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**Description** Package that implements the FGGA algorithm. This package provides a hierarchical ensemble method based on factor graphs for the consistent GO annotation of protein coding genes. FGGA embodies elements of predicate logic, communication theory, supervised learning and inference in graphical models.

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fgga-package

*FGGA: Factor Graph Gene ontology Annotation.*

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### Description

FGGA is a graph-based machine learning approach for the automated and consistent GO annotation of protein coding genes. The input is a set of GO-term annotated protein coding genes previously characterized in terms of a fixed number of user-defined features, including the presence/absence of PFAM domains, physical-chemical properties, presence of signal peptides, among others. The set of GO-terms defines the output GO subgraph. A hierarchical ensemble (SVMs) machine learning model is generated. This model can be used to predict the GO subgraph annotations of uncharacterized protein coding genes. Individual GO-term annotations are accompanied by maximum a posteriori probability estimates issued by the native message passing algorithm of factor graphs.

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### References

Spetale F.E., et al. **A Factor Graph Approach to Automated GO Annotation.** *PLoS ONE* (2016). <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0146986>.

Spetale Flavio E., et al. **Consistent prediction of GO protein localization.** *Scientific Report* (2018). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-018-26041-z>.

### See Also

[fgga](#), [fgga2bipartite](#), [sumProduct](#), [svm](#)

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CfData	<i>A set of characterized protein coding genes from the <i>Canis familiaris</i> organism annotated to a target GO subgraph considering both experimental and electronic evidence.</i>
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## Description

The CfData dataset consists of a list containing the following:

*\$dxCf*: characterizations of 6962 protein coding genes in terms of 72 physico-chemical properties of their amino acid sequences. These sequences, obtained from the Uniprot database, are annotated to 36 GO-terms of the GO Molecular Function (GO-MF) ontology subdomain.

*\$stableCfGO*: a set of 6962 protein coding genes annotated to GO-MF target classes. Genes are identified by their **Uniprot** ID mappings which are obtained with the org.Cf.eg.db annotation package set to work with both experimental and electronic evidence. Additionally, only those GO-MF terms with at least 500 annotated genes were preserved.

*\$graphCfGO*: the target **GO-MF** subgraph obtained with the org.Cf.eg.db annotation package set to work with the set of **GO-MF** target classes.

*\$indexGO*: two arrays of Uniprot ID mappings defining the train-test partition of the set 6962 protein coding genes annotated to **GO-MF** terms.

*\$nodesGO*: labels of the GO-MF subgraph.

*\$varianceGOs*: a vector labeled with the variance of each **GO-MF** term.

## Usage

```
data("CfData")
```

## Format

A list with five named entries containing:

**dxCf** A matrix (6962 rows x 72 columns) containing the characterized proteins.

**graphCfGO** An adjacency binary matrix (36 rows x 36 columns) corresponding to the GO-MF subgraph.

**indexGO** A list with two named entries: indexTrain and indexTest each containing a numeric vector.

**tableCfGO** A binary matrix (6962 rows x 36 columns) containing GOs associated with a protein.

**nodesGO** A numerical vector containing the nodes of the GO-MF subgraph.

## Source

Uniprot Taxonomy: 9615

<https://www.uniprot.org/uniprot/?query=taxonomy:9615>

Package: org.Cf.eg.db - Version: 3.8.2

<https://bioconductor.org/packages/org.Cf.eg.db/>

## Examples

```
data(CfData)

## list objects included
ls(CfData)
# [1] "dxCf" "graphCfGO" "indexGO" "nodesGO" "tableCfGO"

# Physico-chemical properties of each protein
head(CfData[["dxCf"]])

# GO-MF node labels, GO-terms, of each protein
head(CfData[["tableCfGO"]])
```

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createFolds

*Data splitting function useful for binary classification tasks*

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## Description

createFolds splits binary classification data into k-folds.

## Usage

```
createFolds(target, k_fold = 10)
```

## Arguments

target	A binary vector of a GO class
k_fold	An integer for the number of folds

## Details

A random sampling is performed on binary classification data. A set of k data folds reflecting the original class balance is obtained.

