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as.list.glmGamPoi

Convert glmGamPoi object to a list

Description

Convert glmGamPoi object to a list

Usage

```r
## S3 method for class 'glmGamPoi'
as.list(x, ...)
```
Estimate Beta's for Fixed Dispersion

**Description**

Estimate the Betas for Fixed Dispersion

**Usage**

```r
estimate_betas_fisher_scoring(
  Y,
  model_matrix,
  offset_matrix,
  dispersions,
  beta_mat_init,
  ridge_penalty,
  try_recovering_convergence_problems = TRUE
)
```

**Value**

- `Beta` a matrix with one column for each coefficient
- `iterations` the number of iterations

**Arguments**

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**Value**

The method returns a list with the following elements:

- `Beta` a matrix with dimensions `nrow(data) x n_coefficients` where `n_coefficients` is based on the design argument. It contains the estimated coefficients for each gene.
- `overdispersions` a vector with length `nrow(data)`. The overdispersion parameter for each gene. It describes how much more the counts vary than one would expect according to the Poisson model.
- `Mu` a matrix with the same dimensions as `dim(data)`. If the calculation happened on disk, than `Mu` is a HDF5Matrix. It contains the estimated mean value for each gene and sample.
- `size_factors` a vector with length `ncol(data)`. The size factors are the inferred correction factors for different sizes of each sample. They are also sometimes called the exposure factor.
- `model_matrix` a matrix with dimensions `ncol(data) x n_coefficients`. It is build based on the design argument.
**estimate_betas_group_wise**

*Estimate the Betas for Fixed Dispersions*

**Description**

Estimate the Betas for Fixed Dispersions

**Usage**

```r
estimate_betas_group_wise(
  Y,  
  offset_matrix,  
  dispersions,  
  beta_group_init = NULL,  
  beta_mat_init = NULL,  
  groups,  
  model_matrix
)
```

**Value**

a list with three elements

- **Beta** a matrix with one column per group and a row for each gene
- **iterations** the number of iterations from the Newton-Raphson method
- **deviances** the deviance for each gene (sum of the deviance per group)

**estimate_betas_roughly**

*Make a quick first guess where reasonable beta would be*

**Description**

Make a quick first guess where reasonable beta would be

**Usage**

```r
estimate_betas_roughly(  
  Y,  
  model_matrix,  
  offset_matrix,  
  pseudo_count = 1,  
  ridge_penalty = NULL
)
```
estimate_betas_roughly_group_wise

Value

a matrix with one column for each coefficient

Description

Make a quick first guess where reasonable beta would be for a set of groups

Usage

estimate_betas_roughly_group_wise(Y, offset_matrix, groups)

Value

a matrix with the mean per group for each gene

estimate_size_factors Estimate the Size Factors

Description

Estimate the Size Factors

Usage

estimate_size_factors(Y, method, verbose = FALSE)

Arguments

Y  any matrix-like object(base::matrix(),DelayedArray,HDF5Matrix,Matrix::Matrix(), etc.)
method  one of c("normed_sum", "deconvolution", "poscounts")

Value

a vector with one size factor per column of Y
format_matrix  
Helper to format a matrix nicely

Description
Helper to format a matrix nicely

Usage

format_matrix(matrix, digits = NULL)

Value
a string

glm_gp  
Fit a Gamma-Poisson Generalized Linear Model

Description
This function provides a simple to use interface to fit Gamma-Poisson generalized linear models. It works equally well for small scale (a single model) and large scale data (e.g. thousands of rows and columns, potentially stored on disk). The function automatically determines the appropriate size factors for each sample and efficiently finds the best overdispersion parameter for each gene.

Usage

glm_gp(
data,
design = ~1,
col_data = NULL,
reference_level = NULL,
offset = 0,
size_factors = c("normed_sum", "deconvolution", "poscounts", "ratio"),
overdispersion = TRUE,
overdispersion_shrinkage = TRUE,
ridge_penalty = 0,
do_cox_reid_adjustment = TRUE,
subsample = FALSE,
on_disk = NULL,
use_assay = NULL,
verbose = FALSE
)
Arguments

data any matrix-like object (e.g. matrix, DelayedArray, HDF5Matrix) or anything that can be cast to a SummarizedExperiment (e.g. MSnSet, eSet etc.) with one column per sample and row per gene.

design a specification of the experimental design used to fit the Gamma-Poisson GLM. It can be a model.matrix() with one row for each sample and one column for each coefficient. Alternatively, design can be a formula. The entries in the formula can refer to global objects, columns in the col_data parameter, or the colData(data) of data if it is a SummarizedExperiment. The third option is that design is a vector where each element specifies to which condition a sample belongs. Default: design = ~ 1, which means that all samples are treated as if they belong to the same condition. Note that this is the fastest option.

col_data a dataframe with one row for each sample in data. Default: NULL.

reference_level a single string that specifies which level is used as reference when the model matrix is created. The reference level becomes the intercept and all other coefficients are calculated with respect to the reference_level. Default: NULL.

offset Constant offset in the model in addition to log(size_factors). It can either be a single number, a vector of length ncol(data) or a matrix with the same dimensions as dim(data). Note that if data is a DelayedArray or HDF5Matrix, offset must be as well. Default: 0.

