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Description We extend existing gene enrichment tests to perform adverse event enrichment analysis. Unlike the continuous gene expression data, adverse event data are counts. Therefore, adverse event data has many zeros and ties. We propose two enrichment tests. One is a modified Fisher's exact test based on pre-selected significant adverse events, while the other is based on a modified Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistic. We add Covariate adjustment to improve the analysis. `` Adverse event enrichment tests using VAERS" Shuoran Li, Lili Zhao (2020) <[doi:10.48550/arXiv.2007.02266](https://doi.org/10.48550/arXiv.2007.02266)>.

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AEenrich-package	<i>AEenrich: Adverse Event Enrichment Tests</i>
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Description

The `count_cases` function converts report-level data into aggregated data by grouping on specified covariates. Use `count_cases` to summarize adverse event reports into analysis-ready tables. See the GitHub home page at <https://github.com/umich-biostatistics/AEenrich> or run `?count_cases` for examples.

Perform adverse event enrichment tests. The `enrich` function implements enrichment analysis for adverse event count data, which contain many zeros and ties. Two methods are provided: `AEFisher`, a modified Fisher's exact test based on pre-selected significant adverse events, and `AEKS`, a modified Kolmogorov–Smirnov statistic. See the GitHub home page at <https://github.com/umich-biostatistics/AEenrich> or run `?enrich` for examples.

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See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/umich-biostatistics/AEenrich>
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count_cases	<i>Convert data on the report level to aggregated data.</i>
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Description

The count_cases function is used to convert data on the report level to aggregated data, grouping by specified covariates.

Usage

```
count_cases(
  data,
  drug.case = drug.case,
  drug.control = NULL,
  covar_disc = NULL,
  covar_cont = NULL,
  breaks = NULL,
  cores = detectCores(),
  min_AE = 10
)
```

Arguments

data	a data.frame with at least 3 columns, consisting data on the report level, having ID, Drug type and AE name as the first 3 columns with covariates(optional) followed. The order of columns is not interchangeable.
drug.case	a character string for the target drug of interest.
drug.control	a character string for the reference drug. If NULL(default), all other drugs combined are the reference.
covar_disc	a character vector of categorical covariates.
covar_cont	a character vector of continuous covariates.
breaks	a list consists of vectors used for creating specific bins to transform continuous covariates into categorical. Breaks Should have the same length as covar_cont. Given a vector of non-decreasing breakpoints in breaks[i], find the interval containing each element of covar_cont[i]; i.e., for each index j in breaks[i], value j is assigned to covar_cont[i] if and only if breaks[i][j] <= covar_cont[i] < breaks[i][j+1].
cores	the number of cores to use for parallel execution.
min_AE	the minimum number of cases required to start counting for a specific AE. Default 10.

Value

A **data.frame** consists of aggregated data.

The returned data.frame contains the following columns:

DRUG_TYPE: type of the drug, DrugYes for target drug and DrugNo for referenced drug

AE_NAME: the name of the adverse event

AEyes: number of observations that have this AE

AEno: number of observations that do not have this AE

covariates: covariates specified by user

Examples

```
# count_cases(data = covid1, drug.case = "COVID19", drug.control = "OTHER",
#             covar_cont = c("AGE"), covar_disc = c("SEX"),
#             breaks = list(c(16,30,50,65,120)))
```

covid1	<i>Covid Vaccine Adverse Event Data</i>
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Description

Adverse event data in the long format. Each row is a single adverse event, along with covariates.

Usage

```
covid1
```

Format

An object of class `tbl_df` (inherits from `tbl`, `data.frame`) with 12500 rows and 5 columns.

Value

A data frame with the following columns:

VAERS_ID	Event ID
VAX_LABEL	Vaccine type
AE_NAME	Adverse event name
AGE	Covariate
SEX	Covariate

covid2	<i>Covid Vaccine Adverse Event Data</i>
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Description

Adverse event data in the short format. Each row is a count of adverse events with the given name.

Usage

```
covid2
```

Format

An object of class `tbl_df` (inherits from `tbl`, `data.frame`) with 2656 rows and 6 columns.

