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adjustedAlphaLevel  Get adjusted significance level from the screening stage.

Description

This functions returns the adjusted significance level from the screening stage that should be used
to compare confirmation stage FWER adjusted p-values against.

Usage

adjustedAlphaLevel(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageR'
adjustedAlphaLevel(object)

## S4 method for signature 'stageRTx'
adjustedAlphaLevel(object)

Arguments

object an object of the stageRClass class.

Details

The adjusted significance level is calculated as the fraction of significant features in the screening
stage multiplied the alpha level.

Value

Scalar, the adjusted significance level from the screening stage.

Methods (by class)

• stageRTx: Get adjusted significance level from the screening stage.
References


See Also

stageR, stageRClass

Examples

```r
pScreen=cbind(seq(1e-10, 1e-2, length.out=100), seq(1e-2, 1e-10, length.out=100), seq(1e-1, 1, length.out=100))
names(pScreen)=paste0("gene", 1:300)
pConfirmation=matrix(runif(300), nrow=300, ncol=3)
dimnames(pConfirmation)=list(paste0("gene", 1:300), c("H1", "H2", "H3"))
stageRObj <- stageR(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmation, pScreenAdjusted=FALSE)
stageRObj <- stageWiseAdjustment(stageRObj, method="holm", alpha=0.05)
adjustedAlphaLevel(stageRObj)
```

sourceProstate

Transcript-level abundance estimates in 14 Chinese prostate cancer patients

Description

A dataset containing 14 matched samples of tumoral prostate cancer and normal tissue, both derived from the same Chinese patient. The dataset has been prefiltered to reduce the computational burden of the vignette.

Usage

sourceProstate

Format

An ExpressionSet object.

Source

http://pachterlab.github.io/lair/

References

getAdjustedPValues

Retrieve the stage-wise adjusted p-values.

Description

This function returns the stage-wise adjusted p-values for an object from the \texttt{stageRClass} class. Note that the p-values should have been adjusted with the \texttt{stageWiseAdjustment} function prior to calling this function.

Usage

\begin{verbatim}
getAdjustedPValues(object, onlySignificantGenes, order, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageR,logical,logical'
getAdjustedPValues(object, onlySignificantGenes, order, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageRTx,logical,logical'
getAdjustedPValues(object, onlySignificantGenes, order, ...)
\end{verbatim}

Arguments

- \texttt{object}: an object of the \texttt{stageRClass} class.
- \texttt{onlySignificantGenes}: logical. If FALSE (default), all genes are returned. If TRUE, only the genes significant for the screening hypothesis are returned.
- \texttt{order}: logical. If TRUE (default), the returned matrix of adjusted p-values are ordered based on the screening hypothesis adjusted p-value.
- ...: Other arguments passed to \texttt{.getAdjustedP} or \texttt{.getAdjustedPTx}

Details

The function returns FDR adjusted p-values for the screening hypothesis and stage-wise adjusted p-values for the confirmation hypothesis p-values. For features that were not significant in the screening hypothesis, the confirmation stage adjusted p-values are set to NA. The adjusted p-values in the output of \texttt{getAdjustedPValues} can directly be compared to alpha, the OFDR level specified in \texttt{stageWiseAdjustment}, to flag significant features.

Value

For complex DGE experiments (stageR object), a matrix of adjusted p-values where every row corresponds to a gene, and every column corresponds to a contrast. The first column will be the BH FDR adjusted p-value from the screening step. For transcript-level experiments (stageRTx object), a matrix of adjusted p-values where every row corresponds to a transcript.

Methods (by class)

- \texttt{object = stageRTx, onlySignificantGenes = logical, order = logical}: Retrieve the stage-wise adjusted p-values.
getAlpha

References

Examples
pScreen=c(seq(1e-10,1e-2,length.out=100),seq(1e-2,2,length.out=100),seq(2,1,length.out=100))
names(pScreen)=paste0("gene",1:300)
pConfirmation=matrix(runif(900),nrow=300,ncol=3)
dimnames(pConfirmation)=list(paste0("gene",1:300),c("H1","H2","H3"))
stageRObj <- stageR(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmation)
stageRObj <- stageWiseAdjustment(stageRObj, method="holm", alpha=0.05)
head(getAdjustedPValues(stageRObj, onlySignificantGenes=TRUE, order=TRUE))

getAlpha Retrieve the significance level for the stage-wise adjustment.

Description
This function returns the significance level on which the stage-wise adjustment is based.

Usage
getAlpha(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageR'
getAlpha(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageRTx'
getAlpha(object, ...)

