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computeGeneSetsOverlap

Compute gene-sets overlap

## **Description**

Calculates the overlap among every pair of gene-sets given as input.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'list,character'
computeGeneSetsOverlap(gSets, uniqGenes, min.sz=1, max.sz=Inf)
## S4 method for signature 'list,ExpressionSet'
computeGeneSetsOverlap(gSets, uniqGenes, min.sz=1, max.sz=Inf)
## S4 method for signature 'GeneSetCollection,character'
computeGeneSetsOverlap(gSets, uniqGenes, min.sz=1, max.sz=Inf)
## S4 method for signature 'GeneSetCollection,ExpressionSet'
computeGeneSetsOverlap(gSets, uniqGenes, min.sz=1, max.sz=Inf)
```

### **Arguments**

| gSets     | Gene sets given either as a list or a GeneSetCollection object.        |
|-----------|--|
| uniqGenes | Vector of unique genes to be considered when calculating the overlaps. |
| min.sz    | Minimum size.  |
| may sz    | Maximum size   |

#### **Details**

This function calculates the overlap between every pair of gene sets of the input argument gSets. Before this calculation takes place, the gene sets in gSets are firstly filtered to discard genes that do not match to the identifiers in uniqGenes. Secondly, they are further filtered to meet the minimum and/or maximum size specified with the arguments min.sz and max.sz. The overlap between two gene sets is calculated as the number of common genes between the two gene sets divided by the smallest size of the two gene sets.

#### Value

A gene-set by gene-set matrix of the overlap among every pair of gene sets.

## Author(s)

J. Guinney

#### References

Hänzelmann, S., Castelo, R. and Guinney, J. GSVA: Gene set variation analysis for microarray and RNA-Seq data. *BMC Bioinformatics*, 14:7, 2013.

#### See Also

filterGeneSets

```
geneSets <- list(set1=as.character(1:4), set2=as.character(4:10))
computeGeneSetsOverlap(geneSets, unique(unlist(geneSets)))</pre>
```

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filterGeneSets

Filter gene sets

#### **Description**

Filters gene sets through a given minimum and maximum set size.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'list'
filterGeneSets(gSets, min.sz=1, max.sz=Inf)
## S4 method for signature 'GeneSetCollection'
filterGeneSets(gSets, min.sz=1, max.sz=Inf)
```

## **Arguments**

gSets Gene sets given either as a list or a GeneSetCollection object.

min.sz Minimum size.
max.sz Maximum size.

#### **Details**

This function filters the input gene sets according to a given minimum and maximum set size.

#### Value

A collection of gene sets that meet the given minimum and maximum set size.

#### Author(s)

J. Guinney

## References

Hänzelmann, S., Castelo, R. and Guinney, J. GSVA: Gene set variation analysis for microarray and RNA-Seq data. *BMC Bioinformatics*, 14:7, 2013.

#### See Also

```
computeGeneSetsOverlap
```

```
geneSets <- list(set1=as.character(1:4), set2=as.character(4:10))
filterGeneSets(geneSets, min.sz=5)</pre>
```

