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fcPlot

Plotly or ggplot fold change plots

## Description

Plotly or ggplot fold change plots

## Usage

```
fcPlot(
   object,
   x1var,
   x2var,
   x1Values = NULL,
   x2Values = NULL,
   pCutoff = 0.01,
   labels = c(),
   useAdjusted = FALSE,
   plotCutoff = 1,
   graphics = "ggplot",
   fontSize = 12,
   labelFontSize = 4,
```

## fcPlot

```
colours = c("grey", "goldenrod1", "red", "blue"),
verbose = FALSE,
...
```

## Arguments

)

object	A glmmSeq object created by glmmSeq::glmmSeq().
x1var	The name of the first (inner) x parameter
x2var	The name of the second (outer) x parameter
x1Values	Timepoints or categories in $x1var$ used to calculate fold change. If NULL the first two levels in $x1var$ are used.
x2Values	Categories in x2var to be compared on x and y axis.
pCutoff	The significance cut-off for colour-coding (default = $0.01$ )
labels	Row names or indices to label on plot
useAdjusted	whether to use adjusted p-values (must have q-values in object). Default = FALSE
plotCutoff	Which probes to include on plot by significance cut-off (default = 1, for all markers)
graphics	Graphics system to use: "ggplot" or "plotly"
fontSize	Font size
labelFontSize	Font size for labels
colours	Vector of colours to use for significance groups
verbose	Whether to print statistics
	Other parameters to pass to plotly or ggplot

## Value

Returns a plot for fold change between x1Values in one x2Value subset on x axis and fold change in the other x2Value on the y axis.

```
x1var = "Timepoint",
x2var = "EULAR_6m",
x2Values = c("Good", "Non-response"),
pCutoff = 0.05,
useAdjusted = FALSE,
plotCutoff = 1,
graphics = "plotly")
```

ggmodelPlot

Mixed model effects plot using ggplot2

## Description

Plot to show differences between groups and over time using ggplot2.

#### Usage

```
ggmodelPlot(
  object,
  geneName = NULL,
 x1var = NULL,
 x2var = NULL,
  x2shift = NULL,
  xlab = NULL,
 ylab = geneName,
 plab = NULL,
  title = geneName,
  logTransform = is(object, "GlmmSeq"),
  shapes = 19,
  colours = "grey60",
  lineColours = "grey60",
 markerSize = 1,
  fontSize = 12,
  alpha = 0.7,
  x20ffset = 5,
  addPoints = TRUE,
  addModel = TRUE,
 modelSize = 4,
 modelColours = "blue",
 modelLineSize = 1,
 modelLineColours = modelColours,
 addBox = FALSE,
  . . .
)
```

## ggmodelPlot

## Arguments

object	A glmmSeq/lmmSeq object created by glmmSeq::glmmSeq() or glmmSeq::lmmSeq()	
geneName	The gene/row name to be plotted	
x1var	The name of the first (inner) x parameter, typically 'time'. This is anticipated to have different values when matched by ID.	
x2var	The name of an optional second (outer) x parameter, which should be a factor.	
x2shift	Amount to shift along x axis for each level of $x2var$ . By default the function will arrange each level of $x2var$ side by side.	
xlab	Title for the x axis	
ylab	Title for the y axis	
plab	Optional character vector of labels for p-values. These must align with column names in object@stats\$pvals.	
title	Plot title. If NULL gene name is used	
logTransform	Whether to perform a log10 transform on the y axis	
shapes	The marker shapes (default=19)	
colours	The marker colours as vector	
lineColours	The line colours (default='grey60') as vector	
markerSize	Size of markers (default=1)	
fontSize	Plot font size	
alpha	Line and marker opacity (default=0.7)	
x20ffset	Vertical adjustment to secondary x-axis labels (default=5)	
addPoints	Whether to add underlying data points (default=TRUE)	
addModel	Whether to add the fit model with markers (default=TRUE)	
modelSize	Size of model points (default=4)	
modelColours	Colour of model fit markers (default="blue") as vector	
modelLineSize	Size of model points (default=1) as vector	
modelLineColours		
	Colour of model fit lines	
addBox	Logical whether to add boxplots for mean and IQR	
•••	Other parameters to pass to ggplot2::theme().	

## Value

Returns a paired plot for matched samples.

