

Package ‘INDEED’

November 20, 2025

Title Interactive Visualization of Integrated Differential Expression
and Differential Network Analysis for Biomarker Candidate
Selection Package

Version 2.25.0

Author Yiming Zuo <yimingzuo@gmail.com>, Kian Ghaffari <kg.ghaffari@gmail.com>, Zhen-
zhi Li <zzrickli@gmail.com>

Maintainer Resson group <hwr@georgetown.edu>,
Yiming Zuo <yimingzuo@gmail.com>

Description An R package for integrated differential expression and differential network analysis based on omic data for cancer biomarker discovery. Both correlation and partial correlation can be used to generate differential network to aid the traditional differential expression analysis to identify changes between biomolecules on both their expression and pairwise association levels. A detailed description of the methodology has been published in Methods journal (PMID: 27592383). An interactive visualization feature allows for the exploration and selection of candidate biomarkers.

License Artistic-2.0

URL <http://github.com/ressomlab/INDEED>

BugReports <http://github.com/ressomlab/INDEED/issues>

Encoding UTF-8

LazyData true

RoxygenNote 6.1.1

Depends glasso (>= 1.8), R (>= 3.5)

Imports devtools (>= 1.13.0), graphics (>= 3.3.1), stats (>= 3.3.1),
utils (>= 3.3.1), igraph (>= 1.2.4), visNetwork(>= 2.0.6)

Suggests knitr (>= 1.19), rmarkdown (>= 1.8), testthat (>= 2.0.0)

VignetteBuilder knitr

biocViews ImmunoOncology, Software, ResearchField, BiologicalQuestion,
StatisticalMethod, DifferentialExpression, MassSpectrometry,
Metabolomics

git_url <https://git.bioconductor.org/packages/INDEED>

git_branch devel
git_last_commit 4ba8f5c
git_last_commit_date 2025-10-29
Repository Bioconductor 3.23
Date/Publication 2025-11-19

Contents

choose_rho	2
compute_cor	3
compute_dns	3
compute_par	4
INDEED	4
loglik_ave	5
Met_Group_GU	5
Met_GU	6
Met_name_GU	6
network_display	6
non_partial_cor	7
partial_cor	8
permutation_cor	9
permutation_pc	10
permutation_thres	11
pvalue_logit	11
pvalue_M_GU	12
scale_range	12
select_rho_partial	13
Index	14

choose_rho	<i>Draw error curve</i>
------------	-------------------------

Description

This function draws error curve using cross-validation.

Usage

choose_rho(data, n_fold, rho)

Arguments

- data This is a matrix.
- n_fold This parameter specifies the n number in n-fold cross_validation.
- rho This is the regularization parameter values to be evaluated in terms their errors.

Value

A list of errors and their corresponding $\log(\rho)$.

compute_cor	<i>Compute the correlation</i>
-------------	--------------------------------

Description

This function computes either the pearson or spearman correlation coefficient.

Usage

```
compute_cor(data_group_1, data_group_2, type_of_cor)
```

Arguments

data_group_1	This is a n*p matrix.
data_group_2	This is a n*p matrix.
type_of_cor	If this is NULL, pearson correlation coefficient will be calculated as default. Otherwise, a character string "spearman" will calculate the spearman correlation coefficient.

Value

A list of correlation matrices for both group 1 and group 2.

compute_dns	<i>Calculate the differential network score</i>
-------------	---

Description

This function calculates differential network score by using the binary link and z-scores.

Usage

```
compute_dns(binary_link, z_score)
```

Arguments

binary_link	This is the binary correlation matrix with 1 indicating positive correlation and -1 indicating negative correlation for each biomolecular pair.
z_score	This is converted from the given or calculated p-value.

Value

An activity score associated with each biomarker candidate.

compute_par	<i>Compute the partial correlation</i>
-------------	--

Description

This function computes the partial correlation coefficient.

Usage

```
compute_par(pre_inv)
```

Arguments

pre_inv This is an inverse covariance matrix.

Value

A $p * p$ partial correlation matrix.

