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#### References

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```
## Not run:
## basic use
res1 <- getExpression("data-c0b0.sam", "ensSelect1.fasta")</pre>
res2 <- getExpression("data-c0b1.sam","ensSelect1.fasta")</pre>
res3 <- getExpression("data-c1b0.sam", "ensSelect1.fasta")
res4 <- getExpression("data-c1b1.sam", "ensSelect1.fasta")</pre>
deRes <- getDE( list(c(res1$fn, res2$fn),</pre>
                     c(res3$fn, res4$fn)) )
## top 10 differentially expressed
head(deRes$pplr[ order(abs(0.5-deRes$pplr$pplr), decreasing=TRUE ), ], 10)
## advanced use, keeping the intermediate files
parseAlignment( "data-c0b0.sam",
  outFile = "data-c0b0.prob",
  trSeqFile = "ensSelect1.fasta",
  trInfoFile = "data.tr",
  uniform = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE )
estimateExpression( "data-c0b0.prob",
  outFile = "data-c0b0",
  outputType = "RPKM",
  trInfoFile = "data.tr",
  MCMC_burnIn = 200,
  MCMC_samplesN = 200,
  MCMC_samplesSave = 100,
  MCMC_scaleReduction = 1.1,
  MCMC\_chainsN = 2)
cond1Files = c("data-c0b0.rpkm","data-c0b1.rpkm")
cond2Files = c("data-c1b1.rpkm","data-c1b1.rpkm")
allConditions = list(cond1Files, cond2Files)
getMeanVariance( allConditions,
  outFile = "data.means",
  log = TRUE )
estimateHyperPar( allConditions,
  outFile = "data.par",
  meanFile = "data.means",
  verbose = TRUE )
estimateDE( allConditions,
  outFile = "data",
  parFile = "data.par" )
## End(Not run)
```

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estimateDE	Estimate condition mean expression and calculate Probability of Positive Log Ratio(PPLR)
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# **Description**

Estimate condition mean expression for both experimental conditions using the expression estimates obtained by estimateExpression

## Usage

program.

# **Arguments**

ě	guments	
	conditions	List of vectors, each vector containing names of files containing the expression samples from a replicate (Can be both technical and biological replicates. However, in order to get good results biological replicates for each condition are essential).
	outFile	Prefix for the output files.
	parFile	File containing estimated hyperparameters.
	samples	Produce samples of condition mean expression apart from PPLR and confidence.
	${\tt confidencePerc}$	Percentage for confidence intervals. (Default is 95%)
	verbose	Verbose output. Advanced options:
	lambda0	Model parameter lambda_0.
	norm	Vector of (multiplicative) normalization constants for library size normalization of expression samples. Number of constants has to match the number of expression samples files.
	seed	Sets the initial random seed for repeatable experiments.
	pretend	Do not execute, only print out command line calls for the C++ version of the

## **Details**

This function takes as an input expression samples from biological replicates of two or more conditions and hyperparameters over precision distribution inferred by estimateHyperPar. It uses pseudo-vectors of expression samples from all replicates to infer condition mean expression for each condition.

The condition mean expression samples are used for computation of the Probability of Positive Log Ratio (PPLR) as well as  $\log_2$  fold change of expression with confidence intervals and average

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condition mean expression for each transcript. Optionally the function can produce also the samples of condition mean expression for each condition.

For more than one conditions, the comparison is done pairwise between all conditions ( $CP = \frac{C*(C-1)}{2}$  pairs), reporting: CPxPPLR CPx(log2FC ciLow ciHigh) CxMeanExpr.

#### Value

.pplr file containing the PPLR, mean log2 fold change with confidence intervals, mean condition mean expressions

.est files containing samples of condition mean expressions for each condition - optional

.estVar file containing samples of inferred variance of the first condition - optional

#### Author(s)

Peter Glaus

#### See Also

estimateExpression, estimateHyperPar

## **Examples**

estimateExpression

Estimate expression of transcripts

#### Description

Estimates the expression of transcripts using Markov chain Monte Carlo Algorithm

#### Usage

