# Package 'sSNAPPY'

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# Description

Compute single sample logFCs

## Usage

```
.compute_ssFC(logCPM, metadata, sampleColumn, treatColumn, groupBy)
```

# Arguments

logCPM	Matrix of normaslised logCPM
metadata	Sample metadata data frame as described in the details section.
factor	The factor defines how samples can be put into matching pairs.
control	The treatment level that is the control.

## Value

A matrix of single sample logFC

```
generate_permuted_scores
```

Permute sample labels to simulate null distribution of perturbation scores

## **Description**

Simulate null distributions of perturbation scores for each pathway through sample permutation.

```
generate_permuted_scores(
  expreMatrix,
 NB = NULL,
  testScore = NULL,
  gsTopology,
 weight,
 drop = TRUE
)
## S4 method for signature 'matrix'
generate_permuted_scores(
  expreMatrix,
 NB = NULL,
  testScore = NULL,
  gsTopology,
 weight,
  drop = TRUE
)
## S4 method for signature 'data.frame'
generate_permuted_scores(
  expreMatrix,
 NB = NULL,
  testScore = NULL,
  gsTopology,
 weight,
  drop = TRUE
)
## S4 method for signature 'DGEList'
generate_permuted_scores(
  expreMatrix,
 NB = NULL
```

```
testScore = NULL,
gsTopology,
weight,
drop = TRUE
)

## S4 method for signature 'SummarizedExperiment'
generate_permuted_scores(
   expreMatrix,
   NB = NULL,
   testScore = NULL,
   gsTopology,
   weight,
   drop = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

expreMatrix	matrix and data. frame of logCPM, or DGEList/SummarizedExperiment storing gene expression counts. Feature names need to be in entrez IDs $$
NB	Number of permuted sample pairs to compute permuted logFCs for. Default to be the maximum number of possibilities (See details).
testScore	Optional. Output of pathway_pert() for restricting the permutation only to pathways with non-zero test scores in at least one sample.
gsTopology	List of pathway topology matrices generated using function retrieve_topology
weight	A vector of gene-wise weights derived from function weight_ss_fc
drop	logic(1). Whether to drop pathways with all zero scores

#### **Details**

This generate\_permuted\_scores function firstly randomly permute sample labels to form permuted pairs and generate permuted logFCs, which are then used to compute permuted perturbation scores for each pathway.

The function outputs a list that is of the same length as the list storing pathway topology matrices (i.e. gsTopology). Each element of the output list corresponds to one pathway and contains a vector of permuted perturbation scores. The permuted perturbation scores will be used to approximate the null distributions of perturbation scores and compute permuted p-values.

If the input is S4 object of DGEList or SummarizedExperiment, gene expression matrix will be extracted and converted to a logCPM matrix.

The sample permutation is operated by randomly choosing combination of 2 samples from the column names of the expreMatrix. Hence, sample metadata is not a required input. The number of maximum unique permutations in a dataset with N samples is N x (N-1). By default, permuted logFCs will be computed for all N x (N-1) permuted pairs. However, this can be overwritten by the NB parameter. If the NB specified is smaller than N x (N-1), NB possibilities will be randomly sampled from all the possible permutation. If the NB specified is larger than the maximum number of permutation possible, the parameter will be ignored. Since the smallest achievable permutation

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p-value is 1/NB, accurate estimation of small p-value requires a large number of permutations that is only feasible in data with a large sample size.

#### Value

A list where each element is a vector of perturbation scores for a pathway.

#### **Examples**

```
#compute weighted single sample logFCs
data(metadata_example)
data(logCPM_example)
metadata_example <- dplyr::mutate(metadata_example, treatment = factor(
    treatment, levels = c("Vehicle", "E2+R5020", "R5020")))
ls <- weight_ss_fc(logCPM_example, metadata = metadata_example,
    groupBy = "patient", treatColumn = "treatment", sampleColumn = "sample")
## Not run:
load(system.file("extdata", "gsTopology.rda", package = "sSNAPPY"))

# simulate the null distribution of scores through sample permutation
permutedScore <- generate_permuted_scores(logCPM_example,
    gsTopology = gsTopology, weight = ls$weight)

## End(Not run)</pre>
```

gsAnnotation\_df

gsAnnotation\_df: Categorization of KEGG pathways used for community annotation

#### **Description**

gsAnnotation\_df: Categorization of KEGG pathways used for community annotation

## Usage

```
data(gsAnnotation_df)
```

#### **Format**

A data. frame with 549 rows and 2 columns containing categorization of 549 KEGG pathways **gs\_name** Gene-set name

```
vategory Category
```

#### Source

```
https://www.genome.jp/kegg/
```

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logCPM_example	logCPM_example: Normalised logCPM of patient-derived explant models obtained from 5 ER-positive primamry breast cancer tumours (GSE80098)
	(USE00090)

## Description

This data was adopted from a study by Singhal H, et al., which was published as *Genomic agonism* and phenotypic antagonism between estrogen and progesterone receptors in breast cancer in 2016.

## Usage

