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DGEList-class      *Digital Gene Expression data - class*

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## Description

A simple list-based class for storing read counts from digital gene expression technologies.

## Slots/List Components

Objects of this class contain the following list components:

data: numeric matrix containing the read counts.  
lib.size: numeric vector containing the total number of reads for each library (column of code).  
group: vector giving the experimental group/condition.

## Methods

This class inherits directly from class `list` so any operation appropriate for lists will work on objects of this class. `DGEList` objects also have a `show` method.

## Author(s)

Mark Robinson

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EBList-class      *differential expression of Digital Gene Expression data - class*

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## Description

A simple list-based class for storing results of the approximate empirical Bayes rule parameters

## Slots/List Components

Objects of this class contain the following list components:

sigma2.0.est: numeric scale  $\sigma_0^2$  estimate.  
alpha: numeric scalar alpha estimate.

score:	numeric scalar (likelihood) score.
inos:	numeric vector containing the (likelihood) information.
exact:	list containing info with respect to quantile adjustment.

## Methods

This class inherits directly from class `list` so any operation appropriate for lists will work on objects of this class. `EBList` objects also have a `show` method.

### Author(s)

Mark Robinson

`alpha.approxeb`      *Estimate the prior weight, alpha*

## Description

Estimate the prior weight, using an approximate empirical Bayes rule

## Usage

```
alpha.approxeb(object, verbose=TRUE)
```

## Arguments

object	DGEList object containing the raw data with elements <code>data</code> (table of counts), <code>group</code> (vector indicating group) and <code>lib.size</code> (vector of library sizes)
verbose	whether to write comments, default <code>true</code>

## Value

`EBList` object with elements `p` (overall proportion), `p1` (estimates for first group), `p2` (estimates for second group)

### Author(s)

Mark Robinson

## Examples

```
y<-matrix(rnbinom(20,size=1,mu=10),nrow=5)
d<-DGEList(data=y,group=rep(1:2,each=2),lib.size=rep(c(1000:1001),2))
alpha<-alpha.approxeb(d)
```

**approx.expected.info***Approximate of expected information (Fisher information)***Description**

Using a linear fit (for simplicity), the expected information from the conditional log likelihood of the dispersion parameter of the negative binomial is calculated over all genes.

**Usage**

```
approx.expected.info(object, d, qA, robust = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	DGEList object containing the raw data with elements <code>data</code> (table of counts), <code>group</code> (vector indicating group) and <code>lib.size</code> (vector of library sizes)
<code>d</code>	delta parameter for negative binomial - $\phi / (\phi + 1)$
<code>qA</code>	list from output of <code>quantileAdjust</code>
<code>robust</code>	logical on whether to use a robust fit, default FALSE

**Value**

vector of Fisher information approximates (with length same as the number of rows of the original data)

**Author(s)**

Mark Robinson

**Examples**

```
set.seed(0)
y<-matrix(rnbinom(40,size=1,mu=10),ncol=4)
d<-list(data=y,group=rep(1:2,each=2),lib.size=rep(c(1000:1001),2))
qA<-quantileAdjust(d,alpha=100)
exp.inf<-approx.expected.info(d,1/(1 + qA$r[1]),qA)
```

**condLogLikDerDelta** *Conditional log-likelihood in terms of delta***Description**

Conditional log-likelihood parameterized in terms of delta ( $\phi / (\phi + 1)$ )

**Usage**

```
condLogLikDerDelta(y, delta, grid = TRUE, der = 1, doSum = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

y	matrix with count data (or pseudo-data)
delta	delta ( $\phi / (\phi + 1)$ ) parameter of negative binomial
grid	logical, whether to calculate a grid over the values of delta
der	derivative, either 0 (the function), 1 (first derivative) or 2 (second derivative)
doSum	logical, whether to sum over samples or not (default TRUE)