```
estimateExpression(probFile, outFile, parFile=NULL, outputType=NULL, gibbs=NULL,
    trInfoFile=NULL, thetaActFile=NULL, MCMC_burnIn=NULL, MCMC_samplesN=NULL,
    MCMC_samplesSave=NULL, MCMC_chainsN=NULL, MCMC_dirAlpha=NULL, seed=NULL,
    verbose=NULL, procN=NULL, pretend=FALSE)
estimateExpressionLegacy(probFile, outFile, parFile=NULL, outputType=NULL,
    gibbs=NULL, trInfoFile=NULL, thetaActFile=NULL, MCMC_burnIn=NULL,
    MCMC_samplesN=NULL, MCMC_samplesSave=NULL, MCMC_samplesNmax=NULL,
    MCMC_chainsN=NULL, MCMC_scaleReduction=NULL, MCMC_dirAlpha=NULL,
    seed=NULL, verbose=NULL, pretend=FALSE)
```

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#### **Arguments**

probFile File with alignment probabilities produced by parseAlignment

outFile Prefix for the output files.

outputType Output type, possible values: theta, RPKM, counts, tau.

gibbs Use regular Gibbs sampling instead of Collapsed Gibbs sampling.

parFile File containing parameters for the sampler, which can be otherwise specified

by [MCMC\*] options. As the file is checked after every MCMC iteration, the

parameters can be adjusted while running.

trInfoFile File containing transcript information. (Necessary for RPKM)

MCMC\_burnIn Length of sampler's burn in period.

ber of necessary samples or to estimate possible scale reduction.

MCMC\_samplesSave

Number of samples recorder at the end in total.

seed Sets the initial random seed for repeatable experiments.

verbose Verbose output.

procN Maximum number of threads to be used. The program will not use more threads

that there are MCMC chains. Advanced options:

thetaActFile File for logging noise parameter thetaAct, which is only generated when regular

Gibbs sampling is used.

MCMC\_dirAlpha Alpha parameter for the Dirichlet distribution.

pretend Do not execute, only print out command line calls for the C++ version of the

program.

MCMC scaleReduction

(Only for estimateExpressionLegacy.) Target scale reduction, sampler fin-

ishes after this value is met.

MCMC\_samplesNmax

(Only for estimateExpressionLegacy.) Maximum number of samples produced in one iteration. After producing samplesNmax samples sampler finishes.

## **Details**

This function runs Collapse Gibbs algorithm to sample the MCMC samples of transcript expression. The input is the .prob file containing alignment probabilities which were produced by parseAlignment. Other optional input is the transcript information file specified by trInfoFile and again produced by parseAlignment.

The estimateExpression function first runs burn-in phase and initial iterations to estimate the properties of the MCMC sampling. The initial samples are used to estimate the number of samples necessary for generating MCMC\_samplesSave effective samples in the second, final, stage.

The estimateExpressionLegacy uses less efficient convergence checking via "scale reduction" estimation. After an iteration of generating MCMC\_samplesN samples, it estimates possible scale

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reduction of the marginal posterior variance. While the possible scale reduction is high, it doubles the MCMC\_samplesN and starts new iteration. This process is repeated until desired value of MCMC\_scaleReduction is met, or MCMC\_samplesNmax samples are generated.

The sampling algorithm can be configured via parameters file parFile or by using the MCMC\* options. The advantage of using the file (at least an existing blank text document) is that by changing the configuration values while running, the new values do get updated after every iteration.

## Value

. the tameans file containing average relative expression of transcripts heta

Either one of sample files based on output type selected:

.rpkm for RPKM expression

. counts for estimated read counts

. theta for relative expression of fragments

. tau for relative expression of transcripts

#### Author(s)

Peter Glaus

#### See Also

parseAlignment

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	estimateHyperPar	Estimate hyperparameters for DE model using expression samples and joint mean expression
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# Description

Estimate hyperparameters for the Differential Expression model using expression samples and produced smoothed values of the hyperparameters depending on joint mean expression.

# Usage

