

# Package ‘findIPs’

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| findIPs | <i>Function to detect influential points for feature rankings</i> |
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Description

findIPs employs two important functions: getdrop1ranks and sumRanks. getdrop1ranks can calculate the original feature ranking and leave-one-out feature rankings. The outputs are subsequently taken to sumRanks, which computes the overall rank changes for each observation, indicating their influence on feature rankings.

Usage

```
findIPs(  
  X,  
  y,  
  fun,  
  decreasing = FALSE,  
  topN = 100,  
  method = "adaptive",  
  nCores = NULL  
)
```

Arguments

- x A data matrix, with rows being the variables and columns being samples.
- y Groups or survival object (for cox regression).

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| fun        | <p><i>fun</i> can either be a character or a function. <i>fun</i> should be one of the 't.test', 'cox', 'log2fc', and 'kruskal.test' when it is a character. <code>findIPs()</code> incorporates four widely used ranking criteria: t-test, univariate cox model, log2fc, and kruskal test, whose outputs are p values except log2fc (absolute log2 fold changes). The features would be ordered by specifying the argument decreasing. For instance, if <code>fun = 't.test'</code>, the decreasing = F, such that features are order by the pvalues of t.test in a increasing manner.</p> <p><i>fun</i> can also be a function to obtain ranking criteria with x and y being the only input and the ranking criteria, such as p-values being the only output.</p> |
| decreasing | logical. How the rank criteria are ordered? For instance, p-value should be ordered increasingly, while fold-change should be ordered decreasingly.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| topN       | the number of important features included for comparison.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| method     | method to summarize rank changes. It should be one of the 'adaptive', 'weightedSpearman', and 'unweighted'. Both 'adaptive' and 'weightedSpearman' are weighted rank comparison method, but former employs the weight that are adaptive to the distribution of rank changes. 'unweighted' denotes a direct comparison of ranks without considering weights.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| nCores     | the number of CPU cores used for parallel running. If <code>nCores = NULL</code> , a single core is used.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

### Value

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| kappa             | The weight function's shape is controlled by kappa, which ranges from 0 to 1. Weighted rank changes are calculated using kappa, with higher values indicating more weight on top features. |
| score             | The influence of each observation on feature rankings, with larger values indicating more influence.                                                                                       |
| origRank          | The original ranking. <code>origRank</code> is exactly the input. Here it is re-output for visualization purposes.                                                                         |
| drop1Rank         | The leave-one-out rankings.                                                                                                                                                                |
| origRankWeighted  | The weighted original ranking                                                                                                                                                              |
| drop1RankWeighted | The weighted leave-one-out rankings                                                                                                                                                        |

### Examples

```
data(miller05)
X <- miller05$X
y <- miller05$y

obj <- findIPs(X, y,
               fun = 't.test',
               decreasing = FALSE,
               topN = 100,
               method = 'adaptive')
```

```

par(mfrow = c(1, 3), mar = c(4, 4, 2, 2))
plotRankScatters(obj, top = TRUE)
plotAdaptiveWeights(kappa = obj$kappa,
                    n = nrow(obj$drop1Rank),
                    type = 'line',
                    ylim = NULL)
plotIPs(obj, topn = 5, ylim = NULL)

## Interop with ExpressionSet class
library(Biobase)
data(sample.ExpressionSet)
design <- phenoData(sample.ExpressionSet)$type
IPs <- findIPs(exprs(sample.ExpressionSet), design, fun = "t.test",
              method = "adaptive")
plotIPs(IPs)

## Interop with SummarizedExperiment class
library(SummarizedExperiment)
## Make a SummarizedExperiment class
sample.SummarizedExperiment <- makeSummarizedExperimentFromExpressionSet(
  sample.ExpressionSet)

design <- colData(sample.SummarizedExperiment)$type
IPs <- findIPs(assay(sample.SummarizedExperiment), design, fun = "t.test",
              method = "adaptive")
plotIPs(IPs)

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getdrop1ranks

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*Derive ranking lists including original and leave-one-out rankings*


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## Description

This function calculates the original and leave-one-out feature rankings using a predefined rank method

## Usage