size_factors in large scale experiments, each sample is typically of different size (for example different sequencing depths). A size factor is an internal mechanism of GLMs to correct for this effect. size_factors is either a numeric vector with positive entries that has the same lengths as columns in the data that specifies the size factors that are used. Or it can be a string that species the method that is used to estimate the size factors (one of c("normed_sum", "deconvolution", "poscounts", "ratio")). Note that "normed_sum" and "poscounts" are fairly simple methods and can lead to suboptimal results. For the best performance on data with many zeros, I recommend to use size_factors = "deconvolution" which calls scran::calculateSumFactors(). However, you need to separately install the scran package from Bioconductor for this method to work. For small datasets common for bulk RNA-seq experiments, I recommend to use size_factors = "ratio", which uses the same procedure as DESeq2 and edgeR. Also note that size_factors = 1 and size_factors = FALSE are equivalent. If only a single gene is given, no size factor is estimated (ie. size_factors = 1). Default: "normed_sum".

overdispersion the simplest count model is the Poisson model. However, the Poisson model assumes that variance = mean. For many applications this is too rigid and the Gamma-Poisson allows a more flexible mean-variance relation (variance = mean + mean^2 * overdispersion). overdispersion can either be

• a single boolean that indicates if an overdispersion is estimated for each gene.
• a numeric vector of length nrow(data) fixing the overdispersion to those values.
• the string "global" to indicate that one dispersion is fit across all genes.

Note that overdispersion = 0 and overdispersion = FALSE are equivalent and both reduce the Gamma-Poisson to the classical Poisson model. Default: TRUE.

overdispersion_shrinkage

the overdispersion can be difficult to estimate with few replicates. To improve the overdispersion estimates, we can share information across genes and shrink each individual overdispersion estimate towards a global overdispersion estimate. Empirical studies show however that the overdispersion varies based on the mean expression level (lower expression level => higher dispersion). If overdispersion_shrinkage = TRUE, a median trend of dispersion and expression level is fit and used to estimate the variances of a quasi Gamma Poisson model (Lund et al. 2012). Default: TRUE.

ridge_penalty
to avoid overfitting, we can penalize fits with large coefficient estimates. Instead of directly minimizing the deviance per gene (\(\text{Sumdev}(y_i, X_i b)\)), we will minimize \(\text{Sumdev}(y_i, X_i b) + N \times \text{Sum}(\text{penalty}_p \times \text{b}_p)^2\).

ridge_penalty can be
• a scalar in which case all parameters except the intercept are penalized.
• a vector which has to have the same length as columns in the model matrix
• a matrix with the same number of columns as columns in the model matrix. This gives maximum flexibility for expert users and allows for full Tikhonov regularization.

Default: ridge_penalty = 0, which is internally replaced with a small positive number for numerical stability.

do_cox_reid_adjustment

the classical maximum likelihood estimator of the overdispersion is biased towards small values. McCarthy et al. (2012) showed that it is preferable to optimize the Cox-Reid adjusted profile likelihood.

do_cox_reid_adjustment can be either be TRUE or FALSE to indicate if the adjustment is added during the optimization of the overdispersion parameter. Default: TRUE.

subsample

the estimation of the overdispersion is the slowest step when fitting a Gamma-Poisson GLM. For datasets with many samples, the estimation can be considerably sped up without losing much precision by fitting the overdispersion only on a random subset of the samples. Default: FALSE which means that the data is not subsampled. If set to TRUE, at most 1,000 samples are considered. Otherwise the parameter just specifies the number of samples that are considered for each gene to estimate the overdispersion.

on_disk

a boolean that indicates if the dataset is loaded into memory or if it is kept on disk to reduce the memory usage. Processing in memory can be significantly faster than on disk. Default: NULL which means that the data is only processed in memory if data is an in-memory data structure.

use_assay

Specify which assay to use. Default: NULL, which means that if available ’counts’ are used. Otherwise an error is thrown except if there is only a single assay.
glm_gp

verbose a boolean that indicates if information about the individual steps are printed while fitting the GLM. Default: FALSE.

Details

The method follows the following steps:

1. The size factors are estimated.
   If size_factors = "normed_sum", the column-sum for each cell is calculated and the resulting size factors are normalized so that their geometric mean is 1. If size_factors = "poscounts", a slightly adapted version of the procedure proposed by Anders and Huber (2010) in equation (5) is used. To handle the large number of zeros the geometric means are calculated for \( Y + 0.5 \) and ignored during the calculation of the median. Columns with all zeros get a default size factor of 0.001. If size_factors = "deconvolution", the method `scran::calculateSumFactors()` is called. If size_factors = "ratio", the unmodified procedure from Anders and Huber (2010) in equation (5) is used.

2. The dispersion estimates are initialized based on the moments of each row of \( Y \).

3. The coefficients of the model are estimated.
   If all samples belong to the same condition (i.e. design = ~ 1), the betas are estimated using a quick Newton-Raphson algorithm. This is similar to the behavior of edgeR. For more complex designs, the general Fisher-scoring algorithm is used. Here, the code is based on a fork of the internal function `fitBeta()` from DESeq2. It does however contain some modification to make the fit more robust and faster.

4. The mean for each gene and sample is calculated.
   Note that this step can be very IO intensive if data is or contains a DelayedArray.

5. The overdispersion is estimated.
   The classical method for estimating the overdispersion for each gene is to maximize the Gamma-Poisson log-likelihood by iterating over each count and summing the the corresponding log-likelihood. It is however, much more efficient for genes with many small counts to work on the contingency table of the counts. Originally, this approach had already been used by Anscombe (1950). In this package, I have implemented an extension of their method that can handle general offsets.
   See also `overdispersion_mle()`.

6. The beta coefficients are estimated once more with the updated overdispersion estimates

7. The mean for each gene and sample is calculated again.

This method can handle not just in memory data, but also data stored on disk. This is essential for large scale datasets with thousands of samples, as they sometimes encountered in modern single-cell RNA-seq analysis. glmGamPoi relies on the DelayedArray and beachmat package to efficiently implement the access to the on-disk data.