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gsva

Gene Set Variation Analysis

## **Description**

Estimates GSVA enrichment scores. The API of this function has changed in the Bioconductor release 3.18 and this help page describes the new API. The old API is deprecated and will become defunct in the next Bioconductor release. If you are looking for the documentation of the old API to the gsva() function, please consult GSVA-pkg-deprecated.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'plageParam, missing'
gsva(
  expr,
  gset.idx.list,
 verbose = TRUE,
  BPPARAM = SerialParam(progressbar = verbose)
)
## S4 method for signature 'zscoreParam,missing'
gsva(
  expr,
  gset.idx.list,
  verbose = TRUE,
  BPPARAM = SerialParam(progressbar = verbose)
)
## S4 method for signature 'ssgseaParam, missing'
gsva(
  expr,
  gset.idx.list,
  verbose = TRUE,
 BPPARAM = SerialParam(progressbar = verbose)
)
## S4 method for signature 'gsvaParam, missing'
gsva(
  expr,
  gset.idx.list,
  verbose = TRUE,
 BPPARAM = SerialParam(progressbar = verbose)
)
```

#### **Arguments**

expr

A parameter object of one of the following classes:

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A gsvaParam object built using the constructor function gsvaParam. This
object will trigger gsva() to use the GSVA algorithm by Hänzelmann et al.
(2013).

- A plageParam object built using the constructor function plageParam.
   This object will trigger gsva() to use the PLAGE algorithm by Tomfohr et al. (2005).
- A zscoreParam object built using the constructor function zscoreParam This object will trigger gsva() to use the combined z-score algorithm by Lee et al. (2008).
- A ssgseaParam object built using the constructor function ssgseaParam This object will trigger gsva() to use the ssGSEA algorithm by Barbie et al. (2009).

gset.idx.list Dummy parameter, only present for backward compatibility, do not use it. It

will be removed once the deprecated version of 'gsva()' is defunct.

verbose Gives information about each calculation step. Default: FALSE.

BPPARAM An object of class BiocParallelParam specifying parameters related to the

parallel execution of some of the tasks and calculations within this function.

#### Value

A gene-set by sample matrix (of matrix or dgCMatrix type, depending on the input) of GSVA enrichment scores.

#### References

Barbie, D.A. et al. Systematic RNA interference reveals that oncogenic KRAS-driven cancers require TBK1. *Nature*, 462(5):108-112, 2009. DOI

Hänzelmann, S., Castelo, R. and Guinney, J. GSVA: Gene set variation analysis for microarray and RNA-Seq data. *BMC Bioinformatics*, 14:7, 2013. DOI

Lee, E. et al. Inferring pathway activity toward precise disease classification. *PLoS Comp Biol*, 4(11):e1000217, 2008. DOI

Tomfohr, J. et al. Pathway level analysis of gene expression using singular value decomposition. *BMC Bioinformatics*, 6:225, 2005. DOI

## See Also

plageParam, zscoreParam, ssgseaParam, gsvaParam

```
library(GSVA)
library(limma)

p <- 10 ## number of genes
n <- 30 ## number of samples
nGrp1 <- 15 ## number of samples in group 1
nGrp2 <- n - nGrp1 ## number of samples in group 2</pre>
```

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```
## consider three disjoint gene sets
geneSets <- list(set1=paste("g", 1:3, sep=""),</pre>
                  set2=paste("g", 4:6, sep=""),
                  set3=paste("g", 7:10, sep=""))
## sample data from a normal distribution with mean 0 and st.dev. 1
y <- matrix(rnorm(n*p), nrow=p, ncol=n,</pre>
            dimnames=list(paste("g", 1:p, sep="") , paste("s", 1:n, sep="")))
## genes in set1 are expressed at higher levels in the last 'nGrp1+1' to 'n' samples
y[geneSets\$set1, (nGrp1+1):n] \leftarrow y[geneSets\$set1, (nGrp1+1):n] + 2
## build design matrix
design <- cbind(sampleGroup1=1, sampleGroup2vs1=c(rep(0, nGrp1), rep(1, nGrp2)))</pre>
## fit linear model
fit <- lmFit(y, design)</pre>
## estimate moderated t-statistics
fit <- eBayes(fit)</pre>
## genes in set1 are differentially expressed
topTable(fit, coef="sampleGroup2vs1")
## build GSVA parameter object
gsvapar <- gsvaParam(y, geneSets, maxDiff=TRUE)</pre>
## estimate GSVA enrichment scores for the three sets
gsva_es <- gsva(gsvapar)</pre>
## fit the same linear model now to the GSVA enrichment scores
fit <- lmFit(gsva_es, design)</pre>
## estimate moderated t-statistics
fit <- eBayes(fit)</pre>
## set1 is differentially expressed
topTable(fit, coef="sampleGroup2vs1")
```

gsva-deprecated

Gene Set Variation Analysis

#### **Description**

This is the old manual page of the deprecated version of the function gsva().

## Usage

```
gsva(expr, gset.idx.list, ...)
```

#### See Also

GSVA-pkg-deprecated

GSVA-pkg-deprecated

Deprecated functions in package GSVA.

