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plrs-package

Piecewise Linear Regression Splines (PLRS) for the association between DNA copy number and mRNA expression

Description

The present package implements a framework for modeling the relationship between DNA copy number and gene expression data using Piecewise Linear Regression Splines (PLRS). It includes (point and interval) estimation, model selection and testing procedures for such models (possibly under biologically motivated constraints).

Details

The use of the present package can be divided into two approaches:

1. Analysis of a single DNA-mRNA relationship

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Main functions are:
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```
plrs: Fit a single plrs model.
plrs.select: Model selection based on AIC, AICC, OSAIC or BIC.
plrs.test: Likelihood ratio test for a given plrs model.
plrs.cb: Confidence bands for a plrs model.
```

2. Analysis of multiple DNA-mRNA relationships sequentially

Main function is:

plrs.series: point and interval estimation, model selection and testing of DNA-mRNA association for a series of arrays.

Note: This function extend the aforementioned univariate analysis genomewise in the same spirit as some functions of the **limma** package do.

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References

Leday GGR, Van der Vaart AW, Van Wieringen WN, Van de Wiel MA. Modeling association between DNA copy number and gene expression with constrained piecewise linear regression splines. Accepted for publication. *Ann Appl Stat.* (2012).

criteria

Compute AIC, AICC, BIC and OSAIC for a given plrs model.

Description

Extract AIC, AICC, BIC and OSAIC from an object of class plrs-class.

Usage

```
criteria(obj, crit = "all")
```

Arguments

| obj | object of class plrs-class |
|------|--|
| crit | A character (vector) among "aic", "aicc", "bic", "osaic" or "all". |

Value

A list with the following components (if specified):

| aic | Akaike's information criterion |
|------|--------------------------------|
| aicc | Small sample correction of AIC |
| bic | Bayesian Information Criterion |
| | |

osaic One-Sided AIC. See Hughes and King (2003) for more details.

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References

Hughes, A. W. and King, M. L. (2003). Model selection using AIC in the presence of one-sided information. *J Stat Plan Infer*, 115(2): 397 411.

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Examples

```
# Simulate data
sim <- plrs.sim(n=80, states=4, sigma=0.5)
# Fit
model <- plrs(expr=sim$expr, cghseg=sim$seg, cghcall=sim$cal)
criteria(model)</pre>
```

modify.conf

Modify the configuration (of calls) of the plrs model

Description

This function changes the discrete copy number values for a given gene in order to force a minimum number of observations per state.

Usage

```
modify.conf(cghcall, min.obs = 3, discard = TRUE)
```

Arguments

| cghcall | Vector of called values |
|---------|---|
| min.obs | Minimum number of observations per state |
| discard | Logical. Whether discrete states with few observations should be discarded from analysis. |

Details

Consider that the number of observations of a given state is lower than min. obs, then:

- if discard = FALSE, observations are not discarded and a rearrangement of called values is carried out as follows. The "normal" copy number state is taken as a reference. If the minimum number of observations is not obtained, "losses" will be merged to "normals", "gains" to "normals" and "amplifications" to "gains". Note that this modifies the configuration of the model. Thus, after fitting a model using plrs, original and modified data are stored in the resulting plrs-class object, respectively under slots data and mdata.
- if discard = TRUE, states for which the number of observations is lower than min.obs are discarded (replaced by NAs).

Value

val Vector of new called values

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Note

This function is implemented within function plrs and plrs.series.

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```

Examples

```
called <- sample(c(rep(-1,5),rep(0,15),rep(1,2),rep(2,1)))
table(called)
table(modify.conf(called, min.obs=3))</pre>
```

neveCN17

Copy number for chromosome 17.

Description

Preprocessed copy number data of Neve et al. (2006) for chromosome 17.

Usage

neveCN17

Format

An object of class cghCall

Source

M. Neve et al. in Gray Lab at LBL. Neve2006: expression and CGH data on breast cancer cell lines. R package version 0.1.10.

References

Neve, R.M. et al. (2006). A collection of breast cancer cell lines for the study of functionally distinct cancer subtypes. *Cancer cell*, 10, 515-527.

Examples

