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convert.attribute   *Converts attribute data from a dataframe into an object.*

Description

Converts attribute data from a dataframe into an object.

Usage

```
convert.attribute(data, sample = NULL)
```

Arguments

data	A dataframe of the attributes of microarray/RNA-seq data.
sample	An optional numeric array that designates the samples, that is rows, of the dataframe to be loaded.

Value

An object that represents the attributes of microarray/RNA-seq data. Internally, the object holds a dataframe whose number of entries (rows) equals that of the samples.

| convert.expression | *converts expression data from a dataframe into an object.* |

Description

converts expression data from a dataframe into an object.

Usage

```
convert.expression(data, entries = NULL)
```

Arguments

data	A dataframe of expression data to be loaded.
entries	An optional string array that designates the entries of the dataframe to be loaded.

Value

An object that represents the expression data of microarray/RNA-seq. Internally, the object holds a matrix of size nsamples * ngenes.

| convert.weather | *Converts weather data from a dataframe into an object.* |

Description

Converts weather data from a dataframe into an object.

Usage

```
convert.weather(data, entries = IO$weather.entries)
```

Arguments

data	A dataframe of weather data to be converted.
entries	An optional string array that designates the entries of the dataframe to be loaded.

Value

An object that reprents the timeseries data of weather factors. Internally, the object holds a dataframe of size ntimepoints * nfactors.

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convert.weight	*Converts regression weight data from a dataframe into an object.*

Description

Converts regression weight data from a dataframe into an object.

Usage

```
convert.weight(data, entries = NULL)
```

Arguments

data	A dataframe that contains weight data to be loaded.
entries	An optional string array that designates the entries of the dataframe to be loaded.

Value

An object that represents the weights Internally, the object holds a matrix of size nsamples * ngenes.

FIT	*FIT: a statistical modeling tool for transcriptome dynamics under fluctuating field conditions*

Description

Provides functionality for constructing statistical models of transcriptomic dynamics in field conditions. It further offers the function to predict expression of a gene given the attributes of samples and meteorological data. Nagano, A. J., Sato, Y., Mihara, M., Antonio, B. A., Motoyama, R., Itoh, H., Naganuma, Y., and Izawa, T. (2012). <doi:10.1016/j.cell.2012.10.048>. Iwayama, K., Aisaka, Y., Kutsuna, N., and Nagano, A. J. (2017). <doi:10.1093/bioinformatics/btx049>.

Overview

The **FIT** package is an R implementation of a class of transcriptomic models that relates gene expressions of plants and weather conditions to which the plants are exposed. (The reader is referred to [Nagano et al.] for the detail of the class of models concerned.)

By providing (a) gene expression profiles of plants brought up in a field condition, and (b) the relevant weather history (temperature etc.) of the said field, the user of the package is able to (1) construct optimized models (one for each gene) for their expressions, and (2) use them to predict the expressions for another weather history (possibly in a different field).

Below, we briefly explain the construction of the optimized models ("training phase") and the way to use them to make predictions ("prediction phase").

Model training phase:

The model of [Nagano et al.] belongs to the class of statistical models called "linear models" and are specified by a set of "parameters" and "(linear regression) coefficients". The former are used to convert weather conditions to the "input variables" for a regression, and the latter are then multiplied to the input variables to form the expectation values for the gene expressions. The reader is referred to the original article [Nagano et al.] for the formulas for the input variables. (See also [Iwayama] for a review.)

The training phase consists of three stages:

1. `Init`: fixes the initial model parameters
2. `Optim`: optimizes the model parameters
3. `Fit`: fixes the linear regression coefficients

The user can configure the training phase through a custom data structure ("recipe"), which can be constructed by using the utility function `FIT::make.recipe()`.

The role of the first stage `Init` is to fix the initial values for the model parameters from which the parameter optimization is performed. At the moment two methods, `'manual'` and `'gridsearch'`, are implemented. With the `'manual'` method the user can simply specify the set of initial values that he thinks is promising. For the `'gridsearch'` method the user discretizes the parameter space to a grid by providing a finite number of candidate values for each parameter. **FIT** then performs a search over the grid for the "best" combinations of the initial parameters.

