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adjustedAlphaLevel      *Get adjusted significance level from the screening stage.*

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### Description

This functions returns the adjusted significance level from the screening stage that should be used to compare confirmation stage FWER adjusted p-values against.

### Usage

```
adjustedAlphaLevel(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageR'
adjustedAlphaLevel(object)

## S4 method for signature 'stageRTx'
adjustedAlphaLevel(object)
```

### Arguments

object                  an object of the [stageRClass](#) class.

### Details

The adjusted significance level is calculated as the fraction of significant features in the screening stage multiplied the alpha level.

**Value**

Scalar, the adjusted significance level from the screening stage.

**Methods (by class)**

- stageRTx: Get adjusted significance level from the screening stage.

**References**

Van den Berge K., Sonesson C., Robinson M.D., Clement L. (2017). stageR: a general stage-wise method for controlling the gene-level false discovery rate in differential expression and differential transcript usage. *Genome Biology* 18:151. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13059-017-1277-0>

R. Heller, E. Manduchi, G. R. Grant, and W. J. Ewens, "A flexible two-stage procedure for identifying gene sets that are differentially expressed." *Bioinformatics (Oxford, England)*, vol. 25, pp. 1019-25, 2009.

**See Also**

[stageR](#), [stageRClass](#)

**Examples**

```
pScreen=c(seq(1e-10,1e-2,length.out=100),seq(1e-2,.2,length.out=100),seq(.2,1,length.out=100))
names(pScreen)=paste0("gene",1:300)
pConfirmation=matrix(runif(900),nrow=300,ncol=3)
dimnames(pConfirmation)=list(paste0("gene",1:300),c("H1","H2","H3"))
stageRObj <- stageR(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmation, pScreenAdjusted=FALSE)
stageRObj <- stageWiseAdjustment(stageRObj, method="holm", alpha=0.05)
adjustedAlphaLevel(stageRObj)
# @method stageR-method
```

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| esetProstate | <i>Transcript-level abundance estimates in 14 Chinese prostate cancer patients</i> |
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**Description**

A dataset containing 14 matched samples of tumoral prostate cancer and normal tissue, both derived from the same Chinese patient. The dataset has been prefiltered to reduce the computational burden of the vignette.

**Usage**

```
esetProstate
```

**Format**

An ExpressionSet object.

**Source**

<http://pachterlab.github.io/lair/>

**References**

Ren, Shancheng, Zhiyu Peng, Jian-Hua Mao, Yongwei Yu, Changjun Yin, Xin Gao, Zilian Cui, et al. 2012. "RNA-seq analysis of prostate cancer in the Chinese population identifies recurrent gene fusions, cancer-associated long noncoding RNAs and aberrant alternative splicings." *Cell Research* 22 (5): 806-21. doi:10.1038/cr.2012.30.

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getAdjustedPValues      *Retrieve the stage-wise adjusted p-values.*

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**Description**

This functions returns the stage-wise adjusted p-values for an object from the `stageRClass` class. Note, that the p-values should have been adjusted with the `stageWiseAdjustment`, `stageR`, `character`, `numeric-method` function prior to calling this function.

**Usage**

```
getAdjustedPValues(object, onlySignificantGenes, order, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageR,logical,logical'
getAdjustedPValues(object,
  onlySignificantGenes, order, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageRTx,logical,logical'
getAdjustedPValues(object,
  onlySignificantGenes, order, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <code>object</code>               | an object of the <code>stageRClass</code> class.   |
| <code>onlySignificantGenes</code> | logical. If FALSE (default), all genes are returned. If TRUE, only the genes significant for the screening hypothesis are returned.  |
| <code>order</code>                | logical. If TRUE (default), the returned matrix of adjusted p-values are ordered based on the screening hypothesis adjusted p-value. |
| <code>...</code>                  | Other arguments passed to <code>.getAdjustedP</code> or <code>.getAdjustedPTx</code>   |

**Details**

The function returns FDR adjusted p-values for the screening hypothesis and stage-wise adjusted p-values for the confirmation hypothesis p-values. For features that were not significant in the screening hypothesis, the confirmation stage adjusted p-values are set to NA. The adjusted p-values in the output of `getAdjustedPValues` can directly be compared to alpha, the OFDR level specified in `stageWiseAdjustment`, to flag significant features.

**Value**

For complex DGE experiments (stageR object), a matrix of adjusted p-values where every row corresponds to a gene, and every column corresponds to a contrast. The first column will be the BH FDR adjusted p-value from the screening step. For transcript-level experiments (stageRTx object), a matrix of adjusted p-values where every row corresponds to a transcript.

**Methods (by class)**

- `object = stageRTx, onlySignificantGenes = logical, order = logical`: Retrieve the stage-wise adjusted p-values.

**References**

Van den Berge K., Sonesson C., Robinson M.D., Clement L. (2017). stageR: a general stage-wise method for controlling the gene-level false discovery rate in differential expression and differential transcript usage. *Genome Biology* 18:151. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13059-017-1277-0>

**Examples**