Value

The method returns a list with the following elements:

• Beta a matrix with dimensions nrow(data) x n_coefficients where n_coefficients is based on the design argument. It contains the estimated coefficients for each gene.
overdispersions a vector with length nrow(data). The overdispersion parameter for each gene. It describes how much more the counts vary than one would expect according to the Poisson model.

overdispersion_shrinkage_list a list with additional information from the quasi-likelihood shrinkage. For details see overdispersion_shrinkage().

deviances a vector with the deviance of the fit for each row. The deviance is a measure how well the data is fit by the model. A smaller deviance means a better fit.

Mu a matrix with the same dimensions as dim(data). If the calculation happened on disk, than Mu is a HDF5Matrix. It contains the estimated mean value for each gene and sample.

size_factors a vector with length ncol(data). The size factors are the inferred correction factors for different sizes of each sample. They are also sometimes called the exposure factor.

Offset a matrix with the same dimensions as dim(data). If the calculation happened on disk, than Offset is a HDF5Matrix. It contains the log(size_factors) + offset from the function call.

data a SummarizedExperiment that contains the input counts and the col_data

model_matrix a matrix with dimensions ncol(data) x n_coefficients. It is build based on the design argument.

design_formula the formula that used to fit the model, or NULL otherwise

ridge_penalty a vector with the specification of the ridge penalty.

References


See Also

overdispersion_mle() and overdispersion_shrinkage() for the internal functions that do the work. For differential expression analysis, see test_de().

Examples

```r
set.seed(1)
# The simplest example
y <- rnbinom(n = 10, mu = 3, size = 1/2.4)
c(glm_gp(y, size_factors = FALSE))

# Fitting a whole matrix
model_matrix <- cbind(1, rnorm(5))
true_Beta <- cbind(rnorm(n = 30), rnorm(n = 30, mean = 3))
sf <- exp(rnorm(n = 5, mean = 0.7))
model_matrix
Y <- matrix(rnbinom(n = 30 * 5, mu = sf * exp(true_Beta %*% t(model_matrix)), size = 1/2.4),
nrow = 30, ncol = 5)
fit <- glm_gp(Y, design = model_matrix, size_factors = sf, verbose = TRUE)
summary(fit)

# Fitting a model with covariates
data <- data.frame(fav_food = sample(c("apple", "banana", "cherry"), size = 50, replace = TRUE),
city = sample(c("heidelberg", "paris", "new york"), size = 50, replace = TRUE),
age = rnorm(n = 50, mean = 40, sd = 15))
Y <- matrix(rnbinom(n = 100 * 50, mu = 3, size = 1/3.1), nrow = 100, ncol = 50)
fit <- glm_gp(Y, design = ~ fav_food + city + age, col_data = data)
summary(fit)

# Specify 'ridge_penalty' to penalize extreme Beta coefficients
fit_reg <- glm_gp(Y, design = ~ fav_food + city + age, col_data = data, ridge_penalty = 1.5)
summary(fit_reg)
```

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**glm_gp_impl**

*Internal Function to Fit a Gamma-Poisson GLM*

**Description**

Internal Function to Fit a Gamma-Poisson GLM

**Usage**

```r
glm_gp_impl(Y,
model_matrix,
offset = 0,
```
### Arguments

**Y**
any matrix-like object (e.g. matrix(), DelayedArray(), HDF5Matrix()) with one column per sample and row per gene.

**model_matrix**
a numeric matrix that specifies the experimental design. It can be produced using stats::model.matrix(). Default: NULL

**offset**
Constant offset in the model in addition to \( \log(\text{size_factors}) \). It can either be a single number, a vector of length \( \text{ncol(data)} \) or a matrix with the same dimensions as \( \text{dim(data)} \). Note that if data is a DelayedArray or HDF5Matrix, offset must be as well. Default: 0.

**size_factors**
in large scale experiments, each sample is typically of different size (for example different sequencing depths). A size factor is an internal mechanism of GLMs to correct for this effect.

- size_factors is either a numeric vector with positive entries that has the same lengths as columns in the data that specifies the size factors that are used. Or it can be a string that species the method that is used to estimate the size factors (one of c("normed_sum", "deconvolution", "poscounts", "ratio")). Note that "normed_sum" and "poscounts" are fairly simple methods and can lead to suboptimal results. For the best performance on data with many zeros, I recommend to use size_factors = "deconvolution" which calls scran::calculateSumFactors(). However, you need to separately install the scran package from Bioconductor for this method to work. For small datasets common for bulk RNA-seq experiments, I recommend to use size_factors = "ratio", which uses the same procedure as DESeq2 and edgeR. Also note that size_factors = 1 and size_factors = FALSE are equivalent. If only a single gene is given, no size factor is estimated (ie. size_factors = 1). Default: "normed_sum".

**overdispersion**
the simplest count model is the Poisson model. However, the Poisson model assumes that variance = mean. For many applications this is too rigid and the Gamma-Poisson allows a more flexible mean-variance relation (variance = mean + mean^2 * overdispersion).

- overdispersion can either be
  - a single boolean that indicates if an overdispersion is estimated for each gene.
  - a numeric vector of length \( \text{nrow(data)} \) fixing the overdispersion to those values.
  - the string "global" to indicate that one dispersion is fit across all genes.

