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calculate_kmer_enrichment

k-mer Enrichment between Foreground and Background Sets

Description

Calls compute_kmer_enrichment to compute *k*-mer enrichment values for multiple foregrounds. Calculates enrichment for foreground sets in parallel.

Usage

```
calculate_kmer_enrichment(
  foreground_sets,
  background_set,
  k,
  permutation = FALSE,
  chisq_p_value_threshold = 0.05,
  p_adjust_method = "BH",
  n_cores = 4
)
```

Arguments

| foreground_sets | | |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| | list of foreground sets; a foreground set is a character vector of DNA or RNA sequences (not both) and a strict subset of the background_set | |
| background_set | character vector of DNA or RNA sequences that constitute the background set | |
| k | length of k-mer, either 6 for hexamers or 7 for heptamers | |
| permutation | if TRUE, only the enrichment value is returned (efficiency mode used for permu- tation testing) | |
| chisq_p_value_threshold | | |
| | threshold below which Fisher's exact test is used instead of Pearson's chi-squared | |
| | test | |
| p_adjust_method | | |
| | see p.adjust | |
| n_cores | number of computing cores to use | |

Value

A list with two entries:

dfs a list of data frames with results from compute_kmer_enrichment for each of the foreground sets kmers a character vector of all k-mers

See Also

```
Otherk-merfunctions: check_kmers(), compute_kmer_enrichment(), count_homopolymer_corrected_kmers(),
draw_volcano_plot(), estimate_significance(), estimate_significance_core(), generate_kmers(),
generate_permuted_enrichments(), run_kmer_spma(), run_kmer_tsma()
```

Examples

```
# define simple sequence sets for foreground and background
foreground_set1 <- c(</pre>
  "CAACAGCCUUAAUU", "CAGUCAAGACUCC", "CUUUGGGGAAU",
  "UCAUUUUAUUAAA", "AAUUGGUGUCUGGAUACUUCCCUGUACAU",
  "AUCAAAUUA", "AGAU", "GACACUUAAAGAUCCU",
  "UAGCAUUAACUUAAUG", "AUGGA", "GAAGAGUGCUCA",
  "AUAGAC", "AGUUC", "CCAGUAA"
)
foreground_set2 <- c("UUAUUUA", "AUCCUUUACA", "UUUUUUU", "UUUCAUCAUU")</pre>
foreground_sets <- list(foreground_set1, foreground_set2)</pre>
background_set <- c(foreground_set1, foreground_set2,</pre>
                     "CCACACAC", "CUCAUUGGAG", "ACUUUGGGACA", "CAGGUCAGCA")
# single-threaded
kmer_enrichment_values_st <- calculate_kmer_enrichment(foreground_sets,</pre>
 background_set, 6, n_cores = 1)
## Not run:
# multi-threaded
kmer_enrichment_values_mt <- calculate_kmer_enrichment(foreground_sets,</pre>
 background_set, 6)
## End(Not run)
```

calculate_local_consistency Local Consistency Score

Description

C++ implementation of Local Consistency Score algorithm.

Usage

```
calculate_local_consistency(x, numPermutations, minPermutations, e)
```

Arguments

| х | numeric vector that contains values for shuffling | | |
|-----------------|--|--|--|
| numPermutations | | | |
| | maximum number of permutations performed in Monte Carlo test for consis- | | |
| | tency score | | |
| minPermutation | minPermutations | | |
| | minimum number of permutations performed in Monte Carlo test for consis- tency score | | |
| е | stop criterion for consistency score Monte Carlo test: aborting permutation pro- cess after observing e random consistency values with more extreme values than the actual consistency value | | |

Value

list with score, p_value, and n components, where score is the raw local consistency score (usually not used), p_value is the associated p-value for that score, obtained by Monte Carlo testing, and n is the number of permutations performed in the Monte Carlo test (the higher, the more significant)

Examples

```
poor_enrichment_spectrum <- c(0.1, 0.5, 0.6, 0.4,
 0.7, 0.6, 1.2, 1.1, 1.8, 1.6)
local_consistency <- calculate_local_consistency(poor_enrichment_spectrum,
 1000000, 1000, 5)
enrichment_spectrum <- c(0.1, 0.3, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8,
 0.9, 1.2, 1.4, 1.6, 1.4)
local_consistency <- calculate_local_consistency(enrichment_spectrum,
 1000000, 1000, 5)
```

calculate_motif_enrichment

Binding Site Enrichment Value Calculation

Description

This function is used to calculate binding site enrichment / depletion scores between predefined foreground and background sequence sets. Significance levels of enrichment values are obtained by Monte Carlo tests.

Usage

```
calculate_motif_enrichment(
  foreground_scores_df,
  background_scores_df,
  background_total_sites,
  background_absolute_hits,
```

```
n_transcripts_foreground,
max_fg_permutations = 1e+06,
min_fg_permutations = 1000,
e = 5,
p_adjust_method = "BH"
)
```

Arguments

| foreground_scores_df | | |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| | esult of score_transcripts on foreground sequence set (foreground sequence ets must be a subset of the background sequence set) | |
| background_scores | s_df | |
| re | esult of score_transcripts on background sequence set | |
| background_total_ | _sites | |
| n | number of potential binding sites per sequence (returned by score_transcripts) | |
| background_absolu | ute_hits | |
| n | number of putative binding sites per sequence (returned by score_transcripts) | |
| n_transcripts_for | reground | |
| n | number of sequences in the foreground set | |
| <pre>max_fg_permutations</pre> | | |
| | naximum number of foreground permutations performed in Monte Carlo test or enrichment score | |
| <pre>min_fg_permutation</pre> | ons | |
| | ninimum number of foreground permutations performed in Monte Carlo test for enrichment score | |
| р | nteger-valued stop criterion for enrichment score Monte Carlo test: aborting permutation process after observing e random enrichment values with more ex- reme values than the actual enrichment value | |
| p_adjust_method | | |
| | djustment of p-values from Monte Carlo tests to avoid alpha error accumula- ion, see p.adjust | |

Value

A data frame with the following columns:

| <pre>motif_id</pre> | the motif identifier that is used in the original motif library |
|-----------------------|---|
| <pre>motif_rbps</pre> | the gene symbol of the RNA-binding protein(s) |
| enrichment | binding site enrichment between foreground and background sequences |
| p_value | unadjusted p-value from Monte Carlo test |
| p_value_n | number of Monte Carlo test permutations |
| adj_p_value | adjusted p-value from Monte Carlo test (usually FDR) |

See Also

Other matrix functions: run_matrix_spma(), run_matrix_tsma(), score_transcripts(), score_transcripts_single

Examples

calculate_transcript_mc

Motif Enrichment calculation

Description

C++ implementation of Motif Enrichment calculation

Usage

```
calculate_transcript_mc(
   absoluteHits,
   totalSites,
   relHitsForeground,
   n,
   maxPermutations,
   minPermutations,
   e
)
```

Arguments

| absoluteHits | number of putative binding sites per sequence (returned by score_transcripts) | |
|-------------------|--|--|
| totalSites | number of potential binding sites per sequence (returned by score_transcripts) | |
| relHitsForeground | | |
| | relative number of hits in foreground set | |
| n | number of sequences in the foreground set | |
| maxPermutations | | |
| | maximum number of foreground permutations performed in Monte Carlo test for enrichment score | |
| | | |

| minPermutations | 5 |
|-----------------|---|
| | minimum number of foreground permutations performed in Monte Carlo test for enrichment score |
| e | stop criterion for enrichment score Monte Carlo test: aborting permutation pro- cess after observing e random enrichment values with more extreme values than the actual enrichment value |

Value

list with p-value and number of iterations of Monte Carlo sampling for foreground enrichment

Examples

check_kmers

Check Validity of Set of k-mers

Description

Checks if the provided set of k-mers is valid. A valid set of k-mers is (1) non-empty, (2) contains either only hexamers or only heptamers, and (3) contains only characters from the RNA alphabet (A, C, G, U)

Usage

check_kmers(kmers)

Arguments

kmers set of *k*-mers

Value

TRUE if set of k-mers is valid

classify_spectrum

See Also

```
Other k-mer functions: calculate_kmer_enrichment(), compute_kmer_enrichment(), count_homopolymer_corrected
draw_volcano_plot(), estimate_significance(), estimate_significance_core(), generate_kmers(),
generate_permuted_enrichments(), run_kmer_spma(), run_kmer_tsma()
```

Examples

```
# valid set
check_kmers(c("ACGCUC", "AAACCC", "UUUACA"))
# invalid set (contains hexamers and heptamers)
check_kmers(c("ACGCUC", "AAACCC", "UUUACAA"))
```

classify_spectrum Simple spectrum classifier based on empirical thresholds

Description

Spectra can be classified based on the aggregate spectrum classifier score. If sum(score) == 3 spectrum considered non-random, random otherwise.

Usage

```
classify_spectrum(
  adj_r_squared,
  degree,
  slope,
  consistency_score_n,
  n_significant,
  n_bins
)
```

Arguments

| adj_r_squared | adjusted R^2 of polynomial model, returned by score_spectrum | |
|---|---|--|
| degree | degree of polynomial, returned by score_spectrum | |
| slope | coefficient of the linear term of the polynomial model (spectrum "direction"), returned by score_spectrum | |
| consistency_score_n number of performed permutations before early stopping, returned by score_spectrum | | |
| n_significant | number of bins with statistically significant enrichment | |
| n_bins | number of bins | |

a three-dimensional binary vector with the following components:

```
coordinate 1 adj_r_squared >= 0.4
coordinate 2 consistency_score_n > 1000000
coordinate 3 n_significant >= floor(n_bins / 10)
```

See Also

Other SPMA functions: run_kmer_spma(), run_matrix_spma(), score_spectrum(), subdivide_data()

Examples

```
n bins <- 40
# random spectrum
random_sp <- score_spectrum(runif(n = n_bins, min = -1, max = 1),</pre>
  max_model_degree = 1)
score <- classify_spectrum(</pre>
  get_adj_r_squared(random_sp), get_model_degree(random_sp),
  get_model_slope(random_sp), get_consistency_score_n(random_sp), 0, n_bins
)
sum(score)
# non-random linear spectrum with strong noise component
signal <- seq(-1, 0.99, 2 / 40)
noise <- rnorm(n = 40, mean = 0, sd = 0.5)
linear_sp <- score_spectrum(signal + noise, max_model_degree = 1,</pre>
  max_cs_permutations = 100000)
score <- classify_spectrum(</pre>
  get_adj_r_squared(linear_sp), get_model_degree(linear_sp),
  get_model_slope(linear_sp), get_consistency_score_n(linear_sp), 10, n_bins
)
sum(score)
## Not run:
# non-random linear spectrum with weak noise component
signal <- seq(-1, 0.99, 2 / 40)
noise <- rnorm(n = 40, mean = 0, sd = 0.2)
linear_sp <- score_spectrum(signal + noise, max_model_degree = 1,</pre>
 max_cs_permutations = 100000)
score <- classify_spectrum(</pre>
  get_adj_r_squared(linear_sp), get_model_degree(linear_sp),
  get_model_slope(linear_sp), get_consistency_score_n(linear_sp), 10, n_bins
)
sum(score)
## End(Not run)
# non-random quadratic spectrum with strong noise component
signal <- seq(-1, 0.99, 2 / 40)<sup>2</sup> - 0.5
noise <- rnorm(n = 40, mean = 0, sd = 0.2)
quadratic_sp <- score_spectrum(signal + noise, max_model_degree = 2,</pre>
```