```
data(neveCN17)
dim(neveCN17)
head(fData(neveCN17))
```

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neveGE17

mRNA expression for chromosome 17.

Description

Normalized gene expression data of Neve et al. (2006) for chromosome 17.

Usage

neveGE17

Format

An object of class ExpressionSet

Source

M. Neve et al. in Gray Lab at LBL. Neve2006: expression and CGH data on breast cancer cell lines. R package version 0.1.10.

References

Neve, R.M. et al. (2006). A collection of breast cancer cell lines for the study of functionally distinct cancer subtypes. *Cancer cell*, 10, 515-527.

Examples

```
data(neveGE17)
dim(neveGE17)
head(fData(neveGE17))
```

plot-methods

Plot functions in package 'plrs'

Description

Methods plot in package 'plrs'

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'plrs'
plot(x, col.line = "black", col.pts = c("red", "blue", "green2", "green4"),
col.cb = "yellow", xlim = c(floor(min(x@data$cghseg)), ceiling(max(x@data$cghseg))),
ylim = c(floor(min(x@data$expr)), ceiling(max(x@data$expr))),
pch = 16, lwd=4, cex = 1.2, xlab="", ylab="", main = "",
add = FALSE, lty = 1, lin = FALSE, ...)
```

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Arguments

| x | An object of class plrs-class or plrs. select-class |
|----------|---|
| col.line | Color of the fitted line |
| col.pts | Vector of length 4, for colors associated with each state |
| col.cb | Color for the confidence band |
| xlim | The x limits of the plot |
| ylim | The y limits of the plot |
| pch | See par |
| lwd | See par |
| cex | See par |
| xlab | Title of the x-axis |
| ylab | Title of the y-axis |
| main | Main title for the plot |
| add | If the plot should be added to the current device. Default is FALSE |
| lty | See par |
| lin | Logical. Whether the simple linear model should also be plotted |
| | Other arguments, see par |
| | |

Details

plot.plrs plots the observed points, the fitted line and potentially the confidence band.

Methods

```
signature(x = "plrs") Plot observed points and the fitted line
signature(x = "plrs.select") Plot observed points and the fitted line of the selected model.
```

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```

| plrs Fit a (constrained) piecewise linear regression spline | |
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Description

The function fits a piecewise linear regression spline to explain gene expression by the segmented DNA copy number. The called copy number values are used as a template for model building.

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Usage

```
plrs(expr, cghseg, cghcall=NULL, probloss = NULL, probnorm = NULL,
probgain = NULL, probamp = NULL, knots = NULL, continuous = FALSE,
constr = TRUE, constr.slopes = 2, constr.intercepts = TRUE,
min.obs = 3, discard.obs = TRUE)
```

Arguments

| expr | Vector of gene expression values | |
|-------------------|---|--|
| cghseg | Vector of segmented copy number values | |
| cghcall | Vector of called copy number values. If not provided, we are reduced to a simple linear model. | |
| probloss | Vector of call probabilities associated with state "loss". Default is NULL. | |
| probnorm | Vector of call probabilities associated with state "normal". Default is NULL. | |
| probgain | Vector of call probabilities associated with state "gain". Default is NULL. | |
| probamp | Vector of call probabilities associated with state "amplification". Default is NULL. | |
| knots | knots or change points. If NULL (default), there are estimated. See details. | |
| continuous | Logical, whether the model is continuous (no jump) or not. | |
| constr | Logical, whether the model is constrained or not. (this has been implemented to turn on and off easily the constraints) | |
| constr.slopes | Type of non-negativity constraints applied on slopes. Either 1 or 2 (default). See details. | |
| constr.intercepts | | |
| | If TRUE (default) jumps from state to state are also constrained to be non-negative | |
| min.obs | See modify.conf | |
| discard.obs | See modify.conf | |

Details

If cghcall=NULL, discrete copy number values are omitted, which results in fitting a simple linear model.