```
pScreen=c(seq(1e-10,1e-2,length.out=100),seq(1e-2,.2,length.out=100),seq(.2,1,length.out=100))
names(pScreen)=paste0("gene",1:300)
pConfirmation=matrix(runif(900),nrow=300,ncol=3)
dimnames(pConfirmation)=list(paste0("gene",1:300),c("H1","H2","H3"))
stageRobj <- stageR(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmation)
stageRobj <- stageWiseAdjustment(stageRobj, method="holm", alpha=0.05)
head(getAdjustedPValues(stageRobj, onlySignificantGenes=TRUE, order=TRUE))
```

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getAlpha

*Retrieve the significance level for the stage-wise adjustment.*


---

**Description**

This functions returns the significance level on which the stage-wise adjustment is based.

**Usage**

```
getAlpha(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageR'
getAlpha(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageRTx'
getAlpha(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

```
object      an object of the stageRClass or stageRTxClass class.
...        Additional arguments
```

**Value**

Returns a calar vector with the OFDR alpha level that was specified by the user.

**Methods (by class)**

- stageRTx: Retrieve the significance level for the stage-wise adjustment.

**References**

Van den Berge K., Sonesson C., Robinson M.D., Clement L. (2017). stageR: a general stage-wise method for controlling the gene-level false discovery rate in differential expression and differential transcript usage. *Genome Biology* 18:151. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13059-017-1277-0>

**Examples**

```
pScreen=c(seq(1e-10,1e-2,length.out=100),seq(1e-2,.2,length.out=100),seq(.2,1,length.out=100))
names(pScreen)=paste0("gene",1:300)
pConfirmation=matrix(runif(900),nrow=300,ncol=3)
dimnames(pConfirmation)=list(paste0("gene",1:300),c("H1","H2","H3"))
stageRObj <- stageR(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmation)
stageRObj <- stageWiseAdjustment(stageRObj, method="holm", alpha=0.05)
getAlpha(stageRObj)
```

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getMethod

*Retrieve FWER correction method.*

---

**Description**

This functions retrieves the method used for FWER multiple testing correction in the confirmation stage of a stage-wise analysis.

**Usage**

```
getMethod(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageR'
getMethod(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageRTx'
getMethod(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object            an object of the [stageRClass](#) or [stageRTxClass](#) class.  
 ...                Additional arguments

**Value**

Returns a character vector of length 1 specifying the FWER correction method that is used in the confirmation stage of the stage-wise analysis.

**Methods (by class)**

- stageRTx: Retrieve FWER correction method.

**References**

Van den Berge K., Soneson C., Robinson M.D., Clement L. (2017). stageR: a general stage-wise method for controlling the gene-level false discovery rate in differential expression and differential transcript usage. *Genome Biology* 18:151. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13059-017-1277-0>

**Examples**

```
pScreen=c(seq(1e-10,1e-2,length.out=100),seq(1e-2,.2,length.out=100),seq(.2,1,length.out=100))
names(pScreen)=paste0("gene",1:300)
pConfirmation=matrix(runif(900),nrow=300,ncol=3)
dimnames(pConfirmation)=list(paste0("gene",1:300),c("H1","H2","H3"))
stageRobj <- stageR(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmation)
stageRobj <- stageWiseAdjustment(stageRobj, method="holm", alpha=0.05)
getMethod(stageRobj)
```

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| getPConfirmation | <i>Return unadjusted confirmation hypothesis p-values from a <a href="#">stageRClass</a> object.</i> |
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**Description**

Return unadjusted confirmation hypothesis p-values from a [stageRClass](#) object.

**Usage**

