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plrs-package

Piecewise Linear Regression Splines (PLRS) for the association between DNA copy number and mRNA expression

Description

The present package implements a framework for modeling the relationship between DNA copy number and gene expression data using Piecewise Linear Regression Splines (PLRS). It includes (point and interval) estimation, model selection and testing procedures for such models (possibly under biologically motivated constraints).

Details

The use of the present package can be divided into two approaches:

1. Analysis of a single DNA-mRNA relationship

Main functions are:

- **plrs**: Fit a single plrs model.
- **plrs.select**: Model selection based on AIC, AICC, OSAIC or BIC.
- **plrs.test**: Likelihood ratio test for a given plrs model.
- **plrs.cb**: Confidence bands for a plrs model.

2. Analysis of multiple DNA-mRNA relationships sequentially

Main function is:

- **plrs.series**: point and interval estimation, model selection and testing of DNA-mRNA association for a series of arrays.

Note: This function extend the aforementioned univariate analysis genomewise in the same spirit as some functions of the limma package do.

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References

criteria

Compute AIC, AICC, BIC and OSAIC for a given plrs model.

Description

Extract AIC, AICC, BIC and OSAIC from an object of class `plrs-class`.

Usage

criteria(obj, crit = "all")

Arguments

- `obj`: object of class `plrs-class`
- `crit`: A character (vector) among "aic", "aicc", "bic", "osaic" or "all".

Value

A list with the following components (if specified):

- `aic`: Akaike's information criterion
- `aicc`: Small sample correction of AIC
- `bic`: Bayesian Information Criterion

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References


Examples

```r
# Simulate data
sim <- plrs.sim(n=80, states=4, sigma=0.5)

# Fit
model <- plrs(expr=sim$expr, cghseg=sim$seg, cghcall=sim$cal)

criteria(model)
```
modify.conf

Modify the configuration (of calls) of the plrs model

Description

This function changes the discrete copy number values for a given gene in order to force a minimum number of observations per state.

Usage

modify.conf(cghcall, min.obs = 3, discard = TRUE)

Arguments

cghcall  Vector of called values
min.obs  Minimum number of observations per state
discard  Logical. Whether discrete states with few observations should be discarded from analysis.

Details

Consider that the number of observations of a given state is lower than min.obs, then:
- if discard = FALSE, observations are not discarded and a rearrangement of called values is carried out as follows. The "normal" copy number state is taken as a reference. If the minimum number of observations is not obtained, "losses" will be merged to "normals", "gains" to "normals" and "amplifications" to "gains". Note that this modifies the configuration of the model. Thus, after fitting a model using plrs, original and modified data are stored in the resulting plrs-class object, respectively under slots data and mdata.
- if discard = TRUE, states for which the number of observations is lower than min.obs are discarded (replaced by NAs).

Value

val  Vector of new called values

Note

This function is implemented within function plrs and plrs.series.

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Examples

called <- sample(c(rep(-1,5),rep(0,15),rep(1,2),rep(2,1)))
table(called)
table(modify.conf(called, min.obs=3))
neveCN17

*Copy number for chromosome 17.*

**Description**

Preprocessed copy number data of Neve et al. (2006) for chromosome 17.

**Usage**

`neveCN17`

**Format**

An object of class `cghCall`

**Source**

M. Neve et al. in Gray Lab at LBL. Neve2006: expression and CGH data on breast cancer cell lines. R package version 0.1.10.

**References**


**Examples**

```r
data(neveCN17)
dim(neveCN17)
head(fData(neveCN17))
```

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neveGE17

*mRNA expression for chromosome 17.*

**Description**

Normalized gene expression data of Neve et al. (2006) for chromosome 17.

**Usage**

`neveGE17`

**Format**

An object of class `ExpressionSet`

**Source**

M. Neve et al. in Gray Lab at LBL. Neve2006: expression and CGH data on breast cancer cell lines. R package version 0.1.10.
References


Examples

data(neveGE17)
dim(neveGE17)
head(fData(neveGE17))

plot-methods

Plot functions in package 'plrs'

Description

Methods plot in package 'plrs'

Usage

## S3 method for class 'plrs'
plot(x, col.line = "black", col.pnts = c("red", "blue", "green2", "green4"),
    col.cb = "yellow", xlim = c(floor(min(x@data$cghseg)), ceiling(max(x@data$cghseg))),
    ylim = c(floor(min(x@data$expr)),ceiling(max(x@data$expr))),
    pch = 16, lwd=4, cex = 1.2, xlab="", ylab="", main = ",
    add = FALSE, lty = 1, lin = FALSE, ...)