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```
max_cs_permutations = 100000)
score <- classify_spectrum(</pre>
 get_adj_r_squared(quadratic_sp), get_model_degree(quadratic_sp),
 get_model_slope(quadratic_sp),
 get_consistency_score_n(quadratic_sp), 10, n_bins
)
sum(score)
## Not run:
# non-random quadratic spectrum with weak noise component
signal <- seq(-1, 0.99, 2 / 40)^2 - 0.5
noise <- rnorm(n = 40, mean = 0, sd = 0.1)</pre>
quadratic_sp <- score_spectrum(signal + noise, max_model_degree = 2)</pre>
score <- classify_spectrum(</pre>
 get_adj_r_squared(quadratic_sp), get_model_degree(quadratic_sp),
 get_model_slope(quadratic_sp),
 get_consistency_score_n(quadratic_sp), 10, n_bins
)
sum(score)
## End(Not run)
```

compute_kmer_enrichment

k-mer Enrichment between Foreground and Background Sets

Description

Compares foreground sequence set to background sequence set and computes enrichment values for each possible *k*-mer.

Usage

```
compute_kmer_enrichment(
  foreground_kmers,
  background_kmers,
  permutation = FALSE,
  chisq_p_value_threshold = 0.05,
  p_adjust_method = "BH"
)
```

Arguments

| <pre>foreground_kmer</pre> | S |
|----------------------------|---|
| | <i>k</i> -mer counts of the foreground set (generated by generate_kmers) |
| background_kmer | S |
| | <i>k</i> -mer counts of the background set (generated by generate_kmers) |
| permutation | if TRUE, only the enrichment value is returned (efficiency mode used for permutation testing) |

```
chisq_p_value_threshold
```

threshold below which Fisher's exact test is used instead of Pearson's chi-squared test

p_adjust_method

see p.adjust

Details

Usually uses Pearson's chi-squared test, but recalculates p-values with Fisher's exact test for Pearson's chi-squared test p-values <= chisq_p_value_threshold. The reason this is done is computational efficiency. Fisher's exact tests are computationally demanding and are only performed in situations, where exact p-values are preferred, e.g., if expected < 5 or significant p-values.

Value

enrichment of k-mers in specified foreground sequences. A data frame with the following columns is returned:

| foreground_count | foreground counts for each k-mer |
|------------------|---|
| background_count | background counts for each k-mer |
| enrichment | k-mer enrichment |
| p_value | p-value of <i>k</i> -mer enrichment (either from Fisher's exact test or Pearson's chi-squared test) |
| adj_p_value | multiple testing corrected p-value |
| | |

See Also

Other k-mer functions: calculate_kmer_enrichment(), check_kmers(), count_homopolymer_corrected_kmers(), draw_volcano_plot(), estimate_significance(), estimate_significance_core(), generate_kmers(), generate_permuted_enrichments(), run_kmer_spma(), run_kmer_tsma()

Examples

```
# define simple sequence sets for foreground and background
foreground_set <- c(</pre>
  "CAACAGCCUUAAUU", "CAGUCAAGACUCC", "CUUUGGGGAAU".
  "UCAUUUUAUUAAA", "AAUUGGUGUCUGGAUACUUCCCUGUACAU",
  "AUCAAAUUA", "AGAU", "GACACUUAAAGAUCCU",
  "UAGCAUUAACUUAAUG", "AUGGA", "GAAGAGUGCUCA",
  "AUAGAC", "AGUUC", "CCAGUAA"
)
background_set <- c(</pre>
  "CAACAGCCUUAAUU", "CAGUCAAGACUCC", "CUUUGGGGAAU",
  "UCAUUUUAUUAAA", "AAUUGGUGUCUGGAUACUUCCCUGUACAU",
  "AUCAAAUUA", "AGAU", "GACACUUAAAGAUCCU",
  "UAGCAUUAACUUAAUG", "AUGGA", "GAAGAGUGCUCA",
"AUAGAC", "AGUUC", "CCAGUAA",
  "UUAUUUA", "AUCCUUUACA", "UUUUUUUU", "UUUCAUCAUU",
  "CCACACAC", "CUCAUUGGAG", "ACUUUGGGACA", "CAGGUCAGCA"
)
foreground_kmers <- generate_kmers(foreground_set, 6)</pre>
```

```
background_kmers <- generate_kmers(background_set, 6)</pre>
```

```
kmer_enrichment_values <- compute_kmer_enrichment(foreground_kmers,
    background_kmers)
```

Description

Counts all non-overlapping instances of k-mers in a given set of sequences.

Usage

count_homopolymer_corrected_kmers(sequences, k, kmers, is_rna = FALSE)

Arguments

| sequences | character vector of DNA or RNA sequences |
|-----------|---|
| k | length of <i>k</i> -mer, either 6 for hexamers or 7 for heptamers |
| kmers | $column \ sums \ of \ return \ value \ of \ Biostrings:: oligonucleotide \ Frequency (sequences)$ |
| is_rna | if sequences are RNA sequences, this flag needs to be set |

Value

Returns a named numeric vector, where the elements are k-mer counts and the names are k-mers.

See Also

Other k-mer functions: calculate_kmer_enrichment(), check_kmers(), compute_kmer_enrichment(), draw_volcano_plot(), estimate_significance(), estimate_significance_core(), generate_kmers(), generate_permuted_enrichments(), run_kmer_spma(), run_kmer_tsma() create_kmer_motif

Description

Takes a position weight matrix (PWM) and meta info and returns an object of class RBPMotif.

Usage

create_kmer_motif(id, rbps, kmers, type, species, src)

Arguments

| id | motif id (character vector of length 1) |
|---------|---|
| rbps | character vector of names of RNA-binding proteins associated with this motif |
| kmers | character vector of k -mers that are associated with the motif, set of k -mers is valid if (1) all k -mers must have the same length, (2) only hexamers or heptamers allowed, (3) allowed characters are A, C, G, U |
| type | type of motif (e.g., 'HITS-CLIP', 'EMSA', 'SELEX', etc.) |
| species | species where motif was discovered (e.g., 'Homo sapiens') |
| src | source of motif (e.g., 'RBPDB v1.3.1') |

Value

object of class RBPMotif

Examples

```
custom_motif <- create_kmer_motif(
    "custom_motif", "RBP1",
    c("AAAAAAA", "CAAAAAA"), "HITS-CLIP",
    "Homo sapiens", "user"
)</pre>
```

create_matrix_motif Creates Transite motif object from position weight matrix

Description

Takes a position weight matrix (PWM) and meta info and returns an object of class RBPMotif.

Usage

```
create_matrix_motif(id, rbps, matrix, type, species, src)
```

Arguments

| id | motif id (character vector of length 1) |
|---------|--|
| rbps | character vector of names of RNA-binding proteins associated with this motif |
| matrix | data frame with four columns (A, C, G, U) and 6 - 15 rows (positions), where cell (i, j) contains weight of nucleotide j on position i |
| type | type of motif (e.g., 'HITS-CLIP', 'EMSA', 'SELEX', etc.) |
| species | species where motif was discovered (e.g., 'Homo sapiens') |
| src | source of motif (e.g., 'RBPDB v1.3.1') |

Value

object of class RBPMotif

Examples

```
custom_motif <- create_matrix_motif(
    "custom_motif", "RBP1",
    transite:::toy_motif_matrix, "HITS-CLIP",
    "Homo sapiens", "user"
)</pre>
```

draw_volcano_plot k-mer Enrichment Volcano Plot

Description

Uses a volcano plot to visualize k-mer enrichment. X-axis is \log_2 enrichment value, y-axis is $\log_1 0$ significance, i.e., multiple testing corrected p-value from Fisher's exact test or Pearson's chi-squared test.

Usage

```
draw_volcano_plot(
   kmers,
   motif_kmers,
   motif_rbps,
   significance_threshold = 0.01,
   show_legend = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

| kmers | data frame with the following columns: kmer, adj_p_value, enrichment |
|--|---|
| <pre>motif_kmers</pre> | set of <i>k</i> -mers that are associated with a certain motif, will be highlighted in volcano plot |
| motif_rbps | name of RNA-binding proteins associated with highlighted k -mers (character vector of length 1) |
| significance_threshold p-value threshold for significance, e.g., 0.05 or 0.01 | |
| show_legend | whether or not a legend should be shown |

Value

volcano plot

See Also

Other TSMA functions: run_kmer_tsma(), run_matrix_tsma()

```
Other k-mer functions: calculate_kmer_enrichment(), check_kmers(), compute_kmer_enrichment(),
count_homopolymer_corrected_kmers(), estimate_significance(), estimate_significance_core(),
generate_kmers(), generate_permuted_enrichments(), run_kmer_spma(), run_kmer_tsma()
```

Examples

```
motif <- get_motif_by_id("951_12324455")</pre>
draw_volcano_plot(transite:::kmers_enrichment, get_hexamers(motif[[1]]),
  get_rbps(motif[[1]]))
## Not run:
foreground_set <- c("UGUGGG", "GUGGGGG", "GUGUGG", "UGUGGU")</pre>
background_set <- unique(c(foreground_set, c(</pre>
  "CAACAGCCUUAAUU", "CAGUCAAGACUCC", "CUUUGGGGAAU",
"UCAUUUUAUUAAA", "AAUUGGUGUCUGGAUACUUCCCUGUACAU",
  "AUCAAAUUA", "AGAU", "GACACUUAAAGAUCCU",
  "UAGCAUUAACUUAAUG", "AUGGA", "GAAGAGUGCUCA",
"AUAGAC", "AGUUC", "CCAGUAA",
  "CCACACAC", "CUCAUUGGAG", "ACUUUCCCACA", "CAGGUCAGCA",
  "CCACACCAG", "CCACACAUCAGU", "CACACACUCC", "CAGCCCCCCACAGGCA"
)))
motif <- get_motif_by_id("M178_0.6")</pre>
results <- run_kmer_tsma(list(foreground_set), background_set,</pre>
                          motifs = motif)
draw_volcano_plot(results[[1]]$motif_kmers_dfs[[1]],
    get_hexamers(motif[[1]]), "test RBP")
## End(Not run)
```

estimate_significance Permutation Test Based Significance of Observed Mean

Description

estimate_significance returns an estimate of the significance of the observed mean, given a set of random permutations of the data.

