

# baySeq

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## Description

The `countData` class is used to define summaries of count data and establishing prior and posterior parameters on distributions defined upon the count data.

## Slots

Objects of the '`countData`' class should contain the following components:

<code>data:</code>	Count data (matrix).
<code>libsizes:</code>	Vector of library size for each sample.
<code>groups:</code>	Group (model) structure to test on the data (list).
<code>annotation:</code>	Annotation data for each count (data.frame).
<code>priorType:</code>	Character string describing the type of prior information available in slot ' <code>priors</code> '.
<code>priors:</code>	Prior parameter information. Calculated by the functions described in <a href="#">getPriors</a> .
<code>posteriors:</code>	Estimated posterior likelihoods for each group (matrix). Calculated by the functions described in <a href="#">getL</a> .
<code>estProps:</code>	Estimated proportion of tags belonging to each group (numeric). Calculated by the functions described in <a href="#">getL</a> .
<code>nullPosts:</code>	If calculated, the posterior likelihoods for the data having no true expression of any kind.
<code>seglens:</code>	Lengths of segments containing the counts described in <code>data</code> . A matrix, but may be initialised with a v

## Details

The `seglens` slot describes, for each row of the `data` object, the length of the 'segment' that contains the number of counts described by that row. For example, if we are looking at the number of hits matching genes, the `seglens` object would consist of transcript lengths. Exceptionally, we may want to use different segment lengths for different samples and so the slot takes the form of a matrix. If the matrix has only one column, it is duplicated for all samples. Otherwise, it should have the same number of columns as the '`@data`' slot. If the slot is the empty matrix, then it is assumed that all segments have the same length.

## Methods

Methods '`new`', '`dim`', '`'[`' and '`show`' have been defined for this class.

**Author(s)**

Thomas J. Hardcastle

**Examples**

```
library(baySeq)

data(simCount)
data(libsizes)

replicates <- c(1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2)
groups <- list(c(1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1), c(1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2))

#create new 'countData' object
CD <- new("countData", data = simCount, replicates = replicates, libsizes = libsizes, gro

CD[1:10,]
dim(CD)
```

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baySeq-package*Empirical Bayesian analysis of patterns of differential expression in count data.*

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**Description**

This package is intended to identify differential expression in high-throughput 'count' data, such as that derived from next-generation sequencing machines. We achieve this by empirical bayesian methods, first bootstrapping to estimate prior parameters from the data and then assessing posterior likelihoods of the models proposed.

**Details**

Package:	baySeq
Type:	Package
Version:	1.1.1
Date:	2009-16-05
License:	GPL-3
LazyLoad:	yes

To use the package, construct a `countData` object and use the functions documented in [getPriors](#) to empirically determine priors on the data. Then use the functions documented in [getLikelihoods](#) to establish posterior likelihoods for the models proposed. A few convenience functions, [getTPs](#) and [topCounts](#) are also included.

The package (optionally) makes use of the 'snow' package for parallelisation of computationally intensive functions. This is highly recommended for large data sets.

See the vignette for more details.

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**References**

Hardcastle T.J., and Kelly, K. baySeq: Empirical Bayesian Methods For Identifying Differential Expression In Sequence Count Data. BMC Bioinformatics (2010)

**Examples**

```
# See vignette for more examples.

# load test data
data(simCount)
data(libsizes)

# replicate structure of data
replicates <- c(1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2)

# define hypotheses on data
groups <- list(c(1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1), c(1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2))

# construct 'countData' object
CD <- new("countData", data = simCount, replicates = replicates, libsizes = libsizes, group = groups)
CD[1:10,]

# estimate prior distributions on 'countData' object using Poisson
# method. Other methods are available - see getPriors
CDP.Poi <- getPriors.Pois(CD, samplesize = 20, takemean = TRUE, cl = NULL)

# estimate posterior likelihoods for each row of data belonging to each hypothesis
CDPost.Poi <- getLikelihoods.Pois(CDP.Poi, prs = c(0.5, 0.5), pET = "BIC", cl = NULL)

# display the rows of data showing greatest association with the second
# hypothesis (differential expression)
topCounts(CDPost.Poi, group = 2, number = 10)

# find true positive selection rate
getTPs(CDPost.Poi, group = 2, TPs = 1:100)[1:100]
```

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factCount

*Simulated data for testing the baySeq package methods; simulated counts from a factorial design differential expression analysis*

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**Description**

This data set is a matrix of simulated counts from a simple pairwise expression analysis. It is simulated according to a negative binomial distribution with varying parameters for each row. The first hundred rows of the data are truly differentially expressed between the first four samples and the second four samples. The second hundred rows of the data are truly differentially expressed between samples 1,2,5,6 and samples 3,4,7,8.