```
estimateHyperPar( outFile, conditions=NULL, paramsInFile=NULL,
    meanFile=NULL, force=TRUE, exThreshold=NULL, lambda0=NULL,
    paramsAllFile=NULL, smoothOnly=NULL, lowess_f=NULL, lowess_steps=NULL,
    verbose=NULL, veryVerbose=NULL, norm=NULL, seed=NULL, pretend=FALSE)
```

# Arguments

rguments	
outFile	Name of the output file.
conditions	List of vectors, each vector containing names of files containing the expression samples from a replicate (Can be both technical and biological replicates. However, in order to get good results biological replicates for each condition are essential).
paramsInFile	File produced by previous run of the function using paramsAllFile flag.
meanFile	Name of the file containing joint mean and variance.
exThreshold	Threshold of lowest expression for which the estimation is done.
paramsAllFile	Name of the file to which to store all parameter values generated prior to lowess smoothing(good for later, more careful re-smoothing.)
smoothOnly	Input file contains previously sampled hyperparameters which should smoothed only.
verbose	Verbose output. Advanced options:
force	Force smoothing hyperparameters, otherwise program might not produce parameters file at the end.
lambda0	Model parameter lambda0.
lowess_f	Parameter F for lowess smoothing specifying amount of smoothing.
lowess_steps	Parameter Nsteps for lowess smoothing specifying number of iterations.
veryVerbose	More verbose output.
norm	Vector of (multiplicative) normalization constants for library size normalization of expression samples. Number of constants has to match the number of expression samples files.
seed	Sets the initial random seed for repeatable experiments.
pretend	Do not execute, only print out command line calls for the C++ version of the program.

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## Value

file containing the smoothed hyperparameters .par

file containing all hyperparameter samples prior to smoothing - optional .ALLpar

## Author(s)

Peter Glaus

#### See Also

estimateDE

## **Examples**

```
cond1Files = c("data-c0b0.rpkm","data-c0b1.rpkm")
cond2Files = c("data-c1b0.rpkm","data-c1b1.rpkm")
estimateHyperPar( conditions=list(cond1Files, cond2Files), outFile="data.par",
     meanFile="data.means", verbose=TRUE)
estimateHyperPar( conditions=list(cond1Files, cond2Files), outFile="data.par",
     meanFile="data.means", paramsFile="data.ALLpar", force=FALSE)
estimateHyperPar( outFile="data.par", paramsInFile="data.ALLpar", smoothOnly=TRUE )
## End(Not run)
```

## **Description**

Estimates the expression of transcripts using Variational Bayes inference algorithm

## Usage

```
estimateVBExpression (probFile, outFile, outputType=NULL, trInfoFile=NULL,
      seed=NULL, samples=NULL, optLimit=1e-5, optMethod="FR", procN=4,
      verbose=FALSE, veryVerbose=FALSE, pretend=FALSE)
```

# **Arguments**

probFile	File with alignment probabilities produced by parseAlignment
outFile	Prefix for the output files.
outputType	Output type, possible values: theta, RPKM, counts. This is only relevant when the samples option is used. Default: theta.
trInfoFile	File containing transcript information. (Necessary for RPKM output)
seed	Sets the initial random seed for repeatable experiments.

samples Number of samples to be generated from the posterior distribution. Default: no

samples are generated.

verbose Verbose output.
veryVerbose Very verbose output.

procN Maximum number of threads to be used. The program will not use more threads

that there are MCMC chains. Advanced options:

optLimit The optimisation limit in terms of minimal gradient or change of bound.

optMethod The optimisation method, use "FR", "HR", or "steepest".

pretend Do not execute, only print out command line calls for the C++ version of the

program.

## **Details**

This function runs Variational Bayes algorithm to estimate the transcript expression. The input is the .prob file containing alignment probabilities which were produced by parseAlignment. Other optional input is the transcript information file specified by trInfoFile and again produced by parseAlignment.

It is much faster inference than MCMC which estimates mean expression equally well. However, the posterior is in form of Dirichlet distribution with underestimated variance. Use this method in cases when you are only interested in mean expression.

#### Value

.m\_alphas file containing mean relative expression of transcripts  $\theta$  and parameters of the

Dirichlet distribution. Please note the first line in the file corresponds to the

noise transcript.

If option samples is used, the program also generates samples based of the outputType, the default would be file with extension ".VBtheta".

#### Author(s)

Peter Glaus

#### See Also

