# Package 'benchdamic'

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Description Starting from a microbiome dataset (16S or WMS with absolute count values) it is possible to perform several analysis to assess the performances of many differential abundance detection methods. A basic and standardized version of the main differential abundance analysis methods is supplied but the user can also add his method to the benchmark. The analyses focus on 4 main aspects: i) the goodness of fit of each method's distributional assumptions on the observed count data, ii) the ability to control the false discovery rate, iii) the within and between method concordances, iv) the truthfulness of the findings if any apriori knowledge is given. Several graphical functions are available for result visualization.

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addKnowledge

addKnowledge

## Description

Add a priori knowledge for each feature tested by a method.

#### Usage

```
addKnowledge(method, priorKnowledge, enrichmentCol, namesCol = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

Output of differential abundance detection method in which DA information is extracted by the getDA function.

priorKnowledge data.frame (with feature names as row.names) containing feature level metadata.

enrichmentCol name of the column containing information for enrichment analysis.

namesCol name of the column containing new names for features (default namesCol = NULL).

## Value

A data. frame with a new column containing information for enrichment analysis.

## See Also

createEnrichment.

```
data("ps_plaque_16S")
data("microbial_metabolism")

# Extract genera from the phyloseq tax_table slot
genera <- phyloseq::tax_table(ps_plaque_16S)[, "GENUS"]
# Genera as rownames of microbial_metabolism data.frame</pre>
```

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```
rownames(microbial_metabolism) <- microbial_metabolism$Genus</pre>
# Match OTUs to their metabolism
priorInfo <- data.frame(genera,</pre>
    "Type" = microbial_metabolism[genera, "Type"])
# Unmatched genera becomes "Unknown"
unknown_metabolism <- is.na(priorInfo$Type)</pre>
priorInfo[unknown_metabolism, "Type"] <- "Unknown"</pre>
priorInfo$Type <- factor(priorInfo$Type)</pre>
# Add a more informative names column
priorInfo[, "newNames"] <- paste0(rownames(priorInfo), priorInfo[, "GENUS"])</pre>
# DA Analysis
# Make sure the subject ID variable is a factor
phyloseq::sample_data(ps_plaque_16S)[, "RSID"] <- as.factor(</pre>
    phyloseq::sample_data(ps_plaque_16S)[["RSID"]])
# Add scaling factors
ps_plaque_16S <- norm_edgeR(object = ps_plaque_16S, method = "TMM")</pre>
# DA analysis
da.limma <- DA_limma(</pre>
    object = ps_plaque_16S,
    design = ~ 1 + RSID + HMP_BODY_SUBSITE,
    coef = "HMP_BODY_SUBSITESupragingival Plaque",
    norm = "TMM"
)
DA <- getDA(method = da.limma, slot = "pValMat", colName = "adjP",
    type = "pvalue", direction = "logFC", threshold_pvalue = 0.05,
    threshold_logfc = 1, top = NULL)
# Add a priori information
DA_info <- addKnowledge(method = DA, priorKnowledge = priorInfo,
    enrichmentCol = "Type", namesCol = "newNames")
```

areaCAT

areaCAT

## Description

Compute the area between the bisector and the concordance curve.

## Usage

```
areaCAT(concordance, plotIt = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
concordance A long format data.frame produced by createConcordance function.

Plot the concordance (default plotIt = FALSE).
```

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#### Value

A long format data. frame object with several columns:

- comparison which indicates the comparison number;
- n\_features which indicates the total number of taxa in the comparison dataset;
- method1 which contains the first method name;
- method2 which contains the first method name;
- rank:
- concordance which is defined as the cardinality of the intersection of the top rank elements of each list, divided by rank, i.e.,  $(L_{1:rank} \cap M_{1:rank})/(rank)$ , where L and M represent the lists of the extracted statistics of method1 and method2 respectively;
- heightOver which is the distance between the bisector and the concordance value;
- areaOver which is the cumulative sum of the heightOver value.

#### See Also

createConcordance and plotConcordance

```
data(ps_plaque_16S)
# Balanced design for dependent samples
my_splits <- createSplits(</pre>
    object = ps_plague_16S, varName = "HMP_BODY_SUBSITE",
    balanced = TRUE, paired = "RSID", N = 10 # N = 100 suggested
)
# Make sure the subject ID variable is a factor
phyloseq::sample_data(ps_plaque_16S)[, "RSID"] <- as.factor(</pre>
    phyloseq::sample_data(ps_plaque_16S)[["RSID"]])
# Initialize some limma based methods
my_limma <- set_limma(design = ~ RSID + HMP_BODY_SUBSITE,</pre>
    coef = "HMP_BODY_SUBSITESupragingival Plaque",
    norm = c("TMM", "CSS"))
# Set the normalization methods according to the DA methods
my_norm <- setNormalizations(fun = c("norm_edgeR", "norm_CSS"),</pre>
    method = c("TMM", "CSS"))
# Run methods on split datasets
results <- runSplits(split_list = my_splits, method_list = my_limma,
    normalization_list = my_norm, object = ps_plaque_16S)
# Concordance for p-values
concordance_pvalues <- createConcordance(</pre>
    object = results, slot = "pValMat", colName = "rawP", type = "pvalue"
)
```

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```
# Add area over the concordance curve
concordance_area <- areaCAT(concordance = concordance_pvalues)</pre>
```

CAT CAT

## **Description**

For the i top-ranked members of each list, concordance is defined as length(intersect(vec1[1:i], vec2[1:i]))/i.

#### Usage

```
CAT(vec1, vec2, maxrank = min(length(vec1), length(vec2)))
```

## **Arguments**

vec1, vec2

Two numeric vectors, for computing concordance. If these are numeric vectors with names, the numeric values will be used for sorting and the names will be used for calculating concordance. Otherwise, they are assumed to be already-ranked vectors, and the values themselves will be used for calculating concordance.

maxrank

Optionally specify the maximum size of top-ranked items that you want to plot.

## Value

a data.frame with two columns: rank containing the length of the top lists and concordance which is the fraction in common that the two provided lists have in the top rank items.

## See Also

createConcordance.

```
vec1 <- c("A" = 10, "B" = 5, "C" = 20, "D" = 15)
vec2 <- c("A" = 1, "B" = 2, "C" = 3, "D" = 4)

CAT(vec1, vec2)</pre>
```

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checkNormalization checkNormalization

#### **Description**

Check if the normalization function's name and the method's name to compute normalization/scaling factors are correctly matched.

## Usage

```
checkNormalization(fun, method, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

fun a character with the name of normalization function (e.g. "norm\_edgeR", "norm\_DESeq2", "norm\_CSS"...).

method a character with the normalization method (e.g. "TMM", "upperquartile"... if the fun is "norm\_edgeR").

... other arguments if needed (e.g. for norm\_edgeR normalizations).

#### Value

a list object containing the normalization method and its parameters.

#### See Also

```
setNormalizations, norm_edgeR, norm_DESeq2, norm_CSS, norm_TSS
```

## **Examples**

```
# Check if TMM normalization belong to "norm_edgeR"
check_TMM_normalization <- checkNormalization(fun = "norm_edgeR",
    method = "TMM")</pre>
```

createColors createColors

## **Description**

Produce a qualitative set of colors.

## Usage

```
createColors(variable)
```

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## **Arguments**

variable character vector or factor variable.

## Value

A named vector containing the color codes.

## **Examples**

```
# Given qualitative variable
cond <- factor(c("A", "A", "B", "B", "C", "D"),
    levels = c("A", "B", "C", "D"))

# Associate a color to each level (or unique value, if not a factor)
cond_colors <- createColors(cond)</pre>
```

createConcordance

*createConcordance* 

## Description

Compute the between and within method concordances comparing the lists of extracted statistics from the outputs of the differential abundance detection methods.

## Usage

```
createConcordance(object, slot = "pValMat", colName = "rawP", type = "pvalue")
```

## Arguments

object	Output of differential abundance detection methods. pValMat, statInfo matrices, and method's name must be present (See vignette for detailed information).
slot	A character vector with 1 or number-of-methods-times repeats of the slot names where to extract values for each method (default slot = "pValMat").
colName	A character vector with 1 or number-of-methods-times repeats of the column name of the slot where to extract values for each method (default colName = "rawP").
type	A character vector with 1 or number-of-methods-times repeats of the value type of the column selected where to extract values for each method. Two values are possible: "pvalue" or "logfc" (default type = "pvalue").

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#### Value

A long format data. frame object with several columns:

- comparison which indicates the comparison number;
- n\_features which indicates the total number of taxa in the comparison dataset;
- method1 which contains the first method name;
- method2 which contains the first method name;
- rank;
- concordance which is defined as the cardinality of the intersection of the top rank elements of each list, divided by rank, i.e. ,  $(L_{1:rank} \cap M_{1:rank})/(rank)$ , where L and M represent the lists of the extracted statistics of method1 and method2 respectively (averaged values between subset1 and subset2).

#### See Also

extractStatistics and areaCAT.

```
data(ps_plaque_16S)
# Balanced design
my_splits <- createSplits(</pre>
    object = ps_plaque_16S, varName = "HMP_BODY_SUBSITE", balanced = TRUE,
    paired = "RSID", N = 10 # N = 100 suggested
# Make sure the subject ID variable is a factor
phyloseq::sample_data(ps_plaque_16S)[, "RSID"] <- as.factor(</pre>
    phyloseq::sample_data(ps_plaque_16S)[["RSID"]])
# Initialize some limma based methods
my_limma <- set_limma(design = ~ RSID + HMP_BODY_SUBSITE,</pre>
    coef = "HMP_BODY_SUBSITESupragingival Plaque",
    norm = c("TMM", "CSS"))
# Set the normalization methods according to the DA methods
my_norm <- setNormalizations(fun = c("norm_edgeR", "norm_CSS"),</pre>
    method = c("TMM", "CSS"))
# Run methods on split datasets
results <- runSplits(split_list = my_splits, method_list = my_limma,
    normalization_list = my_norm, object = ps_plaque_16S)
# Concordance for p-values
concordance_pvalues <- createConcordance(</pre>
    object = results, slot = "pValMat", colName = "rawP", type = "pvalue"
)
# Concordance for log fold changes
```

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```
concordance_logfc <- createConcordance(
   object = results, slot = "statInfo", colName = "logFC", type = "logfc"
)

# Concordance for log fold changes in the first method and p-values in the # other
concordance_logfc_pvalues <- createConcordance(
   object = results, slot = c("statInfo", "pValMat"),
   colName = c("logFC", "rawP"), type = c("logfc", "pvalue")
)</pre>
```

createEnrichment

*createEnrichment* 

#### **Description**

Create a data. frame object with several information to perform enrichment analysis.

## Usage

```
createEnrichment(
  object,
  priorKnowledge,
  enrichmentCol,
  namesCol = NULL,
  slot = "pValMat",
  colName = "adjP",
  type = "pvalue",
  direction = NULL,
  threshold_pvalue = 1,
  threshold_logfc = 0,
  top = NULL,
  alternative = "greater",
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

object	Output of differential abundance detection methods. pValMat, statInfo matrices, and method's name must be present (See vignette for detailed information).
priorKnowledge	$\mbox{\tt data.frame}$ (with feature names as $\mbox{\tt row.names}$ ) containing feature level metadata.
enrichmentCol	name of the column containing information for enrichment analysis.
namesCol	name of the column containing new names for features (default namesCol = NULL).
slot	A character vector with 1 or number-of-methods-times repeats of the slot names where to extract values for each method (default $slot = "pValMat"$ ).

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colName A character vector with 1 or number-of-methods-times repeats of the column

name of the slot where to extract values for each method (default colName =

"rawP").

type A character vector with 1 or number-of-methods-times repeats of the value type

of the column selected where to extract values for each method. Two values are

possible: "pvalue" or "logfc" (default type = "pvalue").

direction A character vector with 1 or number-of-methods-times repeats of the statInfo's

column name containing information about the signs of differential abundance

(usually log fold changes) for each method (default direction = NULL).

threshold\_pvalue

A single or a numeric vector of thresholds for p-values. If present, features with p-values lower than threshold\_pvalue are considered differentially abundant.

Set threshold\_pvalue = 1 to not filter by p-values.

threshold\_logfc

A single or a numeric vector of thresholds for log fold changes. If present, features with log fold change absolute values higher than threshold\_logfc are considered differentially abundant. Set threshold\_logfc = 0 to not filter by

log fold change values.

top If not null, the top number of features, ordered by p-values or log fold change

values, are considered as differentially abundant (default top = NULL).

alternative indicates the alternative hypothesis and must be one of "two.sided", "greater"

or "less". You can specify just the initial letter. Only used in the  $2 \times 2$  case.

verbose Boolean to display the kind of extracted values (default verbose = FALSE).

#### Value

a list of objects for each method. Each list contains:

- data a data. frame object with DA directions, statistics, and feature names;
- tables a list of 2x2 contingency tables;
- tests the list of Fisher exact tests' p-values for each contingency table;
- summaries a list with the first element of each contingency table and its p-value (for graphical purposes);

## See Also

addKnowledge, extractDA, and enrichmentTest.

```
data("ps_plaque_16S")
data("microbial_metabolism")

# Extract genera from the phyloseq tax_table slot
genera <- phyloseq::tax_table(ps_plaque_16S)[, "GENUS"]
# Genera as rownames of microbial_metabolism data.frame
rownames(microbial_metabolism) <- microbial_metabolism$Genus</pre>
```

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```
# Match OTUs to their metabolism
priorInfo <- data.frame(genera,</pre>
    "Type" = microbial_metabolism[genera, "Type"])
# Unmatched genera becomes "Unknown"
unknown_metabolism <- is.na(priorInfo$Type)</pre>
priorInfo[unknown_metabolism, "Type"] <- "Unknown"</pre>
priorInfo$Type <- factor(priorInfo$Type)</pre>
# Add a more informative names column
priorInfo[, "newNames"] <- paste0(rownames(priorInfo), priorInfo[, "GENUS"])</pre>
# Add some normalization/scaling factors to the phyloseq object
my_norm <- setNormalizations(fun = c("norm_edgeR", "norm_CSS"),</pre>
    method = c("TMM", "CSS"))
ps_plaque_16S <- runNormalizations(normalization_list = my_norm,</pre>
    object = ps_plaque_16S)
# Initialize some limma based methods
my_limma <- set_limma(design = ~ 1 + RSID + HMP_BODY_SUBSITE,</pre>
    coef = "HMP_BODY_SUBSITESupragingival Plaque",
    norm = c("TMM", "CSS"))
# Make sure the subject ID variable is a factor
phyloseq::sample\_data(ps\_plaque\_16S)[, "RSID"] <- as.factor(
    phyloseq::sample_data(ps_plaque_16S)[["RSID"]])
# Perform DA analysis
Plaque_16S_DA <- runDA(method_list = my_limma, object = ps_plaque_16S)
# Enrichment analysis
enrichment <- createEnrichment(object = Plaque_16S_DA,</pre>
    priorKnowledge = priorInfo, enrichmentCol = "Type", namesCol = "GENUS",
    slot = "pValMat", colName = "adjP", type = "pvalue", direction = "logFC",
    threshold_pvalue = 0.1, threshold_logfc = 1, top = 10, verbose = TRUE)
```

createMocks

createMocks

## Description

Given the number of samples of the dataset from which the mocks should be created, this function produces a data.frame object with as many rows as the number of mocks and as many columns as the number of samples. If an odd number of samples is given, the lower even integer will be considered in order to obtain a balanced design for the mocks.

#### Usage

```
createMocks(nsamples, N = 1000)
```

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## **Arguments**

nsamples an integer representing the total number of samples.

N number of mock comparison to generate.

#### Value

a data.frame containing N rows and nsamples columns (if even). Each cell of the data frame contains the "grp1" or "grp2" characters which represent the mock groups pattern.

## **Examples**

```
# Generate the pattern for 100 mock comparisons for an experiment with 30
# samples
mocks <- createMocks(nsamples = 30, N = 100)
head(mocks)</pre>
```

createPositives

*createPositives* 

## Description

Inspect the list of p-values or/and log fold changes from the output of the differential abundance detection methods and count the True Positives (TP) and the False Positives (FP).

## Usage

```
createPositives(
  object,
  priorKnowledge,
  enrichmentCol,
  namesCol = NULL,
  slot = "pValMat",
  colName = "adjP",
  type = "pvalue",
  direction = NULL,
  threshold_pvalue = 1,
  threshold_logfc = 0,
  top = NULL,
  alternative = "greater",
  verbose = FALSE,
  TP,
  FΡ
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

object Output of differential abundance detection methods. pValMat, statInfo matri-

ces, and method's name must be present (See vignette for detailed information).

priorKnowledge data.frame (with feature names as row.names) containing feature level meta-

data.

enrichmentCol name of the column containing information for enrichment analysis.

namesCol name of the column containing new names for features (default namesCol =

NULL).

slot A character vector with 1 or number-of-methods-times repeats of the slot names

where to extract values for each method (default slot = "pValMat").

colName A character vector with 1 or number-of-methods-times repeats of the column

name of the slot where to extract values for each method (default colName =

"rawP").

type A character vector with 1 or number-of-methods-times repeats of the value type

of the column selected where to extract values for each method. Two values are

possible: "pvalue" or "logfc" (default type = "pvalue").

direction A character vector with 1 or number-of-methods-times repeats of the statInfo's

column name containing information about the signs of differential abundance

(usually log fold changes) for each method (default direction = NULL).

threshold\_pvalue

A single or a numeric vector of thresholds for p-values. If present, features with p-values lower than threshold\_pvalue are considered differentially abundant.

Set threshold\_pvalue = 1 to not filter by p-values.

threshold\_logfc

A single or a numeric vector of thresholds for log fold changes. If present, features with log fold change absolute values higher than threshold\_logfc are

considered differentially abundant. Set threshold\_logfc = 0 to not filter by

log fold change values.

top If not null, the top number of features, ordered by p-values or log fold change

values, are considered as differentially abundant (default top = NULL).

alternative indicates the alternative hypothesis and must be one of "two.sided", "greater"

or "less". You can specify just the initial letter. Only used in the  $2 \times 2$  case.

verbose Boolean to display the kind of extracted values (default verbose = FALSE).

TP A list of length-2 vectors. The entries in the vector are the direction ("UP Abun-

dant", "DOWN Abundant", or "non-DA") in the first position, and the level of the enrichment variable (enrichmentCol) which is expected in that direction, in

the second position.

FP A list of length-2 vectors. The entries in the vector are the direction ("UP Abun-

dant", "DOWN Abundant", or "non-DA") in the first position, and the level of the enrichment variable (enrichmentCol) which is not expected in that direc-

tion, in the second position.

#### Value

a data.frame object which contains the number of TPs and FPs features for each method and for each threshold of the top argument.

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#### See Also

```
getPositives, plotPositives.
```

```
data("ps_plaque_16S")
data("microbial_metabolism")
# Extract genera from the phyloseq tax_table slot
genera <- phyloseq::tax_table(ps_plaque_16S)[, "GENUS"]</pre>
# Genera as rownames of microbial_metabolism data.frame
rownames(microbial_metabolism) <- microbial_metabolism$Genus</pre>
# Match OTUs to their metabolism
priorInfo <- data.frame(genera,</pre>
    "Type" = microbial_metabolism[genera, "Type"])
# Unmatched genera becomes "Unknown"
unknown_metabolism <- is.na(priorInfo$Type)</pre>
priorInfo[unknown_metabolism, "Type"] <- "Unknown"</pre>
priorInfo$Type <- factor(priorInfo$Type)</pre>
# Add a more informative names column
priorInfo[, "newNames"] <- paste0(rownames(priorInfo), priorInfo[, "GENUS"])</pre>
# Add some normalization/scaling factors to the phyloseq object
my_norm <- setNormalizations(fun = c("norm_edgeR", "norm_CSS"),</pre>
    method = c("TMM", "CSS"))
ps_plague_16S <- runNormalizations(normalization_list = my_norm,</pre>
    object = ps_plaque_16S)
# Initialize some limma based methods
my_limma <- set_limma(design = ~ 1 + RSID + HMP_BODY_SUBSITE,</pre>
    coef = "HMP_BODY_SUBSITESupragingival Plaque",
    norm = c("TMM", "CSS"))
# Make sure the subject ID variable is a factor
phyloseg::sample_data(ps_plaque_16S)[, "RSID"] <- as.factor(</pre>
    phyloseq::sample_data(ps_plaque_16S)[["RSID"]])
# Perform DA analysis
Plaque_16S_DA <- runDA(method_list = my_limma, object = ps_plaque_16S)
# Count TPs and FPs, from the top 1 to the top 20 features.
# As direction is supplied, features are ordered by "logFC" absolute values.
positives <- createPositives(object = Plaque_16S_DA,</pre>
    priorKnowledge = priorInfo, enrichmentCol = "Type",
    namesCol = "newNames", slot = "pValMat", colName = "rawP",
    type = "pvalue", direction = "logFC", threshold_pvalue = 1,
    threshold_logfc = 0, top = 1:20, alternative = "greater",
    verbose = FALSE,
    TP = list(c("DOWN Abundant", "Anaerobic"), c("UP Abundant", "Aerobic")),
    FP = list(c("DOWN Abundant", "Aerobic"), c("UP Abundant", "Anaerobic")))
# Plot the TP-FP differences for each threshold
plotPositives(positives = positives)
```

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## **Description**

Given a phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object from which the random splits should be created, this function produces a list of 2 data. frame objects: Subset1 and Subset2 with as many rows as the number of splits and as many columns as the half of the number of samples.

