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Description LACE is an algorithmic framework that processes single-cell somatic mutation profiles from cancer samples collected at different time points and in distinct experimental settings, to produce longitudinal models of cancer evolution. The approach solves a Boolean Matrix Factorization problem with phylogenetic constraints, by maximizing a weighed likelihood function computed on multiple time points.

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compute.mutation.distance

compute.mutation.distance

Description

Compute mutation distance among variants from LACE corrected genotype and use it to perform hierarchical clustering.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'mutation.distance'
compute(inference)
```

Arguments

inference Results of the inference by LACE.

Value

A matrix mutation_distance with the mutation distance among variants computed from LACE corrected genotype and related hierarchical clustering.

Examples

```
data(inference)
mutation_distance <- compute.mutation.distance(inference)</pre>
```

Description

Compute error rates for the considered variants comparing observed data to LACE corrected genotype.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'variants.error.rates'
compute(D, inference)
```

Arguments

D Mutation data from multiple experiments for a list of driver genes provided as a

data matrix per time point.

inference Results of the inference by LACE.

Value

A matrix variants_error_rates with the estimated error rates for the considered variants.

Examples

```
data(longitudinal_sc_variants)
data(inference)
variants_error_rates <- compute.variants.error.rates(longitudinal_sc_variants,inference)</pre>
```

inference

Results obtained with the function LACE on the provided input data from Rambow, Florian, et al. "Toward minimal residual disease-directed therapy in melanoma." Cell 174.4 (2018): 843-855.

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Usage

```
data(inference)
```

Format

Results obtained with the function LACE on the provided input data

Value

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LACE LACE

Description

Perform the inference of the maximum likelihood clonal tree from longitudinal data.

Usage

```
LACE(
  lik_w = NULL,
  alpha = NULL,
  beta = NULL,
  initialization = NULL,
  random_tree = FALSE,
  keep_equivalent = TRUE,
  check_indistinguishable = TRUE,
  num_rs = 50,
  num_iter = 10000,
  n_{try_bs} = 500,
  learning_rate = 1,
  marginalize = FALSE,
  error_move = FALSE,
  num_processes = Inf,
  seed = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE,
  log_file = "",
  show = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

lik_w

D	Mutation data	from multipl	e experiments	for a list of	f driver genes.	It can be

either a list with a data matrix per time point or a SummarizedExperiment object. In this latter, the object must contain two fields: assays and colData. Assays stores one unique data matrix pooling all single cells observed at each time point and colData stores a vector of labels reporting the time point when each single cell was sequenced. Ordering of cells in assays field and colData field must be the same.

Weight for each data point. If not provided, weights to correct for sample sizes

are used.

alpha False positive error rate provided as list of elements; if a vector of alpha (and

beta) is provided, the inference is performed for multiple values and the solution

at maximum-likelihood is returned.

False negative error rate provided as list of elements; if a vector of beta (and al-

pha) is provided, the inference is performed for multiple values and the solution

at maximum-likelihood is returned.

initialization Binary matrix representing a perfect philogeny clonal tree; clones are rows and

mutations are columns. This parameter overrides "random_tree".

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random_tree Boolean. Shall I start MCMC search from a random tree? If FALSE (default)

and initialization is NULL, search is started from a TRaIT tree (BMC Bioinformatics . 2019 Apr 25;20(1):210. doi: 10.1186/s12859-019-2795-4).

keep_equivalent

Boolean. Shall I return results (B and C) at equivalent likelihood with the best returned solution?

check_indistinguishable

Boolean. Shall I remove any indistinguishable event from input data prior infer-

ence?

num_rs Number of restarts during mcmc inference.

num_iter Maximum number of mcmc steps to be performed during the inference.

n_try_bs Number of steps without change in likelihood of best solution after which to

stop the mcmc.

learning_rate Parameter to tune the probability of accepting solutions at lower values during

mcmc. Value of learning_rate = 1 (default), set a probability proportional to the difference in likelihood; values of learning_rate greater than 1 inclease the chance of accepting solutions at lower likelihood during mcmc while values

lower than 1 decrease such probability.

marginalize Boolean. Shall I marginalize C when computing likelihood?

error_move Boolean. Shall I include estimation of error rates in the MCMC moves?

num_processes Number of processes to be used during parallel execution. To execute in single

process mode, this parameter needs to be set to either NA or NULL.

seed Seed for reproducibility.

verbose Boolean. Shall I print to screen information messages during the execution?

log_file log file where to print outputs when using parallel. If parallel execution is dis-

abled, this parameter is ignored.

show Boolean. Show the interactive interface to explore the output.

Value

A list of 9 elements: B, C, clones_prevalence, relative_likelihoods, joint_likelihood, clones_summary and error_rates. Here, B returns the maximum likelihood longitudinal clonal tree, C the attachment of cells to clones, corrected_genotypes the corrected genotypes and clones_prevalence clones' prevalence; relative_likelihoods and joint_likelihood are respectively the likelihood of the solutions at each individual time points and the joint likelihood; clones_summary provide a summary of association of mutations to clones. In equivalent_solutions, solutions (B and C) with likelihood equivalent to the best solution are returned. Finally error_rates provides the best values of alpha and beta among the considered ones.

Examples

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```
num_processes = NA,
seed = 12345,
verbose = FALSE,
show = FALSE)
```