Arguments
object an object of the stageRClass or stageRTxClass class.
... Additional arguments

Value
Returns a scalar vector with the OFDR alpha level that was specified by the user.

Methods (by class)

- stageRTx: Retrieve the significance level for the stage-wise adjustment.

References
Examples

```r
pScreen = c(seq(1e-10, 1e-2, length.out = 100), seq(1e-2, .2, length.out = 100), seq(.2, 1, length.out = 100))
names(pScreen) = paste0("gene", 1:300)
pConfirmation = matrix(runif(900), nrow = 300, ncol = 3)
dimnames(pConfirmation) = list(paste0("gene", 1:300), c("H1", "H2", "H3"))
stageRObj <- stageR(pScreen = pScreen, pConfirmation = pConfirmation)
stageRObj <- stageWiseAdjustment(stageRObj, method = "holm", alpha = 0.05)
getAlpha(stageRObj)
```

getMethod

Retrieves FWER correction method.

**Description**

This function retrieves the method used for FWER multiple testing correction in the confirmation stage of a stage-wise analysis.

**Usage**

```r
getMethod(object, ...)
```

```r
## S4 method for signature 'stageR'
getMethod(object, ...)
```

```r
## S4 method for signature 'stageRTx'
getMethod(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

- `object`:
  - an object of the stageRClass or stageRTxClass class.
- `...`:
  - Additional arguments

**Value**

Returns a character vector of length 1 specifying the FWER correction method that is used in the confirmation stage of the stage-wise analysis.

**Methods (by class)**

- stageRTx: Retrieve FWER correction method.

**References**

Examples

```r
pScreen <- c(seq(1e-10, 1e-2, length.out=100), seq(1e-2, .2, length.out=100), seq(.2, 1, length.out=100))
names(pScreen) <- paste0("gene", 1:300)
pConfirmation <- matrix(runif(900), nrow=300, ncol=3)
dimnames(pConfirmation) <- list(paste0("gene", 1:300), c("H1", "H2", "H3"))
stageRObj <- stageR(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmation)
stageRObj <- stageWiseAdjustment(stageRObj, method="holm", alpha=0.05)
getMethod(stageRObj)
```

```
getPConfirmation

Return unadjusted confirmation hypothesis p-values from a stageRClass object.

Description

Return unadjusted confirmation hypothesis p-values from a stageRClass object.

Usage

getPConfirmation(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageR'
getPConfirmation(object)

## S4 method for signature 'stageRTx'
getPConfirmation(object)

Arguments

object an object of the stageRClass class.

Value

A matrix of the unadjusted p-values to be used in the confirmation stage.

Methods (by class)

- stageRTx: Return unadjusted confirmation hypothesis p-values from a stageRClass object.

Examples

```r
pScreen <- c(seq(1e-10, 1e-2, length.out=100), seq(1e-2, .2, length.out=100), seq(.2, 1, length.out=100))
names(pScreen) <- paste0("gene", 1:300)
pConfirmation <- matrix(runif(900), nrow=300, ncol=3)
dimnames(pConfirmation) <- list(paste0("gene", 1:300), c("H1", "H2", "H3"))
stageRObj <- stageR(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmation)
getPConfirmation(stageRObj)
```
getPScreen

Return screening hypothesis p-values from a stageRClass object.

Description
Return screening hypothesis p-values from a stageRClass object.

Usage
getPScreen(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageR'
getPScreen(object)

## S4 method for signature 'stageRTx'
getPScreen(object)

Arguments
object an object of the stageRClass class.
...
Additional arguments

Value
A vector of screening stage (aggregated) p-values.

Methods (by class)

- stageRTx: Return screening hypothesis p-values from a stageRClass object.

Examples
pScreen=c(seq(1e-10,1e-2,length.out=100),seq(1e-2,.2,length.out=100),seq(.2,1,length.out=100))
names(pScreen)=paste0("gene",1:300)
pConfirmation=matrix(runif(900),nrow=300,ncol=3)
dimnames(pConfirmation)=list(paste0("gene",1:300),c("H1","H2","H3"))
stageRObj <- stageR(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmation)
getPScreen(stageRObj)

getResults

Get significance results according to a stage-wise analysis.

Description
This function returns a matrix that indicates whether a specific feature is significant for a specific hypothesis of interest according to a stage-wise analysis. The function is not applicable to transcript-level analysis.
Usage

getResults(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageR'
getResults(object)

Arguments

object an object of the stageRClass class.

Details

The FDR adjusted screening hypothesis p-values are compared to the alpha level specified. The FWER adjusted confirmation stage p-values are compared to the adjusted significance level from the screening stage.