## Usage

```
createSplits(
  object,
  assay_name = "counts",
  varName = NULL,
  paired = NULL,
  balanced = TRUE,
  N = 1000
)
```

## **Arguments**

object	a phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object.
assay_name	the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object (default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.
varName	name of a factor variable of interest.
paired	name of the unique subject identifier variable. If specified, paired samples will remain in the same split. (default = NULL).
balanced	If TRUE a balanced design will be created for the splits (default balanced = TRUE).
N	number of splits to generate.

## Value

A list of 2 data.frame objects: Subset1 and Subset2 containing N rows and half of the total number of samples columns. Each cell contains a unique sample identifier.

```
data(ps_plaque_16S)
set.seed(123)

# Balanced design for repeated measures

# Balanced design for independent samples
splits_df <- createSplits(</pre>
```

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```
object = ps_plaque_16S, varName =
    "HMP_BODY_SUBSITE", balanced = TRUE, N = 100
)

# Unbalanced design
splits_df <- createSplits(
    object = ps_plaque_16S, varName =
        "HMP_BODY_SUBSITE", balanced = FALSE, N = 100
)</pre>
```

createTIEC

createTIEC

## **Description**

Extract the list of p-values from the outputs of the differential abundance detection methods to compute several statistics to study the ability to control the type I error and the p-values distribution.

## Usage

```
createTIEC(object)
```

#### **Arguments**

object

Output of the differential abundance tests on mock comparisons. Must follow a specific structure with comparison, method, matrix of p-values, and method's name (See vignette for detailed information).

## Value

A list of data. frames:

- df\_pval 5 columns per number\_of\_features x methods x comparisons rows data.frame. The
  four columns are called Comparison, Method, variable (containing the feature names), pval,
  and padj;
- df\_FPR 5 columns per methods x comparisons rows data.frame. For each set of method and comparison, the proportion of false positives, considering 3 thresholds (0.01, 0.05, 0.1) are reported;
- df\_FDR 4 columns per methods rows data.frame. For each method, the average proportion of mock comparisons where false positives are found, considering 3 thresholds (0.01, 0.05, 0.1), are reported. Each value is an estimate of the nominal False Discovery Rate (FDR);
- df\_QQ contains the coordinates to draw the QQ-plot to compare the mean observed p-value distribution across comparisons, with the theoretical uniform distribution;
- df\_KS 5 columns and methods x comparisons rows data.frame. For each set of method and comparison, the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test statistics and p-values are reported in KS and KS\_pval columns respectively.

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#### See Also

createMocks

### **Examples**

```
# Load some data
data(ps_stool_16S)
# Generate the patterns for 10 mock comparison for an experiment
\# (N = 1000 is suggested)
mocks <- createMocks(nsamples = phyloseq::nsamples(ps_stool_16S), N = 10)</pre>
head(mocks)
# Add some normalization/scaling factors to the phyloseq object
my_norm <- setNormalizations(fun = c("norm_edgeR", "norm_CSS"),</pre>
    method = c("TMM", "CSS"))
ps_stool_16S <- runNormalizations(normalization_list = my_norm,</pre>
    object = ps_stool_16S)
# Initialize some limma based methods
my_limma <- set_limma(design = ~ group, coef = 2,</pre>
    norm = c("TMM", "CSS"))
# Run methods on mock datasets
results <- runMocks(mocks = mocks, method_list = my_limma,
    object = ps_stool_16S)
# Prepare results for Type I Error Control
TIEC_summary <- createTIEC(results)</pre>
# Plot the results
plotFPR(df_FPR = TIEC_summary$df_FPR)
plotFDR(df_FDR = TIEC_summary$df_FDR)
plotQQ(df_QQ = TIEC_summary df_QQ, zoom = c(0, 0.1))
plotKS(df_KS = TIEC_summary$df_KS)
plotLogP(df_QQ = TIEC_summary$df_QQ)
```

DA ALDEx2

DA\_ALDEx2

## **Description**

Fast run for the ALDEx2's differential abundance detection method. Support for Welch's t, Wilcoxon, Kruskal-Wallace, Kruskal-Wallace glm ANOVA-like, and glm tests.

#### Usage

```
DA_ALDEx2(
    object,
```

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```
assay_name = "counts",
  pseudo_count = FALSE,
  design = NULL,
 mc.samples = 128,
  test = c("t", "wilcox", "kw", "kw_glm", "glm"),
  paired.test = FALSE,
  denom = "all",
  contrast = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

object a phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object.

the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object assay\_name

(default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

pseudo\_count add 1 to all counts if TRUE (default pseudo\_count = FALSE).

design a character with the name of a variable to group samples and compare them or a

formula to compute a model.matrix (when test = "glm").

mc.samples an integer. The number of Monte Carlo samples to use when estimating the un-

derlying distributions. Since we are estimating central tendencies, 128 is usually

sufficient.

a character string. Indicates which tests to perform. "t" runs Welch's t test while test

"wilcox" runs Wilcoxon test. "kw" runs Kruskal-Wallace test while "kw\_glm"

runs glm ANOVA-like test. "glm" runs a generalized linear model.

A boolean. Toggles whether to do paired-sample tests. Applies to effect = paired.test

TRUE and test = "t".

denom An any variable (all, iqlr, zero, lvha, median, user) indicating features to use as

> the denominator for the Geometric Mean calculation The default "all" uses the geometric mean abundance of all features. Using "median" returns the median abundance of all features. Using "iqlr" uses the features that are between the first and third quartile of the variance of the clr values across all samples. Using "zero" uses the non-zero features in each grop as the denominator. This approach is an extreme case where there are many nonzero features in one condition but many zeros in another. Using "lvha" uses features that have low variance (bottom quartile) and high relative abundance (top quartile in every sample). It is also possible to supply a vector of row indices to use as the denominator. Here, the experimentalist is determining a-priori which rows are thought to be invariant. In the case of RNA-seq, this could include ribosomal protein genes and and other house-keeping genes. This should be used with caution because the offsets may be different in the original data and in the data used by the function because

features that are 0 in all samples are removed by aldex.clr.

character vector with exactly three elements: the name of a variable used in contrast

"design", the name of the level of interest, and the name of the reference level.

If "kw" or "kw\_glm" as test, contrast vector is not used.

verbose an optional logical value. If TRUE, information about the steps of the algorithm

is printed. Default verbose = TRUE.

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#### Value

A list object containing the matrix of p-values 'pValMat', the matrix of summary statistics for each tag 'statInfo', and a suggested 'name' of the final object considering the parameters passed to the function.

#### See Also

aldex for the Dirichlet-Multinomial model estimation. Several and more complex tests are present in the ALDEx2 framework.

## **Examples**

```
set.seed(1)
# Create a very simple phyloseq object
counts \leftarrow matrix(rnbinom(n = 300, size = 3, prob = 0.5), nrow = 50, ncol = 6)
metadata <- data.frame("Sample" = c("S1", "S2", "S3", "S4", "S5", "S6"),
                        "group" = as.factor(c("A", "A", "A", "B", "B", "B")))
ps <- phyloseq::phyloseq(phyloseq::otu_table(counts, taxa_are_rows = TRUE),</pre>
                         phyloseq::sample_data(metadata))
# Differential abundance with t test and denom defined by the user
DA_t \leftarrow DA_ALDEx2(ps, design = "group", test = "t", denom = c(1,2,3),
    paired.test = FALSE, contrast = c("group", "B", "A"))
# Differential abundance with wilcox test and denom = "iglr"
DA_w \leftarrow DA_ALDEx2(ps, design = "group", test = "wilcox", denom = "iqlr",
    paired.test = FALSE, contrast = c("group", "B", "A"))
# Differential abundance with kw test and denom = "zero"
# mc.samples = 2 to speed up (128 suggested)
DA_kw <- DA_ALDEx2(ps, design = "group", test = "kw", denom = "zero",
    mc.samples = 2)
# Differential abundance with kw_glm test and denom = "median"
DA_kw_glm <- DA_ALDEx2(ps, design = "group", test = "kw", denom = "median",
    mc.samples = 2)
# Differential abundance with glm test and denom = "all"
DA_glm <- DA_ALDEx2(ps, design = ~ group, test = "glm", denom = "all",
    mc.samples = 2, contrast = c("group", "B", "A"))
```

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DA ANCOM

## Description

Fast run for ANCOM and ANCOM-BC2 differential abundance detection methods.

## Usage

```
DA_ANCOM(
  object,
  assay_name = "counts",
  pseudo_count = FALSE,
```

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```
fix_formula = NULL,
adj_formula = NULL,
rand_formula = NULL,
lme_control = lme4::lmerControl(),
contrast = NULL,
alpha = 0.05,
p_adj_method = "BH",
struc_zero = FALSE,
BC = TRUE,
n_cl = 1,
verbose = TRUE
```

#### **Arguments**

object a phyloseg or TreeSummarizedExperiment object.

assay\_name the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object

(default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

pseudo\_count add 1 to all counts if TRUE (default pseudo\_count = FALSE).

fix\_formula Used when BC = TRUE (ANCOM-BC2). The character string expresses how the

microbial absolute abundances for each taxon depend on the fixed effects in

metadata.

adj\_formula Used when BC = FALSE (ANCOM). The character string represents the formula

for covariate adjustment. Default is NULL.

rand\_formula Optionally used when BC = TRUE or BC = FALSE. The character string expresses

how the microbial absolute abundances for each taxon depend on the random effects in metadata. ANCOMB and ANCOM-BC2 follows the lmerTest package in formulating the random effects. See ?lmerTest::lmer for more details.

Default is rand\_formula = NULL.

for details.

contrast character vector with exactly, three elements: a string indicating the name of

factor whose levels are the conditions to be compared, the name of the level of

interest, and the name of the other level.

alpha numeric. Level of significance. Default is 0.05.

p\_adj\_method character. method to adjust p-values. Default is "holm". Options include

"holm", "hochberg", "hommel", "bonferroni", "BH", "BY", "fdr", "none". See

?stats::p.adjust for more details.

struc\_zero logical. Whether to detect structural zeros based on group. Default is FALSE.

See Details for a more comprehensive discussion on structural zeros.

BC boolean for ANCOM method to use. If TRUE the bias correction (ANCOM-

BC2) is computed (default BC = TRUE). When BC = FALSE computational time

may increase and p-values are not computed.

n\_cl numeric. The number of nodes to be forked. For details, see ?parallel::makeCluster.

Default is 1 (no parallel computing).

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verbose

an optional logical value. If TRUE, information about the steps of the algorithm is printed. Default verbose = TRUE.

#### Value

A list object containing the matrix of p-values 'pValMat', a matrix of summary statistics for each tag 'statInfo', and a suggested 'name' of the final object considering the parameters passed to the function. ANCOM (BC = FALSE) does not produce p-values but W statistics. Hence, 'pValMat' matrix is filled with 1 - W / (nfeatures - 1) values which are not p-values. To find DA features a threshold on this statistic can be used (liberal < 0.4, < 0.3, < 0.2, < 0.1 conservative).

#### See Also

ancombc for analysis of microbiome compositions with bias correction or without it ancom.

#### **Examples**

DA\_basic

DA\_basic

## **Description**

Fast run for basic differential abundance detection methods such as wilcox and t tests.

## Usage

```
DA_basic(
  object,
  assay_name = "counts",
  pseudo_count = FALSE,
  contrast = NULL,
  test = c("t", "wilcox"),
  paired = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

a phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object. object assay\_name the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object (default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq. add 1 to all counts if TRUE (default pseudo\_count = FALSE). pseudo\_count contrast character vector with exactly, three elements: a string indicating the name of factor whose levels are the conditions to be compared, the name of the level of interest, and the name of the other level. test name of the test to perform. Choose between "t" or "wilcox". paired boolean. Choose whether the test is paired or not (default paired = FALSE). If paired = TRUE be sure to provide the object properly ordered (by the grouping variable). verbose

an optional logical value. If TRUE, information about the steps of the algorithm is printed. Default verbose = TRUE.

A list object containing the matrix of p-values 'pValMat', a matrix of summary statistics for each tag 'statInfo', and a suggested 'name' of the final object considering the parameters passed to the function.

#### See Also

Value

DA\_Seurat for a similar implementation of basic tests.

## **Examples**

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DA\_corncob

## Description

Fast run for corncob differential abundance detection method.

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#### Usage

```
DA_corncob(
  object,
  assay_name = "counts",
  pseudo_count = FALSE,
  formula,
  phi.formula,
  formula_null,
  phi.formula_null,
  test,
  boot = FALSE,
  coefficient = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

## **Arguments**

object a phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object.

assay\_name the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object

(default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

pseudo\_count add 1 to all counts if TRUE (default pseudo\_count = FALSE).

formula an object of class formula without the response: a symbolic description of the

model to be fitted to the abundance.

phi.formula an object of class formula without the response: a symbolic description of the

model to be fitted to the dispersion.

formula\_null Formula for mean under null, without response

phi.formula\_null

Formula for overdispersion under null, without response

test Character. Hypothesis testing procedure to use. One of "Wald" or "LRT" (like-

lihood ratio test).

boot Boolean. Defaults to FALSE. Indicator of whether or not to use parametric boot-

strap algorithm. (See pbWald and pbLRT).

coefficient The coefficient of interest as a single word formed by the variable name and

the non reference level. (e.g.: 'ConditionDisease' if the reference level for the

variable 'Condition' is 'control').

verbose an optional logical value. If TRUE, information about the steps of the algorithm

is printed. Default verbose = TRUE.

#### Value

A list object containing the matrix of p-values 'pValMat', the matrix of summary statistics for each tag 'statInfo', and a suggested 'name' of the final object considering the parameters passed to the function.

#### See Also

bbdml and differentialTest for differential abundance and differential variance evaluation.

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#### **Examples**

DA\_dearseq

DA\_dearseq

## **Description**

Fast run for dearseq differential abundance detection method.

#### Usage

```
DA_dearseq(
  object,
  assay_name = "counts",
  pseudo_count = FALSE,
  covariates = NULL,
  variables2test = NULL,
  sample_group = NULL,
  test = c("permutation", "asymptotic"),
  preprocessed = FALSE,
  n_perm = 1000,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

#### Arguments

object a phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object.

assay\_name the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object

(default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

pseudo\_count add 1 to all counts if TRUE (default pseudo\_count = FALSE).

covariates a character vector containing the colnames of the covariates to include in the

model.

variables2test a character vector containing the colnames of the variable of interest.

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sample\_group a vector of length n indicating whether the samples should be grouped (e.g. paired samples or longitudinal data). Coerced to be a factor. Default is NULL in which case no grouping is performed. a character string indicating which method to use to approximate the variance test component score test, either 'permutation' or 'asymptotic' (default test = "permutation"). a logical flag indicating whether the expression data have already been prepropreprocessed cessed (e.g. log2 transformed). Default is FALSE, in which case y is assumed to contain raw counts and is normalized into log(counts) per million. the number of perturbations. Default is 1000 n\_perm an optional logical value. If TRUE, information about the steps of the algorithm verbose is printed. Default verbose = TRUE.

## Value

A list object containing the matrix of p-values 'pValMat', a matrix of summary statistics for each tag 'statInfo' which are still the p-values as this method does not produce other values, and a suggested 'name' of the final object considering the parameters passed to the function.

#### See Also

dear\_seq for analysis of differential expression/abundance through a variance component test.

#### **Examples**

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#### **Description**

Fast run for DESeq2 differential abundance detection method.

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## Usage

```
DA_DESeq2(
  object,
  assay_name = "counts",
  pseudo_count = FALSE,
  design = NULL,
  contrast = NULL,
  alpha = 0.05,
  norm = c("ratio", "poscounts", "iterate"),
  weights,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

## **Arguments**

object a phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object.

assay\_name the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object

(default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

pseudo\_count add 1 to all counts if TRUE (default pseudo\_count = FALSE).

design character or formula to specify the model matrix.

contrast character vector with exactly three elements: the name of a factor in the design

formula, the name of the numerator level for the fold change, and the name of

the denominator level for the fold change.

alpha the significance cutoff used for optimizing the independent filtering (by default

0.05). If the adjusted p-value cutoff (FDR) will be a value other than 0.05, alpha

should be set to that value.

norm name of the normalization method to use in the differential abundance analy-

sis. Choose between the native DESeq2 normalization methods, such as ratio, poscounts, or iterate. Alternatively (only for advanced users), if norm is equal to "TMM", "TMMwsp", "RLE", "upperquartile", "posupperquartile", or "none" from norm\_edgeR, "CSS" from norm\_CSS, or "TSS" from norm\_TSS, the normalization factors are automatically transformed into size factors. If custom factors are supplied, make sure they are compatible with DESeq2 size factors.

weights an optional numeric matrix giving observational weights.

verbose an optional logical value. If TRUE, information about the steps of the algorithm

is printed. Default verbose = TRUE.

## Value

A list object containing the matrix of p-values 'pValMat', the dispersion estimates 'dispEsts', the matrix of summary statistics for each tag 'statInfo', and a suggested 'name' of the final object considering the parameters passed to the function.

#### See Also

phyloseq\_to\_deseq2 for phyloseq to DESeq2 object conversion, DESeq and results for the differential abundance method. DA\_edgeR 29

#### **Examples**

DA\_edgeR

DA\_edgeR

#### **Description**

Fast run for edgeR differential abundance detection method.

#### Usage

```
DA_edgeR(
  object,
  assay_name = "counts",
  pseudo_count = FALSE,
  group_name = NULL,
  design = NULL,
  robust = FALSE,
  coef = 2,
  norm = c("TMM", "TMMwsp", "RLE", "upperquartile", "posupperquartile", "none"),
  weights,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

object a phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object.

assay\_name the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object

(default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

pseudo\_count add 1 to all counts if TRUE (default pseudo\_count = FALSE).

group\_name character giving the name of the column containing information about experi-

mental group/condition for each sample/library.

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design character or formula to specify the model matrix. robust logical, should the estimation of prior. df be robustified against outliers? integer or character index vector indicating which coefficients of the linear model coef are to be tested equal to zero. name of the normalization method to use in the differential abundance analysis. norm Choose between the native edgeR normalization methods, such as TMM, TMMwsp, RLE, upperquartile, posupperquartile, or none. Alternatively (only for advanced users), if norm is equal to "ratio", "poscounts", or "iterate" from norm\_DESeq2, "CSS" from norm\_CSS, or "TSS" from norm\_TSS, the scaling factors are automatically transformed into normalization factors. If custom factors are supplied, make sure they are compatible with edgeR normalization factors. weights an optional numeric matrix giving observational weights.

an optional logical value. If TRUE, information about the steps of the algorithm verbose

is printed. Default verbose = TRUE.

#### Value

A list object containing the matrix of p-values pValMat, the dispersion estimates dispEsts, the matrix of summary statistics for each tag statInfo, and a suggested name of the final object considering the parameters passed to the function.

#### See Also

DGEList for the edgeR DEG object creation, estimateDisp and estimateGLMRobustDisp for dispersion estimation, and glmQLFit and glmQLFTest for the quasi-likelihood negative binomial model fit.