INDEED	<i>INDEED: A network-based method for cancer biomarker discovery.</i>
--------	---

Description

The INDEED R package provides important functions as shown below: non_partial_cor(), select_rho_partial(), partial_cor(), and network_display().

non_partial_cor function

non_partial_cor function performs typical correlation analysis based on user input data, class label, p-value, sample id, number of permutations, and the method (default pearson) p value is optional, the result of score table and differential network will be returned

select_rho_partial function

select_rho_partial function preprocesses data for partial correlation analysis, the result contains list of preprocessed data and rho values and error plot for user to choose desired rho value for graphical lasso

partial_cor function

partial_cor function performs partial correlation analysis based on user input preprocessed list from select_rho_partial step and the rho choosing method or values of their choice and number of permutations (default 1000), p-value is optional, the result of score table and differential network will be returned

network_display function

A function to assist in the network visualization of the result from INDEED functions `non_partial_cor()` and `patial_cor()`.

loglik_ave	<i>Create log likelihood error</i>
------------	------------------------------------

Description

This function calculates the log likelihood error.

Usage

```
loglik_ave(data, theta)
```

Arguments

data	This is a matrix.
theta	This is a precision matrix.

Value

log likelihood error

Met_Group_GU	<i>Group label.</i>
--------------	---------------------

Description

A dataset containing group information (CIRR group: 0 and HCC group: 1).

Usage

```
Met_Group_GU
```

Format

A data frame with 1 row and 120 (subjects) columns.

Met_GU	<i>GU cirrhosis (CIRR) and GU Hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) data.</i>
--------	--

Description

A dataset containing the expression levels for each of the 120 subjects (HCC: 60; CIRR: 60) in terms of 39 metabolites.

Usage

Met_GU

Format

A data frame with 39 variables (rows) and 120 subjects (columns).

Met_name_GU	<i>KEGG ID</i>
-------------	----------------

Description

A dataset containing the KEGG ID for each metabolite.

Usage

Met_name_GU

Format

A data frame with 39 KEGG ID as rows and 1 column:

network_display	<i>Interactive Network Visualization</i>
-----------------	--

Description

An interactive tool to assist in the visualization of the results from INDEED functions `non_partial_corr()` or `patial_corr()`. The size and the color of each node can be adjusted by users to represent either the Node_Degree, Activity_Score, Z_Score, or P_Value. The color of the edge is based on the binary value of either 1 corresponding to a positive correlation depicted as green or a negative correlation of -1 depicted as red. The user also has the option of having the width of each edge be proportional to its weight value. The layout of the network can also be customized by choosing from the options: 'nice', 'sphere', 'grid', 'star', and 'circle'. Nodes can be moved and zoomed in on. Each node and edge will display extra information when clicked on. Secondary interactions will be highlighted as well when a node is clicked on.

Usage

```
network_display(results = NULL, nodesize = "P_Value",
  nodecolor = "Activity_Score", edgewidth = "NO", layout = "nice")
```

Arguments

results	This is the result from calling either non_partial_corr() or partial_corr().
nodesize	This parameter determines what the size of each node will represent. The options are 'Node_Degree', 'Activity_Score', 'P_Value' and 'Z_Score'. The title of the resulting network will identify which parameter was selected to represent the node size. The default is P_Value.
nodecolor	This parameter determines what color each node will be based on a yellow to blue color gradient. The options are 'Node_Degree', 'Activity_Score', 'P_Value', and 'Z_Score'. A color bar will be created based on which parameter is chosen. The default is Activity_Score.
edgewidth	This is a 'YES' or 'NO' option as to if the edgewidth should be representative of the weight value corresponding to the correlation change between two nodes. The default is NO.
layout	User can choose from a handful of network visualization templates including: 'nice', 'sphere', 'grid', 'star', and 'circle'. The default is nice.

Value

An interactive depiction of the network resulting from INDEED functions non_partial_corr() or partial_corr().

Examples

```
result = non_partial_cor(data = Met_GU, class_label = Met_Group_GU, id = Met_name_GU,
  method = "spearman", permutation_thres = 0.05,
  permutation = 1000)
network_display(results = result, nodesize = 'P_Value',
  nodecolor = 'Activity_Score', edgewidth = 'NO', layout = 'nice')
```

non_partial_cor	<i>Non-partial correlaton analysis</i>
-----------------	--

Description

A method that integrates differential expression (DE) analysis and differential network (DN) analysis to select biomarker candidates for cancer studies. non_partial_cor is a one step function for user to perform the analysis based on typical correlation analysis, no pre-processing step required.

