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kernscr-package	<i>kernscr: a package to perform Kernel Machine Score Test for Pathway Analysis in the Presence of Semi-Competing Risks</i>
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Description

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The main function of the kernscr package is [compute_all_tests](#)

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References

Neykov M, Hejblum BP, Sinnott JA, Kernel Machine Score Test for Pathway Analysis in the Presence of Semi-Competing Risks, *Stat Methods in Med Res*, , 27(4): 1099-1114 (2018). <doi: 10.1177/0962280216653427>.

cancer_pathways	<i>70 pathways from MSigDB c2CP</i>
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Description

70 pathways from MSigDB c2CP

Usage

```
data("cancer_pathways")
```

Format

a list of 70 relevant pathways from an old version of MSigDB c2CP containing the Entrez IDs.

References

MJ van de Vijver, YD He, LJ van't Veer, H Dai, AAM Hart, DW Voskuil, A gene-expression signature as a predictor of survival in breast cancer, *The New England Journal of Medicine*, 347(25):1999-2009, 2002.

T Cai, G Tonini, X Lin, Kernel Machine Approach to Testing the Significance of Multiple Genetic Markers for Risk Prediction, *Biometrics*, 67(3):975-986, 2011.

Examples

```
data("cancer_pathways")

if(interactive()){
##get the data from Vijver publication

#clinical data
import_xls_from_zip <- function(urlPath, filename, zipname, skip=0){
  zipFile <- paste0(zipname, ".zip")
  download.file(paste0(urlPath, zipFile), zipFile)
  unzip(zipFile, exdir="./temp_unzip")
  xlsFile <- paste0("./temp_unzip/", filename, ".xls")
  res <- readxl::read_xls(xlsFile, skip=skip)
  unlink(zipFile)
  unlink("./temp_unzip", recursive=TRUE)
  return(res)
}

BC_dat_clin <- import_xls_from_zip2(urlPath="http://ccb.nki.nl/data/",
                                  filename="Table1_ClinicalData_Table",
                                  zipname="nejm_table1",
                                  skip=2
                                  )
BC_dat_clin <- BC_dat_clin[order(BC_dat_clin$SampleID), ]
col2rmv <- 1:ncol(BC_dat_clin)
BC_dat_clin$ID <- paste0("S", BC_dat_clin$SampleID)
rownames(BC_dat_clin) <- BC_dat_clin$ID
BC_dat_clin$evdeath <- BC_dat_clin$EVENTdeath
BC_dat_clin$tsurv <- BC_dat_clin$TIMESurvival
BC_dat_clin$evmeta <- BC_dat_clin$EVENTmeta
BC_dat_clin$meta <- pmin(BC_dat_clin$TIMESurvival, BC_dat_clin$TIMEmeta, na.rm=TRUE)
samples2rmv <- c("S28", "S122", "S123", "S124", "S133", "S138", "S139", "S141", "S221", "S222",
                "S224", "S226", "S227", "S228", "S229", "S230", "S231", "S237", "S238", "S240",
                "S241", "S248", "S250", "S251", "S252", "S254", "S292", "S317", "S342", "S371",
                "S379", "S380", "S397", "S398", "S401")
BC_dat_clin <- BC_dat_clin[~which(BC_dat_clin$ID %in% samples2rmv), -col2rmv]
head(BC_dat_clin)

#import genomics data
urlPath="http://ccb.nki.nl/data/"
zipFile <- paste0("ZipFiles295Samples", ".zip")
```

```

download.file(paste0(urlPath, zipFile), zipFile)
unzip(zipFile, exdir="./temp_unzip")
unlink(zipFile)
unlink("./temp_unzip/Readme.txt", recursive=FALSE)
txtfiles <- list.files("./temp_unzip/")
BC_dat_exp <- NULL
for(f in txtfiles){
  temp_exp <- read.delim(paste0("./temp_unzip/", f))
  if(f==txtfiles[1]){
    gene_id <- as.character(temp_exp[-1, 1])
    gene_symbol <- as.character(temp_exp[-1, 2])
  }
  temp_exp <- temp_exp[-1, grep("Sample.", colnames(temp_exp))]
  colnames(temp_exp) <- gsub("Sample.", "S", colnames(temp_exp))
  if(f==txtfiles[1]){
    BC_dat_exp <- temp_exp
  }else{
    BC_dat_exp <- cbind(BC_dat_exp, temp_exp)
  }
}
BC_dat_exp_all <- cbind.data.frame("SYMBOL"=gene_symbol, BC_dat_exp[, BC_dat_clin$ID])
unlink("./temp_unzip", recursive=TRUE)

# translating the pathways from Entrez ID to gene symbol
if (requireNamespace("org.Hs.eg.db", quietly = TRUE)){
  library(org.Hs.eg.db)
  x <- org.Hs.egSYMBOL
  mapped_genes <- mappedkeys(x)
  xx <- as.list(x[mapped_genes])
  cancer_pathways_Symbol <- lapply(cancer_pathways, function(v){unlist(xx[v])})
  sapply(cancer_pathways, function(x){length(intersect(x, rownames(BC_dat_exp)))/length(x)})
}
}