```
set.seed(1)
# Create a very simple phyloseg object
counts \leftarrow matrix(rnbinom(n = 60, size = 3, prob = 0.5), nrow = 10, ncol = 6)
ps <- phyloseq::phyloseq(phyloseq::otu_table(counts, taxa_are_rows = TRUE),</pre>
                       phyloseq::sample_data(metadata))
# Calculate the TMM normalization factors
ps_NF <- norm_edgeR(object = ps, method = "TMM")</pre>
# The phyloseq object now contains the normalization factors:
normFacts <- phyloseq::sample_data(ps_NF)[, "NF.TMM"]</pre>
head(normFacts)
# Differential abundance
DA_edgeR(object = ps_NF, pseudo_count = FALSE, group_name = "group",
        design = ~ group, coef = 2, robust = FALSE, norm = "TMM")
```

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## Description

Fast run for limma voom differential abundance detection method.

## Usage

```
DA_limma(
  object,
  assay_name = "counts",
  pseudo_count = FALSE,
  design = NULL,
  coef = 2,
  norm = c("TMM", "TMMwsp", "RLE", "upperquartile", "posupperquartile", "none"),
  weights,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

## **Arguments**

object	a phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object.
assay_name	the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object (default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.
pseudo_count	add 1 to all counts if TRUE (default pseudo_count = FALSE).
design	character name of the metadata columns, formula, or design matrix with rows corresponding to samples and columns to coefficients to be estimated.
coef	integer or character index vector indicating which coefficients of the linear model are to be tested equal to zero.
norm	name of the normalization method to use in the differential abundance analysis. Choose between the native edgeR normalization methods, such as TMM, TMMwsp, RLE, upperquartile, posupperquartile, or none. Alternatively (only for advanced users), if norm is equal to "ratio", "poscounts", or "iterate" from norm_DESeq2, "CSS" from norm_CSS, or "TSS" from norm_TSS, the scaling factors are automatically transformed into normalization factors. If custom factors are supplied, make sure they are compatible with edgeR normalization factors.
weights	an optional numeric matrix giving observational weights.
verbose	an optional logical value. If TRUE, information about the steps of the algorithm is printed. Default verbose = TRUE.

## Value

A list object containing the matrix of p-values 'pValMat', the matrix of summary statistics for each tag 'statInfo', and a suggested 'name' of the final object considering the parameters passed to the function.

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#### See Also

voom for the mean-variance relationship estimation, lmFit for the linear model framework.

## **Examples**

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DA\_linda

## **Description**

Fast run for linda differential abundance detection method.

#### Usage

```
DA_linda(
  object,
  assay_name = "counts",
  formula = NULL,
  contrast = NULL,
  is.winsor = TRUE,
  outlier.pct = 0.03,
  zero.handling = c("pseudo-count", "imputation"),
  pseudo.cnt = 0.5,
  alpha = 0.05,
  p.adj.method = "BH",
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

## **Arguments**

object

a phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object.

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assay_name	the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object (default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.
formula	Character. For example: formula = $^{\sim}x1*x2+x3+(1)$ id). At least one fixed effect is required.
contrast	character vector with exactly, three elements: a string indicating the name of factor whose levels are the conditions to be compared, the name of the level of interest, and the name of the other level.
is.winsor	Boolean. If TRUE (default), the Winsorization process will be conducted for the OTU table.
outlier.pct	A real value between 0 and 1; Winsorization cutoff (percentile) for the OTU table, e.g., 0.03. Default is NULL. If NULL, Winsorization process will not be conducted.
zero.handling	Character. Specifies the method to handle zeros in the OTU table. Options are "pseudo-count" or "imputation" (default is "pseudo-count"). If "imputation", zeros in the OTU table will be imputed using the formula in the referenced paper. If "pseudo-count", a small constant (pseudo.cnt) will be added to each value in the OTU table.
pseudo.cnt	A positive real value. Default is 0.5. If zero.handling is set to "pseudo-count", this constant will be added to each value in the OTU table.
alpha	A real value between 0 and 1; significance level of differential abundance. Default is $0.05$ .
p.adj.method	Character; p-value adjusting approach. See R function p.adjust. Default is 'BH'.
verbose	an optional logical value. If TRUE, information about the steps of the algorithm is printed. Default verbose = $TRUE$ .

#### Value

A list object containing the matrix of p-values 'pValMat', a matrix of summary statistics for each tag 'statInfo', and a suggested 'name' of the final object considering the parameters passed to the function.

## See Also

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#### **Description**

Fast run for Maaslin2 differential abundance detection method.

## Usage

```
DA_Maaslin2(
  object,
  assay_name = "counts",
  normalization = c("TSS", "CLR", "CSS", "NONE", "TMM"),
  transform = c("LOG", "LOGIT", "AST", "NONE"),
  analysis_method = c("LM", "CPLM", "ZICP", "NEGBIN", "ZINB"),
  correction = "BH",
  random_effects = NULL,
  fixed_effects = NULL,
  contrast = NULL,
  reference = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

## **Arguments**

object a phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object.

assay\_name the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object

(default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

normalization The normalization method to apply.

transform The transform to apply.

analysis\_method

The analysis method to apply.

correction The correction method for computing the q-value.

random\_effects The random effects for the model, comma-delimited for multiple effects.

fixed\_effects The fixed effects for the model, comma-delimited for multiple effects.

contrast character vector with exactly, three elements: a string indicating the name of

factor whose levels are the conditions to be compared, the name of the level of

interest, and the name of the other level.

reference The factor to use as a reference for a variable with more than two levels provided

as a string of 'variable, reference' semi-colon delimited for multiple variables.

verbose an optional logical value. If TRUE, information about the steps of the algorithm

is printed. Default verbose = TRUE.

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#### Value

A list object containing the matrix of p-values 'pValMat', a matrix of summary statistics for each tag 'statInfo', and a suggested 'name' of the final object considering the parameters passed to the function.

#### See Also

Maaslin2.

## **Examples**

DA\_MAST

DA MAST

## **Description**

Fast run for MAST differential abundance detection method.

## Usage

```
DA_MAST(
  object,
  assay_name = "counts",
  pseudo_count = FALSE,
  rescale = c("median", "default"),
  design,
  coefficient = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

object a phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object.

assay\_name the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object (default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

pseudo_count	add 1 to all counts if TRUE (default pseudo_count = FALSE).
rescale	Rescale count data, per million if 'default', or per median library size if 'median' ('median' is suggested for metagenomics data).
design	The model for the count distribution. Can be the variable name, or a character similar to " $\sim 1 + \text{group}$ ", or a formula, or a 'model.matrix' object.
coefficient	The coefficient of interest as a single word formed by the variable name and the non reference level. (e.g.: 'ConditionDisease' if the reference level for the variable 'Condition' is 'control').
verbose	an optional logical value. If TRUE, information about the steps of the algorithm is printed. Default verbose = TRUE.

#### Value

A list object containing the matrix of p-values 'pValMat', the matrix of summary statistics for each tag 'statInfo', and a suggested 'name' of the final object considering the parameters passed to the function.

#### See Also

zlm for the Truncated Gaussian Hurdle model estimation.

## **Examples**

DA\_metagenomeSeq

DA metagenomeSeq

## **Description**

Fast run for the metagenomeSeq's differential abundance detection method.

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### Usage

```
DA_metagenomeSeq(
  object,
  assay_name = "counts",
  pseudo_count = FALSE,
  design = NULL,
  coef = 2,
  norm = "CSS",
  model = "fitFeatureModel",
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

## **Arguments**

object a phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object.

assay\_name the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object

(default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

pseudo\_count add 1 to all counts if TRUE (default pseudo\_count = FALSE).

design the model for the count distribution. Can be the variable name, or a character

similar to "~ 1 + group", or a formula.

coef coefficient of interest to grab log fold-changes.

norm name of the normalization method to use in the differential abundance analy-

sis. Choose the native metagenomeSeq normalization method CSS. Alternatively (only for advanced users), if norm is equal to "TMM", "TMMwsp", "RLE", "upperquartile", "posupperquartile", or "none" from norm\_edgeR, "ratio", "poscounts", or "iterate" from norm\_DESeq2, or "TSS" from norm\_TSS, the factors are automatically transformed into scaling factors. If custom factors are supplied, make

sure they are compatible with metagenomeSeq normalization factors.

model character equal to "fitFeatureModel" for differential abundance analysis using a

zero-inflated log-normal model, "fitZig" for a complex mathematical optimization routine to estimate probabilities that a zero for a particular feature in a sample is a technical zero or not. The latter model relies heavily on the limma

package (default model = "fitFeatureModel").

verbose an optional logical value. If TRUE, information about the steps of the algorithm

is printed. Default verbose = TRUE.

#### Value

A list object containing the matrix of p-values 'pValMat', the matrix of summary statistics for each tag 'statInfo', and a suggested 'name' of the final object considering the parameters passed to the function.

## See Also

fitZig for the Zero-Inflated Gaussian regression model estimation and MRfulltable for results extraction.

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### **Examples**

DA\_mixMC

DA\_mixMC

## **Description**

Fast run for mixMC sPLS-DA method for biomarker identification. It performs a CLR transformation on the 'counts + pseudo\_counts' values. Then the sPLS-DA is tuned through a leave-one-out cross validation procedure.

## Usage

```
DA_mixMC(
  object,
  pseudo_count = 1,
  assay_name = "counts",
  contrast = NULL,
  ID_variable = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

## **Arguments**

object a phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object.

pseudo\_count a positive numeric value for the pseudo-count to be added. Default is 1.

assay\_name the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object

(default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

contrast character vector with exactly, three elements: a string indicating the name of

factor whose levels are the conditions to be compared, the name of the level of

interest, and the name of the other level.

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ID\_variable a character string indicating the name of the variable name corresponding to the

repeated measures units (e.g., the subject ID).

verbose an optional logical value. If TRUE, information about the steps of the algorithm

is printed. Default verbose = TRUE.

#### Value

A list object containing the matrix of p-values 'pValMat', a matrix of summary statistics for each tag 'statInfo', and a suggested 'name' of the final object considering the parameters passed to the function. mixMC does not produce p-values. The frequency and the importance values are produced instead. The frequency indicates the stability of the features across the folds of the cross validation. The importance indicates the magnitude of the discrimination for the features and their direction. Hence, 'pValMat' matrix is filled with 1 – frequency values which are not p-values. To find discriminant features a threshold on this statistic can be used (liberal < 1, < 0.5, < 0.1 conservative).

#### See Also

```
splsda, perf, tune.splsda.
```

## **Examples**

DA\_NOISeq

DA\_NOISeq

## **Description**

Fast run for NOISeqBIO differential abundance detection method. It computes differential expression between two experimental conditions.

# Usage

```
DA_NOISeq(
  object,
  assay_name = "counts",
  pseudo_count = FALSE,
  contrast = NULL,
```

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```
norm = c("rpkm", "uqua", "tmm", "n"),
verbose = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

object a phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object.

assay\_name the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object

(default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

pseudo\_count add 1 to all counts if TRUE (default pseudo\_count = FALSE).

contrast character vector with exactly, three elements: a string indicating the name of

factor whose levels are the conditions to be compared, the name of the level of

interest, and the name of the other level.

norm name of the normalization method to use in the differential abundance analysis.

Choose between the native edgeR normalization methods, such as TMM, TMMwsp, RLE, upperquartile, posupperquartile, or none. Alternatively (only for advanced users), if norm is equal to "ratio", "poscounts", or "iterate" from norm\_DESeq2, "CSS" from norm\_CSS, or "TSS" from norm\_TSS, the scaling factors are automatically transformed into normalization factors. If custom factors are supplied,

make sure they are compatible with edgeR normalization factors.

verbose an optional logical value. If TRUE, information about the steps of the algorithm

is printed. Default verbose = TRUE.

### Value

A list object containing the matrix of p-values 'pValMat', a matrix of summary statistics for each tag 'statInfo', and a suggested 'name' of the final object considering the parameters passed to the function. NOISeq does not produce p-values but an estimated probability of differential expression for each feature. Note that these probabilities are not equivalent to p-values. The higher the probability, the more likely that the difference in abundance is due to the change in the experimental condition and not to chance... Hence, 'pValMat' matrix is filled with 1 – prob values which can be interpreted as 1 - FDR. Where FDR can be considered as an adjusted p-value (see NOISeq vignette).

#### See Also

noiseqbio for analysis of differential expression/abundance between two experimental conditions from read count data.

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```
norm = "tmm", verbose = FALSE)
```

DA\_Seurat

DA\_Seurat

## **Description**

Fast run for Seurat differential abundance detection method.

### Usage

```
DA_Seurat(
  object,
  assay_name = "counts",
  pseudo_count = FALSE,
  norm = "LogNormalize",
  scale.factor = 10000,
  test = "wilcox",
  contrast = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

### **Arguments**

object

a phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object.

assay\_name

the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object (default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

pseudo\_count

add 1 to all counts if TRUE (default pseudo\_count = FALSE).

norm

Method for normalization.

- LogNormalize Feature counts for each sample are divided by the total counts of that sample and multiplied by the scale factor. This is then naturallog transformed using log1p;
- CLR Applies a centered log ratio transformation;
- RC Relative counts. Feature counts for each sample are divided by the total counts of that sample and multiplied by the scale.factor. No log-transformation is applied. For counts per million (CPM) set scale.factor = 1e6;
- none No normalization

scale.factor

Sets the scale factor for cell-level normalization

test

Denotes which test to use. Available options are:

- "wilcox" Identifies differentially abundant features between two groups of samples using a Wilcoxon Rank Sum test (default).
- "bimod" Likelihood-ratio test for the feature abundances, (McDavid et al., Bioinformatics, 2013).

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"roc" Identifies 'markers' of feature abundance using ROC analysis. For each feature, evaluates (using AUC) a classifier built on that feature alone, to classify between two groups of cells. An AUC value of 1 means that abundance values for this feature alone can perfectly classify the two groupings (i.e. Each of the samples in group.1 exhibit a higher level than each of the samples in group.2). An AUC value of 0 also means there is perfect classification, but in the other direction. A value of 0.5 implies that the feature has no predictive power to classify the two groups. Returns a 'predictive power' (abs(AUC-0.5) \* 2) ranked matrix of putative differentially expressed genes.

- "t" Identify differentially abundant features between two groups of samples using the Student's t-test.
- "negbinom" Identifies differentially abundant features between two groups of samples using a negative binomial generalized linear model.
- "poisson" Identifies differentially abundant features between two groups of samples using a poisson generalized linear model.
- "LR" Uses a logistic regression framework to determine differentially abundant features. Constructs a logistic regression model predicting group membership based on each feature individually and compares this to a null model with a likelihood ratio test.
- "MAST" Identifies differentially expressed genes between two groups of cells using a hurdle model tailored to scRNA-seq data. Utilizes the MAST package to run the DE testing.
- "DESeq2" Identifies differentially abundant features between two groups of samples based on a model using DESeq2 which uses a negative binomial distribution (Love et al, Genome Biology, 2014).

contrast

character vector with exactly three elements: the name of a factor in the design formula, the name of the numerator level for the fold change, and the name of the denominator level for the fold change.

verbose

an optional logical value. If TRUE, information about the steps of the algorithm is printed. Default verbose = TRUE.

## Value

A list object containing the matrix of p-values 'pValMat', the matrix of summary statistics for each tag 'statInfo', and a suggested 'name' of the final object considering the parameters passed to the function.

## See Also

CreateSeuratObject to create the Seurat object, AddMetaData to add metadata information, NormalizeData to compute the normalization for the counts, FindVariableFeatures to estimate the mean-variance trend, ScaleData to scale and center features in the dataset, and FindMarkers to perform differential abundance analysis.

### **Examples**

set.seed(1)

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DA\_ZicoSeq

DA\_ZicoSeq

## **Description**

Fast run for ZicoSeq differential abundance detection method.

## Usage

```
DA_ZicoSeq(
  object,
  assay_name = "counts",
  contrast = NULL,
  strata = NULL,
  adj.name = NULL,
  feature.dat.type = c("count", "proportion", "other"),
  is.winsor = TRUE,
  outlier.pct = 0.03,
  winsor.end = c("top", "bottom", "both"),
  is.post.sample = TRUE,
  post.sample.no = 25,
  perm.no = 99,
  link.func = list(function(x) sign(x) * (abs(x))^0.5),
  ref.pct = 0.5,
  stage.no = 6,
  excl.pct = 0.2
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

## **Arguments**

object a phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object.

assay\_name the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object (default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

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contrast character vector with exactly, three elements: a string indicating the name of factor whose levels are the conditions to be compared, the name of the level of interest, and the name of the other level. a factor such as subject IDs indicating the permutation strata or characters instrata dicating the strata variable in meta.dat. Permutation will be confined to each stratum. This can be used for paired or some longitudinal designs. adj.name the name(s) for the variable(s) to be adjusted. Multiple variables are allowed. They could be numeric or categorical; should be in meta.dat. feature.dat.type the type of the feature data. It could be "count", "proportion" or "other". For "proportion" data type, posterior sampling will not be performed, but the referencebased ratio approach will still be used to address compositional effects. For "other" data type, neither posterior sampling or reference-base ratio approach will be used. is.winsor a logical value indicating whether winsorization should be performed to replace outliers. The default is TRUE. the expected percentage of outliers. These outliers will be winsorized. The outlier.pct default is 0.03. For count/proportion data, outlier.pct should be less than prev.filter. a character indicating whether the outliers at the "top", "bottom" or "both" will winsor.end be winsorized. The default is "top". If the feature.dat.type is "other", "both" may be considered. is.post.sample a logical value indicating whether to perform posterior sampling of the underlying proportions. Only relevant when the feature data are counts. post.sample.no the number of posterior samples if posterior sampling is used. The default is 25. the number of permutations. If the raw p values are of the major interest, set perm.no perm. no to at least 999. link.func a list of transformation functions for the feature data or the ratios. Based on our experience, square-root transformation is a robust choice for many datasets. ref.pct percentage of reference taxa. The default is 0.5. stage.no the number of stages if multiple-stage normalization is used. The default is 6. excl.pct the maximum percentage of significant features (nominal p-value < 0.05) in the reference set that should be removed. Only relevant when multiple-stage normalization is used. an optional logical value. If TRUE, information about the steps of the algorithm verbose is printed. Default verbose = TRUE.

#### Value

A list object containing the matrix of p-values 'pValMat', a matrix of summary statistics for each tag 'statInfo', and a suggested 'name' of the final object considering the parameters passed to the function.

## See Also

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### **Examples**

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enrichmentTest

## **Description**

Perform the Fisher exact test for all the possible 2x2 contingency tables, considering differential abundance direction and enrichment variable.

## Usage

```
enrichmentTest(method, enrichmentCol, alternative = "greater")
```

# Arguments

method	Output of differential abundance detection method in which DA information is extracted by the getDA function and the information related to enrichment is appropriately added through the addKnowledge.
enrichmentCol	name of the column containing information for enrichment analysis.
alternative	indicates the alternative hypothesis and must be one of "two.sided", "greater" or "less". You can specify just the initial letter. Only used in the $2 \times 2$ case.