Usage

```
estimate_significance(
    actual_mean,
    motif_kmers,
    random_permutations,
    alternative = c("two_sided", "less", "greater"),
    conf_level = 0.95,
    produce_plot = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

| actual_mean | observed mean | |
|------------------------|---|--|
| <pre>motif_kmers</pre> | set of k-mers that were used to compute the actual_mean | |
| random_permutations | | |
| | a set of random permutations of the original data, used to generate an empirical null distribution. | |
| alternative | side of the test, one of the following: "two_sided", "less", "greater" | |
| conf_level | confidence level for the returned confidence interval | |
| produce_plot | if distribution plot should be part of the returned list | |

Value

A list with the following components:

| p_value_estimate | the estimated p-value of the observed mean |
|------------------|--|
| conf_int | the confidence interval around that estimate |
| plot | plot of the empirical distribution of geometric means of the enrichment values |

See Also

Otherk-merfunctions: calculate_kmer_enrichment(), check_kmers(), compute_kmer_enrichment(), count_homopolymer_corrected_kmers(), draw_volcano_plot(), estimate_significance_core(), generate_kmers(), generate_permuted_enrichments(), run_kmer_spma(), run_kmer_tsma() estimate_significance_core

Significance of Observed Mean

Description

estimate_significance_core returns an estimate of the significance of the observed mean, given a vector of means based on random permutations of the data.

Usage

```
estimate_significance_core(
  random_means,
  actual_mean,
  alternative = c("two_sided", "less", "greater"),
  conf_level = 0.95
)
```

Arguments

| random_means | numeric vector of means based on random permutations of the data (empirical null distribution) |
|--------------|--|
| actual_mean | observed mean |
| alternative | side of the test, one of the following: "two_sided", "less", "greater" |
| conf_level | confidence level for the returned confidence interval |

Value

A list with the following components:

See Also

Other k-mer functions: calculate_kmer_enrichment(), check_kmers(), compute_kmer_enrichment(), count_homopolymer_corrected_kmers(), draw_volcano_plot(), estimate_significance(), generate_kmers(), generate_permuted_enrichments(), run_kmer_spma(), run_kmer_tsma()

Examples

```
test_sd <- 1.0
test_null_distribution <- rnorm(n = 10000, mean = 1.0, sd = test_sd)</pre>
```

estimate_significance_core(test_null_distribution, test_sd * 2, "greater")

Description

This object contains a toy data set based on gene expression measurements and 3'-UTR sequences of 1000 genes. It comprises three data frames with RefSeq identifiers, log fold change values, and 3'-UTR sequences of genes, which are either upregulated or downregulated after some hypothetical treatment, as well as all measured genes. The actual values are not important. This data set merely serves as an example input for various functions.

Usage

data(ge)

Format

A list with the following components:

| foreground1_df | data frame that contains down-regulated genes after treatment |
|----------------|---|
| foreground2_df | data frame that contains up-regulated genes after treatment |
| background_df | data frame that contains all genes measured |

generate_iupac_by_kmers

Generates IUPAC code for a character vector of k-mers

Description

Generates a compact logo of a motif based on IUPAC codes given by a character vector of k-mers

Usage

```
generate_iupac_by_kmers(kmers, code = NULL)
```

Arguments

| kmers | character vector of k-mers |
|-------|--|
| code | if IUPAC code table has already been initialized by init_iupac_lookup_table, |
| | it can be specified here |

ge

Details

IUPAC RNA nucleotide code:

| А | Adenine |
|------------------|---|
| С | Cytosine |
| G | Guanine |
| U | Uracil |
| R | A or G |
| Y | C or U |
| S | G or C |
| W | A or U |
| | C . II |
| Κ | G or U |
| K M | G or U A or C |
| | 0 01 0 |
| М | A or C |
| M B | A or C C or G or U |
| M B D | A or C C or G or U A or G or U |
| M B D H | A or C C or G or U A or G or U A or C or U |

Value

the IUPAC string of the binding site

References

http://www.chem.qmul.ac.uk/iubmb/misc/naseq.html

See Also

```
Other motif functions: generate_iupac_by_matrix(), generate_kmers_from_iupac(), get_motif_by_id(),
get_motif_by_rbp(), get_motifs(), get_motifs_meta_info(), get_ppm(), init_iupac_lookup_table(),
set_motifs()
```

Examples

generate_iupac_by_kmers(c("AACCAA", "AACCGG", "CACCGA"))

generate_iupac_by_matrix

Generates IUPAC code for motif matrix

Description

Generates a compact logo of a motif based on IUPAC codes given by a position weight matrix

Usage

```
generate_iupac_by_matrix(matrix, threshold = 0.215, code = NULL)
```

Arguments

| matrix | the position probability matrix of an RNA-binding protein |
|-----------|---|
| threshold | the threshold probability (nucleotides with lower probabilities are ignored) |
| code | if IUPAC code table has already been initialized by init_iupac_lookup_table, it can be specified here |

Details

IUPAC RNA nucleotide code:

| C Cytosine G Guanine U Uracil R A or G | eni | ne |
|---|------|--------|
| U Uracil R A or G | tosi | ine |
| R A or G | ani | ne |
| | acil | l |
| V C II | or C | 3 |
| Y C or U | or U | J |
| S G or C | or C | 2 |
| W A or U | or U | J |
| K G or U | or U | J |
| M A or C | or C | 2 |
| B C or G or U | or G | G or U |
| D A or G or U | or C | G or U |
| H A or C or U | or C | C or U |
| V A or C or G | or C | C or G |
| N any base | / ba | ase |

Value

the IUPAC string of the binding site

References

http://www.chem.qmul.ac.uk/iubmb/misc/naseq.html

See Also

Other motif functions: generate_iupac_by_kmers(), generate_kmers_from_iupac(), get_motif_by_id(), get_motif_by_rbp(), get_motifs(), get_motifs_meta_info(), get_ppm(), init_iupac_lookup_table(), set_motifs()

Examples

generate_iupac_by_matrix(get_motif_matrix(get_motif_by_id("M178_0.6")[[1]]))

generate_kmers

Description

Counts occurrences of *k*-mers of length k in the given set of sequences. Corrects for homopolymeric stretches.

Usage

generate_kmers(sequences, k)

Arguments

| sequences | character vector of DNA or RNA sequences |
|-----------|---|
| k | length of <i>k</i> -mer, either 6 for hexamers or 7 for heptamers |

Value

Returns a named numeric vector, where the elements are k-mer counts and the names are DNA k-mers.

Warning

generate_kmers always returns DNA k-mers, even if sequences contains RNA sequences. RNA sequences are internally converted to DNA sequences. It is not allowed to mix DNA and RNA sequences.

See Also

```
Other k-mer functions: calculate_kmer_enrichment(), check_kmers(), compute_kmer_enrichment(),
count_homopolymer_corrected_kmers(), draw_volcano_plot(), estimate_significance(),
estimate_significance_core(), generate_permuted_enrichments(), run_kmer_spma(), run_kmer_tsma()
```

Examples

```
# count hexamers in set of RNA sequences
rna_sequences <- c(
    "CAACAGCCUUAAUU", "CAGUCAAGACUCC", "CUUUGGGGAAU",
    "UCAUUUUAUUAAA", "AAUUGGUGUCUGGAUACUUCCCUGUACAU",
    "AUCAAAUUA", "AGAU", "GACACUUAAAGAUCCU",
    "UAGCAUUAACUUAAUG", "AUGGA", "GAAGAGUGCUCA",
    "AUAGAC", "AGUUC", "CCAGUAA",
    "UUAUUUA", "AUCCUUUACA", "UUUUUUU", "UUUCAUCAUU",
    "CCACACAC", "CUCAUUGGAG", "ACUUUGGGACA", "CAGGUCAGCA"
)
hexamer_counts <- generate_kmers(rna_sequences, 6)</pre>
```

```
# count heptamers in set of DNA sequences
dna_sequences <- c(
    "CAACAGCCTTAATT", "CAGTCAAGACTCC", "CTTTGGGGAAT",
    "TCATTTTATTAAA", "AATTGGTGTCTGGATACTTCCCTGTACAT",
    "ATCAAATTA", "AGAT", "GACACTTAAAGATCCT",
    "TAGCATTAACTTAATG", "ATGGA", "GAAGAGTGCTCA",
    "ATAGAC", "AGTTC", "CCAGTAA",
    "TTATTTA", "ATCCTTTACA", "TTTTTTT", "TTTCATCATT",
    "CCACACAC", "CTCATTGGAG", "ACTTTGGGACA", "CAGGTCAGCA"
)
hexamer_counts <- generate_kmers(dna_sequences, 7)</pre>
```

generate_kmers_from_iupac

Generates all k-mers for IUPAC string

Description

Generates all possible *k*-mers for a given IUPAC string.

Usage

generate_kmers_from_iupac(iupac, k)

Arguments

| iupac | IUPAC string |
|-------|--|
| k | length of <i>k</i> -mer, 6 (hexamers) or 7 (heptamers) |

Details

IUPAC RNA nucleotide code:

| А | Adenine |
|---|-------------|
| С | Cytosine |
| G | Guanine |
| U | Uracil |
| R | A or G |
| Y | C or U |
| S | G or C |
| W | A or U |
| Κ | G or U |
| М | A or C |
| В | C or G or U |
| D | A or G or U |
| Н | A or C or U |
| ۷ | A or C or G |

N any base

Value

list of k-mers

References

http://www.chem.qmul.ac.uk/iubmb/misc/naseq.html

See Also

Other motif functions: generate_iupac_by_kmers(), generate_iupac_by_matrix(), get_motif_by_id(), get_motif_by_rbp(), get_motifs(), get_motifs_meta_info(), get_ppm(), init_iupac_lookup_table(), set_motifs()

Examples

generate_kmers_from_iupac(get_iupac(get_motif_by_id("M178_0.6")[[1]]), k = 6)

generate_permuted_enrichments

Generate Random Permutations of the Enrichment Data

Description

Calculates k-mer enrichment values for randomly sampled (without replacement) foreground sets.

Usage

```
generate_permuted_enrichments(
  n_transcripts_foreground,
  background_set,
  k,
  n_permutations = 1000,
  n_cores = 4
)
```

Arguments

n_transcripts_foreground
number of transcripts in the original foreground setbackground_setbackground_setcharacter vector of DNA or RNA sequences that constitute the background setklength of k-mer, either 6 for hexamers or 7 for heptamersn_permutationsnumber of permutations to performn_coresnumber of computing cores to use

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Value

The result of calculate_kmer_enrichment for the random foreground sets.

See Also

Otherk-merfunctions: calculate_kmer_enrichment(), check_kmers(), compute_kmer_enrichment(), count_homopolymer_corrected_kmers(), draw_volcano_plot(), estimate_significance(), estimate_significance_core(), generate_kmers(), run_kmer_spma(), run_kmer_tsma()

| geometric_mean | Geometric Mean | | |
|----------------|----------------|--|--|
|----------------|----------------|--|--|

Description

Calculates the geometric mean of the specified values.

Usage

geometric_mean(x, na_rm = TRUE)

Arguments

| х | numeric vector of values for which the geometric mean will be computed |
|-------|--|
| na_rm | logical. Should missing values (including NaN) be removed? |

Value

Geometric mean of x or 1 if length of x is 0

Examples

geometric_mean(c(0.123, 0.441, 0.83))

| get_motifs | Retrieve list of all motifs | |
|------------|-----------------------------|--|
|------------|-----------------------------|--|

Description

Retrieves all Transite motifs

Usage

get_motifs()

Value

A list of objects of class Motif

See Also

```
Other motif functions: generate_iupac_by_kmers(), generate_iupac_by_matrix(), generate_kmers_from_iupac(),
get_motif_by_id(), get_motif_by_rbp(), get_motifs_meta_info(), get_ppm(), init_iupac_lookup_table(),
set_motifs()
```

Examples

transite_motifs <- get_motifs()</pre>

get_motifs_meta_info Displays motif meta information.

Description

Generates a data frame with meta information about all Transite motifs.

Usage

```
get_motifs_meta_info()
```

Value

A data frame containing meta information for all Transite motifs, with the following columns:

- id
- rbps
- length
- iupac
- type
- species
- src

See Also