Value

A logical matrix with rows corresponding to genes and columns corresponding to contrasts, where the first column represents the screening stage on the aggregated p-values. A 0 represents a non-significant test, a 1 represents a significant test according to the stage-wise analysis.

References


Examples

pScreen=c(seq(1e-10,1e-2,length.out=100),seq(1e-2,.2,length.out=100),seq(.2,1,length.out=100))
names(pScreen)=paste0("gene",1:300)
pConfirmation=matrix(runif(900),nrow=300,ncol=3)
dimnames(pConfirmation)=list(paste0("gene",1:300),c("H1","H2","H3"))
stageRObj <- stageR(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmation)
stageRObj <- stageWiseAdjustment(stageRObj, method="holm", alpha=0.05)
head(getResults(stageRObj))

getSignificantGenes Return significant genes when performing transcript-level analysis.

Description

This functions returns a matrix with significant genes by aggregated testing of its respective transcripts.

Usage

getSignificantGenes(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageRTx'
getSignificantGenes(object)
getSignificantTx

Arguments

object an object of the stageRClass class.

Value

A matrix with significant genes and their corresponding FDR-adjusted screening stage (aggregated) p-value.

References


Examples

#make identifiers linking transcripts to genes
set.seed(1)
genes=paste0("gene",sample(1:200,1000,replace=TRUE))
nGenes=length(table(genes))
transcripts=paste0("tx",1:1000)
tx2gene=data.frame(transcripts,genes)
#gene-wise q-values
pScreen=c(seq(1e-10,1e-2,length.out=nGenes-100),seq(1e-2,.2,length.out=50),seq(50))
names(pScreen)=names(table(genes)) #discards genes that are not simulated
pConfirmation=matrix(runif(1000),nrow=1000,ncol=1)
rownames(pConfirmation)=transcripts
stageRObj <- stageRTx(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmation ,pScreenAdjusted=TRUE, tx2gene=tx2gene)
stageRObj <- stageWiseAdjustment(stageRObj, method="dte", alpha=0.05)
head(getSignificantGenes(stageRObj))

getSignificantTx

Return significant transcripts when performing transcript-level analysis.

Description

This functions returns a matrix with significant transcripts according to a stage-wise analysis.

Usage

getSignificantTx(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageRTx'
getSignificantTx(object)

Arguments

object an object of the stageRClass class.

Value

A matrix of significant transcripts with their corresponding stage-wise adjusted p-value (i.e. FDR and FWER correction).
getTx2gene

Retrieve the data frame linking genes to transcripts.

Description
This function returns a data frame that links the genes with the transcripts being analysed.

Usage
getTx2gene(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageRTx'
getTx2gene(object, ...)

Arguments

object
an object of the stageRTxClass class.

... Additional arguments

Value
A matrix linking gene to transcript identifiers.

References
Examples

```r
# make identifiers linking transcripts to genes
set.seed(1)
genes = paste0("gene", sample(1:200, 1000, replace=TRUE))
nGenes = length(table(genes))
transcripts = paste0("tx", 1:1000)

# gene-wise q-values
pScreen = c(seq(1e-10, 1e-2, length.out=nGenes-100), seq(1e-2, .2, length.out=50), seq(50))
names(pScreen) = names(table(genes)) # discards genes that are not simulated
pConfirmation = matrix(runif(1000), nrow=1000, ncol=1)
rownames(pConfirmation) = transcripts

stageRObj <- stageRTx(pScreen = pScreen, pConfirmation = pConfirmation, pScreenAdjusted = TRUE, tx2gene = tx2gene)
getTx2gene(stageRObj)
```

hammer.eset

**Hammer dataset**

**Description**

A gene expression dataset from an experiment on spinal nerve ligation in rats, comparing this treatment to control samples in two timepoints, i.e. two weeks and two months post treatment. Biological replicates available in every treatment x time combination.

**Usage**

`hammer.eset`

**Format**

An `ExpressionSet` object.

**Source**


**References**

Description

This function returns a logical stating whether the p-values have already been adjusted according to the stage-wise method.

Usage

\texttt{isAdjusted(object, \ldots)}

## S4 method for signature 'stageR'
\texttt{isAdjusted(object, \ldots)}

## S4 method for signature 'stageRTx'
\texttt{isAdjusted(object, \ldots)}

Arguments

- \texttt{object}: an object of the \texttt{stageRClass} or \texttt{stageRTxClass} class.
- \texttt{\ldots}: Additional arguments

Value

A logical stating whether the p-values have already been adjusted according to the stage-wise method

Methods (by class)

- \texttt{stageRTx}: Has stage-wise adjustment already been performed on the object?