**Usage**

```
factCount
```

**Format**

A matrix of which each of the eight columns represents a sample, and each row some discrete data (acquired by sequencing).

**Source**

Simulation.

**References**

Hardcastle T.J., and Kelly, K. baySeq: Empirical Bayesian Methods For Identifying Differential Expression In Sequence Count Data. BMC Bioinformatics (2010)

**See Also**

[factlibsizes](#)

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factlibsizes

*Simulated data for testing the baySeq package methods; simulated library sizes from a pairwise differential expression analysis*

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**Description**

This data set is a vector of library sizes for the [factCount](#) matrix.

**Usage**

```
factlibsizes
```

**Format**

A vector containing library sizes for the ten libraries whose data is given in the [factCount](#) matrix.

**Source**

Simulation.

**References**

Hardcastle T.J., and Kelly, K. baySeq: Empirical Bayesian Methods For Identifying Differential Expression In Sequence Count Data. BMC Bioinformatics (2010)

**See Also**

[factCount](#)

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getLikelihoods	<i>Finds posterior likelihoods for each count as belonging to some hypothesis.</i>
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## Description

These functions calculate posterior probabilities for each of the 'counts' in the countDP object belonging to each of the groups specified. The choice of function depends on the prior belief about the underlying distribution of the data. It is essential that the method used for calculating priors matches the method used for calculating the posterior probabilities.

For a comparison of the methods, see Hardcastle & Kelly, 2009.

## Usage

```
getLikelihoods(cD, prs, pET = "BIC", marginalise = FALSE, subset = NULL,
priorSubset = NULL, verbose = TRUE, ..., cl)
getLikelihoods.Dirichlet(cD, prs, pET = "BIC", marginalise = FALSE, subset = NULL,
priorSubset = NULL, verbose = TRUE, cl)
getLikelihoods.Pois(cD, prs, pET = "BIC", marginalise = FALSE, subset = NULL,
priorSubset = NULL, distpriors = FALSE, verbose = TRUE, cl)
getLikelihoods.NB(cD, prs, pET = "BIC", marginalise = FALSE, subset = NULL,
priorSubset = NULL, bootStraps = 1, conv = 1e-4, nullData = FALSE,
returnAll = FALSE, verbose = TRUE, cl)
```

## Arguments

cD	An object of type <code>countData</code> , or descending from this class.
prs	(Initial) prior probabilities for each of the groups in the 'countDP' object. Should sum to 1, unless <code>nullData</code> is TRUE, in which case it should sum to less than 1.
pET	What type of prior re-estimation should be attempted? Defaults to "BIC"; "none" and "iteratively" are also available.
marginalise	Should an attempt be made to numerically marginalise over a prior distribution iteratively estimated from the posterior distribution? Defaults to FALSE, as in general offers little performance gain and increases computational cost considerably.
subset	Numeric vector giving the subset of counts for which posterior likelihoods should be estimated.
priorSubset	Numeric vector giving the subset of counts which may be used to estimate prior probabilities on each of the groups. See Details.
distpriors	Should the Poisson method use an empirically derived distribution on the prior parameters of the Poisson distribution, or use the mean of the maximum likelihood estimates (default).
bootStraps	How many iterations of bootstrapping should be used in the (re)estimation of priors in the negative binomial method.
conv	If not null, bootstrapping iterations will cease if the mean squared difference between posterior likelihoods of consecutive bootstraps drops below this value.
nullData	If TRUE, looks for segments or counts with no true expression. See Details.

returnAll	If TRUE, and bootStraps > 1 instead of returning a single countData object, the function returns a list of countData objects; one for each bootstrap. Largely used for debugging purposes.
verbose	Should status messages be displayed? Defaults to TRUE.
cl	A SNOW cluster object.
...	Any additional information to be passed by the 'getLikelihoods' wrapper function to the individual functions which calculate the likelihoods.

