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**msmsTests-package**  
*LC-MS/MS Differential Expression Tests*

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**Details**

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- **msms.glm.pois:** Poisson based GLM regression
- **msms.glm.qlll:** Quasi-likelihood GLM regression
- **msms.edgeR:** The binomial negative of edgeR
- **pval.by.fc:** Table of cumulative frequencies of features by p-values in bins of log fold change
- **test.results:** Multitest p-value adjustment and post-test filter
- **res.volcanoplot:** Volcano plot of the results

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**msms.edgeR**

**Description**

Given a null and an alternative model, with a two level treatment factor as the two conditions to compare, executes the negative binomial test by edgeR functions to discover differentially expressed proteins between the two conditions. The null and alternative models may include blocking factors. The reference level of the main factor is considered to be the control condition.

**Usage**

```r
msms.edgeR(msnset, form1, form0, facs=NULL, div=NULL, fnm=NULL)
```

**Arguments**

- `msnset`: A MSnSet object with spectral counts in the expression matrix.
- `form1`: The alternative hypothesis model as an standard R formula, with the treatment factor of interest, and eventual blocking factors.
- `form0`: The null hypothesis model as an standard R formula. It may be the standard null model (y~.) or contain one or multiple blocking factors.
- `facs`: NULL or a data frame with the factors in its columns.
- `div`: NULL or a vector with the divisors used to compute the offsets.
- `fnm`: NULL or a character string with the treatment factor name, as used in the column names of the factors data frame, and in the formula.

**Details**

The right hand site of the formulas is expected to be "y~", with the combination of factors after the tilde. If `facs` is NULL the factors are taken as default from `pData(msnset)`. If `div` is NULL all divisors are taken equal to one. If `fnm` is NULL it is taken to be the first factor in `facs`.

**Value**

A data frame with column names 'LogFC', 'LR', 'p.value', with the estimated log fold changes, likelihood ratio statistic and corresponding p-value as obtained from a call to `glmLRT()` from the edgeR package.

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**References**


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msms.glm.pois

Spectral counts differential expression by Poisson GLM

Description

Given a null and an alternative model, with a two level treatment factor as the two conditions to compare, executes a Poisson based GLM regression to discover differentially expressed proteins between the two conditions. The null and alternative models may include blocking factors. The reference level of the main factor is considered to be the control condition.

Usage

msms.glm.pois(msnset, form1, form0, facs=NULL, div=NULL)

Arguments

msnset  A MSnSet object with spectral counts in the expression matrix.
form1    The alternative hypothesis model as an standard R formula, with the treatment factor of interest, and eventual blocking factors.
form0    The null hypothesis model as an standard R formula. It may be the standard null model (y~.) or contain one or multiple blocking factors.
facs     NULL or a data frame with the factors in its columns.
div      NULL or a vector with the divisors used to compute the offsets.

Details

The right hand side of the formulas is expected to be "y~", with the combination of factors after the tilde. If facs is NULL the factors are taken as default from pData(msnset). If div is NULL all divisors are taken equal to one.
**Value**

A data frame with the following columns:

- **LogFC**  
  Log fold change estimated from the model parameters.
- **D**  
  Residual deviance as statistic of the test.
- **p.value**  
  The p-values obtained from the test.

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**References**


Josep Gregori, Laura Villareal, Alex Sanchez, Jose Baselga, Josep Villanueva (2013). An Effect Size Filter Improves the Reproducibility in Spectral Counting-based Comparative Proteomics. Journal of Proteomics, DOI [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jprot.2013.05.030](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.jprot.2013.05.030)

**See Also**

**Examples**

```r
library(msmsTests)
data(msms.dataset)
# Pre-process expression matrix
e <- pp.msms.data(msms.dataset)
# Factors
pData(e)
# Control condition
levels(pData(e)$treat)[1]
# Treatment condition
levels(pData(e)$treat)[2]

# Models and normalizing condition
null.f <- "y~batch"
alt.f <- "y~treat+batch"
div <- apply(exprs(e),2,sum)

#Test
res <- msms.glm.pois(e,alt.f,null.f,div=div)
str(res)
head(res)
```
Spectral counts differential expression by quasi-likelihood GLM

Description
Given a null and an alternative model, with a two level treatment factor as the two conditions to compare, executes a quasi-likelihood based GLM regression to discover differentially expressed proteins between the two conditions. The null and alternative models may include blocking factors. The reference level of the main factor is considered to be the control condition.

Usage
msms.glm.qlll(msnset, form1, form0, facs=NULL, div=NULL)

Arguments
- **msnset**: A MSnSet object with spectral counts in the expression matrix.
- **form1**: The alternative hypothesis model as an standard R formula, with the treatment factor of interest, and eventual blocking factors.
- **form0**: The null hypothesis model as an standard R formula. It may be the standard null model (y~.) or contain one or multiple blocking factors.
- **facs**: NULL or a data frame with the factors in its columns.
- **div**: NULL or a vector with the divisors used to compute the offsets.