References


Examples

\begin{verbatim}
pScreen=c(seq(1e-10,1e-2,length.out=100),seq(1e-2,.2,length.out=100),seq(.2,1,length.out=100))
names(pScreen)=paste0("gene",1:300)
pConfirmation=matrix(runif(900),nrow=300,ncol=3)
dimnames(pConfirmation)=list(paste0("gene",1:300),c("H1","H2","H3"))
stageRObj <- stageR(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmation)
isAdjusted(stageRObj)
stageRObj <- stageWiseAdjustment(stageRObj, method="holm", alpha=0.05)
isAdjusted(stageRObj)
\end{verbatim}
Description

This function returns a logical stating whether the screening hypothesis p-values are already adjusted for multiple testing according to the BH FDR criterion.

Usage

isPScreenAdjusted(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageR'
isPScreenAdjusted(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageRTx'
isPScreenAdjusted(object, ...)

Arguments

- **object**: an object of the `stageRClass` or `stageRTxClass` class.
- **...**: Additional arguments

Value

A logical stating whether the screening hypothesis p-values are already adjusted for multiple testing according to the BH FDR criterion.

Methods (by class)

- **stageRTx**: Are the screening p-values adjusted for multiplicity?

References


Examples

```r
pScreen=c(seq(1e-10,1e-2,length.out=100),seq(1e-2,.2,length.out=100),seq(.2,1,length.out=100))
names(pScreen)=paste0("gene",1:300)
pConfirmation=matrix(runif(900),nrow=300,ncol=3)
dimnames(pConfirmation)=list(paste0("gene",1:300),c("H1","H2","H3"))
stageRObj <- stageR(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmation)
isPScreenAdjusted(stageRObj)
```
Create stageR object

Description

Constructor function for stageRClass. A stageR class is a class used for stage-wise analysis in high throughput settings. In its most basic form, it consists of a vector of p-values for the screening hypothesis and a matrix of p-values for the confirmation hypotheses.

Usage

stageR(pScreen, pConfirmation, pScreenAdjusted = FALSE)

Arguments

- pScreen: A vector of screening hypothesis p-values.
- pConfirmation: A matrix of confirmation hypothesis p-values. When constructing a stageRClass object, the number of rows should be equal to the length of pScreen. For a stageRTxClass object, the dimensions can be different.
- pScreenAdjusted: logical, indicating whether the supplied p-values for the screening hypothesis have already been adjusted for multiplicity according to the FDR.
- ...: Additional arguments.

Value

An instance of an object of the stageRClass

References


Examples

```r
# create a \code{(stageRClass)} object
pScreen <- runif(10)
names(pScreen) <- paste0("gene",1:10)
pConfirmation <- matrix(runif(30),nrow=10,ncol=3)
rownames(pConfirmation) <- paste0("gene",1:10)
stageRObj <- stageR(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmation)
pConfirmationTx <- matrix(runif(10),ncol=1)
names(pScreen) <- paste0("gene",rep(1:2,each=5))
stageRObj <- stageRTx(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmationTx, tx2gene=data.frame(transcripts=paste0("transcript",1:10),genes=paste0("gene",rep(1:2,each=5))))
```
stageRClass

The stageR class

Description

This class is used for adjusting p-values with stage-wise testing for high-throughput studies.

Slots

pScreen A vector of p-values for the screening hypothesis.

pConfirmation A matrix of p-values for the confirmation hypotheses.

adjustedP A matrix of adjusted p-values. This slot should be accessed through `getAdjustedPValues,stageR,logical-method`

Alternatively, significance results can be accessed through `getResults,stageR-method`.

method Character string indicating the method used for FWER correction in the confirmation stage of the stage-wise analysis. Can be any of "none", "holm", "dte", "dtu", "user". "none" will not adjust the p-values in the confirmation stage. "holm" is an adapted Holm procedure for a stage-wise analysis, where the method takes into account the fact that genes in the confirmation stage have already passed the screening stage, hence the procedure will be more powerful for the most significant p-value as compared to the standard Holm procedure. "dte" is the adjusted Holm-Shaffer procedure for differential transcript expression analysis. "dtu" is the adjusted Holm-Shaffer procedure for differential transcript usage. "user" indicates a user-defined adjustment that should be specified with the adjustment argument.

alpha the OFDR level on which the stage-wise analysis should be controlled.

alphaAdjusted the adjusted significance level to compare against FWER-adjusted p-values of the confirmation stage to decide on significance of the hypothesis test.

pScreenAdjusted logical, indicating whether the supplied p-values for the screening hypothesis have already been adjusted for multiplicity according to the FDR.

tx2gene matrix with transcript IDs in the first column and gene IDs in the second column to be used for DTE and DTU analysis. All rownames from pConfirmation should match with a transcript ID and all names from pScreen should match with a gene ID.

