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Description

The package aims to identify miRNA sponge modules by integrating expression data and miRNA-target binding information.

It provides several functions to study miRNA sponge modules, including popular methods for inferring gene modules (candidate miRNA sponge modules), and a function to identify miRNA sponge modules, as well as a function to conduct functional analysis of miRNA sponge modules.

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ceRExp	<i>ceRNA expression data</i>
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Description

ceRNA expression data

Format

ceRExp: A SummarizedExperiment object with 72 BRCA and 72 normal samples (rows) and 305 lncRNAs (columns).

Details

The matched breast invasive carcinoma (BRCA) miRNA, lncRNA and mRNA expression data is obtained from TCGA (<http://cancergenome.nih.gov/>). lncRNA expression data is regarded as ceRNA expression data. The data focuses on 72 individuals for which the complete sets of tumor and matched normal (i.e., normal tissue taken from the same patient) profiles are available. A lncRNA which has missing values in more than 10 are imputed using the k-nearest neighbours (KNN) algorithm from the impute R package. We use the limma R package to infer differentially expressed lncRNAs between tumour and normal samples. After the analysis, we select top 305 lncRNAs which are differentially expressed at a significant level (adjusted p-value < 1E-02, adjusted by Benjamini & Hochberg method).

cor_binary	<i>cor_binary</i>
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Description

Generation of positively correlated binary matrix between ceRNAs and mRNAs

Usage

```
cor_binary(ceRExp, mRExp, cor.method = "pearson",  
           pos.p.value.cutoff = 0.01)
```

Arguments

ceRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. ceRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are ceRNAs.
mRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. mRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are mRNAs.
cor.method	The method of calculating correlation selected, including 'pearson' (default), 'kendall', 'spearman'.
pos.p.value.cutoff	The significant p-value cutoff of positive correlation.

Value

A binary matrix.

Author(s)

Junpeng Zhang (https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Junpeng_Zhang3)

References

Langfelder P, Horvath S. WGCNA: an R package for weighted correlation network analysis. BMC Bioinformatics. 2008, 9:559.

Examples

```
data(BRCASampleData)  
cor_binary_matrix <- cor_binary(ceRExp, mRExp)
```

miRExp	<i>miRNA expression data</i>
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Description

miRNA expression data

Format

miRExp: A SummarizedExperiment object with 72 BRCA and 72 normal samples (rows) and 226 miRNAs (columns).

Details

The matched breast invasive carcinoma (BRCA) miRNA, lncRNA and mRNA expression data is obtained from TCGA (<http://cancergenome.nih.gov/>). The data focuses on 72 individuals for which the complete sets of tumor and matched normal (i.e., normal tissue taken from the same patient) profiles are available. A miRNA which has missing values in more than 10 are imputed using the k-nearest neighbours (KNN) algorithm from the impute R package. We use the limma R package to infer differentially expressed miRNAs, ceRNAs and mRNAs between tumour and normal samples. After the analysis, we select top 226 miRNAs which are differentially expressed at a significant level (adjusted p-value < 1E-02, adjusted by Benjamini & Hochberg method).

miRSM	<i>miRSM</i>
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Description

Identify miRNA sponge modules using canonical correlation (CC) and sensitivity canonical correlation (SCC) methods

Usage

```
miRSM(miRExp, ceRExp, mRExp, miRTarget, CandidateModulegenes,
      typex = "standard", typez = "standard", nperms = 100,
      method = c("CC", "SCC"), num_shared_miRNAs = 3,
      pvalue.cutoff = 0.05, CC.cutoff = 0.8, SCC.cutoff = 0.3)
```

Arguments

miRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. miRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are miRNAs.
ceRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. ceRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are ceRNAs.
mRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. mRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are mRNAs.
miRTarget	A SummarizedExperiment object. Putative miRNA-target binding information.
CandidateModulegenes	List object: a list of candidate miRNA sponge modules.

typex	The columns of x unordered (type='standard') or ordered (type='ordered').
typez	The columns of z unordered (type='standard') or ordered (type='ordered').
nperms	The number of permutations.
method	The method selected to identify miRNA sponge modules, including 'CC' and 'SCC'.
num_shared_miRNAs	The number of common miRNAs shared by a group of ceRNAs and mRNAs.
pvalue.cutoff	The p-value cutoff of significant sharing of common miRNAs by a group of ceRNAs and mRNAs.
CC.cutoff	The cutoff of canonical correlation for 'CC' method.
SCC.cutoff	The cutoff of sensitivity canonical correlation for 'SCC' method.