## Value

list of row position integers corresponding to the training data

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## References

Hyndman and Athanasopoulos (2013), Forecasting: principles and practice. <https://www.otexts.org/fpp>

**Examples**

```
data(CfData)

createFolds(CfData[["tableCfGO"]][ , "GO:0005515"], k_fold = 2)
```

fgga

*Factor Graph GO Annotation model***Description**

A hierarchical graph-based machine learning model for the consistent GO annotation of protein coding genes.

**Usage**

```
fgga(graphGO, tableGOs, dxCharacterized, dxTestCharacterized,
      kFold, kernelSVM, tmax, epsilon)
```

**Arguments**

graphGO	A graphNEL graph with ‘m’ GO node labels.
tableGOs	A binary matrix with ‘n’ proteins (rows) by ‘m’ GO node labels (columns).
dxCharacterized	A data frame with ‘n’ proteins (rows) by ‘f’ features (columns).
dxTestCharacterized	A data frame with ‘k’ proteins (rows) by ‘f’ features (columns).
kFold	An integer for the number of folds.
kernelSVM	The kernel used to calculate the variance (default: radial).
tmax	An integer indicating the maximum number of iterations (default: 200).
epsilon	An integer that represents the convergence criteria (default: 0.001).

**Details**

The **FGGA model** is built in two main steps. In the first step, a core Factor Graph (FG) modeling hidden GO-term predictions and relationships is created. In the second step, the FG is enriched with nodes modeling observable GO-term predictions issued by **binary SVM classifiers**. In addition, probabilistic constraints modeling learning gaps between hidden and observable GO-term predictions are introduced. These gaps are assumed to be independent among GO-terms, locally additive with respect to observed predictions, and zero-mean Gaussian. **FGGA predictions** are issued by the native iterative **message passing algorithm** of factor graphs.

**Value**

A named matrix with ‘k’ protein coding genes (rows) by ‘m’ GO node labels (columns) where each element indicates a probabilistic prediction value.

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**References**

Spetale F.E., Tapia E., Krsticevic F., Roda F. and Bulacio P. “A Factor Graph Approach to Automated GO Annotation”. PLoS ONE 11(1): e0146986, 2016.

Spetale Flavio E., Arce D., Krsticevic F., Bulacio P. and Tapia E. “Consistent prediction of GO protein localization”. Scientific Report 7787(8), 2018

**See Also**

[fgga2bipartite](#), [sumProduct](#), [svmGO](#)

**Examples**

```
data(CfData)

mygraphGO <- as(CfData[["graphCfGO"]], "graphNEL")

dxCfTestCharacterized <- CfData[["dxCf"]][CfData[["indexGO"]]$indexTest[1:2], ]

myTableGO <- CfData[["tableCfGO"]][
  CfData[["indexGO"]]$indexTrain[1:300], ]

dataTrain <- CfData[["dxCf"]][
  CfData[["indexGO"]]$indexTrain[1:300], ]

fggaResults <- fgga(graphGO = mygraphGO,
  tableGOs = myTableGO, dxCharacterized = dataTrain,
  dxTestCharacterized = dxCfTestCharacterized, kFold = 2,
  tmax = 50, epsilon = 0.05)
```

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fgga2bipartite

*Forney Factor Graph model*

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**Description**

fgga2bipartite builds a Forney Factor Graph from a FGGA model.

**Usage**

```
fgga2bipartite(graphGO)
```

**Arguments**

graphGO            A graphNEL graph with ‘m’ GO node labels.

## Details

The **Gene Ontology** (GO) is structured as a directed acyclic graph (DAG) with nodes (GO-terms) representing gene functions and edges characterizing relationships between nodes. A variety of relationships are possible (currently 8). To compute GO-term predictions perfectly aware of GO-term relationships, a Forney Factor Graph is required. Hence, GO-terms are mapped to binary variable nodes, and relationships to logical factor nodes.

## Value

A binary matrix with  $2*m$  rows by  $2*m-1$  columns where  $m$  is the quantity of GO node labels.

## Author(s)

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## References

F. Spetale, J. Murillo, E. Tapia, D. Arce, S. Ponce, and P. Bulacio, "Formal modeling of gene ontology annotation predictions based on factor graphs," Journal of Physics: Conference Series, vol. 705, no. 1, p. 012001, 2016.

Spetale F.E., Tapia E., Krsticevic F., Roda F. and Bulacio P. "A Factor Graph Approach to Automated GO Annotation". PLoS ONE 11(1): e0146986, 2016.