```
Other motif functions: generate_iupac_by_kmers(), generate_iupac_by_matrix(), generate_kmers_from_iupac(),
get_motif_by_id(), get_motif_by_rbp(), get_motifs(), get_ppm(), init_iupac_lookup_table(),
set_motifs()
```

Examples

get_motifs_meta_info()

Description

Retrieves one or more motif objects identified by motif id.

Usage

get_motif_by_id(id)

Arguments

id

character vector of motif identifiers

Value

A list of objects of class RBPMotif

See Also

Other motif functions: generate_iupac_by_kmers(), generate_iupac_by_matrix(), generate_kmers_from_iupac(),
get_motif_by_rbp(), get_motifs(), get_motifs_meta_info(), get_ppm(), init_iupac_lookup_table(),
set_motifs()

Examples

get_motif_by_id("M178_0.6")

```
get_motif_by_id(c("M178_0.6", "M188_0.6"))
```

get_motif_by_rbp Retrieve motif objects by gene symbol

Description

Retrieves one or more motif objects identified by gene symbol.

Usage

```
get_motif_by_rbp(rbp)
```

Arguments

rbp

character vector of gene symbols of RNA-binding proteins

Value

A list of objects of class RBPMotif

See Also

Other motif functions: generate_iupac_by_kmers(), generate_iupac_by_matrix(), generate_kmers_from_iupac(), get_motif_by_id(), get_motifs(), get_motifs_meta_info(), get_ppm(), init_iupac_lookup_table(), set_motifs()

Examples

```
get_motif_by_rbp("ELAVL1")
```

get_motif_by_rbp(c("ELAVL1", "ELAVL2"))

```
get_ppm
```

Get Position Probability Matrix (PPM) from motif object

Description

Return the position probability matrix of the specified motif.

Usage

get_ppm(motif)

Arguments

motif object of class RBPMotif

Value

The position probability matrix of the specified motif

See Also

Other motif functions: generate_iupac_by_kmers(), generate_iupac_by_matrix(), generate_kmers_from_iupac(),
get_motif_by_id(), get_motif_by_rbp(), get_motifs(), get_motifs_meta_info(), init_iupac_lookup_table(),
set_motifs()

Examples

get_ppm(get_motif_by_id("M178_0.6")[[1]])

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init_iupac_lookup_table

Initializes the IUPAC lookup table

Description

Initializes a hash table that serves as a IUPAC lookup table for the generate_iupac_by_matrix function.

Usage

init_iupac_lookup_table()

Details

IUPAC RNA nucleotide code:

Adenine А Cytosine С G Guanine U Uracil A or G R Y C or U S G or C W A or U K G or U M A or C B C or G or U D A or G or U A or C or U Н A or C or G V any base Ν

Value

an environment, the IUPAC lookup hash table

References

http://www.chem.qmul.ac.uk/iubmb/misc/naseq.html

See Also

Other motif functions: generate_iupac_by_kmers(), generate_iupac_by_matrix(), generate_kmers_from_iupac(), get_motif_by_id(), get_motif_by_rbp(), get_motifs(), get_motifs_meta_info(), get_ppm(), set_motifs()

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Examples

```
generate_iupac_by_matrix(get_motif_matrix(get_motif_by_id("M178_0.6")[[1]]),
  code = init_iupac_lookup_table())
```

kmers_enrichment Example k-mer Enrichment Data

Description

This data frame with *k*-mer enrichment data (as produced by run_kmer_tsma) is used in a code example for k-mer volcano plot function draw_volcano_plot.

Usage

data(kmers_enrichment)

Format

A data frame with the following columns:

| kmer | contains all hexamers (AAAAAA to UUUUUU) |
|------------------|--|
| foreground_count | absolute k-mer frequency in foreground set |
| background_count | absolute k-mer frequency in background set |
| enrichment | enrichment of k-mer in foreground relative to background |
| p_value | associated p-value of enrichment |
| adj_p_value | multiple testing corrected p-value |
| | |

motifs

Transite Motif Database

Description

The Transite motif database contains sequence motifs and associated *k*-mers of more than 100 different RNA-binding proteins, obtained from publicly available motif databases.

Usage

data(motifs)

Format

A list of lists with the following components:

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| id | motif id |
|-----------|--|
| rbps | gene symbols of RNA-binding proteins associated with motif |
| matrix | data frame of sequence motif (position weight matrix) |
| hexamers | all motif-associated hexamers |
| heptamers | all motif-associated heptamers |
| length | length of motif in nucleotides |
| iupac | IUPAC string of sequence motif |
| type | type of motif, e.g., RNAcompete |
| species | usually human |
| src | source of motif, e.g., RNA Zoo |
| | |

References

http://cisbp-rna.ccbr.utoronto.ca/
http://rbpdb.ccbr.utoronto.ca/

p_combine

P-value aggregation

Description

p_combine is used to combine the p-values of independent significance tests.

Usage

```
p_combine(p, method = c("fisher", "SL", "MG", "tippett"), w = NULL)
```

Arguments

| р | vector of p-values |
|--------|---|
| method | one of the following: Fisher (1932) ('fisher'), Stouffer (1949), Liptak (1958) ('SL'), Mudholkar and George (1979) ('MG'), and Tippett (1931) ('tippett') |
| W | weights, only used in combination with Stouffer-Liptak. If is.null(w) then weights are set in an unbiased way |

Details

The problem can be specified as follows: Given a vector of n p-values $p_1, ..., p_n$, find p_c , the combined p-value of the n significance tests. Most of the methods introduced here combine the p-values in order to obtain a test statistic, which follows a known probability distribution. The general procedure can be stated as:

$$T(h,C) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} h(p_i) * C$$

The function T, which returns the test statistic t, takes two arguments. h is a function defined on the interval [0, 1] that transforms the individual p-values, and C is a correction term.

Fisher's method (1932), also known as the inverse chi-square method is probably the most widely used method for combining p-values. Fisher used the fact that if p_i is uniformly distributed (which p-values are under the null hypothesis), then $-2 \log p_i$ follows a chi-square distribution with two degrees of freedom. Therefore, if p-values are transformed as follows,

$$h(p) = -2\log p$$

and the correction term C is neutral, i.e., equals 1, the following statement can be made about the sampling distribution of the test statistic T_f under the null hypothesis: t_f is distributed as chi-square with 2n degrees of freedom, where n is the number of p-values.

Stouffer's method, or the inverse normal method, uses a p-value transformation function h that leads to a test statistic that follows the standard normal distribution by transforming each p-value to its corresponding normal score. The correction term scales the sum of the normal scores by the root of the number of p-values.

$$h(p) = \Phi^{-1}(1-p)$$
$$C = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Under the null hypothesis, t_s is distributed as standard normal. Φ^{-1} is the inverse of the cumulative standard normal distribution function.

An extension of Stouffer's method with weighted p-values is called Liptak's method.

The logit method by Mudholkar and George uses the following transformation:

$$h(p) = -\ln(p/(1-p))$$

When the sum of the transformed p-values is corrected in the following way:

$$C = \sqrt{\frac{3(5n+4)}{\pi^2 n(5n+2)}},$$

the test statistic t_m is approximately t-distributed with 5n + 4 degrees of freedom.

In Tippett's method the smallest p-value is used as the test statistic t_t and the combined significance is calculated as follows:

$$Pr(t_t) = 1 - (1 - t_t)^n$$

Value

A list with the following components:

| statistic | the test statistic |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| p_value | the corresponding p-value |
| method | the method used |
| <pre>statistic_name</pre> | the name of the test statistic |

Examples

p_combine(c(0.01, 0.05, 0.5))

p_combine(c(0.01, 0.05, 0.5), method = "tippett")

RBPMotif-class

Description

An S4 class to represent a RBPMotif Getter Method get_id Getter Method get_rbps Getter Method get_motif_matrix Getter Method get_hexamers Getter Method get_heptamers Getter Method get_width Getter Method get_iupac Getter Method get_type Getter Method get_species Getter Method get_source

Usage

get_id(object)

S4 method for signature 'RBPMotif'
get_id(object)

get_rbps(object)

S4 method for signature 'RBPMotif'
get_rbps(object)

get_motif_matrix(object)

S4 method for signature 'RBPMotif'
get_motif_matrix(object)

```
get_hexamers(object)
```

S4 method for signature 'RBPMotif'
get_hexamers(object)

get_heptamers(object)

S4 method for signature 'RBPMotif'
get_heptamers(object)

RBPMotif-class

```
get_width(object)
## S4 method for signature 'RBPMotif'
get_iupac(object)
## S4 method for signature 'RBPMotif'
get_iupac(object)
get_type(object)
## S4 method for signature 'RBPMotif'
get_type(object)
get_species(object)
## S4 method for signature 'RBPMotif'
get_species(object)
get_source(object)
## S4 method for signature 'RBPMotif'
get_source(object)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'RBPMotif'
show(object)
```

Arguments

object RBPMotif object

Value

Object of type RBPMotif

Slots

id motif id (character vector of length 1)

rbps character vector of names of RNA-binding proteins associated with this motif

matrix data frame with four columns (A, C, G, U) and 6 - 15 rows (positions), where cell (i, j) contains weight of nucleotide j on position i

hexamers character vector of hexamers associated with this motif

heptamers character vector of heptamers associated with this motif

length length of the motif (i.e., nrow(matrix))

iupac IUPAC code for motif matrix (see generate_iupac_by_matrix)

type type of motif (e.g., 'HITS-CLIP', 'EMSA', 'SELEX', etc.)
species species where motif was discovered (e.g., 'Homo sapiens')
src source of motif (e.g., 'RBPDB v1.3.1')

Examples

```
kmers <- c("AAAAAAA", "CAAAAAA")
iupac <- generate_iupac_by_kmers(kmers,
    code = init_iupac_lookup_table())
hexamers <- generate_kmers_from_iupac(iupac, 6)
heptamers <- generate_kmers_from_iupac(iupac, 7)
new("RBPMotif", id = "custom_motif", rbps = "RBP1",
    matrix = NULL, hexamers = hexamers, heptamers = heptamers, length = 7L,
    iupac = iupac, type = "HITS-CLIP", species = "Homo sapiens", src = "user"
)</pre>
```

```
run_kmer_spma
```

k-mer-based Spectrum Motif Analysis

Description

SPMA helps to illuminate the relationship between RBP binding evidence and the transcript sorting criterion, e.g., fold change between treatment and control samples.

Usage

