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References


Examples

# For usage, please check the main function with:
?exomepeak
**btest**

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**Description**

This is the default test for the differential post-transcriptional RNA modification sites. Differential from all existing tests the compare the absolute amount between two conditions, this test compares whether the percentage of modified molecules are the same.

**Usage**

```r
btest(untreated_ip, untreated_input,
     treated_ip, treated_input,
     untreated_ip_total, untreated_input_total,
     treated_ip_total, treated_input_total,
     minimal_count_fdr = 10)
```

**Arguments**

- `untreated_ip`: a vector of integers of n, which is the number of binding sites tested. Each element represents the number of reads fall into a binding site for the IP sample under untreated condition.
- `untreated_input`: a vector of integers of n, which is the number of binding sites tested. Each element represents the number of reads fall into a binding site for the Input control sample under untreated condition.
- `treated_ip`: a vector of integers of n, which is the number of binding sites tested. Each element represents the number of reads fall into a binding site for the IP sample under treated condition.
- `treated_input`: a vector of integers of n, which is the number of binding sites tested. Each element represents the number of reads fall into a binding site for the Input control sample under treated condition.
- `untreated_ip_total`: an integer, total number of reads for the IP sample under untreated condition.
- `untreated_input_total`: an integer, total number of reads for the Input control sample under untreated condition.
- `treated_ip_total`: an integer, total number of reads for the IP sample under treated condition.
- `treated_input_total`: an integer, total number of reads for the Input control sample under treated condition.
- `minimal_count_fdr`: an integer threshold, only the loci with reads more than this number are subjected for FDR calculation. Default: 10

**Details**

The comparison of 4 Poisson distributions are firstly collapsed into 2 Binomial distributions, and the function further tests whether the two binomial distributions have the same successful rate with a likelihood ratio test. The number of reads at the same locus for the aligned reads are counted by other packages, such as Rsamtools or HTseq-count.
Value

The function returns a list of length 3, which contains the log(p-value), log(fdr) and log(fold change), respectively, from the test.

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References

Reference coming soon!

Examples

```R
# input reads count of 3 binding sites
untreated_ip = c(10, 20, 30)
untreated_input = c(20, 20, 20)
treated_ip = c(30, 10, 20)
treated_input = c(20, 20, 20)
# sequencing depths
untreated_ip_total = 10^7
untreated_input_total = 10^7
treated_ip_total = 10^7
treated_input_total = 10^7
# get the result
result = bltest(untreated_ip, untreated_input,
treated_ip, treated_input,
untreated_ip_total, untreated_input_total,
treated_ip_total, treated_input_total)
```

Description

c-test is used to compare two Poisson means, for peak calling or binding sites identification in exomePeak R-package

Usage

cctest(IP, INPUT, TOTAL_IP, TOTAL_INPUT, FOLD = 1, minimal_counts_in_fdr = 10)

Arguments

IP a vector of integers, each element represents the number of reads from a binding site in the IP sample

INPUT a vector of integers, each elements represents the number of reads from a binding site in the Input control sample

TOTAL_IP an integer, which represents the total number of reads in IP sample

TOTAL_INPUT an integer, which represents the total number of reads in Input control sample

FOLD a decimal number, which indicates the ration of Possion mean to be tested, default: 1. Use a larger number for detection of highly enriched binding sites.
minimal_counts_in_fdr
an integer threshold, only the loci with reads more than this number are subjected for fdr calculation. default: 10

Details
c-test is used to compare two Poisson means, for peak calling or binding sites identification in exomePeak R-package. The comparison of two Possion distributions is converted into a binomial distribution based test. The number of reads at the same locus for the aligned reads are counted by other packages, such as Rsamtools or HTseq-count.

Value
The function returns a list of length 3, which contains the log(p-value), log(fdr) and log(fold change), respectively.

References
Przyborowski, J. and Wilenski, H. (1940) Homogeneity of results in testing samples from Poisson series: with an application to testing clover seed for dodder. Biometrika, 31, 313-323

Examples
result = ctest(c(20,10, 1), c(2,1,20), 100, 200)

Description
This is the main function of exomePeak R-package, which supports the processing of affinity-based epitranscriptome sequencing data from MeRIP-Seq (m6A-Seq). The main features of the function includes:
1. Accept and statistically supports multiple biological replicates
2. Remove possible PCR artifacts and mapping ambiguity caused by multi-reads (reads that can be mapped to multiple genomic locations)
3. Peak calling (binding sites detection) and comparison of two experimental conditions (differential analysis)
4. Automatic association of genes and the binding sites; Optionally output the intermediate results in Rdata format
The package features a highly simplified procedure with a single command accomplishing all its functions.