Spetale Flavio E., Arce D., Krsticevic F., Bulacio P. and Tapia E. "Consistent prediction of GO protein localization". Scientific Report 7787(8), 2018

## Examples

```
data(CfData)

graphGO <- as(CfData$graphCfGO, "graphNEL")
fgga2bipartite(graphGO)
```

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preCoreFG

*Transitive closure processing of a GO DAG*

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## Description

preCoreFG ensures the transitive closure of inference paths -serial concatenation of relationships- in a GO DAG.

## Usage

```
preCoreFG(myGOnames, domains = "goPlus")
```

## Arguments

myGOnames	A vector with 'm' GO node labels
domains	A string that indicates which subdomains will be used. Values: "BP-MF", "MF-CC", "BP-CC" or "goPlus" (default, "BP-MF-CC")

## Details

Non-transitive relationships in GO DAG's may lead to non-transitive inference paths precluding the free propagation and consistency checking of GO annotations. A transitive closure screening process over GO DAG's relationships is required before the construction of Forney Factor Graphs. Serial concatenation of relationships leading to non-transitive inference paths in a GO DAG are conformed by removing the most specific relationship.

## Value

A graphNEL graph with 'm' GO node labels.

## Author(s)

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## References

Spetale Flavio E., Arce D., Krsticevic F., Bulacio P. and Tapia E. "Consistent prediction of GO protein localization". Scientific Report 7787(8), 2018

## See Also

[fgga2bipartite](#)

## Examples

```
data(CfData)

myGOs <- c(CfData[["nodesGO"]], "GO:1902494", "GO:0032991", "GO:1990234",
           "GO:0005575")

mygraphGO <- preCoreFG(myGOs, domains = "MF-CC")
```



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sumProduct	<i>Message passing algorithm between nodes of the Forney Factor Graph</i>
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### Description

msgFGGA operates in Forney Factor Graphs and computes approximate maximum a posteriori (MAP) estimates of hidden GO variable nodes (GO-terms).

### Usage

```
msgFGGA(matrixFGGA, obsValueGOs, graphGO, tmax = 200,  
        epsilon = 0.001)
```

### Arguments

matrixFGGA	A binary matrix with FGGA model of the class 'fgga.'
obsValueGOs	A named vector with 'm' probabilistic prediction values for a protein coding gene.
graphGO	A graphNEL graph with 'm' GO node labels.
tmax	An integer indicating the maximum number of iterations (default: 200).
epsilon	An integer that represents the convergence criteria (default: 0.001)

### Details

Starting from GO-term predictions at observable variable nodes, probability distribution functions modelling the learning noise of individual GO-terms, a user-defined number of iterations (maximum 200), a user-defined threshold for the convergence of predictions (maximum 0.001), and the structure of the Forney Factor Graph, the **msgFGGA** delivers approximate maximum a posteriori (MAP) estimates of hidden GO variable nodes (GO-terms).

### Value

A named vector with 'm' consistent probabilistic predictions for a protein coding genes.

### Author(s)

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### References

- Kschischang FR, Frey BJ, Loeliger H.-A. Factor graphs and the sum-product algorithm. *IEEE Trans. Inf. Theor.* 47, 498–519 (2001).
- Yedidia JS. Message-passing algorithms for inference and optimization. *Journal of Statistical Physics* 145, 860–890 (2011).
- Spetale FE, Tapia E, Krsticevic F, Roda F, Bulacio P (2016). A Factor Graph Approach to Automated GO Annotation. *PLOS ONE* 11(1): e0146986

**See Also**[tableTPG](#)**Examples**

```

data(CfData)

mygraphGO <- as(CfData[["graphCfGO"]], "graphNEL")

myTableGO <- CfData[["tableCfGO"]][
  CfData[["indexGO"]]$indexTrain[1:500], ]

modelSVMs <- lapply(CfData[["nodesGO"]], FUN = svmTrain, tableGOs = myTableGO,
  dxCharacterized = CfData[["dxCf"]],
  graphGO = mygraphGO, kernelSVM = "radial")

rootGO <- leaves(mygraphGO, "in")

varianceGOs <- CfData[["varianceGOs"]]

dxTestCharacterized <- CfData[["dxCf"]][
  sample(1:dim(CfData[["dxCf"]])[2], 2), ]

matrixGOTest <- svmGO(svmModel = modelSVMs,
  dxCharacterized = dxTestCharacterized,
  rootNode = rootGO, varianceSVM = varianceGOs)

modelFGGA <- fgga2bipartite(mygraphGO)

matrixFGGATest <- t(apply(matrixGOTest, MARGIN = 1, FUN = msgFGGA,
  matrixFGGA = modelFGGA, graphGO = mygraphGO,
  tmax = 50, epsilon = 0.1))

```

svmGO

*GO-term predictions by binary SVM classifiers***Description**

svmGO delivers soft GO-term predictions based on binary SVM classification models.