```
getPConfirmation(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageR'
getPConfirmation(object)

## S4 method for signature 'stageRTx'
getPConfirmation(object)
```

**Arguments**

object            an object of the [stageRClass](#) class.

**Value**

A matrix of the unadjusted p-values to be used in the confirmation stage.

**Methods (by class)**

- stageRTx: Return unadjusted confirmation hypothesis p-values from a [stageRClass](#) object.

**Examples**

```
pScreen=c(seq(1e-10,1e-2,length.out=100),seq(1e-2,.2,length.out=100),seq(.2,1,length.out=100))
names(pScreen)=paste0("gene",1:300)
pConfirmation=matrix(runif(900),nrow=300,ncol=3)
dimnames(pConfirmation)=list(paste0("gene",1:300),c("H1","H2","H3"))
stageRobj <- stageR(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmation)
getPConfirmation(stageRobj)
```

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getPScreen

*Return screening hypothesis p-values from a [stageRClass](#) object.*

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**Description**

Return screening hypothesis p-values from a [stageRClass](#) object.

**Usage**

```
getPScreen(object, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'stageR'
```

```
getPScreen(object)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'stageRTx'
```

```
getPScreen(object)
```

**Arguments**

object            an object of the [stageRClass](#) class.

...                Additional arguments

**Value**

A vector of screening stage (aggregated) p-values.

**Methods (by class)**

- stageRTx: Return screening hypothesis p-values from a [stageRClass](#) object.



## Examples

```
pScreen=c(seq(1e-10,1e-2,length.out=100),seq(1e-2,.2,length.out=100),seq(.2,1,length.out=100))
names(pScreen)=paste0("gene",1:300)
pConfirmation=matrix(runif(900),nrow=300,ncol=3)
dimnames(pConfirmation)=list(paste0("gene",1:300),c("H1","H2","H3"))
stageRobj <- stageR(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmation)
getPScreen(stageRobj)
```

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getResults

*Get significance results according to a stage-wise analysis.*

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## Description

This functions returns a matrix that indicates whether a specific feature is significant for a specific hypothesis of interest according to a stage-wise analysis. The function is not applicable to transcript-level analysis.

## Usage

```
getResults(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageR'
getResults(object)
```

## Arguments

object            an object of the `stageRClass` class.

## Details

The FDR adjusted screening hypothesis p-values are compared to the alpha level specified. The FWER adjusted confirmation stage p-values are compared to the adjusted significance level from the screening stage.

## Value

A logical matrix with rows corresponding to genes and columns corresponding to contrasts, where the first column represents the screening stage on the aggregated p-values. A 0 represents a non-significant test, a 1 represents a significant test according to the stage-wise analysis.

## References

Van den Berge K., Sonesson C., Robinson M.D., Clement L. (2017). stageR: a general stage-wise method for controlling the gene-level false discovery rate in differential expression and differential transcript usage. *Genome Biology* 18:151. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13059-017-1277-0>

**Examples**

```
pScreen=c(seq(1e-10,1e-2,length.out=100),seq(1e-2,.2,length.out=100),seq(.2,1,length.out=100))
names(pScreen)=paste0("gene",1:300)
pConfirmation=matrix(runif(900),nrow=300,ncol=3)
dimnames(pConfirmation)=list(paste0("gene",1:300),c("H1","H2","H3"))
stageRobj <- stageR(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmation)
stageRobj <- stageWiseAdjustment(stageRobj, method="holm", alpha=0.05)
head(getResults(stageRobj))
```

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getSignificantGenes     *Return significant genes when performing transcript-level analysis.*

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**Description**

This functions returns a matrix with significant genes by aggregated testing of its respective transcripts.

**Usage**

```
getSignificantGenes(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageRTx'
getSignificantGenes(object)
```

**Arguments**

object                    an object of the `stageRClass` class.

**Value**

A matrix with significant genes and their corresponding FDR-adjusted screening stage (aggregated) p-value.

**References**

Van den Berge K., Sonesson C., Robinson M.D., Clement L. (2017). stageR: a general stage-wise method for controlling the gene-level false discovery rate in differential expression and differential transcript usage. *Genome Biology* 18:151. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13059-017-1277-0>

**Examples**

