLINE/PubMed. MeSH terms were associated by Entrez Gene ID by three methods, gendoo, gene2pubmed and RBBH. This association is fundamental for enrichment and semantic analyses. meshes supports enrichment analysis (over-representation and gene set enrichment analysis) of gene list or whole expression profile. The semantic comparisons of MeSH terms provide quantitative ways to compute similarities between genes and gene groups. meshes implemented five methods proposed by Resnik, Schlicker, Jiang, Lin and Wang respectively and supports more than 70 species.

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| meshes-package | <i>meshes: MeSH Enrichment and Semantic analyses</i> |
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Description

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See Also

Useful links:

- <https://yulab-smu.top/biomedical-knowledge-mining-book/>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/GuangchuangYu/meshes/issues>

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| enrichMeSH | <i>enrichMeSH</i> |
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Description

MeSH term enrichment analysis

Usage

```
enrichMeSH(
  gene,
  MeSHDb,
  database = "gendo",
  category = "C",
  pvalueCutoff = 0.05,
  pAdjustMethod = "BH",
  universe = NULL,
  minGSSize = 10,
  maxGSSize = 500,
  qvalueCutoff = 0.2,
  meshdbVersion = NULL
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------------|---|
| gene | a vector of entrez gene id |
| MeSHDb | MeSHDb |
| database | one of 'gendo', 'gene2pubmed' or 'RBBH' |
| category | one of "A", "B", "C", "D", "E", "F", "G", "H", "I", "J", "K", "L", "M", "N", "V", "Z" |
| pvalueCutoff | Cutoff value of pvalue. |
| pAdjustMethod | one of "holm", "hochberg", "hommel", "bonferroni", "BH", "BY", "fdr", "none" |
| universe | background genes |
| minGSSize | minimal size of genes annotated by Ontology term for testing. |
| maxGSSize | maximal size of genes annotated for testing |
| qvalueCutoff | qvalue cutoff |
| meshdbVersion | version of MeSH.db. If NULL(the default), use the latest version. |

Value

An `enrichResult` instance.

Author(s)

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See Also

`class?enrichResult`

Examples

```
## Not run:
library(meshes)
library(AnnotationHub)
ah <- AnnotationHub()
qr_hsa <- query(ah, c("MeSHDb", "Homo sapiens"))
filepath_hsa <- qr_hsa[[1]]
```

```

db <- MeSHDbi::MeSHDb(filepath_hsa)
data(geneList, package="DOSE")
de <- names(geneList)[1:100]
x <- enrichMeSH(de, MeSHDb = db, database='gendoo', category = 'C')

## End(Not run)

```

geneSim

geneSim

Description

semantic similarity between two gene vector

Usage

```
geneSim(geneID1, geneID2 = NULL, measure = "Wang", combine = "BMA", semData)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------|--|
| geneID1 | gene ID vector |
| geneID2 | gene ID vector |
| measure | one of "Wang", "Resnik", "Rel", "Jiang" and "Lin" |
| combine | One of "max", "avg", "rcmax", "BMA" methods, for combining semantic similarity scores of multiple DO terms associated with gene/protein. |
| semData | gene annotation data for semantic measurement |

Value

score matrix

Author(s)

Guangchuang Yu

Examples

```

## library(meshes)
## library(AnnotationHub)
## ah <- AnnotationHub()
## qr_hsa <- query(ah, c("MeSHDb", "Homo sapiens"))
## filepath_hsa <- qr_hsa[[1]]
## db <- MeSHDbi::MeSHDb(filepath_hsa)
## hsamd <- meshdata(db, category='A', computeIC=T, database="gendoo")
data(hsamd)
geneSim("241", "251", semData=hsamd, measure="Wang", combine="BMA")

```

gseMeSH

*gseMeSH***Description**

Gene Set Enrichment Analysis of MeSH

Usage

```

gseMeSH(
  geneList,
  MeSHDb,
  database = "gendoo",
  category = "C",
  nPerm = 1000,
  exponent = 1,
  minGSSize = 10,
  maxGSSize = 500,
  pvalueCutoff = 0.05,
  pAdjustMethod = "BH",
  verbose = TRUE,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

| | |
|---------------|---|
| geneList | order ranked geneList |
| MeSHDb | MeSHDb |
| database | one of 'gendoo', 'gene2pubmed' or 'RBBH' |
| category | one of "A", "B", "C", "D", "E", "F", "G", "H", "I", "J", "K", "L", "M", "N", "V", "Z" |
| nPerm | number of permutations. |
| exponent | weight of each step |
| minGSSize | minimal size of each geneSet for analyzing |
| maxGSSize | maximal size of genes annotated for testing |
| pvalueCutoff | pvalue Cutoff |
| pAdjustMethod | pvalue adjustment method |
| verbose | print message or not |
| ... | other parameter |

Value

gseaResult object

Author(s)

Yu Guangchuang

Examples

```
## Not run:
library(meshes)
library(AnnotationHub)
ah <- AnnotationHub()
qr_hsa <- query(ah, c("MeSHDb", "Homo sapiens"))
filepath_hsa <- qr_hsa[[1]]
db <- MeSHDbi::MeSHDb(filepath_hsa)
data(geneList, package="DOSE")
y <- gseMeSH(geneList, MeSHDb = db, database = 'gene2pubmed', category = "G")

## End(Not run)
```

 meshdata

meshdata

Description

construct annoData for semantic measurement

Usage

```
meshdata(MeSHDb = NULL, database, category, computeIC = FALSE)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------|---------------------------|
| MeSHDb | MeSHDb package |
| database | one of supported database |
| category | one of supported category |
| computeIC | logical value |

Value

a GOSemSimDATA object

Author(s)

Guangchuang Yu

Examples

```
## Not run:
library(meshes)
library(AnnotationHub)
ah <- AnnotationHub()
qr_hsa <- query(ah, c("MeSHDb", "Homo sapiens"))
filepath_hsa <- qr_hsa[[1]]
db <- MeSHDbi::MeSHDb(filepath_hsa)
hsamd <- meshdata(db, category='A', computeIC=T, database="gendo")

## End(Not run)
```

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| meshSim | <i>meshSim</i> |
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Description

semantic similarity between two MeSH term vectors

Usage

```
meshSim(meshID1, meshID2, measure = "Wang", semData)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------|---|
| meshID1 | MeSH term vector |
| meshID2 | MeSH term vector |
| measure | one of "Wang", "Resnik", "Rel", "Jiang" and "Lin" |
| semData | annotation data for semantic measurement, output by meshdata function |

Value

score matrix

Author(s)

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Examples

```
## library(meshes)
## library(AnnotationHub)
## ah <- AnnotationHub()
## qr_hsa <- query(ah, c("MeSHDb", "Homo sapiens"))
## filepath_hsa <- qr_hsa[[1]]
## db <- MeSHDbi::MeSHDb(filepath_hsa)
## hsamd <- meshdata(db, category='A', computeIC=T, database="gendo")
data(hsamd)
meshSim("D000009", "D009130", semData=hsamd, measure="Resnik")
```

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| mesh_term_table | <i>DATA Sets</i> |
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Description

These datasets are used in meshes

reexports

Objects exported from other packages

Description

These objects are imported from other packages. Follow the links below to see their documentation.

enrichit [geneID](#), [geneInCategory](#)

GOSemSim [get_organism](#)

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