## Description

The functions listed below are deprecated and will be defunct in the near future. When possible, alternative functions with similar functionality are also mentioned. Help pages for deprecated functions are available at gsva-deprecated.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'HDF5Array,list'
gsva(
  expr,
  gset.idx.list,
  annotation,
  method = c("gsva", "ssgsea", "zscore", "plage"),
  kcdf = c("Gaussian", "Poisson", "none"),
  abs.ranking = FALSE,
  min.sz = 1,
  max.sz = Inf,
  parallel.sz = 1L,
  mx.diff = TRUE,
  tau = switch(method, gsva = 1, ssgsea = 0.25, NA),
  ssgsea.norm = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  BPPARAM = SerialParam(progressbar = verbose)
)
## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment,GeneSetCollection'
gsva(expr, gset.idx.list, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment,list'
gsva(
  expr,
  gset.idx.list,
  annotation,
  method = c("gsva", "ssgsea", "zscore", "plage"),
  kcdf = c("Gaussian", "Poisson", "none"),
  abs.ranking = FALSE,
  min.sz = 1,
  max.sz = Inf,
  parallel.sz = 1L,
```

```
mx.diff = TRUE,
  tau = switch(method, gsva = 1, ssgsea = 0.25, NA),
  ssgsea.norm = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  BPPARAM = SerialParam(progressbar = verbose)
)
## S4 method for signature 'dgCMatrix,list'
gsva(
  expr,
  gset.idx.list,
  annotation,
 method = c("gsva", "ssgsea", "zscore", "plage"),
  kcdf = c("Gaussian", "Poisson", "none"),
  abs.ranking = FALSE,
  min.sz = 1,
 max.sz = Inf,
  parallel.sz = 1L,
 mx.diff = TRUE,
  tau = switch(method, gsva = 1, ssgsea = 0.25, NA),
  ssgsea.norm = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE,
 BPPARAM = SerialParam(progressbar = verbose)
)
## S4 method for signature 'SummarizedExperiment, GeneSetCollection'
gsva(
 expr,
  gset.idx.list,
  annotation,
  method = c("gsva", "ssgsea", "zscore", "plage"),
  kcdf = c("Gaussian", "Poisson", "none"),
  abs.ranking = FALSE,
  min.sz = 1,
 max.sz = Inf,
  parallel.sz = 1L,
 mx.diff = TRUE,
  tau = switch(method, gsva = 1, ssgsea = 0.25, NA),
  ssgsea.norm = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  BPPARAM = SerialParam(progressbar = verbose)
)
## S4 method for signature 'SummarizedExperiment,list'
gsva(
  expr,
  gset.idx.list,
  annotation,
```

```
method = c("gsva", "ssgsea", "zscore", "plage"),
  kcdf = c("Gaussian", "Poisson", "none"),
  abs.ranking = FALSE,
  min.sz = 1,
  max.sz = Inf,
  parallel.sz = 1L,
 mx.diff = TRUE,
  tau = switch(method, gsva = 1, ssgsea = 0.25, NA),
  ssgsea.norm = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  BPPARAM = SerialParam(progressbar = verbose)
)
## S4 method for signature 'ExpressionSet,list'
gsva(
  expr,
  gset.idx.list,
  annotation,
  method = c("gsva", "ssgsea", "zscore", "plage"),
  kcdf = c("Gaussian", "Poisson", "none"),
  abs.ranking = FALSE,
  min.sz = 1,
 max.sz = Inf,
  parallel.sz = 1L,
 mx.diff = TRUE,
  tau = switch(method, gsva = 1, ssgsea = 0.25, NA),
  ssgsea.norm = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE,
 BPPARAM = SerialParam(progressbar = verbose)
)
## S4 method for signature 'ExpressionSet,GeneSetCollection'
gsva(
  expr,
  gset.idx.list,
  annotation,
  method = c("gsva", "ssgsea", "zscore", "plage"),
  kcdf = c("Gaussian", "Poisson", "none"),
  abs.ranking = FALSE,
 min.sz = 1,
 max.sz = Inf,
  parallel.sz = 1L,
 mx.diff = TRUE,
  tau = switch(method, gsva = 1, ssgsea = 0.25, NA),
  ssgsea.norm = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  BPPARAM = SerialParam(progressbar = verbose)
)
```

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```
## S4 method for signature 'matrix,GeneSetCollection'
gsva(
  expr,
  gset.idx.list,
  annotation,
  method = c("gsva", "ssgsea", "zscore", "plage"),
  kcdf = c("Gaussian", "Poisson", "none"),
  abs.ranking = FALSE,
 min.sz = 1,
 max.sz = Inf,
  parallel.sz = 1L,
 mx.diff = TRUE,
  tau = switch(method, gsva = 1, ssgsea = 0.25, NA),
  ssgsea.norm = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  BPPARAM = SerialParam(progressbar = verbose)
)
## S4 method for signature 'matrix,list'
gsva(
  expr,
  gset.idx.list,
  annotation,
 method = c("gsva", "ssgsea", "zscore", "plage"),
  kcdf = c("Gaussian", "Poisson", "none"),
  abs.ranking = FALSE,
 min.sz = 1,
 max.sz = Inf,
  parallel.sz = 1L,
  mx.diff = TRUE,
  tau = switch(method, gsva = 1, ssgsea = 0.25, NA),
  ssgsea.norm = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  BPPARAM = SerialParam(progressbar = verbose)
)
```