```

compute_all_tests *Testing pathway risk association*

Description

This functions computes p-values frm score tests of genetic pathway risk association in 5 different models

Usage

```

compute_all_tests(
  data,
  ind_gene = 7:ncol(data),
  num_perts = 1000,
  Ws = NULL,

```

```

rho = NA,
kernel = c("linear", "gaussian", "poly"),
d = 2,
pca_thres = 0.9,
get_ptb_pvals = FALSE,
...
)

```

Arguments

data	a data.frame of N rows and set up as the output from sim_SCR_data with columns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • XR: time to recurrence / death / censoring • XD: time to death / censoring • DeltaR: Indicator of censoring (0), recurrence (1), or death (2) for this earliest time XR • DeltaD: Indicator of censoring (0) or death (1) • XPFS: time to recurrence / death / censoring (=XR) • DeltaPFS: Indicator of censoring (0) or recurrence or death, whichever came first (1) • Z₁, . . . , Z_P: genomic variables
ind_gene	columns indices of genes in the pathway of interest. Default is 7:ncol(data).
num_perts	number of perturbations used. Default is 1000.
Ws	optional inputted perturbations, should be a vector of length N x num_perts containing i.i.d. realization of a random variable with mean=0 and variance=1.
rho	a vector of rhos, such as one found created from the range returned by findRhoInterval , used for tuning non-linear kernel. Only used if kernel is not "linear". Default is NA. Currently not available for use by user-defined kernels.
kernel	a character string indicating which kernel is used. Possible values (currently implemented) are "linear", "gaussian" or "poly". Otherwise, this can also be a user defined kernel function. See genericKernelEval .
d	if kernel is "poly", the polynomial power. Default is 2 (quadratic kernel).
pca_thres	a number between 0 and 1 giving the threshold to be used for PCA. Default is 0.9. If NULL, no PCA is performed.
get_ptb_pvals	a logical flag indicating whether perturbed p-values should be returned as part of the results. Default is FALSE.
...	extra parameters to be passed to a user-defined kernel.

Value

either a vector of p-values for 5 different models with names:

- "SCR": Semi-Competing Risks
- "PFS": Progression Free Survival
- "CR": Competing Risks

- "OS": Overall Survival
- "SCR_alt": SCR allowing different tuning parameters for the two event time processes

or else if get_ptb_pvals is TRUE, a list with 2 elements:

- "obs_pvals": a vector containing the observed p-values for each of the 5 models as described above
- "null_pvals_perts": a matrix of dimensions num_perts x 5 containing the corresponding perturbed p-values

References

Neykov M, Hejblum BP, Sinnot JA, Kernel Machine Score Test for Pathway Analysis in the Presence of Semi-Competing Risks, submitted, 2016.

Examples

```
## First generate some Data
feat_m_fun <- function(X){
  sin(X[,1]+X[,2]^2)-1
}
feat_d_fun <- function(X){
  (X[,4]-X[,5])^2/8
}
mydata <- sim_SCR_data(data_size = 400, ncol_gene_mat = 20, feat_m = feat_m_fun,
  feat_d = feat_d_fun, mu_cen = 40, cov=0.5)

#initial range
ind_gene <- c(7:ncol(mydata))
my_rho_init <- seq(0.01, 20, length=300)*length(ind_gene)
range(my_rho_init)

if(interactive()){
# compute the interval for rho
rho_set <- findRhoInterval(tZ=t(mydata[,ind_gene]), rho_init = my_rho_init, kernel="gaussian")
rho_set
range(my_rho_init) # good to check that the interval produced here is strictly contained in rho_init
# otherwise, expand rho.init and rerun

rhos <- exp(seq(log(rho_set[1]),log(rho_set[2]), length=50))

# run the tests with Gaussian kernel
compute_all_tests(data = mydata, num_perts=1000, rho=rhos, kernel="gaussian")
# run the tests with linear kernel
compute_all_tests(data=mydata, num_perts=1000, kernel="linear")
}
```

findRhoInterval *Find an interval constraining the rho parameter for a non linear kernel*