#### Value

a list of objects:

- data a data. frame object with DA directions, statistics, and feature names;
- tables a list of 2x2 contingency tables;
- tests the list of Fisher exact tests' p-values for each contingency table;
- summaries a list with the first element of each contingency table and its p-value (for graphical purposes);

## See Also

extractDA, addKnowledge, and createEnrichment

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```
data("ps_plaque_16S")
data("microbial_metabolism")
# Extract genera from the phyloseq tax_table slot
genera <- phyloseq::tax_table(ps_plaque_16S)[, "GENUS"]</pre>
# Genera as rownames of microbial_metabolism data.frame
rownames(microbial_metabolism) <- microbial_metabolism$Genus</pre>
# Match OTUs to their metabolism
priorInfo <- data.frame(genera,</pre>
    "Type" = microbial_metabolism[genera, "Type"])
# Unmatched genera becomes "Unknown"
unknown_metabolism <- is.na(priorInfo$Type)</pre>
priorInfo[unknown_metabolism, "Type"] <- "Unknown"</pre>
priorInfo$Type <- factor(priorInfo$Type)</pre>
# Add a more informative names column
priorInfo[, "newNames"] <- paste0(rownames(priorInfo), priorInfo[, "GENUS"])</pre>
# DA Analysis
# Make sure the subject ID variable is a factor
phyloseq::sample_data(ps_plaque_16S)[, "RSID"] <- as.factor(</pre>
    phyloseq::sample_data(ps_plaque_16S)[["RSID"]])
# Add scaling factors
ps_plaque_16S <- norm_edgeR(object = ps_plaque_16S, method = "TMM")</pre>
# DA analysis
da.limma <- DA_limma(
    object = ps_plaque_16S,
    design = ~ 1 + RSID + HMP_BODY_SUBSITE,
    coef = "HMP_BODY_SUBSITESupragingival Plaque",
    norm = "TMM"
)
DA <- getDA(method = da.limma, slot = "pValMat", colName = "adjP",
    type = "pvalue", direction = "logFC", threshold_pvalue = 0.05,
    threshold_logfc = 1, top = NULL)
# Add a priori information
DA_info <- addKnowledge(method = DA, priorKnowledge = priorInfo,
    enrichmentCol = "Type", namesCol = "newNames")
# Create contingency tables and compute F tests
DA_info_enriched <- enrichmentTest(method = DA_info, enrichmentCol = "Type",
    alternative = "greater")
```

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## **Description**

Inspect the list of p-values or/and log fold changes from the output of differential abundance detection methods.

### **Usage**

```
extractDA(
  object,
  slot = "pValMat",
  colName = "adjP",
  type = "pvalue",
  direction = NULL,
  threshold_pvalue = 1,
  threshold_logfc = 0,
  top = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

object	Output of differential a	bundance detection	methods.	pValMat, statInfo matri-
		. 1		

ces, and method's name must be present (See vignette for detailed information).

slot A character vector with 1 or number-of-methods-times repeats of the slot names

where to extract values for each method (default slot = "pValMat").

colName A character vector with 1 or number-of-methods-times repeats of the column

name of the slot where to extract values for each method (default colName =

"rawP").

type A character vector with 1 or number-of-methods-times repeats of the value type

of the column selected where to extract values for each method. Two values are

possible: "pvalue" or "logfc" (default type = "pvalue").

direction A character vector with 1 or number-of-methods-times repeats of the statInfo's

column name containing information about the signs of differential abundance (usually log fold changes) for each method (default direction = NULL).

threshold\_pvalue

A single or a numeric vector of thresholds for p-values. If present, features with p-values lower than threshold\_pvalue are considered differentially abundant.

Set threshold\_pvalue = 1 to not filter by p-values.

threshold\_logfc

A single or a numeric vector of thresholds for log fold changes. If present, features with log fold change absolute values higher than threshold\_logfc are considered differentially abundant. Set threshold\_logfc = 0 to not filter by

log fold change values.

top If not null, the top number of features, ordered by p-values or log fold change

values, are considered as differentially abundant (default top = NULL).

verbose Boolean to display the kind of extracted values (default verbose = FALSE).

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#### Value

A data.frame with several columns for each method:

- stat which contains the p-values or the absolute log fold change values;
- direction which is present if direction was supplied, it contains the information about directionality of differential abundance (usually log fold changes);
- DA which can contain several values according to thresholds and inputs. "DA" or "non-DA" if direction = NULL, "UP Abundant", "DOWN Abundant", or "non-DA" otherwise.

#### See Also

```
getDA, extractStatistics
```

## **Examples**

```
data("ps_plaque_16S")
# Add scaling factors
my_norm <- setNormalizations(fun = c("norm_edgeR", "norm_CSS"),</pre>
    method = c("TMM", "CSS"))
ps_plaque_16S <- runNormalizations(normalization_list = my_norm,</pre>
    object = ps_plaque_16S)
# Perform DA analysis
my_methods <- set_limma(design = ~ 1 + HMP_BODY_SUBSITE, coef = 2,</pre>
    norm = c("TMM", "CSS"))
Plaque_16S_DA <- runDA(method_list = my_methods, object = ps_plaque_16S)</pre>
# Top 10 features (ordered by 'direction') are DA
DA_1 <- extractDA(
    object = Plaque_16S_DA, slot = "pValMat", colName = "adjP",
    type = "pvalue", direction = "logFC", threshold_pvalue = 1,
    threshold_logfc = 0, top = 10
)
\# Features with p-value < 0.05 and |logFC| > 1 are DA
DA_2 <- extractDA(
    object = Plaque_16S_DA, slot = "pValMat", colName = "adjP",
    type = "pvalue", direction = "logFC", threshold_pvalue = 0.05,
    threshold_logfc = 1, top = NULL
)
```

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extractStatistics

# Description

Extract the list of p-values or/and log fold changes from the outputs of the differential abundance detection methods.

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## Usage

```
extractStatistics(
  object,
  slot = "pValMat",
  colName = "rawP",
  type = "pvalue",
  direction = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

## **Arguments**

object	Output of differential abundance detection methods. pValMat, statInfo matrices, and method's name must be present (See vignette for detailed information).
slot	A character vector with 1 or number-of-methods-times repeats of the slot names where to extract values for each method (default slot = "pValMat").
colName	A character vector with 1 or number-of-methods-times repeats of the column name of the slot where to extract values for each method (default colName = "rawP").
type	A character vector with 1 or number-of-methods-times repeats of the value type of the column selected where to extract values for each method. Two values are possible: "pvalue" or "logfc" (default type = "pvalue").
direction	A character vector with 1 or number-of-methods-times repeats of the statInfo's column name containing information about the signs of differential abundance (usually log fold changes) for each method (default direction = NULL).
verbose	Boolean to display the kind of extracted values (default verbose = FALSE).

### Value

A vector or a data.frame for each method. If direction = NULL, the colname column values, transformed according to type (not tranformed if type = "pvalue", -abs(value) if type = "logfc"), of the slot are reported, otherwise the direction column of the statInfo matrix is added to the output.

## See Also

```
getStatistics
```

```
data("ps_plaque_16S")
# Add scaling factors
my_norm <- setNormalizations(fun = c("norm_edgeR", "norm_CSS"),
    method = c("TMM", "CSS"))
ps_plaque_16S <- runNormalizations(normalization_list = my_norm,
    object = ps_plaque_16S)
# Perform DA analysis
my_methods <- set_limma(design = ~ 1 + HMP_BODY_SUBSITE, coef = 2,</pre>
```

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```
norm = c("TMM", "CSS"))
Plaque_16S_DA <- runDA(method_list = my_methods, object = ps_plaque_16S)</pre>
### Extract statistics for concordance analysis:
# Only p-values
extracted_pvalues <- extractStatistics(</pre>
    object = Plaque_16S_DA, slot =
        "pValMat", colName = "rawP", type = "pvalue"
# Only transformed log fold changes -abs(logFC)
extracted_abslfc <- extractStatistics(</pre>
    object = Plaque_16S_DA, slot =
        "statInfo", colName = "logFC", type = "logfc"
# Only transformed log fold changes for a method and p-values for the other
extracted_abslfc_pvalues <- extractStatistics(</pre>
    object = Plaque_16S_DA,
    slot = c("statInfo", "pValMat"), colName = c("logFC", "rawP"), type =
        c("logfc", "pvalue")
)
### Extract statistics for enrichment analysis:
# p-values and log fold changes
extracted_pvalues_and_lfc <- extractStatistics(</pre>
    object = Plaque_16S_DA,
    slot = "pValMat", colName = "rawP", type = "pvalue", direction = "logFC"
# transformed log fold changes and untouched log fold changes
extracted_abslfc_and_lfc <- extractStatistics(</pre>
    object = Plaque_16S_DA,
    slot = "statInfo", colName = "logFC", type = "logfc", direction =
        "logFC"
# Only transformed log fold changes for a method and p-values for the other
extracted_mix <- extractStatistics(</pre>
    object = Plaque_16S_DA,
    slot = c("statInfo", "pValMat"), colName = c("logFC", "rawP"), type =
        c("logfc", "pvalue"), direction = "logFC"
)
```

fitDM

fitDM

# Description

Fit a Dirichlet-Multinomial (DM) distribution for each taxon of the count data. The model estimation procedure is performed by MGLM MGLMreg function without assuming the presence of any group in the samples (design matrix equal to a column of ones.)

## Usage

```
fitDM(object, assay_name = "counts", verbose = TRUE)
```

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## **Arguments**

object a phyloseq object, a TreeSummarizedExperiment object, or a matrix of counts.

assay\_name the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object (default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

verbose an optional logical value. If TRUE information on the steps of the algorithm is

printed. Default verbose = TRUE.

## Value

A data frame containing the continuity corrected logarithms of the average fitted values for each row of the matrix of counts in the Y column, and the estimated probability to observe a zero in the Y0 column.

## **Examples**

```
# Generate some random counts
counts = matrix(rnbinom(n = 60, size = 3, prob = 0.5), nrow = 10, ncol = 6)
# Fit model on the counts matrix
DM <- fitDM(counts)
head(DM)</pre>
```

fitHURDLE

*fitHURDLE* 

## Description

Fit a truncated gaussian hurdle model for each taxon of the count data. The hurdle model estimation procedure is performed by MAST zlm function without assuming the presence of any group in the samples (design matrix equal to a column of ones.)

## Usage

```
fitHURDLE(object, assay_name = "counts", scale = "default", verbose = TRUE)
```

## **Arguments**

object	a phyloseq object, a TreeSummarizedExperiment object, or a matrix of counts.
assay_name	the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object (default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.
scale	Character vector, either median or default to choose between the median of the library size or one million to scale raw counts.
verbose	an optional logical value. If TRUE information on the steps of the algorithm is printed. Default verbose = TRUE.

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#### Value

A data frame containing the continuity corrected logarithms of the average fitted values for each row of the matrix of counts in the Y column, and the estimated probability to observe a zero in the Y0 column.

## **Examples**

```
# Generate some random counts
counts = matrix(rnbinom(n = 600, size = 3, prob = 0.5), nrow = 100, ncol = 6)
# Fit model on the counts matrix
HURDLE <- fitHURDLE(counts, scale = "median")
head(HURDLE)</pre>
```

fitModels

fitModels

## Description

A wrapper function that fits the specified models for each taxon of the count data and computes the mean difference (MD) and zero probability difference (ZPD) between estimated and observed values.

# Usage

```
fitModels(
  object,
  assay_name = "counts",
  models = c("NB", "ZINB", "DM", "ZIG", "HURDLE"),
  scale_HURDLE = c("default", "median"),
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

# Arguments

object a phyloseq object, a TreeSummarizedExperiment object, or a matrix of counts.

assay\_name the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object (default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

models character vector which assumes the values NB, ZINB, DM, ZIG, and HURDLE.

scale\_HURDLE character vector, either median or default to choose between the median of the library size or one million to scale raw counts for the truncated gaussian hurdle model.

verbose an optional logical value. If TRUE information on the steps of the algorithm is printed. Default verbose = TRUE.

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#### Value

list of data. frame objects for each model. The first two columns contain the properly transformed observed values for mean and zero proportion, while the third and the fourth columns contain the estimated values for the mean and the zero rate respectively.

#### See Also

fitNB, fitZINB, fitDM, fitZIG, and fitHURDLE for the model estimations, prepareObserved for raw counts preparation, and meanDifferences for the Mean Difference (MD) and Zero Probability Difference (ZPD) computations.

## **Examples**

fitNB

fitNB

### **Description**

Fit a Negative Binomial (NB) distribution for each taxon of the count data. The NB estimation procedure is performed by edgeR glmFit function, using TMM normalized counts, tag-wise dispersion estimation, and not assuming the presence of any group in the samples (design matrix equal to a column of ones).

## Usage

```
fitNB(object, assay_name = "counts", verbose = TRUE)
```

## **Arguments**

object a phyloseq object, a TreeSummarizedExperiment object, or a matrix of counts.

the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object (default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

verbose an optional logical value. If TRUE information on the steps of the algorithm is printed. Default verbose = TRUE.

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#### Value

A data frame containing the continuity corrected logarithms of the average fitted values for each row of the 'counts' matrix in the 'Y' column, and the estimated probability to observe a zero in the 'Y0' column.

## **Examples**

```
# Generate some random counts
counts = matrix(rnbinom(n = 60, size = 3, prob = 0.5), nrow = 10, ncol = 6)
# Fit model on the matrix of counts
NB <- fitNB(counts)
head(NB)</pre>
```

fitZIG

fitZIG

## **Description**

Fit a Zero-Inflated Gaussian (ZIG) distribution for each taxon of the count data. The model estimation procedure is performed by metagenomeSeq fitZig function without assuming the presence of any group in the samples (design matrix equal to a column of ones.)

#### Usage

```
fitZIG(object, assay_name = "counts", verbose = TRUE)
```

## **Arguments**

object a phyloseq object, a TreeSummarizedExperiment object, or a matrix of counts.

assay\_name the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object (default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

verbose an optional logical value. If TRUE information on the steps of the algorithm is printed. Default verbose = TRUE.

## Value

A data frame containing the continuity corrected logarithms of the average fitted values for each row of the matrix of counts in the Y column, and the estimated probability to observe a zero in the Y0 column.

```
# Generate some random counts
counts = matrix(rnbinom(n = 60, size = 3, prob = 0.5), nrow = 10, ncol = 6)
# Fit model on the counts matrix
ZIG <- fitZIG(counts)
head(ZIG)</pre>
```

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## **Description**

Fit a Zero-Inflated Negative Binomial (ZINB) distribution for each taxon of the countdata. The ZINB estimation procedure is performed by zinbwave zinbFit function with commondispersion = FALSE, regularization parameter epsilon = 1e10, and not assuming the presence of any group in the samples (design matrix equal to a column of ones.)

## Usage

```
fitZINB(object, assay_name = "counts", verbose = TRUE)
```

## **Arguments**

a phyloseq object, a TreeSummarizedExperiment object, or a matrix of counts. object the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object assay\_name (default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq. an optional logical value. If TRUE information on the steps of the algorithm is verbose

printed. Default verbose = TRUE.

## Value

A data frame containing the continuity corrected logarithms of the average fitted values for each row of the matrix of counts in the Y column, and the estimated probability to observe a zero in the Y0 column.

## **Examples**

```
# Generate some random counts
counts = matrix(rnbinom(n = 60, size = 3, prob = 0.5), nrow = 10, ncol = 6)
# Fit model on the counts matrix
ZINB <- fitZINB(counts)</pre>
head(ZINB)
```

getDA getDA

## **Description**

Inspect the list of p-values or/and log fold changes from the output of a differential abundance detection method.

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### Usage

```
getDA(
  method,
  slot = "pValMat",
  colName = "rawP",
  type = "pvalue",
  direction = NULL,
  threshold_pvalue = 1,
  threshold_logfc = 0,
  top = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

### **Arguments**

Method Output of a differential abundance detection method. pValMat, statInfo matri-

ces, and method's name must be present (See vignette for detailed information).

slot The slot name where to extract values (default slot = "pValMat").

colName The column name of the slot where to extract values (default colName = "rawP").

The value type of the column selected where to extract values. Two values are

possible: "pvalue" or "logfc" (default type = "pvalue").

direction statInfo's column name containing information about the signs of differential

abundance (usually log fold changes) (default direction = NULL).

threshold\_pvalue

Threshold value for p-values. If present, features with p-values lower than threshold\_pvalue are considered differentially abundant. Set threshold\_pvalue

= 1 to not filter by p-values.

threshold\_logfc

Threshold value for log fold changes. If present, features with log fold change absolute values higher than threshold\_logfc are considered differentially abundant for the second of the

dant. Set threshold\_logfc = 0 to not filter by log fold change values.

If not null, the top number of features, ordered by p-values or log fold change

values, are considered as differentially abundant (default top = NULL).

verbose Boolean to display the kind of extracted values (default verbose = FALSE).

### Value

top

A data.frame with several columns:

- stat which contains the p-values or the absolute log fold change values;
- direction which is present if method was a data. frame object, it contains the information about directionality of differential abundance (usually log fold changes);
- DA which can contain several values according to thresholds and inputs. "DA" or "non-DA" if method object was a vector, "UP Abundant", "DOWN Abundant", or "non-DA" if method was a data.frame.

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### See Also

```
getStatistics, extractDA
```

## **Examples**

```
data("ps_plaque_16S")
# Add scaling factors
ps_plaque_16S <- norm_edgeR(object = ps_plaque_16S, method = "TMM")</pre>
# DA analysis
da.limma <- DA_limma(</pre>
    object = ps_plaque_16S,
   design = ~ 1 + HMP_BODY_SUBSITE,
   coef = 2.
   norm = "TMM"
# features with p-value < 0.1 as DA
   method = da.limma, slot = "pValMat", colName = "rawP", type = "pvalue",
    direction = NULL, threshold_pvalue = 0.1, threshold_logfc = 0,
    top = NULL
)
# top 10 feature with highest logFC are DA
   method = da.limma, slot = "pValMat", colName = "rawP", type = "pvalue",
    direction = "logFC", threshold_pvalue = 1, threshold_logfc = 0, top = 10
\# features with p-value < 0.1 and |logFC| > 1 are DA
getDA(
    method = da.limma, slot = "pValMat", colName = "rawP", type = "pvalue",
    direction = "logFC", threshold_pvalue = 0.1, threshold_logfc = 1, top =
        NULL
# top 10 features with |logFC| > 1 are DA
getDA(
   method = da.limma, slot = "pValMat", colName = "rawP", type = "pvalue",
    direction = "logFC", threshold_pvalue = 1, threshold_logfc = 1, top = 10
)
```

getPositives

getPositives

### **Description**

Inspect the list of p-values or/and log fold changes from the output of a differential abundance detection method and count the True Positives (TP) and the False Positives (FP).

## Usage

```
getPositives(method, enrichmentCol, TP, FP)
```

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#### **Arguments**

method Output of differential abundance detection method in which DA information is

extracted by the getDA function, information related to enrichment is appropriately added through the addKnowledge function and the Fisher exact tests is performed for the contingency tables by the enrichmentTests function.

enrichmentCol name of the column containing information for enrichment analysis.

TP A list of length-2 vectors. The entries in the vector are the direction ("UP Abun-

dant", "DOWN Abundant", or "non-DA") in the first position, and the level of the enrichment variable (enrichmentCol) which is expected in that direction, in

the second position.

FP A list of length-2 vectors. The entries in the vector are the direction ("UP Abun-

dant", "DOWN Abundant", or "non-DA") in the first position, and the level of the enrichment variable (enrichmentCol) which is not expected in that direc-

tion, in the second position.

#### Value

A named vector containing the number of TPs and FPs.

#### See Also

```
createPositives.
```

```
data("ps_plaque_16S")
data("microbial metabolism")
# Extract genera from the phyloseq tax_table slot
genera <- phyloseq::tax_table(ps_plaque_16S)[, "GENUS"]</pre>
# Genera as rownames of microbial_metabolism data.frame
rownames(microbial_metabolism) <- microbial_metabolism$Genus</pre>
# Match OTUs to their metabolism
priorInfo <- data.frame(genera,</pre>
    "Type" = microbial_metabolism[genera, "Type"]
)
# Unmatched genera becomes "Unknown"
unknown_metabolism <- is.na(priorInfo$Type)</pre>
priorInfo[unknown_metabolism, "Type"] <- "Unknown"</pre>
priorInfo$Type <- factor(priorInfo$Type)</pre>
# Add a more informative names column
priorInfo[, "newNames"] <- paste0(rownames(priorInfo), priorInfo[, "GENUS"])</pre>
# DA Analysis
# Add scaling factors
ps_plaque_16S <- norm_edgeR(object = ps_plaque_16S, method = "TMM")</pre>
# DA analysis
da.limma <- DA_limma(</pre>
    object = ps_plaque_16S,
    design = ~ 1 + HMP_BODY_SUBSITE,
    coef = 2,
```

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```
norm = "TMM"
)
DA <- getDA(
    method = da.limma, slot = "pValMat", colName = "adjP",
    type = "pvalue", direction = "logFC", threshold_pvalue = 0.05,
    threshold_logfc = 1, top = NULL
# Add a priori information
DA_info <- addKnowledge(</pre>
    method = DA, priorKnowledge = priorInfo,
    enrichmentCol = "Type", namesCol = "newNames"
# Create contingency tables and compute F tests
DA_info_enriched <- enrichmentTest(</pre>
    method = DA_info, enrichmentCol = "Type",
    alternative = "greater"
)
# Count True and False Positives
DA_TP_FP <- getPositives(
    method = DA_info_enriched, enrichmentCol = "Type",
   TP = list(c("UP Abundant", "Aerobic"), c("DOWN Abundant", "Anaerobic")),
   FP = list(c("UP Abundant", "Anaerobic"), c("DOWN Abundant", "Aerobic"))
)
```

getStatistics

getStatistics

## **Description**

Extract the list of p-values or/and log fold changes from the output of a differential abundance detection method.

### Usage

```
getStatistics(
  method,
  slot = "pValMat",
  colName = "rawP",
  type = "pvalue",
  direction = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

method

Output of a differential abundance detection method. pValMat, statInfo matrices, and method's name must be present (See vignette for detailed information).

slot

The slot name where to extract values (default slot = "pValMat").

