Package ‘CORE’

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Description Given a collection of intervals with integer start and end positions, find recurrently targeted regions and estimate the significance of finding. Randomization is implemented by parallel methods, either using local host machines, or submitting grid engine jobs.
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Description

Given a collection of intervals $s_1,...,s_N$, find $K$ intervals $c_1,...,c_K$ which approximately minimize $\sum_i \prod_k (1-E(s_i,c_k))$, where $E(s_i,c_k)$ is a geometric measure of association between $s_i$ and $c_k$. Perform permutation tests to estimate the significance of finding.
CORE(dataIn, keep = NULL, startcol = "start", endcol = "end",
chromcol = "chrom", weightcol = "weight", maxmark = 1, minscore = 0,
pow = 1, assoc = c("I", "J", "P"), nshuffle = 0, boundaries = NULL,
seedme = sample(1e+08, 1), shufflemethod = c("SIMPLE", "RESCALE"),
tiny = -1, distrib = c("vanilla", "Rparallel", "Grid"), njobs = 1, qmem = NA)

Arguments

dataIn A matrix, a data frame or an object of class "CORE". If dataIn is a matrix or a data frame, it should have columns with names specified by the startcol and endcol arguments, otherwise the function exits with an error.

keep A character vector. If dataIn is of class "CORE", keep specifies the names of items of dataIn to be kept at their input values. These values take precedence over the corresponding argument values as specified in the function call. keep is ignored if dataIn is not of class "CORE".

startcol A character string. If dataIn is a matrix or a data frame, startcol specifies the name of the column containing start coordinates of the input intervals. Otherwise startcol is ignored.

docol A character string. If dataIn is a matrix or a data frame, endcol specifies the name of the column containing end coordinates of the input intervals. Otherwise endcol is ignored.

chromcol A character string. If dataIn is a matrix or a data frame, chromcol specifies the name of the column containing chromosome numbers of the input intervals. Otherwise chromcol is ignored.

weightcol A character string. If dataIn is a matrix or a data frame, weightcol specifies the name of the column containing initial weights of the input intervals. Otherwise weightcol is ignored.

maxmark An integer for the maximal number of cores to be computed. The actual number of cores to be computed is the smaller of maxmark and the number of cores with scores exceeding minscore.

minscore A single numeric value for the minimal allowed score of the cores to be reported.
pow A single numeric value of at least 1 for the power parameter used in computing the association measure between the cores and the input intervals (see Details).
assoc A character specifying the type of association measure to be used (see Details).
nshuffle An integer specifying the number of randomizations to be performed for estimating significance.
boundaries A matrix or a data frame that must have three columns whose names are given by chromcol, startcol and endcol. These specify the chromosome numbers and their start and end positions (see Details).
seedme An integer specifying the random number generator seed (see Details).
shufflemethod A character string specifying the event randomization method used for estimation of significance. If "SIMPLE" (default), each event is placed at random with equal probability for any position where it can fit within chromosome boundaries. If "RESCALE", each event is placed at random in a randomly chosen
chromosome, and the event length is multiplied by the length ratio of the new to
the original chromosome.

tiny A single numeric value specifying the weight below which events are removed
from the input event set.
distrib A character string specifying the method of distributed computing used for esti-
mation of significance. If "vanilla" (default), no distributed computing is per-
formed. If "Rparallel", parallel computation with the local machine is performed
using functions from CRAN core package parallel, with the number of worker
processes being the smaller number of njobs and nshuffle. If "Grid", parallel
computation with grid engine is performed. The number of submitted array
jobs, or cores that are distributed, is the smaller number of njobs and nshuffle.
When using "Grid", make sure you have write permission to the current work
space.
njobs If distributed computing is used for estimation of significance, a single integer
specifying the desired number of worker processes.
qmem A character string that can customize grid engine qsub command. The com-
mand decides memory size per core (each job). The default substring is ".l virt-
ual_free=2G".

