

Package ‘sGBJ’

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Description Implements an extension of the Generalized Berk-Jones (GBJ) statistic for survival data, sGBJ. It computes the sGBJ statistic and its p-value for testing the association between a gene set and a time-to-event outcome with possible adjustment on additional covariates. Detailed method is available at Villain L, Ferte T, Thiebaut R and Hejblum BP (2021) <[doi:10.1101/2021.09.07.459329](https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.09.07.459329)>.

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<code>.epsilon_matrix</code>	<i>.epsilon_matrix</i>
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Description

Compute the epsilon matrix by permutation for the `sGBJ_scores()` function.

Usage

```
.epsilon_matrix(Z, nperm, surv, factor_matrix, covariates = NULL, dat)
```

Arguments

<code>Z</code>	the score vector returned by <code>.survival_scores()</code> function.
<code>nperm</code>	number of permutations performed to estimate the epsilon matrix. Default is 300.
<code>surv</code>	a Surv object of length n
<code>factor_matrix</code>	a n x p data . frame of the expression for the particular gene set of interest being tested
<code>covariates</code>	a n x 1 matrix of the covariates to adjust upon. Default is NULL
<code>dat</code>	data used to fit survival model returned by <code>.survival_scores()</code> function.

Value

The epsilon matrix.

.survival_scores *.survival_scores*

Description

Compute the survival score

Usage

```
.survival_scores(factor_matrix, covariates = NULL, surv)
```

Arguments

factor_matrix a n x p data.frame of the expression for the particular gene set of interest being tested

covariates a matrix nxl of the covariates to adjust. Default is NULL

surv a [Surv](#) object of length n

Value

A list of length 3 with the updated factor_matrix (same as factor_matrix but removing columns for which survival model failed to converge), the Z matrix and the data used to fit survival model.

ls_test_results *A data file used for testing sGBJ*

Description

A data file used for testing sGBJ

sGBJ *Compute the sGBJ statistic and its p-value quantifying a gene set expression association with survival*

Description

This function is the main function of the sGBJ package to perform Gene Set Analysis in the context of time-to-event outcome.

Usage

```
sGBJ(surv, factor_matrix, covariates = NULL, nperm = 300)
```

Arguments

surv	a Surv object of length n
factor_matrix	a n x p data.frame of the expression for the particular gene set of interest being tested
covariates	a n x 1 matrix of the covariates to adjust upon. Default is NULL
nperm	number of permutations performed to estimate the epsilon matrix. Default is 300.

Value

The sGBJ statistic and its associated p-value associated

Examples

```
n <- 100
surv_data <- data.frame(Time = runif(n = n, min = 0, max = 100),
                        event = rbinom(n = n, size = 1, prob = 0.5))
surv <- survival::Surv(time = surv_data$Time, event = surv_data$event)

factor_matrix <- data.frame(P1 = rnorm(n = n),
                            P2 = rnorm(n = n))

sGBJ::sGBJ(surv, factor_matrix, nperm = 2)
```

sGBJ_scores	<i>Compute the sGBJ statistic along with its p-value quantifying the association between a gene set and survival outcome</i>
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Description

Compute the sGBJ statistic along with its p-value quantifying the association between a gene set and survival outcome

Usage

```
sGBJ_scores(surv, factor_matrix, covariates = NULL, nperm = 300)
```

Arguments

surv	a Surv object of length n
factor_matrix	a n x p data.frame of the expression for the particular gene set of interest being tested
covariates	a n x 1 matrix of the covariates to adjust upon. Default is NULL
nperm	number of permutations performed to estimate the epsilon matrix. Default is 300.

Value

a list containing the sGBJ statistic estimation and its associated p-value

Examples

```
n <- 100
surv_data <- data.frame(Time = runif(n = n, min = 0, max = 100),
                        event = rbinom(n = n, size = 1, prob = 0.5))
surv <- survival::Surv(time = surv_data$Time, event = surv_data$event)

factor_matrix <- data.frame(P1 = rnorm(n = n),
                             P2 = rnorm(n = n))

sGBJ::sGBJ_scores(surv, factor_matrix, nperm = 2)

# with covariates

covariates <- data.frame(age = runif(n = n, 60, 90))

sGBJ_scores(surv, factor_matrix, nperm = 2, covariates = covariates)
```

surv_calc_scores_stats

surv_calc_scores_stats

Description

An adaptation of `GBJ::calc_scores_stats()` to survival context. Wrapper of `sGBJ_scores()` function.

Usage

```
surv_calc_scores_stats(null_model, factor_matrix, nperm = 300)
```

Arguments

<code>null_model</code>	An R cox model fitted with <code>survival::coxph()</code> .
<code>factor_matrix</code>	An $n \times p$ matrix with each factor as one column. There should be no missing data.
<code>nperm</code>	Number of permutations (default is 300)

Value

A list with the elements:

<code>test_stats</code>	The p score test statistics.
<code>cor_mat</code>	The $p \times p$ matrix giving the pairwise correlation of every test statistic pairs.

Examples

```
n <- 100
surv_data <- data.frame(Time = runif(n = n, min = 0, max = 100),
                        event = rbinom(n = n, size = 1, prob = 0.5))
surv <- survival::Surv(time = surv_data$Time, event = surv_data$event)

factor_matrix <- data.frame(P1 = rnorm(n = n),
                             P2 = rnorm(n = n))

covariates <- data.frame(age = runif(n = n, 60, 90))

null_model <- survival::coxph(surv ~ age, data = covariates, x = TRUE)
surv_reg_stats <- surv_calc_scores_stats(null_model = null_model,
                                        factor_matrix = factor_matrix,
                                        nperm = 2)#nperm = 300)

GBJ::GBJ(test_stats=surv_reg_stats$test_stats, cor_mat=surv_reg_stats$cor_mat)
```

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