## Details

These functions estimate, under the assumption of various distributions, the (log) posterior likelihoods that each count belongs to a group defined by the @group slot of the countData object. The posterior likelihoods are stored on the natural log scale in the @posteriors slot of the countData object generated by this function. This is because the posterior likelihoods are calculated in this form, and ordering of the counts is better done on these log-likelihoods than on the likelihoods.

If 'pET = "none"' then no attempt is made to re-estimate the prior likelihoods given in the 'prs' variable. However, if 'pET = "BIC"', then the function will attempt to estimate the prior likelihoods by using the Bayesian Information Criterion to identify the proportion of the data best explained by each model and taking these proportions as prior. Alternatively, an iterative re-estimation of priors is possible ('pET = "iteratively"'), in which an initial estimate for the prior likelihoods of the models is used to calculate the posteriors and then the priors are updated by taking the mean of the posterior likelihoods for each model across all data. This often works well, particularly if the 'BIC' method is used (see Hardcastle & Kelly 2010 for details). However, if the data are sufficiently non-independent, this approach may substantially mis-estimate the true priors. If it is possible to select a representative subset of the data by setting the variable 'subsetPriors' that is sufficiently independent, then better estimates may be acquired.

The Dirichlet and Poisson methods produce almost identical results in simulation. The Negative Binomial method produces results with much lower false discovery rates, but takes considerably longer to run.

Filtering the data may be extremely advantageous in reducing run time. This can be done by passing a numeric vector to 'subset' defining a subset of the data for which posterior likelihoods are required.

If 'nullData = TRUE', the algorithm attempts to find those counts or segments that have no true expression in all samples. This means that there is another, implied group where all samples are equal. The prior likelihoods given in the 'prs' object must thus sum to less than 1, with the residual going to this group.

See Hardcastle & Kelly (2010) for a full comparison of the methods.

A 'cluster' object is strongly recommended in order to parallelise the estimation of posterior likelihoods, particularly for the negative binomial method. However, passing NULL to the cl variable will allow the functions to run in non-parallel mode.

The 'getLikelihoods' function will infer the correct distribution to use from the information stored in the '@priors' slot of the countData object 'sD' and call the appropriate function.

## Value

A countData object.

## Author(s)

Thomas J. Hardcastle

## References

Hardcastle T.J., and Kelly, K. baySeq: Empirical Bayesian Methods For Identifying Differential Expression In Sequence Count Data. BMC Bioinformatics (2010)

## See Also

[countData](#), [getPriors](#), [topCounts](#), [getTPs](#)

## Examples

```
library(baySeq)

# See vignette for more examples.

# Create a {countData} object and estimate priors for the
# Poisson methods.
data(simCount)
data(libsizes)
replicates <- c(1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2)
groups <- list(c(1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1), c(1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2))
CD <- new("countData", data = simCount, replicates = replicates, libsizes = libsizes, gro
CDP.Poi <- getPriors.Pois(CD, samplesize = 20,
takemean = TRUE, cl = NULL)

# Get likelihoods for data with Poisson method
CDPost.Poi <- getLikelihoods.Pois(CDP.Poi, prs = c(0.5, 0.5),
pET = "BIC", marginalise = FALSE, cl = NULL)

# Alternatively, get priors for negative binomial method
CDP.NB <- getPriors.NB(CD, samplesize = 10^5, estimation = "QL", cl = NULL)

# Get likelihoods for data with negative binomial method with bootstrapping
CDPost.NB <- getLikelihoods.NBboot(CDP.NB, prs = c(0.5, 0.5),
pET = "BIC", marginalise = FALSE, bootStraps = 1, cl = NULL)

# Alternatively, if we have the 'snow' package installed we
# can parallelise the functions. This will usually (not always) offer
# significant performance gain.

cl <- NULL
try(library(snow))
try(cl <- makeCluster(4, "SOCK"))

CDP.NB <- getPriors.NB(CD, samplesize = 10^5, estimation = "QL", cl = cl)
CDPost.NB <- getLikelihoods.NB(CDP.NB, prs = c(0.5, 0.5),
pET = "BIC", marginalise = FALSE, cl = cl)
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getPosteriors

*An internal function in the baySeq package for calculating posterior likelihoods given likelihoods of the data.*

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**Description**

For likelihoods of the data given a set of models, this function calculates the posterior likelihoods of the models given the data. An internal function of baySeq, which should not in general be called by the user.

**Usage**

