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Description
Pipeline for using CRISPR data at Genentech

aln  Precalculated alignment statistics of a crispr screen

Description
Example alignment matrix file for the provided example Crispr screen. All sample, gRNA, and Gene information has been anonymized and randomized.

Source
Genentech, Inc.
ann

Annotation file for a mouse Crispr library

Description

Example annotation file for the screen data provided in es. All sample, gRNA, and Gene information has been anonymized and randomized.

Source

Genentech, Inc.

See Also

Please see 'vignettes/Crispr_example_workflow.R’ for details.

Examples

```r
data("ann")
head(ann)
```

ct.alignmentChart

View a Barchart Summarizing Alignment Statistics for a Crispr Screen

Description

This function displays the alignment statistics for a pooled Crispr screen, reported directly from an alignment statistic matrix.

Usage

```r
ct.alignmentChart(aln, sampleKey = NULL)
```

Arguments

- **aln**: A numeric matrix of alignment statistics for a Crispr experiment. Corresponds to a 4xN matrix of read counts, with columns indicating samples and rows indicating the number of "targets", "nomatch", "rejections", and "double_match" reads. Details about these classes may be found in the best practices vignette or as part of the report generated with ct.makeReport().

- **sampleKey**: An optional ordered factor linking the samples to experimental variables. The names attribute should exactly match those present in aln.
ct.DirectionalTests

Value

A grouped barplot displaying the alignment statistics for each sample included in the alignment matrix, which usually corresponds to all of the samples in the experiment.

Author(s)

Russell Bainer

Examples

data('aln')
ct.alignmentChart(aln)

data('fit')
ct.DirectionalTests(fit)

ct.DirectionalTests  Compute Directional P-values from eBayes Output

Description

This function produces two sets of one-sided P-values derived from the moderated t-statistics produced by eBayes.

Usage

correct directionalTests(fit, contrast.term = NULL)

Arguments

fit  An object of class MArrayLM containing, at minimum, a df.residual slot containing the appropriate degrees of freedom for each test, and a t slot containing t statistics.

contrast.term  If a fit object with multiple coefficients is passed in, a string indicating the coefficient of interest.

Value

A matrix object with two numeric columns, indicating the p-values quantifying the evidence for enrichment and depletion of each feature in the relevant model contrast.

Author(s)

Russell Bainer

Examples

data('fit')
ct.DirectionalTests(fit)
ct.filterReads

Remove low-abundance elements from an ExpressionSet object

Description
This function removes gRNAs only present in very low abundance across all samples of a pooled Crispr screening experiment. In most cases very low-abundance guides are the result of low-level contamination from other libraries, and often distort standard normalization approaches. This function trims gRNAs in a largely heuristic way, assuming that the majority of 'real' gRNAs within the library are comparably abundant in at least some of the samples (such as unexpanded controls), and that contaminants are present at negligible levels. Specifically, the function trims the trim most abundant guides from the upper tail of each log-transformed sample distribution, and then omits gRNAs whose abundances are always less than 1/(2^log2.ratio) of this value.

Usage
ct.filterReads(eset, trim = 1000, log2.ratio = 4, sampleKey = NULL, plot.it = TRUE, read.floor = NULL)

Arguments
eset An unnormalized ExpressionSet object containing, at minimum, a matrix of gRNA counts accessible with exprs().
trim The number of gRNAs to be trimmed from the top of the distribution before estimating the abundance range. Empirically, this usually should be equal to about 2 to 5 percent of the guides in the library.
log2.ratio Maximum abundance of contaminant gRNAs, expressed on the log2 scale from the top of the trimmed range of each sample. That is, log2.ratio = 4 means to discard all gRNAs whose abundance is (1/2)^4 of the trimmed maximum.
sampleKey An (optional) sample key, supplied as an ordered factor linking the samples to experimental variables. The names attribute should exactly match those present in eset, and the control set is assumed to be the first level.
plot.it Logical value indicating whether to plot the adjusted gRNA densities on the default device.
read.floor Optionally, the minimum number of reads required for each gRNA.

Value
An ExpressionSet object, with trace-abundance gRNAs omitted.

Author(s)
Russell Bainer

Examples
data('es')
ct.filterReads(es)
Visualization of gRNA GC Content Trends

Description

This function visualizes relationships between gRNA GC content and their measured abundance or various differential expression model estimates.

Usage

cg.GCbias(data.obj, ann, sampleKey = NULL, lib.size = NULL)

Arguments

data.obj An ExpressionSet or fit (MArrayLM) object to be analyzed for the presence of GC content bias.

ann An annotation data.frame, used to estimate GC content for each guide. Guides are annotated by row, and the object must minimally contain a target column containing a character vector that indicates the corresponding nucleotide sequences.

sampleKey An optional sample key, supplied as a factor linking the samples to experimental variables. The names attribute should exactly match those present in eset, and the control set is assumed to be the first level. Ignored in the analysis of model fit objects.

lib.size An optional vector of voom-appropriate library size adjustment factors, usually calculated with calcNormFactors and transformed to reflect the appropriate library size. These adjustment factors are interpreted as the total library sizes for each sample, and if absent will be extrapolated from the columnwise count sums of the exprs slot of the eset.

Value

An image relating GC content to experimental observations on the default device. If the provided data.obj is an ExpressionSet, this takes the form of a scatter plot where the GC with a smoothed trendline within each sample. If data.obj is a fit object describing a linear model contrast, then four panels are returned describing the GC content distribution and its relationship to guide-level fold change, standard deviation, and P-value estimates.

Author(s)

Russell Bainer

Examples

data('es')
data('ann')
data('fit')

cg.GCbias(es, ann)
cg.GCbias(fit, ann)
ct.generateResults

Calculate results of a crispr screen from a contrast

Description

This is a wrapper function that enables direct generation of target-level p-values from a crispr screen.

