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BaySIC-package

Bayesian Analysis of Significantly Mutated Genes in Cancer

Description

Software implementation of the algorithm BaySIC, a Bayesian approach toward analysis of significantly mutated genes in cancer data.

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This package provides functions for Bayesian SMG analysis, which includes plotting functions, model definition and fitting, and evaluation of individual genes using posterior predictive methods. BaySIC is a flexible algorithm that can accommodate gene-level covariate data, varying subject-specific sequence coverage, and subtype analysis. It also includes two reference data files (ccds.18 and ccds.19) corresponding to human genome builds hg18 and hg19, which respectively consist of sequence context enumeration of the Consensus Coding Sequence genes in each build.

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baysic.data

Organizes data for BaySIC functions

Description

Creates a list object from mutation and reference data for use with BaySIC fitting and testing functions

Usage

baysic.data(dat, ref.dat, plot = FALSE, N = NULL, silent = TRUE)
Arguments

**dat**
- matrix; Mutation input data. Baysic requires a specific format similar to the MUT format file, and should be an \( M \times 7 \) matrix with column headings "chr", "start", "end", "id", "type", "gene", "context," where each row details an individual mutation.

**ref.dat**
- a dataframe or list of dataframes; ref.dat is a representation of the sequence content of each gene of interest, for 32 unique trinucleotide sequence contexts, yielding an \( G \times 34 \) matrix, where \( G \) is the total number of genes. If ref.dat is a matrix, it is assumed that all subjects correspond to the same reference data. It is possible that reference data may vary from subject to subject due to different platforms or coverages. In this case, ref.dat can also be a list of \( N \) reference data matrices, where \( N \) is the number of subjects. The names of each list element should correspond to ids used in the dat file.

**plot**
- logical; if TRUE, a plot summarizing the mutation data at an overall and per subject basis is generated. Defaults to FALSE.

**N**
- an integer (optional); equal to the number of subjects represented in dat. If N=NULL and is.list(ref.dat)==FALSE, N is assumed to the number of unique subject ids in dat. If is.list(ref.dat)=TRUE, then N=length(ref.dat).

**silent**
- logical; if FALSE, mutations defined as 'Synonymous' or 'Silent' will be removed from the dataset and subsequent analyses. Defaults to TRUE.

Details

The mutation data dat is a 7-column matrix similar in style to other popular mutation file formats. The first three columns ("chr","start","end") correspond to the positional information of the somatic mutation. The "id" column represents an identification vector including subject ids for each documented mutation. The "type" column corresponds to the type of mutation for each entry. This is relatively flexible for point mutations, and only requires some form of "silent" or "synonymous" for such mutations if silent=FALSE, but insertion/deletion events should be designated as "INDEL." The "gene" column represents the name of the gene the mutation corresponds to, and must match the gene names used in ref.dat. The "context" entries represent the trinucleotide sequence context of each point mutation (NA for INDELS)

The first two columns of the data matrix (or matrices) in ref.dat should correspond to the gene name and corresponding chromosome, and the column names of the remaining 32 columns should correspond to the trinucleotide motif (e.g. "ACA"). The sequence content entries should be integer values which correspond to the number of nucleotides in the coding content of a given gene which satisfy the trinucleotide motif (central base with flanking 5' and 3' bases). Each base should be uniquely represented, such that the sum of all 32 counts is equivalent to the basepair length of the total coding sequence for a given gene.

The baysic.data function has its own trinucleotide naming convention, in that all motifs are in all caps and have either "T" or "C" as the central base. Column names of ref.dat and "context" entries in dat will be adjusted to accommodate this convention if they deviate from it.