lacedata

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Description

Perform the inference of the maximum likelihood clonal tree from longitudinal data.

Usage

```
lacedata(
 D,
 lik_w = NULL,
 alpha = NULL,
 beta = NULL,
  initialization = NULL,
  random_tree = FALSE,
 keep_equivalent = TRUE,
  check_indistinguishable = TRUE,
 num_rs = 50,
 num_iter = 10000,
 n_{try_bs} = 500,
  learning_rate = 1,
 marginalize = FALSE,
 error_move = FALSE,
 num_processes = Inf,
  seed = NULL,
 verbose = TRUE,
  log_file = ""
)
```

Arguments

D

Mutation data from multiple experiments for a list of driver genes. It can be either a list with a data matrix per time point or a SummarizedExperiment object. In this latter, the object must contain two fields: assays and colData. Assays stores one unique data matrix pooling all single cells observed at each time point and colData stores a vector of labels reporting the time point when each single cell was sequenced. Ordering of cells in assays field and colData field must be the same.

lik_w

Weight for each data point. If not provided, weights to correct for sample sizes are used.

alpha

False positive error rate provided as list of elements; if a vector of alpha (and beta) is provided, the inference is performed for multiple values and the solution at maximum-likelihood is returned.

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False negative error rate provided as list of elements; if a vector of beta (and alpha) is provided, the inference is performed for multiple values and the solution

at maximum-likelihood is returned.

initialization Binary matrix representing a perfect philogeny clonal tree; clones are rows and

mutations are columns. This parameter overrides "random_tree".

random_tree Boolean. Shall I start MCMC search from a random tree? If FALSE (default)

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matics . 2019 Apr 25;20(1):210. doi: 10.1186/s12859-019-2795-4).

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Boolean. Shall I return results (B and C) at equivalent likelihood with the best

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Boolean. Shall I remove any indistinguishable event from input data prior infer-

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num_rs Number of restarts during mcmc inference.

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lower than 1 decrease such probability.

marginalize Boolean. Shall I marginalize C when computing likelihood?

error_move Boolean. Shall I include estimation of error rates in the MCMC moves?

num_processes Number of processes to be used during parallel execution. To execute in single

process mode, this parameter needs to be set to either NA or NULL.

seed Seed for reproducibility.

verbose Boolean. Shall I print to screen information messages during the execution?

log_file log file where to print outputs when using parallel. If parallel execution is dis-

abled, this parameter is ignored.

Value

shiny interface

Examples

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LACEview

LACE Processing and Analysis Interface

Description

LACEview displays a Shiny user interface to handle the VCF and BAM files processing that is needed to construct the input for the LACE inference algorithms. The function generates also the maximum likelihood longitudinal clonal tree, and shows the output for further explorations of the results.

Usage

LACEview()

Value

The GUI

Installation

The package is available on GitHub and Bioconductor. LACE 2.0 requires R > 4.1.0 and Bioconductor.

To install directly from github run:

Dependencies

LACE 2.0 uses *Annovar* and *Samtools suite* as back-ends for variant calling annotation and depth computation, respectively.

Annovar is a variant calling software written in *Perl* freely available upon registration to their website at https://annovar.openbioinformatics.org/en/latest/.

Perl can be found and installed at https://www.perl.org/.

Samtools suite is a set of tools to handle SAM/BAM/BED file format. It is freely available at http://www.htslib.org/. To install *Samtools* follow the instructions in their website.

Note

The function LACE is still available for retrocompatibility.