Usage

ct.generateResults(fit, annotation, RRAalphaCutoff = 0.1, permutations = 1000, multi.core = TRUE, contrast.term = NULL, scoring = c("combined", "pvalue", "fc"), permutation.seed = NULL)

Arguments

fit
An object of class MArrayLM containing, at minimum, a t slot with t-statistics from the comparison, a df.residual slot with the corresponding residuals for the model fits, and an Amean slot with the respective mean abundances.

annotation
An annotation file for the experiment. gRNAs are annotated by row, and must minimally contain columns geneSymbol and geneID.

RRAalphaCutoff
A cutoff to use when defining gRNAs with significantly altered abundance during the RRAa aggregation step. If scoring is set to pvalue or combined, this parameter is interpreted as the maximum nominal p-value required to consider a gRNA's abundance meaningfully altered during the aggregation step. If scoring is fc, this parameter is interpreted as the proportion of the list to be considered meaningfully altered in the experiment (e.g., if RRAalphaCutoff is set to 0.05, only consider the rankings of the 5 (or downregulated) gRNAs for the purposes of RRAa calculations).

permutations
The number of permutations to use during the RRAa aggregation step.

multi.core
Logical indicating whether to attempt to parallelize the analysis on multiple cores.

contrast.term
If a fit object with multiple coefficients is passed in, a string indicating the coefficient of interest.

scoring
The gRNA ranking method to use in RRAa aggregation. May take one of three values: pvalue, fc, or 'combined'. pvalue indicates that the gRNA ranking statistic should be created from the (one-sided) p-values in the fit object. fc indicates that the ranks of the gRNA coefficients should be used instead, and combined indicates that that the coefficients should be used as the ranking statistic but gRNAs are discarded in the aggregation step based on the corresponding nominal p-value in the fit object.

permutation.seed
numeric seed for permutation reproducibility. Default: NULL means to not set any seed. This argument is passed through to ct.RRAaPvals.

Value

A dataframe containing gRNA-level and target-level statistics. In addition to the information present in the supplied annotation object, the returned object indicates P-values and Q-values for the depletion and enrichment of each gRNA and associated target, the median log2 fold change estimate
ct.gRNARankByReplicate

among all gRNAs associated with the target, and Rho statistics that are calculated internally by the RRAna algorithm that may be useful in ranking targets that are considered significant at a given alpha or false discovery threshold.

Author(s)
Russell Bainer

Examples

```r
data('fit')
data('ann')
output <- ct.generateResults(fit, ann, permutations = 10)
head(output)
```

t.gRNARankByReplicate

**Visualization of Ranked gRNA Abundances by Replicate**

Description

This function median scales and log2 transforms the raw gRNA count data contained in an ExpressionSet, and then plots the ordered expression values within each replicate. The curve colors are assigned based on a user-specified column of the pData contained in the ExpressionSet. Optionally, this function can plot the location of Nontargeting control guides (or any guides, really) within the distribution.

Usage

```r
c.t.gRNARankByReplicate(eset, sampleKey, annotation = NULL, geneSymb = NULL, lib.size = NULL)
```

Arguments

- `eset`: An ExpressionSet object containing, at minimum, count data accessible by exprs() and some phenoData.
- `sampleKey`: A sample key, supplied as a (possibly ordered) factor linking the samples to experimental variables. The names attribute should exactly match those present in eset, and the control set is assumed to be the first level.
- `annotation`: An annotation dataframe indicating the nontargeting controls in the geneID column.
- `geneSymb`: The geneSymbol identifier(s) in annotation that corresponds to gRNAs to be plotted on the curves. If the provided value is not present in the geneSymbol, nontargeting controls will be plotted instead.
- `lib.size`: An optional vector of voom-appropriate library size adjustment factors, usually calculated with calcNormFactors and transformed to reflect the appropriate library size. These adjustment factors are interpreted as the total library sizes for each sample, and if absent will be extrapolated from the columnwise count sums of the exprs slot of the eset.
Value

A waterfall plot as specified, on the default device.

Author(s)

Russell Bainer

Examples

data('es')
data('ann')

#Build the sample key
library(Biobase)
sk <- ordered(relevel(as.factor(pData(es)$TREATMENT_NAME), "ControlReference"))
names(sk) <- row.names(pData(es))

ct.gRNARankByReplicate(es, sk, ann, 'Ripk3')

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crRNAArray()

View CDFs of the ranked gRNAs or Targets present in a crispr screen

Description

This function generates a plot relating the cumulative proportion of reads in each sample of a crispr screen to the abundance rank of the underlying guides (or Targets). The purpose of this algorithm is to detect potential distortions in the library composition that might not be properly controlled by sample normalization (see also: ct.stackedGuides()).

Usage

crRNAArray(eset, sampleKey = NULL, plotType = "gRNA", annotation = NULL)

Arguments

eset An ExpressionSet object containing, at minimum, a matrix of gRNA abundances extractable with the exprs() function.
sampleKey An optional sample key, supplied as an ordered factor linking the samples to experimental variables. The names attribute should exactly match those present in eset, and the control set is assumed to be the first level.
plotType A string indicating whether the individual guides should be displayed ("gRNA"), or if they should be aggregated into target-level estimates ("Target") according to the geneSymbol column in the annotation object.
annotation An optional data.frame containing an annotation object to be used to aggregate the guides into targets. gRNAs are annotated by row, and must minimally contain a column geneSymbol indicating the target elements.

Value

A CDF plot displaying the appropriate CDF curves on the default device.
Author(s)
Russell Bainer

Examples

data('es')
ct.guideCDF(es)

ct.inputCheck(sampleKey, object)

Arguments

sampleKey A named factor, where the levels indicate the experimental replicate groups and the names match the colnames of the expression matrix contained in object. The first level should correspond to the control samples, but obviously there is no way to algorithmically control this.

object An ExpressionSet, EList, or matrix.

Value
A logical indicating whether the objects are compatible.