```
getPosteriors(ps, prs, pET = "none", marginalise = FALSE, groups, priorSubset =
1e-5, cl = cl)
```

**Arguments**

<code>ps</code>	A matrix containing likelihoods of the data for each count (rows) under each model (columns).
<code>prs</code>	(Initial) prior probabilities for each of the models.
<code>pET</code>	What type of prior re-estimation should be attempted? Defaults to "none"; "BIC" and "iteratively" are also available.
<code>marginalise</code>	Should an attempt be made to numerically marginalise over a prior distribution iteratively estimated from the posterior distribution? Defaults to FALSE, as in general offers little performance gain and increases computational cost considerably.
<code>groups</code>	Group structure from which likelihoods in 'ps' were defined.
<code>priorSubset</code>	If 'estimatePriors = TRUE', what subset of the data should be used to re-estimate the priors? Defaults to NULL, implying all data will be used.
<code>maxit</code>	What is the maximum number of iterations that should be tried if we are bootstrapping prior probabilities from the data?
<code>accuracy</code>	How small should the difference in estimated priors be before we stop bootstrapping.
<code>cl</code>	A SNOW cluster object.

**Details**

An internal function, that will not in general be called by the user. It takes the log-likelihoods of the data given the models being tested and returns the posterior likelihoods of the models.

The function may attempt to estimate the prior likelihoods either by using the Bayesian Information Criterion ('pET = "BIC"') to identify the proportion of the data best explained by each model and taking these proportions as prior. Alternatively, an iterative re-estimation of priors is possible ('pET = "iteratively"', in which an initial estimate for the prior likelihoods of the models is used to calculate the posteriors and then the priors are updated by taking the mean of the posterior likelihoods for each model across all data.

**Value**

A list containing posteriors: estimated posterior likelihoods of the model for each count (log-scale)  
priors: estimated (or given) prior probabilities of the model

**Author(s)**

Thomas J. Hardcastle

## References

Hardcastle T.J., and Kelly, K. baySeq: Empirical Bayesian Methods For Identifying Differential Expression In Sequence Count Data. BMC Bioinformatics (2010)

## See Also

[getLikelihoods](#)

## Examples

```
# Simulate some log-likelihoods of data given models (each model
# describes one column of the 'ps' object).
ps <- log(rbind(
  cbind(runif(10000, 0, 0.1), runif(10000, 0.3, 0.9)),
  cbind(runif(10000, 0.4, 0.9), runif(1000, 0, 0.2))))

# get posterior log-likelihoods of model, estimating prior likelihoods
# of each model from the data.

pps <- getPosteriors(ps, prs <- c(0.5, 0.5), pET = "none", cl =
NULL)

pps$priors

pps$posteriors[1:10,]
```

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getPriors	<i>Estimates prior parameters for the underlying distributions of 'count' data.</i>
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## Description

These functions estimate, via maximum likelihood methods, the parameters of the underlying distributions for the different methods of describing the 'count' data.

## Usage