Usage
exomepeak(IP_BAM, INPUT_BAM,
        GENOME = NA,
        UCSC_TABLE_NAME = "knownGene",
        GENE_ANNO_GTF = NA,
        TXDB = NA,
exomepeak

TREATED_IP_BAM = character(0),
TREATED_INPUT_BAM = character(0),
OUTPUT_DIR = NA, EXPERIMENT_NAME = "exomePeak_output",
WINDOW_WIDTH = 200, SLIDING_STEP = 30,
FRAGMENT_LENGTH = 100, READ_LENGTH = NA,
MINIMAL_PEAK_LENGTH = FRAGMENT_LENGTH/2,
PEAK_CUTOFF_PVALUE = NA,
PEAK_CUTOFF_FDR = 0.05, FOLD_ENRICHMENT = 1,
CONSISTENT_PEAK_CUTOFF_PVALUE = 0.05,
CONSISTENT_PEAK_FOLD_ENRICHMENT = 1,
DIFF_PEAK_METHOD = "rhtest",
DIFF_PEAK_CUTOFF_PVALUE = NA,
DIFF_PEAK_CUTOFF_FDR = 0.05,
DIFF_PEAK_ABS_FOLD_CHANGE = 1,
DIFF_PEAK_CONSISTENT_CUTOFF_PVALUE = 0.05,
DIFF_PEAK_CONSISTENT_ABS_FOLD_CHANGE = 1,
MINIMAL_MAPQ = 30, REMOVE_LOCAL_TAG_ANOMALITIES = TRUE,
POISSON_MEAN_RATIO = 1, TESTING_MODE = NA,
SAVE_RESULT_ON_DISK = TRUE)

Arguments

IP_BAM a vector of file names, which specifies a number of IP samples from the untreated condition in bam format

INPUT_BAM a vector of file names, which specifies a number of Input control samples from the untreated condition in bam format

GENOME a string, such as "hg19" or "mm9", which specifies the genome assembly used. If a gene annotation file is provided, the exomepeak will call peaks with it; otherwise, exomepeak will download the gene annotation from UCSC using the genome assembly specified here and the gene annotation table specified in "UCSC_TABLE_NAME".

UCSC_TABLE_NAME a string, which specifies the gene annotation used from UCSC, default: "known-Gene". Please use function: supportedUCSTables() to check available tables. Some tables may not be available for all genomes, and the "refGene" table doesn’t work correctly due to multiple occurrences of the same transcript on the same chromosome.

GENE_ANNO_GTF a string, which specifies a gene annotation GTF file if available, default: NA

TXDB an optional TxDb object for gene annotation information used in the analysis, default: NA. The exomepeak function will first look at TXDB, then GENE_ANNO_GTF, and then GENOME for gene annotation information. Please refer to "GenomicFeatures" package for more details about the "TxDb" object.

TREATED_IP_BAM a vector of file names, which specifies a number of IP samples from the treated condition in bam format, default: character(0)

TREATED_INPUT_BAM a vector of file names, which specifies a number of Input control samples from the treated condition in bam format, default: character(0)

OUTPUT_DIR a string, which specifies the output directory, default: getwd(). By default, exomePeak will output results both 1. as BED/XLS files on disk and 2. returned GRangesList object under the R environment.
**EXPERIMENT_NAME**
a string, which specifies folder name generated in the output directory that contains all the results, default: "exomePeak_output"

**WINDOW_WIDTH**
an integer, which specifies the window width of the sliding window, default: 200

**SLIDING_STEP**
an integer, which specifies the step of the sliding window, use a smaller number for better resolution, default: 30

**FRAGMENT_LENGTH**
an integer, which specifies the fragment length in the library preparation, default: 100

**READ_LENGTH**
an integer, which specifies the read length in bam file, default: automatically check the first IP sample

**MINIMAL_PEAK_LENGTH**
an integer, which specifies the minimal peak length to be reported, default: FRAGMENT_LENGTH/2

**PEAK_CUTOFF_PVALUE**
a decimal number, which specifies the p-value cut-off in the peak detection algorithm, default: 1e-5