Author(s)
Russell Bainer

Examples

data('es')
library(limma)
library(Biobase)

#Build the sample key
sk <- relevel(as.factor(pData(es)$TREATMENT_NAME), "ControlReference")
names(sk) <- row.names(pData(es))
ct.inputCheck(sk, es)
ct.makeContrastReport Generate a Contrast report from a pooled CRISPR screen

Description

This is a function to generate an html Contrast report for a CRISPR screen, focusing on contrast-level analyses collected from other functions in gCrisprTools. It is designed to be used ‘as-is’, and analysts interested in using different functionalities of the various functions should do that outside of this wrapper script.

Usage

ct.makeContrastReport(eset, fit, sampleKey, results, annotation, comparison.id, identifier, contrast.subset = colnames(eset), outdir = NULL)

Arguments

eset An ExpressionSet object containing, at minimum, a matrix of gRNA abundances extractable with the exprs() function and some named phenodata extractable with pData().

fit A fit object for the contrast of interest, usually generated with lmFit.

sampleKey A sample key, supplied as an ordered factor linking the samples to experimental variables. The names attribute should exactly match those present in eset, and the control set is assumed to be the first level.

results A data.frame summarizing the results of the screen, returned by the function ct.generateResults.

annotation An annotation object for the experiment. See the man page for ct.prepareAnnotation() for details and example format.

comparison.id character with a name of the comparison.

identifier A character string to name the report and corresponding subdirectories. If provided, the final report will be called 'identifier.html' and will be located in a directory called identifier in the outdir. If NULL, a generic name.

contrast.subset character vector containing the sample labels to be used in the analysis; all elements must be contained in the colnames of the specified eset. including the timestamp will be generated. Default: colnames(eset).

outdir An optional character string indicating the directory in which to generate the report. If NULL, a temporary directory will be automatically generated.

Value

The path to the generated html report.

Author(s)

Russell Bainer, Dariusz Ratman
Examples

data('es')
data('fit')
data('ann')
data('resultsDF')

## #Build the sample key
library(Biobase)
sk <- ordered(relevel(as.factor(pData(es)$TREATMENT_NAME), "ControlReference"))
names(sk) <- row.names(pData(es))

path2report <- ct.makeContrastReport(es, fit, sk, resultsDF, ann, comparison.id = NULL, outdir = ".")

c.t.makeQCReport

Generate a QC report from a pooled CRISPR screen

Description

This is a function to generate an html QC report for a CRISPR screen, focusing on experiment-level and library-level analyses collected from other functions in gCrisprTools. It is designed to be used 'as-is', and analysts interested in using different functionalities of the various functions should do that outside of this wrapper script.

Usage

c.t.makeQCReport(eset, trim, log2.ratio, sampleKey, annotation, aln, identifier = NULL, lib.size, geneSymb = NULL, outdir = NULL)

Arguments

eset An ExpressionSet object containing, at minimum, a matrix of gRNA abundances extractable with the `exprs()` function and some named phenodata extractable with `pData()`.
trim The number of gRNAs to be trimmed from the top of the distribution before estimating the abundance range. Empirically, this usually should be equal to about 2 to 5 percent of the guides in the library.
log2.ratio Maximum abundance of contaminant gRNAs, expressed on the log2 scale from the top of the trimmed range of each sample. That is, `log2.ratio = 4` means to discard all gRNAs whose abundance is \((1/2)^4\) of the trimmed maximum.
sampleKey A sample key, supplied as an ordered factor linking the samples to experimental variables. The `names` attribute should exactly match those present in `eset`, and the control set is assumed to be the first level.
annotation An annotation object for the experiment. See the man page for `ct.prepareAnnotation` for details and example format.
aln A numeric alignment matrix, where rows correspond to "targets", "nomatch", "rejections", and "double_match", and where columns correspond to experimental samples.
identifier A character string to name the report and corresponding subdirectories. If provided, the final report will be called 'identifier.html' and will be located in a directory called `identifier`. If `NULL`, a generic name including the timestamp will be generated.
ct.makeReport

lib.size  An optional vector of voom-appropriate library size adjustment factors, usually calculated with \texttt{calcNormFactors} and transformed to reflect the appropriate library size. These adjustment factors are interpreted as the total library sizes for each sample, and if absent will be extrapolated from the columnwise count sums of the \texttt{exprs} slot of the \texttt{eset}.

geneSymb  The geneSymbol identifier(s) in annotation that corresponds to gRNAs to be plotted on the curves. Passed through to \texttt{ct.gRNARankByReplicate}, \texttt{ct.viewControls} and \texttt{ct.prepareAnnotation} (as controls argument if it's not NULL). Default NULL.

outdir  An optional character string indicating the directory in which to generate the report. If NULL, a temporary directory will be automatically generated.

Value

The path to the generated html report.

Author(s)

Russell Bainer, Dariusz Ratman

Examples

data('es')
data('ann')
data('aln')

### #Build the sample key
library(Biobase)
sk <- ordered(relevel(as.factor(pData(es)$TREATMENT_NAME), "ControlReference"))
names(sk) <- row.names(pData(es))

path2report <- ct.makeQCReport(es, trim = 1000, log2.ratio = 0.0625, sk, ann, aln, identifier = NULL, lib.size = NULL)

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Description

This is a function to generate an html report for a CRISPR screen, incorporating information about a specified contrast. The report contains a combination of experiment-level and contrast-specific analyses, largely collected from other functions in \texttt{gCrisprTools}. It is designed to be used 'as-is', and analysts interested in using different functionalities of the various functions should do that outside of this wrapper script.