Note that overdispersion = 0 and overdispersion = FALSE are equivalent and both reduce the Gamma-Poisson to the classical Poisson model. Default:
TRUE.

overdispersion_shrinkage
the overdispersion can be difficult to estimate with few replicates. To improve
the overdispersion estimates, we can share information across genes and shrink
each individual overdispersion estimate towards a global overdispersion esti-
mate. Empirical studies show however that the overdispersion varies based
on the mean expression level (lower expression level => higher dispersion). If
overdispersion_shrinkage = TRUE, a median trend of dispersion and expres-
sion level is fit and used to estimate the variances of a quasi Gamma Poisson
model (Lund et al. 2012). Default: TRUE.

ridge_penalty
to avoid overfitting, we can penalize fits with large coefficient estimates. Instead
of directly minimizing the deviance per gene ($\text{Sumdev}(y_i, X_i b)$), we will min-
imize $\text{Sumdev}(y_i, X_i b) + N \times \text{Sum}(\text{penalty}_p \times b_p)^2$.
ridge_penalty can be
• a scalar in which case all parameters except the intercept are penalized.
• a vector which has to have the same length as columns in the model matrix
• a matrix with the same number of columns as columns in the model ma-
trix. This gives maximum flexibility for expert users and allows for full
Tikhonov regularization.
Default: ridge_penalty = 0, which is internally replaced with a small positive
number for numerical stability.

do_cox_reid_adjustment
the classical maximum likelihood estimator of the overdispersion is biased
towards small values. McCarthy et al. (2012) showed that it is preferable to
optimize the Cox-Reid adjusted profile likelihood.
do_cox_reid_adjustment can be either be TRUE or FALSE to indicate if the
adjustment is added during the optimization of the overdispersion parameter.
Default: TRUE.

subsample
the estimation of the overdispersion is the slowest step when fitting a Gamma-
Poisson GLM. For datasets with many samples, the estimation can be consider-
ably sped up without loosing much precision by fitting the overdispersion only
on a random subset of the samples. Default: FALSE which means that the data is
not subsampled. If set to TRUE, at most 1,000 samples are considered. Otherwise
the parameter just specifies the number of samples that are considered for each
gene to estimate the overdispersion.

verbose
a boolean that indicates if information about the individual steps are printed
while fitting the GLM. Default: FALSE.

Value
a list with four elements
• Beta the coefficient matrix
• overdispersion the vector with the estimated overdispersions
• Mu a matrix with the corresponding means for each gene and sample
• size_factors a vector with the size factor for each sample
• ridge_penalty a vector with the ridge penalty
loc_median_fit

Estimate local median fit

Description
This function fits y based on x through a (weighted) median using the npoints/2 neighborhood.

Usage
loc_median_fit(
  x,
  y,
  fraction = 0.1,
  npoints = max(1, round(length(x) * fraction)),
  weighted = TRUE,
  ignore_zeros = FALSE,
  sample_fraction = 1
)

Arguments
x, y the x and y coordinates of the points.
fraction, npoints the fraction / number of the points that are considered for each fit. npoints is the argument that is used in the end it is at least one. Default: fraction = 0.1 and npoints = length(x) * fraction.
weighted a boolean that indicates if a weighted median is calculated.
ignore_zeros should the zeros be excluded from the fit
sample_fraction use a fraction of the data to estimate the local median. Useful for extremely large datasets where the trend is well-sampled

Details
This function is low-level implementation detail and should usually not be called by the user.

See Also
locfit: a package dedicated to local regression.

glm_gp() and overdispersion_mle()
Examples

```r
x <- runif(n = 1000, max = 4)
y <- rpois(n = 1000, lambda = x * 10)

plot(x, y)
fit <- loc_median_fit(x, y, fraction = 0.1)
fit2 <- loc_median_fit(x, y, fraction = 0.1, sample_fraction = 0.75)
points(x, fit, col = "red")
points(x, fit2, col = "blue")
```