If constr.slopes=1, all slopes are constrained to be non-negative. If constr.slopes=2, the slope associated with state "normal" is constrained to be non-negative and all others are forced to be at least equal to the latter.

Two methods are implemented for the estimation of knots. If call probabilities are provided, a knot is determined so that the sum of (the two adjacent) states membership probabilities is maximized. Otherwise, this is defined as the midpoint of the interval between the two consecutive states.

The constrained least squares problem is solved using function solve. QP of package quadprog.

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Value

An object of class plrs-class

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```

Examples

```
# Simulate data
sim <- plrs.sim(n=80, states=4, sigma=0.5)

# Fit a model
model <- plrs(expr=sim$expr, cghseg=sim$seg, cghcall=sim$cal)
model

# Methods
coef(model)
effects(model)
fitted(model)
knots(model)
model.matrix(model)
plot(model)
predict(model, newcghseg=seq(0,5, length.out=100))
residuals(model)
summary(model)</pre>
```

plrs-class

Class plrs

Description

An S4 class representing the output of the plrs function.

Slots

```
coefficients: Object of class numeric containing spline coefficients
fitted.values: Object of class numeric containing the fitted values
residuals: Object of class numeric containing the residuals
X: Object of class matrix containing the design matrix
data: Object of class list containing input data
mdata: Object of class list containing (possibly modified) data used to fit the model (See modify.conf).
QP: Object of class list containing input elements used for quadratic programming. If the model
is unconstrained this contains a light version of an lm object.
test: Object of class list containing results from testing.
```

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cb: Object of class list containing lower and upper bounds for predicted values.

selected: Object of class logical indicating whether the model results from a selection procedure.

type: Object of class character giving the type of model

call.arg: Object of class list containing the input arguments (for reproducibility)

Methods

```
coef Returns the coefficients
criteria See criteria
effects Returns matrix of effects
fitted Returns the fitted values
knots Returns the knots
model.matrix Returns the design matrix
plot See plot.plrs
predict See predict.plrs
print Print the object information
```

residuals Returns the residuals show Print the object information

summary Print a summary of the object information

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plrs.cb

Uniform confidence bands (CB) for plrs models

Description

Determine uniform confidence intervals for predicted values of a 'plrs' model.

Usage

```
plrs.cb(object, alpha=0.05, newcgh=NULL)
```

Arguments

object An object of class plrs-class.

alpha Significance level

newcgh Vector of segmented values. Support for building CB. plrs.select 11

Details

The input object of class plrs-class has to result from function plrs. test.

The problem of finding (at a given x) a confidence interval for the mean response is expressed as a semi-definite optimization problem and solved using function csdp of package **Rcsdp**.

Value

An object of class plrs-class that contains CB information.

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```

References

Leday GGR, Van der Vaart AW, Van Wieringen WN, Van de Wiel MA. Modeling association between DNA copy number and gene expression with constrained piecewise linear regression splines. Accepted for publication. *Ann Appl Stat.* (2012).

See Also

```
plrs.test
```

Examples

```
# Simulate data
sim <- plrs.sim(n=80, states=4, sigma=0.5)

# Fit a model
model <- plrs(expr=sim$expr, cghseg=sim$seg, cghcall=sim$cal)

# Confidence bands
model <- plrs.test(model)
model <- plrs.cb(model, alpha=0.05)
plot(model)</pre>
```

plrs.select

Model selection

Description

Selection of a model based on an information criterion (AIC, AICC, BIC or OSAIC).

Usage

```
plrs.select(object, crit = ifelse(object@call.arg$constr,"osaic","aic"))
```

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Arguments

object An object of class plrs-class

crit Character corresponding to the criterion to use. See criteria.

Value

```
An object of class plrs. select-class
```

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```

plrs.select-class

 ${\it Class}\, {\it plrs.select}$

Description

An S4 class representing the output of the plrs. select function.