## Examples

```
glmmQvals
```

Glmm Sequencing qvalues

#### Description

Add qvalue columns to the glmmSeq dataframe

#### Usage

```
glmmQvals(object, cutoff = 0.05, verbose = TRUE)
```

#### Arguments

object	A glmmSeq/lmmSeq object created by glmmSeq::glmmSeq().
cutoff	Prints a table showing the number of probes considered significant by the pvalue cut-off (default=0.05)
verbose	Logical whether to print the number of significant probes (default=TRUE)

## Value

Returns a GlmmSeq object with results for gene-wise general linear mixed models with adjusted p-values using the qvalue function

## Examples

```
data(PEAC_minimal_load)
disp <- apply(tpm, 1, function(x) {
  (var(x, na.rm=TRUE)-mean(x, na.rm = TRUE))/(mean(x, na.rm = TRUE)**2)
})
```

## glmmRefit

glmmRefit

#### Refit mixed effects model

## Description

Based on a 'GlmmSeq' or 'lmmSeq' class result object, this function attempts to refit an identical model for a specific gene based on the data and fitting parameters stored in the results object and refitting using either lme4::glmer() for GlmmSeq objects or lmer() for lmmSeq objects. The fitted model can then be passed on to other packages such as emmeans to look at estimated marginal means for the model.

## Usage

```
glmmRefit(object, gene, ...)
## S3 method for class 'lmmSeq'
glmmRefit(object, gene, formula = object@formula, ...)
## S3 method for class 'GlmmSeq'
glmmRefit(
    object,
    gene,
    formula = object@formula,
    control = object@info$control,
    family = NULL,
    ...
)
```

#### Arguments

object	A fitted results object of class GlmmSeq or 1mmSeq
gene	A character value specifying a single gene to extract a fitted model for
	Optional arguments passed to either lme4::glmer() or lme4::lmer()
formula	Optional formula to use when refitting model
control	Optional control parameters, see <pre>lme4::lmerControl()</pre> or <pre>lme4::glmerControl()</pre>
family	Optional GLM family when refitting GLMM using lme4::glmer() or glmmTMB()

#### Value

Fitted model of class lmerMod in the case of LMM, or glmerMod or glmmTMB for a GLMM dependent on the original method.

## Examples

```
data(PEAC_minimal_load)
disp <- apply(tpm, 1, function(x) {</pre>
 (var(x, na.rm = TRUE)-mean(x, na.rm = TRUE))/(mean(x, na.rm = TRUE)**2)
})
glmmtest <- glmmSeq(~ Timepoint * EULAR_6m + (1 | PATID),</pre>
                      countdata = tpm[1:2, ],
                      metadata = metadata,
                      dispersion = disp,
                      verbose = FALSE)
# show summary for single gene
summary(glmmtest, "MS4A1")
# refit a single model using lme4::glmer()
fit <- glmmRefit(glmmtest, "MS4A1")</pre>
# refit model with reduced formula
fit2 <- glmmRefit(glmmtest, "MS4A1",</pre>
                   formula = count ~ Timepoint + EULAR_6m + (1 | PATID))
# LRT
anova(fit, fit2)
```

glmmSeq

GLMM with negative binomial distribution for sequencing count data

## Description

Fits many generalised linear mixed effects models (GLMM) with negative binomial distribution for analysis of overdispersed count data with random effects. Designed for longitudinal analysis of RNA-Sequencing count data.

#### Usage

```
glmmSeq(
  modelFormula,
  countdata,
  metadata,
  id = NULL,
  dispersion = NA,
  sizeFactors = NULL,
  reduced = NULL,
  modelData = NULL,
  designMatrix = NULL,
  method = c("lme4", "glmmTMB"),
  control = NULL,
```

## glmmSeq

```
family = nbinom2,
cores = 1,
removeSingles = FALSE,
zeroCount = 0.125,
verbose = TRUE,
returnList = FALSE,
progress = FALSE,
....)
```