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Description

This function generates a longitudinal clonal tree and a graphic interface to explore the data using as input the clonal tree formatted in the same way as the one produced by LACE during the imputation steps

Usage

```
lace_interface(
   B_mat,
   clones_prevalence,
   C_mat,
   error_rates,
   width = NULL,
   height = NULL,
   elementId = NULL,
   info = ""
)
```

Arguments

B_mat (Required). B is the clonal tree matrix where columns are the clonal mutations

and and rows are the clones. The clonal tree matrix should contain a column and a row named "Root" representing the root of the tree and the wild type, respectively. B is a binary matrix where 1 are the mutations associated to the

clones. The wild type column has all ones

clones_prevalence

(Required) The clonal prevalence matrix

C_mat (Required) The corrected clonal attachment

error_rates (Required) The false positive alpha and false negative beta error rates used to

infer the clonal tree

width (optional) Size of the window interafce height (optional) Size of the window interafce

elementId (optional) Element id

info (Optional). HTML formatted text with information regarding the experiments

Value

An implementation of the htmlwidgets

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longitudinal.tree.plot
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longitudinal.tree.plot

Description

Plot a longitudinal tree inferred by LACE.

Usage

```
longitudinal.tree.plot(
  inference,
  rem_unseen_leafs = TRUE,
  show_plot = TRUE,
  filename = "lg_output.xml",
  labels_show = "mutations",
  clone_labels = NULL,
  show_prev = TRUE,
 label.cex = 1,
  size = 500,
  size2 = NULL
  tk_plot = FALSE,
  tp_lines = TRUE,
  tp_mark = TRUE,
  tp_mark_alpha = 0.5,
  legend = TRUE,
  legend_position = "topright",
  label_offset = 4,
  legend_cex = 0.8
)
```

Arguments

inference Results of the inference by LACE.

rem_unseen_leafs

If TRUE (default) remove all the leafs that have never been observed (prevalence

= 0 in each time point)

show_plot If TRUE (default) output the longitudinal tree to the current graphical device.

filename Specify the name of the file where to save the longitudinal tree. Dot or graphml

formats are supported and are chosen based on the extenction of the filename

(.dot or .xml).

labels_show Specify which type of label should be placed on the tree; options are, "muta-

tions": parental edges are labeled with the acquired mutation between the two nodes (genotypes); "clones": nodes (genotypes) are labeled with their last acquired mutation; "both": either nodes and edges are labeled as specified above;

"none": no labels will show on the longitudinal tree.

clone_labels Character vector that specifies the name of the nodes (genotypes). If it is NULL

(default), nodes will be labeled as specified by "label" parameter.

show_prev If TRUE (default) add to clones label the correspongind prevalance.

label.cex	Specify the size of the labels.					
size	Specify size of the nodes. The final area is proportional with the node prevalence.					
size2	Specify the size of the second dimension of the nodes. If NULL (default), it is set equal to "size".					
tk_plot	If TRUE, uses tkplot function from igraph library to plot an interactive tree. Default is FALSE.					
tp_lines	If TRUE (defaul) the function draws lines between timepoints.					
tp_mark	If TRUE (defaul) the function draws different colored area under the nodes in different time points.					
tp_mark_alpha	Specify the alpha value of the area drawed when tp_mark = TRUE.					
legend	If TRUE (default) a legend will be displayed on the plot.					
legend_position						
	Specify the legend position.					
label_offset	Move the mutation labels horizontally (default = 4)					
legend_cex	Specify size of the legend text.					

Value

An igraph object g with the longitudinal tree inferred by LACE.

Examples

longitudinal_sc_variants

Mutation data from Rambow, Florian, et al. "Toward minimal residual disease-directed therapy in melanoma." Cell 174.4 (2018): 843-855.

Description

The dataset includes somatic single nucleotide variants at the single cell resolution. SNVs are called from SMARTseq2 fastq obtained from Gene Expression Omnibus database with the accession number: GSE116237. The dataset includes single cell data from a PDX melanoma model before and on treatment with BRAF and MEK inhibitors. The fastq files are processed to obtain the mutational profile following GATK best practice (https://gatkforums.broadinstitute.org/gatk/discussion/3891/calling-variants-in-rnaseq) usign the GRCh38 human genome as reference. Mutation data are stored in an N x M binary matrix with N single cells and M somatic single nucleotide variants. Row names report the ID of the fastq file related to a specific single cell; columns names report the SNV that are formatted as GeneName_chromosome_position_referenceAllele_alternateAllele. Each matrix entry can be 1 (mutation detected), 0 (mutation absent) or NA (too low coverage to determine the presence or absence of that mutation). For further details, please refer to the Methods Section and the section 3.1 of supplementary materials of Ramazzotti, Daniele, et al. "Longitudinal cancer evolution from single cells." bioRxiv (2020).

Usage

data(longitudinal_sc_variants)

Format

List of mutation data for four time points

Value

List of mutational data for a total of 475 single cells

Source

Rambow, Florian, et al. "Toward minimal residual disease-directed therapy in melanoma." Cell 174.4 (2018): 843-855.

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