**Value**

vector of matrix of function/derivative evaluations

**Author(s)**

Mark Robinson

**Examples**

```
y1<-matrix(rnbinom(10,size=1,mu=10),nrow=5)
v1<-seq(.1,.9,length=9)
l11<-condLogLikDerDelta(y1,v1,grid=TRUE,der=0,doSum=FALSE)
l12<-condLogLikDerDelta(y1,delta=.5,grid=FALSE,der=0)
```

condLogLikDerSize    *Conditional log-likelihood in terms of size*

**Description**

Conditional log-likelihood parameterized in terms of size ( $1 / \phi$ )

**Usage**

```
condLogLikDerSize(y,r,der=1)
```

**Arguments**

y	list containing the raw data with elements <code>data</code> (table of counts), <code>group</code> (vector indicating group) and <code>lib.size</code> (vector of library sizes)
r	size parameter of negative binomial distribution
der	derivative, either 0 (the function), 1 (first derivative) or 2 (second derivative)

**Value**

vector of matrix of function/derivative evaluations

**Author(s)**

Mark Robinson

**Examples**

```
y1<-matrix(rnbinom(10,size=1,mu=10),nrow=5)
l12<-condLogLikDerSize(y1,r=10,der=0)
```

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deDGE	<i>Compute moderated differential expression scores for digital gene expression (DGE) data</i>
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**Description**

Runs weighted likelihood calculation for moderated estimates of dispersion, and tests for differences in 'tag' abundance between groups

**Usage**

```
deDGE(object, alpha=500, doPoisson=FALSE, verbose=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

object	DGEList containing elements data (matrix: rows-tags, columns-libraries), lib.size group indicating class
alpha	weight to put on the individual tag's likelihood
doPoisson	logical, whether to fit Poisson model instead of Negative Binomial, default FALSE
verbose	logical, whether to write comments, default TRUE

**Value**

deDGEList with elements lr (likelihood ratio test), r (estimates of 1/overdispersion), ps (list containing proportion estimates)

**Author(s)**

Mark Robinson

**References**

Robinson MD, Smyth GK. 'Small-sample estimation of negative binomial dispersion, with applications to SAGE data.' *Biostatistics*. 2008 Apr;9(2):321-32.

Robinson MD, Smyth GK. 'Moderated statistical tests for assessing differences in tag abundance.' *Bioinformatics*. 2007 Nov 1;23(21):2881-7.

**Examples**

```
# generate raw data from NB, create list object
y<-matrix(rnbinom(20,size=1,mu=10),nrow=5)
d<-DGEList(data=y,group=rep(1:2,each=2),lib.size=rep(c(1000:1001),2))

# find alpha and call main procedure to find differences
alpha<-alpha.approxeb(d)
ms<-deDGE(d,alpha=alpha$alpha)
```

deDGEList-class      *differential expression of Digital Gene Expression data - class*

## Description

A simple list-based class for storing results of differential expression analysis for DGE data

## Slots/List Components

Objects of this class contain the following list components:

- ps: list containing estimates of p parameter.
- r: numeric vector of size parameter ( $1/\phi$ ) where  $\phi$  is negative binomial dispersion.
- pseudo: numeric matrix with the pseudo-counts.
- M: numeric scalar with the library size that pseudo counts are mapped to.
- exact: numeric vector of exact p-values (unadjusted).

## Methods

This class inherits directly from class `list` so any operation appropriate for lists will work on objects of this class. `deDGEList` objects also have a `show` method.

## Author(s)

Mark Robinson

estimatePs      *Estimate expression proportions*

## Description

Estimate expression proportions (maximum likelihood with size fixed) based on negative binomial for each tag and sample group (only 2 groups implemented at this point)

## Usage