```
data(logCPM_example)
```

#### **Format**

A data. frame with 7672 rows and 15 columns

#### **Details**

In this study, 12 primary malignant breast tissues (8PR+ and 4 PR-) were developed into patient-derived explants and treated with Vehicle, E2, E2+R5020, or R5020 for 24 or 48 hrs.

Raw data for 48-hr Vehicle-, R5020-treated and E2+R5020-treated samples were retrieved from GEO (GSE80098) and pre-processed into raw count. Filtration was sequentially performed to remove undetectable genes and the filtered counts were normalised using conditional quantile normalisation to offset effects of systematic artefacts, such as gene length and GC contents.

To reduce computing time, we randomly sampled half of the genes after filtration and used their logCPM value as the example data.

#### Source

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE80098

metadata_example	metadata_example: Sample metadata for malignant breast cancer tu-
	mours PDE from 5 ER+ breast cancer tumour (GSE80098)

## Description

metadata\_example: Sample metadata for malignant breast cancer tumours PDE from 5 ER+ breast cancer tumour (GSE80098)

```
data(metadata_example)
```

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#### **Format**

```
A data. frame with 15 rows and 4 columns

patient patient N2-3, P4-6

treatment treatment: Vehicle, R5020 or E2+R5020

PR progesterone receptor status

sample sample name, corresponding to column names of the logCPM matrix
```

#### **Source**

```
https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4928895/
```

normalise\_by\_permu Normalise test perturbation scores by permutation result and compute permutation p-values

## **Description**

Normalise test perturbation scores by permutation result and compute permutation p-values

## Usage

```
normalise_by_permu(
  permutedScore,
  testScore,
  pAdj_method = "fdr",
  sortBy = c("gs_name", "sample", "pvalue")
)
```

#### **Arguments**

 $\begin{array}{ll} \mbox{permutedScore} & A \mbox{ list. Output of generate\_permuted\_scores} \\ \mbox{testScore} & A \mbox{data.frame. Output of pathway\_pert} \end{array}$ 

pAdj\_method Method for adjusting p-values for multiple comparisons. See ?p.adjust for

methods available. Default to FDR.

sortBy Sort the output by p-value, gene-set name or sample names.

#### Details

Normalise the test perturbation scores generated by weight\_ss\_fc() through the permuted perturbation scores derived from the generate\_permuted\_scores() function. The mean absolute deviation(MAD) and median of perturbation scores for each pathway are firstly derived from the permuted perturbation scores. The test perturbation scores are then converted to robust z-scores using MADs and medians calculated.

Additionally, by assessing the proportion of permuted scores that are more extreme than the test perturbation score within each pathway, the permuted p-value of individual test perturbation scores will be computed.

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#### Value

A data.frame

### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
load(system.file("extdata", "gsTopology.rda", package = "sSNAPPY"))
data(metadata_example)
data(logCPM_example)
metadata_example <- dplyr::mutate(metadata_example, treatment = factor(</pre>
   treatment, levels = c("Vehicle", "E2+R5020", "R5020")))
ls <- weight_ss_fc(logCPM_example, metadata = metadata_example,</pre>
groupBy = "patient", sampleColumn = "sample", treatColumn = "treatment")
# compute raw gene-wise perturbation scores
genePertScore <- raw_gene_pert(ls$weighted_logFC, gsTopology)</pre>
# sum gene-wise perturbation scores to derive the pathway-level
# single-sample perturbation scores
pathwayPertScore <- pathway_pert(genePertScore, ls$weighted_logFC)</pre>
# simulate the null distribution of scores through sample permutation
permutedScore <- generate_permuted_scores(logCPM_example,</pre>
gsTopology = gsTopology, weight = ls$weight)
# normlise the test perturbation scores using the permutation results
normalisedScores <- normalise_by_permu(permutedScore, pathwayPertScore,</pre>
sortBy = "pvalue")
## End(Not run)
```

pathway\_pert

Compute Single-sample Pathway-level Perturbation Score

#### **Description**

Substract ssFC from the raw gene-level perturbation scores within each sample and sum gene-wise raw perturbation scores to derive single-sample perturbation scores for each pathway.

## Usage

```
pathway_pert(genePertScore, weightedFC, drop = TRUE)
```

# Arguments

genePertScore List of gene-wise raw perturbation score matrices generated using function raw\_gene\_pert()
weightedFC A matrix of weighted ssFC generated using function weight\_ss\_fc
drop logic(1). Whether to drop pathways with all zero scores

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#### Value

A data.frame with 3 columns: score (single-sample pathway-level perturbation score), sample, and gs\_name (gene-set name)

#### References

Tarca AL, Draghici S, Khatri P, Hassan SS, Mittal P, Kim JS, Kim CJ, Kusanovic JP, Romero R. A novel signaling pathway impact analysis. Bioinformatics. 2009 Jan 1;25(1):75-82.