**Usage**

```
svmGO(svmModel, dxCharacterized, rootNode, varianceSVM)
```

**Arguments**

svmModel      A list of object of class "svm" created by svm.

dxCharacterized	A data frame with 'n' protein coding genes (rows) by 'f' features (columns).
rootNode	A character indicating the root of the graph.
varianceSVM	A vector named with the variance of GO node labels.

### Details

Binary SVM predictions are supplemented with their corresponding margins. These margins are used to model the additive zero-mean Gaussian learning noise that corrupts ideal but hidden GO-term predictions. These ideal predictions are embedded in hidden variable nodes of the Forney Factor Graph.

### Value

svmGO	A named vector of predicted values for a protein sequence.
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### Author(s)

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### References

- Chang, Chih-Chung and Lin, Chih-Jen: LIBSVM: a library for Support Vector Machines <http://www.csie.ntu.edu.tw/~cjlin/libsvm>
- Eisner R, Poulin B, Szafron D, Lu P, Greiner R. Improving protein function prediction using the hierarchical structure of the Gene Ontology. In: Proc. IEEE CIBCB; 2005. p. 1–1
- Spetale FE, Tapia E, Krsticevic F, Roda F, Bulacio P (2016). A Factor Graph Approach to Automated GO Annotation. PLOS ONE 11(1): e0146986

### See Also

[svmTrain](#)

### Examples

```
data(CfData)

mygraphGO <- as(CfData[["graphCfGO"]], "graphNEL")

modelSVMs <- lapply(CfData[["nodesGO"]][1:4], FUN = svmTrain,
  tableGOs = CfData[["tableCfGO"]],
  dxCharacterized = CfData[["dxCf"]],
  graphGO = mygraphGO, kernelSVM = "radial")

rootGO <- leaves(mygraphGO, "in")

varianceGOs <- CfData[["varianceGOs"]]

# SVM testing in four GO-terms
dxTestCharacterized <- CfData[["dxCf"]][
```

```

                                sample(1:dim(CfData[["dxCf"]])[1], 20), ]

matrixGOTest <- svmGO(svmModel = modelSVMs,
                      dxCharacterized = dxTestCharacterized,
                      rootNode = rootGO, varianceSVM = varianceGOs)

```

svmTrain

*Binary SVM classification models for individual GO-term predictions***Description**

svmTrain delivers a set of binary SVM classifiers for different GO-terms.

**Usage**

```
svmTrain(nodeGraph, tableGOs, dxCharacterized, graphGO,
         kernelSVM = "radial")
```

**Arguments**

nodeGraph	A character indicating a GO node label
tableGOs	A binary matrix with 'n' proteins (rows) by 'm' GO node labels (columns).
dxCharacterized	A data frame with 'n' protein coding genes (rows) by 'f' features (columns).
graphGO	A graphNEL graph with 'm' GO node labels.
kernelSVM	The kernel used to calculate the variance (default: radial).

**Details**

Starting from sets of positively annotated protein sequences to different GO-terms in a GO sub-graph, corresponding sets of negatively annotated protein sequences are computed using the inclusive separation policy proposed by Eisner et al. Training datasets for each GO-term are used to train binary Support Vector Machine (SVM) classifiers with a variety of kernel options.

**Value**

svmTrain A list of objects of "svm" class containing the fitted model.

