

methylumi

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MethyLumi-class *The base class for storing Illumina Methylation data*

Description

This class inherits from [eSet](#) from the Biobase package and is used as a base class for the other two methylumi classes, [MethyLumiSet](#) and [MethyLumiQC](#).

Objects from the Class

The `MethyLumi` class is a virtual class and is not meant to be instantiated. Instead, one should instantiate a [MethyLumiSet](#) or a [MethyLumiQC](#) object.

Slots

`assayData`: Object of class "AssayData"
`phenoData`: Object of class "AnnotatedDataFrame"
`featureData`: Object of class "AnnotatedDataFrame" that will hold the annotation columns from the Beadstudio output, if they are available.
`experimentData`: Object of class "MIAME"
`annotation`: Object of class "character"; note that this slot is not currently used, but may be used in the future to store the character name of the annotation package, if available.
`.__classVersion__`: Object of class "Versions"

Extends

Class "[eSet](#)", directly. Class "[VersionedBiobase](#)", by class "eSet", distance 2. Class "[Versioned](#)", by class "eSet", distance 3.

Methods

pvals<- signature(object = "MethyLumi", value = "matrix"): Set the assay-Data slot of the same name and stores the P-values from BeadStudio

pvals signature(object = "MethyLumi"): Get the assayData slot of the same name

betas<- signature(object = "MethyLumi", value = "matrix"): Set the assay-Data slot of the same name and represents the methylation values for the samples, analogous to `exprs()` in gene expression data.

betas signature(object = "MethyLumi"): Get the assayData slot of the same name

methylated<- signature(object = "MethyLumi", value = "matrix"): Set the assayData slot that represents the Methylated single-channel signal

methylated signature(object = "MethyLumi"): Get the assayData slot that represents the Methylated single-channel signal

unmethylated<- signature(object = "MethyLumi", value = "matrix"): Set the assayData slot that represents the Unmethylated single-channel signal

unmethylated signature(object = "MethyLumi"): Get the assayData slot that represents the Unmethylated single-channel signal

controlTypes signature(object = "MethyLumi"): Find the unique control type beads in the QCdata slot.

qcplot signature(object = "MethyLumi", what, ...): Plot of QC data. This plot can be useful for diagnosing the problems associated with specific samples or arrays. The value for "what" is one of the control types (which can be found by using `controlTypes()` on the object).

summary signature(object = "MethyLumi", ...): summary method for MethyLumi objects.

Author(s)

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See Also

[methylumiR](#), [MethyLumiSet](#), [MethyLumiQC](#), [eSet](#)

Examples

```
## The class structure
showClass("MethyLumi")
## read in some data
## Read in sample information
samps <- read.table(system.file("extdata/samples.txt",
                              package = "methylumi"), sep="\t", header=TRUE)

## Perform the actual data reading
## This is an example of reading data from a
## Sentrix Array format file (actually two files,
## one for data and one for QC probes)
mldat <- methylumiR(system.file('extdata/EXAMPLEDATA/samples.txt',
                              package='methylumi'),
                  qcfile=system.file('extdata/EXAMPLEDATA/controls.txt',
                                      package="methylumi"),
                  sampleDescriptions=samps)

mldat
## Get history information
getHistory(mldat)
## Get QC data, which is another eSet-derived object
QCdata(mldat)
```

MethyLumiM-class *Class "MethyLumiM": for Illumina Methylation microarray data*

Description

MethyLumiM is a class inherited from [ExpressionSet-class](#). It is designed for Illumina Methylation microarray data. The `exprs` dataMatrix included in the `assayData` slot of MethyLumiM object includes a matrix of M-values, which is the log2 ratio of methylated and unmethylated probe intensities. The MethyLumiM class include a boxplot function uniquely designed for two-mode histogram data. It also include a coerce function to map from [MethyLumi-class](#), [MethyLumiSet-class](#) or other [eSet-class](#) inherited object to MethyLumiM class object.