## **Examples**

```
#compute weighted single sample logFCs
data(metadata_example)
data(logCPM_example)
metadata_example <- dplyr::mutate(metadata_example, treatment = factor(
    treatment, levels = c("Vehicle", "E2+R5020", "R5020")))
ls <- weight_ss_fc(logCPM_example, metadata = metadata_example,
groupBy = "patient", treatColumn = "treatment", sampleColumn = "sample")
# extract all the KEGG pathways
gsTopology <- retrieve_topology(database = "kegg", species = "hsapiens")
# compute raw gene-wise perturbation scores
genePertScore <- raw_gene_pert(ls$weighted_logFC, gsTopology)
# sum gene-wise perturbation scores to derive the pathway-level single-sample
# perturbation scores
pathwayPertScore <- pathway_pert(genePertScore, ls$weighted_logFC)</pre>
```

plot\_community

Visualise the community structure in significantly perturbed gene-set network

## Description

Visualise the community structure in significantly perturbed gene-set network

```
plot_community(
  normalisedScores,
  gsTopology,
  gsAnnotation = NULL,
  colorBy = "community",
  communityMethod = c("louvain", "walktrap", "spinglass", "leading_eigen",
        "edge_betweenness", "fast_greedy", "label_prop", "leiden"),
  foldGSname = TRUE,
  foldafter = 2,
  labelFun = .rm_prefix,
  layout = c("fr", "dh", "gem", "graphopt", "kk", "lgl", "mds", "sugiyama"),
  markCommunity = "ellipse",
```

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```
markAlpha = 0.2,
  color_lg_title = NULL,
  edgeAlpha = 0.8,
  scale_{edgeWidth} = c(0.5, 3),
  edgeLegend = FALSE,
  scale_nodeSize = c(3, 6),
  nodeShape = 16,
  lb\_size = 3,
  lb_color = "black",
 plotIsolated = FALSE,
)
```

#### **Arguments**

normalisedScores

A data.frame derived from normalise\_by\_permu

List of pathway topology matrices generated using retrieve\_topology gsTopology

A data.frame containing gene-sets categories for pathway annotation. Must gsAnnotation

> contain the two columns: c("gs\_name", "category"), where gs\_name denotes gene-sets names that are matched to names of pathway topology matrices, and category records a higher level category for each pathway. If customized annotation is not provided, it will be assumed that the pathways were obtained from the KEGG database and inbuilt KEGG pathway annotation information will be

Can be any column with in the normalisedScores object, or the additional colorBy

value "community".

communityMethod

A community detection method supported by igraph. See details for all meth-

ods available.

logical. Should long gene-set names be folded into two lines foldGSname

foldafter The number of words after which gene-set names should be folded. Defaults to

labelFun function to manipulate or modify gene-set labels. By default, any database will

be stripped from the prefix using a regex pattern

character A geom\_mark\_\* method supported by ggforce to annotate sets of markCommunity

nodes belonging to the same community. Either \*NULL\*, \*ellipse\*, \*circle\*, \*hull\*, \*rect\*

The layout algorithm to apply. Accepted layouts are "fr", "dh", "gem", "graphopt", "kk", "lgl",

markAlpha Transparency of annotation areas.

color\_lg\_title Title for the color legend

edgeAlpha Transparency of edges.

scale\_edgeWidth

layout

A numerical vector of length 2 to be provided to ggraph::scale\_edge\_width\_continuous()

for specifying the minimum and maximum edge widths after transformation.

edgeLegend logical Should edge weight legend be shown plot\_community 11

scale\_nodeSize A numerical vector of length 2 to be provided to ggplot2::scale\_size() for specifying the minimum and maximum node sizes after transformation.

nodeShape The shape to use for nodes

lb\_size Size of node text labels

lb\_color Color of node text labels

plotIsolated logical(1) Should nodes not connected to any other nodes be plotted. Defaults to FALSE

... Used to pass various potting parameters to ggforce::geom\_mark\_\*()

#### **Details**

A community detection strategy specified by communityMethod will be applied to the pathway-pathway network, and communities will be annotated with the pathway category that had the highest number of occurrence, denoting the main biological processes perturbed in that community.

At the moment, only KEGG pathway categories are provided with the package, so if the provided normalisedScores contains perturbation scores of pathways derived from other databases, annotation of communities will not be performed unless pathway information is provided through the gsAnnotation object. The category information needs to be provided in a data.frame containing gs\_name (gene-set names) and category (categorising the given pathways).

Plotting parameters accepted by geom\_mark\_\* could be passed to the function to adjust the annotation area or the annotation label. See geom\_mark\_ellipse for more details.

#### Value

A ggplot2 object