Details
The right hand site of the formulas is expected to be "y~", with the combination of factors after the tilde. If **facs** is NULL the factors are taken as default from **pData(msnset)**. If **div** is NULL all divisors are taken equal to one.

Value
A data frame with the following columns:
- **LogFC**: Log fold change estimated from the model parameters.
- **D**: Residual deviance as statistic of the test.
- **p.value**: The p-values obtained from the test.

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References


**See Also**

`MSnSet.glm`

**Examples**

```r
library(msmsTests)
data(msms.dataset)
# Pre-process expression matrix
e <- pp.msms.data(msms.dataset)
# Factors
pData(e)
# Control condition
levels(pData(e)$treat)[1]
# Treatment condition
levels(pData(e)$treat)[2]

# Models and normalizing condition
null.f <- "y~batch"
alt.f <- "y~treat+batch"
div <- apply(exprs(e),2,sum)

# Test
res <- msms.glm.qlll(e,alt.f,null.f,div=div)
str(res)
head(res)
```

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**msms.spk**  
Yeast lisate samples spiked with human proteins

**Description**

A MSnSet with a spectral counts in the expression matrix and a treatment factor in the phenoData slot.

The spectral counts matrix has samples in the columns, and proteins in the rows. Each sample consists in 500ng of standard yeast lisate spiked with 100, 200, 400 and 600fm of a mix of 48 equimolar human proteins (UPS1, Sigma-Aldrich). The dataset contains a different number of technical replicates of each sample.

**Usage**

data(msms.spk)
Format

A MSnSet

References


Laurent Gatto and Kathryn S. Lilley, MSnbase - an R/Bioconductor package for isobaric tagged mass spectrometry data visualization, processing and quantitation, Bioinformatics 28(2), 288-289 (2012).

See Also

See MSnSet for detail on the class, and the exprs and pData accessors.

Examples

data(msms.spk)
msms.spk
dim(msms.spk)
table(pData(msms.spk))
head(exprs(msms.spk))

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pval.by.fc

Table of cumulative frequencies of p-values by log fold change bins

Description

Given the set of p-values and log fold changes that result from a test, computes a table of cumulative frequencies of features by p-values in bins of log fold changes.

Usage

pval.by.fc(pvals,lfc)

Arguments

lfc
The log fold changes estimated from the tests.
pvals
The p-values, adjusted or not, obtained from the tests.

Value

A matrix of cumulated frequencies with descriptive row and column names.

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References

See Also
test.results

Examples

library(msmsTests)
data(msms.spk)
# Subset
treat <- pData(msms.spk)
jdx <- which(treat=="U200" | treat=="U600")
e <- msms.spk[,jdx]
pData(e)$treat <- treat[jdx,1,drop=TRUE]
# Pre-process expression matrix
e <- pp.msms.data(e)
# Models and normalizing condition
null.f <- "y~1"
alt.f <- "y~treat"
div <- apply(exprs(e),2,sum)
#Test
res <- msms.glm.pois(e,alt.f,null.f,div=div)
# Post-test filter
lst <- test.results(res,e,pData(e)$treat,"U600","U200",div,
 alpha=0.05,minSpC=2,minLFC=1,
 method="BH")

## On all features, with multitest adjusted p-values
pval.by.fc(lst$tres$adjp, lst$tres$LogFC)

### On all features deemed significant and biologically relevant
flags <- lst$tres$DEP
pval.by.fc(lst$tres$adjp[flags], lst$tres$LogFC[flags])

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res.volcanoplot         Volcanoplot

Description
Given the data frame obtained from test.results() a volcano plot is drawn. The features are colored according to significance and relevance.

Usage

res.volcanoplot(tres, max.pval=0.05, min.LFC=1, maxx=3, maxy=10, ylbls=20)
Arguments

tres  The dataframe with test results as obtained from test.results(). Or a dataframe with, at least, the following columns: LogFC with log fold changes, adjp with multtest adjusted p-values, and DEP with TRUE or FALSE as post test filter results, being the TRUE features both statistically significant and relevant for reproducibility.

max.pval  The maximum adjusted p-value considered as statistically significant.

min.LFC  The minimum absolute log fold change considered as biologically relevant.

maxx  The maximum value in abscissas (i.e. log2(fold change)).

maxy  The maximum value in ordinates (i.e. -log10(p.val))

ylbls  All features with -log10(p.val) above this value will be plotted with feature labels.