The second stage `Optim` is the main step of the model training, and **FIT** tries to gradually improve the model parameters using the Nelder-Mead method.

This stage could be run one or more times where each can be run using the method `'none'`, `'lm'` or `'lasso'`. The `'none'` method passes the given parameter as-is to the next method in the `Optim` pipeline or to the next stage `Fit`. (Basically, the method is there so that the user can skip the entire `Optim` stage, but the method could be used for slightly warming-up the CPU as well.)

The `'lm'` method uses the a simple (weighted) linear regression to guide the parameter optimization. That is, **FIT** first computes the "input variables" from the current parameters and associated weather data, and then finds the set of linear coefficients that best explains the "output variables" (gene expressions). Finally, the quadratic residual is used as the measure for the error and is fed back to the Nelder-Mead method.

The `'lasso'` method is similar to the `'lm'` method but uses the (weighted) Lasso regression ("linear" regression with an L1-regularization for the regression coefficients) instead of the simple linear regression. **FIT** uses the **glmnet** package to perform the Lasso regression and the strength of the L1-regularization is fixed via a cross validation. (See `cv.glmnet()` from the **glmnet** package. The Lasso regression is said to suppress irrelevant input variables automatically and tends to create models with better prediction ability. On the other hand, `'lasso'` runs considerably slower than `'lm'`.

For example, passing a vector `c('lm', 'lasso')` to the argument `optim` (of `make.recipe()`) creates a recipe that instructs the `Optim` stage to (1) first optimize using the `'lm'` method, (2) and then fine tunes the parameters using the `'lasso'` method.

After fixing the model parameters in the `Optim` stage, the `Fit` stage can be used to fix the linear coefficients of the models. Here, either `'fit.lm'` or `'fit.lasso'` can be used to find the "best" coefficients, the main difference being that the coefficients are penalized by an L1-norm for the latter. Note that it is perfectly okay to use `'fit.lasso'` for the parameters optimized using `'lm'`.

In order to prepare for the possibly huge variations of expression data as measured by RNA-seq, **FIT** provides a way to weight regression penalties from each sample with different weights as in `sum_{s in samples} (weight_s) (error_s)^2`.

Prediction phase: For each gene, the trained model of the previous subsection can be thought of as a black box that maps the field conditions (weather data), to which a plant containing the gene is exposed, to its expected expression. **FIT** provides a simple function `FIT::predict()` that does just this.

`FIT::predict()` takes as its argument a list of pretrained models as well as actual/hypothetical plant sample attributes and weather data, and returns the predicted values of gene expressions.

When there is a set of actually measured expressions, an associated function `FIT::prediction.errors())` can be used to check the validity of the predictions made by the models.

Namespece contamination

The **FIT** package exports fairly ubiquitous names auch as `optim`, `predict` etc.\ as its API. Users, therefore, are advised to load **FIT** via `requireNamespace('FIT')` and use its API function with a namaspace qualifier (e.g.~`FIT::optim()`) rather than loading *and* attaching it via `library('FIT')`.

Basic usage

See vignettes for examples of actual scripts that use **FIT**.

References

[Nagano et al.] A.J.~Nagano, et al. "Deciphering and prediction of transcriptome dynamics under fluctuating field conditions," Cell~151, 6, 1358–69 (2012)

[Iwayama] K.~Iwayama, et al. "FIT: statistical modeling tool for transcriptome dynamics under fluctuating field conditions," Bioinformatics, btx049 (2017)