```
load(system.file("extdata", "gsTopology.rda", package = "sSNAPPY"))
load(system.file("extdata", "normalisedScores.rda", package = "sSNAPPY"))
#Subset the first 10 rows of the normalisedScores data.frame as an example
subset <- normalisedScores[1:15,]</pre>
subset$status <- ifelse(subset$robustZ > 0, "Activated", "Inhibited")
# Color network plot nodes by the community they were assigned to and mark
# nodes belonging to the same community by ellipses
plot_community(subset, gsTopology, colorBy = "community",layout = "kk",
color_lg_title = "Community")
# Color network plot nodes by pathways' directions of changes and mark nodes
# belonging to the same community by ellipses
plot_community(subset, gsTopology, colorBy = "status",layout = "kk",
color_lg_title = "Direction of pathway perturbation")
# To change the colour and fill of `geom_mark_*` annotation, use any
# `scale_fill_*` and/or `scale_color_*`
# functions supported by `ggplot2`. For example:
p <- plot_community(subset, gsTopology, colorBy = "status",layout = "kk",</pre>
markCommunity = "rect",color_lg_title = "Direction of pathway perturbation")
p + ggplot2::scale_color_ordinal() + ggplot2::scale_fill_ordinal()
```

```
plot_gene_contribution
```

Plot genes' contribution to a pathway's perturbation as a heatmap

## Description

Plot individual genes' contributions to the pathway-level perturbation score

#### Usage

```
plot_gene_contribution(
  genePertMatr,
  mapEntrezID = NULL,
  topGene = 10,
  filterBy = c("mean", "sd", "max.abs"),
  tieMethod = "min",
  annotation_df = NULL,
  ...
)
```

## **Arguments**

genePertMatr	A matrix of gene-wise perturbation scores corresponding to a pathway. An element of the output generated using function raw_gene_pert()
mapEntrezID	Optional. A data.frame matching genes' entrez IDs to another identifier with preferred labels. Must contain the columns: "entrezid" and "mapTo"
topGene	Numeric(1). The number of top genes to plot
filterBy	Filter top genes by the mean, variability (sd), maximum value, or maximum absolute values
tieMethod	Method for handling ties in ranking (i.e. in values returned by filterBy, two or many genes share the same value). Default to "min". See ?rank for other options.
annotation_df	A data.frame for annotating heatmap columns. Must contain a "sample" column with sample names matching to the column names of the genePertMatr
	Used to pass various potting parameters to pheatmap::pheatmap()

## **Details**

The single-sample pathway-level perturbation score for a given pathway is derived from aggregating all the gene-wise perturbation scores of genes in that pathway. This function visualises individual pathway genes' perturbation scores as a heatmap to demonstrate pathway genes' contribution to a pathway perturbation.

Plotting of the heatmap is done through pheatmap::pheatmap() so all plotting parameters accepted by pheatmap() could also be passed to this function.

#### References

Kolde R (2019). *pheatmap: Pretty Heatmaps*. R package version 1.0.12, https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=pheatmap.

```
#compute weighted single sample logFCs
data(metadata_example)
data(logCPM_example)
metadata_example <- dplyr::mutate(metadata_example, treatment = factor(</pre>
   treatment, levels = c("Vehicle", "E2+R5020", "R5020")))
# compute single-sample logFCs for all treated samples
ls <- weight_ss_fc(logCPM_example, metadata = metadata_example,</pre>
groupBy = "patient", treatColumn = "treatment", sampleColumn = "sample")
# extract all the KEGG pathways
gsTopology <- retrieve_topology(database = "kegg", species = "hsapiens")</pre>
# compute raw gene-wise perturbation scores
genePertScore <- raw_gene_pert(ls$weighted_logFC, gsTopology)</pre>
# sum gene-wise perturbation scores to derive the pathway-level single-sample perturbation scores
pathwayPertScore <- pathway_pert(genePertScore, ls$weighted_logFC)</pre>
# Genes with top 10 mean absolute gene-wise perturbation scores in the
# Estrogen signaling pathway was visualised.
plot_gene_contribution(genePertScore$`kegg.Estrogen signaling pathway`,
filterBy = "mean", topGene = 10)
# Columns of the heatmap could be annotated by the pathway-level perturbation
# and treatments. Firstly, create a `data.frame` with the two annotation
# attributes and sample names matching the column names of the perturbation
# score matrix.
annotation_df <- dplyr::select(metadata_example, sample, treatment)</pre>
pathwayLevel <- dplyr::filter(pathwayPertScore,</pre>
gs_name == "kegg.Estrogen signaling pathway")
pathwayLevel$`pathway-level` <- ifelse(</pre>
pathwayLevel$score > 0, "Activated", "Inhibited")
annotation_df <- dplyr::left_join(</pre>
dplyr::select(pathwayLevel, sample, `pathway-level`),
annotation_df, unmatched = "drop")
# To make the gene labels more informative, also map genes' entrez id
# to chosen identifiers.
load(system.file("extdata", "entrez2name.rda", package = "sSNAPPY"))
plot_gene_contribution(genePertScore$`kegg.Estrogen signaling pathway`,
topGene = 10, filterBy = "mean", annotation_df = annotation_df,
mapEntrezID = entrez2name)
# Plotting parameters accepted by `pheatmap::pheatmap()` could be passed to
# this function to customise the plot. For example, changin the color of annotations
plot_gene_contribution(genePertScore$`kegg.Estrogen signaling pathway`,
topGene = 10, filterBy = "mean", annotation_df = annotation_df,
mapEntrezID = entrez2name, annotation_colors = list(
```

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```
treatment = c(R5020 = "black", `E2+R5020` = "white"),
`pathway-level` = c(Activated = "darkred", Inhibited = "lightskyblue")))
```