```
parseAlignment, estimateExpression
```

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```
optLimit=1e-6, optMethod = "HS", procN=12, veryVerbose=TRUE);
## End(Not run)
```

getDE

Estimate Probability of Positive Log Ratio

# **Description**

Using expression samples, program estimates the probability of differential expression for each transcript.

# Usage

# Arguments

conditions	List of vectors, each vector containing names of files containing the expression samples from a replicate (Can be both technical and biological replicates. However, in order to get good results biological replicates for each condition are essential).
outPrefix	Prefix for the output files. Otherwise program creates temporary files, which are only valid for current R session.
samples	Produce samples of condition mean expression apart from PPLR and confidence.
trInfoFile	Transcript information file providing the names of transcripts.
norm	Vector of (multiplicative) normalization constants for library size normalization of expression samples. Number of constants has to match the number of expression samples files.
seed	Sets the initial random seed for repeatable experiments.
pretend	Do not execute, only print out command line calls for the C++ version of the program.

# **Details**

This function uses estimateHyperPar function to estimate the hyperparameters for DE model and the uses estimateDE function to infer the condition mean expression and calculate Probability of Positive Log Ratio.

## Value

list with items:

pplr DataFrame with PPLR and other statistics

fn list with file names for PPLR file, fn\$pplr, and condition mean expression

samples, fn\$samplesFiles (only with option samples=TRUE)

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## Author(s)

Peter Glaus

# See Also

```
getExpression, estimateHyperPar, estimateDE
```

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
cond1Files = c("data-c0b0.rpkm","data-c0b1.rpkm")
cond2Files = c("data-c1b0.rpkm","data-c1b1.rpkm")
deRes <- getDE( conditions=list(cond1Files, cond2Files))
## top 10 DE transcripts
head(deRes$pplr[ order(abs(0.5-deRes$pplr$pplr), decreasing=TRUE ), ], 10)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

getExpression

Estimate transcript expression

# **Description**

Estimate expression of transcripts. Starting from alignment and reference files function function handles the entire process of expression analysis resulting in transcript expression means and standard deviation together with file containing all the expression samples.

# Usage

# Arguments

alignFile	File containing read alignments.
trSeqFile	File containing transcript sequence in FASTA format.
outPrefix	Prefix for the output files. Otherwise program creates temporary files, which are only valid for current R session.
uniform	Use uniform read distribution.
type	Output type, possible values: theta, RPKM, counts, tau.
log	Report mean and expression of logged expression samples.
limitA	Limit maximum number of alignments per read. Reads with more alignments than limit will be discarded.
seed	Sets the initial random seed for repeatable experiments.
pretend	Do not execute, only print out command line calls for the C++ version of the program.
• • •	Other arguments are passed to $estimateExpression$ , please see $estimateExpression$ for more details

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#### **Details**

This function uses parseAlignment function to compute alignment probabilities and the function estimateExpression to produce the expression samples.

In case of non-uniform read distribution, it first produces approximate estimates of expression using uniform read distribution with VB inference and subsequently uses these estimates to compute read distribution bias-corrected alignment probabilities, which are used in the estimateExpression function to produce expression estimates.