Examples

```
## Not run:
# The following snippet shows the structure of a typical
# driver script of the FIT package.
# See vignettes for examples of actual scripts that use FIT.

##############
## training ##
##############
## discretized parameter space (for 'gridsearch')
grid.coords <- list(
  clock.phase = seq(0, 23*60, 1*60),
  # :
  gate.radiation.amplitude = c(-5, 5)
)

## create a training recipe
recipe <- FIT::make.recipe(c('temperature', 'radiation'),
                          init  = 'gridsearch',
                          init.data = grid.coords,
                          optim = c('lm'),
                          fit   = 'fit.lasso',
                          time.step = 10,
                          opts =
```

```
                                 list(lm    = list(maxit = 900),
                                 lasso = list(maxit = 1000))
                              )

## names of genes to construct models
genes <- c('Os12g0189300', 'Os02g0724000')


## End(Not run)


## Not run:
## load training data
training.attribute  <- FIT::load.attribute('attribute.2008.txt')
training.weather    <- FIT::load.weather('weather.2008.dat', 'weather')
training.expression <- FIT::load.expression('expression.2008.dat', 'ex', genes)

## models will be a list of trained models (length: ngenes)
models <- FIT::train(training.expression,
                     training.attribute,
                     training.weather,
                     recipe)


## End(Not run)

################
## prediction ##
################

## Not run:
## load validation data
prediction.attribute  <- FIT::load.attribute('attribute.2009.txt');
prediction.weather    <- FIT::load.weather('weather.2009.dat', 'weather')
prediction.expression <- FIT::load.expression('expression.2009.dat', 'ex', genes)

## predict
prediction.result <- FIT::predict(models[[1]],
                                  prediction.attribute,
                                  prediction.weather)



## End(Not run)
```

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fit.models   *A raw API for fixing linear regression coefficients.*

Description

Note: use train() unless the user is willing to accept breaking API changes in the future.

Usage

```
fit.models(expression, weight, attribute, weather, recipe, models)
```

Arguments

expression	An object that represents gene expression data. The object can be created from a dumped/saved dataframe of size nsamples * ngenes using `FIT::load.expression()`. (At the moment it is an instance of a hidden class IO$Attribute, but this may be subject to change.)
weight	A matrix of size `nsamples * ngenes` that during regression penalizes errors from each sample using the formula `sum_{s in samples} (weight_s) (error_s)^2`.
	Note that, unlike for `FIT::train()`, this argument is NOT optional.
attribute	An object that represents the attributes of microarray/RNA-seq data. The object can be created from a dumped/saved dataframe of size `nsamples * nattributes` using `FIT::load.attribute()`. (At the moment it is an instance of a hidden class IO$Attribute, but this may be subject to change.)
weather	An object that represents actual or hypothetical weather data with which the training of models are done. The object can be created from a dumped/saved dataframe of size `ntimepoints * nfactors` using `FIT::load.weather()`. (At the moment it is an instance of a hidden class IO$Weather, but this may be subject to change.)
recipe	An object that represents the training protocol of models. A recipe can be created using `FIT::make.recipe()`.
models	A collection of models being trained as is returnd by `FIT::optim()`.

Value

A collection of models whose parameters and regression coeffients are optimized.

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init	*A raw API for initializing model parameters.*

Description

Note: use `train()` unless the user is willing to accept breaking API changes in the future.

Usage

```
init(expression, weight, attribute, weather, recipe)
```

Arguments

expression	An object that represents gene expression data. The object can be created from a dumped/saved dataframe of size nsamples * ngenes using FIT::load.expression(). (At the moment it is an instance of a hidden class IO$Attribute, but this may be subject to change.)
weight	A matrix of size nsamples * ngenes that during regression penalizes errors from each sample using the formula sum_{s in samples} (weight_s) (error_s)^2. Note that, unlike for FIT::train(), this argument is NOT optional.
attribute	An object that represents the attributes of a microarray/RNA-seq data. The object can be created from a dumped/saved dataframe of size nsamples * nattributes using FIT::load.attribute(). (At the moment it is an instance of a hidden class IO$Attribute, but this may be subject to change.)
weather	An object that represents actual or hypothetical weather data with which the training of models are done. The object can be created from a dumped/saved dataframe of size ntimepoints * nfactors using FIT::load.weather(). (At the moment it is an instance of a hidden class IO$Weather, but this may be subject to change.)
recipe	An object that represents the training protocol of models. A recipe can be created using FIT::make.recipe().

Value

A collection of models whose parameters are set by using the `'init'` method in the argument
recipe.

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load.attribute	*Loads attribute data.*

Description

Loads attribute data.

