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am.tran	<i>AM transformation for LPE</i>
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Description

Computes AM for LPE

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am.tran.half	<i>AM transformation for LPE</i>
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Description

Computes AM for LPE

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base.ASE.Olig	<i>Baseline ASE estimation for oligonucleotide arrays</i>
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Estimates baseline error for oligonucleotide arrays

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base.PSE.Olig	<i>Baseline PSE estimation for oligonucleotide arrays</i>
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Description

Estimates baseline error for oligonucleotide arrays

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boot.base.ASE.Olig	<i>Baseline error bootstrap estimation for oligonucleotide arrays</i>
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Description

Estimates baseline error using bootstrap samples for oligonucleotide arrays

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boot.base.error.Olig	<i>Baseline error bootstrap estimation for oligonucleotide arrays</i>
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Estimates baseline error using bootstrap samples for oligonucleotide arrays

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fixbound.predict.smooth.spline	<i>Prediction using smoothing spine</i>
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Description

Makes predictions using smoothing spine

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hem	<i>Heterogeneous Error Model for Identification of Differential Expressed Genes Under Multiple Conditions</i>
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Description

Fits an error model with heterogeneous experimental and biological variances.

Usage

```
hem(dat, probe.ID=NULL, n.layer, design, burn.ins=1000, n.samples=3000,
    method.var.e="gam", method.var.b="gam", method.var.t="gam",
    var.e=NULL, var.b=NULL, var.t=NULL, var.g=1, var.c=1, var.r=1,
    alpha.e=3, beta.e=.1, alpha.b=3, beta.b=.1, alpha.t=3, beta.t=.2,
    n.digits=10, print.message.on.screen=TRUE)
```

Arguments

dat	data
probe.ID	a vector of probe set IDs
n.layer	number of layers; 1=one-layer EM, 2=two-layer EM
design	design matrix
burn.ins	number of burn-ins for MCMC
n.samples	number of samples for MCMC
method.var.e	prior specification method for experimental variance; "gam"=Gamma(alpha,beta), "peb"=parametric EB prior specification, "neb"=nonparametric EB prior specification
method.var.b	prior specification method for biological variance; "gam"=Gamma(alpha,beta), "peb"=parametric EB prior specification
method.var.t	prior specification method for total variance; "gam"=Gamma(alpha,beta), "peb"=parametric EB prior specification, "neb"=nonparametric EB prior specification
var.e	prior estimate matrix for experimental variance
var.b	prior estimate matrix for biological variance
var.t	prior estimate matrix for total variance
var.g	$N(0, \text{var.g})$; prior parameter for gene effect
var.c	$N(0, \text{var.c})$; prior parameter for condition effect
var.r	$N(0, \text{var.r})$; prior parameter for interaction effect of gene and condition
alpha.e, beta.e	$\text{Gamma}(\text{alpha.e}, \text{alpha.e})$; prior parameters for inverse of experimental variance
alpha.b, beta.b	$\text{Gamma}(\text{alpha.b}, \text{alpha.b})$; prior parameters for inverse of biological variance
alpha.t, beta.t	$\text{Gamma}(\text{alpha.b}, \text{alpha.b})$; prior parameters for inverse of total variance
n.digits	number of digits
print.message.on.screen	if TRUE, process status is shown on screen.

Value

n.gene	number of genes
n.chip	number of chips
n.cond	number of conditions
design	design matrix
burn.ins	number of burn-ins for MCMC
n.samples	number of samples for MCMC
priors	prior parameters
m.mu	estimated mean expression intensity for each gene under each condition
m.x	estimated unobserved expression intensity for each combination of genes, conditions, and individuals (n.layer=2)
m.var.b	estimated biological variances (n.layer=2)
m.var.e	estimated experimental variances (n.layer=2)
m.var.t	estimated total variances (n.layer=1)
H	H-scores

Author(s)

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References

Cho, H. and Lee, J.K. (2004) Bayesian Hierarchical Error Model for Analysis of Gene Expression Data, *Bioinformatics*, 20: 2016-2025.

See Also

[hem.eb.prior](#), [hem.fdr](#)

Examples

```
#Example 1: Two-layer HEM

data(pbrain)

##construct a design matrix
cond <- c(1,1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2,2) #condition
ind  <- c(1,1,2,2,3,3,1,1,2,2,3,3) #biological replicate
rep  <- c(1,2,1,2,1,2,1,2,1,2,1,2) #experimental replicate
design <- data.frame(cond,ind,rep)

##normalization
pbrain.nor <- hem.preproc(pbrain[,2:13])

##fit HEM with two layers of error
##using the small numbers of burn-ins and MCMC samples for a testing purpose;
```

```

##but increase the numbers for a practical purpose
#pbrain.hem <- hem(pbrain.nor, n.layer=2, design=design,
#                burn.ins=10, n.samples=30)

##print H-scores
#pbrain.hem$H

#Example 2: One-layer HEM

data(mubcp)

##construct a design matrix
cond <- c(rep(1,6),rep(2,5),rep(3,5),rep(4,5),rep(5,5))
ind  <- c(1:6,rep((1:5),4))
design <- data.frame(cond,ind)

##construct a design matrix
mubcp.nor <- hem.preproc(mubcp)

#fit HEM with one layers of error
#using the small numbers of burn-ins and MCMC samples for a testing purpose;
#but increase the numbers for a practical purpose
#mubcp.hem <- hem(mubcp.nor, n.layer=1,design=design, burn.ins=10, n.samples=30)

##print H-scores
#mubcp.hem$H

###NOTE: Use 'hem.fdr' for FDR evaluation
###NOTE: Use 'hem.eb.prior' for Empirical Bayes (EB) prior sepecification
###NOTE: Use EB-HEM ('hem' after 'hem.eb.prior') for small data sets