```
getdrop1ranks(X, y, fun, decreasing = FALSE, topN = 100, nCores = NULL)
```

## Arguments

|     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| X   | A data matrix, with rows being the variables and columns being samples.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| y   | Groups or survival object (for cox regression)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| fun | <i>fun</i> can either be a character or a function. <i>fun</i> should be one of the 't.test', 'cox', 'log2fc', and 'kruskal.test' when it is a character. <code>findIPs()</code> incorporates four widely used ranking criteria: t-test, univariate cox model, log2fc, and kruskal test, whose outputs are p values except log2fc (absolute log2 fold changes). The features would be ordered by specifying the argument <code>decreasing</code> . For |

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|            | instance, if fun = 't.test', the decreasing = F, such that features are order by the pvalues of t.test in the increasing manner.<br>fun can also be a function to obtain ranking criteria with x and y being the only input and the ranking criteria, such as p-values being the only output. |
| decreasing | logical. How the rank criteria are ordered? For instance, p-value should be ordered increasingly, while fold-change should be ordered decreasingly.                                                                                                                                           |
| topN       | the number of important features included for comparison. The top n features in the original ranking list.                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| nCores     | the number of CPU cores used for parallel running. If nCores = NULL, a single core is used.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

Value

|           |                                |
|-----------|--------------------------------|
| orig      | vector:,original ranking       |
| drop1rank | matrix, Leave-one-out rankings |

Examples

```
data(miller05)
X <- miller05$X
y <- miller05$y
obj <- getdrop1ranks(X, y,
                     fun = 't.test',
                     decreasing = FALSE,
                     topN = 100)
rks <- sumRanks(origRank = obj$origRank,
                drop1Rank = obj$drop1Rank,
                topN = 100,
                method = 'adaptive')
plotIPs(rks, topn = 5, ylim = NULL)
```

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| mill05 | mill05 data |
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Description

mill05 is gene expression data with 1000 genes randomly sampled from 22283 genes and 236 samples since removing the case with missing response. The data has binary and survival response. The binary response contains 58 case with p53 mutant and 193 wild type mutant. The survival response has a total of 55 events.

Usage

```
data(miller05)
```

**Format**

a list

**Value**

millero5 data, a list containing 1000 genes and binary and survival response.

**References**

Miller, Lance D., et al. 'An expression signature for p53 status in human breast cancer predicts mutation status, transcriptional effects, and patient survival.' Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences 102.38 (2005): 13550-13555.doi:10.1073pnas.0506230102

**Examples**

```
data(millero5)
```

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| plotAdaptiveWeights | <i>Visualize the weight function for adaptive weights</i> |
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**Description**

Plot the weight function for the adaptive weights with given kappa and the list length (n).

**Usage**

```
plotAdaptiveWeights(kappa, n, type = c("line", "points"), ylim = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|       |                                                                                          |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| kappa | a shape parameter of the weight function.                                                |
| n     | the length list.                                                                         |
| type  | draw line or points. Both line and points will be plotted if type = c('line', 'points'). |
| ylim  | y coordinates ranges.                                                                    |

**Value**

plot based on basic graph

**Examples**

```
par(mfrow = c(1, 2), mar = c(4, 4, 2, 2))
plotAdaptiveWeights(kappa = 0.01, n = 100, type = 'line', ylim = c(0, 0.025))
plotAdaptiveWeights(kappa = 0.02, n = 100, type = 'line', ylim = c(0, 0.025))
```

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| plotIPs | <i>Visualize the influential scores</i> |
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## Description

Visualize influential score using lollipop plot. The function uses the output obtained from `rank.compare` or `findIPs` function.

