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pmm-package

*The PMM-Package***Description**

This package contains R functions for fitting the Parallel Mixed Model and analyzing its results.

**Details**

The Parallel Mixed Model (PMM) approach is suitable for hit selection and cross-comparison of RNAi screens generated in experiments that are performed in parallel under several conditions. As an example, we could think of the measurements or readouts from cells under RNAi knock-down, which are infected with several pathogens or which are grown from different cell lines. PMM simultaneously takes into account all the knock-down effects in order to gain statistical power for the hit detection. As a special feature, PMM allows incorporating RNAi weights that can be assigned according to the additional information on the used RNAis or the screening quality.

The following functions are contained in this R-package:

|                         |                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <code>pmm</code>        | fits the PMM                  |
| <code>hitheatmap</code> | visualizes the results of PMM |
| <code>sharedness</code> | computes the sharedness       |

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hitheatmap

*Visualization of the PMM results***Description**

This function visualizes the results of PMM.

**Usage**

```
hitheatmap(fit, threshold = 0.2, sharedness.score = FALSE,
           main = "", na.action = "use", ...)
```

**Arguments**

|                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>fit</code>              | data frame returned by the <code>pmm</code> function.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <code>threshold</code>        | threshold for the false discovery rate. Genes are counted as hits if they are below this threshold. Default is 0.2.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <code>sharedness.score</code> | logical value that indicates whether the sharedness score among the conditions should be additionally plotted. Default is FALSE.                                                                                                                                                         |
| <code>main</code>             | the title at the top of the plot.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <code>na.action</code>        | a function that indicates what happens if <code>fit</code> contains NAs. There are two options: "na.omit" or "use" (default). In the case of "na.omit" the hitheatmap is plotted for <code>na.omit(fit)</code> and in the other case the hitheatmap plots all data in <code>fit</code> . |
| <code>...</code>              | further arguments passed to <code>plot</code> and <code>par</code> function.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

**Details**

The heat map represents the effects `c_cg` estimated by PMM. Red color indicates a positive `c_cg` coefficient, blue color a negative `c_cg` coefficient. The darker the color, the stronger is the `c_cg` effect. The heat map contains only the genes with false discovery rate below the given threshold for at least one condition. The yellow star indicates the hit genes in each condition. If `sharedness.score = TRUE`, an additional row is plotted. It represents the strength of sharedness for a gene among the conditions. The darker the color, the stronger is the sharedness effect. If `na.omit = "use"` then NAs are plotted in white color and marked by "NA".

**Value**

A heat map

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**Examples**

```
data(kinome)
fit1 <- pmm(kinome,"InfectionIndex","weight_library")

hitheatmap(fit1, threshold = 0.4)
hitheatmap(fit1, threshold = 0.2, main = "Results PMM")
hitheatmap(fit1, sharedness.score = TRUE)

## NA-Handling
kinome$InfectionIndex[kinome$GeneID == 3611 & kinome$condition ==
"ADENO"] <- rep(NA,12)
fit2 <- pmm(kinome,"InfectionIndex","weight_library")
hitheatmap(fit2, main = "Results PMM with NA")

## Using par options
hitheatmap(fit1, sharedness.score = TRUE, cex.main = 2,
           main = "My modified plot", col.main = "white",
           col.axis = "white", cex.axis = 0.8, bg = "black",
           mar = c(7,6,4,6))
```

kinome

*Example Data from InfectX***Description**

Data from gene knock-down experiments performed with 11 siRNA for 8 different pathogens. The data was generated by the InfectX consortium.

**Usage**

```
data(kinome)
```

**Format**

The data frame contains the microscope image readouts of 826 kinases knock-down experiments. For each gene cells were targeted by a total of 12 independent siRNAs coming from three manufactures: Ambion (3 siRNAs), Qiagen (4 siRNAs) and Dharmacon (4 siRNAs + 1 pool siRNA). All experiments were conducted for 8 different pathogens. Each row of the data frame corresponds to the result of one experiment.

|                |                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| GeneID         | ID of the gene that is knocked down.                                                                                                                                                      |
| GeneName       | Name of the gene that is knocked down.                                                                                                                                                    |
| company        | Company that provided the siRNA for knock-down.                                                                                                                                           |
| siRNA          | Label to identify the different siRNA replicates that are used.                                                                                                                           |
| CellCount      | normalized image readout describing the number of cells in the well                                                                                                                       |
| InfectionIndex | normalized image readout describing the number of infected cells in the well                                                                                                              |
| weight_library | weight denoting the quality of libraries. We assigned a higher weight to Dharmacon Pooled and Ambion libraries (weight 2) than to the unpooled libraries Dharmacon and Qiagen (weight 1). |

**Value**

```
data.frame
```

**Note**

All of our screening data, including raw images, are available at the openBIS portal (<http://infectx.ch/dataaccess>).

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Rämö, P., Drewek, A., Arrieumerlou, C., Beerenwinkel, N., Ben-Tekaya H., Cardel, B., Casanova, A., Conde-Alvarez, R., Cossart, P., Csucs, G., Eicher, S., Emmenlauer, M., Greber, U., Hardt, W.-D., Helenius, A., Kasper, C., Kaufmann, A., Kreibich, S., Kuebacher, A., Kunszt, P., Low, S.H., Mercer, J., Mudrak, D., Muntwiler, S., Pelkmans, L., Pizarro-Cerda, J., Podvinec, M., Pujadas, E., Rinn, B., Rouilly, V., Schmich F., Siebourg, J., Snijder, B., Stebler, M., Studer, G., Szczurek, E., Truttmann, M., von Mering, C., Vonderheit, A., Yakimovich, A., Buehlmann, P. and Dehio, C., *Simultaneous analysis of large-scale RNAi screens for pathogen entry*, BMC Genomics 15(1162): p.1471-2164. (2014)

## Examples

```
data(kinome)
str(kinome)
head(kinome)
```

pmm

*Fitting the PMM*

## Description

Fits the parallel mixed model.