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colName	The column name of the slot where to extract values (default colName = "rawP").
type	The value type of the column selected where to extract values. Two values are possible: "pvalue" or "logfc" (default type = "pvalue").
direction	statInfo's column name containing information about the signs of differential abundance (usually log fold changes) (default direction = NULL).
verbose	Boolean to display the kind of extracted values (default verbose = FALSE).

### Value

A vector or a data.frame. If direction = NULL, the colname column values, transformed according to type (not transformed if type = "pvalue", -abs(value) if type = "logfc"), of the slot are reported, otherwise the direction column of the statInfo matrix is added to the output.

#### See Also

#### extractStatistics

```
data("ps_plaque_16S")
# Add scaling factors
ps_plaque_16S <- norm_edgeR(object = ps_plaque_16S, method = "TMM")</pre>
# DA analysis
da.limma <- DA_limma(</pre>
   object = ps_plaque_16S,
   design = ~ 1 + HMP_BODY_SUBSITE,
   coef = 2,
   norm = "TMM"
# get p-values
getStatistics(
   method = da.limma, slot = "pValMat", colName = "rawP",
    type = "pvalue", direction = NULL
# get negative abs(logFC) values
getStatistics(
   method = da.limma, slot = "statInfo", colName = "logFC",
    type = "logfc", direction = NULL
)
# get p-values and logFC
getStatistics(
   method = da.limma, slot = "pValMat", colName = "rawP",
    type = "pvalue", direction = "logFC"
)
```

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#### **Description**

Check whether the input object is a phyloseq or a TreeSummarizedExperiment, then extract the requested data slots.

## Usage

```
get_counts_metadata(
  object,
  assay_name = "counts",
  min_counts = 0,
  min_samples = 0
)
```

## **Arguments**

object	a phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object.
assay_name	the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object (default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.
min_counts	Parameter to filter taxa. Set this number to keep features with more than min_counts counts in more than min_samples samples (default min_counts = 0).
min_samples	Parameter to filter taxa. Set this number to keep features with a min_counts counts in more than min_samples samples (default min_samples = 0).

#### Value

a list of results:

- countsthe otu\_table slot or assayName assay of the phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object;
- metadatathe sample\_data or colData slot of the phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object;
- is\_phyloseqa boolean equal to TRUE if the input is a phyloseq object.

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```
# Or with a TreeSummarizedExperiment
tse <- TreeSummarizedExperiment::TreeSummarizedExperiment(
    assays = list("counts" = counts), colData = metadata)
get_counts_metadata(tse)</pre>
```

iterative\_ordering

*iterativeOrdering* 

## **Description**

Turn the chosen columns (factor) of the input data. frame into ordered factors. For each factor, the order is given by the number of elements in each level of that factor.

## Usage

```
iterative_ordering(df, var_names, i = 1, decreasing = TRUE)
```

## **Arguments**

df a data. frame object.

var\_names character vector containing the names of one or more columns of df.

i iteration index (default i = 1).

decreasing logical value or a vector of them. Each value should be associated to a var\_name

vector's element. Should the sort order be increasing or decreasing?

## Value

the input data. frame with the var\_names variables as ordered factors.

### See Also

```
plot {\tt MutualFindings}
```

```
# From a dataset with some factor columns
mpg <- data.frame(ggplot2::mpg)
# Order the levels of the desired factors based on the cardinality of each
# level.
ordered_mpg <- iterative_ordering(df = mpg,
    var_names = c("manufacturer", "model"),
    decreasing = c(TRUE, TRUE))
# Now the levels of the factors are ordered in a decreasing way
levels(ordered_mpg$manufacturer)
levels(ordered_mpg$model)</pre>
```

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## **Description**

Compute the differences between the estimated and the observed continuity corrected logarithms of the average count values (MD), and between the estimated average probability to observe a zero and the the observed zero rate (ZPD).

### Usage

```
meanDifferences(estimated, observed)
```

## **Arguments**

estimated a two column data.frame, output of fitNB, fitZINB, fitDM, fitZIG, or fitHURDLE

functions. More in general, a data frame containing the continuity corrected logarithm for the average of the fitted values for each row of a matrix of counts in the Y column, and the estimated probability to observe a zero in the Y0 column.

observed a two column data frame, output of prepareObserved function. More in gen-

eral, a data frame containing the continuity corrected logarithm for the average of the observed values for each row of a matrix of counts in the Y column, and

the estimated proportion of zeroes in the Y0 column.

#### Value

a data. frame containing the differences between the estimated and the observed continuity corrected logarithms of the average count values in the MD column, and between the estimated average probability to observe a zero and the the observed zero rate in the ZPD column.

### See Also

prepareObserved.

### **Examples**

```
# Randomly generate the observed and estimated data.frames observed <- data.frame(Y = rpois(10, 5), Y0 = runif(10, 0, 1)) estimated <- data.frame(Y = rpois(10, 5), Y0 = runif(10, 0, 1))
```

# Compute the mean differences between estimated and observed data.frames meanDifferences(estimated, observed)

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microbial\_metabolism (Data) Microbial metabolism

### **Description**

Aerobic, Anaerobic, or Facultative Anaerobic microbes by genus (NYC-HANES study).

## Usage

```
data(microbial_metabolism)
```

#### **Format**

A data. frame object

norm\_CSS

norm\_CSS

## **Description**

Calculate normalization factors from a phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object. Inherited from metagenomeSeq calcNormFactors function which performs the Cumulative Sum Scaling normalization.

## Usage

```
norm_CSS(object, assay_name = "counts", method = "CSS", verbose = TRUE)
```

## **Arguments**

object a phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object.

assay\_name the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object

(default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

method normalization method to be used (only CSS).

verbose an optional logical value. If TRUE, information about the steps of the algorithm

is printed. Default verbose = TRUE.

### Value

A new column containing the CSS normalization factors is added to the sample\_data slot of the phyloseq object or the colData slot of the TreeSummarizedExperiment object.

### See Also

calcNormFactors for details. setNormalizations and runNormalizations to fastly set and run normalizations.

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## **Examples**

```
set.seed(1)
# Create a very simple phyloseq object
counts \leftarrow matrix(rnbinom(n = 60, size = 3, prob = 0.5), nrow = 10, ncol = 6)
metadata <- data.frame("Sample" = c("S1", "S2", "S3", "S4", "S5", "S6"),</pre>
                        "group" = as.factor(c("A", "A", "A", "B", "B", "B")))
ps <- phyloseq::phyloseq(phyloseq::otu_table(counts, taxa_are_rows = TRUE),</pre>
                          phyloseq::sample_data(metadata))
# Calculate the normalization factors
ps_NF <- norm_CSS(object = ps, method = "CSS")</pre>
# The phyloseq object now contains the normalization factors:
CSSFacts <- phyloseq::sample_data(ps_NF)[, "NF.CSS"]</pre>
head(CSSFacts)
# VERY IMPORTANT: metagenomeSeq uses scaling factors to normalize counts
# (even though they are called normalization factors). These factors are used
# internally by a regression model. To make CSS size factors available for
# edgeR, we need to transform them into normalization factors. This is
# possible by dividing the factors for the library sizes and renormalizing.
normCSSFacts = CSSFacts / colSums(phyloseq::otu_table(ps_stool_16S))
# Renormalize: multiply to 1
normFacts = normCSSFacts/exp(colMeans(log(normCSSFacts)))
```

norm\_DESeq2

norm DESeq2

# **Description**

Calculate size factors from a phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object. Inherited from DE-Seq2 estimateSizeFactors function.

## Usage

```
norm_DESeq2(
  object,
  assay_name = "counts",
  method = c("ratio", "poscounts", "iterate"),
  verbose = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

object a phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object.

assay\_name the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object (default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

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method

Method for estimation: either "ratio", "poscounts", or "iterate". "ratio" uses the standard median ratio method introduced in DESeq. The size factor is the median ratio of the sample over a "pseudosample": for each gene, the geometric mean of all samples. "poscounts" and "iterate" offer alternative estimators, which can be used even when all features contain a sample with a zero (a problem for the default method, as the geometric mean becomes zero, and the ratio undefined). The "poscounts" estimator deals with a feature with some zeros, by calculating a modified geometric mean by taking the n-th root of the product of the non-zero counts. This evolved out of use cases with Paul McMurdie's phyloseq package for metagenomic samples. The "iterate" estimator iterates between estimating the dispersion with a design of ~1, and finding a size factor vector by numerically optimizing the likelihood of the ~1 model.

verbose

an optional logical value. If TRUE, information about the steps of the algorithm

is printed. Default verbose = TRUE.

... other parameters for DESeq2 estimateSizeFactors function.

#### Value

A new column containing the chosen DESeq2-based size factors is added to the sample\_data slot of the phyloseq object or the colData slot of the TreeSummarizedExperiment object.

#### See Also

estimateSizeFactors for details. setNormalizations and runNormalizations to fastly set and run normalizations.

```
set.seed(1)
# Create a very simple phyloseq object
counts \leftarrow matrix(rnbinom(n = 60, size = 3, prob = 0.5), nrow = 10, ncol = 6)
metadata <- data.frame("Sample" = c("S1", "S2", "S3", "S4", "S5", "S6"),</pre>
                        "group" = as.factor(c("A", "A", "A", "B", "B", "B")))
ps <- phyloseq::phyloseq(phyloseq::otu_table(counts, taxa_are_rows = TRUE),</pre>
                          phyloseq::sample_data(metadata))
# Calculate the size factors
ps_NF <- norm_DESeq2(object = ps, method = "poscounts")</pre>
# The phyloseg object now contains the size factors:
sizeFacts <- phyloseq::sample_data(ps_NF)[, "NF.poscounts"]</pre>
head(sizeFacts)
# VERY IMPORTANT: DESeq2 uses size factors to normalize counts.
# These factors are used internally by a regression model. To make DEseq2
# size factors available for edgeR, we need to transform them into
# normalization factors. This is possible by dividing the factors by the
# library sizes and renormalizing.
normSizeFacts = sizeFacts / colSums(phyloseq::otu_table(ps_stool_16S))
# Renormalize: multiply to 1
normFacts = normSizeFacts/exp(colMeans(log(normSizeFacts)))
```

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# Description

 $Calculate\ normalization\ factors\ from\ a\ phyloseq\ or\ TreeSummarized Experiment\ object.\ Inherited\ from\ edgeR\ calcNormFactors\ function.$ 

# Usage

```
norm_edgeR(
  object,
  assay_name = "counts",
method = c("TMM", "TMMwsp", "RLE", "upperquartile", "posupperquartile", "none"),
  refColumn = NULL,
  logratioTrim = 0.3,
  sumTrim = 0.05,
  doWeighting = TRUE,
  Acutoff = -1e+10,
  p = 0.75,
  verbose = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

## **Arguments**

object	a phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object.
assay_name	the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object (default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.
method	normalization method to be used. Choose between TMM, TMMwsp, RLE, upper quartile, posupper quartile or none.
refColumn	column to use as reference for method="TMM". Can be a column number or a numeric vector of length nrow(object).
logratioTrim	the fraction (0 to 0.5) of observations to be trimmed from each tail of the distribution of log-ratios (M-values) before computing the mean. Used by $method="TMM"$ for each pair of samples.
sumTrim	the fraction (0 to 0.5) of observations to be trimmed from each tail of the distribution of A-values before computing the mean. Used by method="TMM" for each pair of samples.
doWeighting	logical, whether to use (asymptotic binomial precision) weights when computing the mean M-values. Used by method="TMM" for each pair of samples.
Acutoff	minimum cutoff applied to A-values. Count pairs with lower A-values are ignored. Used by method="TMM" for each pair of samples.
p	numeric value between 0 and 1 specifying which quantile of the counts should be used by method="upperquartile".

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verbose an optional logical value. If TRUE, information about the steps of the algorithm is printed. Default verbose = TRUE.

... other arguments are not currently used.

#### Value

A new column containing the chosen edgeR-based normalization factors is added to the sample\_data slot of the phyloseq object or the colData slot of the TreeSummarizedExperiment object.

#### See Also

```
calcNormFactors for details.
setNormalizations and runNormalizations to fastly set and run normalizations.
```

## **Examples**

```
set.seed(1)
# Create a very simple phyloseq object
counts \leftarrow matrix(rnbinom(n = 60, size = 3, prob = 0.5), nrow = 10, ncol = 6)
metadata <- data.frame("Sample" = c("S1", "S2", "S3", "S4", "S5", "S6"),</pre>
                        "group" = as.factor(c("A", "A", "A", "B", "B", "B")))
ps <- phyloseq::phyloseq(phyloseq::otu_table(counts, taxa_are_rows = TRUE),</pre>
                          phyloseq::sample_data(metadata))
# Calculate the normalization factors
ps_NF <- norm_edgeR(object = ps, method = "TMM")</pre>
# The phyloseq object now contains the normalization factors:
normFacts <- phyloseq::sample_data(ps_NF)[, "NF.TMM"]</pre>
head(normFacts)
# VERY IMPORTANT: edgeR uses normalization factors to normalize library sizes
# not counts. They are used internally by a regression model. To make edgeR
# normalization factors available for other methods, such as DESeq2 or other
# DA methods based on scaling or size factors, we need to transform them into
# size factors. This is possible by multiplying the factors for the library
# sizes and renormalizing.
normLibSize = normFacts * colSums(phyloseq::otu_table(ps_stool_16S))
# Renormalize: multiply to 1
sizeFacts = normLibSize/exp(colMeans(log(normLibSize)))
```

norm\_TSS

norm\_TSS

### **Description**

Calculate the Total Sum Scaling (TSS) factors for a phyloseq or a TreeSummarizedExperiment object, i.e. the library sizes. If the counts are divided by the scaling factors, a relative abundance is obtained.

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### Usage

```
norm_TSS(object, assay_name = "counts", method = "TSS", verbose = TRUE)
```

## **Arguments**

object a phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object.

assay\_name the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object

(default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

method normalization method to be used.

verbose an optional logical value. If TRUE, information about the steps of the algorithm

is printed. Default verbose = TRUE.

#### Value

A new column containing the TSS scaling factors is added to the sample\_data slot of the phyloseq object or the colData slot of the TreeSummarizedExperiment object.

#### See Also

setNormalizations and runNormalizations to fastly set and run normalizations.

## **Examples**

plotConcordance

plotConcordance

### **Description**

Produce a list of graphical outputs summarizing the between and within method concordance.

## Usage

```
plotConcordance(concordance, threshold = NULL, cols = NULL)
```

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## **Arguments**

concordance A long format data. frame produced by createConcordance function.

threshold The threshold for rank (x-axis upper limit if all methods have a higher number

of computed statistics).

cols A named vector containing the color hex codes.

#### Value

A 2 elements list of ggplot2 class objects:

• concordanceDendrogram which contains the vertically directioned dendrogram for the methods involved in the concordance analysis;

concordanceHeatmap which contains the heatmap of between and within method concordances.

#### See Also

createConcordance

```
data(ps_plaque_16S)
# Balanced design
my_splits <- createSplits(</pre>
    object = ps_plaque_16S, varName = "HMP_BODY_SUBSITE", balanced = TRUE,
    paired = "RSID", N = 10 # N = 100 suggested
)
# Make sure the subject ID variable is a factor
phyloseq::sample_data(ps_plaque_16S)[, "RSID"] <- as.factor(</pre>
    phyloseq::sample_data(ps_plaque_16S)[["RSID"]])
# Initialize some limma based methods
my_limma <- set_limma(design = ~ RSID + HMP_BODY_SUBSITE,</pre>
    coef = "HMP_BODY_SUBSITESupragingival Plaque",
    norm = c("TMM", "CSS"))
# Set the normalization methods according to the DA methods
my_norm <- setNormalizations(fun = c("norm_edgeR", "norm_CSS"),</pre>
    method = c("TMM", "CSS"))
# Run methods on split datasets
results <- runSplits(split_list = my_splits, method_list = my_limma,
    normalization_list = my_norm, object = ps_plaque_16S)
# Concordance for p-values
concordance_pvalues <- createConcordance(</pre>
    object = results, slot = "pValMat", colName = "rawP", type = "pvalue"
)
```

```
# plot concordances from rank 1 to 50.
plotConcordance(
    concordance = concordance_pvalues,
    threshold = 50
)
```

plotConcordanceDendrogram

plotConcordanceDendrogram

# Description

Plots the method's dendrogram of concordances.

# Usage

```
plotConcordanceDendrogram(hc, direction = "v", cols)
```

## **Arguments**

hc Hierarchical clustering results produced in plotConcordance function.

direction vertical (default direction = "v") or horizontal (direction = "h").

cols A named vector containing the color hex codes.

## Value

```
a ggplot2 object
```

## See Also

createConcordance and plotConcordance

```
plotConcordanceHeatmap
```

plotConcordanceHeatmap

# Description

Plots the heatmap of concordances.

## Usage

```
plotConcordanceHeatmap(c_df, threshold, cols)
```

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## **Arguments**

c\_df A simplified concordance data.frame produced in plotConcordance function.

threshold The threshold for rank (x-axis upper limit if all methods have a higher number

of computed statistics).

cols A named vector containing the color hex codes.

#### Value

a ggplot2 object

#### See Also

createConcordance and plotConcordance

plotContingency plotContingency

# Description

Plot of the contingency tables for the chosen method. The top-left cells are colored, according to Fisher exact tests' p-values, if the number of features in those cells are enriched.

## Usage

```
plotContingency(enrichment, method, levels_to_plot)
```

# **Arguments**

enrichment enrichment object produced by createEnrichment function.

method name of the method to plot.

levels\_to\_plot A character vector containing the levels of the enrichment variable to plot.

## Value

a ggplot2 object.

## See Also

createEnrichment, plotEnrichment, and plotMutualFindings.

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```
data("ps_plaque_16S")
data("microbial_metabolism")
# Extract genera from the phyloseq tax_table slot
genera <- phyloseq::tax_table(ps_plaque_16S)[, "GENUS"]</pre>
# Genera as rownames of microbial_metabolism data.frame
rownames(microbial_metabolism) <- microbial_metabolism$Genus</pre>
# Match OTUs to their metabolism
priorInfo <- data.frame(genera,</pre>
    "Type" = microbial_metabolism[genera, "Type"])
# Unmatched genera becomes "Unknown"
unknown_metabolism <- is.na(priorInfo$Type)</pre>
priorInfo[unknown_metabolism, "Type"] <- "Unknown"</pre>
priorInfo$Type <- factor(priorInfo$Type)</pre>
# Add a more informative names column
priorInfo[, "newNames"] <- paste0(rownames(priorInfo), priorInfo[, "GENUS"])</pre>
# Add some normalization/scaling factors to the phyloseq object
my_norm <- setNormalizations(fun = c("norm_edgeR", "norm_CSS"),</pre>
    method = c("TMM", "CSS"))
ps_plaque_16S <- runNormalizations(normalization_list = my_norm,</pre>
    object = ps_plaque_16S)
# Initialize some limma based methods
my_limma <- set_limma(design = ~ 1 + RSID + HMP_BODY_SUBSITE,</pre>
    coef = "HMP_BODY_SUBSITESupragingival Plaque",
    norm = c("TMM", "CSS"))
# Make sure the subject ID variable is a factor
phyloseq::sample_data(ps_plaque_16S)[, "RSID"] <- as.factor(</pre>
    phyloseq::sample_data(ps_plaque_16S)[["RSID"]])
# Perform DA analysis
Plaque_16S_DA <- runDA(method_list = my_limma, object = ps_plaque_16S)
# Enrichment analysis
enrichment <- createEnrichment(object = Plaque_16S_DA,</pre>
    priorKnowledge = priorInfo, enrichmentCol = "Type", namesCol = "GENUS",
    slot = "pValMat", colName = "adjP", type = "pvalue", direction = "logFC",
    threshold_pvalue = 0.1, threshold_logfc = 1, top = 10, verbose = TRUE)
# Contingency tables
plotContingency(enrichment = enrichment, method = "limma.TMM")
# Barplots
plotEnrichment(enrichment, enrichmentCol = "Type")
# Mutual findings
plotMutualFindings(
    enrichment = enrichment, enrichmentCol = "Type",
    n_methods = 1
)
```

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plotEnrichment

plotEnrichment

### **Description**

Summary plot for the number of differentially abundant (DA) features and their association with enrichment variable. If some features are UP-Abundant or DOWN-Abundant (or just DA), several bars will be represented in the corresponding direction. Significance thresholds are reported over/under each bar, according to the Fisher exact tests.