```
run_kmer_spma(
  sorted_transcript_sequences,
  sorted_transcript_values = NULL,
  transcript_values_label = "transcript value",
 motifs = NULL,
 k = 6,
  n_bins = 40,
 midpoint = 0,
  x_value_limits = NULL,
 max_model_degree = 1,
 max_cs_permutations = 1e+07,
 min_cs_permutations = 5000,
  fg_permutations = 5000,
 p_adjust_method = "BH",
 p_combining_method = "fisher",
  n_cores = 1
)
```

Arguments

| guments | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| sorted_transcr | ipt_sequences |
| | character vector of ranked sequences, either DNA (only containing upper case characters A, C, G, T) or RNA (A, C, G, U). The sequences in sorted_transcript_sequences must be ranked (i.e., sorted). Commonly used sorting criteria are measures of differential expression, such as fold change or signal-to-noise ratio (e.g., be- tween treatment and control samples in gene expression profiling experiments). |
| sorted_transcr | ipt_values |
| | vector of sorted transcript values, i.e., the fold change or signal-to-noise ra- tio or any other quantity that was used to sort the transcripts that were passed to run_matrix_spma or run_kmer_spma (default value is NULL). These values are displayed as a semi-transparent area over the enrichment value heatmaps of spectrum plots. |
| transcript_val | ues_label |
| | label of transcript sorting criterion (e.g., "log fold change", default value is "transcript value"), only shown if !is.null(sorted_transcript_values) |
| motifs | a list of motifs that is used to score the specified sequences. If is.null(motifs) then all Transite motifs are used. |
| k | length of k-mer, either 6 for hexamers or 7 for heptamers |
| n_bins | specifies the number of bins in which the sequences will be divided, valid values are between 7 and 100 |
| midpoint | for enrichment values the midpoint should be 1, for log enrichment values 0 (defaults to 0) |
| x_value_limits | sets limits of the x-value color scale (used to harmonize color scales of different spectrum plots), see limits argument of continuous_scale (defaults to NULL, i.e., the data-dependent default scale range) |
| <pre>max_model_degree</pre> | ee |
| | maximum degree of polynomial |
| <pre>max_cs_permuta</pre> | |
| | maximum number of permutations performed in Monte Carlo test for consis- tency score |
| <pre>min_cs_permuta</pre> | |
| | minimum number of permutations performed in Monte Carlo test for consis- tency score |
| fg_permutation | S |
| | numer of foreground permutations |
| p_adjust_metho | |
| | see p.adjust |
| p_combining_me | |
| | one of the following: Fisher (1932) ("fisher"), Stouffer (1949), Liptak (1958) ("SL"), Mudholkar and George (1979) ("MG"), and Tippett (1931) ("tippett") (see p_combine) |
| n_cores | number of computing cores to use |

Details

In order to investigate how motif targets are distributed across a spectrum of transcripts (e.g., all transcripts of a platform, ordered by fold change), Spectrum Motif Analysis visualizes the gradient of RBP binding evidence across all transcripts.

The *k*-mer-based approach differs from the matrix-based approach by how the sequences are scored. Here, sequences are broken into *k*-mers, i.e., oligonucleotide sequences of *k* bases. And only statistically significantly enriched or depleted *k*-mers are then used to calculate a score for each RNAbinding protein, which quantifies its target overrepresentation.

Value

A list with the following components:

```
foreground_scoresthe result of run_kmer_tsma for the binned dataspectrum_info_dfa data frame with the SPMA resultsspectrum_plotsa list of spectrum plots, as generated by score_spectrumclassifier_scoresa list of classifier scores, as returned by classify_spectrum
```

See Also

Other SPMA functions: classify_spectrum(), run_matrix_spma(), score_spectrum(), subdivide_data()

```
Other k-mer functions: calculate_kmer_enrichment(), check_kmers(), compute_kmer_enrichment(),
count_homopolymer_corrected_kmers(), draw_volcano_plot(), estimate_significance(),
estimate_significance_core(), generate_kmers(), generate_permuted_enrichments(), run_kmer_tsma()
```

```
# example data set
background_df <- transite:::ge$background_df</pre>
# sort sequences by signal-to-noise ratio
background_df <- dplyr::arrange(background_df, value)</pre>
# character vector of named and ranked (by signal-to-noise ratio) sequences
background_seqs <- gsub("T", "U", background_df$seq)</pre>
names(background_seqs) <- paste0(background_df$refseq, "|",</pre>
 background_df$seq_type)
results <- run_kmer_spma(background_seqs,</pre>
                          sorted_transcript_values = background_df$value,
                          transcript_values_label = "signal-to-noise ratio",
                          motifs = get_motif_by_id("M178_0.6"),
                          n_bins = 20,
                          fg_permutations = 10)
## Not run:
results <- run_kmer_spma(background_seqs,</pre>
                          sorted_transcript_values = background_df$value,
                          transcript_values_label = "signal-to-noise ratio")
## End(Not run)
```

run_kmer_tsma

Description

Calculates the enrichment of putative binding sites in foreground sets versus a background set using *k*-mers to identify putative binding sites

Usage

```
run_kmer_tsma(
   foreground_sets,
   background_set,
   motifs = NULL,
   k = 6,
   fg_permutations = 5000,
   kmer_significance_threshold = 0.01,
   produce_plot = TRUE,
   p_adjust_method = "BH",
   p_combining_method = "fisher",
   n_cores = 1
)
```

Arguments

foreground_sets

| | list of foreground sets; a foreground set is a character vector of DNA or RNA sequences (not both) and a strict subset of the background_set | |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| background_set | character vector of DNA or RNA sequences that constitute the background set | |
| motifs | a list of motifs that is used to score the specified sequences. If is.null(motifs) then all Transite motifs are used. | |
| k | length of k-mer, either 6 for hexamers or 7 for heptamers | |
| fg_permutations | | |
| | numer of foreground permutations | |
| kmer_significance_threshold | | |
| | p-value threshold for significance, e.g., 0.05 or 0.01 (used for volcano plots) | |
| produce_plot | if TRUE volcano plots and distribution plots are created | |
| p_adjust_method | | |
| | see p.adjust | |
| p_combining_method | | |
| | one of the following: Fisher (1932) ("fisher"), Stouffer (1949), Liptak (1958) ("SL"), Mudholkar and George (1979) ("MG"), and Tippett (1931) ("tippett") (see p_combine) | |
| n_cores | number of computing cores to use | |

Details

Motif transcript set analysis can be used to identify RNA binding proteins, whose targets are significantly overrepresented or underrepresented in certain sets of transcripts.

The aim of Transcript Set Motif Analysis (TSMA) is to identify the overrepresentation and underrepresentation of potential RBP targets (binding sites) in a set (or sets) of sequences, i.e., the foreground set, relative to the entire population of sequences. The latter is called background set, which can be composed of all sequences of the genes of a microarray platform or all sequences of an organism or any other meaningful superset of the foreground sets.

The *k*-mer-based approach breaks the sequences of foreground and background sets into *k*-mers and calculates the enrichment on a *k*-mer level. In this case, motifs are not represented as position weight matrices, but as lists of *k*-mers.

Statistically significantly enriched or depleted *k*-mers are then used to calculate a score for each RNA-binding protein, which quantifies its target overrepresentation.

Value

A list of lists (one for each transcript set) with the following components:

See Also

Other TSMA functions: draw_volcano_plot(), run_matrix_tsma()

Other k-mer functions: calculate_kmer_enrichment(), check_kmers(), compute_kmer_enrichment(), count_homopolymer_corrected_kmers(), draw_volcano_plot(), estimate_significance(), estimate_significance_core(), generate_kmers(), generate_permuted_enrichments(), run_kmer_spma()

```
# define simple sequence sets for foreground and background
foreground_set1 <- c(
    "CAACAGCCUUAAUU", "CAGUCAAGACUCC", "CUUUGGGGAAU",
    "UCAUUUUAUUAAA", "AAUUGGUGUCUGGAUACUUCCCUGUACAU",
    "AUCAAAUUA", "AGAU", "GACACUUAAAGAUCCU",
    "UAGCAUUAACUUAAUG", "AUGGA", "GAAGAGUGCUCA",
    "AUAGAC", "AGUUC", "CCAGUAA"
)
foreground_set2 <- c("UUAUUUA", "AUCCUUUACA", "UUUUUUUU", "UUUCAUCAUU")
foreground_sets <- list(foreground_set1, foreground_set2)
background_set <- unique(c(foreground_set1, foreground_set2, c(
    "CCACACAC", "CUCAUUGGAG", "ACUUUGGGACA", "CAGGUCAGCA",
    "CCACACCGG", "GUCAUUAGU", "GUCAGUCC", "CAGGUCAGGGGCA"
```

```
# run k-mer based TSMA with all Transite motifs (recommended):
# results <- run_kmer_tsma(foreground_sets, background_set)</pre>
# run TSMA with one motif:
motif_db <- get_motif_by_id("M178_0.6")</pre>
results <- run_kmer_tsma(foreground_sets, background_set, motifs = motif_db)
## Not run:
# define example sequence sets for foreground and background
foreground_set1 <- gsub("T", "U", transite:::ge$foreground1_df$seq)</pre>
foreground_set2 <- gsub("T", "U", transite:::ge$foreground2_df$seq)</pre>
foreground_sets <- list(foreground_set1, foreground_set2)</pre>
background_set <- gsub("T", "U", transite:::ge$background_df$seq)</pre>
# run TSMA with all Transite motifs
results <- run_kmer_tsma(foreground_sets, background_set)</pre>
# run TSMA with a subset of Transite motifs
results <- run_kmer_tsma(foreground_sets, background_set,</pre>
 motifs = get_motif_by_rbp("ELAVL1"))
# run TSMA with user-defined motif
toy_motif <- create_kmer_motif(</pre>
  "toy_motif", "example RBP",
 c("AACCGG", "AAAACG", "AACACG"), "example type", "example species", "user"
)
results <- run_matrix_tsma(foreground_sets, background_set,</pre>
 motifs = list(toy_motif))
## End(Not run)
```

run_matrix_spma Matrix-based Spectrum Motif Analysis

Description

SPMA helps to illuminate the relationship between RBP binding evidence and the transcript sorting criterion, e.g., fold change between treatment and control samples.

Usage

```
run_matrix_spma(
  sorted_transcript_sequences,
  sorted_transcript_values = NULL,
  transcript_values_label = "transcript value",
  motifs = NULL,
  n_bins = 40,
  midpoint = 0,
```

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)))

run_matrix_spma