Usage

```
load.attribute(path, variable = NULL, sample = NULL)
```

Arguments

path	A path of a file that contains attribute data to be loaded. When the file is a loadable .Rdata, name of the dataframe object in the .Rdata (that actually contains the relevant data) has to be specified as well.
variable	An optional string that designates the name of a dataframe object that has been saved in an .Rdata. (See the description of path.)
sample	An optional numeric array that designates the samples, that is rows, of the dataframe to be loaded.

Value

An object that represents the attributes of microarray/RNA-seq data. Internally, the object holds a dataframe whose number of entries (rows) equals that of the samples.

---

load.expression   *Loads expression data.*

Description

Loads expression data.

Usage

```
load.expression(path, variable = NULL, entries = NULL)
```

Arguments

path	A path of a file that contains attribute data to be loaded. When the file is a loadable .Rdata, name of the dataframe object in the .Rdata (that actually contains the relevant data) has to be specified as well.
variable	An optional string that designates the name of a dataframe object that has been saved in an .Rdata. (See the description of path.)
entries	An optional string array that designates the entries of the dataframe to be loaded.

Value

An object that represents the expression data of microarray/RNA-seq. Internally, the object holds a matrix of size nsamples * ngenes.

---

load.weather   *Loads weather data.*

Description

Loads weather data.

Usage

```
load.weather(path, variable = NULL, entries = IO$weather.entries)
```

Arguments

path	A path of a file that contains weather data to be loaded. When the file is a loadable .Rdata, name of the dataframe object in the .Rdata (that actually contains the relevant data) has to be specified as well.
variable	An optional string that designates the name of a dataframe object that has been saved in an .Rdata. (See the description of path.)
entries	An optional string array that designates the entries of the dataframe to be loaded.

Value

An object that reprents the timeseries data of weather factors. Internally, the object holds a dataframe of size ntimepoints * nfactors.

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load.weight   *Loads regression weight data.*

Description

Loads regression weight data.

Usage

```
load.weight(path, variable = NULL, entries = NULL)
```

Arguments

path	A path of a file that contains weight data to be loaded. When the file is a loadable .Rdata, name of the dataframe object in the .Rdata (that actually contains the relevant data) has to be specified as well.
variable	An optional string that designates the name of a dataframe object that has been saved in an .Rdata. (See the description of path.)
entries	An optional string array that designates the entries of the dataframe to be loaded.

Value

An object that represents the weights Internally, the object holds a matrix of size nsamples * ngenes.

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make.recipe   *Creates a recipe for training models.*

Description

Creates a recipe for training models.

Usage

```
make.recipe(envs, init, optim, fit, init.data, time.step, gate.open.min = 0,
  opts = NULL)
```

Arguments

envs	An array of weather factors to be taken into account during the construction of models. At the moment, the array envs can only contain a single weather factor from weather.entries, though there is a plan to remove the restriction in a future version.
init	A string to specify the method to choose the initial parameters. (One of 'gridsearch' or 'manual'.)
optim	A string to specify the method to be used for optimizing the model parameters. (One of 'none', 'lm' or 'lasso')
fit	A string to specify the method to be used for fixing the linear regression coefficients. (One of 'fit.lm' or 'fit.lasso'.)
init.data	Auxiliary data needed to perform the Init stage using the method specified by the init argument. When init is 'gridsearch', it should be a list representing a discretized parameter space. When init is 'manual', it should be a list of parameter values that is used as the initial values for the parameters in the Optim stage.
time.step	An integer to specify the basic unit of time (in minute) for the transcriptomic models. Must be a multiple of the time step of weather data.
gate.open.min	The minimum opning length in minutes of the gate function for environmental inputs.
opts	An optional named list that specifies the arguments to be passed to methods that constitute each stage of the model training. Each key of the list corresponds to a name of a method. See examples for the supported options.

Value

An object representing the procedure to construct models.