Value

List object: Canonical correlation or sensitivity canonical correlation, and genes of miRNA sponge modules.

Author(s)

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References

Witten DM, Tibshirani R, Hastie T. A penalized matrix decomposition, with applications to sparse principal components and canonical correlation analysis. *Biostatistics*. 2009, 10(3):515-34.

Examples

```
data(BRCASampleData)
modulegenes_igraph <- module_igraph(ceRExp[, seq_len(10)],
  mRExp[, seq_len(10)])
# Identify miRNA sponge modules using canonical correlation (CC)
miRSM_igraph_CC <- miRSM(miRExp, ceRExp, mRExp, miRTarget,
  modulegenes_igraph, nperms = 5,
  method = 'CC')
```

miRTarget

miRNA-target interactions

Description

miRNA-target interactions

Format

miRTarget: A SummarizedExperiment object with 29901 miRNA-target interactions.

Details

The miRNA-target binding information is from miRTarBase v7.0 (<http://mirtarbase.mbc.nctu.edu.tw/php/index.php>), and LncBase v2.0 (http://carolina.imis.athena-innovation.gr/diana_tools/web/index.php?r=lncbasev2/index). Among 226 miRNAs, 305 lncRNAs and 500 mRNAs which are differentially expressed, we obtain 29901 miRNA-target interactions (including miRNA-lncRNA and miRNA-mRNA interactions).

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module_biclust	<i>module_biclust</i>
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Description

Identification of gene modules from matched ceRNA and mRNA expression data using a series of biclustering packages, including biclust, runibic, iBBiG, fabia, BicARE, isa2, s4vd, BiBitR and rqbic

Usage

```
module_biclust(ceRExp, mRExp, BCmethod = "fabia", num.modules = 10,
  num.ModuleceRs = 2, num.ModulemRs = 2)
```

Arguments

ceRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. ceRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are ceRNAs.
mRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. mRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are mRNAs.
BCmethod	Specification of the biclustering method, including 'BCBimax', 'BCCC', 'BC-Plaid' (default), 'BCQuest', 'BCSpectral', 'BCXmotifs', 'BCUnibic', 'iBBiG', 'fabia', 'fabiap', 'fabias', 'mfsc', 'nmfdiv', 'nmfeu', 'nmfsc', 'FLOC', 'isa', 'BCs4vd', 'BCssvd', 'bibit' and 'quBicluster'.
num.modules	The number of modules to be identified.
num.ModuleceRs	The minimum number of ceRNAs in each module.
num.ModulemRs	The minimum number of mRNAs in each module.

Value

GeneSetCollection object: a list of module genes.

Author(s)

Junpeng Zhang (https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Junpeng_Zhang3)

References

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Examples

```
data(BRCASampleData)
modulegenes_biclust <- module_biclust(ceRExp[, seq_len(30)],
  mRExp[, seq_len(30)])
```

 module_FA

module_FA

Description

Functional analysis of miRNA sponge modules, including functional enrichment and disease enrichment analysis

Usage

```
module_FA(Modulelist, GOont = "BP", Diseaseont = "DO",
  KEGGorganism = "hsa", Reactomeorganism = "human",
  OrgDb = "org.Hs.eg.db", padjustvaluecutoff = 0.05,
  padjustedmethod = "BH", Analysis.type = c("FEA", "DEA"))
```

Arguments

Modulelist	List object: a list of miRNA sponge modules.
GOont	One of 'MF', 'BP', and 'CC' subontologies.
Diseaseont	One of 'DO', and 'DOLite' subontologies.
KEGGorganism	Organism, supported organism listed in http://www.genome.jp/kegg/catalog/org_list.html .
Reactomeorganism	Organism, one of 'human', 'rat', 'mouse', 'celegans', 'yeast', 'zebrafish', 'fly'.
OrgDb	OrgDb
padjustvaluecutoff	A cutoff value of adjusted p-values.
padjustedmethod	Adjusted method of p-values, can select one of 'holm', 'hochberg', 'hommel', 'bonferroni', 'BH', 'BY', 'fdr', 'none'.
Analysis.type	The type of functional analysis selected, including 'FEA' (functional enrichment analysis) and 'DEA' (disease enrichment analysis).