```
getPriors.Dirichlet(cD, samplesize = 10^5, perSE = 1e-1, maxit = 10^6,
  verbose = TRUE)
getPriors.Pois(cD, samplesize = 10^5, perSE = 1e-1, takemean = TRUE,
  maxit = 10^5, verbose = TRUE, cl)
getPriors.NB(cD, samplesize = 10^5, samplingSubset = NULL, equalDispersions = TR
  = "QL", verbose = TRUE, cl, ...)
```

## Arguments

`cD` A [countData](#) object.

`samplesize` How large a sample should be taken in estimating the priors?

`samplingSubset` If given, the priors will be sampled only from the subset specified.

<code>perSE</code>	What should the relative standard error of the estimated parameters fall below?
<code>maxit</code>	Over how many iterations (at most) should we take samples and re-estimate the priors in order to achieve convergence?
<code>takemean</code>	If TRUE (recommended), we take the mean of the estimated priors to define a gamma distribution. If FALSE, we use all estimated priors to define an empirical distribution on the parameters of the gamma distribution.
<code>equalDispersions</code>	Should we assume equal dispersions of data across all groups in the 'cD' object? Defaults to TRUE; see Details.
<code>estimation</code>	Defaults to "QL", indicating quasi-likelihood estimation of priors. Currently, the only other possibilities are "ML", a maximum-likelihood method, and "edgeR", the moderated dispersion estimates produced by the 'edgeR' package. See Details.
<code>verbose</code>	Should status messages be displayed? Defaults to TRUE.
<code>cl</code>	A SNOW cluster object.
<code>...</code>	Additional parameters to be passed to the <code>estimateTagwiseDisp</code> function if <code>'estimation = "edgeR"'</code> .

## Details

These functions empirically estimate prior parameters for different distributions used in estimating posterior likelihoods of each count belonging to a particular group. The choice of which function to use for estimating the prior parameters will depend on the choice of which method is being used to estimate the posterior likelihoods (see [getLikelihoods](#)).

For priors estimated for the negative binomial methods, three options are available. Differences in the options focus on the way in which the dispersion is estimated for the data. In simulation studies, quasi-likelihood methods (`'estimation = "QL"'`) performed best and so these are used by default. Alternatives are maximum-likelihood methods (`'estimation = "ML"'`), and the 'edgeR' packages moderated dispersion estimates (`'estimation = "edgeR"'`).

The priors estimated for the negative binomial methods (`'getPriors.NB'`) may assume that the dispersion of data for a given row is identical for all group structures defined in `'cD@groups'` (`'equalDispersions = TRUE'`). Alternatively, the dispersions may be estimated individually for each group structure (`'equalDispersions = FALSE'`). Unless there is a strong reason for believing that the data are differently dispersed between groups, `'equalDispersions = TRUE'` is recommended. If `'estimation = "edgeR"'` then this parameter is ignored and dispersion is assumed identical for all group structures.

A 'cluster' object is recommended in order to estimate the priors for the negative binomial distribution. Passing NULL to this variable will cause the function to run in non-parallel mode.

`getPriors.Dirichlet` and `getPriors.Pois` will issue warnings if the estimation of any priors fails to achieve less than the relative standard error specified in the maximum number of iterations.

## Value

A `countData` object.

## Author(s)

Thomas J. Hardcastle

## References

Hardcastle T.J., and Kelly, K. baySeq: Empirical Bayesian Methods For Identifying Differential Expression In Sequence Count Data. BMC Bioinformatics (2010)

## See Also

[countData](#), [getLikelihoods](#)

## Examples

```
# See vignette for more examples.

# Create a {countData} object.
data(simCount)
data(libsizes)
replicates <- c(1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2)
groups <- list(c(1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1), c(1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2))
CD <- new("countData", data = simCount, replicates = replicates, libsizes = libsizes, groups = groups)

# If we have the 'snow' package installed we can parallelise the prior
# estimation. This will usually (depending on your parallelisation
# set-up) offer significant performance gains.

cl <- NULL
try(library(snow))
try(cl <- makeCluster(4, "SOCK"))

# Estimate priors using Poisson method.
DP.Poi <- getPriors.Pois(CD, samplesize = 20, takemean = TRUE, cl = cl)

# Alternatively, get priors for negative binomial method.

CDP.NBML <- getPriors.NB(CD, samplesize = 10^5, estimation = "QL", cl = cl)
```

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getTPs

*Gets the number of true positives in the top n counts selected by ranked posterior likelihoods*

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## Description

If the true positives are known, this function will return a vector, the *i*th member of which gives the number of true positives identified if the top *i* counts, based on estimated posterior likelihoods, are chosen.

## Usage

```
getTPs(cD, group, decreasing = TRUE, TPs)
```

**Arguments**

cD	<code>countData</code> object, containing posterior likelihoods for each group.
group	Which group should we give the counts for? See Details.
decreasing	Ordering on posterior likelihoods.
TPs	Known true positives.

**Details**

In the rare (or simulated) cases where the true positives are known, this function will calculate the number of true positives selected at any cutoff.

If `group = NULL`, then the function looks at the posterior likelihoods that the data have no true differential expression (if calculated).

**Value**

A vector, the *i*th member of which gives the number of true positives identified if the top *i* counts are chosen.

**Author(s)**

Thomas J. Hardcastle

**See Also**

`countData`

**Examples**

```
# Create a {countData} object and estimate priors for the Poisson methods.
data(simCount)
data(libsizes)
replicates <- c(1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2)
groups <- list(c(1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1), c(1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2))
CD <- new("countData", data = simCount, replicates = replicates, libsizes = libsizes, groups = groups)
CDP.Poi <- getPriors.Pois(CD, samplesize = 20,
  takemean = TRUE, cl = NULL)

# Get likelihoods for data with Poisson method
CDPost.Poi <- getLikelihoods.Pois(CDP.Poi, prs = c(0.5, 0.5),
  pET = "BIC", cl = NULL)