Arguments

x An object of class `plrs-class` or `plrs.select-class`
col.line Color of the fitted line
col.pnts Vector of length 4, for colors associated with each state
col.cb Color for the confidence band
xlim The x limits of the plot
ylim The y limits of the plot
pch See `par`
lwd See `par`
cex See `par`
xlab Title of the x-axis
ylab Title of the y-axis
main Main title for the plot
add If the plot should be added to the current device. Default is FALSE
lty See `par`
lin Logical. Whether the simple linear model should also be plotted
... Other arguments, see `par`
Details

plot.plrs plots the observed points, the fitted line and potentially the confidence band.

Methods

signature(x = "plrs") Plot observed points and the fitted line
signature(x = "plrs.select") Plot observed points and the fitted line of the selected model.

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**plrs**  
*Fit a (constrained) piecewise linear regression spline*

Description

The function fits a piecewise linear regression spline to explain gene expression by the segmented DNA copy number. The called copy number values are used as a template for model building.

Usage

```r
plrs(expr, cghseg, cghcall=NULL, probloss = NULL, probnorm = NULL, probgain = NULL, probamp = NULL, knots = NULL, continuous = FALSE, constr = TRUE, constr.slopes = 2, constr.intercepts = TRUE, min.obs = 3, discard.obs = TRUE)
```

Arguments

- **expr**: Vector of gene expression values
- **cghseg**: Vector of segmented copy number values
- **cghcall**: Vector of called copy number values. If not provided, we are reduced to a simple linear model.
- **probloss**: Vector of call probabilities associated with state "loss". Default is NULL.
- **probnorm**: Vector of call probabilities associated with state "normal". Default is NULL.
- **probgain**: Vector of call probabilities associated with state "gain". Default is NULL.
- **probamp**: Vector of call probabilities associated with state "amplification". Default is NULL.
- **knots**: knots or change points. If NULL (default), they are estimated. See details.
- **continuous**: Logical, whether the model is continuous (no jump) or not.
- **constr**: Logical, whether the model is constrained or not. (This has been implemented to turn on and off easily the constraints)
- **constr.slopes**: Type of non-negativity constraints applied on slopes. Either 1 or 2 (default). See details.
- **constr.intercepts**: If TRUE (default) jumps from state to state are also constrained to be non-negative.
- **min.obs**: See `modify.conf`
- **discard.obs**: See `modify.conf`
Details
If cghcall=NULL, discrete copy number values are omitted, which results in fitting a simple linear model.

If constr.slopes=1, all slopes are constrained to be non-negative. If constr.slopes=2, the slope associated with state "normal" is constrained to be non-negative and all others are forced to be at least equal to the latter.

Two methods are implemented for the estimation of knots. If call probabilities are provided, a knot is determined so that the sum of the two adjacent states membership probabilities is maximized. Otherwise, this is defined as the midpoint of the interval between the two consecutive states.

The constrained least squares problem is solved using function solve.QP of package quadprog.

Value
An object of class plrs-class

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Examples

# Simulate data
sim <- plrs.sim(n=80, states=4, sigma=0.5)

# Fit a model
model <- plrs(expr=sim$expr, cghseg=sim$seg, cghcall=sim$cal)
model

# Methods
coef(model)
effects(model)
fitted(model)
knots(model)
model.matrix(model)
plot(model)
predict(model, newcghseg=seq(0,5, length.out=100))
residuals(model)
summary(model)


plrs-class

Class plrs

Description
An S4 class representing the output of the plrs function.
**Slots**

- **coefficients**: Object of class numeric containing spline coefficients
- **fitted.values**: Object of class numeric containing the fitted values
- **residuals**: Object of class numeric containing the residuals
- **X**: Object of class matrix containing the design matrix
- **data**: Object of class list containing input data
- **mdata**: Object of class list containing (possibly modified) data used to fit the model (See `modify.conf`).
- **QP**: Object of class list containing input elements used for quadratic programming. If the model is unconstrained this contains a light version of an `lm` object.
- **test**: Object of class list containing results from testing.
- **cb**: Object of class list containing lower and upper bounds for predicted values.
- **selected**: Object of class logical indicating whether the model results from a selection procedure.
- **type**: Object of class character giving the type of model
- **call.arg**: Object of class list containing the input arguments (for reproducibility)

**Methods**

- **coef** Returns the coefficients
- **criteria** See `criteria`
- **effects** Returns matrix of effects
- **fitted** Returns the fitted values
- **knots** Returns the knots
- **model.matrix** Returns the design matrix
- **plot** See `plot.plrs`
- **predict** See `predict.plrs`
- **print** Print the object information
- **residuals** Returns the residuals
- **show** Print the object information
- **summary** Print a summary of the object information

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Uniform confidence bands (CB) for plrs models

Description

Determine uniform confidence intervals for predicted values of a 'plrs' model.