```
x_value_limits = NULL,
max_model_degree = 1,
max_cs_permutations = 1e+07,
min_cs_permutations = 5000,
max_hits = 5,
threshold_method = "p_value",
threshold_value = 0.25^6,
max_fg_permutations = 1e+06,
min_fg_permutations = 1000,
e = 5,
p_adjust_method = "BH",
n_cores = 1,
cache = paste0(tempdir(), "/sc/")
)
```

Arguments

sorted_transcript_sequences

| sor ted_transcript_sequences | | |
|------------------------------|---|--|
| | named character vector of ranked sequences (only containing upper case charac- | |
| | ters A, C, G, T), where the names are RefSeq identifiers and sequence type qual- | |
| | ifiers ("3UTR", "5UTR" or "mRNA"), separated by " ", e.g. "NM_010356 3UTR". | |
| | Names are only used to cache results. The sequences in sorted_transcript_sequences | |
| | must be ranked (i.e., sorted). Commonly used sorting criteria are measures of | |
| | differential expression, such as fold change or signal-to-noise ratio (e.g., be- | |
| | tween treatment and control samples in gene expression profiling experiments). | |
| sorted_transcri | .pt_values | |
| | vector of sorted transcript values, i.e., the fold change or signal-to-noise ra- | |
| | tio or any other quantity that was used to sort the transcripts that were passed | |
| | to run_matrix_spma or run_kmer_spma (default value is NULL). These values | |
| | are displayed as a semi-transparent area over the enrichment value heatmaps of | |
| | spectrum plots. | |
| transcript_valu | | |
| | label of transcript sorting criterion (e.g., "log fold change", default value is | |
| | "transcript value"), only shown if !is.null(sorted_transcript_values) | |
| motifs | a list of motifs that is used to score the specified sequences. If is.null(motifs) | |
| | then all Transite motifs are used. | |
| n_bins | specifies the number of bins in which the sequences will be divided, valid values | |
| | are between 7 and 100 | |
| midpoint | for enrichment values the midpoint should be 1, for log enrichment values 0 | |
| | (defaults to 0) | |
| x_value_limits | sets limits of the x-value color scale (used to harmonize color scales of different | |
| | spectrum plots), see limits argument of continuous_scale (defaults to NULL, | |
| | i.e., the data-dependent default scale range) | |
| <pre>max_model_degree</pre> | | |
| | maximum degree of polynomial | |
| max_cs_permutations | | |
| | maximum number of permutations performed in Monte Carlo test for consis- | |
| | tency score | |
| | | |

| min_cs_permutations | | |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| | minimum number of permutations performed in Monte Carlo test for consis- tency score | |
| max_hits | maximum number of putative binding sites per mRNA that are counted | |
| threshold_metho | bd | |
| | either "p_value" (default) or "relative". If threshold_method equals "p_value" the default threshold_value is 0.25^6, which is lowest p-value that can be achieved by hexamer motifs, the shortest supported motifs. If threshold_method equals "relative", the default threshold_value is 0.9, which is 90% of the maximum PWM score. | |
| threshold_value | 5 | |
| | semantics of the threshold_value depend on threshold_method (default is 0.25^{6}) | |
| <pre>max_fg_permutat</pre> | tions | |
| | maximum number of foreground permutations performed in Monte Carlo test for enrichment score | |
| <pre>min_fg_permutat</pre> | | |
| | minimum number of foreground permutations performed in Monte Carlo test for enrichment score | |
| е | integer-valued stop criterion for enrichment score Monte Carlo test: aborting permutation process after observing e random enrichment values with more ex- treme values than the actual enrichment value | |
| p_adjust_method | | |
| | adjustment of p-values from Monte Carlo tests to avoid alpha error accumula- tion, see p.adjust | |
| n_cores | the number of cores that are used | |
| cache | either logical or path to a directory where scores are cached. The scores of each motif are stored in a separate file that contains a hash table with RefSeq iden- tifiers and sequence type qualifiers as keys and the number of putative binding sites as values. If cache is FALSE, scores will not be cached. | |

Details

In order to investigate how motif targets are distributed across a spectrum of transcripts (e.g., all transcripts of a platform, ordered by fold change), Spectrum Motif Analysis visualizes the gradient of RBP binding evidence across all transcripts.

The matrix-based approach skips the k-merization step of the k-mer-based approach and instead scores the transcript sequence as a whole with a position specific scoring matrix.

For each sequence in foreground and background sets and each sequence motif, the scoring algorithm evaluates the score for each sequence position. Positions with a relative score greater than a certain threshold are considered hits, i.e., putative binding sites.

By scoring all sequences in foreground and background sets, a hit count for each motif and each set is obtained, which is used to calculate enrichment values and associated p-values in the same way in which motif-compatible hexamer enrichment values are calculated in the *k*-mer-based approach. P-values are adjusted with one of the available adjustment methods.

An advantage of the matrix-based approach is the possibility of detecting clusters of binding sites. This can be done by counting regions with many hits using positional hit information or by simply applying a hit count threshold per sequence, e.g., only sequences with more than some number of hits are considered. Homotypic clusters of RBP binding sites may play a similar role as clusters of transcription factors.

Value

A list with the following components:

| foreground_scores | the result of score_transcripts for the foreground sets (the bins) |
|-----------------------------|--|
| background_scores | the result of score_transcripts for the background set |
| enrichment_dfs | a list of data frames, returned by calculate_motif_enrichment |
| <pre>spectrum_info_df</pre> | a data frame with the SPMA results |
| <pre>spectrum_plots</pre> | a list of spectrum plots, as generated by score_spectrum |
| classifier_scores | a list of classifier scores, as returned by classify_spectrum |

See Also

Other SPMA functions: classify_spectrum(), run_kmer_spma(), score_spectrum(), subdivide_data()

Other matrix functions: calculate_motif_enrichment(), run_matrix_tsma(), score_transcripts(), score_transcripts_single_motif()

```
# example data set
background_df <- transite:::ge$background_df</pre>
# sort sequences by signal-to-noise ratio
background_df <- dplyr::arrange(background_df, value)</pre>
# character vector of named and ranked (by signal-to-noise ratio) sequences
background_seqs <- gsub("T", "U", background_df$seq)</pre>
names(background_seqs) <- paste0(background_df$refseq, "|",</pre>
  background_df$seq_type)
results <- run_matrix_spma(background_seqs,</pre>
                            sorted_transcript_values = background_df$value,
                            transcript_values_label = "signal-to-noise ratio",
                            motifs = get_motif_by_id("M178_0.6"),
                            n_bins = 20,
                            max_fg_permutations = 10000)
## Not run:
results <- run_matrix_spma(background_seqs,</pre>
                            sorted_transcript_values = background_df$value,
                            transcript_values_label = "SNR")
## End(Not run)
```

run_matrix_tsma

Description

Calculates motif enrichment in foreground sets versus a background set using position weight matrices to identify putative binding sites

Usage

```
run_matrix_tsma(
  foreground_sets,
  background_set,
  motifs = NULL,
  max_hits = 5,
  threshold_method = "p_value",
  threshold_value = 0.25^6,
  max_fg_permutations = 1e+06,
  min_fg_permutations = 1000,
  e = 5,
  p_adjust_method = "BH",
  n_cores = 1,
  cache = paste0(tempdir(), "/sc/")
)
```

Arguments

| foreground_sets | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| | a list of named character vectors of foreground sequences (only containing upper case characters A, C, G, T), where the names are RefSeq identifiers and sequence type qualifiers ("3UTR", "5UTR", "mRNA"), e.g. "NM_010356 3UTR". Names are only used to cache results. | |
| background_set | a named character vector of background sequences (naming follows same rules as foreground set sequences) | |
| motifs | a list of motifs that is used to score the specified sequences. If is.null(motifs) then all Transite motifs are used. | |
| <pre>max_hits threshold_metho</pre> | maximum number of putative binding sites per mRNA that are counted | |
| | either "p_value" (default) or "relative". If threshold_method equals "p_value", the default threshold_value is 0.25^6, which is lowest p-value that can be achieved by hexamer motifs, the shortest supported motifs. If threshold_method equals "relative", the default threshold_value is 0.9, which is 90% of the maximum PWM score. | |
| threshold_value | | |
| | semantics of the threshold_value depend on threshold_method (default is 0.25^{6}) | |

| <pre>max_fg_permutat</pre> | ions | |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| | maximum number of foreground permutations performed in Monte Carlo test for enrichment score | |
| <pre>min_fg_permutat</pre> | | |
| | minimum number of foreground permutations performed in Monte Carlo test for enrichment score | |
| e | integer-valued stop criterion for enrichment score Monte Carlo test: aborting permutation process after observing e random enrichment values with more extreme values than the actual enrichment value | |
| p_adjust_method | | |
| | adjustment of p-values from Monte Carlo tests to avoid alpha error accumulation, see ${\tt p.adjust}$ | |
| n_cores | the number of cores that are used | |
| cache | either logical or path to a directory where scores are cached. The scores of each motif are stored in a separate file that contains a hash table with RefSeq identifiers and sequence type qualifiers as keys and the number of putative binding sites as values. If cache is FALSE, scores will not be cached. | |

Details

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The aim of Transcript Set Motif Analysis (TSMA) is to identify the overrepresentation and underrepresentation of potential RBP targets (binding sites) in a set (or sets) of sequences, i.e., the foreground set, relative to the entire population of sequences. The latter is called background set, which can be composed of all sequences of the genes of a microarray platform or all sequences of an organism or any other meaningful superset of the foreground sets.

The matrix-based approach skips the k-merization step of the k-mer-based approach and instead scores the transcript sequence as a whole with a position specific scoring matrix.

For each sequence in foreground and background sets and each sequence motif, the scoring algorithm evaluates the score for each sequence position. Positions with a relative score greater than a certain threshold are considered hits, i.e., putative binding sites.

By scoring all sequences in foreground and background sets, a hit count for each motif and each set is obtained, which is used to calculate enrichment values and associated p-values in the same way in which motif-compatible hexamer enrichment values are calculated in the k -mer-based approach. P-values are adjusted with one of the available adjustment methods.

An advantage of the matrix-based approach is the possibility of detecting clusters of binding sites. This can be done by counting regions with many hits using positional hit information or by simply applying a hit count threshold per sequence, e.g., only sequences with more than some number of hits are considered. Homotypic clusters of RBP binding sites may play a similar role as clusters of transcription factors.

Value

A list with the following components:

```
foreground_scores the result of score_transcripts for the foreground sets
background_scores the result of score_transcripts for the background set
enrichment_dfs a list of data frames, returned by calculate_motif_enrichment
```

See Also

Other TSMA functions: draw_volcano_plot(), run_kmer_tsma()

```
Other matrix functions: calculate_motif_enrichment(), run_matrix_spma(), score_transcripts(),
score_transcripts_single_motif()
```

```
# define simple sequence sets for foreground and background
foreground_set1 <- c(</pre>
  "CAACAGCCUUAAUU", "CAGUCAAGACUCC", "CUUUGGGGAAU",
  "UCAUUUUAUUAAA", "AAUUGGUGUCUGGAUACUUCCCUGUACAU".
  "AUCAAAUUA", "AGAU", "GACACUUAAAGAUCCU",
  "UAGCAUUAACUUAAUG", "AUGGA", "GAAGAGUGCUCA",
  "AUAGAC", "AGUUC", "CCAGUAA"
)
names(foreground_set1) <- c(</pre>
  "NM_1_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_2_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_3_DUMMY|3UTR",
  "NM_4_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_5_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_6_DUMMY|3UTR",
 "NM_7_DUMMY|3UTR",
"NM_8_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_9_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_10_DUMMY|3UTR",
  "NM_11_DUMMY|3UTR",
  "NM_12_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_13_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_14_DUMMY|3UTR"
)
foreground_set2 <- c("UUAUUUA", "AUCCUUUACA", "UUUUUUU", "UUUCAUCAUU")</pre>
names(foreground_set2) <- c(</pre>
  "NM_15_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_16_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_17_DUMMY|3UTR",
  "NM_18_DUMMY|3UTR"
)
foreground_sets <- list(foreground_set1, foreground_set2)</pre>
background_set <- c(</pre>
  "CAACAGCCUUAAUU", "CAGUCAAGACUCC", "CUUUGGGGAAU",
  "UCAUUUUAUUAAA", "AAUUGGUGUCUGGAUACUUCCCUGUACAU",
  "AUCAAAUUA", "AGAU", "GACACUUAAAGAUCCU",
  "UAGCAUUAACUUAAUG", "AUGGA", "GAAGAGUGCUCA",
  "AUAGAC", "AGUUC", "CCAGUAA",
  "UUAUUUA", "AUCCUUUACA", "UUUUUUUU", "UUUCAUCAUU",
  "CCACACAC", "CUCAUUGGAG", "ACUUUGGGACA", "CAGGUCAGCA"
)
names(background_set) <- c(</pre>
  "NM_1_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_2_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_3_DUMMY|3UTR",
  "NM_4_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_5_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_6_DUMMY|3UTR",
 "NM_7_DUMMY|3UTR",
"NM_8_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_9_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_10_DUMMY|3UTR",
  "NM_11_DUMMY|3UTR",
```