Usage

\begin{verbatim}
ct.makeReport(fit, eset, sampleKey, annotation, results, aln, outdir = NULL, contrast.term = NULL, identifier = NULL)
\end{verbatim}
ct.makeReport

Arguments

fit
An object of class MArrayLM containing, at minimum, a coefficients slot with coefficients from the comparison, and a stdev.unscaled slot with the corresponding standard deviation of the coefficient estimates. The row.names attribute should ideally match that which is found in annotation, but this will be checked internally.

eset
An ExpressionSet object containing, at minimum, a matrix of gRNA abundances extractable with the exprs() function and some named phenodata extractable with pData().

sampleKey
A sample key, supplied as an ordered factor linking the samples to experimental variables. The names attribute should exactly match those present in eset, and the control set is assumed to be the first level.

annotation
An annotation object for the experiment. See the man page for ct.prepareAnnotation() for details and example format.

results
A data.frame summarizing the results of the screen, returned by the function ct.generateResults.

aln
A numeric alignment matrix, where rows correspond to "targets", "nomatch", "rejections", and "double_match", and where columns correspond to experimental samples.

outdir
A directory in which to generate the report; if NULL, a temporary directory will be automatically generated. The report will be located in a subdirectory whose name is internally generated (see below). The path to the report itself is returned by the function.

contrast.term
A parameter passed to ct.preprocessFit in the event that the fit object contains data from multiple contrasts. See that man page for further details.

identifier
A character string to name the report and corresponding subdirectories. If provided, the final report will be called 'identifier.html' and will be located in a directory called identifier in the outdir. If NULL, a generic name including the timestamp will be generated.

Value

The path to the generated html report.

Author(s)

Russell Bainer

Examples

data('fit')
data('es')

## #Build the sample key
library(Biobase)
sk <- relevel(as.factor(pData(es)$TREATMENT_NAME), "ControlReference")
names(sk) <- row.names(pData(es))

data('ann')
data('resultsDF')
data('aln')
path2report <- ct.makeReport(fit, es, sk, ann, resultsDF, aln, outdir = ".")
ct.normalizeBySlope

Normalize sample abundance estimates by the slope of the values in the central range

Description

This function normalizes Crispr gRNA abundance estimates by equalizing the slopes of the middle (logged) values of the distribution across samples. Specifically, the algorithm ranks the gRNA abundance estimates within each sample and determines a relationship between rank change and gRNA within a trimmed region of the distribution via a linear fit. It then adjusts each sample such that the center of the logged abundance distribution is strictly horizontal and returns these values as median-scaled counts in the appropriate slot of the input ExpressionObject.

Usage

ct.normalizeBySlope(ExpressionObject, trim = 0.25, lib.size = NULL, ...)

Arguments

ExpressionObject

An ExpressionSet containing, at minimum, count data accessible by exprs, or an EList object with count data in the $E slot (usually returned by voom).

trim

The proportion to be trimmed from each end of the distribution before performing the linear fit; algorithm defaults to 25 fit is performed on the interquartile range.

lib.size

An optional vector of size factor adjusted library size. Default: NULL means to use sum of column counts as a lib.size.

...

Other arguments to be passed to ct.normalizeMedians(), if desired.

Value

A renormalized object of the same type as the provided object.

Author(s)

Russell Bainer

Examples

data('es')
data('ann')

#Build the sample key and library sizes for visualization
library(Biobase)
sk <- ordered(relevel(as.factor(pData(es)$TREATMENT_NAME), "ControlReference"))
names(sk) <- row.names(pData(es))
ls <- colSums(exprs(es))

es.norm <- ct.normalizeBySlope(es, lib.size= ls)
ct.gRNARankByReplicate(es, sk, lib.size= ls)
ct.gRNARankByReplicate(es.norm, sk, lib.size= ls)
ct.normalizeGuides

Normalize an ExpressionSet Containing a Crispr Screen

Description

This function normalizes Crispr gRNA abundance estimates contained in an ExpressionSet object. Currently four normalization methods are implemented: median scaling (via ct.normalizeMedians), slope-based normalization (via ct.normalizeBySlope()), scaling to the median of the nontargeting control values (via ct.normalizeNTC()), and spline fitting to the distribution of the nontargeting gRNAs (via ct.normalizeSpline()). Because of the peculiarities of pooled Crispr screening data, these implementations may be more stable than the endogenous methods used downstream by voom. See the respective man pages for further details about specific normalization approaches.

Usage

ct.normalizeGuides(eset, method = c("scale", "slope", "controlScale", "controlSpline"), annotation = NULL, sampleKey = NULL, lib.size = NULL, plot.it = FALSE, ...)

Arguments

eset An ExpressionSet object with integer count data extractable with exprs().
method The normalization method to use.
annotation The annotation object for the library, required for the methods employing nontargeting controls.
sampleKey An (optional) sample key, supplied as an ordered factor linking the samples to experimental variables. The names attribute should exactly match those present in eset, and the control set is assumed to be the first level.
lib.size An optional vector of voom-appropriate library size adjustment factors, usually calculated with calcNormFactors and transformed to reflect the appropriate library size. These adjustment factors are interpreted as the total library sizes for each sample, and if absent will be extrapolated from the columnwise count sums of the exprs slot of the eset.
plot.it Logical indicating whether to plot the ranked log2 gRNA count distributions before and after normalization.
... Other parameters to be passed to the individual normalization methods.

Value

A renormalized ExpressionSet. If specified, the sample level counts will be scaled so as to maintain the validity of the specified lib.size values.

Author(s)

Russell Bainer

See Also

c.t.normalizeMedians, ct.normalizeBySlope, ct.normalizeNTC, ct.normalizeSpline
ct.normalizeMedians

Normalize sample abundance estimates by median gRNA counts

Description

This function normalizes Crispr gRNA abundance estimates by equalizing the median gRNA abundance values after correcting for library size. It does this by converting raw count values to log2 counts per million and optionally adjusting further in the usual way by dividing these values by user-specified library size factors. This method should be more stable than the endogenous scaling functions used in voom in the specific case of Crispr screens or other cases where the median number of observed counts may be low.