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("MethyLumiM", exprs, methylated, unmethylated, detection, methylated.N, unmethylated.N, ..., assayData)`. The "exprs" is a matrix of M-values, which is the log2 ratio of methylated and unmethylated probe intensities; "methylated" and "unmethylated" are intensity matrix measured by methylated and unmethylated probes of Illumina Infinium methylation microarray; "detection" is the detection p-value outputted by Illumina GenomeStudio software; "methylated.N" and "unmethylated.N" are bead numbers for methylated and unmethylated probes. "exprs", "methylated" and "unmethylated" information are required for MethyLumiM class. When creating a new MethyLumiM object, the information of "exprs", "methylated", "unmethylated" and "detection" can also be provided directly through "assayData".

Slots

`history`: Object of class "data.frame" recording the operation history of the LumiBatch object.

`controlData`: Object of class "MethyLumiQC" to keep the QC probe measurement information.

`assayData`: Object of class "AssayData", which includes "exprs", "methylated", "unmethylated", "detection", "methylated.N" and "unmethylated.N" data matrix

`phenoData`: Object of class "AnnotatedDataFrame", See [eSet-class](#)

`featureData`: Object of class "AnnotatedDataFrame", See [eSet-class](#)

`experimentData`: Object of class "MIAME", See [eSet-class](#)

`annotation`: Object of class "character", See [eSet-class](#)

`protocolData`: Object of class "AnnotatedDataFrame", See [eSet-class](#)

`__classVersion__`: Object of class "Versions", See [eSet-class](#)

Extends

Class "[ExpressionSet](#)", directly. Class "[eSet](#)", by class "ExpressionSet", distance 2. Class "[VersionedBiobase](#)", by class "ExpressionSet", distance 3. Class "[Versioned](#)", by class "ExpressionSet", distance 4.

Methods

- boxplot** signature(x = "MethyLumiM"): plot distribution of M-value
- coerce** signature(from = "eSet", to = "MethyLumiM"): map from [MethyLumi-class](#), [MethyLumiSet-class](#) or other [eSet-class](#) inherited object to MethyLumiM class object. MethyLumiM object will only keep "exprs", "methylated", "unmethylated" and "detection" data matrix in the assayData.
- getHistory** signature(object = "MethyLumiM"): access the operation history of MethyLumiM object.
- initialize** signature(.Object = "MethyLumiM"): class initialization
- methylated** signature(object = "MethyLumiM"): retrieve the data matrix measured by methylated probes
- methylated<-** signature(object = "MethyLumiM"): set the data matrix measured by methylated probes
- unmethylated** signature(object = "MethyLumiM"): retrieve the data matrix measured by unmethylated probes
- unmethylated<-** signature(object = "MethyLumiM"): set the data matrix measured by unmethylated probes
- methylated.N** signature(object = "MethyLumiM"): retrieve the data matrix keeping the number of beads of methylated probes
- methylated.N<-** signature(object = "MethyLumiM"): set the data matrix keeping the number of beads of methylated probes
- unmethylated.N** signature(object = "MethyLumiM"): retrieve the data matrix keeping the number of beads of unmethylated probes
- unmethylated.N<-** signature(object = "MethyLumiM"): set the data matrix keeping the number of beads of unmethylated probes
- detection** signature(object = "MethyLumiM"): retrieve detection data matrix in AssayData-class
- detection<-** signature(object = "MethyLumiM"): set detection data matrix in AssayData-class
- controlData** signature(object = "MethyLumiM"): retrieve the controlData in MethyLumiQC-class
- controlData<-** signature(object = "MethyLumiM"): set controlData in MethyLumiQC-class

Author(s)

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References

1. Du, P., Zhang, X., Huang, C.C., Jafari, N., Kibbe, W.A., Hou, L., and Lin, S.M., (2010) 'Comparison of Beta-value and M-value methods for quantifying methylation levels by microarray analysis', (under review)

See Also

[MethyLumi-class](#) and [MethyLumiSet-class](#)

Examples

```
showClass("MethyLumiM")
```

MethyLumiQC-class *Class to hold Illumina Methylation QC data*

Description

This class inherits from the MethyLumi class (and therefore, from eSet in Biobase) and is designed to hold QC data from Illumina Beadstudio output. These data can be potentially useful when determining the cause for quality problems.