```
"NM_12_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_13_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_14_DUMMY|3UTR",
  "NM_15_DUMMY|3UTR",
  "NM_16_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_17_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_18_DUMMY|3UTR",
  "NM_19_DUMMY|3UTR",
  "NM_20_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_21_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_22_DUMMY|3UTR"
)
# run cached version of TSMA with all Transite motifs (recommended):
# results <- run_matrix_tsma(foreground_sets, background_set)</pre>
# run uncached version with one motif:
motif_db <- get_motif_by_id("M178_0.6")</pre>
results <- run_matrix_tsma(foreground_sets, background_set, motifs = motif_db,
cache = FALSE)
## Not run:
# define example sequence sets for foreground and background
foreground1_df <- transite:::ge$foreground1_df</pre>
foreground_set1 <- gsub("T", "U", foreground1_df$seq)</pre>
names(foreground_set1) <- paste0(foreground1_df$refseq, "|",</pre>
 foreground1_df$seq_type)
foreground2_df <- transite:::ge$foreground2_df</pre>
foreground_set2 <- gsub("T", "U", foreground2_df$seq)</pre>
names(foreground_set2) <- paste0(foreground2_df$refseq, "|",</pre>
 foreground2_df$seq_type)
foreground_sets <- list(foreground_set1, foreground_set2)</pre>
background_df <- transite:::ge$background_df</pre>
background_set <- gsub("T", "U", background_df$seq)</pre>
names(background_set) <- paste0(background_df$refseq, "|",</pre>
 background_df$seq_type)
# run cached version of TSMA with all Transite motifs (recommended)
results <- run_matrix_tsma(foreground_sets, background_set)</pre>
# run uncached version of TSMA with all Transite motifs
results <- run_matrix_tsma(foreground_sets, background_set, cache = FALSE)
# run TSMA with a subset of Transite motifs
results <- run_matrix_tsma(foreground_sets, background_set,</pre>
 motifs = get_motif_by_rbp("ELAVL1"))
# run TSMA with user-defined motif
toy_motif <- create_matrix_motif(</pre>
  "toy_motif", "example RBP", toy_motif_matrix,
  "example type", "example species", "user"
)
results <- run_matrix_tsma(foreground_sets, background_set,</pre>
 motifs = list(toy_motif))
## End(Not run)
```

score_sequences Score Sequences with PWM

Description

C++ implementation of PWM scoring algorithm

Usage

score_sequences(sequences, pwm)

Arguments

| sequences | list of sequences |
|-----------|------------------------|
| pwm | position weight matrix |

Value

list of PWM scores for each sequence

Examples

score_spectrum Calculates spectrum scores and creates spectrum plots

Description

Spectrum scores are a means to evaluate if a spectrum has a meaningful (i.e., biologically relevant) or a random pattern.

score_spectrum

Usage

```
score_spectrum(
    x,
    p_values = array(1, length(x)),
    x_label = "log enrichment",
    sorted_transcript_values = NULL,
    transcript_values_label = "transcript value",
    midpoint = 0,
    x_value_limits = NULL,
    max_model_degree = 3,
    max_cs_permutations = 1e+07,
    min_cs_permutations = 5000,
    e = 5
)
```

Arguments

| x | vector of values (e.g., enrichment values, normalized RBP scores) per bin | |
|---------------------|--|--|
| p_values | vector of p-values (e.g., significance of enrichment values) per bin | |
| x_label | label of values (e.g., "enrichment value") | |
| sorted_transcri | ipt_values | |
| | vector of sorted transcript values, i.e., the fold change or signal-to-noise ra- tio or any other quantity that was used to sort the transcripts that were passed to run_matrix_spma or run_kmer_spma (default value is NULL). These values are displayed as a semi-transparent area over the enrichment value heatmaps of spectrum plots. | |
| transcript_valu | | |
| | <pre>label of transcript sorting criterion (e.g., "log fold change", default value is "transcript value"), only shown if !is.null(sorted_transcript_values)</pre> | |
| midpoint | for enrichment values the midpoint should be 1, for log enrichment values 0 (defaults to 0) | |
| x_value_limits | sets limits of the x-value color scale (used to harmonize color scales of different spectrum plots), see limits argument of continuous_scale (defaults to NULL, i.e., the data-dependent default scale range) | |
| max_model_degree | | |
| | maximum degree of polynomial | |
| max_cs_permutations | | |
| | maximum number of permutations performed in Monte Carlo test for consis- tency score | |
| min_cs_permutations | | |
| | minimum number of permutations performed in Monte Carlo test for consis- tency score | |
| e | integer-valued stop criterion for consistency score Monte Carlo test: aborting permutation process after observing e random consistency values with more ex- treme values than the actual consistency value | |

Details

One way to quantify the meaningfulness of a spectrum is to calculate the deviance between the linear interpolation of the scores of two adjoining bins and the score of the middle bin, for each position in the spectrum. The lower the score, the more consistent the trend in the spectrum plot. Formally, the local consistency score x_c is defined as

$$x_c = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} \left| \frac{s_i + s_{i+2}}{2} - s_{i+1} \right|.$$

In order to obtain an estimate of the significance of a particular score x'_c , Monte Carlo sampling is performed by randomly permuting the coordinates of the scores vector s and recomputing x_c . The probability estimate \hat{p} is given by the lower tail version of the cumulative distribution function

$$\hat{Pr}(T(x)) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} 1(T(y_i) \le T(x)) + 1}{n+1}$$

where 1 is the indicator function, n is the sample size, i.e., the number of performed permutations, and T equals x_c in the above equation.

An alternative approach to assess the consistency of a spectrum plot is via polynomial regression. In a first step, polynomial regression models of various degrees are fitted to the data, i.e., the dependent variable s (vector of scores), and orthogonal polynomials of the independent variable b (vector of bin numbers). Secondly, the model that reflects best the true nature of the data is selected by means of the F-test. And lastly, the adjusted R^2 and the sum of squared residuals are calculated to indicate how well the model fits the data. These statistics are used as scores to rank the spectrum plots. In general, the polynomial regression equation is

$$y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \beta_2 x_i^2 + \dots + \beta_m x_i^m + \epsilon_i,$$

where m is the degree of the polynomial (usually $m \leq 5$), and ϵ_i is the error term. The dependent variable y is the vector of scores s and x to x^m are the orthogonal polynomials of the vector of bin numbers b. Orthogonal polynomials are used in order to reduce the correlation between the different powers of b and therefore avoid multicollinearity in the model. This is important, because correlated predictors lead to unstable coefficients, i.e., the coefficients of a polynomial regression model of degree m can be greatly different from a model of degree m + 1.

The orthogonal polynomials of vector b are obtained by centering (subtracting the mean), QR decomposition, and subsequent normalization. Given the dependent variable y and the orthogonal polynomials of b x to x^m , the model coefficients β are chosen in a way to minimize the deviance between the actual and the predicted values characterized by

$$M(x) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + \beta_2 x^2 + \dots + \beta_m x^m$$
$$M = argmin_M(\sum_{i=1}^n L(y_i, M(x_i))),$$

where L(actual value, predicted value) denotes the loss function.

Ordinary least squares is used as estimation method for the model coefficients β . The loss function of ordinary least squares is the sum of squared residuals (SSR) and is defined as follows $SSR(y, \hat{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$, where y are the observed data and \hat{y} the model predictions.

score_spectrum

Thus the ordinary least squares estimate of the coefficients $\hat{\beta}$ (including the intercept $\hat{\beta}_0$) of the model M is defined by

$$\hat{\beta} = argmin_{\beta} \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(y_i - \beta_0 - \sum_{j=1}^{m} \beta_j x_i^j\right)^2\right).$$

After polynomial models of various degrees have been fitted to the data, the F-test is used to select the model that best fits the data. Since the SSR monotonically decreases with increasing model degree (model complexity), the relative decrease of the SSR between the simpler model and the more complex model must outweigh the increase in model complexity between the two models. The F-test gives the probability that a relative decrease of the SSR between the simpler and the more complex model given their respective degrees of freedom is due to chance. A low p-value indicates that the additional degrees of freedom of the more complex model lead to a better fit of the data than would be expected after a mere increase of degrees of freedom.

The F-statistic is calculated as follows

$$F = \frac{(SSR_1 - SSR_2)/(p_2 - p_1)}{SSR_2/(n - p_2)},$$

where SSR_i is the sum of squared residuals and p_i is the number of parameters of model *i*. The number of data points, i.e., bins, is denoted as *n*. *F* is distributed according to the F-distribution with $df_1 = p_2 - p_1$ and $df_2 = n - p_2$.

Value

A list object of class SpectrumScore with the following components:

```
adjusted R^2 of polynomial model
              adj_r_squared
                               maximum degree of polynomial
                      degree
                  residuals
                               residuals of polynomial model
                       slope
                               coefficient of the linear term of the polynomial model (spectrum "direction")
                f_statistic
                               statistic of the F-test
       f_statistic_p_value
                               p-value of F-test
         consistency_score
                               normalized sum of deviance between the linear interpolation of the scores of two adjoining
                               obtained by Monte Carlo sampling (randomly permuting the coordinates of the scores vecto
consistency_score_p_value
                               number of permutations
       consistency_score_n
                        plot
```

See Also

Other SPMA functions: classify_spectrum(), run_kmer_spma(), run_matrix_spma(), subdivide_data()

```
plot(score_spectrum(runif(n = 40, min = -2, max = 2), max_model_degree = 1,
     x_value_limits = c(-2.0, 2.0)))
# random spectrum with p-values
score_spectrum(runif(n = 40, min = -1, max = 1),
               p_values = runif(n = 40, min = 0, max = 1),
               max_model_degree = 1)
# random spectrum with sorted transcript values
log_fold_change <- log(runif(n = 1000, min = 0, max = 1) /</pre>
                           runif(n = 1000, min = 0, max = 1))
score_spectrum(runif(n = 40, min = -1, max = 1),
               sorted_transcript_values = sort(log_fold_change),
               max_model_degree = 1)
# non-random linear spectrum
signal <- seq(-1, 0.99, 2 / 40)
noise <- rnorm(n = 40, mean = 0, sd = 0.5)
score_spectrum(signal + noise, max_model_degree = 1,
               max_cs_permutations = 100000)
# non-random quadratic spectrum
signal <- seq(-1, 0.99, 2 / 40)^2 - 0.5
noise <- rnorm(n = 40, mean = 0, sd = 0.2)
score_spectrum(signal + noise, max_model_degree = 2,
               max_cs_permutations = 100000)
```

score_transcripts Scores transcripts with position weight matrices

Description

This function is used to count the binding sites in a set of sequences for all or a subset of RNAbinding protein sequence motifs and returns the result in a data frame, which is subsequently used by calculate_motif_enrichment to obtain binding site enrichment scores.

Usage

```
score_transcripts(
  sequences,
  motifs = NULL,
  max_hits = 5,
  threshold_method = c("p_value", "relative"),
  threshold_value = 0.25^6,
  n_cores = 1,
  cache = paste0(tempdir(), "/sc/")
)
```

Arguments

| sequences | character vector of named sequences (only containing upper case characters A, C, G, T), where the names are RefSeq identifiers and sequence type qualifiers ("3UTR", "5UTR", "mRNA"), e.g. "NM_010356 3UTR" | |
|-----------------|---|--|
| motifs | a list of motifs that is used to score the specified sequences. If is.null(motifs) then all Transite motifs are used. | |
| max_hits | maximum number of putative binding sites per mRNA that are counted | |
| threshold_methe | od | |
| | either "p_value" (default) or "relative". If threshold_method equals "p_value", the default threshold_value is 0.25^6, which is lowest p-value that can be achieved by hexamer motifs, the shortest supported motifs. If threshold_method equals "relative", the default threshold_value is 0.9, which is 90% of the maximum PWM score. | |
| threshold_value | | |
| | semantics of the threshold_value depend on threshold_method (default is 0.25^{6}) | |
| n_cores | the number of cores that are used | |
| cache | either logical or path to a directory where scores are cached. The scores of each motif are stored in a separate file that contains a hash table with RefSeq iden- tifiers and sequence type qualifiers as keys and the number of putative binding sites as values. If cache is FALSE, scores will not be cached. | |

Value

A list with three entries:

(1) df: a data frame with the following columns:

| motif_id | the motif identifier that is used in the original motif library |
|------------------------------|---|
| <pre>motif_rbps</pre> | the gene symbol of the RNA-binding protein(s) |
| absolute_hits | the absolute frequency of putative binding sites per motif in all transcripts |
| relative_hits | the relative, i.e., absolute divided by total, frequency of binding sites per motif in all transcripts |
| total_sites | the total number of potential binding sites |
| one_hit, two_hits, | number of transcripts with one, two, three, putative binding sites |
| relative_hits total_sites | the relative, i.e., absolute divided by total, frequency of binding sites per motif in all transcript the total number of potential binding sites |

(2) total_sites: a numeric vector with the total number of potential binding sites per transcript

(3) absolute_hits: a numeric vector with the absolute (not relative) number of putative binding sites per transcript

See Also