Usage

```
non_partial_cor(data = NULL, class_label = NULL, id = NULL,
  method = "pearson", p_val = NULL, permutation = 1000,
  permutation_thres = 0.05)
```

Arguments

data	This is a matrix of expression from all biomolecules and all samples.
class_label	this is a binary array with 0 for group 1 and 1 for group 2.
id	This is an array of biomolecule IDs.
method	This is a character string indicating which correlation coefficient is to be computed. The options are either "pearson" as the default or "spearman".
p_val	This is optional, it is a dataframe containing p-value for each biomolecule.
permutation	This is a positive integer representing the desired number of permutations, default is 1000.
permutation_thres	This is a threshold for permutation. The default is 0.05 to make 95 percent confidence..

Value

A list containing a score table with "ID", "P_value", "Node_Degree", "Activity_Score" and a differential network table with "Node1", "Node2", the binary link value and the weight link value.

Examples

```
non_partial_cor(data = Met_GU, class_label = Met_Group_GU, id = Met_name_GU,
               method = "pearson", permutation = 1000, permutation_thres = 0.05)
```

partial_cor	<i>Partial correlaton analysis</i>
-------------	------------------------------------

Description

A method that integrates differential expression (DE) analysis and differential network (DN) analysis to select biomarker candidates for cancer studies. partial_cor is the second step of partial correlation calculation after getting the result from select_rho_partial function.

Usage

```
partial_cor(data_list = NULL, rho_group1 = NULL, rho_group2 = NULL,
            permutation = 1000, p_val = NULL, permutation_thres = 0.05)
```

Arguments

data_list	This is a list of pre-processed data outputed by the select_rho_partial function.
rho_group1	This is the rule for choosing rho for group 1, "min": minimum rho, "se": one standard error from minimum, or user can input rho of their choice, the default is minimum.
rho_group2	This is the rule for choosing rho for group 2, "min": minimum rho, "se": one standard error from minimum, or user can input rho of their choice, the default is minimum.

permutation	This is a positive integer of the desired number of permutations. The default is 1000 permutations.
p_val	This is optional. It is a data frame that contains p-values for each biomolecule.
permutation_thres	This is the threshold for permutation. The default is 0.05 to make 95 percent confidence.

Value

A list containing a score table with "ID", "P_value", "Node_Degree", "Activity_Score" and a differential network table with "Node1", "Node2", the binary link value and the weight link value.

Examples

```
# step 1: select_rho_partial
preprocess<- select_rho_partial(data = Met_GU, class_label = Met_Group_GU, id = Met_name_GU,
                                error_curve = "YES")

# step 2: partial_cor
partial_cor(data_list = preprocess, rho_group1 = 'min', rho_group2 = "min", permutation = 1000,
            p_val = pvalue_M_GU, permutation_thres = 0.05)
```

permutation_cor	<i>Permutations to build a differential network based on correlation analysis</i>
-----------------	---

Description

A permutation test that randomly permutes the sample labels in distinct biological groups for each biomolecule. The difference in each paired biomolecule is considered statistically significant if it falls into the 2.5 empirical distribution curve.

Usage

```
permutation_cor(m, p, n_group_1, n_group_2, data_group_1, data_group_2,
               type_of_cor)
```

Arguments

m	This is the number of permutations desired.
p	This is the number of biomarker candidates present.
n_group_1	This is the number of subjects in group 1.
n_group_2	This is the number of subjects in group 2.
data_group_1	This is a $n * p$ matrix containing group 1 data.
data_group_2	This is a $n * p$ matrix containing group 2 data.
type_of_cor	If this is NULL, pearson correlation coefficient will be calculated as default. Otherwise, a character string "spearman" will calculate the spearman correlation coefficient.

Value

A multi-dimensional matrix that contains the permutation result.

permutation_pc	<i>Permutations to build differential network based on partial correlation analysis</i>
----------------	---

Description

A permutation test that randomly permutes the sample labels in distinct biological groups for each biomolecule. The difference in paired partial correlation is considered statistically significant if it falls into the 2.5 empirical distribution curve.