Usage

cf.normalizeMedians(eset, lib.size = NULL)

Arguments

eset An ExpressionSet containing, at minimum, count data accessible by exprs.
lib.size An optional vector of voom-appropriate library size adjustment factors, usually calculated with calcNormFactors and transformed to reflect the appropriate library size. These adjustment factors are interpreted as the total library sizes for each sample, and if absent will be extrapolated from the columnwise count sums of the exprs slot of the eset.

Value

A renormalized ExpressionSet object of the same type as the provided object.

Author(s)

Russell Bainer
ct.normalizeNTC

Normalize sample abundance estimates by the median values of nontargeting control guides

Description

This function normalizes Crispr gRNA abundance estimates by equalizing the median abundances of the nontargeting gRNAs within each sample. The normalized values are returned as normalized counts in the 'exprs' slot of the input eset. Note that this method may be unstable if the screening library contains relatively few nontargeting gRNAs.

Usage

ct.normalizeNTC(eset, annotation, lib.size = NULL, geneSymb = NULL)

Arguments

- **eset**: An ExpressionSet object containing, at minimum, count data accessible by exprs.
- **annotation**: An annotation dataframe indicating the nontargeting controls in the geneID column.
- **lib.size**: An optional vector of voom-appropriate library size adjustment factors, usually calculated with calcNormFactors and transformed to reflect the appropriate library size. These adjustment factors are interpreted as the total library sizes for each sample, and if absent will be extrapolated from the columnwise count sums of the exprs slot of the eset.
- **geneSymb**: The geneSymbol identifier in annotation that corresponds to nontargeting gRNAs. If absent, ct.gRNAReplicate will attempt to infer nontargeting guides by searching for "no_gid" or NA in the appropriate columns via ct.prepareAnnotation().

Value

A normalized eset.

Author(s)

Russell Bainer
Examples

data('es')
data('ann')

# Build the sample key and library sizes for visualization
library(Biobase)
sk <- ordered(relevel(as.factor(pData(es)$TREATMENT_NAME), "ControlReference"))
names(sk) <- row.names(pData(es))
ls <- colSums(exprs(es))

es.norm <- ct.normalizeNTC(es, ann, lib.size = ls, geneSymb = 'NoTarget')

ct.gRNARankByReplicate(es, sk, lib.size = ls)
ct.gRNARankByReplicate(es.norm, sk, lib.size = ls)

cr.normSpline Normalize sample abundance estimates by a spline fit to the nontargeting controls

Description

This function normalizes Crispr gRNA abundance estimates by fitting a smoothed spline to the nontargeting gRNAs within each sample and then equalizing these curves across the experiment. Specifically, the algorithm ranks the gRNA abundance estimates within each sample and uses a smoothed spline to determine a relationship between the ranks of nontargeting guides and their abundance estimates. It then removes the spline trend from each sample, centering each experiment around the global median abundance; these values are returned as normalized counts in the 'exprs' slot of the input eset.

Usage

ct.normalizeSpline(eset, annotation, geneSymb = NULL, lib.size = NULL)

Arguments

eset An ExpressionSet object containing, at minimum, count data accessible by exprs.
annotation An annotation dataframe indicating the nontargeting controls in the geneID column.
geneSymb The geneSymbol identifier in annotation that corresponds to nontargeting gRNAs. If absent, ct.gRNARankByReplicate will attempt to infer nontargeting guides by searching for "no_gid" or NA in the appropriate columns.
lib.size An optional vector of voom-appropriate library size adjustment factors, usually calculated with calcNormFactors and transformed to reflect the appropriate library size. These adjustment factors are interpreted as the total library sizes for each sample, and if absent will be extrapolated from the columnwise count sums of the exprs slot of the eset.

Value

A normalized eset.
Author(s)
Russell Bainer

Examples

data('es')
data('ann')

#Build the sample key and library sizes for visualization
library(Biobase)
sk <- (relevel(as.factor(pData(es)$TREATMENT_NAME), "ControlReference"))
names(sk) <- row.names(pData(es))
ls <- colSums(exprs(es))
es.norm <- ct.normalizeSpline(es, ann, 'NoTarget', lib.size = ls)
ct.gRNARankByReplicate(es, sk, lib.size = ls)
ct.gRNARankByReplicate(es.norm, sk, lib.size = ls)

description

This function enables some limited geneset enrichment-type analysis of data derived from a pooled
Crispr screen using the PANTHER pathway database. Specifically, it identifies the set of targets
significantly enriched or depleted in a summaryDF object returned from ct.generateResults and
compares that set to the remaining targets in the screening library using a hypergeometric test.

Note that many Crispr gRNA libraries specifically target biased sets of genes, often focusing on
genes involved in a particular pathway or encoding proteins with a shared biological property. Con-
sequently, the enrichment results returned by this function represent the pathways containing genes
disproportionately targeted *within the context of the screen*, and may or may not be informative
of the underlying biology in question. This means that pathways not targeted by a Crispr library will
obviously never be enriched within the positive target set regardless of their biological relevance,
and pathways enriched within a focused library screen are similarly expected to partially reflect the
composition of the library and other confounding issues (e.g., number of targets within a pathway).
Analysts should therefore use this function with care. For example, it might be unsurprising to
detect pathways related to histone modification within a screen employing a crispr library targeting
epigeneric regulators.

Usage

cr.PantherPathwayEnrichment(summaryDF, pvalue.cutoff = 0.01, enrich = TRUE,
organism = "human", db.cut = 10)

Arguments

summaryDF A dataframe summarizing the results of the screen, returned by the function
cr.generateResults.
pvalue.cutoff  A gene-level p-value cutoff defining targets of interest within the screen. Note that this is a nominal p-value cutoff to preserve end-user flexibility.
enrich Logical indicating whether to consider guides that are enriched (default) or depleted within the screen.
organism The species of the cell line used in the screen; currently only ‘human’ or ‘mouse’ are supported.
db.cut Minimum number of genes annotated to a given to a pathway within the screen in order to consider it in the enrichment test.

Value
A dataframe of enriched pathways.