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## References

Chang, Chih-Chung and Lin, Chih-Jen: LIBSVM: a library for Support Vector Machines <http://www.csie.ntu.edu.tw/~cjlin/libsvm>

Eisner R, Poulin B, Szafron D, Lu P, Greiner R. Improving protein function prediction using the hierarchical structure of the Gene Ontology. In: Proc. IEEE CIBCB; 2005. p. 1–1

Spetale FE, Tapia E, Krsticevic F, Roda F, Bulacio P (2016). A Factor Graph Approach to Automated GO Annotation. PLOS ONE 11(1): e0146986

## See Also

[svmGO](#)

## Examples

```
data(CfData)

mygraphGO <- as(CfData[["graphCfGO"]], "graphNEL")

# SVM training in four GO-terms
modelSVMs <- lapply(CfData[["nodesGO"]][1:4], FUN = svmTrain,
                    tableGOs = CfData[["tableCfGO"]],
                    dxCharacterized = CfData[["dxCf"]],
                    graphGO = mygraphGO, kernelSVM = "radial")
```

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tableTPG	<i>Valid configurations for hidden variable nodes in a Forney Factor Graph</i>
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## Description

tableTPG provides valid configurations of hidden variable nodes at logical function nodes in a Forney Factor Graph under the True Path Graph (TPG) constraint.

## Usage

```
tableTPG(att)
```

## Arguments

`att` An integer indicating the number of GO nodes involved

**Details**

Valid configurations of hidden variable nodes at logical function nodes enable messaging passing across the Forney Factor Graph. The TPG constraint is defined as: “If the child GO node describes the protein, then all its parent terms must also apply to that protein; and if a GO node does not describe a protein, then all its descendant GO nodes must not describe it”. The TPG constraint governs the structure of the GO-DAG and the inference process in the associated Forney Factor Graph.

**Value**

A binary matrix with  $(n-1)^2+1$  rows by  $n+1$  columns where  $n = attr$

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Tanoue J, Yoshikawa M, Uemura S (2012). The Gene Around GO viewer. *Bioinformatics* 18(12): 1705–1706.

Spetale FE, Tapia E, Krsticevic F, Roda F, Bulacio P (2016). A Factor Graph Approach to Automated GO Annotation. *PLOS ONE* 11(1): e0146986

**Examples**

```
tableTPG(3)
```

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varianceGO

*The variance of the gaussian learning noise at individual GO-terms*

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**Description**

varianceGO estimates the variance of gaussian distributions modeling the additive learning noise that corrupts ideal GO-term predictions.

**Usage**

```
varianceGO(tableGOs, dxCharacterized, kFold, graphGO, rootNode,
           kernelSVM = "radial")
```

**Arguments**

tableGOs            A binary matrix with ‘n’ protein coding genes (rows) by ‘m’ GO node labels (columns).

dxCharacterized    A data frame with ‘n’ protein coding genes (rows) by ‘f’ features (columns).

kFold                An integer for the number of folds.

graphGO	A graphNEL graph with ‘m’ GO node labels.
rootNode	A character indicating the root of the graph.
kernelSVM	The kernel used to calculate the variance (default: radial).

### Details

Under the assumption of symmetrical (Gaussian) conditional probability distributions for observable variable node predictions  $y_i$  over a hidden variable node annotations  $x_i$ , variances  $\eta_i$  can be estimated using a validation dataset of positively annotated samples. Let  $D$  be a validation dataset with  $L^+$  positively annotated samples

$$\hat{\eta}_i = 1/(L^+ - 1) * \sum_{i=1}^L (x_i - y_i)$$

where  $x_i = 1$  is the positive annotation of the  $i$ -th data sample to the  $i$ th GO-term and  $y_i$  is the corresponding real-valued classifier (SVM) prediction.

### Value

A vector named with the variance of each GO node.

### Author(s)

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### References

Spetale FE, Tapia E, Krsticevic F, Roda F, Bulacio P (2016). A Factor Graph Approach to Automated GO Annotation. PLOS ONE 11(1): e0146986

### Examples

```
data(CfData)

mygraphGO <- as(CfData[["graphCfGO"]], "graphNEL")

rootGO <- leaves(mygraphGO, "in")

mygraphGO <- subGraph(c("GO:0140110", "GO:0098772", "GO:0003674"), mygraphGO)

myTableGO <- CfData[["tableCfGO"]][
  CfData[["indexGO"]]$indexTrain,
  c("GO:0140110", "GO:0098772", "GO:0003674")]

varianceGOs <- varianceGO(tableGOs = myTableGO,
  dxCharacterized = CfData[["dxCf"]],
  kFold = 2, graphGO = mygraphGO,
  rootNode = rootGO, kernelSVM = "radial")
```

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