

Package ‘ggvolc’

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Title Create Volcano Plots for Differential Gene Expression Data

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Description Provides functionality to create customizable volcano plots for visualizing differential gene expression analysis results. The package offers options to highlight genes of interest, adjust significance thresholds, customize colors, and add informative labels. Designed specifically for RNA-seq data analysis workflows.

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all_genes	<i>Gene Expression Analysis Dataset</i>
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Description

A dataset containing gene expression analysis results. It has seven columns capturing various statistics related to gene expression.

Usage

all_genes

Format

A data frame with the following columns:

genes Character. Gene name or identifier.

baseMean Numeric. The base mean value for the gene across samples.

log2FoldChange Numeric. The log2 fold change of gene expression. Positive values indicate upregulation and negative values indicate downregulation.

lfcSE Numeric. Standard error of the log2 fold change.

stat Numeric. The Wald statistic for the gene's expression change.

pvalue Numeric. Raw p-value for the test of the gene's expression change.

padj Numeric. Adjusted p-value for multiple testing corrections.

attention_genes	<i>Attention Genes Dataset</i>
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Description

A dataset containing specific genes of interest referred to as "attention genes".

Usage

attention_genes

Format

A data frame with 10 rows and 7 variables:

genes Character. Gene name or identifier.

baseMean Numeric vector: Base mean expression level of genes

log2FoldChange Numeric vector: Log2 Fold Change of gene expression

lfcSE Numeric vector: Standard error for log2 fold change

stat Numeric vector: Wald statistic for the gene's expression change

pvalue Numeric vector: Raw p-value from Wald test

padj Numeric vector: Adjusted p-value for multiple testing using the Benjamini-Hochberg procedure

genes_table

Combine a ggplot Object with a Table of Genes

Description

This function takes a ggplot object and a data frame of gene details and produces a combined plot where the ggplot object is stacked above a table of gene details.

Usage

```
genes_table(plot_obj, data2)
```

Arguments

plot_obj A ggplot object, typically the output of a plotting function.

data2 A data frame containing gene details. It should have columns named "genes", "baseMean", "log2FoldChange", "pvalue", and "padj".

Value

A gtable object showing the ggplot stacked above a table of gene details.

Examples

```
# Load example datasets
data(all_genes)
data(attention_genes)

# Create a volcano plot highlighting genes of interest
plot <- ggvolc(all_genes, attention_genes, add_seg = TRUE)

# Combine the plot with a table showing gene statistics
# The table includes: gene names, baseMean, log2FoldChange, pvalue, and padj
genes_table(plot, attention_genes)
```

`ggvolc`*Create a Volcano Plot*

Description

This function creates a volcano plot using `ggplot2` based on provided datasets. It is particularly useful for visualizing differential gene expression data.

Usage

```
ggvolc(  
  data1,  
  data2 = NULL,  
  size_var = NULL,  
  p_value = 0.05,  
  fc = 1,  
  not_sig_color = "#808080",  
  down_reg_color = "#00798c",  
  up_reg_color = "#d1495b",  
  add_seg = FALSE  
)
```

Arguments

<code>data1</code>	Data frame for the primary dataset.
<code>data2</code>	Data frame for the secondary dataset. Default is <code>NULL</code> .
<code>size_var</code>	Variable for determining the size of points. Options are "log2FoldChange" and "pvalue". Default is "log2FoldChange".
<code>p_value</code>	Threshold for statistical significance. Default is 0.05.
<code>fc</code>	Fold change threshold for determining upregulated or downregulated genes. Default is 1.
<code>not_sig_color</code>	Color for non-significant genes. Default is "grey82".
<code>down_reg_color</code>	Color for downregulated genes. Default is "#00798c".
<code>up_reg_color</code>	Color for upregulated genes. Default is "#d1495b".
<code>add_seg</code>	Logical. If <code>TRUE</code> , dashed lines will be added to the plot indicating the p-value and fold change thresholds. Default is <code>FALSE</code> .

Value

A `ggplot2` object displaying the volcano plot.

Examples

```
# Load example datasets included in the package
data(all_genes)
data(attention_genes)

# Create a basic volcano plot with default settings
# Points are colored by significance (p < 0.05, |log2FC| > 1)
ggvolc(all_genes)

# Highlight specific genes of interest with labels
# These genes are shown with black borders and gene names
ggvolc(all_genes, attention_genes)

# Add dashed lines to indicate significance thresholds
ggvolc(all_genes, attention_genes, add_seg = TRUE)

# Customize colors for up- and down-regulated genes
ggvolc(all_genes, attention_genes,
        up_reg_color = "#E63946",
        down_reg_color = "#457B9D")

# Scale point size by p-value instead of default
ggvolc(all_genes, attention_genes, size_var = "pvalue")

# Adjust significance thresholds (p-value and fold change)
ggvolc(all_genes, p_value = 0.01, fc = 2)
```

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