Examples

```
## Not run:
init.params <- .. # choose them wisely
# Defined in Train.R:
# default.opts <- list(
#   none  = list(),
#   lm    = list(maxit=1500, nfolds=-1), # nfolds for lm is simply ignored
#   lasso = list(maxit=1000, nfolds=10)
# )
recipe <- FIT::make.recipe(c('wind', 'temperature'),
                           init = 'manual',
                           init.data = init.params,
                           optim = c('lm', 'none', 'lasso'),
                           fit = 'fit.lasso',
                           time.step = 10,
                           opts =
                             list(lm    = list(maxit = 900),
                                  lasso = list(maxit = 1000)))

## End(Not run)
```

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make.trivial.weights   *Makes trivial weight data*

Description

Makes trivial weight data

Usage

```
make.trivial.weights(samples.n, genes)
```

Arguments

samples.n	A number of samples.
genes	A list of genes.

Value

An object that represens the trivial weights. Internally, the object holds an identity matrix of size nsamples * ngenes.

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optim   *A raw API for optimizing model parameters.*

Description

Note: use train() unless the user is willing to accept breaking API changes in the future.

Usage

```
optim(expression, weight, attribute, weather, recipe, models, maxit = NULL,
  nfolds = NULL)
```

Arguments

expression
: An object that represents gene expression data. The object can be created from a dumped/saved dataframe of size nsamples * ngenes using FIT::load.expression(). (At the moment it is an instance of a hidden class IO$Attribute, but this may be subject to change.)

weight
: A matrix of size nsamples * ngenes that during regression penalizes errors from each sample using the formula sum_{s in samples} (weight_s) (error_s)^2. Note that, unlike for FIT::train(), this argument is NOT optional.

attribute
: An object that represents the attributes of microarray/RNA-seq data. The object can be created from a dumped/saved dataframe of size nsamples * nattributes using FIT::load.attribute(). (At the moment it is an instance of a hidden class IO$Attribute, but this may be subject to change.)

weather
: An object that represents actual or hypothetical weather data with which the training of models are done. The object can be created from a dumped/saved dataframe of size ntimepoints * nfactors using FIT::load.weather(). (At the moment it is an instance of a hidden class IO$Weather, but this may be subject to change.)

recipe
: An object that represents the training protocol of models. A recipe can be created using FIT::make.recipe().

models
: A collection of models being trained as is returnd by FIT::init().
  At this moment, it must be a list (genes) of a list (envs) of models and must contain at least one model. (THIS MIGHT CHANGE IN A FUTURE.)

maxit
: An optional number that specifies the maximal number of times that the parameter optimization is performed.
  The user can control this parameter by using the opts argument for FIT::train().

nfolds
: An optional number that specifies the order of cross validation when optim method is 'lasso'. This is simply ignored when optim method is 'lm'.

Value

A collection of models whose parameters are optimized by using the 'optim' pipeline in the argument recipe.

---

predict   *Predicts gene expressions using pretrained models.*

Description

Predicts gene expressions using pretrained models.

Usage

```
predict(models, attribute, weather)
```

Arguments

models	A list of trained models for the genes of interest.
	At the moment the collection of trained models returned by `FIT::train()` cannot be directly passed to `FIT::predict()`: the user has to explicitly convert it to an appropriate format by using `FIT::train.to.predict.adaptor()`. (This restriction might be removed in a future.)
attribute	An object that represents the attributes of microarray/RNA-seq data. The object can be created from a dumped/saved dataframe of size `nsamples * nattributes` using `FIT::load.attribute()`. (At the moment it is an instance of a hidden class IO$Attribute, but this may be subject to change.)
weather	An object that represents actual or hypothetical weather data with which predictions of gene expressions are made. The object can be created from a dumped/saved dataframe of size `ntimepoints * nfactors` using `FIT::load.weather()`. (At the moment it is an instance of a hidden class IO$Weather, but this may be subject to change.)

Value

A list of prediction results as returned by the models.