## Details

Instead of gsva(expr=., gset.idx.list=., method=., ...), use a method-specific parameter object, see [plageParam][zscoreParam][ssgseaParam][gsvaParam], followed by a call to the new gsva() function, see gsva.

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### **Description**

Virtual superclass of expression data classes supported by GSVA.

#### **Details**

GSVA supports expression data matrices in a growing number of containers and representations. This class union allows to store any of these in a slot of another class as well as defining common methods for all of them.

#### See Also

matrix, dgCMatrix, ExpressionSet, SummarizedExperiment, SingleCellExperiment, HDF5Array

GsvaGeneSets-class

GsvaGeneSets class

#### **Description**

Virtual superclass of gene set classes supported by GSVA.

#### **Details**

GSVA supports gene sets in either a list of character vectors or an object of class GSEABase::GeneSetCollection. This class union allows to store any of these in a slot of another class as well as defining common methods for them.

#### See Also

list, GeneSetCollection

GsvaMethodParam-class GsvaMethodParam class

## **Description**

Virtual superclass of method parameter classes supported by GSVA.

A virtual superclass of the GSVA packages' method-specific parameter classes.

#### **Details**

GSVA implements four single-sample gene set analysis methods: PLAGE, combined z-scores, ss-GSEA, and GSVA. All of them take at least an expression data matrix and one or many gene sets as input. This virtual class provides the necessary slots for this minimum parameter set and serves as all GSVA method parameter classes,

The GSVA package implements four single-sample gene set analysis methods (PLAGE, combined z-scores, ssGSEA, and GSVA) and a respective method-specific parameter class that is used to invoke each of them with a matching set of parameters.

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## See Also

```
{\tt GsvaExprData}, {\tt GsvaGeneSets}, {\tt zscoreParam}, {\tt plageParam}, {\tt ssgseaParam}, {\tt gsvaParam}
```

[plageParam][zscoreParam][ssgseaParam][gsvaParam]

gsvaParam-class

gsvaParam class

## **Description**

Method-specific parameters for the GSVA method.

Objects of class gsvaParam contain the parameters for running the GSVA method.

