

Package ‘nempi’

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| classpi | <i>Classification</i> |
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Description

Builds and uses different classifiers to infer perturbation profiles

Usage

```
classpi(
  D,
  unknown = "",
  full = TRUE,
  method = "svm",
  size = NULL,
  MaxNWts = 10000,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------|--|
| D | either a binary effects matrix or log odds matrix as for Nested Effects Models (see package 'nem') |
| unknown | colname of samples without mutation data, E.g. "" |
| full | if FALSE, does not change the known profiles |
| method | either one of svm, nn, rf |
| size | parameter for neural network (see package 'nnet') |
| MaxNWts | parameters for neural network (see package 'nnet') |
| ... | additional parameters for mnem::nem |

Value

plot

Author(s)

Martin Pirkl

Examples

```
D <- matrix(rnorm(1000*100), 1000, 100)
colnames(D) <- sample(seq_len(5), 100, replace = TRUE)
Gamma <- matrix(sample(c(0,1), 5*100, replace = TRUE, p = c(0.9, 0.1)), 5,
100)
Gamma <- apply(Gamma, 2, function(x) return(x/sum(x)))
Gamma[is.na(Gamma)] <- 0
rownames(Gamma) <- seq_len(5)
result <- classpi(D)
```

nempi

Main function for NEM based perturbation imputation.

Description

Infers perturbations profiles based on a sparse perturbation matrix and differential gene expression as log odds

Usage

```
nempi(
  D,
  unknown = "",
  Gamma = NULL,
  type = "null",
  full = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  logtype = 2,
  null = TRUE,
  soft = TRUE,
  combi = 1,
  converged = 0.1,
  complete = TRUE,
  mw = NULL,
  max_iter = 100,
  keepphi = TRUE,
  start = NULL,
  phi = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------|--|
| D | either a binary effects matrix or log odds matrix as for Nested Effects Models (see package 'nem') |
| unknown | colname of samples without mutation data, E.g. "" |
| Gamma | matrix with expectations of perturbations, e.g. if you have a binary mutation matrix, just normalize the columns to have sum 1 |
| type | "null": does not use the unknown samples for inference at the start, "random" uses them in a random fashion (not recommended) |

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| full | if FALSE, does not change the known profiles |
| verbose | if TRUE gives more output during inference |
| logtype | log type for the log odds |
| null | if FALSE does not use a NULL node for uninformative samples |
| soft | if FALSE discretizes Gamma during the inference |
| combi | if combi > 1, uses a more complex algorithm to infer combinatorial perturbations (experimental) |
| converged | the absolute difference of log likelihood till convergence |
| complete | if TRUE uses the complete-data loglikelihood (recommended for many E-genes) |
| mw | if NULL infers mixture weights, otherwise keeps them fixed |
| max_iter | maximum iterations of the EM algorithm |
| keepphi | if TRUE, uses the previous phi for the next inference, if FALSE always starts with start network (and empty and full) |
| start | starting network as adjacency matrix |
| phi | if not NULL uses only this phi and does not infer a new one |
| ... | additional parameters for the nem function (see package mnem, function nem or mnem::nem) |

Value

nempi object

Author(s)

Martin Pirkl

Examples

```
D <- matrix(rnorm(1000*100), 1000, 100)
colnames(D) <- sample(seq_len(5), 100, replace = TRUE)
Gamma <- matrix(sample(c(0,1), 5*100, replace = TRUE, p = c(0.9, 0.1)), 5,
100)
Gamma <- apply(Gamma, 2, function(x) return(x/sum(x)))
Gamma[is.na(Gamma)] <- 0
rownames(Gamma) <- seq_len(5)
result <- nempi(D, Gamma = Gamma)
```

nempibs

Bootstrapping function

Description

Bootstrap algorithm to get a more stable result.

