Package ‘tximport’

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Title Import and summarize transcript-level estimates for transcript- and gene-level analysis

Description Imports transcript-level abundance, estimated counts and transcript lengths, and summarizes into matrices for use with downstream gene-level analysis packages. Average transcript length, weighted by sample-specific transcript abundance estimates, is provided as a matrix which can be used as an offset for different expression of gene-level counts.

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Description

tximport imports transcript-level estimates from various external software and optionally summarizes abundances, counts, and transcript lengths to the gene-level (default) or outputs transcript-level matrices (see txOut argument).

Usage

summarizeToGene(txi, tx2gene, ignoreTxVersion = FALSE, countsFromAbundance = c("no", "scaledTPM", "lengthScaledTPM"))

taximport(files, type = c("none", "salmon", "sailfish", "kallisto", "rsem"), txIn = TRUE, txOut = FALSE, countsFromAbundance = c("no", "scaledTPM", "lengthScaledTPM"), tx2gene = NULL, varReduce = FALSE, dropInfReps = FALSE, ignoreTxVersion = FALSE, geneIdCol, txIdCol, abundanceCol, countsCol, lengthCol, importer = NULL)

Arguments

txi list of matrices of transcript-level abundances, counts, and lengths produced by tximport, only used by summarizeToGene

tx2gene a two-column data.frame linking transcript id (column 1) to gene id (column 2). the column names are not relevant, but this column order must be used. this argument is required for gene-level summarization for methods that provides transcript-level estimates only (kallisto, Salmon, Sailfish)

ignoreTxVersion logical, whether to split the tx id on the '.' character to remove version information, for easier matching with the tx id in gene2tx (default FALSE)

countsFromAbundance character, either "no" (default), "scaledTPM", or "lengthScaledTPM", for whether to generate estimated counts using abundance estimates scaled up to library size (scaledTPM) or additionally scaled using the average transcript length over samples and the library size (lengthScaledTPM). if using scaledTPM or lengthScaledTPM, then the counts are no longer correlated with average transcript length, and so the length offset matrix should not be used.

files a character vector of filenames for the transcript-level abundances

type character, the type of software used to generate the abundances. Options are "salmon", "sailfish", "kallisto", "rsem". This argument is used to autofill the arguments below (geneIdCol, etc.) "none" means that the user will specify these columns.

txIn logical, whether the incoming files are transcript level (default TRUE)

txOut logical, whether the function should just output transcript-level (default FALSE)

varReduce whether to reduce per-sample inferential replicates information into a matrix of sample variances variance (default FALSE)

dropInfReps whether to skip reading in inferential replicates (default FALSE)

geneIdCol name of column with gene id. if missing, the gene2tx argument can be used

txIdCol name of column with tx id

abundanceCol name of column with abundances (e.g. TPM or FPKM)

countsCol name of column with estimated counts

lengthCol name of column with feature length information

importer a function used to read in the files
Details

tximport will also load in information about inferential replicates – a list of matrices of the Gibbs samples from the posterior, or bootstrap replicates, per sample – if these data are available in the expected locations relative to the files, and if txOut=TRUE. The inferential replicates, stored in infReps in the output list, are on estimated counts, and therefore follow counts in the output list. By setting varReduce=TRUE, the inferential replicate matrices will be replaced by a single matrix with the sample variance per transcript and per sample. Inferential replicate information is not summarized to the gene level.

While tximport summarizes to the gene-level by default, the user can also perform the import and summarization steps manually, by specifying txOut=TRUE and then using the function summarizeToGene. Note however that this is equivalent to tximport with txOut=FALSE (the default).

Solutions to the error "tximport failed at summarizing to the gene-level":

1. provide a tx2gene data.frame linking transcripts to genes (more below)
2. avoid gene-level summarization by specifying txOut=TRUE
3. set geneIdCol to an appropriate column in the files

See vignette('tximport') for example code for generating a tx2gene data.frame from a TxDb object. Note that the keys and select functions used to create the tx2gene object are documented in the man page for AnnotationDb-class objects in the AnnotationDbi package (TxDb inherits from AnnotationDb). For further details on generating TxDb objects from various inputs see vignette('GenomicFeatures') from the GenomicFeatures package.

Value

a simple list containing matrices: abundance, counts, length. Another list element 'countsFromAbundance' carries through the character argument used in the tximport call. If detected, and txOut=TRUE, inferential replicates for each sample will be imported and stored as a list of matrices, itself an element infReps in the returned list. If varReduce=TRUE the inferential replicates will be summarized according to the sample variance, and stored as a matrix variance. The length matrix contains the average transcript length for each gene which can be used as an offset for gene-level analysis.

Functions

• summarizeToGene: Summarize transcript-level to gene-level
• tximport: Import estimates of abundances and counts

References


Examples

# load data for demonstrating tximport
# note that the vignette shows more examples
# including how to read in files quickly using the readr package

library(tximportData)
dir <- system.file("extdata", package="tximportData")
samples <- read.table(file.path(dir, "samples.txt"), header=TRUE)
files <- file.path(dir, "salmon", samples$run, "quant.sf")
names(files) <- paste0("sample", 1:6)

# tx2gene links transcript IDs to gene IDs for summarization
tx2gene <- read.csv(file.path(dir, "tx2gene.csv"))

txi <- tximport(files, type="salmon", tx2gene=tx2gene)
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