plot\_gs2gene

Plot pathways and genes contained in them as a network

## **Description**

Plot pathways and genes contained in them as a network

```
plot_gs2gene(
  normalisedScores,
  gsTopology,
  geneFC = NULL,
 mapEntrezID = NULL,
  colorGsBy = NULL,
  foldGSname = TRUE,
  foldafter = 2,
  labelFun = .rm_prefix,
  filterGeneBy = 2,
  layout = c("fr", "dh", "gem", "graphopt", "kk", "lgl", "mds", "sugiyama"),
  edgeColor = "darkgrey",
  edgeAlpha = 0.8,
  edgeArc = 0.5,
  geneNodeSize = 3,
  geneNodeShape = 17,
  geneNameFace = c("italic", "plain", "bold", "bold-italic"),
  geneNameColor = "grey30",
  geneNameSize = 3,
  labelGene = TRUE,
  gsNodeSize = 2,
  gsNodeShape = 21,
  gsNodeStroke = 0.5,
  gsNodeOutline = "white",
  gsNameSize = 6,
  gsNameColor = "black",
  geneLegTitle = "Mean logFC",
 gsLegTitle = colorGsBy,
 maxOverlaps = 10,
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

normalisedScores

A data.frame derived from the normalise\_by\_permu() function. Only gene-

sets of interest should be included

gsTopology List of pathway topology matrices generated using function retrieve\_topology()

geneFC An optional named vector of pathways' fold changes

mapEntrezID Optional. A data.frame matching genes' entrez IDs to another identifier with

preferred labels. Must contain the columns: "entrezid" and "mapTo"

colorGsBy Column within normalisedScores to color gene-set/pathway nodes by

foldGSname logical. Should long gene-set names be folded into two lines

foldafter The number of words after which gene-set names should be folded.

labelFun function to manipulate or modify gene-set labels. By default, any database will

be stripped from the prefix using a regex pattern

filterGeneBy Filtration cut-off applied to genes' connectivity (ie. how many pathways was a

gene involved in).

layout The layout algorithm to apply. Accepts all layout supported by igraph.

edgeColor, edgeAlpha

Color and transparency of edges

edgeArc The bend of edges. 1 approximates a semi-circle whilst 0 will give a straight

line.

geneNodeSize, geneNodeShape

Size and shape for gene nodes

geneNameSize, geneNameColor, geneNameFace

Size, color and fontface to use for gene labels

labelGene logical(1) Should the gene names be included

gsNodeSize Size for gene-set/pathway nodes

gsNodeShape Shape for gene-set/pathway nodes. Should be a shape with a fill parameter, such

as 21:25

gsNodeStroke, gsNodeOutline

Border thickness and color for gene-set/pathway nodes

gsNameSize, gsNameColor

Size and color of gene-set/pathway labels

geneLegTitle character(1). Legend title for gene nodes

gsLegTitle character(1) Legend title for gene-set/pathway nodes

maxOverlaps passed to geom\_node\_text

... Not used

## **Details**

Taking the perturbation scores of a list of gene-sets derived from normalise\_by\_permu() as input, this function matches gene-sets to their associated genes by utilizing information from pathway topology matrices.

plot\_gs2gene

If providing logFC values as a named vector, the names must be entrezgene IDs in the format of "ENTREZID:XXXX" for compatibility with the values returned by retrieve\_topology(). If not providing this vector, only genes associated with two or more pathways will be added to the plot, however, it should be noted that if omitting this vector, network plots can easily become unmanageable.

Users can also choose to provide a mapEntrezID data.frame to match entrezgene IDs to their chosen identifiers. The data.frame should contain the columns: "entrezid" and "mapTo".

If geneFC is provided, gene nodes will be colored by values provided, otherwise all gene nodes will drawn in grey.

Since some gene-sets could can contain hundreds of genes, it is not recommended to plot all genes. If mapEntrezID data.frame is provided, only genes included in that data.frame will be used in the plot.

It is strongly recommended to filter genes using some criteria, such as those with the largest magnitude of change. If all pathway genes are desired, please consider setting labelGene to FALSE to remove gene names.

#### Value

A ggplot2 object