The order of transcripts in the results is always the same as in the alignment file. The transcripts can be identified by names stored in the trInfo part of the result.

## Value

list with items:

exp DataFrame with transcript expression mean and standard deviation

fn name of the file containing all the expression samples

counts vector of estimated read counts per transcript

trInfo DataFrame with transcript information, contains: transcript name, possibly gene

name, transcript length, and adjusted transcript length

#### Author(s)

Peter Glaus

#### See Also

```
getDE, estimateExpression, parseAlignment
```

## **Examples**

getGeneExpression

Calculate gene expression or relative within gene expression

# Description

Calculate either gene expression or relative within gene expression using transcript expression samples and transcript information file.

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## Usage

## Arguments

sampleFile	File containing the transcript expression samples.
outFile	Name of the output file. If not used, function uses temporary file.
trInfo	DataFrame containing transcript information. Either trInfo or trInfoFile argument has to be provided. Otherwise function tries file with same name as sampleFile and extension tr.
trInfoFile	Transcript information file. Either trInfo or trInfoFile argument has to be provided. Otherwise function tries file with same name as sampleFile and extension tr.
pretend	Do not execute, only print out command line calls for the C++ version of the program.
keepOrder	If TRUE then transcripts will always keep same order, otherwise transcripts might be grouped by genes in the output. (The order is always same if transcripts are grouped by genes.)

## **Details**

The getGeneExpression function takes samples of transcript expression and produces file with expression of genes by adding up transcript expression.

The getWithinGeneExpression function takes samples of transcript expression and produces file with relative within gene expression samples for each transcript.

Both function need valid transcript information which contains gene transcript mapping. This can be provided either via DataFrame trInfo or file named trInfoFile.

In case of a file, it should be formatted in following manner. The first line should contain "# M <numberOfTranscripts>" and the following numberOfTranscripts lines have to contain "<gene-Name> <transcriptName> <transcriptLength>". Example is provided in extdata/ensSelect1.tr. Please note that the transcript information file automatically generated from alignment files are not sufficient because SAM/BAM files do not include gene names. We hope to provide more convenient way in future versions of BitSeq.

#### Value

Name of file containing the new expression samples.

#### Author(s)

Peter Glaus

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## See Also

```
getExpression, tri.load, tri.file.setGeneNames, tri.file.hasGeneNames
```

## **Examples**

```
setwd(system.file("extdata",package="BitSeq"))
## use transcript information as object
trinfo <- tri.load("ensSelect1.tr")
## gene expression
getGeneExpression("data-c0b1.rpkm", "data-c0b1-GE.rpkm", trInfo=trinfo)
gExpSamples <- loadSamples("data-c0b1-GE.rpkm")
gExpMeans <- rowMeans(as.data.frame(gExpSamples))
gExpMeans
## within gene expression
wgeFN <- getWithinGeneExpression("data-c0b1.rpkm", trInfoFile="ensSelect1.tr")
wgExpSamples <- loadSamples(wgeFN)
wgExpMeans <- rowMeans(as.data.frame(wgExpSamples))
head(wgExpMeans)</pre>
```

getMeanVariance

Calculate mean and variance of expression samples

# Description

Calculate mean and variance of expression samples or log-expression samples

## Usage

# **Arguments**

sampleFiles Vector of one or more files containing the expression samples.

outFile Name of the output file.

log Use logged values.

type Type of variance, possible values: sample,sqDif for sample variance or squared

difference.

verbose Verbose output.

norm Vector of (multiplicative) normalization constants for library size normalization

of expression samples. Number of constants has to match the number of expres-

sion samples files.

pretend Do not execute, only print out command line calls for the C++ version of the

program.

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#### **Details**

The getMeanVariance function computes means and variances of MCMC expression samples. These can be computed either from single file or from multiple files using sample variance. Variance of two experiments (i.e. technical or biological replicates) can be estimated also by using sqDif option for type which specify the computation of the average square distance between the samples from two sets.