**PEAK_CUTOFF_FDR**
a decimal number, which specifies the fdr cut-off in the peak detection algorithm. If it is specified, then use "fdr" instead of "p" in peak calling

**FOLD_ENRICHMENT**
a decimal number, which specifies the minimal fold enrichment in the peak calling process. default: 1

**CONSISTENT_PEAK_CUTOFF_PVALUE**
used when calling consistent peak. a decimal number, which specifies the p-value cut-off in the peak detection algorithm for each individual sample. All samples must satisfy this cut-off, default: 0.05

**CONSISTENT_PEAK_FOLD_ENRICHMENT**
used when calling consistent peak. a decimal number, which specifies the fdr cut-off in the peak detection algorithm for each individual sample. All samples must satisfy this cut-off. If it specified, use "fdr" instead of "p"

**DIFF_PEAK_METHOD**
"bltest" (binomial likelihood ratio test) or "rhtest" (rescaled hypergeometric test), default: "rhtest"

**DIFF_PEAK_CUTOFF_PVALUE**
a decimal number, which specifies the p-value cut-off in the comparison of two conditions. If it specified, use "p" instead of "fdr"

**DIFF_PEAK_CUTOFF_FDR**
a decimal number, which specifies the fdr cut-off in the comparison of two conditions. default: 0.05

**DIFF_PEAK_ABS_FOLD_CHANGE**
a decimal number, which specifies the minimal fold change in the differential analysis. default: 1

**DIFF_PEAK_CONSISTENT_CUTOFF_PVALUE**
used when calling consistent differential peak. a decimal number, which specifies the p-value cut-off in the differential peak detection algorithm for each individual sample. All samples must satisfy this cut-off. If it specified, use "p" instead of "fdr".

**DIFF_PEAK_CONSISTENT_ABS_FOLD_CHANGE**
used when calling consistent differential peak. a decimal number, which specifies the fdr cut-off in the differential peak detection algorithm for each individual sample. All samples must satisfy this cut-off. default: 0.05
MINIMAL_MAPQ the reads used in the analysis, MAPQ "NA" is considered as 255, default: 30

REMOVE_LOCAL_TAG_ANOMALITIES
a logic variable, which specifies whether remove local tag anomalies, default: TRUE

POISSON_MEAN_RATIO
a decimal number, which specifies the Poisson mean ratio in ctest, default: 1

TESTING_MODE for testing only, an integer used when test whether the package is running correctly, use 100 to get peaks on only the first 100 annotations for a fast test run, default: NA

SAVE_RESULT_ON_DISK
a logic variable, which indicates whether or not save the result on disk in BED/XLS format as well, default: TRUE. By default, exomePeak will output results both 1. as BED/XLS files on disk and 2. returned GRangesList object under the R environment.

Details

The exomePeak function is an all-in-one command that performs all the core functions of the exomePeak R-package.

For peak calling purpose, it requires the IP and input control samples: An IP sample is the aligned BAM file from the immunoprecipitated sample using RNA modification antibodies such as anti-m6A; The input control sample is the aligned BAM file from the total RNAseq shotgun sequencing.

For differential analysis or comparing two conditions, besides the IP & input samples (from the untreated condition), it also requires the IP & input samples from a different condition or the "treated" condition, such as with disease or after subjected to heat shock treatment.

Value

By default, exomePeak will output results both
1. as BED/XLS files on disk (default: "exomePeak_output") under the specified directory (default: current working directory).
2. returned GRangesList object under the R environment.

For the files saved on the disk:
1. If there are only samples from one condition, then detected peaks (RNA methylation sites) and consistent peaks will be reported;
2. If there are samples from two experimental conditions, then detected peaks, significantly differential peaks and consistent differential peaks will be reported in bed and xls formats.

For the returned GRangesList objects:
1. for peak calling when data from one condition is available, the function returns peaks and consistent peaks, and the other information generated in the peak calling process can be accessed with the "mcols" command.
2. for peak calling and differential peaks when data from two condition is available, the function returns peaks, differential peaks on the merged samples (not necessarily consistent on all replicates), and a list of differential peaks consistent for every replicate (recommended list); and the other information generated in differential analysis can be accessed with the "mcols" command.

