Package ‘EmpiricalBrownsMethod’

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Description Combining P-values from multiple statistical tests is common in bioinformatics. However, this procedure is non-trivial for dependent P-values. This package implements an empirical adaptation of Brown’s Method (an extension of Fisher’s Method) for combining dependent P-values which is appropriate for highly correlated data sets found in high-throughput biological experiments.

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ebmTestData

Data used in tests and examples.

Description

This data is used in the unit tests and usage examples. There are four items:
allPvals, dat, pathways, and randData.
- allPvals is a data.frame of p-values for the spearman correlation between CHD4 and each of the 45 genes.
- dat is the gene expression data corresponding to genes in allPvals.
- pathways is a data.frame listing gene membership for 3 biochemical pathways.
- randData is a gaussian generated data set, emphasizing dependence among variables. Independent Var [line 1] are 25 samples from a unit normal distribution. Dependent Var 1-10 [line 2-11] are each 25 samples drawn from a 10 dimensional normal distribution centered at the origin with off diagonal terms a=0.25. The P values from a pearson correlation between the independent var and each dependent var are combined.

Usage

data(ebmTestData)

Format

Rdata object

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data objects in the environment

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empiricalBrownsMethod

The Empirical Browns Method For Combining P-values

Description

Combining P-values from multiple statistical tests is common in bioinformatics. However, this procedure is non-trivial for dependent P-values. This package provides an empirical adaptation of Brown's Method (an extension of Fisher's Method) for combining dependent P-values which is appropriate for highly correlated data sets, like those found in high-throughput biological experiments.

Usage

empiricalBrownsMethod(data_matrix, p_values, extra_info)
**kostsMethod**

**Arguments**

- **data_matrix**: An m x n numeric matrix with m variables in rows and n samples in columns.
- **p_values**: A numeric vector of p-values with length m.
- **extra_info**: boolean, TRUE additionally returns the p-value from Fisher’s method, the scale factor c, and the new degrees of freedom from Brown’s Method.

**Value**

The output is a list containing list(P_Brown=p_brown, P_Fisher=p_fisher, Scale_Factor_C=c, DF_Brown=df_brown)

- **P_test**: p-value for Brown’s method.
- **P_Fisher**: p-value for Fisher’s method.
- **Scale_Factor**: the scale factor c.
- **DF**: the degrees of freedom used in Brown’s method.

**Examples**

```r
## restore the saved values to the current environment
data(ebmTestData)
glypGenes <- pathways$gene[pathways$pathway == "GLYPICAN 3 NETWORK"]
glypPvals <- allPvals$pvalue.with.CHD4[match(glypGenes, allPvals$gene)];
glypDat <- dat[match(glypGenes, dat$V1), 2:ncol(dat)];
empiricalBrownsMethod(data_matrix=glypDat, p_values=glypPvals, extra_info=TRUE);
```

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**Description**

Combining P-values from multiple statistical tests is common in bioinformatics. However, this procedure is non-trivial for dependent P-values. This package provides an implementation of Kost’s Method for combining dependent P-values which is appropriate for highly correlated data sets, like those found in high-throughput biological experiments.

**Usage**

```r
kostsMethod(data_matrix, p_values, extra_info)
```

**Arguments**

- **data_matrix**: An m x n numeric matrix with m variables in rows and n samples in columns.
- **p_values**: A numeric vector of p-values with length m.
- **extra_info**: boolean, TRUE additionally returns the p-value from Fisher’s method, the scale factor c, and the new degrees of freedom from Brown’s Method.
Value

The output is a list containing list(P\_test=p\_brown, P\_Fisher=p\_fisher, Scale\_Factor\_C=c, DF=df)

- **P\_test**
  - p-value for Kost's method
- **P\_Fisher**
  - p-value for Fisher's method
- **Scale\_Factor**
  - the scale factor c
- **DF**
  - the degrees of freedom

Examples

```r
## restore the saved values to the current environment
data(ebmTestData)
glypGenes <- pathways$gene[pathways$pathway == "GLYPICAN 3 NETWORK"]
glypPvals <- allPvals$pvalue.with.CHD4[match(glypGenes, allPvals$gene)]
glypDat <- as.matrix(dat[match(glypGenes, dat$V1), 2:ncol(dat)])
kostsMethod(data_matrix=glypDat, p_values=glypPvals, extra_info=TRUE);
```
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