#### Value

.means File containing means (first column) and variance (second column) for each

transcript (or row in the sample files)

## Author(s)

Peter Glaus

## See Also

```
estimateExpression
```

#### **Examples**

loadSamples

Loading and saving expression samples

# **Description**

Functions for loading expression samples into DataFrame and saving samples from DataFrame into a file.

# Usage

```
loadSamples(fileName, trInfoFile=NULL)
writeSamples(data, fileName)
```

## **Arguments**

fileName Name of the file with samples or to which the samples are written.

data DataFrame with samples written to the file.

trInfoFile Transcript information file which can be used to name the rows.

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## **Details**

The loadSamples function load samples from the specified file into a DataFrame. If the transcript information file is provided, the transcript names are use as row names.

The writeSamples function can save samples from a DataFrame into a file in format which is valid for BitSeq and can be used in other functions.

#### Value

DataFrame Containing the expression samples

#### Author(s)

Peter Glaus

#### See Also

```
estimateExpression
```

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
samples1<-loadSamples("data-c0b1.rpkm")
writeSamples(samples1,"new-c0b1.rpkm")
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

parseAlignment

Compute probabilities of alignments

# **Description**

Compute probability of alignments and save them into .prob file.

# Usage

# **Arguments**

alignFile File containing read alignments.

outFile Name of the output file.

inputFormat Input format: possible values SAM, BAM. (This should be detected automatically

in most cases.)

trInfoFile File to save transcript information extracted from [BS]AM file and reference.

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trSeqFile File containing transcript sequence in FASTA format.

expressionFile Transcript relative expression estimates — for better non-uniform read distribu-

tion estimation.

readsN Total number of reads. This is usually not necessary if SAM/BAM contains also

reads with no valid alignments.

uniform Use uniform read distribution.

limitA Limit maximum number of alignments per read. Reads with more alignments

than limit will be discarded.

lenMu Set mean of log fragment length distribution.  $l_{frag} \sim LogNormal(\mu, \sigma^2)$ 

lenSigma Set  $\sigma^2$  (or variance) of log fragment length distribution.  $l_{frag} \sim LogNormal(\mu, \sigma^2)$ 

excludeSingletons

Exclude single mate alignments for paired-end reads.

 ${\tt mateNamesDiffer}$ 

Mates from paired-end reads have different names.

verbose Verbose output.
veryVerbose Very verbose output.

procN Maximum number of threads to be used.

pretend Do not execute, only print out command line calls for the C++ version of the

program.

#### **Details**

This function uses the alignments and reference file to assign probability to each alignment. It uses either bias-corrected or uniform model for the read distribution, assumes Log-Normal distribution of fragment lengths for pair-end read data and uses quality scores and mismatches to assign probability for every alignment of a read (or fragment) to a transcript.

#### Value

. prob file containing the alignment probabilities

.tr file containing reference transcript names, lengths and effective lengths - op-

tional

#### Author(s)

Peter Glaus

#### See Also

```
estimate {\tt Expression}
```

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transcriptInfo Manage information about transcript reference
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#### **Description**

Manage information about the transcript reference. These functions are used for reading, saving and updating transcript information DataFrame.

## Usage

```
tri.load(trInfoFile)
tri.save(trInfo, trInfoFile)
tri.hasGeneNames(trInfo)
tri.setGeneNames(trInfo, geneNames, transcriptNames=NULL)
```

# Arguments

trInfoFile Name of the file containing transcript information or the where the information

should be stored.

trInfo DataFrame containing the transcript information.

geneNames Vector with new gene names that should be assigned to transcripts.

transcriptNames

Names of transcripts that should be associated with the gene names.