References

Examples

# the exomePeak R-package has two main functions:
# 1. peak detection
# 2. comparison of two conditions
# please feel free to contact jia.meng@hotmail.com for any questions

# specify the parameters
GENE_ANNO_GTF=system.file("extdata", "example.gtf", package="exomePeak")
f1=system.file("extdata", "IP1.bam", package="exomePeak")
f2=system.file("extdata", "IP2.bam", package="exomePeak")
f3=system.file("extdata", "IP3.bam", package="exomePeak")
f4=system.file("extdata", "IP4.bam", package="exomePeak")
IP_BAM=c(f1,f2,f3,f4)
f1=system.file("extdata", "Input1.bam", package="exomePeak")
f2=system.file("extdata", "Input2.bam", package="exomePeak")
f3=system.file("extdata", "Input3.bam", package="exomePeak")
INPUT_BAM=c(f1,f2,f3)
f1=system.file("extdata", "treated_IP1.bam", package="exomePeak")
TREATED_IP_BAM=c(f1)
f1=system.file("extdata", "treated_Input1.bam", package="exomePeak")
TREATED_INPUT_BAM=c(f1)

# peak calling and comparison of two conditions
result = exomepeak(GENE_ANNO_GTF=GENE_ANNO_GTF, IP_BAM=IP_BAM, INPUT_BAM=INPUT_BAM,
                     TREATED_IP_BAM=TREATED_IP_BAM, TREATED_INPUT_BAM=TREATED_INPUT_BAM)

# or peak calling only, using data from only one condition with the following script
# result = exomepeak(GENE_ANNO_GTF=GENE_ANNO_GTF, IP_BAM=IP_BAM, INPUT_BAM=INPUT_BAM)

# alternatively, the gene annotation can be downloaded directly from internet with GENOME (and UCSC_TABLE_NAME).
# this will take a long time with the entire transcriptome of hg19
# result = exomepeak(GENOME="hg19", IP_BAM=IP_BAM, INPUT_BAM=INPUT_BAM)

Description

This is the main test for the differential post-transcriptional RNA modification sites. Differential from all existing tests the compare the absolute amount between two conditions, this test compares whether the percentage of modified molecules are the same.

Usage

rhtest(untreated_ip, untreated_input,
treated_ip, treated_input,
untreated_ip_total, untreated_input_total,
treated_ip_total, treated_input_total,
minimal_count_fdr = 10)
Arguments
untreated_ip  a vector of integers of n, which is the number of binding sites tested. Each element represents the number of reads fall into a binding site for the IP sample under untreated condition
untreated_input  a vector of integers of n, which is the number of binding sites tested. Each element represents the number of reads fall into a binding site for the Input control sample under untreated condition
treated_ip  a vector of integers of n, which is the number of binding sites tested. Each element represents the number of reads fall into a binding site for the IP sample under treated condition
treated_input  a vector of integers of n, which is the number of binding sites tested. Each element represents the number of reads fall into a binding site for the Input control sample under treated condition
untreated_ip_total  an integer, total number of reads for the IP sample under untreated condition
untreated_input_total  an integer, total number of reads for the Input control sample under untreated condition
treated_ip_total  an integer, total number of reads for the IP sample under treated condition
treated_input_total  an integer, total number of reads for the Input control sample under treated condition
minimal_count_fdr  an integer threshold, only the loci with reads more than this number are subjected for fdr calculation. default: 10

Details
The rhtest function is the main test used in exomePeak for comparing the transcription-independent dynamics in RNA epigenetic regulation between two experimental conditions. The sequencing depth from one condition is rescaled and the reads count from it is rescaled accordingly, so as to apply a hypergeometric test. The number of reads at a specific binding sites for the aligned reads are counted by other packages, such as Rsamtools or HTseq-count.

Value
The function returns a list of length 3, which contains the log(p-value), log(fdr) and log(fold change), respectively, from the test.

References

Examples
# input reads count of 3 binding sites
untreated_ip = c(10, 20, 30)
untreated_input = c(20, 20, 20)
treated_ip = c(30, 10, 20)
RMT

Extract a combinatorial RNA methylome from multiple biological conditions or replicates.

Description

This function will extract a combinatorial RNA methylome (tens of thousands of RNA methylation sites) from multiple biological conditions or replicates and count with MeRIP-Seq datasets.