# If the first hundred rows in the 'simCount' matrix are known to be
# truly differentially expressed (the second hypothesis defined in the
# 'groups' list) then we find the number of true positives for the top n
# genes selected as the nth member of

getTPs(CDPost.Poi, group = 2, decreasing = TRUE, TPs = 1:100)
```

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libsizes	<i>Simulated data for testing the baySeq package methods; simulated library sizes from a pairwise differential expression analysis</i>
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**Description**

This data set is a vector of library sizes for the `simCount` matrix.

**Usage**

```
libsizes
```

**Format**

A vector containing library sizes for the ten libraries whose data is given in the `simCount` matrix.

**Source**

Simulation.

**References**

Hardcastle T.J., and Kelly, K. baySeq: Empirical Bayesian Methods For Identifying Differential Expression In Sequence Count Data. BMC Bioinformatics (2010)

**See Also**

`simCount`

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plotMA.CD	<i>'MA'-plot for count data.</i>
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**Description**

This function creates an MA-plot from two sets of samples. For those data where the log-ratio is infinite (because in one set of sample data all observed counts are zero), we plot instead the log-values of the other group.

**Usage**

```
plotMA.CD(cD, samplesA, samplesB, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>cD</code>	A <code>countData</code> object.
<code>samplesA</code>	A numerical vector giving the columns of data in the <code>'countData'</code> object that forms sample set A.
<code>samplesB</code>	A numerical vector giving the columns of data in the <code>'countData'</code> object that forms sample set B.
<code>...</code>	Any other parameters to be passed to the <code>plot</code> function.

**Value**

Plotting function.

**Author(s)**

Thomas J. Hardcastle

**See Also**

[countData](#)

**Examples**

```
data(simCount)
data(libsizes)
replicates <- c(1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2)
groups <- list(c(1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1), c(1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2))
CD <- new("countData", data = simCount, replicates = replicates, libsizes = libsizes, gro

plotMA.CD(CD, samplesA = 1:5, samplesB = 6:10)
```

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plotPosteriors	<i>Plots the posterior likelihoods estimated for a 'countData' object against the log-ratios observed between two sets of sample data.</i>
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**Description**

This function plots the posterior likelihoods estimated for a 'countData' object against the log-ratios observed between two sets of sample data. For those data where the log-ratio is infinite (because in one set of sample data all observed counts are zero), we plot instead the log-values of the other group.

**Usage**

```
plotPosteriors(cD, group = 1, samplesA, samplesB, ...)
```

**Arguments**

cD	A <a href="#">countData</a> object, for which posterior likelihoods have been estimated (see <a href="#">getPosteriors</a> ).
group	From which group (as defined in the 'cD@groups' slot) should posterior likelihoods be shown?
samplesA	A numerical vector giving the columns of data in the 'countData' object that forms sample set A.
samplesB	A numerical vector giving the columns of data in the 'countData' object that forms sample set B.
...	Any other parameters to be passed to the <a href="#">plot</a> function.

**Value**

Plotting function.

**Author(s)**

Thomas J. Hardcastle

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

```

data(simCount)
data(libsizes)
replicates <- c(1,1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2)
groups <- list(c(1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1), c(1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2))
CD <- new("countData", data = simCount, replicates = replicates, libsizes = libsizes, gro

# Get priors for negative binomial method
CDP.NB <- getPriors.NB(CD, sampleSize = 10^5, estimation = "QL", cl = NULL)

# Get likelihoods for data with negative binomial method

CDPost.NB <- getLikelihoods.NB(CDP.NB, prs = c(0.5, 0.5),
pET = "BIC", cl = NULL)

plotPosteriors(CDPost.NB, group = 1, samplesA = 1:5, samplesB = 6:10)

```

plotPriors

*Plots the density of the log values estimated for the mean rate in the prior data for the Negative Binomial approach to detecting differential expression*

**Description**

This function plots the density of the log values estimated for the mean rate in the data used to estimate a prior distribution for data under the assumption of a Negative Binomial distribution. This function is useful for looking for bimodality of the distributions, and thus determining whether we should try and identify data with no true expression.

**Usage**

```
plotPriors(cD, group)
```

**Arguments**

**cD** [countData](#) object, for which priors have been estimated using the assumption of a Negative Binomial distribution (see [getPriors.NB](#)).

**group** Which group should we plot the priors for? In general, should be the group that defines non-differentially expressed data.