Value

List object: a list of enrichment analysis results.

Author(s)

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References

Zhang J (2017). miR sponge: Identification and analysis of miRNA sponge interaction networks and modules. R package version 1.2.0, (<https://github.com/zhangjunpeng411/miR sponge>).

Examples

```
## Not run:
data(BRCASampleData)
modulegenes_WGCNA <- module_WGCNA(ceRExp, mRExp)
# Identify miRNA sponge modules using canonical correlation (CC)
miRSM_WGCNA_CC <- miRSM(miRExp, ceRExp, mRExp, miRTarget,
  modulegenes_WGCNA, nperms = 10, method = 'CC')
miRSM_WGCNA_CC_genes <- miRSM_WGCNA_CC[[2]]
miRSM_WGCNA_CC_FEA <- module_FA(miRSM_WGCNA_CC_genes, Analysis.type = 'FEA')
miRSM_WGCNA_CC_DEA <- module_FA(miRSM_WGCNA_CC_genes, Analysis.type = 'DEA')

## End(Not run)
```

 module_GFA

module_GFA

Description

Identification of gene modules from matched ceRNA and mRNA expression data using GFA package

Usage

```
module_GFA(ceRExp, mRExp, StrengthCut = 0.9, iter.max = 5000,
           num.ModuleceRs = 2, num.ModulemRs = 2)
```

Arguments

ceRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. ceRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are ceRNAs.
mRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. mRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are mRNAs.
StrengthCut	Desired minimum strength (absolute value of association with interval [0 1]) for each bicluster.
iter.max	The total number of Gibbs sampling steps (default 1000).
num.ModuleceRs	The minimum number of ceRNAs in each module.
num.ModulemRs	The minimum number of mRNAs in each module.

Value

GeneSetCollection object: a list of module genes.

Author(s)

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References

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Examples

```
data(BRCASampleData)
modulegenes_GFA <- module_GFA(ceRExp[seq_len(20), seq_len(15)],
                              mRExp[seq_len(20), seq_len(15)], iter.max = 2600)
```

module_igraph	<i>module_igraph</i>
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Description

Identification of gene modules from matched ceRNA and mRNA expression data using igraph package

Usage

```
module_igraph(ceRExp, mRExp, cor.method = "pearson",
  pos.p.value.cutoff = 0.01, cluster.method = "greedy",
  num.ModuleceRs = 2, num.ModulemRs = 2)
```

Arguments

ceRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. ceRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are ceRNAs.
mRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. mRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are mRNAs.
cor.method	The method of calculating correlation selected, including 'pearson' (default), 'kendall', 'spearman'.
pos.p.value.cutoff	The significant p-value cutoff of positive correlation.
cluster.method	The clustering method selected in igraph package, including 'betweenness', 'greedy' (default), 'infomap', 'prop', 'eigen', 'louvain', 'walktrap'.
num.ModuleceRs	The minimum number of ceRNAs in each module.
num.ModulemRs	The minimum number of mRNAs in each module.

Value

GeneSetCollection object: a list of module genes.

Author(s)

Junpeng Zhang (https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Junpeng_Zhang3)

References

Csardi G, Nepusz T. The igraph software package for complex network research, InterJournal, Complex Systems. 2006:1695.

Examples

```
data(BRCASampleData)
modulegenes_igraph <- module_igraph(ceRExp[, seq_len(10)],
  mRExp[, seq_len(10)])
```

 module_NMF

module_NMF

Description

Identification of gene modules from matched ceRNA and mRNA expression data using NMF package

Usage

```
module_NMF(ceRExp, mRExp, NMF.algorithm = "brunet", num.modules = 10,
  num.ModuleceRs = 2, num.ModulemRs = 2)
```

Arguments

ceRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. ceRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are ceRNAs.
mRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. mRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are mRNAs.
NMF.algorithm	Specification of the NMF algorithm, including 'brunet' (default), 'Frobenius', 'KL', 'lee', 'nsNMF', 'offset', 'siNMF', 'snmf/l', 'snmf/r'.
num.modules	The number of modules to be identified.
num.ModuleceRs	The minimum number of ceRNAs in each module.
num.ModulemRs	The minimum number of mRNAs in each module.