## Usage

```
gsvaParam(
  exprData,
  geneSets,
  assay = NA_character_,
  annotation = NA_character_,
  minSize = 1,
  maxSize = Inf,
  kcdf = c("Gaussian", "Poisson", "none"),
  tau = 1,
  maxDiff = TRUE,
  absRanking = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

| exprData   | The expression data. Must be one of the classes supported by GsvaExprData.  |
|------------|---|
| geneSets   | The gene sets. Must be one of the classes supported by GsvaGeneSets.  |
| assay      | The name of the assay to use in case exprData is a multi-assay container, otherwise ignored. By default, the first assay is used.   |
| annotation | The name of a Bioconductor annotation package for the gene identifiers occurring in the row names of the expression data matrix. This can be used to map gene identifiers occurring in the gene sets if those are provided in a GeneSetCollection. By default gene identifiers used in expression data matrix and gene sets are matched directly. |
| minSize    | Minimum size of the resulting gene sets after gene identifier mapping. By default, the minimum size is 1.   |
| maxSize    | Maximum size of the resulting gene sets after gene identifier mapping. By default, the maximum size is Inf.   |

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kcdf

Character vector of length 1 denoting the kernel to use during the non-parametric estimation of the cumulative distribution function of expression levels across samples. By default, kcdf="Gaussian" which is suitable when input expression values are continuous, such as microarray fluorescent units in logarithmic scale, RNA-seq log-CPMs, log-RPKMs or log-TPMs. When input expression values are integer counts, such as those derived from RNA-seq experiments, then this argument should be set to kcdf="Poisson".

tau

Numeric vector of length 1. The exponent defining the weight of the tail in the random walk performed by the GSVA (Hänzelmann et al., 2013) method. The default value is 1 as described in the paper.

maxDiff

Logical vector of length 1 which offers two approaches to calculate the enrichment statistic (ES) from the KS random walk statistic.

- FALSE: ES is calculated as the maximum distance of the random walk from
- TRUE (the default): ES is calculated as the magnitude difference between the largest positive and negative random walk deviations.

absRanking

Logical vector of length 1 used only when maxDiff=TRUE. When absRanking=FALSE (default) a modified Kuiper statistic is used to calculate enrichment scores, taking the magnitude difference between the largest positive and negative random walk deviations. When absRanking=TRUE the original Kuiper statistic that sums the largest positive and negative random walk deviations, is used. In this latter case, gene sets with genes enriched on either extreme (high or low) will be regarded as 'highly' activated.

#### Details

In addition to the two common parameter slots inherited from [GsvaMethodParam], this class has slots for the two method-specific parameters of the GSVA method described below.

In addition to an expression data set and a collection of gene sets, GSVA takes four method-specific parameters as described below.

#### Value

A new gsvaParam object.

#### **Slots**

kcdf Character vector of length 1 denoting the kernel to use during the non-parametric estimation of the cumulative distribution function of expression levels across samples. kcdf="Gaussian" is suitable when input expression values are continuous, such as microarray fluorescent units in logarithmic scale, RNA-seq log-CPMs, log-RPKMs or log-TPMs. When input expression values are integer counts, such as those derived from RNA-seq experiments, then this argument should be set to kcdf="Poisson".

tau Numeric vector of length 1. The exponent defining the weight of the tail in the random walk performed by the GSVA (Hänzelmann et al., 2013) method.

maxDiff Logical vector of length 1 which offers two approaches to calculate the enrichment statistic (ES) from the KS random walk statistic.

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- FALSE: ES is calculated as the maximum distance of the random walk from 0.
- TRUE: ES is calculated as the magnitude difference between the largest positive and negative random walk deviations.

absRanking Logical vector of length 1 used only when mx.diff=TRUE. When abs.ranking=FALSE a modified Kuiper statistic is used to calculate enrichment scores, taking the magnitude difference between the largest positive and negative random walk deviations. When abs.ranking=TRUE the original Kuiper statistic that sums the largest positive and negative random walk deviations, is used. In this latter case, gene sets with genes enriched on either extreme (high or low) will be regarded as 'highly' activated.

#### References

Hänzelmann, S., Castelo, R. and Guinney, J. GSVA: Gene set variation analysis for microarray and RNA-Seq data. *BMC Bioinformatics*, 14:7, 2013. DOI

#### See Also

GsvaExprData, GsvaGeneSets, GsvaMethodParam, plageParam, zscoreParam, ssgseaParam

## **Examples**

```
library(GSVA)
library(GSVAdata)

data(leukemia)
data(c2BroadSets)

## for simplicity, use only a subset of the sample data
ses <- leukemia_eset[1:1000, ]
gsc <- c2BroadSets[1:100]
gp1 <- gsvaParam(ses, gsc)
gp1</pre>
```

igsva

Gene Set Variation Analysis

#### **Description**

Starts an interactive GSVA shiny web app.

## Usage