Author(s)
Russell Bainer, Steve Lianoglou

Examples
data('resultsDF')
ct.PantherPathwayEnrichment(resultsDF, organism = 'mouse')

ct.PRCGenerate a Precision-Recall Curve from a CRISPR screen

Description
Given a set of targets of interest, this function generates a Precision Recall curve from the results of a CRISPR screen. Specifically, it orders the target elements in the screen by the specified statistic, and then plots the recall rate (proportion of true targets identified) against the precision (proportion of identified targets that are true targets).

Note that ranking statistics in CRISPR screens are (usually) permutation-based, and so some granularity in the rankings is expected. This function does a little extra work to ensure that hits are counted as soon as the requisite value of the ranking statistic is reached regardless of where the gene is located within the block of equally-significant genes. Functionally, this means that the drawn curve is somewhat anticonservative in cases where the gene ranks are not well differentiated.

Usage

Arguments
summaryDF  A dataframe summarizing the results of the screen, returned by the function ct.generateResults.
target.list  A character vector containing the names of the targets to be tested. Only targets contained in the geneID column of the provided summaryDF are considered.
stat  The statistic to use when ordering the genes. Must be one of "enrich.p", "deplete.p", "enrich.fc", or "deplete.fc".
plot.it  Logical value indicating whether to plot the curves.
ct.prepareAnnotation

Value

A list containing the the x and y coordinates of the curve.

Author(s)

Russell Bainer

Examples

data('resultsDF')
data('essential.genes') #Note that this is an artificial example.
pr <- ct.PRC(resultsDF, essential.genes, 'enrich.p')
str(pr)

ct.prepareAnnotation  Check and optionally subset an annotation file for use in a Crispr Screen

Description

This function processes a supplied annotation object for use in a pooled screening experiment. Originally this was processed into something special, but now it essentially returns the original annotation object in which the geneSymbol column has been factorized. This is primarily used internally during a call to the ct.generateResults() function. Also performs some minor functionality checking.

Usage

cp.prepareAnnotation(ann, object = NULL, controls = TRUE, throw.error = TRUE)

Arguments

ann  A data.frame containing an annotation object with gRNA-level information encoded as rows. The row.names attribute should correspond to the individual gRNAs, and it should at minimum contain columns named "geneID" and "geneSymbol" indicating the corresponding gRNA target gene ID and symbol, respectively.

object  If supplied, an object with row.names to be used to subset the supplied annotation frame for downstream analysis.

controls  The name of a value in the geneSymbol column of ann that corresponds to nontargeting control gRNAs. May also be supplied as a logical value, in which case the function will try to identify and format nontargeting guides.

throw.error  Logical indicating whether to throw an error when controls is TRUE but no nontargeting gRNAs are detected.

Value

A new annotation data frame, usually with nontargeting controls and NA values reformatted to NoTarget (and geneID set to 'no_gid'), and the "geneSymbol" column of ann factorized. If supplied with an object, the gRNAs not present in the object will be omitted.
**ct.rawCountDensities**

**Author(s)**
Russell Bainer

**Examples**
```r
data('ann')
data('es')
es <- ct.filterReads(es)
newann <- ct.prepareAnnotation(ann, es)
```

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**Description**

This function plots the per-sample densities of raw gRNA read counts on the log10 scale. The curve colors are assigned based on a user-specified sampleKey. This function is primarily useful to determine whether libraries are undersequenced (low mean raw gRNA counts), contaminated (many low-abundance gRNAs present), or if PCR artifacts may be present (subset of extremely abundant guides, multiple gRNA distribution modes). In most well-executed experiments the majority of gRNAs will form a tight distribution around some reasonably high average read count (hundreds of reads), at least among the control samples. Excessively low raw count values can compromise normalization steps and subsequent estimation of gRNA levels, especially in screens in which most gRNAs have minimal effects on cell viability.

**Usage**

```r
c.t.rawCountDensities(eset, sampleKey = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

- **eset**: An ExpressionSet object containing, at minimum, count data accessible by `exprs()` and some phenoData.
- **sampleKey**: A sample key, supplied as a (possibly ordered) factor linking the samples to experimental variables. The `names` attribute should exactly match those present in `eset`, and the control set is assumed to be the first level.

**Value**

A density plot as specified on the default device.

**Author(s)**
Russell Bainer
Examples

data('es')

# Build the sample key
library(Biobase)
sk <- relevel(as.factor(pData(es)$TREATMENT_NAME), "ControlReference")
names(sk) <- row.names(pData(es))

c.t.rawCountDensities(es, sk)

c.t.resultCheck       Determine whether a supplied object contains the results of a Pooled Screen

Description

Many gCrisprTools functions operate on a data.frame of results generated by a CRISPR screen. This function takes in a supplied object and returns a logical indicating whether the object can be treated as one of these data.frames for the purposes of downstream analyses. This is largely used internally, but can be useful if a user needs to build a result object for some reason.

Usage

c.t.resultCheck(summaryDF)

Arguments

summaryDF   A data.frame, usually returned by c.t.generateResults. If you need to generate one of these by hand for some reason, see the example resultsDF object loaded in the example below.

Value

A logical indicating whether the object is of the appropriate format.

Author(s)

Russell Bainer

Examples

data('resultsDF')
c.t.resultCheck(resultsDF)
Generate a Receiver-Operator Characteristic (ROC) Curve from a CRISPR screen

**Description**

Given a set of targets of interest, this function generates a ROC curve and associated statistics from the results of a CRISPR screen. Specifically, it orders the elements targeted in the screen by the specified statistic, and then plots the cumulative proportion of positive hits on the y-axis. The corresponding vectors and Area Under the Curve (AUC) statistic are returned as a list.

Note that ranking statistics in CRISPR screens are (usually) permutation-based, and so some granularity is expected. This function does a little extra work to ensure that hits are counted as soon as the requisite value of the ranking statistic is reached regardless of where the gene is located within the block of equally-significant genes. Functionally, this means that the drawn curve is somewhat anticonservative in cases where the gene ranks are not well differentiated.

**Usage**