## Arguments

modelFormula	the model formula. This must be of the form " $\sim$ " where the structure is assumed to be "counts $\sim$ ". The formula must include a random ef- fects term. For more information on formula structure for random effects see lme4::glmer()
countdata	the sequencing count data matrix with genes in rows and samples in columns
metadata	a dataframe of sample information with variables in columns and samples in rows
id	Optional. Used to specify the column in metadata which contains the sample IDs to be used in repeated samples for random effects. If not specified, the function defaults to using the variable after the "I" in the random effects term in the formula.
dispersion	a numeric vector of gene dispersion. Not required for glmmTMB models, as these determine and fit dispersion for each gene.
sizeFactors	<pre>size factors (default = NULL). If provided the glmer offset is set to log(sizeFactors). For more information see" lme4::glmer()</pre>
reduced	Optional reduced model formula. If this is chosen, a likelihood ratio test is used to calculate p-values instead of the default Wald type 2 Chi-squared test.
modelData	Optional dataframe. Default is generated by call to expand.grid using levels of variables in the formula. Used to calculate model predictions (estimated means & 95% CI) for plotting via modelPlot. It can therefore be used to add/remove points in modelPlot.
designMatrix	custom design matrix, used only for prediction
method	Specifies which package to use for fitting GLMM models. Either "lme4" or "glmmTMB" depending on whether to use lme4::glmer or glmmTMB::glmmTMB to fit GLMM models.
control	<pre>the glmer optimizer control. If method = "lme4" default is glmerControl(optimizer = "bobyqa")). If method = "glmmTMB" default is glmmTMBControl()</pre>
family	Only used with glmmTMB models. Default is nbinom2. See glmmTMB::nbinom2
cores	number of cores to use. $Default = 1$ .
removeSingles	whether to remove individuals without repeated measures (default = FALSE)
zeroCount	numerical value to offset zeroes for the purpose of log (default = $0.125$ )
verbose	Logical whether to display messaging (default = TRUE)

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returnList	Logical whether to return results as a list or glmmSeq object (default = FALSE). Useful for debugging.
progress	Logical whether to display a progress bar
	Other parameters to pass to lme4::glmer()

## Details

This function is a wrapper for lme4::glmer(). By default, p-values for each model term are computed using Wald type 2 Chi-squared test as per car::Anova(). The underlying code for this has been optimised for speed. However, if a reduced model formula is specified by setting reduced, then a likelihood ratio test is performed instead using stats::anova. This will double computation time since two GLMM have to be fitted.

Parallelisation is provided using parallel::mclapply on Unix/Mac or parallel::parLapply on PC.

Setting method = "glmmTMB" enables an alternative method of fitting GLMM using the glmmTMB package. This gives access to a variety of alternative GLM family functions. Note, glmmTMB negative binomial models are substantially slower to fit than glmer models with known dispersion due to the extra time taken by glmmTMB to optimise the dispersion parameter.

The id argument is usually optional. By default the id column in the metadata is determined as the term after the bar in the random effects term of the model. Note that id is not passed to glmer or glmmTMB. It is only really used to remove singletons from the countdata matrix and metadata dataframe. The id is also stored in the output from glmmSeq and used by plotting function modelPlot(). However, due to its flexible nature, in theory glmmSeq should allow for more than one random effect term, although this has not been tested formally. In this case, it is probably prudent to specify a value for id.

#### Value

Returns an S4 class GlmmSeq object with results for gene-wise general linear mixed models. A list of results is returned if returnList is TRUE which is useful for debugging. If all genes return errors from glmer, then an error message is shown and a character vector containing error messages for all genes is returned.

#### See Also

lme4::glmer lme4::glmerControl glmmTMB::glmmTMB glmmTMB::nbinom2 glmmTMB::glmmTMBControl car::Anova

GlmmSeq-class

### An S4 class to define the glmmSeq output

## Description

An S4 class to define the glmmSeq output

## Slots

info List including the matched call, dispersions, offset, designMatrix
formula The model formula
stats Statistics from fitted models
predict Predicted values
reduced Optional reduced formula for LRT
countdata The input expression data with count data in rows
metadata The input metadata
modelData Model data for predictions
optInfo Information on whether the model was singular or converged
errors Any errors
vars List of variables stored from the original call, including the id variable (by default automatically identified from the random effect term in the model) and removeSingles argument

1mmSeq

Linear mixed models for data matrix

#### Description

Fits many linear mixed effects models for analysis of gaussian data with random effects, with parallelisation and optimisation for speed. It is suitable for longitudinal analysis of high dimensional data. Wald type 2 Chi-squared test is used to calculate p-values.

1mmSeq

## Usage

```
1mmSeq(
 modelFormula,
 maindata,
 metadata,
 id = NULL,
 offset = NULL,
  test.stat = c("Wald", "F", "LRT"),
  reduced = NULL,
 modelData = NULL,
 designMatrix = NULL,
  control = lmerControl(),
  cores = 1,
  removeSingles = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  returnList = FALSE,
 progress = FALSE,
  . . .
)
```