```
igsva()
```

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#### **Details**

GSVA assesses the relative enrichment of gene sets across samples using a non-parametric approach. Conceptually, GSVA transforms a p-gene by n-sample gene expression matrix into a g-geneset by n-sample pathway enrichment matrix. This facilitates many forms of statistical analysis in the 'space' of pathways rather than genes, providing a higher level of interpretability.

The igsva() function starts an interactive shiny web app that allows the user to configure the arguments of the gsva() function and runs it on the computer. Please see the manual page of the gsva() function for a description of the arguments and their default and alternative values.

The input data may be loaded from the users workspace or by selecting a CSV file for the expression data, and a GMT file for the gene sets data.

#### Value

A gene-set by sample matrix of GSVA enrichment scores after pressing the button 'Save & Close'. This result can be also downloaded as a CSV file with the 'Download' button.

## Author(s)

J. Fernández and R. Castelo

#### References

Hänzelmann, S., Castelo, R. and Guinney, J. GSVA: Gene set variation analysis for microarray and RNA-Seq data. *BMC Bioinformatics*, 14:7, 2013.

## See Also

gsva

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
res <- igsva() ## this will open your browser with the GSVA shiny web app
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

plageParam-class

plageParam class

#### **Description**

Method-specific parameters for the PLAGE method.

Objects of class plageParam contain the parameters for running the PLAGE method.

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## Usage

```
plageParam(
  exprData,
  geneSets,
  assay = NA_character_,
  annotation = NA_character_,
  minSize = 1,
  maxSize = Inf
)
```

## **Arguments**

| exprData   | The expression data. Must be one of the classes supported by GsvaExprData.  |
|------------|---|
| geneSets   | The gene sets. Must be one of the classes supported by GsvaGeneSets.  |
| assay      | The name of the assay to use in case exprData is a multi-assay container, otherwise ignored. By default, the first assay is used.   |
| annotation | The name of a Bioconductor annotation package for the gene identifiers occurring in the row names of the expression data matrix. This can be used to map gene identifiers occurring in the gene sets if those are provided in a GeneSetCollection. By default gene identifiers used in expression data matrix and gene sets are matched directly. |
| minSize    | Minimum size of the resulting gene sets after gene identifier mapping. By default, the minimum size is 1.   |
| maxSize    | Maximum size of the resulting gene sets after gene identifier mapping. By default, the maximum size is Inf.   |

#### **Details**

Since this method does not take any method-specific parameters, the parameter class does not add any slots to the common slots inherited from GsvaMethodParam.

PLAGE does not take any method-specific parameters in addition to an expression data set and a collection of gene sets.

#### Value

A new plageParam object.

## References

Tomfohr, J. et al. Pathway level analysis of gene expression using singular value decomposition. *BMC Bioinformatics*, 6:225, 2005. DOI

#### See Also

GsvaExprData, GsvaGeneSets, GsvaMethodParam, zscoreParam, ssgseaParam, gsvaParam

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#### **Examples**

```
library(GSVA)
library(GSVAdata)

data(leukemia)
data(c2BroadSets)

## for simplicity, use only a subset of the sample data
ses <- leukemia_eset[1:1000, ]
gsc <- c2BroadSets[1:100]
pp1 <- plageParam(ses, gsc)
pp1</pre>
```

ssgseaParam-class

ssgseaParam class

#### **Description**

Method-specific parameters for the ssGSEA method.

Objects of class ssgseaParam contain the parameters for running the ssGSEA method.

#### Usage

```
ssgseaParam(
  exprData,
  geneSets,
  assay = NA_character_,
  annotation = NA_character_,
  minSize = 1,
  maxSize = Inf,
  alpha = 0.25,
  normalize = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

exprData The expression data. Must be one of the classes supported by GsvaExprData.

geneSets The gene sets. Must be one of the classes supported by GsvaGeneSets.

assay The name of the assay to use in case exprData is a multi-assay container, oth-

erwise ignored. By default, the first assay is used.

annotation The name of a Bioconductor annotation package for the gene identifiers occurring in the row names of the expression data matrix. This can be used

to map gene identifiers occurring in the gene sets if those are provided in a GeneSetCollection. By default gene identifiers used in expression data matrix

and gene sets are matched directly.