```
```

**Arguments**

- `summaryDF`: A dataframe summarizing the results of the screen, returned by the function `ct.generateResults`.
- `target.list`: A character vector containing the names of the targets to be tested. Only targets contained in the `geneID` column of the provided `summaryDF` are considered.
- `stat`: The statistic to use when ordering the genes. Must be one of "enrich.p", "deplete.p", "enrich.fc", "deplete.fc", "enrich.rho", or "deplete.rho".
- `condense`: Logical indicating whether the returned x and y coordinates should be "condensed", returning only the points at which the detected proportion of `target.list` changes. If set to `FALSE`, the returned x and y vectors will explicitly indicate the curve value at every position (useful for performing curve arithmetic downstream).
- `plot.it`: Logical value indicating whether to plot the curves.

**Value**

A list containing the x and y coordinates of the curve, and the AUC statistic.

**Author(s)**

Russell Bainer

**Examples**

```
data('resultsDF')
data('essential.genes') # Note that this is an artificial example.
roc <- ct.ROC(resultsDF, essential.genes, 'enrich.p')
str(roc)
```
ct.stackGuides

View a stacked representation of the most variable targets or individual guides within an experiment, as a percentage of the total aligned reads

Description
This function identifies the gRNAs or targets that change the most from sample to sample within an experiment as a percentage of the entire library. It then plots the abundance of the top nguides as a stacked barplot for all samples in the experiment. The purpose of this algorithm is to detect potential distortions in the library composition that might not be properly controlled by sample normalization, and so the most variable entities are defined by calculating the percent of aligned reads that they contribute to each sample, and then ranking each entity by the range of these percentages across all samples. Consequently, gRNAs or Targets that are highly abundant in at least one condition will be more likely to be identified.

Usage
ct.stackGuides(eset, sampleKey = NULL, nguides = 20, plotType = "gRNA", annotation = NULL, ylimit = NULL, subset = NULL)

Arguments
eset An ExpressionSet object containing, at minimum, a matrix of gRNA abundances extractable with the exprs() function, and a metadata object containing a column named SAMPLE_LABEL containing unique identifiers for each sample. The colnames should be syntactically
sampleKey An optional sample key, supplied as an ordered factor linking the samples to experimental variables. The names attribute should exactly match those present in eset, and the control set is assumed to be the first level.
nguides The number of guides (or targets) to display.
plotType A string indicating whether the individual guides should be displayed ("gRNA"), or if they should be aggregated into target-level estimates ("Target") according to the geneSymbol column in the annotation object.
annotation An optional data.frame containing an annotation object to be used to aggregate the guides into targets. gRNAs are annotated by row, and must minimally contain a column geneSymbol indicating the target elements.
ylimit An optional numeric vector of length 2 specifying the y limits for the plot, useful in comparin across studies.
subset An optional character vector containing the sample labels to be used in the analysis; all elements must be contained in the colnames of the specified eset.

Value
A stacked barplot displaying the appropriate entities on the default device.

Author(s)
Russell Bainer
ct.targetSetEnrichment

Test Whether a Specified Target Set is Enriched Within a Pooled Screen

Description

This function takes in a resultsDF and a vector of targets (contained in the geneID column of resultsDF) and determines whether the specified targets are enriched within the set of all significantly altered targets. It does this by iteratively testing whether targets are more likely to be among the set of enriched or depleted targets at various significance thresholds using a hypergeometric test. Note that the returned Hypergeometric P-values are not corrected for multiple testing.

Returns a list detailing the targets used in the tests, and tables indicating the results of the hypergeometric test at various significance thresholds.

Usage

ct.targetSetEnrichment(summaryDF, targets, enrich = c(TRUE, FALSE),
                         ignore = NULL)

Arguments

summaryDF  A dataframe summarizing the results of the screen, returned by the function ct.generateResults.
targets    A character vector containing the names of the targets to be tested. Only targets contained in the geneID column of the provided summaryDF are considered.
enrich     Logical indicating whether to consider guides that are enriched (default) or depleted within the screen.
ignore     Optionally, a character vector containing elements of the geneID column of the provided summaryDF that should be ignored in the analysis (e.g., unassignable or nonfunctional targets, such as nontargeting controls). By default, this function omits targets with geneSymbol 'NoTarget'.

Value

A named list containing the tested target set and tables detailing the hypergeometric test results using various P-value and Q-value thresholds.

Author(s)

Russell Bainer

Examples

data(resultsDF)
tar <- sample(unique(resultsDF$geneID), 20)
res <- ct.targetSetEnrichment(resultsDF, tar)
ct.topTargets

Display the log2 fold change estimates and associated standard deviations of the guides targeting the top candidates in a crispr screen

Description

This is a function for displaying candidates from a crispr screen, using the information summarized in the corresponding fit and the output from ct.generateResults(). The fold change and standard deviation estimates for each gRNA associated with each target (extracted from the coefficients and stdev.unscaled slot of fit) are plotted on the y axis. Targets are selected on the basis of their gene-level enrichment or depletion P-values; in the case of ties, they are ranked on the basis of their corresponding Rho statistics.

Usage

ct.topTargets(fit, summaryDF, annotation, targets = 10, enrich = TRUE, contrast.term = NULL)

Arguments

fit An object of class MArrayLM containing, at minimum, a coefficients slot with coefficients from the comparison, and a stdev.unscaled slot with the corresponding standard deviation of the coefficient estimates. The row.names attribute should ideally match that which is found in annotation.

summaryDF A data.frame summarizing the results of the screen, returned by the function ct.generateResults.

annotation An annotation object for the experiment. gRNAs are annotated by row, and must minimally contain a column geneSymbol.

