Package ‘bisect’

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Title Estimating Cell Type Composition from Methylation Sequencing Data

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Description An implementation of Bisect, a method for inferring cell type composition of samples based on methylation sequencing data (Whole Genome Bisulfite Sequencing and Reduced Representation Sequencing). The method is specifically tailored for sequencing data, and therefore works better than methods developed for methylation arrays. It contains a supervised mode that requires a reference (the methylation probabilities in the pure cell types), and a semi-supervised mode, that requires cell counts for a subset of the samples, but does not require a reference.

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Recommended values for a Dirichlet prior on cell composition in blood samples. Estimated by fitting Dirichlet distribution to cell counts data.

**Usage**

alpha_blood

**Format**

A vector of length 6

Cell composition for 650 individuals from GSE40279. Estimated by running an array method on the original (array) data.

**Usage**

baseline_GSE40279

**Format**

A data frame with 650 rows and 6 variables

**Source**

bisect_semi_supervised

Add together two numbers.

Description
Add together two numbers.

Usage
bisect_semi_supervised(methylation_unknown_samples, total_reads_unknown_samples,
methylation_known_samples, total_reads_known_samples,
cell_composition_known_samples, alpha = NA, iterations = 200)

Arguments
methylation_unknown_samples
a matrix of individuals (rows) on sites (columns), containing the number of methylated reads for each site, in each individual for the samples with unknown cell composition.
total_reads_unknown_samples
a matrix of individuals (rows) on sites (columns), containing the total number of reads for each site, in each individual for the samples with unknown cell composition.
methylation_known_samples
a matrix of individuals (rows) on sites (columns), containing the number of methylated reads for each site, in each individual for the samples with known cell composition.
total_reads_known_samples
a matrix of individuals (rows) on sites (columns), containing the total number of reads for each site, in each individual for the samples with known cell composition.
cell_composition_known_samples
a matrix of individuals (rows) on cell types (columns), containing the proportion of each cell type, in each known sample.
alpha
a vector containing the hyper-parameters for the dirichelt prior. One value for each cell type. If NA, it is initialized to 1/(number of cell types).
iterations
the number of iterations to use in the EM algorithm.

Value
A list containing P, a matrix of estimated cell proportions for the unknown samples, and Pi, an estimated reference (the probability of methylation in each cell type).
Examples

```r
## randomly choose samples to be used as known
n_known_samples <- 50
known_samples_indices <- sample.int(nrow(baseline_GSE40279), size = n_known_samples)
known_samples <- as.matrix(baseline_GSE40279[known_samples_indices, ])

## fit a dirichlet distribution to known samples to use as prior
fit_dirichlet <- sirt::dirichlet.mle(as.matrix(known_samples))
alpha <- fit_dirichlet$alpha

## prepare the 4 needed matrices
methylation_known <- methylation_GSE40279[known_samples_indices, ]
methylation_unknown <- methylation_GSE40279[-known_samples_indices, ]
total_known <- total_reads_GSE40279[known_samples_indices, ]
total_unknown <- total_reads_GSE40279[-known_samples_indices, ]

## Run Bisect. You should use around 200 iterations. I choose than to accelerate the example.
results <- bisect_semi_supervised(methylation_unknown, total_unknown, methylation_known, total_known, known_samples, alpha, iterations = 10)
```

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**bisect_supervised**

Add together two numbers.

Description

Add together two numbers.

Usage

```r
bisect_supervised(methylation, total_reads, reference, alpha = NA, iterations = 200)
```

Arguments

- `methylation`: a matrix of individuals (rows) on sites (columns), containing the number of methylated reads for each site, in each individual.
- `total_reads`: a matrix of individuals (rows) on sites (columns), containing the total number of reads for each site, in each individual.
- `reference`: a matrix of sites (rows) on cell types (columns), containing the probability for methylation in each site, in each cell type.
- `alpha`: a vector containing the hyper-parameters for the dirichlet prior. One value for each cell type. If NA, it is initialized to 1/(number of cell types).
- `iterations`: the number of iterations to use in the EM algorithm.
Value

A matrix of individuals (rows) on cell types (columns) containing the estimated proportion of each cell type, in each individual.

Examples

```r
## Prepare the methylation and total reads matrices
methylation <- as.matrix(methylation_GSE40279)
total_reads <- as.matrix(total_reads_GSE40279)
## Remove the IDs column from the reference
P1 <- as.matrix(reference_blood[,-1])
## Run Bisect. You should use around 200 iterations. I choose than to accelerate the example.
results <- bisect_supervised(methylation, total_reads, P1, alpha_blood, iterations = 10)
```

Description

Simulated amount of methylated reads for 650 individuals from GSE40279. The data was sub-sampled to simulate a 30X coverage. Only 241 sites that are known to differ substantially between cell types are recorded.

Usage

```r
methylation_GSE40279
```

Format

A data frame with 650 rows and 241 variables

Source

**reference_blood**

A reference containing methylation proportions for pure cell types in the 241 chosen sites.

**Description**

A reference containing methylation proportions for pure cell types in the 241 chosen sites.

**Usage**

reference_blood

**Format**

A data frame with 241 rows and 7 variables

**Source**


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**total_reads_GSE40279**

Simulated amount of total reads reads for 650 individuals from GSE40279. The data was sub-sampled to simulate a 30X coverage. Only 241 sites that are known to differ substantially between cell types are recorded.

**Description**

Simulated amount of total reads reads for 650 individuals from GSE40279. The data was sub-sampled to simulate a 30X coverage. Only 241 sites that are known to differ substantally between cell types are recorded.

**Usage**

total_reads_GSE40279

**Format**

A data frame with 650 rows and 241 variables

**Source**

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