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**overdispersion_mle**

Estimate the Overdispersion for a Vector of Counts

**Description**

Estimate the Overdispersion for a Vector of Counts

**Usage**

```r
overdispersion_mle(
  y,
  mean,
  model_matrix = NULL,
  do_cox_reid_adjustment = !is.null(model_matrix),
  global_estimate = FALSE,
  subsample = FALSE,
  max_iter = 200,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

- `y` a numeric or integer vector or matrix with the counts for which the overdispersion is estimated
- `mean` a numeric vector of either length 1 or `length(y)` or if `y` is a matrix, a matrix with the same dimensions. Contains the predicted value for that sample. If missing: `mean(y) / rowMeans(y)`
- `model_matrix` a numeric matrix that specifies the experimental design. It can be produced using `stats::model.matrix()`. Default: `NULL`
- `do_cox_reid_adjustment` the classical maximum likelihood estimator of the overdispersion is biased towards small values. McCarthy *et al.* (2012) showed that it is preferable to optimize the Cox-Reid adjusted profile likelihood. `do_cox_reid_adjustment` can be either be `TRUE` or `FALSE` to indicate if the adjustment is added during the optimization of the overdispersion parameter. Default: `TRUE` if a model matrix is provided, otherwise `FALSE`
global_estimate
flag to decide if a single overdispersion for a whole matrix is calculated instead of one estimate per row. This parameter has no affect if y is a vector. Default: FALSE

subsample
the estimation of the overdispersion is the slowest step when fitting a Gamma-Poisson GLM. For datasets with many samples, the estimation can be considerably sped up without loosing much precision by fitting the overdispersion only on a random subset of the samples. Default: FALSE which means that the data is not subsampled. If set to TRUE, at most 1,000 samples are considered. Otherwise the parameter just specifies the number of samples that are considered for each gene to estimate the overdispersion.

max_iter
the maximum number of iterations for each gene

verbose
a boolean that indicates if information about the individual steps are printed while fitting the GLM. Default: FALSE.

Details
The function is optimized to be fast on many small counts. To achieve this, the frequency table of the counts is calculated and used to avoid repetitive calculations. If there are probably many unique counts the optimization is skipped. Currently the heuristic is to skip if more than half of the counts are expected to be unique. The estimation is based on the largest observed count in y.

An earlier version of this package (< 1.1.1) used a separate set of functions for the case of many small counts based on a paper by Bandara et al. (2019). However, this didn’t bring a sufficient performance increase and meant an additional maintenance burden.

Value
The function returns a list with the following elements:

estimate the numerical estimate of the overdispersion.
iterations the number of iterations it took to calculate the result.
message additional information about the fitting process.

See Also
glm_gp()

Examples

set.seed(1)
# true overdispersion = 2.4
y <- rnbinom(n = 10, mu = 3, size = 1/2.4)
# estimate = 1.7
overdispersion_mle(y)

# true overdispersion = 0
y <- rpois(n = 10, lambda = 3)
# estimate = 0
overdispersion_shrinkage

overdispersion_mle(y)
# with different mu, overdispersion estimate changes
overdispersion_mle(y, mean = 15)
# Cox-Reid adjustment changes the result
overdispersion_mle(y, mean = 15, do_cox_reid_adjustment = FALSE)

# Many very small counts, true overdispersion = 50
y <- rnbinom(n = 1000, mu = 0.01, size = 1/50)
summary(y)
# estimate = 31
overdispersion_mle(y, do_cox_reid_adjustment = TRUE)

# Function can also handle matrix input
Y <- matrix(rnbinom(n = 10 * 3, mu = 4, size = 1/2.2), nrow = 10, ncol = 3)
Y
as.data.frame(overdispersion_mle(Y))

overdispersion_shrinkage

Shrink the overdispersion estimates

Description

Low-level function to shrink a set of overdispersion estimates following the quasi-likelihood and Empirical Bayesian framework.

Usage

overdispersion_shrinkage(
  disp_est,
  gene_means,
  df,
  disp_trend = TRUE,
  ql_disp_trend = NULL,
  ...,
  verbose = FALSE
)

Arguments

- `disp_est`: vector of overdispersion estimates
- `gene_means`: vector of average gene expression values. Used to fit `disp_trend` if that is `NULL`.
- `df`: degrees of freedom for estimating the Empirical Bayesian variance prior. Can be length 1 or same length as `disp_est` and `gene_means`.
- `disp_trend`: vector with the dispersion trend. If `NULL` or `TRUE` the dispersion trend is fitted using a (weighted) local median fit. Default: `TRUE`. 

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- **ql_disp_trend**: a logical to indicate if a second abundance trend using splines is fitted for the quasi-likelihood dispersions. Default: NULL which means that the extra fit is only done if enough observations are present.
- **...**: additional parameters for the `loc_median_fit()` function
- **verbose**: a boolean that indicates if information about the individual steps are printed while fitting the GLM. Default: FALSE.

**Details**
The function goes through the following steps

1. Fit trend between overdispersion MLE’s and the average gene expression. Per default it uses the `loc_median_fit()` function.
2. Convert the overdispersion MLE’s to quasi-likelihood dispersion estimates by fixing the trended dispersion as the "true" dispersion value: $\text{disp}_{ql} = (1 + \mu \ast \text{disp}_{mle})/(1 + \mu \ast \text{disp}_{trend})$

**Value**
The function returns a list with the following elements

- **dispersion_trend**: the dispersion trend provided by `disp_trend` or the local median fit.
- **ql_disp_estimate**: the quasi-likelihood dispersion estimates based on the dispersion trend, `disp_est`, and `gene_means`
- **ql_disp_trend**: the `ql_disp_estimate` still might show a trend with respect to `gene_means`. If `ql_disp_trend = TRUE` a spline is used to remove this secondary trend. If `ql_disp_trend = FALSE` it corresponds directly to the dispersion prior
- **ql_disp_shrunken**: the shrunken quasi-likelihood dispersion estimates. They are shrunked towards `ql_disp_trend`.
- **ql_df0**: the degrees of freedom of the empirical Bayesian shrinkage. They correspond to spread of the `ql_disp_estimate`'s

**References**


**See Also**

`limma::squeezeVar()`
**Examples**

```r
Y <- matrix(rnbinom(n = 300 * 4, mu = 6, size = 1/4.2), nrow = 300, ncol = 4)
disps <- sapply(seq_len(nrow(Y)), function(idx){
  overdispersion_mle(Y[idx, ])$estimate
})
shrink_list <- overdispersion_shrinkage(disps, rowMeans(Y), df = ncol(Y) - 1,
  disp_trend = FALSE, ql_disp_trend = FALSE)
plot(rowMeans(Y), shrink_list$ql_disp_estimate)
lines(sort(rowMeans(Y)), shrink_list$ql_disp_trend[order(rowMeans(Y))], col = "red")
points(rowMeans(Y), shrink_list$ql_disp_shrunken, col = "blue", pch = 16, cex = 0.5)
```

**predict.glmGamPoi**  
*Predict 'link' or 'response' values for Gamma-Poisson GLMs*

**Description**

Predict \( \mu \) (i.e., type = "response") or \( \log(\mu) \) (i.e., type = "link") from a 'glmGamPoi' fit (created by `glm_gp(...)`) with the corresponding estimate of the standard error. If newdata is NULL, \( \mu \) is returned for the original input data.

**Usage**