```

hem.eb.prior

Empirical Bayes (EB) Prior Specification

Description

Estimates experimental and biological variances by LPE and resampling

Usage

```

hem.eb.prior(dat, n.layer, design,
             method.var.e="neb", method.var.b="peb", method.var.t="neb",
             rep=TRUE, baseline.var="LPE", p.remove=0, max.chip=4,
             q=0.01, B=25, n.digits=10, print.message.on.screen=TRUE)

```

Arguments

<code>dat</code>	data
<code>n.layer</code>	number of layers
<code>design</code>	design matrix
<code>method.var.e</code>	prior specification method for experimental variance; "peb"=parametric EB prior specification, "neb"=nonparametric EB prior specification
<code>method.var.b</code>	prior specification method for biological variance; "peb"=parametric EB prior specification
<code>method.var.t</code>	prior specification method for total variance; "peb"=parametric EB prior specification, "neb"=nonparametric EB prior specification
<code>rep</code>	no replication if FALSE
<code>baseline.var</code>	baseline variance estimation method: LPE for replicated data and BLPE, PSE, or ASE for unreplicated data
<code>p.remove</code>	percent of removed rank-variance genes for BLPE
<code>max.chip</code>	maximum number of chips to estimate errors
<code>q</code>	quantile for partitioning genes based on expression levels
<code>B</code>	number of iterations for resampling
<code>n.digits</code>	number of digits
<code>print.message.on.screen</code>	if TRUE, process status is shown on screen.

Value

<code>var.b</code>	prior estimate matrix for biological variances (n.layer=2)
<code>var.e</code>	prior estimate matrix for experimental variances (n.layer=2)
<code>var.t</code>	prior estimate matrix for total variances (n.layer=1)

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See Also

[hem](#), [hem.fdr](#)

Examples

```
#Example 1: Two-layer HEM with EB prior specification
```

```
data(pbrain)
```

```
##construct a design matrix
cond <- c(1,1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2,2)
ind  <- c(1,1,2,2,3,3,1,1,2,2,3,3)
rep  <- c(1,2,1,2,1,2,1,2,1,2,1,2)
```



```

design <- data.frame(cond,ind,rep)

##normalization
pbrain.nor <- hem.preproc(pbrain[,2:13])

##take a subset for a testing purpose;
##use all genes for a practical purpose
pbrain.nor <- pbrain.nor[1:1000,]

##estimate hyperparameters of variances by LPE
#pbrain.eb <- hem.eb.prior(pbrain.nor, n.layer=2, design=design,
#                          method.var.e="neb", method.var.b="peb")

#fit HEM with two layers of error
#using the small numbers of burn-ins and MCMC samples for a testing purpose;
#but increase the numbers for a practical purpose
#pbrain.hem <- hem(pbrain.nor, n.layer=2, design=design, burn.ins=10, n.samples=30,
#                  method.var.e="neb", method.var.b="peb",
#                  var.e=pbrain.eb$var.e, var.b=pbrain.eb$var.b)

#Example 2: One-layer HEM with EB prior specification

data(mubcp)

##construct a design matrix
cond <- c(rep(1,6),rep(2,5),rep(3,5),rep(4,5),rep(5,5))
ind <- c(1:6,rep((1:5),4))
design <- data.frame(cond,ind)

##normalization
mubcp.nor <- hem.preproc(mubcp)

##take a subset for a testing purpose;
##use all genes for a practical purpose
mubcp.nor <- mubcp.nor[1:1000,]

##estimate hyperparameters of variances by LPE
#mubcp.eb <- hem.eb.prior(mubcp.nor, n.layer=1, design=design,
#                          method.var.t="neb")

#fit HEM with two layers of error
#using the small numbers of burn-ins and MCMC samples for a testing purpose;
#but increase the numbers for a practical purpose
#mubcp.hem <- hem(mubcp.nor, n.layer=1, design=design, burn.ins=10, n.samples=30,
#                  method.var.t="neb", var.t=mubcp.eb$var.t)

```

Description

Computes resampling-based False Discovery Rate (FDR)

Usage

```
hem.fdr(dat, n.layer, design, rep=TRUE, hem.out, eb.out=NULL, n.iter=5, q.trim=0.9,  
        target.fdr=c(0.001, 0.005, 0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.15, 0.20, 0.30, 0.40, 0.50),  
        n.digits=10, print.message.on.screen=TRUE)
```

Arguments

dat	data
n.layer	number of layers: 1=one-layer EM; 2=two-layer EM
design	design matrix
rep	no replication if FALSE
hem.out	output from hem function
eb.out	output from hem.eb.prior function
n.iter	number of iterations
q.trim	quantile used for estimating the proportion of true negatives (π_0)
target.fdr	Target FDRs
n.digits	number of digits
print.message.on.screen	if TRUE, process status is shown on screen.