Value

GeneSetCollection object: a list of module genes.

Author(s)

Junpeng Zhang (https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Junpeng_Zhang3)

References

Gaujoux R, Seoighe C. A flexible R package for nonnegative matrix factorization. BMC Bioinformatics. 2010, 11:367.

Examples

```
data(BRCASampleData)
# Reimport NMF package to avoid conflicts with DelayedArray package
library(NMF)
modulegenes_NMF <- module_NMF(ceRExp[, seq_len(10)],
  mRExp[, seq_len(10)])
```

 module_ProNet

module_ProNet

Description

Identification of gene modules from matched ceRNA and mRNA expression data using ProNet package

Usage

```
module_ProNet(ceRExp, mRExp, cor.method = "pearson",
  pos.p.value.cutoff = 0.01, cluster.method = "MCL",
  num.ModuleceRs = 2, num.ModulemRs = 2)
```

Arguments

ceRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. ceRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are ceRNAs.
mRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. mRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are mRNAs.
cor.method	The method of calculating correlation selected, including 'pearson' (default), 'kendall', 'spearman'.
pos.p.value.cutoff	The significant p-value cutoff of positive correlation
cluster.method	The clustering method selected in ProNet package, including 'FN', 'MCL' (default), 'LINKCOMM', 'MCODE'.
num.ModuleceRs	The minimum number of ceRNAs in each module.
num.ModulemRs	The minimum number of mRNAs in each module.

Value

GeneSetCollection object: a list of module genes.

Author(s)

Junpeng Zhang (https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Junpeng_Zhang3)

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Examples

```
data(BRCASampleData)
modulegenes_ProNet <- module_ProNet(ceRExp[, seq_len(10)],
  mRExp[, seq_len(10)])
```

module_WGCNA	<i>module_WGCNA</i>
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Description

Identification of co-expressed gene modules from matched ceRNA and mRNA expression data using WGCNA package

Usage

```
module_WGCNA(ceRExp, mRExp, RsquaredCut = 0.9, num.ModuleceRs = 2,
  num.ModulemRs = 2)
```

Arguments

ceRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. ceRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are ceRNAs.
mRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. mRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are mRNAs.
RsquaredCut	Desired minimum scale free topology fitting index R^2 with interval [0 1].
num.ModuleceRs	The minimum number of ceRNAs in each module.
num.ModulemRs	The minimum number of mRNAs in each module.

Value

GeneSetCollection object: a list of module genes.

Author(s)

Junpeng Zhang (https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Junpeng_Zhang3)

References

Langfelder P, Horvath S. WGCNA: an R package for weighted correlation network analysis. BMC Bioinformatics. 2008, 9:559.#'

Examples

```
data(BRCASampleData)
modulegenes_WGCNA <- module_WGCNA(ceRExp[, seq_len(80)],
  mRExp[, seq_len(80)])
```

mRExp

mRNA expression data

Description

mRNA expression data

Format

mRExp: A SummarizedExperiment object with 72 BRCA and 72 normal samples (rows) and 226 miRNAs (columns).

Details

The matched breast invasive carcinoma (BRCA) miRNA, lncRNA and mRNA expression data is obtained from TCGA (<http://cancergenome.nih.gov/>). The data focuses on 72 individuals for which the complete sets of tumor and matched normal (i.e., normal tissue taken from the same patient) profiles are available. A mRNA which has missing values in more than 10 are imputed using the k-nearest neighbours (KNN) algorithm from the impute R package. We use the limma R package to infer differentially expressed mRNAs between tumour and normal samples. After the analysis, we select top 500 mRNAs which are differentially expressed at a significant level (adjusted p-value < 1E-02, adjusted by Benjamini & Hochberg method).

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