```r
## S3 method for class 'glmGamPoi'
predict(
  object,
  newdata = NULL,
  type = c("link", "response"),
  se.fit = FALSE,
  offset = mean(object$Offset),
  on_disk = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

- **object**: a glmGamPoi fit object (produced by `glm_gp()`).
- **newdata**: a specification of the new data for which the expression for each gene is predicted. newdata should be a data.frame if the original fit was specified with a formula, provide a data.frame with one column for each variable in the formula. For example, if `glm_gp(se, design = ~ age + batch + treatment)`, then the data.frame needs a age, batch, and treatment column that contain the same data types as the original fit.
vector if the original fit was specified using a vector, you need to again provide
a vector with the same format.

matrix if newdata is a matrix, it is applied directly as 

\[
\text{Mu} \leftarrow \exp(\text{object$Beta} \%\% \text{t(newdata)} + \text{object$offset\_matrix}).
\]

So make sure, that it is constructed correctly.

NULL if newdata is NULL, the predicted values for the original input data are returned.

type either 'link' or 'response'. The default is 'link', which returns the predicted values
before the link function (\exp()) is applied. Thus, the values can be positive
and negative numbers. However, often the predicted values are easier to interpret after the link function is applied (i.e., type = "response"), because then the values are on the same scale as the original counts.

se.fit boolean that indicates if in addition to the mean the standard error of the mean is returned.

offset count models (in particular for sequencing experiments) usually have a sample
specific size factor (offset = log(size factor)). It defines how big we expect the predicted results are. If newdata is NULL, the offset is ignored, because the predict() returns a result based on the pre-calculated object$Mu. If newdata is not NULL, by default the offset is mean(object$Offset), which puts the in the same size as the average sample.

on_disk a boolean that indicates if the results are HDF5Matrix's from the HDF5Array package. If newdata is NULL, on_disk is ignored. Otherwise, if on_disk = NULL, the result is calculated on disk depending if offset is stored on disk.

verbose a boolean that indicates if information about the individual steps are printed while predicting. Default: FALSE.

... currently ignored.

Details

For se.fit = TRUE, the function sticks very close to the behavior of stats::predict.glm() for fits from MASS::glm.nb().

Value

If se.fit == FALSE, a matrix with dimensions nrow(object$data) x nrow(newdata).
If se.fit == TRUE, a list with three entries

fit the predicted values as a matrix with dimensions nrow(object$data) x nrow(newdata). This is what would be returned if se.fit == FALSE.

se.fit the associated standard errors for each fit. Also a matrix with dimensions nrow(object$data) x nrow(newdata).

residual.scale Currently fixed to 1. In the future, this might become the values from object$overdispersion_shrinkage_list$ql_disp_shrunken.

See Also

stats::predict.lm() and stats::predict.glm()
Examples

```r
set.seed(1)
# The simplest example
y <- rnbinom(n = 10, mu = 3, size = 1/2.4)
fit <- glm_gp(y, size_factors = FALSE)
predict(fit, type = "response")
predict(fit, type = "link", se.fit = TRUE)

# Fitting a whole matrix
model_matrix <- cbind(1, rnorm(5))
true_Beta <- cbind(rnorm(n = 30), rnorm(n = 30, mean = 3))
sf <- exp(rnorm(n = 5, mean = 0.7))
model_matrix
Y <- matrix(rnbinom(n = 30 * 5, mu = sf * exp(true_Beta %*% t(model_matrix)), size = 1/2.4),
nrow = 30, ncol = 5)
fit <- glm_gp(Y, design = model_matrix, size_factors = sf, verbose = TRUE)
head(predict(fit, type = "response"))
pred <- predict(fit, type = "link", se.fit = TRUE, verbose = TRUE)
head(pred$fit)
head(pred$se.fit)

# Fitting a model with covariates
data <- data.frame(fav_food = sample(c("apple", "banana", "cherry"), size = 50, replace = TRUE),
                  city = sample(c("heidelberg", "paris", "new york"), size = 50, replace = TRUE),
                  age = rnorm(n = 50, mean = 40, sd = 15))
Y <- matrix(rnbinom(n = 4 * 50, mu = 3, size = 1/3.1), nrow = 4, ncol = 50)
fit <- glm_gp(Y, design = ~ fav_food + city + age, col_data = data)
predict(fit)[, 1:3]
nd <- data.frame(fav_food = "banana", city = "paris", age = 29)
predict(fit, newdata = nd)
nd <- data.frame(fav_food = "banana", city = "paris", age = 29:40)
predict(fit, newdata = nd, se.fit = TRUE, type = "response")
```

Description

Pretty print the result from `glm_gp()`
Usage

```r
## S3 method for class 'glmGamPoi'
print(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'glmGamPoi'
format(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'glmGamPoi'
summary(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'summary.glmGamPoi'
print(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'summary.glmGamPoi'
format(x, ...)
```

Arguments

- `x`: the glmGamPoi object
- `...`: additional parameters, currently ignored
- `object`: the glmGamPoi object that is summarized

Value

The `print()` methods return the object `x`. The `format()` method returns a string. The `summary()` method returns an object of class `summary.glmGamPoi`.