Description

Find an interval constraining the rho parameter for a non linear kernel

Usage

```
findRhoInterval(
  tZ,
  rho_init = seq(0.01, 20, length = 300) * nrow(tZ),
  kernel = c("gaussian", "poly"),
  d = NA,
  rate_range = c(1.5, 4),
  pca_thres = 0.9,
  warning_suppress = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

tZ	a P x N matrix of genomic covariates (i.e., the usual data array Z transposed)
rho_init	an initial large range of possible rhos, which will be considered to see if they are reasonable tuning parameters for the kernel. Default is seq(0.01, 20, length=300)*P. See Details.
kernel	character string specifying a nonlinear kernel. Currently supported options are: "gaussian" or "poly"
d	if kernel is "poly", the polynomial power (e.g. d=2 for quadratic kernel). Default is NA.
rate_range	a vector of length 2 indicating the range of alpha in the paper. Default is c(1.5, 4).
pca_thres	a number between 0 and 1 giving the threshold to be used for PCA. Default is 0.9. If NULL, no PCA is performed.
warning_suppress	logical flag. Indicating whether the warnings should be suppress during the linear model fitting step. Default is TRUE. See details.

Details

This function will print rho_init range and the range of valid tuning parameters. If that range butts up against either the upper or lower bound of rho_init, you can rerun this function with a bigger rho_init.

Finding the right tuning parameters includes a step of fitting a linear model which can fail because some tuning parameters yield only one eigenvector. We want to eliminate those tuning parameters, so this is OK. However, in case one want to suppress (numerous) annoying warning messages, use the warning_suppress argument.

Value

an upper and lower bound to look for rho

Examples

```
## First generate some Data
feat_m_fun <- function(X){
  sin(X[,1]+X[,2]^2)-1
}
feat_d_fun <- function(X){
  (X[,4]-X[,5])^2/8
}
mydata <- sim_SCR_data(data_size = 400, ncol_gene_mat = 20, feat_m = feat_m_fun,
                      feat_d = feat_d_fun, mu_cen = 30, cov=0.5)

#initial range
ind_gene <- c(7:ncol(mydata))
my_rho_init <- seq(0.01, 20, length=300)*length(ind_gene)
range(my_rho_init)

if(interactive()){
# compute the interval for rho
rho_set <- findRhoInterval(tZ=t(mydata[,ind_gene]), rho_init = my_rho_init, kernel="gaussian")
rho_set
range(my_rho_init) # good to check that the interval produced here is strictly contained in rho_init
# otherwise, expand rho.init and rerun

#rhos <- exp(seq(log(rho_set[1]),log(rho_set[2]), length=50))
}
```

sim_SCR_data

Data Simulation Function

Description

Data Simulation Function

Usage

```
sim_SCR_data(
  data_size,
  ncol_gene_mat,
  feat_m,
  feat_d,
  mu_cen,
  cov,
  lam_m = 1/15,
  lam_d = 1/20,
```



```
norm_vcov = c(1, 0.5, 0.5, 1)
)
```

Arguments

<code>data_size</code>	an integer giving the simulated sample size N
<code>ncol_gene_mat</code>	an integer giving the simulated number of genomic covariates P
<code>feat_m</code>	a function that transforms the genomic features into the signal for the metastasis process. This function should a matrix of dimensions $N \times P$ as its only argument.
<code>feat_d</code>	a function that transforms the genomic features into the signal for the death process. This function should a matrix of dimensions $N \times P$ as its only argument.
<code>mu_cen</code>	mean of the exponential censoring process
<code>cov</code>	the correlation between the genomic covariates
<code>lam_m</code>	baseline hazard constant for metastasis process. Default is $1/15$.
<code>lam_d</code>	baseline hazard constant for death process. Default is $1/20$.
<code>norm_vcov</code>	vector of length 4 of correlation between errors between the two processes on the normal scale before being complementary-log-log-transformed. Default is $c(1, .5, .5, 1)$.

Value

a `data.frame` with columns:

- `XR`: time to recurrence / death / censoring
- `XD`: time to death / censoring
- `DeltaR`: Indicator of censoring (0), recurrence (1), or death (2) for this earliest time `XR`
- `DeltaD`: Indicator of censoring (0) or death (1)
- `XPFS`: time to recurrence / death / censoring (=XR)
- `DeltaPFS`: Indicator of censoring (0) or recurrence or death, whichever came first (1)
- `Z_1, \dots, Z_P`: genomic variables

Examples

```
feat_m_fun <- function(X){
  sin(X[,1]+X[,2]^2)-1
}
feat_d_fun <- function(X){
  (X[,4]-X[,5])^2/8
}
mydata <- sim_SCR_data(data_size = 400, ncol_gene_mat = 20, feat_m = feat_m_fun,
  feat_d = feat_d_fun, mu_cen = 30, cov=0.5)

head(mydata)
## how many experience both events
mean(mydata[,"DeltaR"]==1 & mydata[,"DeltaD"]==1)
## how many only recur
mean(mydata[,"DeltaR"]==1 & mydata[,"DeltaD"]==0)
```

```
## how many only die
mean(mydata[,"DeltaR"]==2 & mydata[,"DeltaD"]==1)
## how many are censored
mean(mydata[,"DeltaR"]==0 & mydata[,"DeltaD"]==0)
```

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