References


Create stageRTx object.

Description

Constructor function for stageRTxClass. A stageR class is a class used for stage-wise analysis in high throughput settings. In its most basic form, it consists of a vector of p-values for the screening hypothesis, a matrix of p-values for the confirmation hypotheses and a tx2gene object for linking genes to transcripts.

Usage

stageRTx(pScreen, pConfirmation, pScreenAdjusted = FALSE, tx2gene)

Arguments

- pScreen: A vector of screening hypothesis p-values.
- pConfirmation: A matrix of confirmation hypothesis p-values. The number of rows should be equal to the length of pScreen.
- pScreenAdjusted: logical, indicating whether the supplied p-values for the screening hypothesis have already been adjusted for multiplicity according to the FDR.
- tx2gene: Only applicable for transcript-level analysis. A data.frame with transcript IDs in the first columns and gene IDs in the second column. The rownames from pConfirmation must be contained in the transcript IDs from tx2gene, and the names from pScreen must be contained in the gene IDs.
- ...: Additional arguments.

Value

An instance of an object of the stageRTxClass

References


Examples

# create a \code{\link(stageRClass)} object
pScreen <- runif(10)
names(pScreen) <- paste0("gene",1:10)
pConfirmation <- matrix(runif(30),nrow=10,ncol=3)
rownames(pConfirmation) <- paste0("gene",1:10)
stageRObj <- stageR(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmation)
pConfirmationTx <- matrix(runif(10),ncol=1)
names(pScreen) <- paste0("gene",rep(1:2,each=5))
stageRObj <- stageRTx(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmationTx, tx2gene=data.frame(transcripts=paste0("transcript",1:10),genes=paste0("gene",rep(1:2,each=5))))
stageWiseAdjustment  adjust p-values in a two-stage analysis

Description
This function will adjust p-values according to a hierarchical two-stage testing paradigm.

Usage
stageWiseAdjustment(object, method, alpha, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageR,character,numeric'
stageWiseAdjustment(object, method, alpha,
                   adjustment = NULL, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageRTx,character,numeric'
stageWiseAdjustment(object, method,
                   alpha, tx2gene, ...)

Arguments

object an object of the stageRClass class.
method Character string indicating the method used for FWER correction in the confirmation stage of the stage-wise analysis. Can be any of "none", "holm", "dte", "dtu", "user". "none" will not adjust the p-values in the confirmation stage. "holm" is an adapted Holm procedure for a stage-wise analysis, where the method takes into account the fact that genes in the confirmation stage have already passed the screening stage, hence the procedure will be more powerful for the most significant p-value as compared to the standard Holm procedure. "dte" is the adjusted Holm-Shaffer procedure for differential transcript expression analysis. "dtu" is the adjusted Holm-Shaffer procedure for differential transcript usage. "user" indicates a user-defined adjustment that should be specified with the adjustment argument.
alpha the OFDR on which to control the two-stage analysis.
... Additional arguments passed to stageWiseTest
adjustment a user-defined adjustment of the confirmation stage p-values. Only applicable when method is "user" and ignored otherwise.
tx2gene Only applicable when method is "dte" or "dtu". A data.frame with transcript IDs in the first columns and gene IDs in the second column. The rownames from pConfirmation must be contained in the transcript IDs from tx2gene, and the names from pScreen must be contained in the gene IDs.

Value
A stageR/stageRTx object with stage-wise adjusted p-values.

Methods (by class)

- object = stageRTx, method = character, alpha = numeric: Adjust p-values in a two-stage analysis
References


Examples

```r
pScreen<-c(seq(1e-10,1e-2,length.out=100),seq(1e-2,.2,length.out=100),seq(.2,1,length.out=100))
names(pScreen)<-paste0("gene",1:300)
pConfirmation=matrix(runif(900),nrow=300,ncol=3)
dimnames(pConfirmation)=list(paste0("gene",1:300),c("H1","H2","H3"))
stageRObj <- stageR(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmation)
stageRObj <- stageWiseAdjustment(stageRObj, method="holm", alpha=0.05)
getAdjustedPValues(stageRObj, onlySignificantGenes=TRUE, order=TRUE)
```
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