#### Usage

```
plotEnrichment(enrichment, enrichmentCol, levels_to_plot)
```

## **Arguments**

```
enrichment enrichment object produced by createEnrichment function.

enrichmentCol name of the column containing information for enrichment analysis.

levels_to_plot A character vector containing the levels of the enrichment variable to plot.
```

#### Value

```
a ggplot2 object.
```

## See Also

createEnrichment, plotContingency, and plotMutualFindings.

```
data("ps_plaque_16S")
data("microbial_metabolism")
# Extract genera from the phyloseq tax_table slot
genera <- phyloseq::tax_table(ps_plaque_16S)[, "GENUS"]</pre>
# Genera as rownames of microbial_metabolism data.frame
rownames(microbial_metabolism) <- microbial_metabolism$Genus</pre>
# Match OTUs to their metabolism
priorInfo <- data.frame(genera,</pre>
    "Type" = microbial_metabolism[genera, "Type"])
# Unmatched genera becomes "Unknown"
unknown_metabolism <- is.na(priorInfo$Type)
priorInfo[unknown_metabolism, "Type"] <- "Unknown"</pre>
priorInfo$Type <- factor(priorInfo$Type)</pre>
# Add a more informative names column
priorInfo[, "newNames"] <- paste0(rownames(priorInfo), priorInfo[, "GENUS"])</pre>
# Add some normalization/scaling factors to the phyloseq object
```

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```
my_norm <- setNormalizations(fun = c("norm_edgeR", "norm_CSS"),</pre>
    method = c("TMM", "CSS"))
ps_plaque_16S <- runNormalizations(normalization_list = my_norm,</pre>
    object = ps_plaque_16S)
# Initialize some limma based methods
my_limma <- set_limma(design = ~ 1 + RSID + HMP_BODY_SUBSITE,</pre>
    coef = "HMP_BODY_SUBSITESupragingival Plaque",
    norm = c("TMM", "CSS"))
# Make sure the subject ID variable is a factor
phyloseq::sample\_data(ps\_plaque\_16S)[, "RSID"] <- as.factor(
    phyloseq::sample_data(ps_plaque_16S)[["RSID"]])
# Perform DA analysis
Plaque_16S_DA <- runDA(method_list = my_limma, object = ps_plaque_16S)</pre>
# Enrichment analysis
enrichment <- createEnrichment(object = Plaque_16S_DA,</pre>
    priorKnowledge = priorInfo, enrichmentCol = "Type", namesCol = "GENUS",
    slot = "pValMat", colName = "adjP", type = "pvalue", direction = "logFC",
    threshold_pvalue = 0.1, threshold_logfc = 1, top = 10, verbose = TRUE)
# Contingency tables
plotContingency(enrichment = enrichment, method = "limma.TMM")
# Barplots
plotEnrichment(enrichment, enrichmentCol = "Type")
# Mutual findings
plotMutualFindings(
    enrichment = enrichment, enrichmentCol = "Type",
    n_{methods} = 1
)
```

plotFDR

plotFDR

### **Description**

Draw the nominal false discovery rates for the 0.01, 0.05, and 0.1 levels.

## Usage

```
plotFDR(df_FDR, cols = NULL)
```

## Arguments

df\_FDR a data.frame produced by the createTIEC function, containing the FDR values.

cols named vector of colors.

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#### Value

A ggplot object.

### **Examples**

```
# Load some data
data(ps_stool_16S)
# Generate the patterns for 10 mock comparison for an experiment
\# (N = 1000 is suggested)
mocks <- createMocks(nsamples = phyloseq::nsamples(ps_stool_16S), N = 10)</pre>
head(mocks)
# Add some normalization/scaling factors to the phyloseq object
my_norm <- setNormalizations(fun = c("norm_edgeR", "norm_CSS"),</pre>
    method = c("TMM", "CSS"))
ps_stool_16S <- runNormalizations(normalization_list = my_norm,</pre>
    object = ps_stool_16S)
# Initialize some limma based methods
my_limma <- set_limma(design = ~ group, coef = 2,</pre>
    norm = c("TMM", "CSS"))
# Run methods on mock datasets
results <- runMocks(mocks = mocks, method_list = my_limma,
    object = ps_stool_16S)
# Prepare results for Type I Error Control
TIEC_summary <- createTIEC(results)</pre>
# Plot the results
plotFPR(df_FPR = TIEC_summary$df_FPR)
plotFDR(df_FDR = TIEC_summary$df_FDR)
plotQQ(df_QQ = TIEC_summary$df_QQ, zoom = c(0, 0.1))
plotKS(df_KS = TIEC_summary$df_KS)
plotLogP(df_QQ = TIEC_summary$df_QQ)
```

plotFPR

plotFPR

## **Description**

Draw the boxplots of the proportions of p-values lower than 0.01, 0.05, and 0.1 thresholds for each method.

## Usage

```
plotFPR(df_FPR, cols = NULL)
```

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## Arguments

df\_FPR a data.frame produced by the createTIEC function, containing the FPR values.

cols named vector of colors.

#### Value

A ggplot object.

# Examples

```
# Load some data
data(ps_stool_16S)
# Generate the patterns for 10 mock comparison for an experiment
\# (N = 1000 is suggested)
mocks <- createMocks(nsamples = phyloseq::nsamples(ps_stool_16S), N = 10)</pre>
head(mocks)
# Add some normalization/scaling factors to the phyloseg object
my_norm <- setNormalizations(fun = c("norm_edgeR", "norm_CSS"),</pre>
    method = c("TMM", "CSS"))
ps_stool_16S <- runNormalizations(normalization_list = my_norm,</pre>
    object = ps_stool_16S)
# Initialize some limma based methods
my_limma <- set_limma(design = ~ group, coef = 2,</pre>
    norm = c("TMM", "CSS"))
# Run methods on mock datasets
results <- runMocks(mocks = mocks, method_list = my_limma,
    object = ps_stool_16S)
# Prepare results for Type I Error Control
TIEC_summary <- createTIEC(results)</pre>
# Plot the results
plotFPR(df_FPR = TIEC_summary$df_FPR)
plotFDR(df_FDR = TIEC_summary$df_FDR)
plotQQ(df_QQ = TIEC_summary$df_QQ, zoom = c(0, 0.1))
plotKS(df_KS = TIEC_summary$df_KS)
plotLogP(df_QQ = TIEC_summary$df_QQ)
```

plotKS

plotKS

#### **Description**

Draw the boxplots of the Kolmogorov-Smirnov test statistics for the p-value distributions across the mock comparisons.

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#### Usage

```
plotKS(df_KS, cols = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

df\_KS a data. frame produced by the createTIEC function containing the KS statistics and their p-values.

cols named vector of colors.

#### Value

A ggplot object.

```
# Load some data
data(ps_stool_16S)
# Generate the patterns for 10 mock comparison for an experiment
\# (N = 1000 is suggested)
mocks <- createMocks(nsamples = phyloseq::nsamples(ps_stool_16S), N = 10)</pre>
head(mocks)
# Add some normalization/scaling factors to the phyloseq object
my_norm <- setNormalizations(fun = c("norm_edgeR", "norm_CSS"),</pre>
    method = c("TMM", "CSS"))
ps_stool_16S <- runNormalizations(normalization_list = my_norm,</pre>
    object = ps_stool_16S)
# Initialize some limma based methods
my_limma <- set_limma(design = ~ group, coef = 2,</pre>
    norm = c("TMM", "CSS"))
# Run methods on mock datasets
results <- runMocks(mocks = mocks, method_list = my_limma,</pre>
    object = ps_stool_16S)
# Prepare results for Type I Error Control
TIEC_summary <- createTIEC(results)</pre>
# Plot the results
plotFPR(df_FPR = TIEC_summary$df_FPR)
plotFDR(df_FDR = TIEC_summary$df_FDR)
plotQQ(df_QQ = TIEC_summary df_QQ, zoom = c(0, 0.1))
plotKS(df_KS = TIEC_summary$df_KS)
plotLogP(df_QQ = TIEC_summary$df_QQ)
```

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### **Description**

Draw the p-values or the average p-values distribution across the mock comparisons in logarithmic scale.

### Usage

```
plotLogP(df_pval = NULL, df_QQ = NULL, cols = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

df_pval	a data.frame produced by the createTIEC function, containing the p-values for each taxon, method, and mock comparison. It is used to draw the negative $log10$ p-values distribution. If df_pval is supplied, let df_QQ = NULL.
df_QQ	a data.frame produced by the createTIEC function, containing the average p-values for each quantile and method. It is used to draw the negative log10 average p-values distribution. If df_QQ is supplied, let df_pval = NULL.
cols	named vector of colors.

### Value

A ggplot object.

```
# Load some data
data(ps_stool_16S)
# Generate the patterns for 10 mock comparison for an experiment
\# (N = 1000 is suggested)
mocks <- createMocks(nsamples = phyloseq::nsamples(ps_stool_16S), N = 10)</pre>
head(mocks)
# Add some normalization/scaling factors to the phyloseq object
my_norm <- setNormalizations(fun = c("norm_edgeR", "norm_CSS"),</pre>
    method = c("TMM", "CSS"))
ps_stool_16S <- runNormalizations(normalization_list = my_norm,</pre>
    object = ps_stool_16S)
# Initialize some limma based methods
my_limma <- set_limma(design = ~ group, coef = 2,</pre>
    norm = c("TMM", "CSS"))
# Run methods on mock datasets
results <- runMocks(mocks = mocks, method_list = my_limma,
```

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```
object = ps_stool_16S)

# Prepare results for Type I Error Control
TIEC_summary <- createTIEC(results)

# Plot the results
plotFPR(df_FPR = TIEC_summary$df_FPR)
plotFDR(df_FDR = TIEC_summary$df_FDR)
plotQQ(df_QQ = TIEC_summary$df_QQ, zoom = c(0, 0.1))
plotKS(df_KS = TIEC_summary$df_KS)
plotLogP(df_QQ = TIEC_summary$df_QQ)</pre>
```

plotMD

plotMD

# Description

A function to plot mean difference (MD) and zero probability difference (ZPD) values between estimated and observed values.

## Usage

```
plotMD(data, difference = NULL, split = TRUE)
```

# Arguments

data	a list, output of the fitModels function. Each element of the list is a 'data.frame' object with Model, Y, Y0, MD, and ZPD columns containing the model name, the observed values for the mean and the zero proportion and the differences between observed and estimated values.
difference	character vector, either MD or ZPD to plot the differences between estimated and observed mean counts or the differences between estimated zero probability and observed zero proportion.
split	Display each model mean differences in different facets (default split = TRUE). If FALSE, points are not displayed for more clear representation.

## Value

```
a ggplot object.
```

#### See Also

fitModels and RMSE for the model estimations and the RMSE computations respectively. plotRMSE for the graphical evaluation of the RMSE values.

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#### **Examples**

```
# Generate some random counts
counts = matrix(rnbinom(n = 600, size = 3, prob = 0.5), nrow = 100, ncol = 6)

# Estimate the counts assuming several distributions
GOF <- fitModels(
    object = counts, models = c(
        "NB", "ZINB",
        "DM", "ZIG", "HURDLE"
    ), scale_HURDLE = c("median", "default")
)

# Plot the results
plotMD(data = GOF, difference = "MD", split = TRUE)
plotMD(data = GOF, difference = "ZPD", split = TRUE)</pre>
```

plotMutualFindings

plotMutualFindings

# Description

Plot and filter the features which are considered differentially abundant, simultaneously, by a specified number of methods.

## Usage

```
plotMutualFindings(enrichment, enrichmentCol, levels_to_plot, n_methods = 1)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
enrichment enrichment object produced by createEnrichment function.

enrichmentCol name of the column containing information for enrichment analysis.

levels_to_plot A character vector containing the levels of the enrichment variable to plot.

n_methods minimum number of method that mutually find the features.
```

#### Value

```
a ggplot2 object.
```

### See Also

```
createEnrichment, plotEnrichment, and plotContingency.
```

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```
data("ps_plaque_16S")
data("microbial_metabolism")
# Extract genera from the phyloseq tax_table slot
genera <- phyloseq::tax_table(ps_plaque_16S)[, "GENUS"]</pre>
# Genera as rownames of microbial_metabolism data.frame
rownames(microbial_metabolism) <- microbial_metabolism$Genus</pre>
# Match OTUs to their metabolism
priorInfo <- data.frame(genera,</pre>
    "Type" = microbial_metabolism[genera, "Type"])
# Unmatched genera becomes "Unknown"
unknown_metabolism <- is.na(priorInfo$Type)</pre>
priorInfo[unknown_metabolism, "Type"] <- "Unknown"</pre>
priorInfo$Type <- factor(priorInfo$Type)</pre>
# Add a more informative names column
priorInfo[, "newNames"] <- paste0(rownames(priorInfo), priorInfo[, "GENUS"])</pre>
# Add some normalization/scaling factors to the phyloseq object
my_norm <- setNormalizations(fun = c("norm_edgeR", "norm_CSS"),</pre>
   method = c("TMM", "CSS"))
ps_plaque_16S <- runNormalizations(normalization_list = my_norm,</pre>
    object = ps_plaque_16S)
# Initialize some limma based methods
my_limma <- set_limma(design = ~ 1 + RSID + HMP_BODY_SUBSITE,</pre>
    coef = "HMP_BODY_SUBSITESupragingival Plaque",
    norm = c("TMM", "CSS"))
# Make sure the subject ID variable is a factor
phyloseq::sample_data(ps_plaque_16S)[, "RSID"] <- as.factor(</pre>
    phyloseq::sample_data(ps_plaque_16S)[["RSID"]])
# Perform DA analysis
Plaque_16S_DA <- runDA(method_list = my_limma, object = ps_plaque_16S)
# Enrichment analysis
enrichment <- createEnrichment(object = Plaque_16S_DA,</pre>
    priorKnowledge = priorInfo, enrichmentCol = "Type", namesCol = "GENUS",
    slot = "pValMat", colName = "adjP", type = "pvalue", direction = "logFC",
    threshold_pvalue = 0.1, threshold_logfc = 1, top = 10, verbose = TRUE)
# Contingency tables
plotContingency(enrichment = enrichment, method = "limma.TMM")
# Barplots
plotEnrichment(enrichment, enrichmentCol = "Type")
# Mutual findings
plotMutualFindings(
    enrichment = enrichment, enrichmentCol = "Type",
    n_methods = 1
```

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### **Description**

Plot the difference between the number of true positives (TP) and false positives (FP) for each method and for each 'top' threshold provided by the createPositives() function.

### Usage

```
plotPositives(positives, cols = NULL)
```

### Arguments

positives data.frame object produced by createPositives() function.

cols named vector of cols (default cols = NULL).

#### Value

a ggplot2 object.

#### See Also

```
getPositives, createPositives.
```

```
data("ps_plaque_16S")
data("microbial_metabolism")
# Extract genera from the phyloseq tax_table slot
genera <- phyloseq::tax_table(ps_plaque_16S)[, "GENUS"]</pre>
# Genera as rownames of microbial_metabolism data.frame
rownames(microbial_metabolism) <- microbial_metabolism$Genus</pre>
# Match OTUs to their metabolism
priorInfo <- data.frame(genera,</pre>
    "Type" = microbial_metabolism[genera, "Type"])
# Unmatched genera becomes "Unknown"
unknown_metabolism <- is.na(priorInfo$Type)</pre>
priorInfo[unknown_metabolism, "Type"] <- "Unknown"</pre>
priorInfo$Type <- factor(priorInfo$Type)</pre>
# Add a more informative names column
priorInfo[, "newNames"] <- paste0(rownames(priorInfo), priorInfo[, "GENUS"])</pre>
# Add some normalization/scaling factors to the phyloseq object
my_norm <- setNormalizations(fun = c("norm_edgeR", "norm_CSS"),</pre>
    method = c("TMM", "CSS"))
ps_plaque_16S <- runNormalizations(normalization_list = my_norm,</pre>
    object = ps_plaque_16S)
```

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```
# Initialize some limma based methods
my_limma <- set_limma(design = ~ 1 + RSID + HMP_BODY_SUBSITE,</pre>
    coef = "HMP_BODY_SUBSITESupragingival Plaque",
    norm = c("TMM", "CSS"))
# Make sure the subject ID variable is a factor
phyloseq::sample_data(ps_plaque_16S)[, "RSID"] <- as.factor(</pre>
    phyloseq::sample_data(ps_plaque_16S)[["RSID"]])
# Perform DA analysis
Plaque_16S_DA <- runDA(method_list = my_limma, object = ps_plaque_16S)</pre>
# Count TPs and FPs, from the top 1 to the top 20 features.
# As direction is supplied, features are ordered by "logFC" absolute values.
positives <- createPositives(object = Plaque_16S_DA,</pre>
    priorKnowledge = priorInfo, enrichmentCol = "Type";
   namesCol = "newNames", slot = "pValMat", colName = "rawP",
    type = "pvalue", direction = "logFC", threshold_pvalue = 1,
    threshold_logfc = 0, top = 1:20, alternative = "greater",
    verbose = FALSE,
    TP = list(c("DOWN Abundant", "Anaerobic"), c("UP Abundant", "Aerobic")),
   FP = list(c("DOWN Abundant", "Aerobic"), c("UP Abundant", "Anaerobic")))
# Plot the TP-FP differences for each threshold
plotPositives(positives = positives)
```

plotQQ

plotQQ

# Description

Draw the average QQ-plots across the mock comparisons.