Slots

table: Object of class matrix containing the criterion value for all models

model: Object of class plrs containing the selected model

crit: Object of class character containing the criterion used for model selection

Methods

```
plot See plot.plrs
```

print Print the object information

show Print the object information

summary Print a summary of the object information

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```

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| plrs.series | Fit plrs models for a series of arrays. |
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Description

The function fits plrs models for a series of arrays. Model selection and testing procedures may be applied.

Usage

```
plrs.series(expr, cghseg, cghcall=NULL,
probloss = NULL, probnorm = NULL, probgain = NULL, probamp = NULL,
control.model = list(continuous = FALSE,
                      constr = TRUE,
                      constr.slopes = 2,
                      constr.intercepts = TRUE,
                      min.obs = 3,
                      discard.obs = TRUE),
control.select = list(crit = ifelse(control.model$constr, "osaic", "aic")),
control.test = list(testing = TRUE,
                      cb = FALSE,
                      alpha = 0.05),
control.output = list(save.models = FALSE,
                      save.plots = FALSE,
                      plot.lin = FALSE,
                      type = "jpeg"))
```

Arguments

| expr | Either a matrix of expression profiles or an ExpressionSet object. |
|------------------------|---|
| cghseg | Either a matrix of segmented copy number values or objects of class \mbox{cghSeg} or $\mbox{cghCall}$ |
| cghcall | Matrix of called copy number |
| probloss | Matrix of call probabilities associated with state "loss". Default is NULL. |
| probnorm | Matrix of call probabilities associated with state "normal". Default is NULL. |
| probgain | Matrix of call probabilities associated with state "gain". Default is NULL. |
| probamp | Matrix of call probabilities associated with state "amplification". Default is \ensuremath{NULL} . |
| control.model | See details |
| ${\tt control.select}$ | See details |
| control.test | See details |
| control.output | See details |

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Details

If DNA and mRNA input data are matrices, rows should correspond to genes and columns to arrays. Alternatively, expression data may be provided as an ExpressionSet object and aCGH data as cghSeg or cghCall objects. A cghCall object contain all data from the calling step, thus arguments probloss, probnorm, probnorm and probamp can be omitted. An object of class cghSeg does not contain such data so only simple linear models will be fitted.

control.model allows the user to specify the type of model that has to be fitted. This must be a list with one or more of the following components: constr.slopes, constr.intercepts, min.obs and discard.obs. See functions plrs and modify.conf for more details.

control.select allows the user to specify whether model selection should be done and how. This must be a list with a component named crit. See function plrs.select for more details. If control.select = NULL then no model selection is done.

control.output allows the user to plot and save each plrs model. This must be a list with components:

save.models, a logical. This will create within the work directory a new directory named "plrsSeriesObjects" that will contain all objects.

save.plots, a logical. This will create within the work directory a new directory named "plrsSeries-Plots" that will contains all saved plots.

plot.lin, a logical. Whether the simple linear model should aslo be plotted.

type, a character. Format of file. To pass through function savePlot.

Value

An object of class plrs. series-class

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Examples

```
# Simulate data
ngenes <- 10
narray <- 48
rna <- dnaseg <- dnacal <- matrix(NA, ngenes, narray)
idx <- sample(1:4, ngenes, replace=TRUE, prob=rep(1/4,4))
for(i in 1:ngenes){
Sim <- plrs.sim(n=narray, states=idx[i], sigma=0.5)
rna[i,] <- Sim$expr
dnaseg[i,] <- Sim$seg
dnacal[i,] <- Sim$seg</pre>
```

Screening procedure with linear model

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```
series <- plrs.series(expr = rna, cghseg = dnaseg, cghcall = NULL, control.select = NULL)
# Screening procedure with full plrs model
series <- plrs.series(expr = rna, cghseg = dnaseg, cghcall = dnacal, control.select = NULL)
# Model selection
series <- plrs.series(expr = rna, cghseg = dnaseg, cghcall = dnacal)</pre>
```

plrs.series-class

Class plrs.series

Description

An S4 class representing the output of the plrs. series function.

Slots