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| minSize   | Minimum size of the resulting gene sets after gene identifier mapping. By default, the minimum size is 1.   |
|-----------|---|
| maxSize   | Maximum size of the resulting gene sets after gene identifier mapping. By default, the maximum size is Inf.   |
| alpha     | Numeric vector of length 1. The exponent defining the weight of the tail in the random walk performed by the ssGSEA (Barbie et al., 2009) method. The default value is 0.25 as described in the paper.  |
| normalize | Logical vector of length 1; if TRUE runs the ssGSEA method from Barbie et al. (2009) normalizing the scores by the absolute difference between the minimum and the maximum, as described in their paper. Otherwise this last normalization step is skipped. |

#### **Details**

In addition to the two common parameter slots inherited from [GsvaMethodParam], this class has slots for the two method-specific parameters of the ssGSEA method described below.

In addition to an expression data set and a collection of gene sets, ssGSEA takes two method-specific parameters as described below.

#### Value

A new ssgseaParam object.

#### **Slots**

alpha Numeric vector of length 1. The exponent defining the weight of the tail in the random walk performed by the ssGSEA (Barbie et al., 2009) method.

normalize Logical vector of length 1. If TRUE runs the ssGSEA method from Barbie et al. (2009) normalizing the scores by the absolute difference between the minimum and the maximum, as described in their paper. Otherwise this last normalization step is skipped.

## References

Barbie, D.A. et al. Systematic RNA interference reveals that oncogenic KRAS-driven cancers require TBK1. Nature, 462(5):108-112, 2009. DOI

#### See Also

GsvaExprData, GsvaGeneSets, GsvaMethodParam, plageParam, zscoreParam, gsvaParam

```
library(GSVA)
library(GSVAdata)
data(leukemia)
data(c2BroadSets)
## for simplicity, use only a subset of the sample data
```

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```
ses <- leukemia_eset[1:1000, ]
gsc <- c2BroadSets[1:100]
sp1 <- ssgseaParam(ses, gsc)
sp1</pre>
```

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## **Description**

Method-specific parameters for the combined z-scores method.

Objects of class zscoreParam contain the parameters for running the combined z-scores method.

## Usage

```
zscoreParam(
  exprData,
  geneSets,
  assay = NA_character_,
  annotation = NA_character_,
  minSize = 1,
  maxSize = Inf
)
```

## **Arguments**

| exprData   | The expression data. Must be one of the classes supported by GsvaExprData.  |
|------------|---|
| geneSets   | The gene sets. Must be one of the classes supported by GsvaGeneSets.  |
| assay      | The name of the assay to use in case exprData is a multi-assay container, otherwise ignored. By default, the first assay is used.   |
| annotation | The name of a Bioconductor annotation package for the gene identifiers occurring in the row names of the expression data matrix. This can be used to map gene identifiers occurring in the gene sets if those are provided in a GeneSetCollection. By default gene identifiers used in expression data matrix and gene sets are matched directly. |
| minSize    | Minimum size of the resulting gene sets after gene identifier mapping. By default, the minimum size is 1.   |
| maxSize    | Maximum size of the resulting gene sets after gene identifier mapping. By default, the maximum size is Inf.   |

## **Details**

Since this method does not take any method-specific parameters, the parameter class does not add any slots to the common slots inherited from GsvaMethodParam.

The combined z-scores method does not take any method-specific parameters in addition to an expression data set and a collection of gene sets.

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## Value

A new zscoreParam object.

#### References

Lee, E. et al. Inferring pathway activity toward precise disease classification. *PLoS Comp Biol*, 4(11):e1000217, 2008. DOI

## See Also

GsvaExprData, GsvaGeneSets, GsvaMethodParam, plageParam, ssgseaParam, gsvaParam

```
library(GSVA)
library(GSVAdata)

data(leukemia)
data(c2BroadSets)

## for simplicity, use only a subset of the sample data
ses <- leukemia_eset[1:1000, ]
gsc <- c2BroadSets[1:100]
zp1 <- zscoreParam(ses, gsc)
zp1</pre>
```

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