Value

Returns a list data structure with the following components:
all.dat  Original mutation data object dat
ref.dat  Original reference data object ref.dat
N  Number of subjects with observed data
genes  Vector of length \( G \) of gene names included in analysis, where \( G \) is the total number of genes. Derived from ref.dat
snv.dat  A \( G \times 32 \) matrix of total number of SNV mutations per sequence context and gene
indel.dat  Vector of length \( G \) of total number of indel mutations per gene

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See Also
baysic.fit,baysic.test

Examples

```r
# Not run:
data(example.dat)
data(ccds.19)
baysic.dat.ex<-baysic.data(example.dat,ccds.19)
```

baysic.fit  Fits BaySIC BMR model

Description
Generates an MCMC model fit of the BaySIC BMR model

Usage

```
baysic.fit(dat.out, snv.cat, covar = NULL, excl.list = NULL, burn.in = 10000, n.samp = 25000, fn.jags =
```

Arguments

dat.out  Output from baysic.data
snv.cat  a list of length \( C \), where \( C \) is the number of sequence categories desired to be modeled (\( C \leq 32 \)). Each element of snv.cat should be a vector of character strings of trinucleotide motifs (e.g., c("ATA","ACA")) which define a group of motifs which are assumed to have the same background mutation rate.
covar  optional \( G \times Q \) matrix of gene-level covariate data, where \( G \) is the total number of genes and \( Q \) the number of covariates.
excl.list: optional vector of genes to be excluded from model fitting process. The format of excl.list can be either character or numeric, the former indicating the names of genes and the latter their order in ref.dat.

burn.in: an integer; represents the burn-in size to apply in the MCMC model fitting using JAGS. Defaults to 10,000

n.samp: an integer; represents the size of the MCMC posterior sample draw from the fitted model. Defaults to 25,000

fn.jags: a character string; corresponds to the file name and location of the JAGS model file to be written. Defaults to “baysic.jags” in the current working directory.

prior: optional vector of prior distribution specifications (as character strings). If is.null(prior)==FALSE, prior should be of length equal to all of the model parameters and formatted to follow the distributional notation of the JAGS model language. The order of the prior specification follows the format: SNV categories, any covariates (optional), indel λ parameter.

Value

Returns a list object with the following components:

- fit.post: an mcmc object of the posterior draws of the BaySIC BMR model parameters
- covar: covar object (if included in baysic.fit argument)
- snv.cat: the snv.cat object in the original call
- excl.list: excl.list object (if included in baysic.fit argument)

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See Also

baysic.data,baysic.test

Examples

```r
## Not run:
data(example.dat)
data(ccds.19)
baysic.dat.ex<-baysic.data(example.dat,ccds.19)
snv.cat.ex<-list()
snv.cat.ex[[1]]<grep("[^T]C[^G]",colnames(ccds.19)[-c(1:2)])
snv.cat.ex[[2]]<-unique(c(grep("T.",colnames(ccds.19)[-c(1:2)]),grep(".C",colnames(ccds.19)[-c(1:2)])))
snv.cat.ex[[3]]<-grep(".T.",colnames(ccds.19)[-c(1:2)])
baysic.fit.ex<-baysic.fit(baysic.dat.ex,snv.cat.ex)

## End(Not run)
```
BaySIC Evaluation of SMGs

Description
Evaluates genes for SMGs using Bayesian posterior predictive methods

Usage
```
baysic.test(dat.out, fit.out, fdr.level = 0.15, fuzzy.cnt = 10000, r = NULL, subtype = NULL, PB.approx = FALSE)
```

Arguments
- `dat.out`: output from `baysic.data`
- `fit.out`: output from `baysic.fit` which utilized `dat.out`
- `fdr.level`: numeric ($\in (0, 1)$) defining FDR level for multiple assessment passed to `fuzzy.FDR.approx`. Defaults to 0.15
- `fuzzy.cnt`: number of Monte Carlo iterations to use in approximating fuzzy FDR values passed to `fuzzy.FDR.approx`. Defaults to 10000.
- `r`: Optional number of MCMC draws to thin to for Monte Carlo integration, such that $r < R$, where $R$ is the total number of MCMC draws.
- `subtype`: Optional $N_s \times 2$ dataframe that defines membership of cancer subtype(s), where $N_s \leq N$. The first column of `subtype` should consist of subject ids (same as in `dat`) and the second the corresponding subtype membership. When `subtype` is provided, `baysic.test` will also generate analysis results for subtype-specific analyses.
- `PB.approx`: logical; if `TRUE`, the Refined Normal Approximation (RNA) of the Poisson-Binomial distribution is used when `ref.dat` is a list. Defaults to `FALSE`.