## **Details**

If not provided with the information, BitSeq extracts information about the transcript reference from the alignment and sequence files. This information is stored in so called transcript information(trInfo) file, usually having extension .tr. This file contains columns with gene names (if available), transcript names, transcript lengths and optionally with adjusted lengths of transcripts. The expression of transcripts is reported in the same order as are the transcripts ordered in the trInfo file, hence it serves as identification of final results.

Other important use of trInfo file is for calculating gene expression or within gene expression, where the file is used for determining which transcripts belong to which genes. However, for this the gene names have to be properly set in the transcript info, which is not always the case.

Function tri.load loads transcript information from a file provided by argument trInfoFile into a DataFrame.

Function tri.save saves transcript information from a DataFrame provided by trInfo argument into a file name provided by argument trInfoFile.

Function tri.hasGeneNames determines whether gene names are properly set in the transcript information and returns TRUE or FALSE and a warning message identifying the problem.

Function tri.setGeneNames changes gene names of a transcript information trInfo and retruns new DataFrame with updated values. The vector geneNames should provide gene names of transcripts and be of the same length as is the number of transcripts. The gene names have to be either

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ordered as their appropriate transcripts in trInfo object, or if ordered differently, vector of transcript names, ordered as gene names has to be provided by argument transcriptNames. The names in transcriptNames have to correspond to the transcript names in trInfo object.

## Value

Function tri.load returns DataFrame with transcript information.

Function tri.hasGeneNames returns boolean value.

Function tri.setGeneNames returns DataFrame with transcript information containing updated gene names (Note: the transcript names do not change.).

# Author(s)

Peter Glaus

#### See Also

```
getExpression, getGeneExpression, tri.file.setGeneNames
```

# **Examples**

```
setwd(system.file("extdata",package="BitSeq"))
trinfo <- tri.load("ensSelect1.tr")
trinfo[1:10,]
## this should be true
tri.hasGeneNames(trinfo)
## reverse the gene order - this will make the information INCORRECT
rev.trinfo <- tri.setGeneNames(trinfo, rev(trinfo[,1]))
rev.trinfo[1:10,]
tri.save(rev.trinfo, "reversed-ensSelect1.tr")</pre>
```

transcriptInfoFile

Manage file containing information about transcript reference

## **Description**

Manage file containing information about the transcript reference. These functions are used for verifying and updating transcript information DataFrame.

# Usage

```
tri.file.hasGeneNames(trInfoFile)
tri.file.setGeneNames(trInfoFile, geneNames, transcriptNames=NULL)
```

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## Arguments

trInfoFile Name of the file containing transcript information or the where the information

should be stored.

geneNames Vector with new gene names that should be assigned to transcripts.

transcriptNames

Names of transcripts that should be associated with the gene names.

#### **Details**

If not provided with the information, BitSeq extracts information about the transcript reference from the alignment and sequence files. This information is stored in so called transcript information(trInfo) file, usually having extension .tr. This file contains columns with gene names (if available), transcript names, transcript lengths and optionally with adjusted lengths of transcripts. Important use of trInfo file is for calculating gene expression or within gene expression, where the file is used for determining which transcripts belong to which genes. However, for this the gene names have to be properly set in the transcript info, which is not always the case.

Function tri.file.hasGeneNames determines whether gene names are properly set in the transcript information file and returns TRUE or FALSE and a warning message identifying the problem.

Function tri.file.setGeneNames updates the gene names of a transcript information in file provided by argument trInfoFile. The vector geneNames should provide gene names of transcripts and be of the same length as is the number of transcripts. The gene names have to be either ordered as their appropriate transcripts in trInfoFile file, or if ordered differently, vector of transcript names, ordered as gene names has to be provided by argument transcriptNames. The names in transcriptNames have to correspond to the transcript names in actual file.

#### Value

Function tri.file.hasGeneNames returns boolean value.

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## See Also

```
getExpression, getGeneExpression, tri.load, tri.save
```

```
setwd(system.file("extdata",package="BitSeq"))
## this should be true
tri.file.hasGeneNames("ensSelect1.tr")
```

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