```
estimatePs(y1, y2, lib.size1, lib.size2, r, tol = 1e-10, maxit = 30)
```

## Arguments

- y1            matrix of counts for first group
- y2            matrix of counts for second group
- lib.size1     vector of library sizes for first group
- lib.size2     vector of library sizes for second group
- r             size parameter of negative binomial
- tol            tolerance between iterations
- maxit        maximum number of iterations

**Value**

list with elements p (overall proportion), p1 (estimates for first group), p2 (estimates for second group)

**Author(s)**

Mark Robinson

**Examples**

```
y1<-matrix(rnbinom(10,size=1,mu=10),nrow=5)
y2<-matrix(rnbinom(10,size=1,mu=5),nrow=5)
ps<-estimatePs(y1,y2,c(1000,1001),c(1000,1001),r=1)
```

`exactTestNB`

*An exact test for differences between two negative binomial groups*

**Description**

An exact test for differences between two negative binomial groups

**Usage**

```
exactTestNB(y, g, mus, r, verbose=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>y</code>	data (e.g. quantile adjusted pseudodata) to compute Fisher exact statistics on
<code>g</code>	group indicator, must be same length as <code>nrow(y)</code>
<code>mus</code>	vector of means under the null hypothesis (of no difference between groups)
<code>r</code>	preset or estimated negative binomial <code>size</code> parameter. If you want to run a Poisson test, set <code>r</code> very large (e.g. 1000)
<code>verbose</code>	whether to write comments, default <code>true</code>

**Value**

list with elements `lr` (likelihood ratio test), `r` (estimates of 1/overdispersion), `ps` (list containing proportion estimates)

**Author(s)**

Mark Robinson

**Examples**

```
y<-matrix(rnbinom(20,mu=10,size=1.5),nrow=5)
group<-c(1,1,2,2)
mus<-rep(10,5)
f<-exactTestNB(y,group,mus,r=1.5)
```

findMaxD2

*Maximizes the negative binomial likelihood***Description**

Maximizes the negative binomial likelihood (a weighted version using the common likelihood given weight alpha) for each tag

**Usage**

```
findMaxD2(x, alpha = 0.5, grid = TRUE, tol = 1e-05, n.iter = 5, grid.length = 20)
```

**Arguments**

- x list with elements data, lib.size and group
- alpha weight given to common likelihood, set to 0 for individual estimates or large (e.g. 100) for common likelihood
- grid logical, whether to use a grid search (default = TRUE); if FALSE use Newton-Raphson steps
- tol if grid=FALSE, tolerance for Newton-Raphson iterations
- n.iter if grid=FALSE, number of Newton-Raphson iterations
- grid.length length of the grid to maximize over; default 200

**Value**

list with elements lr (likelihood ratio test), r (estimates of 1/overdispersion), ps (list containing proportion estimates)

**Author(s)**

Mark Robinson

**Examples**

```
y<-matrix(rnbinom(1000,mu=10,size=2),ncol=4)
d<-list(data=y,group=c(1,1,2,2),lib.size=c(1000:1003))
cml1<-findMaxD2(d,alpha=10)
cml2<-findMaxD2(d,alpha=0)
```

<code>getData</code>	<i>Extract data table from DGEList object</i>
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### Description

Returns the `data` slot of a `DGEList` object

### Usage

```
getData(object)
```

### Arguments

<code>object</code>	matrix of counts for first group
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### Value

matrix of data (presumably integers)

### Author(s)

Mark Robinson

### Examples

```
# generate raw data from NB, create list object
y<-matrix(rnbinom(20,size=1,mu=10),nrow=5)
d<-DGEList(data=y,group=rep(1:2,each=2),lib.size=rep(c(1000:1001),2))
# should be 5x4
print(dim(getData(d)))
```

<code>interpolateHelper</code>	<i>Quantile Adjustment interpolator</i>
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### Description

Helper function to interpolate the quantile function

### Usage

```
interpolateHelper(mu, p, r, d, verbose=TRUE)
```

### Arguments

<code>mu</code>	matrix of means
<code>p</code>	matrix of percentiles
<code>r</code>	scalar, vector or matrix of <code>size</code> parameters
<code>d</code>	original data matrix
<code>verbose</code>	whether to write comments, default <code>true</code>