Details
When `is.list(ref.dat)` is `TRUE`, BaySIC evaluates whether or not a gene is an SMG using the Poisson-Binomial rather than the traditional binomial distribution. This accommodates subject-specific mutation rates given varying sequence content. When $N$ is relatively large (e.g., $N \geq 50$) it is recommended that optional arguments `r` and `PB.approx` be considered to alleviate computational burden.

Value
Returns a `list` object with the following components:
- `test.res`: a matrix with $G$ rows containing the SMG analysis results from BaySIC. This includes the gene, the posterior predictive p-values, and fuzzy rejection probabilities under FDR level `fdr.level`. It will also contain results for any subtype analyses if `subtype` is specified.
- `fdr.level`: value of `fdr.level` used
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fuzzy.cnt       value of fuzzy.cnt used
subtype        value of subtype, if supplied

Author(s)
Nicholas B. Larson

Examples

```r
## Not run:
data(example.dat)
data(ccds.19)
baysic.dat.ex<-baysic.data(example.dat,ccds.19)
svn.cat.ex<-list()
svn.cat.ex[[1]]<grep("[^T]C[^G]",colnames(ccds.19)[-c(1:2)])
svn.cat.ex[[2]]<unique(c(grep("TC\.",colnames(ccds.19)[-c(1:2)]),grep(".CG",colnames(ccds.19)[-c(1:2)])))
svn.cat.ex[[3]]<grep(".T\.",colnames(ccds.19)[-c(1:2)])
baysic.fit.ex<-baysic.fit(baysic.dat.ex,svn.cat.ex)
baysic.test.ex<-baysic.test(baysic.dat.ex,baysic.fit.ex)
## End(Not run)
```

BMR.plot           Visualize Sequence Context BMRs

Description

Generates a heatmap of mutation rates by sequence context to assist in determining somatic point sequence context categories for BMR model

Usage

```
BMR.plot(dat.out)
```

Arguments

dat.out     output from baysic.data

Value

Generates a heatmap of point mutation rates by trinucleotide sequence context motif, which is corrected for values in ref.dat, on the log10 scale

Author(s)
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See Also

baysic.data

Examples

```r
## Not run:
data(example.dat)
data(ccds.19)
baysic.dat.ex<-baysic.data(example.dat,ccds.19)
BMR.plot(baysic.dat.ex)

## End(Not run)
```

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**ccds.18**  
*CCDS Reference Data (Build hg18)*

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**Description**

A `ref.dat` object for the Consensus Coding Sequence (CCDS) data from UCSC human (*Homo sapiens*) build hg18

**Usage**

data(ccds.18)

**Format**

A data frame `ref.dat` object with 16631 genes on 34 variables (1 Gene column, 1 chromosome column, and 32 sequence context motifs

**Details**

Each sequence context motif column corresponds to the enumeration of CCDS bases in a given gene that satisfies that motif. The gene column corresponds to HUGO gene ids.

**Source**

http://genome.ucsc.edu/

**References**

Description

A `ref.dat` object for the Consensus Coding Sequence (CCDS) data from UCSC human (*Homo sapiens*) build hg19

Usage

data(ccds.19)

Format

A data frame `ref.dat` object with 18305 genes on 34 variables (1 Gene column, 1 chromosome column, and 32 sequence context motifs

Details

Each sequence context motif column corresponds to the enumeration of CCDS bases in a given gene that satisfies that motif. The gene column corresponds to HUGO gene ids.

