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RRHO-package

Test overlap using the Rank-Rank Hypergeometric test

# **Description**

The package is aimed at inference on the amount of agreement in two sorted lists using the Rank-Rank Hypergeometric Overlap test.

#### **Details**

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See RRHO to get started.

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## See Also

RRHO, RRHOComparison

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RRHO comparison data sets.

# **Description**

RRHO comparison data sets. See references for details.

# Usage

data(lists)

# **Format**

Three data frames: HNP, My and Sestan. Each is a data.frame with gene identifiers and sorting values so that they can be used as inputes to RRHOComparison.

## References

Stein JL\*, de la Torre-Ubieta L\*, Tian Y, Parikshak NN, Hernandez IA, Marchetto MC, Baker DK, Lu D, Lowe JK, Wexler EM, Muotri AR, Gage FH, Kosik KS, Geschwind DH. "A quantitative framework to evaluate modeling of cortical development by neural stem cells." Manuscript in press at Neuron. (\*) Authors contributed equally to this work.

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# **Examples**

```
data(lists)
str(HNP) ; str(Sestan); str(My)
```

pvalRRH0

Compute the significance of the overlap between two lists

### **Description**

Computes the significance of the agreements between lists as returned by RRHO using resampling.

# Usage

```
pvalRRHO(RRHO.obj, replications, stepsize=RRHO.obj$stepsize, FUN= max)
```

## **Arguments**

RRHO.obj The output object of the RRHO function.

replications The number of samples to be taken from the distribution of the aggregated test

statistic.

stepsize Controls the resolution of the test: how many items between any two overlap

tests (i.e., netween any two i-s and two j-s.)

FUN The function aggregating infomation from the whole overlap matrix into one

summary statistic. Typically the min pvalue, or max on -log(pval) scale.

# **Details**

The distribution of FUN(-log(pval)) is computed using resampling.

The aggregating function will typically be the max function, corresponding to the maximal -log(pvalue), i.e., the most significant agreement over all sublists.

The distribution is computed by resampling pairs of null sequences, computing the significances of all the overlaps as done in the reference, applying the aggregating function supplied by the user, and returning the permutation based significance.

#### Value

pval The FWER corrected significance of observed aggregated pvalue.

FUN. ecdf The simulated sampling distribution of the aggregated pvalues.

FUN The matrix aggregation function used. typicall max for minimal p-value.

n.items Length of lists.

stepsize See RRHO

replications The number of simulation replications.

call The function call.

# Note

Might take a long time to run. Depending on the number of replications, the item (gene) count and the stepsize.

Also note that the significance returned is a conservative value (by a constant of 1/replications).

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# See Also

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# **Examples**

```
list.length <- 100
list.names <- paste('Gene',1:list.length, sep='')
gene.list1<- data.frame(list.names, sample(list.length))
gene.list2<- data.frame(list.names, sample(list.length))
RRHO.example <- RRHO(gene.list1, gene.list2, alternative='enrichment')
pval.testing <- pvalRRHO(RRHO.example,50)</pre>
```

**RRHO** 

Rank-Rank Hypergeometric Overlap Test

# **Description**

The function tests for significant overlap between two sorted lists using the method in the reference.

# Usage

```
RRHO(
list1, list2,
stepsize = defaultStepSize(list1, list2),
labels,
alternative,
plots = FALSE,
outputdir = NULL,
BY = FALSE,
log10.ind=FALSE)
```

# **Arguments**

list1	data.frame. First column is the element (possibly gene) identifier, and the second is its value on which to sort. For differential gene expression, values are often -log10(P-value) * sign(effect).
list2	data.frame. Same as list1.
stepsize	Controls the resolution of the test: how many items between any two overlap tests.
labels	Character vector with two elements: the labels of the two lists.
alternative	Either "enrichment" for a one sided test, or "two.sided" for a two sided test. See Details section.
plots	Logical. Should output plots be returned?
outputdir	Path name where plots ae returned.
BY	Logical. Should Benjamini-Yekutieli FDR corrected pvalues be computed?
log10.ind	Logical. Should pvalues be reported and plotted in -log10 scale and not -log scale?