```
#make identifiers linking transcripts to genes
set.seed(1)
genes=paste0("gene",sample(1:200,1000,replace=TRUE))
nGenes=length(table(genes))
transcripts=paste0("tx",1:1000)
tx2gene=data.frame(transcripts,genes)
#gene-wise q-values
```

```

pScreen=c(seq(1e-10,1e-2,length.out=nGenes-100),seq(1e-2,.2,length.out=50),seq(50))
names(pScreen)=names(table(genes)) #discards genes that are not simulated
pConfirmation=matrix(runif(1000),nrow=1000,ncol=1)
rownames(pConfirmation)=transcripts
stageRobj <- stageRTx(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmation, pScreenAdjusted=TRUE, tx2gene=tx2gene)
stageRobj <- stageWiseAdjustment(stageRobj, method="dte", alpha=0.05)
head(getSignificantGenes(stageRobj))

```

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| getSignificantTx | <i>Return significant transcripts when performing transcript-level analysis.</i> |
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## Description

This function returns a matrix with significant transcripts according to a stage-wise analysis.

## Usage

```

getSignificantTx(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageRTx'
getSignificantTx(object)

```

## Arguments

object            an object of the `stageRClass` class.

## Value

A matrix of significant transcripts with their corresponding stage-wise adjusted p-value (i.e. FDR and FWER correction).

## References

Van den Berge K., Sonesson C., Robinson M.D., Clement L. (2017). stageR: a general stage-wise method for controlling the gene-level false discovery rate in differential expression and differential transcript usage. *Genome Biology* 18:151. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13059-017-1277-0>

## Examples

```

#make identifiers linking transcripts to genes
set.seed(1)
genes=paste0("gene",sample(1:200,1000,replace=TRUE))
nGenes=length(table(genes))
transcripts=paste0("tx",1:1000)
tx2gene=data.frame(transcripts,genes)
#gene-wise q-values
pScreen=c(seq(1e-10,1e-2,length.out=nGenes-100),seq(1e-2,.2,length.out=50),seq(50))
names(pScreen)=names(table(genes)) #discards genes that are not simulated

```

```

pConfirmation=matrix(runif(1000),nrow=1000,ncol=1)
rownames(pConfirmation)=transcripts
stageRObj <- stageRTx(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmation ,pScreenAdjusted=TRUE, tx2gene=tx2gene)
stageRObj <- stageWiseAdjustment(stageRObj, method="dte", alpha=0.05)
head(getSignificantTx(stageRObj))

```

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| getTx2gene | <i>Retrieve the data frame linking genes to transcripts.</i> |
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## Description

This functions returns a data frame that links the genes with the transcripts being analysed.

## Usage

```

getTx2gene(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageRTx'
getTx2gene(object, ...)

```

## Arguments

|        |                                       |
|--------|---------------------------------------|
| object | an object of the stageRTxClass class. |
| ...    | Additional arguments                  |

## Value

A matrix linking gene to transcript identifiers.

## References

Van den Berge K., Sonesson C., Robinson M.D., Clement L. (2017). stageR: a general stage-wise method for controlling the gene-level false discovery rate in differential expression and differential transcript usage. *Genome Biology* 18:151. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13059-017-1277-0>

## Examples

```

#make identifiers linking transcripts to genes
set.seed(1)
genes=paste0("gene",sample(1:200,1000,replace=TRUE))
nGenes=length(table(genes))
transcripts=paste0("tx",1:1000)
tx2gene=data.frame(transcripts,genes)
#gene-wise q-values
pScreen=c(seq(1e-10,1e-2,length.out=nGenes-100),seq(1e-2,.2,length.out=50),seq(50))
names(pScreen)=names(table(genes)) #discards genes that are not simulated
pConfirmation=matrix(runif(1000),nrow=1000,ncol=1)
rownames(pConfirmation)=transcripts
stageRObj <- stageRTx(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmation ,pScreenAdjusted=TRUE, tx2gene=tx2gene)
getTx2gene(stageRObj)

```

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| hammer.eset | <i>Hammer dataset</i> |
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**Description**

A gene expression dataset from an experiment on spinal nerve ligation in rats, comparing this treatment to control samples in two timepoints, i.e. two weeks and two months post treatment. 2 Biological replicates available in every treatment x time combination.

**Usage**