Value

fdr	H-values and corresponding FDRs
π_0	estimated proportion of true negatives
H.null	H-scores from null data
targets	given target FDRs, corresponding critical values and numbers of significant genes are provided

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See Also

[hem.eb.prior](#) [hem](#)

Examples

```

data(pbrain)

##construct a design matrix
cond <- c(1,1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2,2)
ind  <- c(1,1,2,2,3,3,1,1,2,2,3,3)
rep  <- c(1,2,1,2,1,2,1,2,1,2,1,2)
design <- data.frame(cond,ind,rep)

##normalization
pbrain.nor <- hem.preproc(pbrain[,2:13])

##take a subset for a testing purpose;
##use all genes for a practical purpose
pbrain.nor <- pbrain.nor[1:1000,]

##estimate hyperparameters of variances by LPE
#pbrain.eb <- hem.eb.prior(pbrain.nor, n.layer=2, design=design,
#                          method.var.e="neb", method.var.b="peb")

##fit HEM with two layers of error
##using the small numbers of burn-ins and MCMC samples for a testing purpose;
##but increase the numbers for a practical purpose
#pbrain.hem <- hem(pbrain.nor, n.layer=2, design=design, burn.ins=10, n.samples=30,
#                  method.var.e="neb", method.var.b="peb",
#                  var.e=pbrain.eb$var.e, var.b=pbrain.eb$var.b)

##Estimate FDR based on resampling
#pbrain.fdr <- hem.fdr(pbrain.nor, n.layer=2, design=design,
#                      hem.out=pbrain.hem, eb.out=pbrain.eb)

```

hem.null.no

Generation of null data

Description

Generates null data by resampling

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hem.null.one	<i>Generation of null data</i>
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Description

Generates null data by resampling

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hem.null.two	<i>Generation of null data</i>
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Description

Generates null data by resampling

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hem.preproc	<i>Preprocessing</i>
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Description

Performs IQR normalization, thesholding, and log2-transformation

Usage

```
hem.preproc(x, data.type = "MAS5")
```

Arguments

x	data
data.type	data type: MAS5 or MAS4

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See Also

[hem](#), [hem.eb.prior](#), [hem.fdr](#)

Examples

```
data(pbrain)
pbrain.nor <- hem.preproc(pbrain[,2:13])
```

mubcp

Gene expression data for mouse B cell development

Description

This data set consists of gene expression of the five consecutive stages (pre-B1, large pre-B2, small pre-B2, immature B, and mature B cells) of mouse B cell development. The data were obtained with high-density oligonucleotide arrays, Affymetrix Mu11k GeneChips, from flow-cytometrically purified cells.

Usage

```
data(mubcp)
```

Format

A matrix containing 13,207 probe sets and 26 chips; first 6 chips for pre-B1 cell and next 20 chips for other stages (5 chips for each)

Source

Hoffmann, R., Seidl, T., Neeb, M., Rolink, A. and Melchers, F. (2002). Changes in gene expression profiles in developing B cells of murine bone marrow, *Genome Research* 12:98-111.

nonpar.error.0lig

Baseline error nonparametric estimation for oligonucleotide arrays

Description

Estimates baseline error for oligonucleotide arrays

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nonpar.no.error.Olig *Baseline error nonparametric estimation for oligonucleotide arrays*

Description

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nonpar.rep.error.Olig *Baseline error nonparametric estimation for oligonucleotide arrays*

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par.error.Olig *Baseline error parametric estimation for oligonucleotide arrays*

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Description

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pbrain	<i>Gene expression data for primate brains</i>
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Description

This data set consists of gene expression of primate brains (Affymetrix U95A GeneChip). The frozen brains of three humans (H1, H2, H3) and three chimpanzees (C1, C2, C3) were used to take the postmortem tissue samples, and two independent tissue samples for each individual were taken.

Usage

```
data(pbrain)
```

Format

A matrix containing 12,600 probe sets and 12 chips (H1,H1,H2,H2,H3,H3,C1,C1,C2,C2,C3,C3); the first column is probe set ID

Source

Enard, W., Khaitovich, P., Klose, J., Zollner, S., Heissig, F., Giavalisco, P., Nieselt-Struwe, K., Muchmore, E., Varki, A., Ravid, R., Doxiadis, G.M., Bontrop, R.R., and Paabo, S. (2002) Intra- and interspecific variation in primate gene expression patterns, *Science* 296:340-343

permut	<i>Permutation</i>
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Description

Permute

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quant.norm	Quantile normalization
Description Performs quantile normalization	
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quant.normal	Normalization
Description Normalization	
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quant.normal2	Normalization
Description Normalization	
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quant.normalize	Quantile normalization
Description Performs quantile normalization	
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remove.sig.genes	<i>Remove significant genes</i>
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Description

Remove significant genes

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