```
coefficients: Matrix containing coefficients of models

effects: List containing effects

test: Matrix containing results from testing.

general: Matrix providing the distribution of the number genes and arrays regarding the copy number states

modelsType: List providing models' type

call.arg: List providing details on the type of models that have been fitted.
```

Methods

```
print Print the object informationshow Print the object informationsummary Print a summary of the object information
```

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```

plrs.sim

plrs.sim

Simulation of a plrs model

Description

Simulation of a piecewise relationship.

The function has been only implemented for convenience of simulations and R examples.

Usage

```
plrs.sim(n = 80, states = 4, sigma = 01, x = NULL)
```

Arguments

Number of simulated data points
 States
 Number of states for the model
 Sigma
 Noise
 X
 Segmented values.

Details

To be written...

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```

Examples

```
# Simulate 1-state model
sim <- plrs.sim(n=80, states=1, sigma=0.5)
model <- plrs(expr=sim$expr, cghseg=sim$seg, cghcall=sim$cal)
plot(model)

# Simulate 2-state model
sim <- plrs.sim(n=80, states=2, sigma=0.5)
model <- plrs(expr=sim$expr, cghseg=sim$seg, cghcall=sim$cal)
plot(model)

# Simulate 3-state model
sim <- plrs.sim(n=90, states=3, sigma=0.5)
model <- plrs(expr=sim$expr, cghseg=sim$seg, cghcall=sim$cal)
plot(model)

# Simulate 4-state model</pre>
```

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```
sim <- plrs.sim(n=80, states=4, sigma=0.5)
model <- plrs(expr=sim$expr, cghseg=sim$seg, cghcall=sim$cal)
plot(model)</pre>
```

plrs.test

Likelihood ratio test for a plrs model

Description

Test whether copy number has an effect on mRNA expression.

Usage

```
plrs.test(object, alpha=0.05)
```

Arguments

object An object of class plrs-class

alpha Significance level

Details

Two cases present themselves:

- 1. The model is unconstrained. Thus, the model under the null hypothesis is the intercept and an F-test is performed.
- 2. The model is constrained and the following hypothesis are tested:

H0: All constraints are actives (=)

H1: At least one constraint is strict (>)

Under H0, we always have the intercept model. Indeed, if constr.slopes = 1 (or 2) and constr.intercepts = T, then the only parameter free of inequality constraint is the overall intercept. If constr.intercepts = F, the local intercepts are additionally constrained to be 0 in order to obtain the intercept model under the null. The likelihood ratio statistic (unknown variance) is asymptotically distributed as a weighted mixture of Beta distribution (cf Gromping (2010)). Calculation of p-values is based on functions ic.weights and pbetabar of package **ic.infer**. The package **mvtnorm** is also involved.

In both cases the input model is taken as the model under the alternative.

Value

A list object with the following components:

stat Test statistic
pvalue Calculated pvalue

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| wt.bar Weight | (if the model is constrained) |
|---------------|-------------------------------|
|---------------|-------------------------------|

df.bar Degrees of freedom.

unconstr Unconstrained model of class plrs-class

qbetabar (1-alpha) quantile of the beta mixture distribution

alpha Significance level

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```

References

Gromping, U. (2010). Inference with linear equality and inequality constraints using R: The package ic.infer. *J Stat Softw*, 33(i10).

Examples

```
# Simulate data
sim <- plrs.sim(n=80, states=2, sigma=0.5)
# Fit a model
model <- plrs(expr=sim$expr, cghseg=sim$seg, cghcall=sim$cal)
# Testing
model <- plrs.test(model)
model</pre>
```

predict.plrs

Predict method for plrs models

Description

Determine predicted values based on a given plrs model

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'plrs'
predict(object, newcghseg, ...)
```

Arguments

object An object of class plrs-class

newcghseg A vector of new segmented CGH values

... further arguments

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Value

A vector containing the fitted values.

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