## Arguments

modelFormula	the model formula. This must be of the form " $\sim \ldots$ " where the structure is assumed to be "gene $\sim \ldots$ ". The formula must include a random effects term. See formula structure for random effects in lme4::lmer()
maindata	data matrix with genes in rows and samples in columns
metadata	a dataframe of sample information with variables in columns and samples in rows
id	Optional. Used to specify the column in metadata which contains the sample IDs to be used in repeated samples for random effects. If not specified, the function defaults to using the variable after the "I" in the random effects term in the formula.
offset	Vector containing model offsets (default = NULL). If provided the lmer() offset is set to offset. See lme4::lmer()
test.stat	Character value specifying test statistic. Current options are "Wald" for type 2 Wald Chi square test using code derived and modified from car::Anova to im- prove speed for matrix tests. Or "F" for conditional F tests using Saiterthwaite's method of approximated Df. This uses ImerTest::Imer and is somewhat slower.
reduced	Optional reduced model formula. If this is chosen, a likelihood ratio test is used to calculate p-values instead of the default Wald type 2 Chi-squared test.
modelData	Optional dataframe. Default is generated by call to expand.grid using levels of variables in the formula. Used to calculate model predictions (estimated means & 95% CI) for plotting via modelPlot. It can therefore be used to add/remove points in modelPlot.
designMatrix	Optional custom design matrix generated by call to model.matrix using modelData and FEformula. Used to calculate model predictions for plotting.

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control	the lmer optimizer control (default = lmerControl()). See lme4::lmerControl().
cores	number of cores to use for parallelisation. Default = $1$ .
removeSingles	whether to remove individuals with no repeated measures (default = FALSE)
verbose	Logical whether to display messaging (default = TRUE)
returnList	Logical whether to return results as a list or lmmSeq object (default = FALSE). Helpful for debugging.
progress	Logical whether to display a progress bar
	Other parameters passed to lmerTest::lmer(). Only available if test.stat = "F".

#### Details

By default, p-values for each model term are computed using Wald type 2 Chi-squared test as per car::Anova(). The underlying code for this has been optimised for speed. However, if a reduced model formula is specified by setting reduced, then a likelihood ratio test (LRT) is performed instead using anova. This will double computation time since two LMM have to be fitted for each gene. For LRT, models being compared are optimised by maximum likelihood and not REML (REML=FALSE).

Two key methods are used to speed up computation above and beyond simple parallelisation. The first is to speed up lme4::lmer() by calling lme4::lFormula() once at the start and then updating the lFormula output with new data. The 2nd speed up is through optimised code for repeated type 2 Wald Chi-squared tests (original code was derived from car::Anova). For example, elements such as the hypothesis matrices are generated only once to reduce unnecessarily repetitive computation, and the generation of p-values from Chi-squared values is vectorised and performed at the end. F-tests using the lmerTest package have not been optimised and are therefore slower.

Parallelisation is performed using parallel::mclapply on unix/mac and parallel::parLapply on windows. Progress bars use pbmcapply::pbmclapply on unix/mac and pbapply::pblapply on windows.

The id argument is usually optional. By default the id column in the metadata is determined as the term after the bar in the random effects term of the model. Note that id is not passed to lmer. It is only really used to remove singletons from the maindata matrix and metadata dataframe. The id is also stored in the output from lmmSeq and used by plotting function modelPlot(). However, due to its flexible nature, in theory lmmSeq should allow for more than one random effect term, although this has not been tested formally. In this case, it is probably prudent to specify a value for id.

#### Value

Returns an S4 class 1mmSeq object with results for gene-wise linear mixed models; or a list of results if returnList is TRUE, which is useful for debugging. If all genes return errors from 1mer, then an error message is shown and a character vector containing error messages for all genes is returned.

```
verbose = FALSE)
names(attributes(lmmtest))
```

lmmSeq-class

#### An S4 class to define the lmmSeq output

## Description

An S4 class to define the lmmSeq output

#### Slots

info List including matched call, offset, designMatrix
formula The model formula
stats Statistics from fitted models
predict Predicted values
reduced Optional reduced formula for LRT
maindata The input expression data with variables in rows
metadata The input metadata
modelData Model data for predictions
optInfo Information on whether the model was singular or converged
errors Any errors
vars List of variables stored from the original call

maPlot

MA plots

## Description

MA plots

#### Usage

```
maPlot(
   object,
   x1var,
   x2var,
   x1Values = NULL,
   x2Values = NULL,
   pCutoff = 0.01,
   plotCutoff = 1,
   zeroCountCutoff = 50,
```