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pseudobulk

Create a ‘SingleCellExperiment’ containing pseudo-bulk samples

Description

Create a 'SingleCellExperiment' containing pseudo-bulk samples

Usage

```r
pseudobulk(
  data,
  group_by,
  ...,
  aggregation_functions = list(counts = "rowSums2", .default = "rowMeans2"),
  col_data = NULL,
  make_colnames = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```
residuals.glmGamPoi

Arguments

data a 'SingleCellExperiment' or an object of a related class
group_by an unquoted expression that can refer to columns in the 'colData()'. All observations with the same factor level are aggregated. The argument follows the same logic as dplyr::group_by(). The argument must wrapped using vars()
... named expressions that summarize columns in 'colData()'. Each expression must produce a value of length 1. The arguments follow the same logic as dplyr::summarize().
aggregation_functions a named list with functions that are used to aggregate the assays in the data.
col_data additional data with ncol(data) rows. The group_by and named arguments can refer to the columns of the col_data in addition to the columns in colData(data) (assuming data is a SummarizedExperiment).
make_colnames a boolean that decides if the column names are the concatenated values of group_by. Default: TRUE
verbose a boolean that indicates if information about the process are printed Default: TRUE.

Value

a SingleCellExperiment object

Examples

library(SingleCellExperiment)
data <- data.frame(sample = sample(c("samp1", "samp2", "samp3"), size = 50, replace = TRUE),
celltype = sample(c("T cells", "B cells", "Macrophages"), size = 50, replace = TRUE),
size = rnorm(n = 50, mean = 40, sd = 15))
Y <- matrix(rnbinom(n = 100 * 50, mu = 3, size = 1/3.1), nrow = 100, ncol = 50)
sce <- SingleCellExperiment(Y, colData = data)
aggr_sce <- pseudobulk(sce, group_by = vars(sample, celltype), size = mean(size))
aggr_sce
colData(aggr_sce)

residuals.glmGamPoi  Extract Residuals of Gamma Poisson Model

Description

Extract Residuals of Gamma Poisson Model
Usage

## S3 method for class 'glmGamPoi'
residuals(
  object,
  type = c("deviance", "pearson", "randomized_quantile", "working", "response"),
  ...
)

Arguments

object a fit of type glmGamPoi. It is usually produced with a call to glm_gp().
type the type of residual that is calculated. See details for more information. Default: "deviance".
... currently ignored.

Details

This method can calculate a range of different residuals:

- **deviance** The deviance for the Gamma-Poisson model is

  \[
  dev = 2 \times \left( \frac{1}{\theta} \log \left( \frac{1+m \theta}{1+y \theta} \right) - y \log \left( \frac{(m+y \theta)}{(y+m \theta \theta)} \right) \right)
  \]

  and the residual accordingly is

  \[
  res = \text{sign}(y-m) \text{sqrt}(dev).
  \]

- **pearson** The Pearson residual is

  \[
  res = \frac{y-m}{\text{sqrt}(m + m^2 \theta)}
  \]

- **randomized_quantile** The randomized quantile residual was originally developed by Dunn & Smyth, 1995. Please see that publication or \texttt{statmod::qresiduals()} for more information.

- **working** The working residuals are \(res = \frac{y-m}{m}\).

- **response** The response residuals are \(res = y-m\)

Value

a matrix with the same size as \texttt{fit$data}. If \texttt{fit$data} contains a \texttt{DelayedArray} than the result will be a \texttt{DelayedArray} as well.

See Also

glm_gp() and \texttt{stats::residuals.glm()}
Solve the equation $Y = AB$ for $A$ or $B$

**Description**

Solve the equation $Y = AB$ for $A$ or $B$

**Usage**

```r
solve_lm_for_A(Y, B, w = NULL)
solve_lm_for_B(Y, A, w = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

- **Y**
  - the left side of the equation
- **w**
  - a vector with weights. If NULL it is ignored, otherwise it must be of length 1 or have the same length as columns in $Y$. Default: NULL
- **A, B**
  - the known matrix on the right side of the equation

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Test for Differential Expression

**Description**

Conduct a quasi-likelihood ratio test for a Gamma-Poisson fit.