**Details**

If the plot of the data appears bimodal, then it may be sensible to try and look for data with no true expression by using the option `nullPosts = TRUE` in [getLikelihoods.NBboot](#).

**Value**

Plotting function.

**Author(s)**

Thomas J. Hardcastle

**See Also**

[getPriors.NB](#), [getLikelihoods.NB](#)

**Examples**

```
# Create a {countData} object and estimate priors for the Poisson methods.
data(simSeg)
data(libsizes)
replicates <- c(1,1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2)
groups <- list(c(1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1), c(1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2))
CD <- new("countData", data = simSeg[,-1], replicates = replicates, seglens = simSeg[,1],
CDP.NB <- getPriors.NB(CD, samplesize = 1000, estimation = "QL", cl = NULL)

plotPriors(CDP.NB, group = 1)
```

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simCount

*Simulated data for testing the baySeq package methods; simulated counts from a pairwise differential expression analysis*

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**Description**

This data set is a matrix of simulated counts from a simple pairwise expression analysis. It is simulated according to a negative binomial distribution with varying parameters for each row. The first hundred rows of the data are truly differentially expressed, the remainder have no differential expression. Library sizes for these data sets are given in [libsizes](#).

**Usage**

```
simCount
```

**Format**

A matrix of which each of the ten columns represents a sample, and each row some discrete data (acquired by sequencing).

**Source**

Simulation.

**References**

Hardcastle T.J., and Kelly, K. baySeq: Empirical Bayesian Methods For Identifying Differential Expression In Sequence Count Data. BMC Bioinformatics (2010)

**See Also**[libsizes](#)

simSeg

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*Simulated data for testing the baySeq package methods; simulated counts and segment lengths from a pairwise differential expression analysis*

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**Description**

This data set is a matrix of simulated counts from a simple pairwise expression analysis of genomic regions. The first column of the data is the length of the segment, simulated from a negative binomial distribution. The remaining columns of the data are simulated according to a negative binomial distribution with varying parameters for each row, such that the rate of expression is proportional to the length of the segment. The first hundred rows of the data are truly differentially expressed, the second hundred rows have no true expression of any kind, the remainder are expressed but not differentially expressed. Library sizes for these data are given in [libsizes](#).

**Usage**

simCount

**Format**

A matrix of which the first column gives the length of a genomic region, and the following ten columns represents the discrete data (acquired by sequencing) observed at each region.

**Source**

Simulation.

**References**

Hardcastle T.J., and Kelly, K. baySeq: Empirical Bayesian Methods For Identifying Differential Expression In Sequence Count Data. BMC Bioinformatics (2010)

**See Also**[libsizes](#)

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topCounts	<i>Get the top counts corresponding to some group from a 'countData' object</i>
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### Description

Takes posterior likelihoods and returns the counts with highest (or lowest) likelihood of association with a given group.

### Usage

```
topCounts(cD, group, decreasing = TRUE, number = 10, normaliseData = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

cD	<code>countData</code> object, containing posterior likelihoods for each group.
group	Which group should we give the counts for? See Details.
decreasing	Ordering on posterior likelihoods.
number	How many results should be returned?
normaliseData	Should the displayed counts be normalised by library size? Defaults to FALSE.

### Value

A dataframe of the top counts associated with some model (group), described by annotation drawn from the '@annotation' slot of the 'cD' object and the raw data from the '@data' slot, together with the posterior log-likelihoods.

If group = NULL, then the function looks at the posterior likelihoods that the data have no true differential expression (if calculated).

### Author(s)

Thomas J. Hardcastle

### See Also

[countData](#)

### Examples

```
data(simCount)
data(libsizes)

# Make 'countData' object and calculate posterior likelihoods for each
# item belonging to each hypothesis.
replicates <- c(1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2)
groups <- list(c(1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1), c(1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2))
CD <- new("countData", data = simCount, replicates = replicates, libsizes = libsizes, gro
CDP.Poi <- getPriors.Pois(CD, samplesize = 20, cl = NULL)
CDPost.Poi <- getLikelihoods.Pois(CDP.Poi, prs = c(0.5, 0.5), pET = "BIC", cl = NULL)
```

```
# Report the top ten rows of data that have highest (log) likelihood of belonging to
# group 2 of the data (i.e., differentially expressed)

topCounts(CDPost.Poi, group = 2, number = 10)
```

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