```
load(system.file("extdata", "gsTopology.rda", package = "sSNAPPY"))
load(system.file("extdata", "normalisedScores.rda", package = "sSNAPPY"))
# Subset pathways significantly perturbed in sample R5020_N2_48
subset <- dplyr::filter(normalisedScores, adjPvalue < 0.05, sample == "R5020_N2_48")</pre>
subset$response <- ifelse(subset$robustZ > 0, "Activated", "Inhibited")
# Color gene-sets nodes by robust z-scores.
plot_gs2gene(
 subset, gsTopology, colorGsBy = "robustZ", labelGene = FALSE, geneNodeSize = 1,
 gsNodeSize = 4
) + scale_fill_gradient2()
# When fold-changes are not provided, gene nodes are colored grey.
# To color genes by their direction of change, firstly compute single-sample logFC
data(logCPM_example)
data(metadata_example)
metadata_example <- dplyr::mutate(metadata_example, treatment = factor(</pre>
   treatment, levels = c("Vehicle", "E2+R5020", "R5020")))
ls <- weight_ss_fc(</pre>
 logCPM_example, metadata = metadata_example,
 groupBy = "patient", treatColumn = "treatment",
  sampleColumn = "sample"
# Provide fold-changes of sample R5020_N2_48 as a named vector
plot_gs2gene(
 subset, gsTopology, geneFC = ls$weighted_logFC[,"R5020_N2_48"],
 colorGsBy = "response", labelGene = FALSE
```

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```
) + scale_colour_gradient2()
# By default, the function only include genes involved in at least 2 pathways,
# which can be overwritten by the `filterGeneBy` parameter. But there are still
# a large number of genes, making the plot cumbersome. Instead, only include
# fold-changes of genes within the top 500 absolute values for fold-change
top500 <- rank(1/abs(ls$weighted_logFC[,"R5020_N2_48"])) <= 500</pre>
fcByDir <- ifelse(ls$weighted_logFC[top500,"R5020_N2_48"] > 0, "Up-Regulated", "Down-Regulated")
plot_gs2gene(subset, gsTopology, geneFC = fcByDir, colorGsBy = "response") +
 scale_fill_manual(values = c("darkred", "lightskyblue")) +
 scale_colour_manual(values = c("red", "blue"))
# To make the gene labels more informative, map genes' entrez id to chosen identifiers.
load(system.file("extdata", "entrez2name.rda", package = "sSNAPPY"))
plot_gs2gene(
 subset, gsTopology, geneFC = fcByDir, mapEntrezID = entrez2name,
 colorGsBy = "response", gsNodeSize = 4
) +
  scale_fill_manual(values = c("darkred", "lightskyblue"), name = "Pathway") +
 scale_colour_manual(values = c("blue", "red"), name = "Gene\nDirection")
```

plot\_gs\_network

Plot significantly perturbed gene-sets as a network

### Description

Plot significantly perturbed gene-sets as a network

```
plot_gs_network(
  normalisedScores,
  gsTopology,
  colorBy = NULL,
  foldGSname = TRUE,
  foldafter = 2,
  labelFun = .rm_prefix,
  layout = c("fr", "dh", "gem", "graphopt", "kk", "lgl", "mds", "sugiyama"),
  edgeAlpha = 0.8,
  edgeWidthScale = c(0.5, 3),
  edgeLegend = FALSE,
  nodeSizeScale = c(3, 6),
  nodeShape = 16,
  showLegend = TRUE,
  gsLegTitle = NULL,
  gsNameSize = 3,
  gsNameColor = "black",
  plotIsolated = FALSE,
```

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```
maxOverlaps = 10,
...
)
```

#### **Arguments**

normalisedScores

A data.frame of pathway perturbation scores derived from the normalise\_by\_permu()

function

gsTopology List of pathway topology matrices generated using function retrieve\_topology()

colorBy Choose to color nodes either by robustZ or pvalue. A column must exist in the

normalisedScores data.frame for the chosen parameter

foldGSname logical(1) Should long gene-set names fold across multiple lines

foldafter The number of words after which gene-set names should be folded. Defaults to

2

labelFun function to manipulate or modify gene-set labels. By default, any database will

be stripped from the prefix using a regex pattern

layout The layout algorithm to apply. Accept all layout supported by igraph

edgeAlpha numeric(1) Transparency of edges. Default to 0.8

edgeWidthScale A numerical vector of length 2 to be provided to ggraph::scale\_edge\_width\_continuous()

for specifying the minimum and maximum edge widths after transformation.

Defaults to c(0.5, 3)

edgeLegend logical(1) Should edge weight legend be shown

nodeSizeScale A numeric vector of length 2 to be provided to ggplot2::scale\_size() for

specifying the minimum and maximum node sizes after transformation. De-

faulted to c(3,6)

nodeShape Shape of nodes

showLegend logical(1) Should color legend be shown

gsLegTitle Optional title for the color legend

gsNameSize Size of node text labels
gsNameColor Color of node text labels

plotIsolated logical(1) Should nodes not connected to any other nodes be plotted. Defaults

to FALSE

maxOverlaps passed to geom\_node\_text

... Not used

#### Value

A ggplot2 object

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#### **Examples**

```
load(system.file("extdata", "gsTopology.rda", package = "sSNAPPY"))
load(system.file("extdata", "normalisedScores.rda", package = "sSNAPPY"))

# Subset pathways significantly perturbed in sample R5020_N2_48
subset <- dplyr::filter(
    normalisedScores, adjPvalue < 0.05, sample == "R5020_N2_48"
)
subset[["status"]] <- ifelse(subset[["robustZ"]]> 0, "Activated", "Inhibited")