```
hammer.eset
```

**Format**

An ExpressionSet object.

**Source**

<http://bowtie-bio.sourceforge.net/recount/>

**References**

Hammer P, Banck MS, Amberg R, et al. mRNA-seq with agnostic splice site discovery for nervous system transcriptomics tested in chronic pain. *Genome Research*. 2010;20(6):847-860. doi:10.1101/gr.101204.109.

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|------------|--|
| isAdjusted | <i>Has stage-wise adjustment already been performed on the object?</i> |
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**Description**

This functions returns a logical stating whether the p-values have already been adjusted according to the stage-wise method.

**Usage**

```
isAdjusted(object, ...)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'stageR'  
isAdjusted(object, ...)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'stageRTx'  
isAdjusted(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object            an object of the `stageRClass` or `stageRTxClass` class.  
 ...              Additional arguments

**Value**

A logical stating whether the p-values have already been adjusted according to the stage-wise method

**Methods (by class)**

- `stageRTx`: Has stage-wise adjustment already been performed on the object?

**References**

Van den Berge K., Sonesson C., Robinson M.D., Clement L. (2017). `stageR`: a general stage-wise method for controlling the gene-level false discovery rate in differential expression and differential transcript usage. *Genome Biology* 18:151. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13059-017-1277-0>

**Examples**

```
pScreen=c(seq(1e-10,1e-2,length.out=100),seq(1e-2,.2,length.out=100),seq(.2,1,length.out=100))
names(pScreen)=paste0("gene",1:300)
pConfirmation=matrix(runif(900),nrow=300,ncol=3)
dimnames(pConfirmation)=list(paste0("gene",1:300),c("H1","H2","H3"))
stageRobj <- stageR(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmation)
isAdjusted(stageRobj)
stageRobj <- stageWiseAdjustment(stageRobj, method="holm", alpha=0.05)
isAdjusted(stageRobj)
```

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isPScreenAdjusted      *Are the screening p-values adjusted for multiplicity?*

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**Description**

This functions returns a logical stating whether the screening hypothesis p-values are already adjusted for multiple testing according to the BH FDR criterion.

**Usage**

```
isPScreenAdjusted(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageR'
isPScreenAdjusted(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageRTx'
isPScreenAdjusted(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object            an object of the `stageRClass` or `stageRTxClass` class.  
 ...              Additional arguments

**Value**

A logical stating whether the screening hypothesis p-values are already adjusted for multiple testing according to the BH FDR criterion.

**Methods (by class)**

- `stageRTx`: Are the screening p-values adjusted for multiplicity?

**References**

Van den Berge K., Sonesson C., Robinson M.D., Clement L. (2017). `stageR`: a general stage-wise method for controlling the gene-level false discovery rate in differential expression and differential transcript usage. *Genome Biology* 18:151. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13059-017-1277-0>

**Examples**

```
pScreen=c(seq(1e-10,1e-2,length.out=100),seq(1e-2,.2,length.out=100),seq(.2,1,length.out=100))
names(pScreen)=paste0("gene",1:300)
pConfirmation=matrix(runif(900),nrow=300,ncol=3)
dimnames(pConfirmation)=list(paste0("gene",1:300),c("H1","H2","H3"))
stageRobj <- stageR(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmation)
isPScreenAdjusted(stageRobj)
```

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stageR                              *Create stageR object*

---

**Description**

Constructor function for `stageRClass`. A `stageR` class is a class used for stage-wise analysis in high throughput settings. In its most basic form, it consists of a vector of p-values for the screening hypothesis and a matrix of p-values for the confirmation hypotheses.

**Usage**

```
stageR(pScreen, pConfirmation, pScreenAdjusted = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| pScreen         | A vector of screening hypothesis p-values.  |
| pConfirmation   | A matrix of confirmation hypothesis p-values. When constructing a <a href="#">stageRClass</a> object, the number of rows should be equal to the length of pScreen. For a <a href="#">stageRTxClass</a> object, the dimensions can be different. |
| pScreenAdjusted | logical, indicating whether the supplied p-values for the screening hypothesis have already been adjusted for multiplicity according to the FDR.  |
| ...             | Additional arguments.   |

**Value**

An instance of an object of the [stageRClass](#)