## Usage

```
pmm(df.data, response, weight = "None", ignore = 3, simplify =
TRUE, gene.col = "GeneID", condition.col = "condition")
```

## Arguments

|                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>df.data</code>       | a data frame containing the variables for the model. Each row should correspond to one independent siRNA experiment. The data frame needs to have at least the following variables: GeneID, condition and a column with the measurements/readouts of the screens. |
| <code>response</code>      | name of the column that contains the measurements/readouts of the screens.                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <code>weight</code>        | an optional vector of weights to be used in the fitting process of the linear mixed model. It should be a numeric vector. Default is a fit without weights.                                                                                                       |
| <code>ignore</code>        | number of minimal required sirna replicates for each gene. If a gene has less siRNA replicates it is ignored during the fitting process. Default is 3.                                                                                                            |
| <code>simplify</code>      | logical value that indicates whether the output of pmm should be simplified.                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <code>gene.col</code>      | name of the column that give a gene identifier. Default is "GeneID".                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <code>condition.col</code> | name of the column that indicates the condition that was used for each measurement. Default is "condition".                                                                                                                                                       |

## Details

The Parallel Mixed Model (PMM) is composed of a linear mixed model and an assessment of the local False Discovery Rate. The linear mixed model consists of a fixed effect for condition and of two random effects for gene  $g$  and for gene  $g$  within a condition  $c$ . We fit a linear mixed model by using `lmer` function from `lme4` R-package. To distinguish hit genes, PMM provides also an estimate of the local False Discovery Rate (FDR). `pmm` will only use the data of genes that have at least a certain number of siRNA replicates per condition. The number of ignored genes can be passed to `pmm` by the argument `ignore`. We recommend using at least 3 siRNA replicates per gene and condition in order to obtain a reliable fit.

**Value**

The simplified output of `pmm` is a matrix that contains the `c_cg` effects for each condition `c` and gene `g`, as well as an estimate for the local false discovery rate. A positive estimated `c_cg` effect means that the response was enhanced when the corresponding gene is knocked down. A negative effect means that the response was reduced.

The non-simplified output of `pmm` is a list of three components. The first component contains the simplified output, i.e the matrix with the `c_cg` effects and `fdr` values, the second component contains the fit of the linear mixed model and the third component contains the `a_g` and `b_cg` values.

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**Examples**

```
data(kinome)

## Fitting the parallel mixed model with weights
fit1 <- pmm(kinome,"InfectionIndex","weight_library")
head(fit1)

## Fitting the parallel mixed model without weights
fit2 <- pmm(kinome,"InfectionIndex","None")
head(fit2)

## Accessing the fit of the linear mixed model
fit3 <- pmm(kinome,"InfectionIndex","weight_library",simplify=FALSE)
identical(fit1,fit3[[1]])
summary(fit3[[2]])

## NA-Handling
kinome$InfectionIndex[kinome$GeneID == 10000 & kinome$condition ==
"ADENO"] <- rep(NA,12)
fit4 <- pmm(kinome,"InfectionIndex","weight_library",3)
head(fit4)
```

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sharedness

*Sharedness Score*

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**Description**

The `sharedness` score computes the strength of sharedness of hit genes among the conditions.

**Usage**

```
sharedness(fit, threshold = 0.2, na.action = "na.omit")
```

**Arguments**

|                        |                                                                                                                     |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>fit</code>       | data frame returned by the <code>pmm</code> function.                                                               |
| <code>threshold</code> | threshold for the false discovery rate. Genes are counted as hits if they are below this threshold. Default is 0.2. |

`na.action` a function that indicates what happens if `fit` contains NAs. There are two options: "na.omit" (default) or "use". In the case of "na.omit" the sharedness score is applied to `na.omit(fit)` and in the other case the sharedness score is adapted for each gene to the number of conditions without NA.

## Details

The sharedness score is a combination of two quantities:

$$sh_g = \frac{1}{2} \left( (1 - \text{mean}(fdr_{cg})) + \sum_c (fdr_{cg} < 1) \right)$$

The first part defines the shift away from 1 and the second part describes how many pathogens support the shift (proportion of FDRs < 1).

## Value

The score returns a value between 0 and 1 for each gene. Score 0 indicates that a gene is not shared among the condition and score 1 that the gene is significant among all conditions.

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## Examples

```
data(kinome)
fit <- pmm(kinome,"InfectionIndex","weight_library")
sh <- sharedness(fit, threshold = 0.2)
head(sh)

## NA-Handling
kinome$InfectionIndex[kinome$GeneID == 132158 & kinome$condition ==
"ADENO"] <- rep(NA,12)
fit <- pmm(kinome,"InfectionIndex","weight_library")
## Sharedness score for genes present in all conditions
sh <- sharedness(fit, threshold = 0.2, na.action = "na.omit")
head(sh)
## Sharedness score for all significant genes
sh <- sharedness(fit, threshold = 0.2, na.action = "use")
head(sh)
```

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