Source

http://genome.ucsc.edu/

References


Example Mutation Data (Build hg19)

Description

An example simulated dataset in the input format used by BaySIC (MUT-style), consisting of observed somatic mutations for 200 subjects

Usage

data(example.dat)

Format

A dataframe object with 9882 observations on 7 variables
Details

BaySIC utilizes a MUT-style format for input into its functions, which is a $M \times 7$ dataframe where $M$ is the number of observed mutations, and has the following structure:

- chr character string; chromosome (e.g., "chr#", "chrX", "chrY")
- start integer; start basepair position
- end integer; end basepair position
- id character string; subject identification
- type character string; type of somatic mutation (e.g., "SNV", "INDEL")
- gene character string; corresponding gene of mutation
- context character string; sequence context (trinucleotide motif) of point mutation (NA for INDEL)

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fn.cat

Collapses SNV and reference data into sequence mutation categories

Description

Subroutine for `baysic.fit` and `baysic.test` which generates reduced data representations of mutation and reference data by collapsing sequence categories into single columns

Usage

fn.cat(dat, snv.cat)

Arguments

dat $G \times 32$ ref.dat or snv.dat data matrix

snv.cat a list of length $C$, where $C$ is the number of sequence categories desired to be modeled ($C \leq 32$). Each element of snv.cat should be a vector of character strings of trinucleotide motifs (e.g., c("ATA","ACA")) which define a group of motifs which are assumed to have the same background mutation rate.

Value

a $G \times C$ matrix where each column corresponds to an SNV sequence category in snv.cat

Author(s)

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See Also

`baysic.fit`, `baysic.test`
**fuzzy.FDR.approx**

Generate Approximate Fuzzy Rejection Probabilities

**Description**

For hypothesis tests with discrete reference distributions, obtains fuzzy rejection probabilities for a given level of false discovery rate control.

**Usage**

```r
fuzzy.FDR.approx(pprev, p, alpha, N)
```

**Arguments**

- `pprev`: numeric vector of p-values of length `l`, corresponding to strict inequality of test statistic values in a one-sided test (i.e., \( P(T > t) \)).
- `p`: length `l` numeric vector of p-values corresponding to traditional one-sided test (i.e., \( P(T \geq t) \)).
- `alpha`: FDR level of interest (under Benjamini-Hochberg FDR procedure).
- `N`: Number of Monte Carlo samples used to generate fuzzy rejection probability approximations.

**Details**

This is a Monte Carlo implementation of the fuzzy FDR work developed by Kulinskaya et al. (2007).

**Value**

Returns a vector of length `l` corresponding to the fuzzy rejection probabilities of the hypotheses represented in `pprev` and `p`, under FDR level `alpha`.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

revcomp

DNA Reverse Complementation

Description

Returns the reverse complement of a given DNA character string

Usage

revcomp(dna.seq)

Arguments

dna.seq character string; genetic sequence composed of "A","C","T", and "G" characters, of which the reverse complement sequence is desired

Value

A character string that is the reverse complement of dna.seq

Author(s)

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Examples

test.sequence<-"ACTGATGAT"
revcomp(test.sequence)

write.baysic

Write BaySIC JAGS model files

Description

Procedurally writes JAGS model files based upon the arguments for the BaySIC model fitting function baysic.fit.

Usage

write.baysic(mut.dat, covar = NULL, prior = NULL, fn.jags = "baysic.jags")
write.baysic

Arguments

- **mut.dat**: matrix or dataframe containing the observed SNV and indel. The indel counts should be contained in the final column. Column names from this object will be used to create the model file.
- **covar**: optional matrix or dataframe of gene-level covariates. Column names from this object will be used to create the model file.
- **prior**: optional vector of character strings which define prior distributions on the model parameters in the JAGS language format. If `prior` is non-NULL, it should be of length equal to all possible model parameters (sum of number of columns of `mut.dat` and `covar`)
- **fn.jags**: file name of JAGS model file to be used. Defaults to "baysic.jags"

Details

This function is a subroutine used in baysic.fit

Value

Writes JAGS file to the location specified by `fn.jags`

Author(s)

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See Also

- baysic.test
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