```
Other matrix functions: calculate_motif_enrichment(), run_matrix_spma(), run_matrix_tsma(),
score_transcripts_single_motif()
```

Examples

```
foreground_set <- c(</pre>
  "CAACAGCCUUAAUU", "CAGUCAAGACUCC", "CUUUGGGGAAU",
  "UCAUUUUAUUAAA", "AAUUGGUGUCUGGAUACUUCCCUGUACAU",
  "AUCAAAUUA", "AGAU", "GACACUUAAAGAUCCU",
 "UAGCAUUAACUUAAUG", "AUGGA", "GAAGAGUGCUCA",
  "AUAGAC", "AGUUC", "CCAGUAA"
)
# names are used as keys in the hash table (cached version only)
# ideally sequence identifiers (e.g., RefSeq ids) and region labels
# (e.g., 3UTR for 3'-UTR)
names(foreground_set) <- c(</pre>
  "NM_1_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_2_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_3_DUMMY|3UTR",
  "NM_4_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_5_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_6_DUMMY|3UTR",
  "NM_7_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_8_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_9_DUMMY|3UTR",
  "NM_10_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_11_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_12_DUMMY|3UTR",
  "NM_13_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_14_DUMMY|3UTR"
)
# specific motifs, uncached
motifs <- get_motif_by_rbp("ELAVL1")</pre>
scores <- score_transcripts(foreground_set, motifs = motifs, cache = FALSE)</pre>
## Not run:
# all Transite motifs, cached (writes scores to disk)
scores <- score_transcripts(foreground_set)</pre>
# all Transite motifs, uncached
scores <- score_transcripts(foreground_set, cache = FALSE)</pre>
foreground_df <- transite:::ge$foreground1_df</pre>
foreground_set <- foreground_df$seq</pre>
names(foreground_set) <- paste0(foreground_df$refseq, "|",</pre>
   foreground_df$seq_type)
scores <- score_transcripts(foreground_set)</pre>
## End(Not run)
```

Description

This function is used to count the putative binding sites (i.e., motifs) in a set of sequences for the specified RNA-binding protein sequence motifs and returns the result in a data frame, which is aggregated by score_transcripts and subsequently used by calculate_motif_enrichment to obtain binding site enrichment scores.

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Usage

```
score_transcripts_single_motif(
  motif,
  sequences,
  max_hits = 5,
  threshold_method = c("p_value", "relative"),
  threshold_value = 0.25^6,
   cache_path = paste0(tempdir(), "/sc/")
)
```

Arguments

| motif | a Transite motif that is used to score the specified sequences | |
|-----------------|---|--|
| sequences | character vector of named sequences (only containing upper case characters A, C, G, T), where the names are RefSeq identifiers and sequence type qualifiers ("3UTR", "5UTR", "mRNA"), e.g. "NM_010356 3UTR" | |
| max_hits | maximum number of putative binding sites per mRNA that are counted | |
| threshold_meth | od | |
| | either "p_value" (default) or "relative". If threshold_method equals "p_value", the default threshold_value is 0.25^6, which is lowest p-value that can be achieved by hexamer motifs, the shortest supported motifs. If threshold_method equals "relative", the default threshold_value is 0.9, which is 90% of the maximum PWM score. | |
| threshold_value | | |
| | semantics of the threshold_value depend on threshold_method (default is 0.25^{6}) | |
| cache_path | the path to a directory where scores are cached. The scores of each motif are stored in a separate file that contains a hash table with RefSeq identifiers and sequence type qualifiers as keys and the number of binding sites as values. If is.null(cache_path), scores will not be cached. | |

Value

A list with the following items:

| <pre>motif_id</pre> | the motif identifier of the specified motif |
|-----------------------|--|
| <pre>motif_rbps</pre> | the gene symbol of the RNA-binding protein(s) |
| absolute_hits | the absolute frequency of binding sites per motif in all transcripts |
| relative_hits | the relative, i.e., absolute divided by total, frequency of binding sites per motif in all transcripts |
| total_sites | the total number of potential binding sites |
| one_hit,two_hits, | number of transcripts with one, two, three, binding sites |

See Also

Other matrix functions: calculate_motif_enrichment(), run_matrix_spma(), run_matrix_tsma(), score_transcripts() set_motifs

Description

Globally sets Transite motif database, use with care.

Usage

```
set_motifs(value)
```

Arguments

value

list of Motif objects

Value

void

See Also

Other motif functions: generate_iupac_by_kmers(), generate_iupac_by_matrix(), generate_kmers_from_iupac(), get_motif_by_id(), get_motif_by_rbp(), get_motifs(), get_motifs_meta_info(), get_ppm(), init_iupac_lookup_table()

Examples

```
custom_motif <- create_kmer_motif(
    "custom_motif", "RBP1",
    c("AAAAAAA", "CAAAAAA"), "HITS-CLIP",
    "Homo sapiens", "user"
)
set_motifs(list(custom_motif))</pre>
```

SpectrumScore-class An S4 class to represent a scored spectrum

Description

An S4 class to represent a scored spectrum Getter Method get_adj_r_squared Getter Method get_model_degree Getter Method get_model_residuals Getter Method get_model_slope Getter Method get_model_f_statistic Getter Method get_model_f_statistic_p_value Getter Method get_consistency_score Getter Method get_consistency_score_p_value Getter Method get_consistency_score_n

Usage

```
get_adj_r_squared(object)
```

S4 method for signature 'SpectrumScore'
get_adj_r_squared(object)

get_model_degree(object)

S4 method for signature 'SpectrumScore'
get_model_degree(object)

```
get_model_residuals(object)
```

S4 method for signature 'SpectrumScore'
get_model_residuals(object)

get_model_slope(object)

S4 method for signature 'SpectrumScore'
get_model_slope(object)

```
get_model_f_statistic(object)
```

S4 method for signature 'SpectrumScore'
get_model_f_statistic(object)

get_model_f_statistic_p_value(object)

S4 method for signature 'SpectrumScore'
get_model_f_statistic_p_value(object)

get_consistency_score(object)

S4 method for signature 'SpectrumScore'
get_consistency_score(object)

get_consistency_score_p_value(object)

S4 method for signature 'SpectrumScore'
get_consistency_score_p_value(object)

get_consistency_score_n(object)

```
## S4 method for signature 'SpectrumScore'
get_consistency_score_n(object)
```

S4 method for signature 'SpectrumScore'
show(object)

S4 method for signature 'SpectrumScore,ANY'
plot(x)

Arguments

| object | SpectrumScore object |
|--------|----------------------|
| х | SpectrumScore object |

Value

Object of type SpectrumScore

Slots

 $adj_r_squared$ adjusted R^2 of polynomial model

degree degree of polynomial (integer between 0 and 5)

residuals residuals of the polynomial model

slope coefficient of the linear term of the polynomial model (spectrum "direction")

f_statistic F statistic from the F test used to determine the degree of the polynomial model

f_statistic_p_value p-value associated with the F statistic

consistency_score raw local consistency score of the spectrum

consistency_score_p_value p-value associated with the local consistency score

consistency_score_n number of permutations performed to calculate p-value of local consistency score (permutations performed before early stopping criterion reached)

plot spectrum plot

```
new("SpectrumScore",
    adj_r_squared = 0,
    degree = 0L,
    residuals = 0,
    slope = 0,
    f_statistic = 0,
    f_statistic_p_value = 1,
    consistency_score = 1,
    consistency_score_p_value = 1,
    consistency_score_n = 1000L,
    plot = NULL
)
```

subdivide_data

Description

Preprocessing function for SPMA, divides transcript sequences into *n* bins.

Usage

```
subdivide_data(sorted_transcript_sequences, n_bins = 40)
```

Arguments

| <pre>sorted_transcript_sequences</pre> | |
|--|--|
| | character vector of named sequences (names are usually RefSeq identifiers and sequence region labels, e.g., "NM_1_DUMMYI3UTR"). It is important that the sequences are already sorted by fold change, signal-to-noise ratio or any other meaningful measure. |
| n_bins | specifies the number of bins in which the sequences will be divided, valid values are between 7 and 100 |

Value

An array of n_bins length, containing the binned sequences

See Also

Other SPMA functions: classify_spectrum(), run_kmer_spma(), run_matrix_spma(), score_spectrum()

```
# toy example
toy_seqs <- c(</pre>
  "CAACAGCCUUAAUU", "CAGUCAAGACUCC", "CUUUGGGGAAU", "UCAUUUUAUUAAA",
  "AAUUGGUGUCUGGAUACUUCCCUGUACAU", "AUCAAAUUA", "AGAU", "GACACUUAAAGAUCCU",
  "UAGCAUUAACUUAAUG", "AUGGA", "GAAGAGUGCUCA", "AUAGAC", "AGUUC", "CCAGUAA"
)
# names are used as keys in the hash table (cached version only)
# ideally sequence identifiers (e.g., RefSeq ids) and
# sequence region labels (e.g., 3UTR for 3'-UTR)
names(toy_seqs) <- c(</pre>
  "NM_1_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_2_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_3_DUMMY|3UTR",
"NM_4_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_5_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_6_DUMMY|3UTR",
  "NM_7_DUMMY|3UTR",
  "NM_8_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_9_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_10_DUMMY|3UTR",
  "NM_11_DUMMY|3UTR",
  "NM_12_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_13_DUMMY|3UTR", "NM_14_DUMMY|3UTR"
)
```

transite

```
foreground_sets <- subdivide_data(toy_seqs, n_bins = 7)
# example data set
background_df <- transite:::ge$background_df
# sort sequences by signal-to-noise ratio
background_df <- dplyr::arrange(background_df, value)
# character vector of named sequences
background_seqs <- background_df$seq
names(background_seqs) <- paste0(background_df$refseq, "|",
background_df$seq_type)</pre>
```

foreground_sets <- subdivide_data(background_seqs)</pre>

toy_motif_matrix Toy Motif Matrix

Description

This toy motif matrix is used in code examples for various functions.

Usage

```
data(toy_motif_matrix)
```

Format

A data frame with four columns (A, C, G, U) and seven rows (position 1 - 7)

transite

transite

Description

transite is a computational method that allows comprehensive analysis of the regulatory role of RNA-binding proteins in various cellular processes by leveraging preexisting gene expression data and current knowledge of binding preferences of

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See Also

Useful links:

• https://transite.mit.edu

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