## Usage

```
plotQQ(df_QQ, cols = NULL, zoom = c(0, 0.1), split = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

df_QQ	Coordinates to draw the QQ-plot to compare the mean observed p-value distribution across comparisons, with the theoretical uniform distribution.
cols	named vector of colors.
zoom	2-dimesional vector containing the starting and the final coordinates (default: $c(\emptyset,\emptyset.1))$
split	boolean value. If TRUE, the qq-plots are reported separately for each method (default split = FALSE). Setting it to TRUE is hardly suggested when the number of methods is high or when their colors are similar.

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#### Value

A ggplot object.

#### **Examples**

```
# Load some data
data(ps_stool_16S)
# Generate the patterns for 10 mock comparison for an experiment
\# (N = 1000 is suggested)
mocks <- createMocks(nsamples = phyloseq::nsamples(ps_stool_16S), N = 10)</pre>
head(mocks)
# Add some normalization/scaling factors to the phyloseq object
my_norm <- setNormalizations(fun = c("norm_edgeR", "norm_CSS"),</pre>
    method = c("TMM", "CSS"))
ps_stool_16S <- runNormalizations(normalization_list = my_norm,</pre>
    object = ps_stool_16S)
# Initialize some limma based methods
my_limma <- set_limma(design = ~ group, coef = 2,</pre>
    norm = c("TMM", "CSS"))
# Run methods on mock datasets
results <- runMocks(mocks = mocks, method_list = my_limma,
    object = ps_stool_16S)
# Prepare results for Type I Error Control
TIEC_summary <- createTIEC(results)</pre>
# Plot the results
plotFPR(df_FPR = TIEC_summary$df_FPR)
plotFDR(df_FDR = TIEC_summary$df_FDR)
plotQQ(df_QQ = TIEC_summary$df_QQ, zoom = c(0, 0.1))
plotKS(df_KS = TIEC_summary$df_KS)
plotLogP(df_QQ = TIEC_summary$df_QQ)
```

plotRMSE

plotRMSE

## Description

A function to plot RMSE values computed for mean difference (MD) and zero probability difference (ZPD) values between estimated and observed values.

## Usage

```
plotRMSE(data, difference = NULL, plotIt = TRUE)
```

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## **Arguments**

data a list, output of the fitModels function. Each element of the list is a 'data.frame'

object with Model, Y, Y0, MD, and ZPD columns containing the model name, the observed values for the mean and the zero proportion and the differences be-

tween observed and estimated values.

difference character vector, either MD or ZPD to plot the differences between estimated and

observed mean counts or the differences between estimated zero probability and

observed zero proportion.

plotIt logical. Should plotting be done? (default plotIt = TRUE)

### Value

a ggplot object.

#### See Also

fitModels and RMSE for the model estimations and the RMSE computations respectively. plotMD for the graphical evaluation.

## **Examples**

```
# Generate some random counts
counts = matrix(rnbinom(n = 600, size = 3, prob = 0.5), nrow = 100, ncol = 6)

# Estimate the counts assuming several distributions
GOF <- fitModels(
    object = counts, models = c(
        "NB", "ZINB",
        "DM", "ZIG", "HURDLE"
    ), scale_HURDLE = c("median", "default")
)

# Plot the RMSE results
plotRMSE(data = GOF, difference = "MD")
plotRMSE(data = GOF, difference = "ZPD")</pre>
```

prepareObserved

prepareObserved

## **Description**

Continuity corrected logarithms of the average counts and fraction of zeroes by feature.

## Usage

```
prepareObserved(object, assay_name = "counts", scale = NULL)
```

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### Arguments

object a phyloseq object, a TreeSummarizedExperiment object, or a matrix of counts.

assay\_name the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object (default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

scale If specified it refers to the character vector used in fitHURDLE function. Either median or default to choose between the median library size or one million as

scaling factors for raw counts.

#### Value

A data frame containing the continuity corrected logarithm for the raw count mean values for each taxon of the matrix of counts in the Y column and the observed zero rate in the Y0 column. If scale is specified the continuity corrected logarithm for the mean CPM (scale = "default") or the mean counts per median library size (scale = "median") is computed instead.

### See Also

meanDifferences

#### **Examples**

```
# Generate some random counts
counts <- matrix(rnbinom(n = 60, size = 3, prob = 0.5), nrow = 10, ncol = 6)
observed1 <- prepareObserved(counts)
# For the comparison with HURDLE model
observed2 <- prepareObserved(counts, scale = "median")</pre>
```

ps\_plaque\_16S

(Data) 60 Gingival Plaque samples of 16S rRNA (HMP 2012)

#### **Description**

A demonstrative purpose dataset containing microbial abundances for a total of 88 OTUs. The 60 Gingival Plaque paired samples belong to the Human Microbiome Project. This particular subset contains 30 Supragingival and 30 Subgingival Plaque samples from the SEX = "Male", RUN\_CENTER = "WUCG", and VISITNO = "1" samples. It is possible to obtain the same dataset after basic filters (remove taxa with zero counts) and collapsing the counts to the genus level; HMP16SData Bioconductor package was used to download the data.

### Usage

```
data(ps_plaque_16S)
```

#### **Format**

An object of class phyloseq

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ps\_stool\_16S

(Data) 33 Stool samples of 16S rRNA (HMP 2012)

## **Description**

A demonstrative purpose dataset containing microbial abundances for a total of 71 OTUs. The 32 Stool samples belong to the Human Microbiome Project. This particular subset contains the SEX = "Male", RUN\_CENTER = "BI", and VISITNO = "1" samples. It is possible to obtain the same dataset after basic filters (remove taxa with zero counts) and collapsing the counts to the genus level; HMP16Data Bioconductor package was used to download the data.

## Usage

```
data(ps_stool_16S)
```

#### **Format**

An object of class phyloseq

**RMSE** 

**RMSE** 

## **Description**

Computes the Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) from a vector of differences.

## Usage

```
RMSE(differences)
```

# Arguments

differences

a vector of differences.

### Value

RMSE value

#### See Also

prepareObserved and meanDifferences.

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#### **Examples**

```
# Generate the data.frame of Mean Differences and Zero Probability Difference
MD_df <- data.frame(MD = rpois(10, 5), ZPD = runif(10, -1, 1))
# Calculate RMSE for MD and ZPD values
RMSE(MD_df[, "MD"])
RMSE(MD_df[, "ZPD"])</pre>
```

runDA

runDA

#### **Description**

Run the differential abundance detection methods.

### Usage

```
runDA(method_list, object, weights = NULL, verbose = TRUE)
```

#### **Arguments**

method\_list a list object containing the methods and their parameters.

object a phyloseq object.

weights an optional numeric matrix giving observational weights.

verbose an optional logical value. If TRUE, information about the steps of the algorithm

is printed. Default verbose = TRUE.

### Value

A named list containing the results for each method.

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runMocks

runMocks

# Description

Run the differential abundance detection methods on mock datasets.

# Usage

```
runMocks(
  mocks,
  method_list,
  object,
  weights = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE,
  BPPARAM = BiocParallel::SerialParam()
)
```

# Arguments

mocks	a data.frame containing N rows and nsamples columns (if even). Each cell of the data frame contains the "grp1" or "grp2" characters which represent the mock groups pattern. Produced by the createMocks function.
method_list	a list object containing the methods and their parameters.
object	a phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object.
weights	an optional numeric matrix giving observational weights.
verbose	an optional logical value. If TRUE, information about the steps of the algorithm is printed. Default verbose = TRUE.
BPPARAM	An optional BiocParallelParam instance defining the parallel back-end to be used during evaluation.

## Value

A named list containing the results for each method.

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#### **Examples**

```
# Load some data
data(ps_stool_16S)
# Generate the pattern for 10 mock comparisons
\# (N = 1000 is suggested)
mocks <- createMocks(nsamples = phyloseq::nsamples(ps_stool_16S), N = 10)</pre>
head(mocks)
# Add some normalization/scaling factors to the phyloseq object
my_norm <- setNormalizations(fun = c("norm_edgeR", "norm_CSS"),</pre>
    method = c("TMM", "CSS"))
ps_stool_16S <- runNormalizations(normalization_list = my_norm,</pre>
    object = ps_stool_16S)
# Initialize some limma based methods
my_limma <- set_limma(design = ~ group, coef = 2, norm = c("TMM", "CSS"))</pre>
# Run methods on mock datasets
results <- runMocks(mocks = mocks, method_list = my_limma,</pre>
    object = ps_stool_16S)
```

runNormalizations

runNormalizations

# Description

Add normalization/scaling factors to a phyloseq object

### Usage

```
runNormalizations(
  normalization_list,
  object,
  assay_name = "counts",
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

normalization\_list

a list object containing the normalization methods and their parameters.

object a phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object.

assay\_name the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object

(default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

verbose an optional logical value. If TRUE, information about the steps of the algorithm

is printed. Default verbose = TRUE.

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#### Value

A phyloseq object containing the normalization/scaling factors.

#### See Also

```
setNormalizations
```

### **Examples**

runSplits

runSplits

#### **Description**

Run the differential abundance detection methods on split datasets.

# Usage

```
runSplits(
   split_list,
   method_list,
   normalization_list,
   object,
   assay_name = "counts",
   min_counts = 0,
   min_samples = 0,
   verbose = TRUE,
   BPPARAM = BiocParallel::SerialParam()
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

split_list	A list of 2 data. frame objects: Subset1 and Subset2 produced by the createSplits function.
method_list	a list object containing the methods and their parameters.
normalization_	list
	a list object containing the normalization method names and their parameters produced by setNormalizations.
object	a phyloseq object.
assay_name	the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object (default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.
min_counts	Parameter to filter taxa. Set this number to keep features with more than min_counts counts in more than min_samples samples (default min_counts = 0).
min_samples	Parameter to filter taxa. Set this number to keep features with a min_counts counts in more than min_samples samples (default min_samples = 0).
verbose	an optional logical value. If TRUE, information about the steps of the algorithm is printed. Default verbose = TRUE.
BPPARAM	An optional BiocParallelParam instance defining the parallel back-end to be used during evaluation.

#### Value

A named list containing the results for each method.

```
data(ps_plaque_16S)
# Balanced design
my_splits <- createSplits(</pre>
    object = ps_plaque_16S, varName = "HMP_BODY_SUBSITE", balanced = TRUE,
    paired = "RSID", N = 10 \# N = 100 suggested
)
# Make sure the subject ID variable is a factor
phyloseq::sample_data(ps_plaque_16S)[, "RSID"] <- as.factor(</pre>
    phyloseq::sample_data(ps_plaque_16S)[["RSID"]])
# Initialize some limma based methods
my_limma <- set_limma(design = ~ RSID + HMP_BODY_SUBSITE,</pre>
    coef = "HMP_BODY_SUBSITESupragingival Plaque",
    norm = c("TMM", "CSS"))
# Set the normalization methods according to the DA methods
my_norm <- setNormalizations(fun = c("norm_edgeR", "norm_CSS"),</pre>
    method = c("TMM", "CSS"))
# Run methods on split datasets
results <- runSplits(split_list = my_splits, method_list = my_limma,</pre>
    normalization_list = my_norm, object = ps_plaque_16S)
```

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setNormalizations

setNormalizations

## **Description**

Set the methods and parameters to compute normalization/scaling factors.

## Usage

```
setNormalizations(
  fun = c("norm_edgeR", "norm_DESeq2", "norm_CSS"),
  method = c("TMM", "poscounts", "CSS")
)
```

# **Arguments**

fun a character with the name of normalization function (e.g. "norm\_edgeR", "norm\_DESeq2",

"norm\_CSS"...).

method a character with the normalization method (e.g. "TMM", "upperquartile"... if

the fun is "norm\_edgeR").

#### Value

a list object containing the normalization methods and their parameters.

## See Also

```
runNormalizations, norm_edgeR, norm_DESeq2, norm_CSS, norm_TSS
```

set\_ALDEx2

set\_ALDEx2

set\_ALDEx2

### Description

Set the parameters for ALDEx2 differential abundance detection method.

### Usage

```
set_ALDEx2(
   assay_name = "counts",
   pseudo_count = FALSE,
   design = NULL,
   mc.samples = 128,
   test = "t",
   paired.test = FALSE,
   denom = "all",
   contrast = NULL,
   expand = TRUE
)
```

### Arguments

 $assay\_name \qquad \qquad the \ name \ of \ the \ assay \ to \ extract \ from \ the \ TreeSummarizedExperiment \ object$ 

(default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

pseudo\_count add 1 to all counts if TRUE (default pseudo\_count = FALSE).

design a character with the name of a variable to group samples and compare them or a

formula to compute a model.matrix (when test = "glm").

mc. samples an integer. The number of Monte Carlo samples to use when estimating the un-

derlying distributions. Since we are estimating central tendencies, 128 is usually

sufficient.

test a character string. Indicates which tests to perform. "t" runs Welch's t test while

"wilcox" runs Wilcoxon test. "kw" runs Kruskal-Wallace test while "kw\_glm"

runs glm ANOVA-like test. "glm" runs a generalized linear model.

paired.test A boolean. Toggles whether to do paired-sample tests. Applies to effect =

TRUE and test = "t".

denom An any variable (all, iqlr, zero, lvha, median, user) indicating features to use as

the denominator for the Geometric Mean calculation The default "all" uses the geometric mean abundance of all features. Using "median" returns the median abundance of all features. Using "iqlr" uses the features that are between the first and third quartile of the variance of the clr values across all samples. Using "zero" uses the non-zero features in each grop as the denominator. This approach is an extreme case where there are many nonzero features in one condition but many zeros in another. Using "lvha" uses features that have low variance (bottom quartile) and high relative abundance (top quartile in every sample). It is

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also possible to supply a vector of row indices to use as the denominator. Here, the experimentalist is determining a-priori which rows are thought to be invariant. In the case of RNA-seq, this could include ribosomal protein genes and and other house-keeping genes. This should be used with caution because the offsets may be different in the original data and in the data used by the function because features that are 0 in all samples are removed by aldex.clr.

contrast

character vector with exactly three elements: the name of a variable used in "design", the name of the level of interest, and the name of the reference level. If "kw" or "kw\_glm" as test, contrast vector is not used.

expand

logical, if TRUE create all combinations of input parameters (default expand = TRUE)

#### Value

A named list containing the set of parameters for DA\_ALDEx2 method.

#### See Also

DA\_ALDEx2

### **Examples**

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set\_ANCOM

### **Description**

Set the parameters for ANCOM differential abundance detection method.

# Usage

```
set_ANCOM(
   assay_name = "counts",
   pseudo_count = FALSE,
   fix_formula = NULL,
   adj_formula = NULL,
   rand_formula = NULL,
```

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```
lme_control = lme4::lmerControl(),
contrast = NULL,
alpha = 0.05,
p_adj_method = "BH",
struc_zero = FALSE,
BC = TRUE,
n_cl = 1,
expand = TRUE
)
```

### **Arguments**

assay\_name the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object (default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

pseudo\_count add 1 to all counts if TRUE (default pseudo\_count = FALSE).

fix\_formula Used when BC = TRUE (ANCOM-BC2). The character string expresses how the microbial absolute abundances for each taxon depend on the fixed effects in

metadata.

adj\_formula Used when BC = FALSE (ANCOM). The character string represents the formula

for covariate adjustment. Default is NULL.

rand\_formula Optionally used when BC = TRUE or BC = FALSE. The character string expresses

how the microbial absolute abundances for each taxon depend on the random effects in metadata. ANCOMB and ANCOM-BC2 follows the lmerTest package in formulating the random effects. See ?lmerTest::lmer for more details.

Default is rand\_formula = NULL.

for details.

contrast character vector with exactly, three elements: a string indicating the name of

factor whose levels are the conditions to be compared, the name of the level of

interest, and the name of the other level.

alpha numeric. Level of significance. Default is 0.05.

p\_adj\_method character. method to adjust p-values. Default is "holm". Options include

"holm", "hochberg", "hommel", "bonferroni", "BH", "BY", "fdr", "none". See

?stats::p.adjust for more details.

struc\_zero logical. Whether to detect structural zeros based on group. Default is FALSE.

See Details for a more comprehensive discussion on structural zeros.

BC boolean for ANCOM method to use. If TRUE the bias correction (ANCOM-

BC2) is computed (default BC = TRUE). When BC = FALSE computational time

may increase and p-values are not computed.

n\_cl numeric. The number of nodes to be forked. For details, see ?parallel::makeCluster.

Default is 1 (no parallel computing).

expand logical, if TRUE create all combinations of input parameters (default expand =

TRUE).

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#### Value

A named list containing the set of parameters for DA\_ANCOM method.

#### See Also

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## **Examples**

set\_basic

set\_basic

# Description

Set the parameters for basic differential abundance detection methods such as t and wilcox.

## Usage

```
set_basic(
   assay_name = "counts",
   pseudo_count = FALSE,
   contrast = NULL,
   test = c("t", "wilcox"),
   paired = FALSE,
   expand = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

ass	say_name	the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object (default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.
pse	eudo_count	add 1 to all counts if TRUE (default pseudo_count = FALSE).
con	ntrast	character vector with exactly, three elements: a string indicating the name of factor whose levels are the conditions to be compared, the name of the level of interest, and the name of the other level.
tes	st	name of the test to perform. Choose between "t" or "wilcox".
pai	ired	boolean. Choose whether the test is paired or not (default paired = FALSE). If paired = TRUE be sure to provide the object properly ordered (by the grouping variable).
exp	oand	logical, if TRUE create all combinations of input parameters (default expand = TRUE).

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## Value

A named list containing the set of parameters for DA\_basic method.

## See Also

```
DA_basic
```

## **Examples**

set\_corncob

set\_corncob

## **Description**

Set the parameters for corncob differential abundance detection method.

# Usage

```
set_corncob(
  assay_name = "counts",
  pseudo_count = FALSE,
  formula = NULL,
  phi.formula = NULL,
  formula_null = NULL,
  phi.formula_null = NULL,
  test = c("Wald", "LRT"),
  boot = FALSE,
  coefficient = NULL,
  expand = TRUE
)
```

### **Arguments**

assay_name	the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object (default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.
pseudo_count	add 1 to all counts if TRUE (default pseudo_count = FALSE).
formula	an object of class formula without the response: a symbolic description of the model to be fitted to the abundance.
phi.formula	an object of class formula without the response: a symbolic description of the model to be fitted to the dispersion.
formula_null	Formula for mean under null, without response

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phi.formula\_null

Formula for overdispersion under null, without response

test Character. Hypothesis testing procedure to use. One of "Wald" or "LRT" (like-

lihood ratio test).

Boolean. Defaults to FALSE. Indicator of whether or not to use parametric boot-

strap algorithm. (See pbWald and pbLRT).

coefficient The coefficient of interest as a single word formed by the variable name and

the non reference level. (e.g.: 'ConditionDisease' if the reference level for the

variable 'Condition' is 'control').

expand logical, if TRUE create all combinations of input parameters (default expand =

TRUE)

#### Value

A named list containing the set of parameters for DA\_corncob method.

#### See Also

DA\_corncob

#### **Examples**

set\_dearseq

set\_dearseq

## **Description**

Set the parameters for dearseq differential abundance detection method.

## Usage

```
set_dearseq(
  assay_name = "counts",
  pseudo_count = FALSE,
  covariates = NULL,
  variables2test = NULL,
  sample_group = NULL,
  test = c("permutation", "asymptotic"),
  preprocessed = FALSE,
```

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```
n_perm = 1000,
expand = TRUE
)
```

### **Arguments**

assay\_name the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object

(default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

pseudo\_count add 1 to all counts if TRUE (default pseudo\_count = FALSE).

covariates a character vector containing the colnames of the covariates to include in the

model.

variables2test a character vector containing the colnames of the variable of interest.

sample\_group a vector of length n indicating whether the samples should be grouped (e.g.

paired samples or longitudinal data). Coerced to be a factor. Default is NULL

in which case no grouping is performed.

test a character string indicating which method to use to approximate the variance

component score test, either 'permutation' or 'asymptotic' (default test = "permutation").

preprocessed a logical flag indicating whether the expression data have already been prepro-

cessed (e.g. log2 transformed). Default is FALSE, in which case y is assumed to

contain raw counts and is normalized into log(counts) per million.

n\_perm the number of perturbations. Default is 1000

expand logical, if TRUE create all combinations of input parameters (default expand =

TRUE).

#### Value

A named list containing the set of parameters for DA\_dearseq method.

#### See Also

DA\_dearseq

```
# Set some basic combinations of parameters for dearseq
base_dearseq <- set_dearseq(pseudo_count = FALSE, variables2test = "group",
    test = c("permutation", "asymptotic"), expand = TRUE)</pre>
```

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set\_DESeq2 set\_DESeq2

### **Description**

Set the parameters for DESeq2 differential abundance detection method.