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#### **Details**

Following the method in the reference, the function computes the number of overlapping elements in the first i\*stepsize and j\*stepsize elements of each list, and return the observed significance of this overlap using a hypergeometric test (see fisher.test). The output is returned as a list of matrices including: the overlap in the first i\*stepsize, j\*stepsize elements and the significance of this overlap.

If plots=TRUE then plots of these matrices are stored in .jpg format. In the case of alternative='two.sided' the pvalue plots are signed, just like in [1], thus distinguishing between over and under enrichment.

## Value

hypermat Matrix of -log(pvals) of the test for the first i, j elements of the lists.

hypermat.counts

Counts of the number of agreements in the first i, j elements of the lists.

hypermat.by An optional output of the B-Y corrected p-values of hypermat

hypermat.signs Matrix of the type of deviation from the null. Negative for underenrichment and

positive for overenrichment.

#### **Notes**

By default, pvalues are reported in (minus) the natural log scale and not in (minus) log 10 scale. This behaviour is governed by log10.ind.

The p-values of the two-sided hypothesis test differ from those in reference [1]. This is because the two-sided p-values suggested in [1], are based on taking either the upper or lower tail of the distribution without appropriately using both tails. This method does not correctly control the type I error rate. In the implementation here, for a two-sided test we sum the probabilities from both tails of the hypergeometric distribution. See the package vignette for a small simulation.

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# References

- [1] Plaisier, Seema B., Richard Taschereau, Justin A. Wong, and Thomas G. Graeber. "Rank-rank Hypergeometric Overlap: Identification of Statistically Significant Overlap Between Gene-expression Signatures." Nucleic Acids Research 38, no. 17(September 1, 2010)
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# See Also

pvalRRHO; RRHOComparison

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## **Examples**

```
list.length <- 100
list.names <- paste('Gene',1:list.length, sep='')
gene.list1<- data.frame(list.names, sample(100))
gene.list2<- data.frame(list.names, sample(100))
# Enrichment alternative
RRHO.example <- RRHO(gene.list1, gene.list2, alternative='enrichment')
image(RRHO.example$hypermat)

# Two sided alternative
RRHO.example <- RRHO(gene.list1, gene.list2, alternative='two.sided')
image(RRHO.example$hypermat)</pre>
```

RRHOComparison

Compares two RRHO maps to a third

# **Description**

Comparing two RRHO maps where one of the lists is shared between the two maps as in {RRHO map 1: list1 vs list3} vs {RRHO map 2: list2 vs list3}.

# Usage

```
RRHOComparison(list1, list2, list3,
  stepsize, plots = FALSE,
  labels, outputdir = NULL,
  log10.ind)
```

# Arguments

list1	A data frame from experiment 1 with two columns, column 1 is the 'Gene Identifier', column 2 is the signed ranking value (e.g. signed -log10 of p-value, or fold change).
list2	Same as list1.
list3	Same as list1.
stepsize	Integer indicating how many genes to increase by in each algorithm iteration.
labels	Character vector carrying the labels for the outputted plots.
plots	Logical. Should comparisons be plotted?
outputdir	Plot destination directory.
log10.ind	Logical. Should pvalues be reported and plotted in -log10 scale and not -log scale?

# Details

The difference in {overlap between list1 and list3} compared to the {overlap between list2 and list3}. This is useful for determining if there is a statistically significant difference between two RRHO maps. In other words, this is useful for determining if the overlap between list1 and list3 is statistically different between the overlap between list2 and list3.

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RRHO Difference maps are produced by calculating for each pixel the normal approximation of difference in log odds ratio and standard error of overlap between the two RRHO maps. This Z score is then converted to a P-value and corrected for multiple comparisons across pixels [3].

The function will return a RRHO of the significance of overlap between list1 and list3 and list2 and list3. A third RRHO gives the significance of the difference between these two overlap maps.

Note that by default all pvalues are outputted in -log scale. This can be changed with the log10.ind argument.

#### Value

## A oject including:

hypermat1 Pvalues of comparing list1 to list3. hypermat2 Pvalues of comparing list2 to list3.

Pdiff The pvalue of the test for a difference in difference between lists 1-3 and 2-3.

Pdiff.by Pvalues, corrected for the search over all of the list using Benjamini-Yekutieli.

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