Usage

plrs.cb(object, alpha=0.05, newcgh=NULL)

Arguments

- object: An object of class plrs-class.
- alpha: Significance level
- newcgh: Vector of segmented values. Support for building CB.

Details

The input object of class plrs-class has to result from function plrs.test.

The problem of finding (at a given x) a confidence interval for the mean response is expressed as a semi-definite optimization problem and solved using function csdp of package Rcsdp.

Value

An object of class plrs-class that contains CB information.

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References


See Also

plrs.test

Examples

# Simulate data
sim <- plrs.sim(n=80, states=4, sigma=0.5)

# Fit a model
model <- plrs(expr=sim$expr, cghseg=sim$seg, cghcall=sim$cal)

# Confidence bands
```r
model <- plrs.test(model)
model <- plrs.cb(model, alpha=0.05)
plot(model)
```

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**plrs.select**  
*Model selection*

**Description**  
Selection of a model based on an information criterion (AIC, AICC, BIC or OSAIC).

**Usage**  
```r
plrs.select(object, crit = ifelse(object@call.arg$constr,"osaic","aic"))
```

**Arguments**  
- `object`: An object of class `plrs-class`
- `crit`: Character corresponding to the criterion to use. See `criteria`.

**Value**  
An object of class `plrs.select-class`

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**plrs.select-class**  
*Class plrs.select*

**Description**  
An S4 class representing the output of the `plrs.select` function.

**Slots**  
- `table`: Object of class `matrix` containing the criterion value for all models
- `model`: Object of class `plrs` containing the selected model
- `crit`: Object of class `character` containing the criterion used for model selection

**Methods**  
- `plot`  
  See `plot.plrs`
- `print`  
  Print the object information
- `show`  
  Print the object information
- `summary`  
  Print a summary of the object information

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plrs.series

Fit plrs models for a series of arrays.

Description

The function fits plrs models for a series of arrays. Model selection and testing procedures may be applied.

Usage

plrs.series(expr, cghseg, cghcall=NULL, probloss = NULL, probnorm = NULL, probgain = NULL, probamp = NULL, control.model = list(continuous = FALSE, constr = TRUE, constr.slopes = 2, constr.intercepts = TRUE, min.obs = 3, discard.obs = TRUE), control.select = list(crit = ifelse(control.model$constr, "osaic","aic")), control.test = list(testing = TRUE, cb = FALSE, alpha = 0.05), control.output = list(save.models = FALSE, save.plots = FALSE, plot.lin = FALSE, type = "jpeg"))

Arguments

expr Either a matrix of expression profiles or an ExpressionSet object.
cghseg Either a matrix of segmented copy number values or objects of class cghSeg or cghCall
cghcall Matrix of called copy number
probloss Matrix of call probabilities associated with state "loss". Default is NULL.
probnorm Matrix of call probabilities associated with state "normal". Default is NULL.
probgain Matrix of call probabilities associated with state "gain". Default is NULL.
probamp Matrix of call probabilities associated with state "amplification". Default is NULL.
control.model See details
control.select See details
control.test See details
control.output See details
Details

If DNA and mRNA input data are matrices, rows should correspond to genes and columns to arrays. Alternatively, expression data may be provided as an ExpressionSet object and aCGH data as cghSeg or cghCall objects. A cghCall object contain all data from the calling step, thus arguments probloss, probnorm, probnorm and probamp can be omitted. An object of class cghSeg does not contain such data so only simple linear models will be fitted.

control.model allows the user to specify the type of model that has to be fitted. This must be a list with one or more of the following components: constr, constr.slopes, constr.intercepts, min.obs and discard.obs. See functions plrs and modify.conf for more details.

control.select allows the user to specify whether model selection should be done and how. This must be a list with a component named crit. See function plrs.select for more details. If control.select = NULL then no model selection is done.

control.output allows the user to plot and save each plrs model. This must be a list with components:
- save.models, a logical. This will create within the work directory a new directory named "plrsSeriesOb-
- save.plots, a logical. This will create within the work directory a new directory named "plrsSeries-
- plot.lin, a logical. Whether the simple linear model should also be plotted.
- type, a character. Format of file. To pass through function savePlot.