Details

The three measures of association specified by assoc are defined as follows (|| denotes the length
of an interval). For "I" (inclusion) $E(s_i,c_k) = (|c_k|/|s_i|)^{pow}$ if $c_k$ is contained in $s_i$ and 0
otherwise. For "J" (Jaccard) $E(s_i,c_k) = J(s_i,c_k)^{pow}$, where $J$ is the Jaccard index. For "P"
(piercing) $E(s_i,c_k) = 1$ if $c_k$ is contained and 0 otherwise. In all cases the left (right) boundary
of an optimal $c_k$ is one of the left (right) boundaries in the set of input interval events. In addition,
there are no event interval boundaries in the interior of an optimal $c_k$ in case "P".

The boundaries argument is used for assessing statistical significance of the solution. If boundaries
is not specified, the chromosome boundaries for each chromosome are taken to be the leftmost left
and the rightmost right boundaries of all events in the chromosome.

If significance of finding is estimated, the random number generator stream, and hence the resultant
estimate, only depends on seedme and is independent of the parallelization option chosen.

Value

An object of class "CORE" with the following items.

input A matrix with four columns called "chrom", "start", "end" and "weight", specifying the input interval events.
call A character string specifying the function call.
coreTable A matrix with columns named "start", "end" and "score", for start and end posi-
tions and CORE scores of the cores found by the algorithm.
seedme If significance estimate was performed, the random number generator seed.
assoc One of "I", "J" or "P", indicating the geometric measure of association used.
shufflemethod One of "SIMPLE" or "RESCALE", indicating the randomization method used.
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p  A numeric vector of the length equal to the row dimension of coreTable containing estimated p-values for the cores.
simscores  A matrix with the row dimension equal to that of coreTable and nshuffle columns, containing core scores computed for nshuffle sets of randomized events.
minscore  A single numeric value for the minimal score of the reported cores.
maxmark  A single numeric value for the requested maximal number of cores to be computed.
tiny  A single numeric value for the weight below which events were removed from the input set.
pow  A single numeric value for the power used in computing the association measures.
boundaries  A matrix with three columns named "chrom", "start" and "end", indicating chromosome numbers and boundary positions used for estimation of significance.

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Examples

# Compute 3 cores and perform no randomization
# (meaningless for estimate of significance).
data(testInputCORE)
data(testInputBoundaries)
myCOREobj<-CORE(dataIn=testInputCORE,maxmark=3,nshuffle=0,boundaries=testInputBoundaries,seedme=123)
## Not run:
# Extend this computation to a much larger number of randomizations,
# using 2 cores of a host computer.
newCOREobj<-CORE(dataIn=myCOREobj,keep=c("maxmark","seedme","boundaries"),nshuffle=20,distrib="Rparallel",njobs=2)
# When using "Grid", make sure you have write permission to the current
# work space.
newCOREobj<-CORE(dataIn=myCOREobj,keep=c("maxmark","seedme","boundaries"),nshuffle=20,distrib="Grid",njobs=2)
## End(Not run)

testInputBoundaries  A table of chromosome boundary positions for DNA copy number analysis

Description

The entire length of the genome was divided into 50009 bins, with chromosomes laid out in the usual genomic order: 1,...,22,X,Y. Each observation in the table provides the start and end bin numbers of each chromosome (chrom).
**Usage**

```r
data(testInputBoundaries)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 24 observations on the following 3 variables.

- **chrom**: a numeric vector
- **start**: a numeric vector
- **end**: a numeric vector

**References**


**Examples**

```r
data(testInputBoundaries)
## maybe str(testInputBoundaries) ; plot(testInputBoundaries) ...```

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**Description**

Each observation in the table corresponds to a DNA copy number gain event in one of 100 individual breast cancer cells. The entire length of the genome was divided into 5000 bins. An event is an interval in chromosome **chrom** whose start and end bin numbers are given by **start** and **end**.

**Usage**

```r
data(testInputCORE)
```

**Format**

A data frame with 2490 observations on the following 3 variables.

- **chrom**: a numeric vector
- **start**: a numeric vector
- **end**: a numeric vector

**References**

Examples

data(testInputCORE)
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