**Value**

matrix with quantile-adjusted pseudo data

**Author(s)**

Mark Robinson

**Examples**

```
y<-matrix(rnbinom(10000,size=2,mu=10),ncol=4)
d<-list(data=y,group=rep(1:2,each=2),lib.size=rep(c(1000,1010),2))
ps<-estimatePs(d$data[,1:2],d$data[,3:4],d$lib.size[1:2],d$lib.size[3:4],r=2)
N<-prod(d$lib.size)^(1/ncol(d$data))
perc<-pnbinom(d$data-1,size=2,mu=outer(ps$p,d$lib.size))+dnbinom(d$data,size=2,mu=outer(p
pseudo<-interpolateHelper(outer(ps$p,rep(N,4)),perc,r=2,d$data)
```

*logLikDerP*

*Log-likelihood for proportion*

**Description**

Log-likelihood and derivatives for the proportion parameter of negative binomial (mean = library size \* proportion)

**Usage**

```
logLikDerP(p, y, lib.size, r, der = 0)
```

**Arguments**

p	vector of proportion parameters to be evaluated
y	matrix of data
lib.size	vector of library sizes
r	size parameter of negative binomial distribution
der	derivative, either 0 (the function), 1 (first derivative) or 2 (second derivative)

**Value**

vector of evaluations

**Author(s)**

Mark Robinson

**Examples**

```
y<-matrix(rnbinom(20,size=1.5,mu=10),nrow=5)
d<-list(data=y,group=rep(1:2,each=2),lib.size=rep(c(1000:1001),2))

this.p<-rowMeans( y/ outer(rep(1,nrow(y)),d$lib.size) )
dlp<-logLikDerP(this.p,y,d$lib.size,r=1.5,der=1)
```

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plotMA

*MA-like plot for deDGEList objects*

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## Description

Plots

## Usage

```
plotMA(object, xlab="A", ylab="M", ylim=NULL, pch=19, ...)
```

## Arguments

object	deDGEList object, as output from deDGE
xlab	x-axis label
ylab	y-axis label
ylim	limits on y-axis, if left at NULL, scaled to be symmetric about 0
pch	plot character
...	further arguments to the plot command

## Value

A plot to the current device

## Author(s)

Mark Robinson

## See Also

deDGE

## Examples

```
# generate raw data from NB, create list object
y<-matrix(rnbinom(20,size=1,mu=10),nrow=5)
d<-DGEList(data=y,group=rep(1:2,each=2),lib.size=rep(c(1000:1001),2))

# find alpha and call main procedure to find differences
alpha<-alpha.approxeb(d)
ms<-deDGE(d,alpha=alpha$alpha)

# plot it
plotMA(ms)
```

`quantileAdjust`      *Normalizes a dataset by using a quantile adjustment*

## Description

The function adjusts (you might say normalizes) a dataset, creating pseudodata that represents quantile-adjusted data as if all samples had the same library size, while estimating the dispersion parameter.

## Usage

```
quantileAdjust(object, N = prod(object$lib.size)^(1/ncol(object$data)), alpha =
```

## Arguments

<code>object</code>	list containing the raw data with elements <code>data</code> (table of counts), <code>group</code> (vector indicating group) and <code>lib.size</code> (vector of library sizes)
<code>N</code>	library size to normalize to; default is the geometric mean of the original library sizes
<code>alpha</code>	weight to put on the individual tag's likelihood
<code>null.hypothesis</code>	logical, whether to calculate the means and percentile under the null hypothesis; default is <code>TRUE</code>
<code>n.iter</code>	number of iterations in estimating the size parameter
<code>r.init</code>	initialized value of the size parameter; if <code>NULL</code> , then the common value on unadjusted data is used
<code>tol</code>	tolerance in estimating the size parameter
<code>verbose</code>	whether to write comments, default <code>true</code>