Value

A data frame with the following columns:

DRUG_TYPE	Vaccine type
AE_NAME	Adverse event name
AEYes	Number of observations that have this adverse event
AENo	Number of observations that do not have this adverse event
AGE	Covariate
SEX	Covariate

enrich	<i>Perform Adverse Event Enrichment Tests</i>
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Description

The `enrich` function is used to perform Adverse event (AE) enrichment analysis. Unlike the continuous gene expression data, AE data are counts. Therefore, AE data has many zeros and ties. We propose two enrichment tests. `AEFisher` is a modified Fisher's exact test based on pre-selected significant AEs, while `AEKS` is based on a modified Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistic.

Usage

```
enrich(
  data,
  dd.group,
  drug.case,
  drug.control = NULL,
  method = "aeks",
  n_perms = 1000,
  covar = NULL,
  p = 0,
  q.cut = 0.1,
  or.cut = 1.5,
  zero = FALSE,
  min_size = 5,
  min_AE = 10,
  cores = detectCores()
)
```

Arguments

data	a data.frame. Two data types are allowed. Type I data consisting data on the report level, having ID, Drug type and AE name as the first 3 columns with covariates(optional) followed. Type II data have drug type and AE name as the first two columns, with the 3rd and 4th Columns giving the numbers of successes(have AE) and failures(Do not have AE) respectively, then followed by covariates. See example data for details.
dd.group	a data.frame with AE name and Group name. This data.frame have the group information for each individual AE.
drug.case	a character string for the target drug of interest.
drug.control	a character string for the reference drug. If NULL(default), all other drugs combined are the reference.
method	a character string specifying the method for the enrichment test. It must take "aeks" (default) or "aefisher"; "aeks" is the rank-based enrichment test, and "aefisher" is the Fisher enrichment test. See details described in the paper (see reference section of this document).
n_perms	an integer value specifying the number of permutations in permutation test.
covar	a character vector specifying the columns of covariates, default NULL.
p	a numerical value to control the weight of the step, can take any value between 0 and 1. If 0(default), reduces to the standard Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistics.
q.cut	a numerical value specifying the significance cut for q value of AEs in aefisher.
or.cut	a numerical value specifying the significance cut for odds ratio of AEs in aefisher.
zero	logical, default FALSE.If TRUE, add zero indicator to enrichment score.
min_size	the minimum size of group required for enrichment analysis.
min_AE	the minimum number of cases required to start counting for a specific AE.
cores	the number of cores to use for parallel execution.

Value

A list containing 2 data.frames named **Final_result** and **AE_info**.

The **Final_result** data.frame contains the following columns:

GROUP_NAME: AE group names

ES: enrichment score

p_value: p value of the enrichment test

GROUP_SIZE: number of AEs per group

The **AE_info** contains the following columns:

AE_NAME: AE names

OR: odds ratio for each individual AE

p_value: p value for AE-drug association

95Lower: lower bound of 95 percent confidence interval of odds ratio

95Upper: upper bound of 95 percent confidence interval of odds ratio

se(logOR): standard error of log odds ratio

References

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Examples

```
# AEKS

### Type I data: data on report level
# enrich(data = covid1, covar = c("SEX", "AGE"), p = 0, method = "aeks",
#       n_perms = 1000, drug.case = "COVID19", dd.group = group, cores = 2,
#       drug.control = "OTHER", min_size = 5, min_AE = 10, zero = FALSE)

## Type II data: aggregated data
# enrich(data = covid2, covar = c("SEX", "AGE"), p = 0, method = "aeks",
#       n_perms = 1000, drug.case = "DrugYes", dd.group = group, cores = 2,
#       drug.control = "DrugNo", min_size = 5, min_AE = 10)

# AEFISHER
## Type I data: data on report level
# enrich(data = covid1, covar = c("SEX", "AGE"), p = 0, method = "aefisher",
```

```
# n_perms = 1000, drug.case = "COVID19", dd.group = group,  
# drug.control = "OTHER", min_size = 5, min_AE = 10, q.cut = 0.05,  
# or.cut = 1.5, cores = 2)  
  
## Type II data: aggregated data  
# enrich(data = covid2, covar = c("SEX", "AGE"), p = 0, method = "aefisher",  
# n_perms = 1000, drug.case = "DrugYes", dd.group = group,  
# drug.control = "DrugNo", min_size = 5, min_AE = 10, cores = 2)
```

group

Group Structure Data

Description

Identifies which group each set of adverse events belongs.

Usage

```
group
```

Format

An object of class `tbl_df` (inherits from `tbl`, `data.frame`) with 35339 rows and 2 columns.

Value

A data frame with the following columns:

AE_NAME	Adverse event name
GROUP_NAME	Group name

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