Examples

```
## Not run:
# prepare models
# NOTE: FIT::train() returns a nested list of models
#   so we have to flatten it using FIT::train.to.predict.adaptor()
#   before passing it to FIT::predict().
models <- FIT::train(..)
models.flattened <- FIT::train.to.predict.adaptor(models)

# load data used for prediction
prediction.attribute  <- FIT::load.attribute('attribute.2009.txt')
prediction.weather    <- FIT::load.weather('weather.2009.dat', 'weather')
prediction.expression <- FIT::load.expression('expression.2009.dat', 'ex', genes)

prediction.results <- FIT::predict(models.flattened,
```

```
                                prediction.attribute,
                                prediction.weather)

  ## End(Not run)
```

---

prediction.errors   *Computes the prediction errors using the trained models.*

Description

Computes the prediction errors using the trained models.

Usage

```
prediction.errors(models, expression, attribute, weather)
```

Arguments

models
: A list of trained models for the genes of interest.
  At the moment the collection of trained models returned by `FIT::train()` cannot be directly passed to `FIT::predict()`: the user has to explicitly convert it to an appropriate format by using `FIT::train.to.predict.adaptor()`. (This restriction might be removed in a future.)

expression
: An object that represents the actual measured data of gene expressions. The object can be created from a dumped/saved dataframe of size nsamples * ngenes using `FIT::load.expression()`. (At the moment it is an instance of a hidden class IO$Attribute, but this may be subject to change.)

attribute
: An object that represents the attributes of microarray/RNA-seq data. The object can be created from a dumped/saved dataframe using `FIT::load.attribute()`. (At the moment it is an instance of a hidden class IO$Attribute, but this may be subject to change.)

weather
: An object that represents actual or hypothetical weather data with which predictions of gene expressions are made. The object can be created from a dumped/saved dataframe using `FIT::load.weather()`. (At the moment it is an instance of a hidden class IO$Weather, but this may be subject to change.)

Value

A list of deviance (a measure of validity of predictions, as is defined by each model) between the prediction results and the measured results (as is provided by the user through expression argument).

Examples

```
## Not run:
# see the usage of FIT::predict()

## End(Not run)
```

---

train   *Constructs models following a recipe.*

Description

Constructs models following a recipe.

Usage

```
train(expression, attribute, weather, recipe, weight = NULL,
  min.expressed.rate = 0.01)
```

Arguments

expression	An object that represents gene expression data. The object can be created from a dumped/saved dataframe of size nsamples * ngenes using FIT::load.expression(). (At the moment it is an instance of a hidden class IO$Expression, but this may be subject to change.)
attribute	An object that represents the attributes of microarray/RNA-seq data. The object can be created from a dumped/saved dataframe of size nsamples * nattributes using FIT::load.attribute(). (At the moment it is an instance of a hidden class IO$Attribute, but this may be subject to change.)
weather	An object that represents actual or hypothetical weather data with which the training of models are done. The object can be created from a dumped/saved dataframe of size ntimepoints * nfactors using FIT::load.weather(). (At the moment it is an instance of a hidden class IO$Weather, but this may be subject to change.)
recipe	An object that represents the training protocol of models. A recipe can be created using FIT::make.recipe().
weight	An optional numerical matrix of size nsamples * ngenes that during regression penalizes errors from each sample using the formula sum_{s in samples} (weight_s) (error_s)^2.
	This argument is optional for a historical reason, and when it is omitted, all samples are equally penalized.
min.expressed.rate	
	A number used to A gene with var(expr) < thres.expr is regarded as unexpressed, and **FIT** sets its model as: expr = log(offset) + 0*inputs.

Value

A collection of trained models.

Examples

```
## Not run:
# create recipe
recipe <- FIT::make.recipe(..)

#load training data
training.attribute  <- FIT::load.attribute('attribute.2008.txt');
training.weather    <- FIT::load.weather('weather.2008.dat', 'weather')
training.expression <- FIT::load.expression('expression.2008.dat', 'ex', genes)
training.weight     <- FIT::load.weight('weight.2008.dat', 'weight', genes)

# train models
models <- FIT::train(training.expression,
                     training.attribute,
                     training.weather,
                     recipe,
                     training.weight)

## End(Not run)
```

---

weather.entries   *Supported weather factors.*

Description

Supported weather factors.

Usage

```
weather.entries
```

Format

An object of class character of length 6.

Examples

```
length(FIT::weather.entries)
```

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