targets Either the number of top targets to display, or a list of geneSymbols contained in the geneSymbol slot of the annotation object.

enrich Logical indicating whether to display guides that are enriched (default) or depleted within the screen. If a vector of geneSymbols is specified, this controls the left-to-right ordering of the corresponding gRNAs.

contrast.term If a fit object with multiple coefficients is passed in, a string indicating the coefficient of interest.

Value

An image on the default device indicating each gRNA’s log2 fold change and the unscaled standard deviation of the effect estimate, derived from the MArrayLM object.

Author(s)

Russell Bainer
Examples

data('fit')
data('resultsDF')
data('ann')

c.t.topTargets(fit, resultsDF, ann)

c.t.viewControls  View nontargeting guides within an experiment

Description

This function tries to identify, and then plot the abundance of, the full set of non-targeting controls from an ExpressionSet object. Ideally, the user will supply a geneSymbol present in the appropriate annotation file that uniquely identifies the nontargeting gRNAs. Absent this, the function will search for common identifier used by nontargeting controls (geneID "no_gid", or geneSymbol NA).

Usage

c.t.viewControls(eset, annotation, sampleKey, geneSymb = NULL,
normalize = TRUE, lib.size = NULL)

Arguments

eset  An ExpressionSet object containing, at minimum, a matrix of gRNA abundances extractable with the exprs function.
annotation  An annotation data.frame for the experiment. gRNAs are annotated by row, and must minimally contain columns geneSymbol and geneID.
sampleKey  A sample key, supplied as an ordered factor linking the samples to experimental variables. The names attribute should exactly match those present in eset, and the control condition is assumed to be the first level.
geneSymb  The geneSymbol identifier in annotation that corresponds to nontargeting gRNAs. If absent, c.t.ViewControls will attempt to infer nontargeting guides by searching for "no_gid" or NA in the appropriate columns.
normalize  Logical indicating whether to attempt to normalize the data in the eset by DESeq size factors present in the metadata. If TRUE, then the metadata must contain a column containing these factors, named sizeFactor.crispr-gRNA.
lib.size  An optional vector of voom-appropriate library size adjustment factors, usually calculated with calcNormFactors and transformed to reflect the appropriate library size. These adjustment factors are interpreted as the total library sizes for each sample, and if absent will be extrapolated from the columnwise count sums of the exprs slot of the eset.

Value

An image of nontargeting control gRNA abundances on the default device.

Author(s)

Russell Bainer
ct.viewGuides

**Examples**

data('es')
data('ann')

#Build the sample key
library(Biobase)
sk <- ordered(relevel(as.factor(pData(es)$TREATMENT_NAME), "ControlReference"))
names(sk) <- row.names(pData(es))

ct.viewControls(es, ann, sk, geneSymb = NULL, normalize = FALSE)
ct.viewControls(es, ann, sk, geneSymb = NULL, normalize = TRUE)

---

**ct.viewGuides**  
*Generate a Plot of individual gRNA Pair Data in a Crispr Screen*

**Description**

This function generates a visualization of the effect estimates from a MArrayLM model result for all of the individual guides targeting a particular element, specified somewhere in the library annotation file. The estimated effect size and variance is plotted relative to zero for the specified contrast, with the color of the dot indicating the relative scale of the of the guide intercept within the model framework, with warmer colors indicating lowly expressed guides. For comparison, the density of gRNA fold change estimates is provided in a pane on the right, with white lines indicating the exact levels of the individual guides.

**Usage**

ct.viewGuides(gene, fit, ann, type = "geneSymbol", contrast.term = NULL)

**Arguments**

gene  
the name of the target element of interest, contained within the "type" column of the annotation file.

fit  
An object of class MArrayLM containing, at minimum, an "Amean" slot containing the guide level abundances, a "coefficients" slot containing the effect estimates for each guide, and an "stdev.unscaled" slot giving the coefficient standard Deviations.

ann  
A data.frame object containing the gRNA annotations. At minimum, it should have a column with the name specified by the type argument, containing the element targeted by each guide.

type  
A character string indicating the column in ann containing the target of interest.

contrast.term  
If a fit object with multiple coefficients is passed in, a string indicating the coefficient of interest.

**Value**

An image summarizing gRNA behavior within the specified gene on the default device.

**Author(s)**

Russell Bainer
Examples

data('fit')
data('ann')
ct.viewGuides('Target1633', fit, ann)

---

es  
ExpressionSet of count data from a Crispr screen with strong selection

Description

Expression set of raw counts from a screen in mouse cells performed at Genentech, Inc. All sample, gRNA, and Gene information has been anonymized and randomized.

Source

Genentech, Inc.

See Also

Please see ‘vignettes/Crispr_example_workflow.R’ for details.

Examples

data("es")
print(es)

---

essential.genes  
Artificial list of 'essential' genes in the example Crispr screen included for plotting purposes

Description

Example gene list, designed to demonstrate ROC and PRC functions All sample, gRNA, and Gene information has been anonymized and randomized.

Source

Russell Bainer

See Also

Please see ‘vignettes/Crispr_example_workflow.R’ for details.

Examples

data("essential.genes")
essential.genes
fit  

_Precalculated contrast fit from a Crispr screen_

**Description**

A precalculated fit object (class `MArrayLM`) comparing the death and control expansion arms of a Crispr screen performed at Genentech, Inc. All sample, gRNA, and Gene information has been anonymized and randomized.

**Source**

Genentech, Inc.

**See Also**

Please see 'vignettes/Crispr_example_workflow.R' for model details.

**Examples**

data("fit")
show(fit)

---

resultsDF  

_Precalculated gene-level summary of a crispr screen_

**Description**

A precalculated summary Dataframe comparing the death and control expansion arms of the provided example Crispr screen (using 8 cores, seed = 2). All sample, gRNA, and Gene information has been anonymized and randomized.

**Source**

Genentech, Inc.

**See Also**

Please see 'vignettes/Crispr_example_workflow.R' for model details.

**Examples**

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