**References**

Van den Berge K., Sonesson C., Robinson M.D., Clement L. (2017). stageR: a general stage-wise method for controlling the gene-level false discovery rate in differential expression and differential transcript usage. *Genome Biology* 18:151. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13059-017-1277-0>

**Examples**

```
# create a \link{stageRClass} object
pScreen <- runif(10)
names(pScreen) <- paste0("gene",1:10)
pConfirmation <- matrix(runif(30),nrow=10,ncol=3)
rownames(pConfirmation) <- paste0("gene",1:10)
stageRobj <- stageR(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmation)
pConfirmationTx <- matrix(runif(10),ncol=1)
names(pScreen) <- paste0("gene",rep(1:2,each=5))
stageRobj <- stageRTx(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmationTx, tx2gene=data.frame(transcripts=paste0("tra
```

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stageRClass

*The stageR class*

---

**Description**

This class is used for adjusting p-values with stage-wise testing for high-throughput studies.

**Slots**

pScreen A vector of p-values for the screening hypothesis.

pConfirmation A matrix of p-values for the confirmation hypotheses.

adjustedP A matrix of adjusted p-values. This slot should be accessed through [getAdjustedPValues](#), [stageR](#), [logical](#), [logical](#). Alternatively, significance results can be accessed through [getResults](#), [stageR-method](#).



**method** Character string indicating the method used for FWER correction in the confirmation stage of the stage-wise analysis. Can be any of "none", "holm", "dte", "dtu", "user". "none" will not adjust the p-values in the confirmation stage. "holm" is an adapted Holm procedure for a stage-wise analysis, where the method takes into account the fact that genes in the confirmation stage have already passed the screening stage, hence the procedure will be more powerful for the most significant p-value as compared to the standard Holm procedure. "dte" is the adjusted Holm-Shaffer procedure for differential transcript expression analysis. "dtu" is the adjusted Holm-Shaffer procedure for differential transcript usage. "user" indicates a user-defined adjustment that should be specified with the adjustment argument.

**alpha** the OFDR level on which the stage-wise analysis should be controlled.

**alphaAdjusted** the adjusted significance level to compare against FWER-adjusted p-values of the confirmation stage to decide on significance of the hypothesis test.

**pScreenAdjusted** logical, indicating whether the supplied p-values for the screening hypothesis have already been adjusted for multiplicity according to the FDR.

**tx2gene** matrix with transcript IDs in the first column and gene IDs in the second column to be used for DTE and DTU analysis. All rownames from pConfirmation should match with a transcript ID and all names from pScreen should match with a gene ID.

## References

Van den Berge K., Sonesson C., Robinson M.D., Clement L. (2017). stageR: a general stage-wise method for controlling the gene-level false discovery rate in differential expression and differential transcript usage. *Genome Biology* 18:151. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13059-017-1277-0> R. Heller, E. Manduchi, G. R. Grant, and W. J. Ewens, "A flexible two-stage procedure for identifying gene sets that are differentially expressed." *Bioinformatics* (Oxford, England), vol. 25, pp. 1019-25, 2009. S. Holm, "A Simple Sequentially Rejective Multiple Test Procedure," *Scandinavian Journal of Statistics*, vol. 6, no. 2, pp. 65-70, 1979. J. P. Shaffer, "Modified Sequentially Rejective Multiple Test Procedures," *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, vol. 81, p. 826, 1986.

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stageRTx

*Create stageRTx object.*

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## Description

Constructor function for [stageRTxClass](#). A stageR class is a class used for stage-wise analysis in high throughput settings. In its most basic form, it consists of a vector of p-values for the screening hypothesis, a matrix of p-values for the confirmation hypotheses and a tx2gene object for linking genes to transcripts.