# Color network plot nodes by status
plot_gs_network(subset, gsTopology,
colorBy = "status", layout = "dh",
gsLegTitle = "Direction of pathway Perturbation")

# Color network plot nodes by p-values
plot_gs_network(subset, gsTopology, layout = "dh",
colorBy = "pvalue", gsLegTitle = "P-value")
```

raw\_gene\_pert

Compute Gene-wise Perturbation Score

## Description

Propagate weighted single sample logFCs down the pathway topologies to compute gene-wise perturbation score per gene per sample per pathway

#### Usage

```
raw_gene_pert(weightedFC, gsTopology)
```

## **Arguments**

weightedFC A matrix of weighted single sample logFCs derived from function weight\_ss\_fc() gsTopology List of pathway topology matrices generated using function retrieve\_topology()

#### **Details**

This function use the algorithm adopted from SPIA (see citation) to integrate genes' changes in expression and gene-gene interaction to compute gene-wise perturbation score per gene per sample per pathway. The rownames of the weighted single sample logFC matrix and the pathway topology matrices must use the same type of gene identifier (ie. entrez ID).

Pathways with zero perturbation scores across all genes and samples will be dropped from the output.

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#### Value

A list where each element is a matrix corresponding to a pathway. Each column of an element corresponds to a sample, and each row corresponds to a pathway gene.

#### References

Tarca AL, Draghici S, Khatri P, Hassan SS, Mittal P, Kim JS, Kim CJ, Kusanovic JP, Romero R. A novel signaling pathway impact analysis. Bioinformatics. 2009 Jan 1;25(1):75-82.

## **Examples**

```
#compute weighted single sample logFCs
data(metadata_example)
data(logCPM_example)
metadata_example <- dplyr::mutate(metadata_example, treatment = factor(
    treatment, levels = c("Vehicle", "E2+R5020", "R5020")))
ls <- weight_ss_fc(logCPM_example, metadata = metadata_example,
groupBy = "patient", treatColumn = "treatment", sampleColumn = "sample")
# extract all the KEGG pathways
gsTopology <- retrieve_topology(database = "kegg", species = "hsapiens")
# compute raw gene-wise perturbation scores
genePertScore <- raw_gene_pert(ls$weighted_logFC, gsTopology)</pre>
```

retrieve\_topology

Retrieve pathway topology as weighted adjacency matrices

#### **Description**

Retrieve pathway topology matrices and convert them to normalized weighted directed adjacency matrices describing gene signaling networks.

## Usage

```
retrieve_topology(
  database = c("kegg", "wikipathways", "reactome"),
  species = c("hsapiens", "athaliana", "btaurus", "celegans", "cfamiliaris",
    "dmelanogaster", "drerio", "ecoli", "ggallus", "mmusculus", "rnorvegicus",
    "scerevisiae", "sscrofa", "xlaevis"),
  keyword = NULL,
  beta = NULL
)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
database A character vector of supported databases.

Species One of the supported species. Currently support c("hsapiens", "athaliana", "btaurus", "celegans", "cfamiliaris", "dmelanogaster", "drerio", "ecoli", "ggallus", "mmusculus", "rnorvegicus", "scerevisiae", "sscrofa", "xlaevis")
```

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keyword Optional. Areas of interests as a character vector.

beta Optional. A named numeric vector of weights to be assigned to each type of

gene/protein relation type. See details for more information.

#### **Details**

This function takes pathway topology information retrieved using graphite and converts these to normalized weighted directed adjacency matrices describing the gene signaling network, which can be used to compute gene-wise and pathway-level perturbation score through the scoring algorithm derived from the *SPIA* algorithm. See cited document for more details.

The database parameter may specify multiple databases but only one species can be provided to the species parameter.

Users can provide areas of interests as keywords, which will be matched to pathway names from chosen databases to subset pathways. Cases will be ignored in string matching.

The beta parameter specifies weights to be assigned to each type of gene-gene interaction. It should be a named numeric vector of length 25, whose names must be: c("activation", "compound", "binding/association", "expression", "inhibition", "activation\_phosphorylation", "phosphorylation", "indirect", "inhibition\_pho" dissociation", "dephosphorylation", "activation\_dephosphorylation", "state", "activation\_indirect", "in expression\_indirect", "indirect\_inhibition", "repression", "binding/association\_phosphorylation", "dis" indirect\_phosphorylation").

If unspecified, beta will be set as an integer vector with: a) values of 1 for interactions which match 'expression' or 'activation'; b) values of -1 for interactions which match 'repression' or 'inhibition'; and c) 0 elsewhere.

The retrieved topology matrices will be processed as decribed by *SPIA* to: 1) scale gene-gene interactions by the number of downstream genes and 2) subtract an identity matrix of the same size from the topology matrix.

The converted weighted adjacent matrices will be stored in a list. We recommend users to store the returned list as a file so this step only needs to be performed once for each database.

## Value

A list where each element is a weighted directed adjacency matrix corresponding to a pathway

#### References

Tarca AL, Draghici S, Khatri P, Hassan SS, Mittal P, Kim JS, Kim CJ, Kusanovic JP, Romero R. A novel signaling pathway impact analysis. Bioinformatics. 2009 Jan 1;25(1):75-82. Sales, G., Calura, E., Cavalieri, D. et al. graphite - a Bioconductor package to convert pathway topology to gene network. BMC Bioinformatics 13, 20 (2012).