**Usage**

```r
test_de(
  fit,
  contrast,
  reduced_design = NULL,
  full_design = fit$model_matrix,
  subset_to = NULL,
  pseudobulk_by = NULL,
  pval_adjust_method = "BH",
  sort_by = NULL,
  decreasing = FALSE,
  n_max = Inf,
  max_lfc = 10,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```
Arguments

fit object of class glmGamPoi. Usually the result of calling glm_gp(data, ...)

contrast The contrast to test. Can be a single column name (quoted or as a string) that is removed from the full model matrix of fit. Or a complex contrast comparing two or more columns: e.g. A - B, "A - 3 * B", (A + B) / 2 - C etc. For complicated experimental design that involved nested conditions, you specify the condition level to compare using the cond() helper function.

Only one of contrast or reduced_design must be specified.

reduced_design a specification of the reduced design used as a comparison to see what how much better fit describes the data. Analogous to the design parameter in glm_gp(), it can be either a formula, a model.matrix(), or a vector.

Only one of contrast or reduced_design must be specified.

full_design option to specify an alternative full_design that can differ from fit$model_matrix. Can be a formula or a matrix. Default: fit$model_matrix

subset_to a vector with the same length as ncol(fit$data) or an expression that evaluates to such a vector. The expression can reference columns from colData(fit$data). A typical use case in single cell analysis would be to subset to a specific cell type (e.g. subset_to = cell_type == "T-cells"). Note that if this argument is set a new the model for the full_design is re-fit. Default: NULL which means that the data is not subset.

pseudobulk_by DEPRECATED, please use the pseudobulk function instead.

A vector with the same length as ncol(fit$data) that is used to split the columns into different groups (calls split()). pseudobulk_by can also be an expression that evaluates to a vector. The expression can reference columns from colData(fit$data).

The counts are summed across the groups to create "pseudobulk" samples. This is typically used in single cell analysis if the cells come from different samples to get a proper estimate of the differences. This is particularly powerful in combination with the subset_to parameter to analyze differences between samples for subgroups of cells. Note that this does a fresh fit for both the full and the reduced design. Default: NULL which means that the data is not aggregated.

pval_adjust_method one of the p-value adjustment method from p.adjust.methods. Default: "BH".

sort_by the name of the column or an expression used to sort the result. If sort_by is NULL the table is not sorted. Default: NULL

decreasing boolean to decide if the result is sorted increasing or decreasing order. Default: FALSE.

n_max the maximum number of rows to return. Default: Inf which means that all rows are returned

max_lfc set the maximum absolute log fold change that is returned. Large log fold changes occur for lowly expressed genes because the ratio of two small numbers can be impractically large. For example, limiting the range of log fold changes can clarify the patterns in a volcano plot. Default: 10 which corresponds to a thousand-fold (2^10) increase in expression.

verbose a boolean that indicates if information about the individual steps are printed while fitting the GLM. Default: FALSE.
Details

The `cond()` helper function simplifies the specification of a contrast for complex experimental designs. Instead of working out which combination of coefficients corresponds to a research question, you can simply specify the two conditions that you want to compare.

You can only call the `cond` function inside the `contrast` argument. The arguments are the selected factor levels for each covariate. To compare two conditions, simply subtract the two `cond` calls. Internally, the package calls `model.matrix` using the provided values and the original formula from the fit to produce a vector. Subtracting two of these vectors produces a contrast vector. Missing covariates are filled with the first factor level or zero for numerical covariates.

Value

A data.frame with the following columns:

- **name**: the rownames of the input data
- **pval**: the p-values of the quasi-likelihood ratio test
- **adj_pval**: the adjusted p-values returned from `p.adjust()`
- **f_statistic**: the F-statistic: \( F = (Dev_{full} - Dev_{red}) / \frac{(df_1 \times disp_{ql} - shrunken)}{df_1 \times disp_{ql} - shrunken} \)
- **df1**: the degrees of freedom of the test: `ncol(design) - ncol(reduced_design)`
- **df2**: the degrees of freedom of the fit: `ncol(data) - ncol(design) + df_0`
- **lfc**: the log2-fold change. If the alternative model is specified by `reduced_design` will be NA.

References


See Also

- `glm_gp()`

Examples

```r
# Make Data
Y <- matrix(rnbinom(n = 30 * 100, mu = 4, size = 0.3), nrow = 30, ncol = 100)
annot <- data.frame(mouse = sample(LETTERS[1:6], size = 100, replace = TRUE),
  celltype = sample(c("Tcell", "Bcell", "Macrophages"), size = 100, replace = TRUE),
  cont1 = rnorm(100), cont2 = rnorm(100, mean = 30))
annot$condition <- ifelse(annot$mouse %in% c("A", "B", "C"), "ctrl", "treated")
head(annot)
se <- SummarizedExperiment::SummarizedExperiment(Y, colData = annot)

# Fit model
fit <- glm_gp(se, design = ~ condition + celltype + cont1 + cont2)
# Test with reduced design
res <- test_de(fit, reduced_design = ~ celltype + cont1 + cont2)
```
head(res)
# Test with contrast argument, the results are identical
res2 <- test_de(fit, contrast = conditiontreated)
head(res2)
# Test with explicit specification of the conditions
# The results are still identical
res3 <- test_de(fit, contrast = cond(condition = "treated", celltype = "Bcell") -
cond(condition = "ctrl", celltype = "Bcell"))
head(res3)

# The column names of fit$Beta are valid variables in the contrast argument
colnames(fit$Beta)
# You can also have more complex contrasts:
# the following compares cont1 vs cont2:
test_de(fit, cont1 - cont2, n_max = 4)
# You can also sort the output
test_de(fit, cont1 - cont2, n_max = 4,
sort_by = "pval")
test_de(fit, cont1 - cont2, n_max = 4,
sort_by = - abs(f_statistic))

# If the data has multiple samples, it is a good
# idea to aggregate the cell counts by samples.
# This is called forming a "pseudobulk".
se_reduced <- pseudobulk(se, group_by = vars(mouse, condition, celltype),
cont1 = mean(cont1), cont2 = min(cont2))
fit_reduced <- glm_gp(se_reduced, design = ~ condition + celltype)
test_de(fit_reduced, contrast = "conditiontreated", n_max = 4)
test_de(fit_reduced, contrast = cond(condition = "treated", celltype = "Macrophages") -
cond(condition = "ctrl", celltype = "Macrophages"),
n_max = 4)

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**variance_prior**

Estimate the scale and df for a Inverse Chisquare distribution that generate the true gene variances

**Description**

This function implements Smyth’s 2004 variance shrinkage. It also supports covariates that are fitted to log(s2) with natural splines. This is based on the 2012 Lund et al. quasi-likelihood paper.

**Usage**

```r
variance_prior(s2, df, covariate = NULL, abundance_trend = NULL)
```
vars

Arguments

s2 vector of observed variances. Must not contain 0's.
df vector or single number with the degrees of freedom
covariate a vector with the same length as s2. covariate is used to regress out the trend in s2. If covariate = NULL, it is ignored.
abundance_trend logical that decides if the additional abundance trend is fit to the data. If NULL the abundance trend is fitted if there are more than 10 observations and the covariate is not NULL. Default: NULL

Value

a list with three elements:

- **variance0** estimate of the scale of the inverse Chisquared distribution. If covariate is NULL a single number, otherwise a vector of length(covariate)
- **df0** estimate of the degrees of freedom of the inverse Chisquared distribution
- **var_pos** the shrunken variance estimates: a combination of s2 and variance0

See Also

limma::squeezeVar()
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