## Usage

```
plotIPs(obj, topn = 5, ylim = NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

|                   |                                                                                      |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>obj</code>  | the object obtained from <code>rank.compare</code> or <code>findIPs</code> function. |
| <code>topn</code> | the top n most influential points to be labelled in the plot.                        |
| <code>ylim</code> | y coordinates ranges                                                                 |
| <code>...</code>  | other arguments                                                                      |

## Value

plot based on basic graph

## Examples

```
data(miller05)
X <- miller05$X
y <- miller05$y
obj <- getdrop1ranks(X, y,
                    fun = 't.test',
                    decreasing = FALSE,
                    topN = 100)
rks <- sumRanks(origRank = obj$origRank,
               drop1Rank = obj$drop1Rank,
               topN = 100,
               method = 'adaptive')
plotIPs(rks, topn = 5, ylim = NULL)
```

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plotRankScatters

Visualize the unweighted rank changes

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## Description

Visualize the unweighted rank changes using scatter plot. The plot displays the original ranking and leave-one-out rankings.

## Usage

```
plotRankScatters(obj, top = TRUE, points.arg = list(), top.arg = list())
```

## Arguments

|            |                                                                               |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| obj        | the objective obtained from findIPs() or sumRanks() functions                 |
| top        | logical, whether the most influential case needs to be plot in black          |
| points.arg | a list. Arguments in graphics::points() can be used to define the points.     |
| top.arg    | a list. Arguments in graphics::points() can be used to define the top points. |

## Value

a plot based on basic graphic.

## Examples

```
data(miller05)
X <- miller05$X
y <- miller05$y

obj <- getdrop1ranks(X, y,
                    fun = 't.test',
                    decreasing = FALSE,
                    topN = 100)
rks <- sumRanks(origRank = obj$origRank,
               drop1Rank = obj$drop1Rank,
               topN = 100,
               method = 'adaptive')
plotRankScatters(rks)
```

sumRanks

*Summarize the weighted rank changes caused by case-deletion***Description**

This function measures the overall rank changes due to case deletion. A large rank changes indicates more influence of the deleted case on feature rankings. `sumRanks()` provides three methods to compute the overall rank changes: unweighted, weighted Spearman, and adaptive weights.

**Usage**

```
sumRanks(origRank, drop1Rank, topN = NULL, method = "adaptive", ...)
```

**Arguments**

|                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>origRank</code>  | vectors, reference rankings. For influential observation detection, <code>origRank</code> denotes the original ranking obtained using the whole data.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <code>drop1Rank</code> | matrix or data.frame, Each column is a feature list with a case removed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <code>topN</code>      | the top n features in <code>origRank</code> will be used for rank comparison. If null, include all features.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <code>method</code>    | method to summarize rank changes. It should be one of the 'adaptive', 'weightedSpearman', and 'unweighted'. Both 'adaptive' and 'weightedSpearman' are weighted rank comparison method, but former employs the weight that are adaptive to the distribution of rank changes. 'unweighted' denotes a direct comparison of ranks without considering weights. |
| <code>...</code>       | other arguments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

**Value**

|                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>kappa</code>             | The weight function's shape is controlled by <code>kappa</code> , which ranges from 0 to 1. Weighted rank changes are calculated using <code>kappa</code> , with higher values indicating more weight on top features. |
| <code>score</code>             | The influence of each observation on feature rankings, with larger values indicating more influence.                                                                                                                   |
| <code>origRank</code>          | The original ranking. <code>origRank</code> is exactly the input. Here it is re-output for visualization purposes.                                                                                                     |
| <code>drop1Rank</code>         | The leave-one-out rankings.                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <code>origRankWeighted</code>  | The weighted original ranking. <code>origRankWeighted</code> will be returned when <code>method = 'adaptive'</code> .                                                                                                  |
| <code>drop1RankWeighted</code> | The weighted leave-one-out rankings. <code>drop1RankWeighted</code> will be returned when <code>method = 'adaptive'</code> .                                                                                           |

**Examples**

```
data(miller05)
X <- miller05$X
y <- miller05$y
obj <- getdrop1ranks(X, y,
                     fun = 't.test',
                     decreasing = FALSE,
                     topN = 100)

rks <- sumRanks(origRank = obj$origRank,
                drop1Rank = obj$drop1Rank,
                topN = 100,
                method = 'adaptive')

plotIPs(rks, topn = 5, ylim = NULL)
```

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