Usage

RMT(INPUT_BAM,
    IP_BAM,
    INPUT2IP = NA,
    GENE_ANNO_GTF = NA,
    GENOME = NA,
    UCSC_TABLE_NAME = "knownGene",
    TXDB = NA,
    EXOME_OUTPUT_DIR = NA,
    RMT_OUTPUT_DIR = NA,
    RMT_EXPERIMENT_NAME = "RMT_Result")

Arguments

INPUT_BAM a vector of strings, which specifies a number of Input control samples from the untreated condition in bam format

IP_BAM a vector of strings, which specifies a number of IP samples from the untreated condition in bam format

INPUT2IP a list of number, the default is NA, if it is NA, the length between input and ip is same, and each input bam corresponds one ip bam; otherwise, the length of INPUT2IP equals the number of IP_BAM, and each element specifies the indexes of the input bams that are corresponding to a specific ip bam.

GENOME a string such as "hg19" or "mm9", which specifies the genome assembly used. If a gene annotation file is provided, the exomepeak will call peaks with it; otherwise, exomepeak will download the gene annotation from UCSC using the genome assembly specified here and the gene annotation table specified in "UCSC_TABLE_NAME".
UCSC_TABLE_NAME
a string, which specifies the gene annotation used from UCSC, default: "known-Gene". Please use function: supportedUCSCtables() to check available tables. Some tables may not be available for all genomes, and the "refGene" table doesn’t work correctly due to multiple occurrences of the same transcript on the same chromosome.

GENE_ANNO_GTF
a string, which specifies a gene annotation GTF file if available, default: NA

TXDB
an optional TxDb object for gene annotation information used in the analysis, default: NA. The exomepeak function will first look at TXDB, then GENE_ANNO_GTF, and then GENOME for gene annotation information. Please refer to "GenomicFeatures" package for more details about the "TxDb" object.

EXOME_OUTPUT_DIR
a string, which specifies folder name generated in the output directory that contains all the results, default: "exomePeak_output"

RMT_OUTPUT_DIR
a string, which specifies the GO output directory, default: getwd()

RMT_EXPERIMENT_NAME
a string, which specifies folder name generated in the GO output directory that contains all the results, default: "GO_result"

Value
Results will be saved two folders (default: "respect_output" and "GO_result") in the specified directory (default: current working directory). 1. In the exomPeak folder, store the information of all peak in bed and xls format. 2. In the GO_result folder, store the information of reads counts, rpkm in ip bams and input bams, fold change with ip and input in xls format.

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References

Examples
# the RESPECT R-package has two main functions:
# 1. exome-based peak
# 2. compute reads counts, rpkm and fold change
# please feel free to contact liulian19860905@163.com for any questions

# load library and specify the parameters
gene_anno_gtf <- system.file("extdata", "example.gtf", package="exomePeak")
f1 <- system.file("extdata", "IP1.bam", package="exomePeak")
f2 <- system.file("extdata", "IP2.bam", package="exomePeak")
f3 <- system.file("extdata", "IP3.bam", package="exomePeak")
f4 <- system.file("extdata", "IP4.bam", package="exomePeak")
ip_bam <- c(f1,f2,f3,f4)
f1 <- system.file("extdata", "Input1.bam", package="exomePeak")
f2 <- system.file("extdata", "Input2.bam", package="exomePeak")
f3 <- system.file("extdata", "Input3.bam", package="exomePeak")
input_bam <- c(f1,f2,f3)
input2bam <- list(4)
input2bam[[1]] <- c(1,2) # the 1st ip sample uses the 1st & 2nd input samples as control
input2bam[[2]] <- c(1,2) # the 2nd ip sample uses the 1st & 2nd input samples as control
input2bam[[3]] <- c(1,2) # the 3rd ip sample uses the 1st & 2nd input samples as control
input2bam[[4]] <- c(3) # the 4th ip sample uses the 3rd input sample as control

# Extract the combinatorial RNA methylome
# Unfortunately, this function has not been optimized for parallel processing.
# This part will take a really long time on real data
RMT(INPUT_BAM=input_bam, IP_BAM=ip_bam, INPUT2IP=input2bam, GENE_ANNO_GTF=gene_anno_gtf)

# RMT result will be generated in RMT_result folder under current working directory, including:
# the merged peaks or the combinatorial RNA methylome from all replicates
# the bed file, which can be viewed under IGV
# reads count of all peaks for both the ip and input samples
# RPKM of all the peaks for both the ip and input samples (for your reference only).

# Alternatively, exomePeak package can automatically download the complete transcriptome.
# And then scan the entire transcriptome for RNA methylation sites
# It will take a long time
# RMT(INPUT_BAM=input_bam, IP_BAM=ip_bam, INPUT2IP=input2bam, GENOME="hg19")
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