Value

An object of class plrs.series-class

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Examples

# Simulate data
ngenes <- 10
narray <- 48
rna <- dnaseg <- dnacal <- matrix(NA, ngenes, narray)
idx <- sample(1:4, ngenes, replace=TRUE, prob=rep(1/4,4))
for(i in 1:ngenes){
  Sim <- plrs.sim(n=narray, states=idx[i], sigma=0.5)
  rna[i,] <- Sim$expr
dnaseg[i,] <- Sim$seg
dnacal[i,] <- Sim$cal
}

# Screening procedure with linear model
series <- plrs.series(expr = rna, cghseg = dnaseg, cghcall = NULL, control.select = NULL)

# Screening procedure with full plrs model
series <- plrs.series(expr = rna, cghseg = dnaseg, cghcall = dnacal, control.select = NULL)
# Model selection
series <- plrs.series(expr = rna, cghseg = dnaseg, cghcall = dnacal)

## plrs.series-class

### Class plrs.series

**Description**

An S4 class representing the output of the `plrs.series` function.

**Slots**

- `coefficients`: Matrix containing coefficients of models
- `effects`: List containing effects
- `test`: Matrix containing results from testing.
- `general`: Matrix providing the distribution of the number genes and arrays regarding the copy number states
- `modelsType`: List providing models’ type
- `call.arg`: List providing details on the type of models that have been fitted.

**Methods**

- `print` Print the object information
- `show` Print the object information
- `summary` Print a summary of the object information

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## plrs.sim

### Simulation of a plrs model

**Description**

Simulation of a piecewise relationship.

The function has been only implemented for convenience of simulations and R examples.

**Usage**

`plrs.sim(n = 80, states = 4, sigma = 01, x = NULL)`
**Arguments**

- **n**  
  Number of simulated data points

- **states**  
  Number of states for the model

- **sigma**  
  Noise

- **x**  
  Segmented values.

**Details**

To be written...

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**Examples**

```r
# Simulate 1-state model
sim <- plrs.sim(n=80, states=1, sigma=0.5)
model <- plrs(expr=sim$expr, cghseg=sim$seg, cghcall=sim$cal)
plot(model)

# Simulate 2-state model
sim <- plrs.sim(n=80, states=2, sigma=0.5)
model <- plrs(expr=sim$expr, cghseg=sim$seg, cghcall=sim$cal)
plot(model)

# Simulate 3-state model
sim <- plrs.sim(n=90, states=3, sigma=0.5)
model <- plrs(expr=sim$expr, cghseg=sim$seg, cghcall=sim$cal)
plot(model)

# Simulate 4-state model
sim <- plrs.sim(n=80, states=4, sigma=0.5)
model <- plrs(expr=sim$expr, cghseg=sim$seg, cghcall=sim$cal)
plot(model)
```

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**plrs.test**  
*Likelihood ratio test for a plrs model*

**Description**

Test whether copy number has an effect on mRNA expression.

**Usage**

```r
plrs.test(object, alpha=0.05)
```

**Arguments**

- **object**  
  An object of class `plrs-class`

- **alpha**  
  Significance level
Details

Two cases present themselves:

1. The model is unconstrained. Thus, the model under the null hypothesis is the intercept and an F-test is performed.

2. The model is constrained and the following hypothesis are tested:
   H0: All constraints are actives (=)
   H1: At least one constraint is strict (>)
Under H0, we always have the intercept model. Indeed, if constr.slopes = 1 (or 2) and constr.intercepts = T, then the only parameter free of inequality constraint is the overall intercept. If constr.intercepts = F, the local intercepts are additionally constrained to be 0 in order to obtain the intercept model under the null. The likelihood ratio statistic (unknown variance) is asymptotically distributed as a weighted mixture of Beta distribution (cf Gromping (2010)). Calculation of p-values is based on functions ic.weights and pbetabar of package ic.infer. The package mvtnorm is also involved.

In both cases the input model is taken as the model under the alternative.

Value

A list object with the following components:

- stat: Test statistic
- pvalue: Calculated pvalue
- wt.bar: Weights (if the model is constrained)
- df.bar: Degrees of freedom.
- unconstr: Unconstrained model of class plrs-class
- qbetabar: (1-alpha) quantile of the beta mixture distribution
- alpha: Significance level

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References


Examples

# Simulate data
sim <- plrs.sim(n=80, states=2, sigma=0.5)

# Fit a model
model <- plrs(expr=sim$expr, cghseg=sim$seg, cghcall=sim$cal)

# Testing
model <- plrs.test(model)
model
predict.plrs

Predict method for plrs models

Description
Determine predicted values based on a given plrs model

Usage
## S3 method for class 'plrs'
predict(object, newcghseg, ...)

Arguments
- object: An object of class plrs-class
- newcghseg: A vector of new segmented CGH values
- ...: further arguments

Value
A vector containing the fitted values.

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