## Value

list containing several elements used in downstream function calls. `r` is the dispersion estimate, `pseudo` is the quantile-adjusted pseudodata, `ps` is a list containing the abundance estimates, `N` is the common library size and `p` and `mu` are the percentiles and means, respectively that the quantile is based on

## Author(s)

Mark Robinson

## Examples

```
set.seed(0)
y<-matrix(rnbinom(40,size=1,mu=10),ncol=4)
d<-list(data=y,group=rep(1:2,each=2),lib.size=rep(c(1000:1001),2))
qA<-quantileAdjust(d,alpha=100)
```

readDGE

*Read a list of files containing DGE data***Description**

Reads a list of text files, one for each sample. Files should be tab-delimited with an identifier (could be tag sequence) as the first column and counts as the second column. The function creates one big table with 0s where necessary.

**Usage**

```
readDGE(files, ...)
```

**Arguments**

files	character vector of filenames
...	option arguments to send to <code>read.table</code>

**Value**

list with elements `data` (table of counts), `lib.size` (library sizes)

**Author(s)**

Mark Robinson

**Examples**

```
# Read all .txt files from current working directory

## Not run:
files <- dir(pattern="*\\.txt$")
RG <- readDGE(files, sep="\t", header=TRUE, comment.char="", stringsAsFactors=FALSE)
## End(Not run)
```

tau2.0.objective    *Objective function for tau2***Description**

Objective function for tau2 which is used in the rule of how much to squeeze the dispersion parameters towards the common value

**Usage**

```
tau2.0.objective(tau2.0, info.g, score.g)
```

**Arguments**

<code>tau2.0</code>	scalar, value for tau2
<code>info.g</code>	observed information for each gene
<code>score.g</code>	observed score (first derivative of log-likelihood) for each gene

**Value**

scalar, value of objective function at tau2.0

**Author(s)**

Mark Robinson

**Examples**

```
y<-matrix(rnbinom(20,size=1,mu=10),nrow=5)
x<-list(data=y,group=rep(1:2,each=2),lib.size=rep(1000:1001,each=2))
scores <- condLogLikDerDelta(y, delta=0.5, der = 1, doSum = TRUE)
qA <- quantileAdjust(x, alpha = 10, null.hypothesis = TRUE)
exp.inf <- approx.expected.info(x, d=0.5, qA)
sigma2.0.est <- optimize(tau2.0.objective, c(0, 500), info.g = exp.inf, score.g = scores)
```

*topTags*

*Displays the top differentially expressed tags in a table*

**Description**

Displays/Returns the top DE tags in a data frame

**Usage**

```
topTags(object,n=10,adj.method= "BH")
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	deDGEList, output from deDGE
<code>n</code>	number of tags to display/return
<code>adj.method</code>	method used to adjust P-values, using <code>p.adjust</code>

**Value**

Data frame containing the relative level of expression, log fold changes, unadjusted and adjusted P-values

**Author(s)**

Mark Robinson

## References

Robinson MD, Smyth GK. 'Small-sample estimation of negative binomial dispersion, with applications to SAGE data.' *Biostatistics*. 2008 Apr;9(2):321-32.

Robinson MD, Smyth GK. 'Moderated statistical tests for assessing differences in tag abundance.' *Bioinformatics*. 2007 Nov 1;23(21):2881-7.

## Examples

```
# generate raw data from NB, create list object
y<-matrix(rnbinom(80,size=1,mu=10),nrow=20)
d<-DGEList(data=y,group=rep(1:2,each=2),lib.size=rep(c(1000:1001),2))
rownames(d$data)<-paste("tagno",1:nrow(d$data),sep=".")  
  
# find alpha and call main procedure to find differences
alpha<-alpha.approxeb(d)
ms<-deDGE(d,alpha=alpha$alpha)  
  
# look at top 10
topTags(ms)
```

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