Details

Abscissas and ordinates may be limited giving a value other than NULL to the parameters maxx and maxy. All features deemed significant and relevant are plotted by a blue dot, all features deemed significant but not passing the post test filter are plotted by a red dot. The non-significant features are plotted as smaller black dots. All features deemed significant and relevant and with a -log10 p-value above ylbls are plotted with a label showing their row index in the test results dataframe. The borders limiting the values given by max.pval and min.LFC are plotted as dash-and-dot red lines.

Value

No return value.

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References


See Also

test.results, volcanoplot

Examples

library(msmsTests)
data(msms.dataset)
# Pre-process expression matrix
e <- pp.msms.data(msms.dataset)
# Models and normalizing condition
null.f <- "y~batch"
alt.f <- "y~treat+batch"
div <- apply(exprs(e),2,sum)
#Test
```r
res <- msms.glm.qlll(e, alt.f, null.f, div=div)
lst <- test.results(res, e, pData(e)$treat, "U600", "U200", div,
                   alpha=0.05, minSpC=2, minLFC=log2(1.8),
                   method="BH")
# Plot
res.volcanoplot(lst$tres, max.pval=0.05, min.LFC=1, maxx=3, maxy=NULL,
                 ylbs=4)
```

**Description**

Operates on the statistic tests results obtained from `msms.glm.pois()`, `msms.glm.qlll()` or `msms.edgeR()`. The following variables are computed: Raw expression mean values for each condition (control and treatment), log fold change based on these expression levels and taking into account the normalizing divisors (`div`), multitest adjusted p-values with FDR control, and a post test filter based on minimum spectral counts and minimum absolute log fold change as estimated by the statistic test. According to the results of this post-test filter, features are flagged as T or F depending on whether they result relevant or not, beyond their statistic significance.

**Usage**

```r
test.results(test, msnset, gpf, gp1, gp2, div, alpha = 0.05,
             minSpC = 2, minLFC = 1, method = "BH")
```

**Arguments**

- `test` The dataframe obtained from either `msms.glm.pois()`, `msms.glm.qlll()` or `msms.edgeR()`.
- `msnset` A MSnSet object with spectral counts in the expression matrix.
- `gpf` The factor used in the tests.
- `gp1` The treatment level name.
- `gp2` The control level name. Should be the factor’s reference level. See R function `relevel`.
- `div` The weights used as divisors (offsets) in the GLM model. Usually the sum of spectral counts of each sample.
- `alpha` The multi test adjusted p-value significance threshold.
- `minSpC` The minimum spectral counts considered as relevant in the most abundant condition. This filter aims at reaching good reproducibility.
- `minLFC` The minimum absolute log fold change considered both, relevant and biologically significant. This filter aims at assuring enough biological effect size and at reaching good reproducibility.
- `method` One among BH or qval. The p-values are FDR adjusted by the Benjamini-Hochberg method (BH) or by qvalue (qval).

**Details**

No feature is removed in the filter, but instead they are flagged as TRUE or FALSE depending on whether they are considered as differentially expressed or not, in the DEP column, taking into account statistic significance and reproducibility metrics.
**Value**

A data frame with the following columns:

- **first column**: Column named as the treatment level with the mean raw spectral counts observed for this condition.
- **second column**: Column named as the control level with the mean raw spectral counts observed for this condition.
- **lFC.Av**: Log fold change computed from the mean expression levels taking into account the given normalization factors.
- **logFC**: Log fold change estimated by fitting the given GLM model. The reference level of the main factor is taken as control.
- **D or LR**: The statistic obtained from the tests. The residual deviance D for Poisson and quasi-likelihood, or the likelihood ratio LR for edgeR.
- **p.val**: The unadjusted p-values obtained from the tests.
- **adj.p**: The multitest adjusted p-values with FDR control.
- **DEP**: A logical flagging the features considered both as statistically significant and relevant for reproducibility.

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**References**


Alan Dabney, John D. Storey and with assistance from Gregory R. Warnes. qvalue: Q-value estimation for false discovery rate control. R package version 1.30.0.

**See Also**

pval.by.fc, p.adjust, qvalue.

**Examples**

```r
library(msmsTests)
data(msms.dataset)
# Pre-process expression matrix
e <- pp.msms.data(msms.dataset)
# Factors
pData(e)
# Control condition
levels(pData(e)$treat)[1]
# Treatment condition
levels(pData(e)$treat)[2]
# Models and normalizing condition
null.f <- "y-batch"
alt.f <- "y-treat+batch"
```
div <- apply(exprs(e),2,sum)
# Test
res <- msms.glm.qlll(e,alt.f,null.f,div=div)
# Post-test filter
lst <- test.results(res,e,pData(e)$treat,"U600","U200",div,
                      alpha=0.05,minSpC=2,minLFC=1,
                      method="BH")
str(lst)
lst$cond
head(lst$tres)
rownames(lst$tres)[which(lst$tres$DEP)]
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