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("MethyLumiQC", assayData, phenoData, featureData, experimentData, annotation, betas)`.

Slots

`assayData`: Object of class "AssayData"

`phenoData`: Object of class "AnnotatedDataFrame"

`featureData`: Object of class "AnnotatedDataFrame" containing the annotation columns from the Illumina Beadstudio output. In particular, the names of the probes describe the types of control probes.

`experimentData`: Object of class "MIAME"

`annotation`: Object of class "character", not currently used

`.__classVersion__`: Object of class "Versions"

Extends

Class "[MethyLumi](#)", directly. Class "[QCDataOrNULL](#)", directly. Class "[eSet](#)", by class "[MethyLumi](#)", distance 2. Class "[VersionedBiobase](#)", by class "[MethyLumi](#)", distance 3. Class "[Versioned](#)", by class "[MethyLumi](#)", distance 4.

Methods

qcplot signature(object = "MethyLumiQC", what, ...): QC plots of various controltypes

controlTypes signature(object = "MethyLumiQC"): determine the character vector of control types from the QCdata information

initialize signature(.Object = "MethyLumiQC")

Author(s)

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See Also

[methylumiR](#), [MethyLumiSet](#), [MethyLumiQC](#), [eSet](#)

Examples

```
showClass("MethyLumiQC")
```

MethyLumiSet-class *Class to hold Illumina Methylation data*

Description

This class inherits from the MethyLumi class (and therefore, from eSet in Biobase) and is designed to hold both the intensities and the calculated betas, as well as pvalues if present.

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("MethyLumiSet", assayData, phenoData, featureData, experimentData, annotation, betas)`. An object of this type is the main storage class for methylation data from Illumina. Subsetting, etc., works as normal (rows represent genes, columns represent samples). There is also a rudimentary history tracking system that is modeled after that from the lumi package.

Slots

QC: Object of class "QCDataOrNULL", containing either the [MethyLumiQC](#) object or NULL
history: Object of class "data.frame", containing a running history of transforms to the data contained herein
assayData: Object of class [AssayData](#)
phenoData: Object of class [AnnotatedDataFrame](#)
featureData: Object of class [AnnotatedDataFrame](#), containing the annotation columns from the Illumina Beadstudio output
experimentData: Object of class [MIAME](#)
annotation: Object of class "character", not currently used
.__classVersion__: Object of class "Versions"

Extends

Class "[MethyLumi](#)", directly. Class "[eSet](#)", by class "[MethyLumi](#)", distance 2. Class "[VersionedBiobase](#)", by class "[MethyLumi](#)", distance 3. Class "[Versioned](#)", by class "[MethyLumi](#)", distance 4.

Methods

[signature(x = "MethyLumiSet"): subsetting, genes as rows, samples as columns
betas<- signature(object = "MethyLumiSet", value = "matrix"): Set the assayData slot of the same name
betas signature(object = "MethyLumiSet"): Get the assayData slot of the same name
boxplot signature(x = "MethyLumiSet"): boxplot of all sample betas
combine signature(x = "MethyLumiSet", y = "MethyLumiSet")
corplot signature(x = "MethyLumiSet")

exprs<- signature(object = "MethyLumiSet", value = "matrix"): alias for "<-betas"

exprs signature(object = "MethyLumiSet"): alias for "betas"

getHistory signature(object = "MethyLumiSet"): returns a data.frame containing the history for this object

hist signature(x = "MethyLumiSet"): histogram of the betas for the data

initialize signature(.Object = "MethyLumiSet")

pairs signature(x = "MethyLumiSet"): pairs plot of the betas for the object. Note that pairs plots of more than a few samples are not very useful.

plotSampleIntensities signature(x = "MethyLumiSet"): The intensities as output by the Beadstudio software often show a considerable amount of dye bias. This method shows a graphical example of this dye bias. In short, for each of the Cy3 and Cy5 channels, a cutoff in beta is used to calculate which Cy3 and Cy5 values should be plotted at high-methylation and low-methylation status. Any offset between Cy3 and Cy5 when plotted in this way likely represents dye bias and will lead to biases in the estimate of beta.

QCdata<- signature(object = "MethyLumiSet", value = "MethyLumiQC"): assign QC data to the QC slot

QCdata signature(object = "MethyLumiSet"): retrieve the QC data.

show signature(object = "MethyLumiSet")

methylated<- signature(object = "MethyLumiSet", value = "matrix"): Set the assayData slot associated with methylated intensity

methylated signature(object = "MethyLumiSet"): Get the assayData slot associated with methylated intensity

unmethylated<- signature(object = "MethyLumiSet", value = "matrix"): Set the assayData slot associated with unmethylated intensity

unmethylated signature(object = "MethyLumiSet"): Get the assayData slot associated with unmethylated intensity

qcplot signature(object = "MethyLumiSet", what, ...): QC plots of various controltypes

controlTypes signature(object = "MethyLumiSet"): determine the character vector of control types from the QCdata information

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See Also

[methylumiR](#), [normalizeMethyLumiSet](#), [MethyLumiSet](#), [MethyLumiQC](#), [eSet](#)

Examples

```
showClass("MethyLumiSet")
```

`estimateM`*Estimate methylation M-value matrix*

Description

Estimate methylation M-value matrix from MethyLumiM-class object or eSet-class object, which include methylated and unmethylated probe intensities

Usage

```
estimateM(methyLumiM, returnType=c("ExpressionSet", "matrix"), offset=1)
```

Arguments

<code>methyLumiM</code>	MethyLumiM-class object or eSet-class object, which include methylated and unmethylated probe intensities
<code>returnType</code>	determine whether return an ExpressionSet (MethyLumiM in this case) or matrix object
<code>offset</code>	offset added to the methylated and unmethylated probe intensities when estimating the M-value

Details

M-value is the log₂ ratio between Illumina methylated and unmethylated probe intensities. As variations of small intensities can cause big changes in the ratio estimation, so an offset is added to methylated and unmethylated probe intensities when estimating the M-value.

Please check the lumi package for more details of estimateM function.

Value

A MethyLumiM or matrix object of methylation M-value

Author(s)

Pan DU

References

Du, P., Zhang, X., Huang, C.C., Jafari, N., Kibbe, W.A., Hou, L., and Lin, S.M., (2010) 'Comparison of Beta-value and M-value methods for quantifying methylation levels by microarray analysis', (under review)

```
extractBarcodeAndPosition
```

Extract the Barcode and Position Information from Satrix ID

Description

The satrix IDs from an illumina satrix array contain positional information that might be useful. This function simply extracts that information from the ID itself.

Usage

```
extractBarcodeAndPosition(satrixids)
```

Arguments

satrixids A character vector of satrix IDs that look like: 1632405013_R001_C001

Value

A data.frame with three columns:

satrix	numeric, the satrix ID
row	numeric, the satrix row
column	numeric, the satrix column

Author(s)

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See Also

methylumiR

Examples

```
extractBarcodeAndPosition(c('12341234_R001_C001'))
```

```
featureFilter
```

*Annotation-based Filtering of Features (CpG sites) in a MethyLumiSet
or*

Description

Features with insufficient annotation carry little value for the subsequent data analysis. The function `featureFilter` provides options of filtering features (CpG sites) from a `MethyLumiSet` (or `MethyLumiM`) object based on available annotation data.

Usage

```
featureFilter(eset, require.entrez=FALSE,
             require.GOBP=FALSE, require.GOCC=FALSE,
             require.GOMF=FALSE, exclude.ChrX=FALSE,
             require.closeToTSS=FALSE, range.DistToTSS=c(-500, 300),
             require.CpGisland=FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

`eset` A `MethyLumiSet` or `MethyLumiM` object.

`require.entrez` If `TRUE`, filter out features without an Entrez Gene ID annotation.

`require.GOBP`, `require.GOCC`, `require.GOMF` If `TRUE`, filter out features whose target genes are not annotated to at least one GO term in BP, CC and MF ontology, respectively.

`exclude.ChrX` If `TRUE`, filter out features in chromosome X to avoid gender effect.

`require.closeToTSS` If `TRUE`, filter out features that are not close to transcription start site (TSS). Features without annotation of distance to TSS will also be removed.

`range.DistToTSS` A vector of numeric values of length 2, indicating the range of tolerable distance from transcription start site (TSS) in basepair (bp). If `require.closeToTSS` is `TRUE`, features whose distance to TSS falls outside this designated range will be removed. The default value is `c(-500, 300)`, where `-500` represents the distance to TSS from the left and `300` the distance from the right.

`require.CpGisland` If `TRUE`, filter out features that are not in CpG islands.

`...` Unused, but available for specializing methods.

Value

The function `featureFilter` returns a list consisting of:

`eset` The filtered `MethyLumiSet` or `MethyLumiM` object.

`filter.log` A list giving details of how many probe sets were removed for each annotation-based filtering step performed.

Author(s)

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References

R. Bourgon, R. Gentleman, W. Huber, *Independent filtering increases power for detecting differentially expressed genes*, PNAS, vol. 107, no. 21, pp:9546-9551.

See Also

[nsFilter](#)

Examples

```
data(mldat)
annotation(mldat) <- "GGHumanMethCancerPanelv1"
filt <- featureFilter(mldat, require.entrez=TRUE,
                     exclude.ChrX=TRUE,
                     require.closeToTSS=TRUE, range.DistToTSS=c(-500, 300),
                     require.CpGisland=TRUE)
filt$filter.log
dim(filt$eset)
```

MethyLumi-accessors

methylumi accessors

Description

These functions serve as getters and setters for information in methylumi classes.

Usage

```
betas(object)
pvals(object)
methylated(object)
unmethylated(object)
getHistory(object)
QCdata(object)
```

Arguments

`object` an object of class `MethyLumi` or a subclass

Details

See the methods definitions in [MethyLumiSet](#) and [MethyLumiQC](#) for details.

Author(s)

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See Also

[normalizeMethyLumiSet](#), [MethyLumiSet](#), [MethyLumiQC](#), [eSet](#)

```
getAssayDataNameSubstitutions
```

Return a data.frame of AssayData name substitutions.

Description

The Illumina methylation platforms use two distinct platforms, the "goldengate" platform and the "infinium" platform. Each of these uses different file formats as well as different assay technologies. To make the downstream data handling more straightforward and uniform between the two different systems, a simple mapping from the column names in the output files from the Illumina software is used to convert things from Red/Green or Cy5/Cy3 to unmethylated/methylated. This function simply returns that mapping.

Usage

```
getAssayDataNameSubstitutions()
```

Details

A file in the extdata directory called "substitutions.txt" contains two columns. The function loads this file and uses the first column as a match against column names in the data file (with the "sample part" removed). If matched, the second column gives the replacement.

Value

A data.frame with two columns, regex and replacement.

Author(s)

Sean Davis <seandavi@gmail.com>

Examples

```
getAssayDataNameSubstitutions()
```

`methyllumi-package` *Handle Illumina methylation data*

Description

This package contains a class structure for handling methylation data from Illumina as well as utility functions for loading the data from files generated by Illumina. Normalization that attempts to correct for dye bias is also included.

Important data classes include: `MethyLumiSet` and `MethyLumiQC`, both of which are subsets of the `MethyLumi` class, which is a subset of the `eSet` class.

A worked example of the use of the package can be found by typing: `openVignette()`.

A full listing of the available documentation can be obtained by typing `help.start()` and selecting `methyllumi` from the `Packages` link or by typing `library(help="methyllumi")`.

Details

Package: methylumi
 Type: Package
 License: GPL

Author(s)

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References

<http://watson.nci.nih.gov/~sdavis/software/R>

See Also

[Biobase](#)

methylumiR

Load data from Illumina methylation platform

Description

This function is useful for loading Illumina methylation data into a MethyLumiSet object. Sample information can be supplied and will then be incorporated into the resulting phenoData slot.

Usage

```
methylumiR(filename, qcfile=NULL, sampleDescriptions = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

filename	A filename of the excel-like file from BeadStudio
qcfile	A filename of the excel-like file from BeadStudio
sampleDescriptions	A data.frame that contains at least one column, SampleID (case insensitive). This column MUST match the part of the column headers before the .Avg_Beta, etc. Also, if a column called SampleLabel (case insensitive), it is used for sample labels, IF the sampleLabel column contains unique identifiers
...	Passed into read.delim()

Details

Used to construct a MethyLumiSet object....

Value

A MethyLumiSet object

Author(s)

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See Also

[MethyLumiSet-class](#), [MethyLumiQC-class](#)

Examples

```
## Read in sample information
samps <- read.table(system.file("extdata/samples.txt",
                              package = "methylumi"), sep="\t", header=TRUE)

## Perform the actual data reading
## This is an example of reading data from an
## Sentrix Array format file (actually two files,
## one for data and one for QC probes)
mldat <- methylumiR(system.file('extdata/exampledata.samples.txt', package='methylumi'),
                   qcfile=system.file('extdata/exampledata.controls.txt', package="methylumi"),
                   sampleDescriptions=samps)

mldat
```

mldat

Example SAM format Illumina methylation dataset

Description

This is an example [MethyLumiSet](#) object.

Usage

```
data(mldat)
```

Examples

```
data(mldat)
```

normalizeMethyLumiSet

Normalize a MethyLumiSet, accounting for dye bias

Description

The Illumina GoldenGate methylation platform uses two colors, one to represent the unmethylated state and the other to represent the methylated state. This function corrects that dye bias and recalculates the betas based on the corrected intensities. It is probably not optimal for Infinium data since the methylated and unmethylated signals are in the same channel for that platform.

Usage

```
normalizeMethyLumiSet(x, beta.cuts = c(0.2, 0.8), mapfun = c("atan", "ratio"))
```

Arguments

x	A MethyLumiSet object
beta.cuts	Two numeric values with the first less than the second and between 0 and 1, representing the beta cutoffs that will be used when determining the median intensities to which to correct. See details below.
mapfun	Either "atan" or "ratio". See details below.

Details

The Illumina GoldenGate methylation platform uses two colors, one to represent the unmethylated state and the other to represent the methylated state. This function corrects that dye bias and recalculates the betas based on the corrected intensities.

As a first step, the medians for each of Cy3 and Cy5 are calculated at high and low betas, representing the (nearly) fully methylated state and the (nearly) fully unmethylated states. Values of Cy3 and Cy5 that are negative are set to zero for this process. Then, the Cy5 medians are adjusted to match those of the Cy3 channel, thereby correcting the dye bias.

To map the new intensities back to betas, one of two map functions can be used. The default is the atan(Cy3/Cy5). The ratio maps using the function (Cy3/Cy3+Cy5). The differences should be very small, but we feel that the atan map function is probably the mathematically appropriate way of doing this.

Note that this normalization method is not optimal for Infinium methylation data and should probably not be used for that platform.

Value

A new "MethyLumiSet" that contains the corrected betas and the adjusted intensities.

Author(s)

Sean Davis <sdavis2@mail.nih.gov>

Examples

```
## Read in sample information
samps <- read.table(system.file("extdata/samples.txt",
                               package = "methylumi"), sep="\t", header=TRUE)

## Perform the actual data reading
## This is an example of reading data from an
## Sentrix Array format file (actually two files,
## one for data and one for QC probes)
mldat <- methylumiR(system.file('extdata/EXAMPLEDATA.samples.txt', package='methylumi'),
                   qcfile=system.file('extdata/EXAMPLEDATA.controls.txt', package="methylumi"),
                   sampleDescriptions=samps)
mldatnorm <- normalizeMethyLumiSet(mldat)
```

```
plotSampleIntensities
```

Plot the sample intensities.

Description

The Illumina methylation platforms all show a significant dye bias. The `plotSampleIntensities` method shows the density plots for the two channels allowing direct visualization of the effect.

Usage

```
plotSampleIntensities(x, beta.cuts, s)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	an object of class <code>MethyLumi</code> or a subclass
<code>beta.cuts</code>	cutoffs for low and high beta values
<code>s</code>	sample number to plot

Examples

```
data(mldat)
plotSampleIntensities(mldat, s=1)
```

```
qcplot
```

Methods for dealing with control data for Illumina methylation data.

Description

The `qcplot` function simply generates a plot of the control probe information for a given `controlType`.

Usage

```
qcplot(object, controltype, ...)
controlTypes(object, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>object</code>	An object of class <code>MethyLumiSet</code> or <code>MethyLumiQC</code>
<code>controltype</code>	A single character value representing the bead type to plot from the quality control data. The available types are accessible via the <code>controlTypes</code> method.
<code>...</code>	passed to plot function

Details

The descriptions of the various control types can be obtained from the Illumina methylation user's guides.

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See Also

[MethyLumiSet](#), [MethyLumiQC](#)

Examples

```
data(mldat)
controlTypes(mldat)
qcplot(mldat, controlTypes(mldat)[3])
```

varFilter	<i>Variation-based Filtering of Features (CpG sites) in a MethyLumiSet or</i>
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Description

The function `varFilter` removes features exhibiting little variation across samples. Such non-specific filtering can be advantageous for downstream data analysis.

Usage

```
varFilter(eset, var.func=IQR, var.cutoff=0.05, filterByQuantile=TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>eset</code>	An <code>MethyLumiSet</code> or <code>MethyLumiM</code> object.
<code>var.func</code>	The function used as the per-feature filtering statistics.
<code>var.cutoff</code>	A numeric value indicating the cutoff value for variation. If <code>filterByQuantile</code> is <code>TRUE</code> , features whose value of <code>var.func</code> is less than <code>var.cutoff-quantile</code> of all <code>var.func</code> value will be removed. If <code>FALSE</code> , features whose values are less than <code>var.cutoff</code> will be removed.
<code>filterByQuantile</code>	A logical indicating whether <code>var.cutoff</code> is to be interpreted as a quantile of all <code>var.func</code> (the default), or as an absolute value.
<code>...</code>	Unused, but available for specializing methods.

Details

This function is a counterpart of functions `nsFilter` and `varFilter` available from the `genefilter` package. See R. Bourgon et. al. (2010) and [nsFilter](#) for detail.

It is proven that non-specific filtering, for which the criteria does not depend on sample class, can increase the number of discoveries. Inappropriate choice of test statistics, however, might have adverse effect. `limma`'s moderated t -statistics, for example, is based on empirical Bayes approach which models the conjugate prior of gene-level variance with an inverse of χ^2 distribution scaled by observed global variance. As the variance-based filtering removes the set of genes with low variance, the scaled inverse χ^2 no longer provides a good fit to the data passing the filter, causing the `limma` algorithm to produce a posterior degree-of-freedom of infinity (Bourgon 2010). This leads to two consequences: (i) gene-level variance estimate will be ignore, and (ii) the p -value will be overly optimistic (Bourgon 2010).

Value

The function `featureFilter` returns a list consisting of:

`eset` The filtered `MethyLumiSet` or `MethyLumiM` object.
`filter.log` Shows many low-variant features are removed.

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References

R. Bourgon, R. Gentleman, W. Huber, *Independent filtering increases power for detecting differentially expressed genes*, PNAS, vol. 107, no. 21, pp:9546-9551, 2010.

See Also

[nsFilter](#)

Examples

```
data(mldat)
annotation(mldat) <- "GGHumanMethCancerPanelv1"
filt <- varFilter(mldat, var.cutoff=0.05)
filt$filter.log
dim(filt$eset)
```

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