```
# retrieve pathway topology matrices of all KEGG pathway
gsTopology <- retrieve_topology(database = "kegg", species = "hsapiens")
# If only interested in selected pathways, specify the areas of interest as
# keywords
gsTopology <- retrieve_topology(database = "kegg",</pre>
```

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```
keyword = c("metabolism", "signaling"), species = "hsapiens")
```

sSNAPPY

sSNAPPY: A package for testing directional single sample pathway perturbation

## Description

A package for testing directional single sample pathway perturbation

weight\_ss\_fc

Compute weighted single sample LogFC from normalised logCPM

## **Description**

Compute weighted single sample logFC for each treated samples using normalized logCPM values. Fit a lowess curve on variances ~ mean of logCPM values, and use it to predict gene-wise weights. The weighted single sample logFC are ready to be used for computing perturbation scores.

```
weight_ss_fc(
  expreMatrix,
 metadata = NULL,
  sampleColumn,
  treatColumn,
  groupBy,
  prefix = "ENTREZID:"
)
## S4 method for signature 'matrix'
weight_ss_fc(
  expreMatrix,
 metadata = NULL,
  sampleColumn,
  treatColumn,
  groupBy,
  prefix = "ENTREZID:"
## S4 method for signature 'data.frame'
weight_ss_fc(
  expreMatrix,
 metadata = NULL,
```

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```
sampleColumn,
  treatColumn,
  groupBy,
 prefix = "ENTREZID:"
## S4 method for signature 'DGEList'
weight_ss_fc(
  expreMatrix,
 metadata = NULL,
  sampleColumn,
  treatColumn,
  groupBy,
 prefix = "ENTREZID:"
)
## S4 method for signature 'SummarizedExperiment'
weight_ss_fc(
  expreMatrix,
 metadata = NULL,
  sampleColumn,
  treatColumn,
  groupBy,
  prefix = "ENTREZID:"
)
```

## **Arguments**

expreMatrix	matrix or data. frame of logCPM, or DGEList/ SummarizedExperiment storing gene expression counts and sample metadata. Feature names need to be in entrez IDs, and column names need to be sample names
metadata	Sample metadata data. frame as described in the details section.
sampleColumn	Name of the column in the metadata containing column names of the ${\tt expreMatrix}$
treatColumn	Name of the column in the metadata containing treatment information. The column must be a factor with the reference level set to be the control treatment.
groupBy	Name of the column in the metadata containing information for how samples are matched in pairs (eg. patient).
prefix	Character(1). Prefix to be add to the rownames of the expreMatrix. Default to ENTREZID: to align with the format that topology matrices will be retrieved in, but can be adjusted according to users' needs.

## **Details**

This function computes weighted single-sample logFC (ssFC) from normalised logCPM values, used for computing single-sample perturbation scores.

Genes with low expression tend to have larger variances, which will introduce biases to the ssFC computed. Therefore, a lowess curve will be fitted to estimate the relationship between the variances

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and the mean of logCPM, and the relationship will be used to estimate the variance of each genewise mean logCPM value. Gene-wise weights, which are defined to be the inverse of predicted variances that are scaled to have a sum of 1, will then be multiplied to ssFC to down-weight genes with low counts.

It is assumed that the genes with extremely low counts have been removed and the count matrix has been normalised prior to the logCPM matrix was derived. Row names of the matrix must be in genes' entrez IDs to align with the format of pathway topology matrices.

If a S4 object of DGEList or SummarizedExperiment is provided as input to expreMatrix, the gene expression matrix will be extracted from it and converted to a logCPM matrix. Sample metadata will also be extracted from the same S4 object unless otherwise specified.

Provided sample metadata should have the same number of rows as the number of columns in the logCPM matrix and must contain the a column for treatment, one for sample names and a column for how samples should be matched into pairs.

The treatment column in the sample metadata must be a factor with the reference level set to be the control condition.

#### Value

A list with two elements: \$weight gene-wise weights; \$weighted\_logFC weighted single sample logFC matrix

```
# Inspect metadata data frame to make sure it has treatment, sample
# and patient columns
data(metadata_example)
data(logCPM_example)
# Set the treatment column to be a factor where the reference is the control
#treatment
metadata_example <- dplyr::mutate(metadata_example, treatment = factor(
    treatment, levels = c("Vehicle", "E2+R5020", "R5020")))
ls <- weight_ss_fc(logCPM_example, metadata = metadata_example,
    sampleColumn = "sample", groupBy = "patient", treatColumn = "treatment")</pre>
```

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