## maPlot

```
colours = c("grey", "midnightblue", "mediumvioletred", "goldenrod"),
labels = c(),
fontSize = 12,
labelFontSize = 4,
useAdjusted = FALSE,
graphics = "ggplot",
verbose = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

object	A glmmSeq object created by glmmSeq::glmmSeq().	
x1var	The name of the first (inner) x parameter	
x2var	The name of the second (outer) x parameter	
x1Values	Timepoints or categories in $x1var$ to be used to calculate fold change. If NULL the first two levels in $x1var$ are used.	
x2Values	Categories in x2var to be compared on x and y axis.	
pCutoff	The significance cut-off for colour-coding (default=0.01)	
plotCutoff	Which probes to include by significance cut-off (default=1 for all markers)	
zeroCountCutoff		
	Which probes to include by minimum counts cut-off (default=50)	
colours	Vector of colours to use for significance groups	
labels	Row names or indices to label on plot	
fontSize	Font size	
labelFontSize	Font size for labels	
useAdjusted	whether to use adjusted p-values (must have q-values in object)	
graphics	Either "ggplot" or "plotly"	
verbose	Whether to print statistics	

## Value

List of three plots. One plot for each x2Value and one combined figure

```
data(PEAC_minimal_load)
```

plots\$combined

metadata

Minimal metadata from PEAC

## Description

Minimal metadata for paired longitudinal response analysis.

#### Usage

metadata

#### Format

A data frame

**PATID** Id for matching patients

Timepoint timepoints

 $EULAR\_6m\;$  response data

modelPlot

Mixed model effects plot

## Description

Plot to show differences between groups over time using base graphics.

## Usage

```
modelPlot(
  object,
  geneName = NULL,
  x1var = NULL,
  x2var = NULL,
  x2shift = NULL,
  xlab = NA,
  ylab = geneName,
  plab = NULL,
  title = geneName,
```

## modelPlot

```
logTransform = is(object, "GlmmSeq"),
shapes = 21,
colours = "grey60",
lineColours = "grey60",
markerSize = 0.5,
fontSize = NULL,
alpha = 0.7,
addModel = TRUE,
addPoints = TRUE,
modelSize = 2,
modelColours = "royalblue",
modelLineSize = 1,
modelLineColours = modelColours,
errorBarLwd = 2.5,
errorBarLength = 0.05,
. . .
```

```
)
```

## Arguments

object	A glmmSeq/lmmSeq object created by glmmSeq::glmmSeq() or glmmSeq::lmmSeq()
geneName	The gene/row name to be plotted
x1var	The name of the first (inner) x parameter, typically 'time'. This is anticipated to have different values when matched by ID.
x2var	The name of an optional second (outer) x parameter, which should be a factor.
x2shift	Amount to shift along x axis for each level of x2var. By default the function will arrange each level of x2var side by side. Lower values of x2shift or x2shift = 0 can be used to overlap plots similar to 'dodge' or stagger them.
xlab	Title for the x axis
ylab	Title for the y axis
plab	Optional character vector of labels for p-values. These must align with column names in object@stats\$pvals.
title	Plot title. If NULL gene name is used
logTransform	Whether to perform a log10 transform on the y axis
shapes	The marker shapes (default=19)
colours	The marker colours (default='red') as vector or named vector
lineColours	The line colours (default='grey60') as vector or named vector
markerSize	Size of markers (default=2)
fontSize	Plot font size
alpha	Line and marker opacity (default=0.7)
addModel	Whether to add the fit model with markers (default=TRUE)
addPoints	Whether to add underlying data points (default=TRUE)
modelSize	Size of model points (default=2)

modelColours	Colour of model fit markers (default="black") as vector or named vector	
modelLineSize	Size of model points (default=1) as vector or named vector	
modelLineColours		
	Colour of model fit lines.	
errorBarLwd	Line width of error bars	
errorBarLength	Head width of error bars	
	Other parameters to pass to graphics::plot()	

#### Value

Returns a paired plot for matched samples

#### Examples

summary.lmmSeq Summarise a 'glmmSeq'/'lmmSeq' object

#### Description

Summarise results from glmmSeq or lmmSeq analysis

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'ImmSeq'
summary(object, gene = NULL, digits = max(3L, getOption("digits") - 3L), ...)
## S3 method for class 'GlmmSeq'
summary(object, gene = NULL, ...)
```

## tpm

## Arguments

object	an object of class "GlmmSeq" or "lmmSeq"
gene	an optional character value specifying a single gene whose results are summarised
digits	integer, used for number formatting
	arguments to be passed to other methods

## Value

If gene=NULL a dataframe of results for all genes is returned. Otherwise the output of GLMM or LMM model results for a single gene including coefficients, test statistics, p-values is printed and the dataframe for all genes is returned invisibly.

## See Also

glmmSeq(), lmmSeq()

tpm

TPM count data from PEAC

## Description

Transcripts Per Million (TPM) count data for PEAC synovial biopsies.

#### Usage

tpm

## Format

An object of class matrix (inherits from array) with 50 rows and 123 columns.

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