Usage

```
permutation_pc(m, p, n_group_1, n_group_2, data_group_1, data_group_2,
               rho_group_1_opt, rho_group_2_opt)
```

Arguments

m	This is the number of permutations desired.
p	This is the number of biomarker candidates present.
n_group_1	This is the number of subjects in group 1.
n_group_2	This is the number of subjects in group 2.
data_group_1	This is a $n * p$ matrix containing group 1 data.
data_group_2	This is a $n * p$ matrix containing group 2 data.
rho_group_1_opt	This is an optimal tuning parameter to obtain a sparse differential network for group 1.
rho_group_2_opt	This is an optimal tuning parameter to obtain a sparse differential network for group 2.

Value

A multi-dimensional matrix that contains the permutation result.

permutation_thres	<i>Calculate the positive and negative thresholds based on the permutation result</i>
-------------------	---

Description

This function calculates the positive and negative thresholds based on the permutation result.

Usage

```
permutation_thres(thres_left, thres_right, p, diff_p)
```

Arguments

thres_left	This is the threshold representing 2.5 percent of the left tail of the empirical distribution curve.
thres_right	This is the threshold representing 2.5 percent of the right tail of the empirical distribution curve.
p	This is the number of biomarker candidates present.
diff_p	This is the permutation result from either permutation_cor or permutation_pc.

Value

A list of positive and negative thresholds.

pvalue_logit	<i>Obtain p-values using logistic regression</i>
--------------	--

Description

This function calculates p-values using logistic regression in cases that p-values are not provided.

Usage

```
pvalue_logit(x, class_label, Met_name)
```

Arguments

x	This is a data frame consists of data from group 1 and group 2.
class_label	This is a binary array indicating 0 for group 1 and 1 for group 2.
Met_name	This is an array of IDs.

Value

p-values

pvalue_M_GU	<i>P-values obtained by differential expression (DE) analysis.</i>
-------------	--

Description

A dataset containing the p-value for each metabolite obtained through DE analysis.

Usage

```
pvalue_M_GU
```

Format

A data frame with 39 rows and 2 variables:

KEGG.ID KEGG ID

p.value p-value

scale_range	<i>Scale list of numbers</i>
-------------	------------------------------

Description

This function is used to help spread out data values across 0 to 1. This is so that it will be easier to distinguish values later incorporated into the network_display function.

Usage

```
scale_range(x)
```

Arguments

x	This is a list of numbers taken from the columns outputted from calling non_partial_corr or patial_corr functions.
---	--

Value

Scaled version of data that fits between 0 to 1.

select_rho_partial	<i>Data preprocessing for partial correlaton analysis</i>
--------------------	---

Description

A method that integrates differential expression (DE) analysis and differential network (DN) analysis to select biomarker candidates for cancer studies. select_rho_partial is the pre-processing step for INDEED partial differential analysis.

Usage

```
select_rho_partial(data = NULL, class_label = NULL, id = NULL,  
  error_curve = "YES")
```

Arguments

data	This is a matrix of expression from all biomolecules and all samples.
class_label	This is a binary array with 0 for group 1 and 1 for group 2.
id	This is an array of biomolecule IDs.
error_curve	This is an option on whether a error curve plot will be provided to the user, user can choose "YES" or "NO". The default is YES.

Value

A list of processed data for the next step, and generates an error curve to select rho for graphical lasso.

Examples

```
select_rho_partial(data = Met_GU, class_label = Met_Group_GU, id = Met_name_GU,  
  error_curve = "YES")
```

Index

* datasets

Met_Group_GU, [5](#)

Met_GU, [6](#)

Met_name_GU, [6](#)

pvalue_M_GU, [12](#)

choose_rho, [2](#)

compute_cor, [3](#)

compute_dns, [3](#)

compute_par, [4](#)

INDEED, [4](#)

INDEED-package (INDEED), [4](#)

loglik_ave, [5](#)

Met_Group_GU, [5](#)

Met_GU, [6](#)

Met_name_GU, [6](#)

network_display, [6](#)

non_partial_cor, [7](#)

partial_cor, [8](#)

permutation_cor, [9](#)

permutation_pc, [10](#)

permutation_thres, [11](#)

pvalue_logit, [11](#)

pvalue_M_GU, [12](#)

scale_range, [12](#)

select_rho_partial, [13](#)