# Usage

```
set_DESeq2(
  assay_name = "counts",
  pseudo_count = FALSE,
  design = NULL,
  contrast = NULL,
  alpha = 0.05,
  norm = c("ratio", "poscounts", "iterate"),
  weights_logical = FALSE,
  expand = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

assay\_name the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object

(default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

pseudo\_count add 1 to all counts if TRUE (default pseudo\_count = FALSE).

design character or formula to specify the model matrix.

contrast character vector with exactly three elements: the name of a factor in the design

formula, the name of the numerator level for the fold change, and the name of

the denominator level for the fold change.

alpha the significance cutoff used for optimizing the independent filtering (by default

0.05). If the adjusted p-value cutoff (FDR) will be a value other than 0.05, alpha

should be set to that value.

norm name of the normalization method to use in the differential abundance analy-

sis. Choose between the native DESeq2 normalization methods, such as ratio, poscounts, or iterate. Alternatively (only for advanced users), if norm is equal to "TMM", "TMMwsp", "RLE", "upperquartile", "posupperquartile", or "none" from norm\_edgeR, "CSS" from norm\_CSS, or "TSS" from norm\_TSS, the normalization factors are automatically transformed into size factors. If custom factors are supplied, make sure they are compatible with DESeq2 size factors.

weights\_logical

logical vector, if TRUE a matrix of observational weights will be used for dif-

ferential abundance analysis (default weights\_logical = FALSE).

expand logical, if TRUE create all combinations of input parameters (default expand =

TRUE).

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#### Value

A named list containing the set of parameters for DA\_DESeq2 method.

#### See Also

```
DA_DESeq2
```

#### **Examples**

set\_edgeR

set\_edgeR

#### **Description**

Set the parameters for edgeR differential abundance detection method.

# Usage

```
set_edgeR(
  assay_name = "counts",
  pseudo_count = FALSE,
  group_name = NULL,
  design = NULL,
  robust = FALSE,
  coef = 2,
  norm = c("TMM", "TMMwsp", "RLE", "upperquartile", "posupperquartile", "none"),
  weights_logical = FALSE,
  expand = TRUE
)
```

### **Arguments**

assay_name	the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object (default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.
pseudo_count	add 1 to all counts if TRUE (default pseudo_count = FALSE).
group_name	character giving the name of the column containing information about experimental group/condition for each sample/library.
design	character or formula to specify the model matrix.

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robust logical, should the estimation of prior.df be robustified against outliers?

coef integer or character index vector indicating which coefficients of the linear model

are to be tested equal to zero.

norm name of the normalization method to use in the differential abundance analysis.

Choose between the native edgeR normalization methods, such as TMM, TMMwsp, RLE, upperquartile, posupperquartile, or none. Alternatively (only for advanced users), if norm is equal to "ratio", "poscounts", or "iterate" from norm\_DESeq2, "CSS" from norm\_CSS, or "TSS" from norm\_TSS, the scaling factors are automatically transformed into normalization factors. If custom factors are supplied,

make sure they are compatible with edgeR normalization factors.

weights\_logical

logical vector, if true a matrix of observation weights must be supplied (default

weights\_logical = FALSE).

expand logical, if TRUE create all combinations of input parameters (default expand =

TRUE).

#### Value

A named list containing the set of parameters for DA\_edgeR method.

#### See Also

DA\_edgeR

## **Examples**

set\_limma

set\_limma

### Description

Set the parameters for limma differential abundance detection method.

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### Usage

```
set_limma(
  assay_name = "counts",
  pseudo_count = FALSE,
  design = NULL,
  coef = 2,
  norm = c("TMM", "TMMwsp", "RLE", "upperquartile", "posupperquartile", "none"),
  weights_logical = FALSE,
  expand = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

assay\_name the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object

(default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

pseudo\_count add 1 to all counts if TRUE (default pseudo\_count = FALSE).

design character name of the metadata columns, formula, or design matrix with rows

corresponding to samples and columns to coefficients to be estimated.

coef integer or character index vector indicating which coefficients of the linear model

are to be tested equal to zero.

norm name of the normalization method to use in the differential abundance analysis.

Choose between the native edgeR normalization methods, such as TMM, TMMwsp, RLE, upperquartile, posupperquartile, or none. Alternatively (only for advanced users), if norm is equal to "ratio", "poscounts", or "iterate" from norm\_DESeq2, "CSS" from norm\_CSS, or "TSS" from norm\_TSS, the scaling factors are automatically transformed into normalization factors. If custom factors are supplied,

make sure they are compatible with edgeR normalization factors.

weights\_logical

logical vector, if TRUE a matrix of observational weights will be used for dif-

ferential abundance analysis (default weights\_logical = FALSE).

expand logical, if TRUE create all combinations of input parameters (default expand =

TRUE).

#### Value

A named list containing the set of parameters for DA\_limma method.

#### See Also

DA\_limma

```
# Set some basic combinations of parameters for limma
base_limma <- set_limma(design = ~ group, coef = 2)
# Set a specific set of normalization for limma (even of other packages!)
setNorm_limma <- set_limma(design = ~ group, coef = 2,</pre>
```

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```
norm = c("TMM", "upperquartile"))
# Set many possible combinations of parameters for limma
all_limma <- set_limma(pseudo_count = c(TRUE, FALSE), design = ~ group,
    coef = 2, weights_logical = c(TRUE, FALSE))</pre>
```

set\_linda

set\_linda

# Description

Set the parameters for linda differential abundance detection method.

# Usage

```
set_linda(
   assay_name = "counts",
   formula = NULL,
   contrast = NULL,
   is.winsor = TRUE,
   outlier.pct = 0.03,
   zero.handling = c("pseudo-count", "imputation"),
   pseudo.cnt = 0.5,
   alpha = 0.05,
   p.adj.method = "BH",
   expand = TRUE
)
```

value in the OTU table.

# Arguments

assay_name	the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object (default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.
formula	Character. For example: formula = $^{\sim}x1^*x2+x3+(1\text{lid})^{\sim}$ . At least one fixed effect is required.
contrast	character vector with exactly, three elements: a string indicating the name of factor whose levels are the conditions to be compared, the name of the level of interest, and the name of the other level.
is.winsor	Boolean. If TRUE (default), the Winsorization process will be conducted for the OTU table. $ \\$
outlier.pct	A real value between 0 and 1; Winsorization cutoff (percentile) for the OTU table, e.g., 0.03. Default is NULL. If NULL, Winsorization process will not be conducted.
zero.handling	Character. Specifies the method to handle zeros in the OTU table. Options are "pseudo-count" or "imputation" (default is "pseudo-count"). If "imputation", zeros in the OTU table will be imputed using the formula in the referenced paper. If "pseudo-count", a small constant (pseudo.cnt) will be added to each

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pseudo.cnt	A positive real value. Default is 0.5. If zero.handling is set to "pseudo-count", this constant will be added to each value in the OTU table.
alpha	A real value between 0 and 1; significance level of differential abundance. Default is $0.05$ .
p.adj.method	Character; p-value adjusting approach. See R function p.adjust. Default is 'BH'.
expand	logical, if TRUE create all combinations of input parameters (default expand = TRUE).

#### Value

A named list containing the set of parameters for DA\_linda method.

#### See Also

DA\_linda

# **Examples**

```
# Set some basic combinations of parameters for ANCOM with bias correction
base_linda <- set_linda(formula = "~ group", contrast = c("group", "B", "A"),
    zero.handling = "pseudo-count", expand = TRUE)
many_linda <- set_linda(formula = "~ group", contrast = c("group", "B", "A"),
    is.winsor = c(TRUE, FALSE),
    zero.handling = c("pseudo-count", "imputation"), expand = TRUE)</pre>
```

set\_Maaslin2

set\_Maaslin2

### **Description**

Set the parameters for Maaslin2 differential abundance detection method.

#### Usage

```
set_Maaslin2(
   assay_name = "counts",
   normalization = c("TSS", "CLR", "CSS", "NONE", "TMM"),
   transform = c("LOG", "LOGIT", "AST", "NONE"),
   analysis_method = c("LM", "CPLM", "ZICP", "NEGBIN", "ZINB"),
   correction = "BH",
   random_effects = NULL,
   fixed_effects = NULL,
   contrast = NULL,
   reference = NULL,
   expand = TRUE
)
```

set\_MAST

#### **Arguments**

assay\_name the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object

(default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

normalization The normalization method to apply.

transform The transform to apply.

analysis\_method

The analysis method to apply.

correction The correction method for computing the q-value.

random\_effects The random effects for the model, comma-delimited for multiple effects.

fixed\_effects The fixed effects for the model, comma-delimited for multiple effects.

contrast character vector with exactly, three elements: a string indicating the name of

factor whose levels are the conditions to be compared, the name of the level of

interest, and the name of the other level.

reference The factor to use as a reference for a variable with more than two levels provided

as a string of 'variable, reference' semi-colon delimited for multiple variables.

expand logical, if TRUE create all combinations of input parameters (default expand =

TRUE).

#### Value

A named list containing the set of parameters for DA\_Maaslin2 method.

### See Also

DA\_Maaslin2

#### **Examples**

set\_MAST

set\_MAST

## **Description**

Set the parameters for MAST differential abundance detection method.

set\_MAST

#### Usage

```
set_MAST(
  assay_name = "counts",
  pseudo_count = FALSE,
  rescale = c("median", "default"),
  design = NULL,
  coefficient = NULL,
  expand = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object assay\_name (default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq. add 1 to all counts if TRUE (default pseudo\_count = FALSE). pseudo\_count rescale Rescale count data, per million if 'default', or per median library size if 'median' ('median' is suggested for metagenomics data). The model for the count distribution. Can be the variable name, or a character design similar to "~ 1 + group", or a formula, or a 'model.matrix' object. coefficient The coefficient of interest as a single word formed by the variable name and the non reference level. (e.g.: 'ConditionDisease' if the reference level for the variable 'Condition' is 'control'). expand logical, if TRUE create all combinations of input parameters (default expand =

## Value

A named list containing the set of parameters for DA\_MAST method.

TRUE)

# See Also

DA\_MAST

# **Examples**

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## **Description**

Set the parameters for metagenomeSeq differential abundance detection method.

# Usage

```
set_metagenomeSeq(
  assay_name = "counts",
  pseudo_count = FALSE,
  design = NULL,
  coef = 2,
  norm = "CSS",
  model = "fitFeatureModel",
  expand = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

assay\_name the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object

(default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

pseudo\_count add 1 to all counts if TRUE (default pseudo\_count = FALSE).

design the model for the count distribution. Can be the variable name, or a character

similar to "~ 1 + group", or a formula.

coef coefficient of interest to grab log fold-changes.

norm name of the normalization method to use in the differential abundance analy-

sis. Choose the native metagenomeSeq normalization method CSS. Alternatively (only for advanced users), if norm is equal to "TMM", "TMMwsp", "RLE", "upperquartile", "posupperquartile", or "none" from norm\_edgeR, "ratio", "poscounts", or "iterate" from norm\_DESeq2, or "TSS" from norm\_TSS, the factors are automatically transformed into scaling factors. If custom factors are supplied, make

sure they are compatible with metagenomeSeq normalization factors.

model character equal to "fitFeatureModel" for differential abundance analysis using a

zero-inflated log-normal model, "fitZig" for a complex mathematical optimization routine to estimate probabilities that a zero for a particular feature in a sample is a technical zero or not. The latter model relies heavily on the limma

package (default model = "fitFeatureModel").

expand logical, if TRUE create all combinations of input parameters (default expand =

TRUE)

# Value

A named list containing the set of parameters for DA\_metagenomeSeq method.

set\_mixMC

#### See Also

DA\_metagenomeSeq

# **Examples**

set\_mixMC

set\_mixMC

# Description

Set the parameters for mixMC sPLS-DA.

# Usage

```
set_mixMC(
   assay_name = "counts",
   pseudo_count = 1,
   contrast = NULL,
   ID_variable = NULL,
   expand = TRUE
)
```

# **Arguments**

assay_name	the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object (default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.
pseudo_count	a positive numeric value for the pseudo-count to be added. Default is 1.
contrast	character vector with exactly, three elements: a string indicating the name of factor whose levels are the conditions to be compared, the name of the level of interest, and the name of the other level.
ID_variable	a character string indicating the name of the variable name corresponding to the repeated measures units (e.g., the subject ID).
expand	logical, if TRUE create all combinations of input parameters (default expand = TRUE).

# Value

A named list containing the set of parameters for DA\_mixMC method.

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## See Also

DA\_mixMC

#### **Examples**

set\_NOISeq

set\_NOISeq

## **Description**

Set the parameters for NOISeq differential abundance detection method.

# Usage

```
set_NOISeq(
  assay_name = "counts",
  pseudo_count = FALSE,
  contrast = NULL,
  norm = c("rpkm", "uqua", "tmm", "n"),
  expand = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

assay\_name the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object

(default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

pseudo\_count add 1 to all counts if TRUE (default pseudo\_count = FALSE).

contrast character vector with exactly, three elements: a string indicating the name of

factor whose levels are the conditions to be compared, the name of the level of

interest, and the name of the other level.

norm name of the normalization method to use in the differential abundance analysis.

Choose between the native edgeR normalization methods, such as TMM, TMMwsp, RLE, upperquartile, posupperquartile, or none. Alternatively (only for advanced users), if norm is equal to "ratio", "poscounts", or "iterate" from norm\_DESeq2, "CSS" from norm\_CSS, or "TSS" from norm\_TSS, the scaling factors are automatically transformed into normalization factors. If custom factors are supplied,

make sure they are compatible with edgeR normalization factors.

expand logical, if TRUE create all combinations of input parameters (default expand =

TRUE).

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#### Value

A named list containing the set of parameters for DA\_NOISeq method.

#### See Also

```
DA_NOISeq
```

## **Examples**

set\_Seurat

set\_Seurat

# **Description**

Set the parameters for Seurat differential abundance detection method.

#### Usage

```
set_Seurat(
  assay_name = "counts",
  pseudo_count = FALSE,
  test = "wilcox",
  contrast = NULL,
  norm = "LogNormalize",
  scale.factor = 10000,
  expand = TRUE
)
```

## **Arguments**

assay\_name

the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object (default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

pseudo\_count

add 1 to all counts if TRUE (default pseudo\_count = FALSE).

test

Denotes which test to use. Available options are:

- "wilcox" Identifies differentially abundant features between two groups of samples using a Wilcoxon Rank Sum test (default).
- "bimod" Likelihood-ratio test for the feature abundances, (McDavid et al., Bioinformatics, 2013).

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• "roc" Identifies 'markers' of feature abundance using ROC analysis. For each feature, evaluates (using AUC) a classifier built on that feature alone, to classify between two groups of cells. An AUC value of 1 means that abundance values for this feature alone can perfectly classify the two groupings (i.e. Each of the samples in group.1 exhibit a higher level than each of the samples in group.2). An AUC value of 0 also means there is perfect classification, but in the other direction. A value of 0.5 implies that the feature has no predictive power to classify the two groups. Returns a 'predictive power' (abs(AUC-0.5) \* 2) ranked matrix of putative differentially expressed genes.

- "t" Identify differentially abundant features between two groups of samples using the Student's t-test.
- "negbinom" Identifies differentially abundant features between two groups of samples using a negative binomial generalized linear model.
- "poisson" Identifies differentially abundant features between two groups of samples using a poisson generalized linear model.
- "LR" Uses a logistic regression framework to determine differentially abundant features. Constructs a logistic regression model predicting group membership based on each feature individually and compares this to a null model with a likelihood ratio test.
- "MAST" Identifies differentially expressed genes between two groups of cells using a hurdle model tailored to scRNA-seq data. Utilizes the MAST package to run the DE testing.
- "DESeq2" Identifies differentially abundant features between two groups of samples based on a model using DESeq2 which uses a negative binomial distribution (Love et al, Genome Biology, 2014).

contrast

character vector with exactly three elements: the name of a factor in the design formula, the name of the numerator level for the fold change, and the name of the denominator level for the fold change.

norm

Method for normalization.

- LogNormalize Feature counts for each sample are divided by the total counts of that sample and multiplied by the scale.factor. This is then naturallog transformed using log1p;
- CLR Applies a centered log ratio transformation;
- RC Relative counts. Feature counts for each sample are divided by the total counts of that sample and multiplied by the scale.factor. No log-transformation is applied. For counts per million (CPM) set scale.factor = 1e6;
- none No normalization

scale.factor

Sets the scale factor for cell-level normalization

expand

logical, if TRUE create all combinations of input parameters (default expand = TRUE)

## Value

A named list containing the set of parameters for DA\_Seurat method.

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#### See Also

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#### **Examples**

```
# Set some basic combinations of parameters for Seurat
base_Seurat <- set_Seurat(contrast = c("group", "B", "A"))
# Set many possible combinations of parameters for Seurat
all_Seurat <- set_Seurat(test = c("wilcox", "t", "negbinom", "poisson"),
    norm = c("LogNormalize", "CLR", "RC", "none"),
    scale.factor = c(1000, 10000), contrast = c("group", "B", "A"))</pre>
```

set\_ZicoSeq

set\_ZicoSeq

# **Description**

Set the parameters for ZicoSeq differential abundance detection method.

# Usage

```
set_ZicoSeq(
  assay_name = "counts",
  contrast = NULL,
  strata = NULL,
  adj.name = NULL,
  feature.dat.type = c("count", "proportion", "other"),
  is.winsor = TRUE,
  outlier.pct = 0.03,
 winsor.end = c("top", "bottom", "both"),
  is.post.sample = TRUE,
  post.sample.no = 25,
  perm.no = 99,
  link.func = list(function(x) sign(x) * (abs(x))^0.5),
  ref.pct = 0.5,
  stage.no = 6,
  excl.pct = 0.2,
  expand = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

assay\_name

the name of the assay to extract from the TreeSummarizedExperiment object (default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

contrast

character vector with exactly, three elements: a string indicating the name of factor whose levels are the conditions to be compared, the name of the level of interest, and the name of the other level.

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strata a factor such as subject IDs indicating the permutation strata or characters indicating the strata variable in meta.dat. Permutation will be confined to each stratum. This can be used for paired or some longitudinal designs. the name(s) for the variable(s) to be adjusted. Multiple variables are allowed. adj.name They could be numeric or categorical; should be in meta.dat. feature.dat.type the type of the feature data. It could be "count", "proportion" or "other". For "proportion" data type, posterior sampling will not be performed, but the referencebased ratio approach will still be used to address compositional effects. For "other" data type, neither posterior sampling or reference-base ratio approach will be used. is.winsor a logical value indicating whether winsorization should be performed to replace outliers. The default is TRUE. outlier.pct the expected percentage of outliers. These outliers will be winsorized. The default is 0.03. For count/proportion data, outlier.pct should be less than prev.filter. winsor.end a character indicating whether the outliers at the "top", "bottom" or "both" will be winsorized. The default is "top". If the feature.dat.type is "other", "both" may be considered. is.post.sample a logical value indicating whether to perform posterior sampling of the underlying proportions. Only relevant when the feature data are counts. post.sample.no the number of posterior samples if posterior sampling is used. The default is 25. the number of permutations. If the raw p values are of the major interest, set perm.no perm. no to at least 999. link.func a list of transformation functions for the feature data or the ratios. Based on our experience, square-root transformation is a robust choice for many datasets. ref.pct percentage of reference taxa. The default is 0.5. the number of stages if multiple-stage normalization is used. The default is 6. stage.no excl.pct the maximum percentage of significant features (nominal p-value < 0.05) in the reference set that should be removed. Only relevant when multiple-stage normalization is used. logical, if TRUE create all combinations of input parameters (default expand = expand TRUE).

#### Value

A named list containing the set of parameters for DA\_ZicoSeq method.

#### See Also

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## **Examples**

```
# Set some basic combinations of parameters for ZicoSeq
base_ZicoSeq <- set_ZicoSeq(contrast = c("group", "B", "A"),
    feature.dat.type = "count", winsor.end = "top")
many_ZicoSeq <- set_ZicoSeq(contrast = c("group", "B", "A"),
    feature.dat.type = "count", outlier.pct = c(0.03, 0.05),
    winsor.end = "top", is.post.sample = c(TRUE, FALSE))</pre>
```

weights\_ZINB

weights\_ZINB

#### **Description**

Computes the observational weights of the counts under a zero-inflated negative binomial (ZINB) model. For each count, the ZINB distribution is parametrized by three parameters: the mean value and the dispersion of the negative binomial distribution, and the probability of the zero component.

# Usage

```
weights_ZINB(
  object,
  assay_name = "counts",
  design,
  K = 0,
  commondispersion = TRUE,
  zeroinflation = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

# **Arguments**

object a phyloseq or TreeSummarizedExperiment object.

 $assay\_name \qquad \quad the \ name \ of \ the \ assay \ to \ extract \ from \ the \ TreeSummarizedExperiment \ object$ 

(default assayName = "counts"). Not used if the input object is a phyloseq.

design character name of the metadata columns, formula, or design matrix with rows

corresponding to samples and columns to coefficients to be estimated (the user

needs to explicitly include the intercept in the design).

K integer. Number of latent factors.

commondispersion

Whether or not a single dispersion for all features is estimated (default TRUE).

zeroinflation Whether or not a ZINB model should be fitted. If FALSE, a negative binomial

model is fitted instead.

verbose Print helpful messages.

... Additional parameters to describe the model, see zinbModel.

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# Value

A matrix of weights.

#### See Also

zinbFit for zero-inflated negative binomial parameters' estimation and computeObservationalWeights for weights extraction.

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