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.em_est	<i>Compute gene set enrichment estimates.</i>
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Description

Compute gene set enrichment estimates.

Usage

.em_est(pprobs, d_vec)

Arguments

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| pprobs | A vector of posterior probabilities for each gene estimated from the intact function. Gene order should match d_vec. |
| d_vec | A vector of gene set annotations for the genes of interest. Entries should be integer(1) if the gene is annotated and integer(0) otherwise. |

Value

Maximum likelihood estimates for alpha0 and alpha1; convergence indicator.

<code>.enrich_bootstrap_se</code>	<i>Compute bootstrap standard errors for alpha MLEs.</i>
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Description

Compute bootstrap standard errors for alpha MLEs.

Usage

```
.enrich_bootstrap_se(pprobs, d_vec, reps = 100)
```

Arguments

<code>pprobs</code>	A vector of posterior probabilities for each gene estimated from the intact function. Gene order should match <code>d_vec</code> .
<code>d_vec</code>	A vector of gene set annotations for the genes of interest. Entries should be <code>integer(1)</code> if the gene is annotated and <code>integer(0)</code> otherwise.
<code>reps</code>	Number of bootstrap samples.

Value

MLEs for `alpha0` and `alpha1` from bootstrap samples.

<code>.enrich_res</code>	<i>Compute gene set enrichment estimates with standard errors.</i>
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Description

Compute gene set enrichment estimates with standard errors.

Usage

```
.enrich_res(sig_lev, pprobs, d_vec, SE_type = "NDS", boot_rep = NULL)
```

Arguments

<code>sig_lev</code>	A significance threshold for gene set enrichment hypothesis testing.
<code>pprobs</code>	A vector of posterior probabilities for each gene estimated from the intact function. Gene order should match <code>d_vec</code> .
<code>d_vec</code>	A vector of gene set annotations for the genes of interest. Entries should be <code>integer(1)</code> if the gene is annotated and <code>integer(0)</code> otherwise.
<code>SE_type</code>	A method to compute standard errors of the gene set enrichment estimates. Possible methods are "profile_likelihood," "bootstrap," and "NDS". NDS performs numerical differentiation of the Fisher score vector.
<code>boot_rep</code>	Number of bootstrap samples, if bootstrap standard errors are specified for <code>SE_type</code> .

Value

A data frame with the `alpha1` estimate, standard error, z-score, p-value, `(1-sig_lev)%` CI limits, and convergence indicator.

<code>.logistic_em</code>	<i>A fixed-point mapping for the expectation-maximization algorithm. Used as an argument for <code>fixptfn</code> in the <code>squarem</code> function.</i>
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Description

A fixed-point mapping for the expectation-maximization algorithm. Used as an argument for `fixptfn` in the `squarem` function.

Usage

```
.logistic_em(d_vec, pprobs, alpha)
```

Arguments

<code>d_vec</code>	A vector of gene set annotations for the genes of interest. Entries should be <code>integer(1)</code> if the gene is annotated and <code>integer(0)</code> otherwise.
<code>pprobs</code>	A vector of posterior probabilities for each gene estimated from the <code>intact</code> function. Gene order should match <code>d_vec</code> .
<code>alpha</code>	A vector containing the current estimates of the enrichment parameters <code>alpha0</code> and <code>alpha1\$</code> .

Value

Updated estimates of `alpha0` and `alpha1`.

<code>.logistic_em_nopseudo</code>	<i>Similar to <code>logistic_em()</code>, but does not use pseudocounts to stabilize the algorithm.</i>
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Description

Similar to `logistic_em()`, but does not use pseudocounts to stabilize the algorithm.

Usage

```
.logistic_em_nopseudo(d_vec, pprobs, alpha)
```

Arguments

<code>d_vec</code>	A vector of gene set annotations for the genes of interest. Entries should be <code>integer(1)</code> if the gene is annotated and <code>integer(0)</code> otherwise.
<code>pprobs</code>	A vector of posterior probabilities for each gene estimated from the intact function. Gene order should match <code>d_vec</code> .
<code>alpha</code>	A vector containing the current estimates of the enrichment parameters <code>alpha0</code> and <code>alpha1</code> .

Value

Updated estimates of `alpha0` and `alpha1`.

<code>.logistic_loglik</code>	<i>A log likelihood function for the expectation-maximization algorithm. Used as an argument for <code>objfn</code> in the <code>squarem</code> function.</i>
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Description

A log likelihood function for the expectation-maximization algorithm. Used as an argument for `objfn` in the `squarem` function.

Usage

```
.logistic_loglik(alpha, d_vec, pprobs)
```

Arguments

<code>alpha</code>	A vector containing the current estimates of the enrichment parameters <code>alpha0</code> and <code>alpha1</code> .
<code>d_vec</code>	A vector of gene set annotations for the genes of interest. