Package 'DMRScan'

May 10, 2024

Title Detection of Differentially Methylated Regions

Version 1.26.0

Description This package detects significant differentially methylated regions (for both qualitative and quantitative traits), using a scan statistic with underlying Poisson heuristics. The scan statistic will depend on a sequence of window sizes (# of CpGs within each window) and on a threshold for each window size. This threshold can be calculated by three different means: i) analytically using Siegmund et.al (2012) solution (preferred), ii) an important sampling as suggested by Zhang (2008), and a iii) full MCMC modeling of the data, choosing between a number of different options for modeling the dependency between each CpG.

biocViews Software, Technology, Sequencing, WholeGenome

Depends R (>= 3.6.0)

Imports Matrix, MASS, RcppRoll,GenomicRanges, IRanges, GenomeInfoDb, methods, mvtnorm, stats, parallel

License GPL-3

LazyData true

Author Christian M Page [aut, cre],
Linda Vos [aut],
Trine B Rounge [ctb, dtc],
Hanne F Harbo [ths],
Bettina K Andreassen [aut]

Maintainer Christian M Page <page.ntnu@gmail.com>

RoxygenNote 6.1.1

Suggests knitr, rmarkdown, BiocStyle, BiocManager

VignetteBuilder knitr

URL https://github.com/christpa/DMRScan

BugReports https://github.com/christpa/DMRScan/issues

PackageStatus Active

git_url https://git.bioconductor.org/packages/DMRScan

git_branch RELEASE_3_19

git_last_commit 05f9476

git_last_commit_date 2024-04-30

Repository Bioconductor 3.19

Date/Publication 2024-05-10

Contents

---

dmrscan   *DMR Scan function*

Description

DMR Scan function

Usage

```
dmrscan(observations, windowSize, windowThreshold = NULL, chr = NULL,
  pos = NULL, maxGap = 500, ...)
```

Arguments

observations	An object of either; GRangesList made by makeCpGregions, a vector of the test statistic, a GRanges object, or a "minfi" object (soon to be supported).
windowSize	A sequence of windowSizes for the slidingWindow. Must be an integer vector, with equal length as the number of windows.
windowThreshold	
	Optional argument with corresponding cut-off for each window. Will be estimated if not supplied.
chr	A vector of chromosomal position. Only used when the observations vector is a matrix of test statistic.
pos	A vector of genomic coordinates for the CpGs to match the chr argument
maxGap	The maximum allowed gap between two CpGs within the same region.
...	Optional arguments to be passed to estimateThreshold, if no grid is specified.

Value

An object of type [GRanges](#) with significantly differentially

Examples

```
## methylation data from chromosome 22
data(DMRScan.methylationData)
## phenotype (end-point for methylation data)

data(DMRScan.phenotypes)

## Test for an association between phenotype and methylation
test.statistics <- apply(DMRScan.methylationData,1,function(x,y)
  summary(glm(y ~ x, family = binomial(link = "logit")))$coefficients[2,3],
                                                y = DMRScan.phenotypes)
## Set chromosomal position to each test-statistic
positions <- data.frame(matrix(as.integer(unlist(strsplit(names(test.statistics),
                              split="chr|[.]"))), ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE))[,-1]
## Set clustering features
min.cpg <- 4  ## Minimum number of CpGs in a tested cluster
## Maximum distance (in base-pairs) within a cluster
## before it is broken up into two separate cluster
max.gap <- 750

## Identify all clusters, and generate a list for each cluster
regions <- makeCpGregions(observations = test.statistics,
                          chr = positions[,1], pos = positions[,2],
                          maxGap = max.gap, minCpG = min.cpg)
## Number of CpGs in the slidingWindows, can be either a single number
## or a sequence of windowSizes
windowSizes <- 3:7
nCpG        <- sum(sapply(regions,length)) ## Number of CpGs to be tested

# Estimate the windowThreshold, based on the number of CpGs and windowSizes
windowThresholds <- estimateWindowThreshold(nProbe = nCpG,
                windowSize = windowSizes, method = "sampling", mcmc = 10000)
## Run the slidingWindow
DMRScanResults   <- dmrscan(observations = regions,
                            windowSize = windowSizes,
                            windowThreshold = windowThresholds)
## Print the result
print(DMRScanResults)
```

DMRScan.methylationData

DMRScan

Description

Bi-sulfite sequencing data from all known CpG islands at chromosome 22 from 100 the Finish teens study, sampled from extreme BMI quantiles. The data set is reduced to 25139 sites on chromosome 22. See "Genome-wide DNA methylation in saliva and body size of adolescent girls", TB Rounge, CM Page, M Lepisto, E Pekka, and BK Andreassen and E Weiderpass, _Epigenomics_ 8.11 (2016): 1495-1505 for a full overview of the data set.

Examples

```
data(DMRScan.methylationData)
head(DMRScan.methylationData)
```

DMRScan.phenotypes   *DMRScan*

Description

Accompanying phenotypes for the methylation data, indicating case- control status for the BMI quantiles. See "Genome-wide DNA methylation in saliva and body size of adolescent girls", TB Rounge, CM Page, M Lepisto, E Pekka, and BK Andreassen and E Weiderpass, _Epigenomics_ 8.11 (2016): 1495-1505 for a full description of the phenotypes.

Examples

```
data(DMRScan.phenotypes)
table(DMRScan.phenotypes)
```

DMRScan_package   *DMRScan: An R-package for identification of Differentially Metylated Regions*

Description

DMRScan: An R-package for identification of Differentially Metylated Regions

Arguments

observations	An object of type GRangesList from makeCpGregions
windowSize	A sequence of windowSizes for the slidingWindow, must be an integer
windowThreshold	
	Optional argument with corresponding cut-off for each window. Will be estimated if not supplied.
...	Optional arguments to be pased to estimateThreshold, if no grid is specified.

Value

An object of type [GRanges](#) with signficantly differentially

Author(s)

Christian Page, <page.ntnu@gmail.com>

References

Not Published yet (Under revision)

Examples

```
## nProbeoad methylation data from chromosome 22
data(DMRScan.methylationData)
## nProbeoad phenotype (end-point for methylation data)
data(DMRScan.phenotypes)

## Test for an association between phenotype and Methylation
test.statistics <- apply(DMRScan.methylationData,1,function(x,y)
  summary(glm(y ~ x, family = binomial(link = "logit")))$coefficients[2,3],
                                                y = DMRScan.phenotypes)
## Set chromosomal position to each test-statistic
positions <- data.frame(matrix(as.integer(unlist(strsplit(names(test.statistics), split="chr|[.]"))), ncol = 3, b
## Set clustering features
min.cpg <- 4  ## Minimum number of CpGs in a tested cluster
## Maxium distance (in base-pairs) within a cluster
## before it is broken up into two seperate cluster
max.gap <- 750

## Identify all clusters, and generate a list for each cluster
regions <- makeCpGregions(observations = test.statistics,
                          chr = positions[,1], pos = positions[,2],
                          maxGap = max.gap, minCpG = min.cpg)
## Number of CpGs in the slidingWindows, can be either a single number
## or a sequence of windowSizes
windowSizes <- 3:7
nCpG        <- sum(sapply(regions, length)) ## Number of CpGs to be tested

# Estimate the windowThreshold, based on the number of CpGs and windowSizes
windowThresholds <- estimateWindowThreshold(nProbe = nCpG,
              windowSize = windowSizes, method = "sampling", mcmc = 10000)
## Run the slidingWindow
DMRScanResults   <- dmrscan(observations = regions,
                            windowSize = windowSizes,
                            windowThreshold = windowThresholds)
## Print the result
print(DMRScanResults)
```

---

estimateThreshold	*EstimateWindowThresholds*

Description

Estimate window thresholds for sliding window, one unique value for each window size

Usage

```
estimateWindowThreshold(nProbe, windowSize, method = "siegmund",
  mcmc = 1000, nCPU = 1, submethod = "ar", ...)
```

Arguments

nProbe	The number of probes (CpGs) in the study.
windowSize	The different window sizes to be tested. Must be either one, or an ordered sequence of integers.
method	Gives the method by which the threshold is calculated. Can be either an analytical solution "siegmund", provided by Siegnumd et.al (2012), or an iterative process; either importance sampling "sampling", as suggested by Zhang (2012) or a full MCMC model "mcmc" which can account for any dependency structure, wich is pass to arima.sim, with ...
mcmc	The number of MCMC iterations to be used, when using either Important Sampling ("zhang") or MCMC estimation of the threshold.
nCPU	When calculating the thresholds on a cluster, how many CPUs should be used. This option is only compatible with the 'mcmc' method.
submethod	A character string indicating if an AR(5) or ARIMA model should be used. In the AR(5), the index runs from -2 to 2. A regular AR(p) model can be obtaine using ARIMA(p,0,0) instead.
...	Optinal parameters pased on to [arima](), when simulating data using the mcmc option, see arima.sim()

Value

Returns a vector of the threshold for each window size

Examples

```
thresholdGrid <- estimateWindowThreshold(nProbe = 1000,
                                  windowSize = 3:8, method = "siegmund")
```

---

makeCpGgenes   *Cluster*

Description

Cluster CpGs together in genes based on annotation

Usage

```
makeCpGgenes(observations, chr, pos, gene, minCpG = 2)
```

Arguments

observations   Vector of corresponding observed T-value for each CpG, must be ordered in the
                same way as chr and pos

chr   Vector of chromosome location for each CpG

pos   Vector giving base pair position for each CpG If unsorted, use order(chr,pos) to
                sort the genomic positions within each chromosome.

gene   A vector asigning each probe to a gene.

minCpG   Minimum number of CpGs allowed in each region to be considered. Default is
                set to at least 2 CpGs within each region.

Value

The suplied observations ordered into into a list, with one entry for each CpG region.

Examples

```
data(DMRScan.methylationData) ## Load methylation data from chromosome 22
data(DMRScan.phenotypes) ## Load phenotype (end-point for methylation data)

## Test for an association between phenotype and Methylation
testStatistics <- apply(DMRScan.methylationData,1,function(x,y)
 summary(glm(y ~ x, family = binomial(link = "logit")))$coefficients[2,3],
  y = DMRScan.phenotypes)

## Set chromosomal position to each test-statistic
pos <- data.frame(matrix(as.integer(unlist(strsplit(names(testStatistics),
 split="chr|[.]"))), ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE))[,-1]

## Set clustering features
minCpG   <- 3  ## Minimum number of CpGs in a tested cluster
gene     <- sample(paste("Gene",1:100,sep=""),
                        length(testStatistics),replace=TRUE)
regions  <- makeCpGgenes(observations = testStatistics,
                        chr = pos[,1], pos = pos[,2],
                        gene = gene, minCpG = minCpG)
```

---

makeCpGregions   *Cluster*

Description

Cluster CpGs together in regions based on proximity

Usage

```
makeCpGregions(observations, chr, pos, maxGap = 500, minCpG = 2)
```

Arguments

observations	Vector of corresponding observed T-value for each CpG, must be ordered in the same way as chr and pos
chr	Vector of chromosome location for each CpG
pos	Vector giving base pair position for each CpG If unsorted, use order(chr,pos) to sort the genomic positions within each chromosome.
maxGap	Maximum allowed base pair gap within a cluster. Default is set to 500.
minCpG	Minimum number of CpGs allowed in each region to be considered. Default is set to at least 2 CpGs within each region.

Value

The suplied observations ordered into into a GRangesList object. To be parsed further into [dmrscan](#)

Examples

```
data(DMRScan.methylationData) ## Load methylation data from chromosome 22
data(DMRScan.phenotypes) ## Load phenotype (end-point for methylation data)

## Test for an association between phenotype and Methylation
testStatistics <- apply(DMRScan.methylationData,1,function(x,y)
 summary(glm(y ~ x, family = binomial(link = "logit")))$coefficients[2,3],
 y = DMRScan.phenotypes)

## Set chromosomal position to each test-statistic
pos<- data.frame(matrix(as.integer(unlist(strsplit(names(testStatistics),
split="chr|[.]"))), ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE))[,-1]

## Set clustering features
minCpG <- 3  ## Minimum number of CpGs in a tested cluster
## Maxium distance (in base-pairs) within a cluster before it is
## broken up into two seperate cluster
maxGap <- 750
regions <- makeCpGregions(observations = testStatistics, chr = pos[,1],
                          pos = pos[,2], maxGap = maxGap, minCpG = minCpG)
```

---

manyWindowSizeScanner   *Method Fixed window size scan for a sequence of window sizes*

Description

Method Fixed window size scan for a sequence of window sizes

Usage

```
manyWindowSizeScanner(region, windowThreshold, windowSize)

## S4 method for signature 'GRangesList'
manyWindowSizeScanner(region, windowThreshold,
  windowSize)

## S4 method for signature 'GRanges'
manyWindowSizeScanner(region, windowThreshold,
  windowSize)
```

Arguments

region   Object of type GRanges

windowThreshold

                    Vector of window thresholds

windowSize   Vector of window sizes to be tested on regions

Value

A list of the windows that are significant

Examples

```
## Not run
```

---

oneWindowSizeScanner   *Method Fixed window size scan for one window size*

Description

Method Fixed window size scan for one window size

Usage

```
oneWindowSizeScanner(region, windowThreshold, windowSize)

## S4 method for signature 'GRangesList'
oneWindowSizeScanner(region, windowThreshold,
  windowSize)

## S4 method for signature 'GRanges'
oneWindowSizeScanner(region, windowThreshold,
  windowSize)
```

Arguments

```
region              Object of type GRanges
windowThreshold
                    Vector of window thresholds
windowSize          Vector of window sizes to be tested on regions
```

Value

A list of the windows that are significant

Examples

```
## Not run
```

Index