Usage

```
nempibs(D, bsruns = 100, bssize = 0.5, replace = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|---------|--|
| D | either a binary effects matrix or log odds matrix as |
| bsruns | number of bootstraps |
| bssize | number of E-genes for each bootstrap |
| replace | if TRUE, actual bootstrap, if False sub-sampling |
| ... | additional parameters for the function nempi |

Value

list with aggregate Gamma and aggregate causal network phi

Author(s)

Martin Pirkl

Examples

```
D <- matrix(rnorm(1000*100), 1000, 100)
colnames(D) <- sample(seq_len(5), 100, replace = TRUE)
Gamma <- matrix(sample(c(0,1), 5*100, replace = TRUE, p = c(0.9, 0.1)), 5,
100)
Gamma <- apply(Gamma, 2, function(x) return(x/sum(x)))
Gamma[is.na(Gamma)] <- 0
rownames(Gamma) <- seq_len(5)
result <- nempibs(D, bsruns = 3, Gamma = Gamma)
```

pifit

Accuracy computation

Description

Compares the ground truth of a perturbation profile with the inferred profile

Usage

```
pifit(x, y, D, unknown = "", balanced = FALSE, propagate = TRUE, knowns = NULL)
```

Arguments

| | |
|-----------|--|
| x | object of class nempi |
| y | object of class mnemsim |
| D | data matrix |
| unknown | label for the unlabelled samples |
| balanced | if TRUE, computes balanced accuracy |
| propagate | if TRUE, propagates the perturbation through the network |
| knowns | subset of P-genes that are known to be perturbed (the other are neglected) |

Value

list of different accuracy measures: true/false positives/negatives, correlation, area under the precision recall curve, (balanced) accuracy

Author(s)

Martin Pirkl

Examples

```
library(mnem)
seed <- 42
Pgenes <- 10
Egenes <- 10
samples <- 100
uninform <- floor((Pgenes*Egenes)*0.1)
Nems <- mw <- 1
noise <- 1
multi <- c(0.2, 0.1)
set.seed(seed)
simmini <- simData(Sgenes = Pgenes, Egenes = Egenes,
  Nems = Nems, mw = mw, nCells = samples,
  uninform = uninform, multi = multi,
  badCells = floor(samples*0.1))
data <- simmini$data
ones <- which(data == 1)
zeros <- which(data == 0)
data[ones] <- rnorm(length(ones), 1, noise)
data[zeros] <- rnorm(length(zeros), -1, noise)
lost <- sample(1:ncol(data), floor(ncol(data)*0.5))
colnames(data)[lost] <- ""
res <- nempi(data)
fit <- pifit(res, simmini, data)
```

plot.nempi

Plotting nempi

Description

Plot function for an object of class 'nempi'.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'nempi'
plot(x, barlist = list(), heatlist = list(), ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|----------|---|
| x | object of class 'nempi' |
| barlist | additional arguments for function 'barplot' from package 'graphics' |
| heatlist | additional arguments for function 'HeatmapOP' from package 'epiNEM' |
| ... | additional arguments for function 'plotDnf' from package 'mnem' |

Value

Plots of the optimal network phi and perturbation matrix.

Author(s)

Martin Pirkl

Examples

```
D <- matrix(rnorm(1000*100), 1000, 100)
colnames(D) <- sample(seq_len(5), 100, replace = TRUE)
result <- nempi(D)
plot(result)
```

plotConvergence.nempi *Plot convergence of EM*

Description

Produces different convergence plots based on a nempi object

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'nempi'
plotConvergence(x, type = "b", ...)
```

Arguments

| | |
|------|--------------------------------|
| x | nempi object |
| type | see ?plot.default |
| ... | additional parameters for plot |

Value

plot

Author(s)

Martin Pirkl

Examples

```
D <- matrix(rnorm(1000*100), 1000, 100)
colnames(D) <- sample(seq_len(5), 100, replace = TRUE)
Gamma <- matrix(sample(c(0,1), 5*100, replace = TRUE, p = c(0.9, 0.1)), 5,
100)
Gamma <- apply(Gamma, 2, function(x) return(x/sum(x)))
Gamma[is.na(Gamma)] <- 0
rownames(Gamma) <- seq_len(5)
result <- nempi(D, Gamma = Gamma)
par(mfrow=c(2,3))
plotConvergence(result)
```

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