## Usage

```
stageRTx(pScreen, pConfirmation, pScreenAdjusted = FALSE, tx2gene)
```

**Arguments**

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| pScreen         | A vector of screening hypothesis p-values.   |
| pConfirmation   | A matrix of confirmation hypothesis p-values. The number of rows should be equal to the length of pScreen.   |
| pScreenAdjusted | logical, indicating whether the supplied p-values for the screening hypothesis have already been adjusted for multiplicity according to the FDR.   |
| tx2gene         | Only applicable for transcript-level analysis. A <code>data.frame</code> with transcript IDs in the first columns and gene IDs in the second column. The rownames from pConfirmation must be contained in the transcript IDs from tx2gene, and the names from pScreen must be contained in the gene IDs. |
| ...             | Additional arguments.  |

**Value**

An instance of an object of the `stageRTxClass`

**References**

Van den Berge K., Sonesson C., Robinson M.D., Clement L. (2017). stageR: a general stage-wise method for controlling the gene-level false discovery rate in differential expression and differential transcript usage. *Genome Biology* 18:151. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13059-017-1277-0>

**Examples**

```
# create a \link{stageRClass} object
pScreen <- runif(10)
names(pScreen) <- paste0("gene",1:10)
pConfirmation <- matrix(runif(30),nrow=10,ncol=3)
rownames(pConfirmation) <- paste0("gene",1:10)
stageRobj <- stageR(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmation)
pConfirmationTx <- matrix(runif(10),ncol=1)
names(pScreen) <- paste0("gene",rep(1:2,each=5))
stageRobj <- stageRTx(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmationTx, tx2gene=data.frame(transcripts=paste0("tra
```

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stageWiseAdjustment     *adjust p-values in a two-stage analysis*

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**Description**

This function will adjust p-values according to a hierarchical two-stage testing paradigm.

**Usage**

```
stageWiseAdjustment(object, method, alpha, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageR,character,numeric'
stageWiseAdjustment(object, method, alpha,
  adjustment = NULL, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'stageRTx,character,numeric'
stageWiseAdjustment(object, method,
  alpha, tx2gene, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| object     | an object of the <a href="#">stageRClass</a> class.   |
| method     | Character string indicating the method used for FWER correction in the confirmation stage of the stage-wise analysis. Can be any of "none", "holm", "dte", "dtu", "user". "none" will not adjust the p-values in the confirmation stage. "holm" is an adapted Holm procedure for a stage-wise analysis, where the method takes into account the fact that genes in the confirmation stage have already passed the screening stage, hence the procedure will be more powerful for the most significant p-value as compared to the standard Holm procedure. "dte" is the adjusted Holm-Shaffer procedure for differential transcript expression analysis. "dtu" is the adjusted Holm-Shaffer procedure for differential transcript usage. "user" indicates a user-defined adjustment that should be specified with the adjustment argument. |
| alpha      | the OFDR on which to control the two-stage analysis.  |
| ...        | Additional arguments passed to <code>.stageWiseTest</code>  |
| adjustment | a user-defined adjustment of the confirmation stage p-values. Only applicable when method is "user" and ignored otherwise.  |
| tx2gene    | Only applicable when method is "dte" or "dtu". A <a href="#">data.frame</a> with transcript IDs in the first columns and gene IDs in the second column. The rownames from <code>pConfirmation</code> must be contained in the transcript IDs from <code>tx2gene</code> , and the names from <code>pScreen</code> must be contained in the gene IDs.   |

**Value**

A `stageR`/`stageRTx` object with stage-wise adjusted p-values.

**Methods (by class)**

- `object = stageRTx, method = character, alpha = numeric`: Adjust p-values in a two-stage analysis

**References**

Van den Berge K., Sonesson C., Robinson M.D., Clement L. (2017). `stageR`: a general stage-wise method for controlling the gene-level false discovery rate in differential expression and differential

transcript usage. *Genome Biology* 18:151. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13059-017-1277-0> R. Heller, E. Manduchi, G. R. Grant, and W. J. Ewens, "A flexible two-stage procedure for identifying gene sets that are differentially expressed." *Bioinformatics* (Oxford, England), vol. 25, pp. 1019-25, 2009.

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### Examples

```
pScreen=c(seq(1e-10,1e-2,length.out=100),seq(1e-2,.2,length.out=100),seq(.2,1,length.out=100))
names(pScreen)=paste0("gene",1:300)
pConfirmation=matrix(runif(900),nrow=300,ncol=3)
dimnames(pConfirmation)=list(paste0("gene",1:300),c("H1","H2","H3"))
stageRObj <- stageR(pScreen=pScreen, pConfirmation=pConfirmation)
stageRObj <- stageWiseAdjustment(stageRObj, method="holm", alpha=0.05)
getAdjustedPValues(stageRObj, onlySignificantGenes=TRUE, order=TRUE)
```

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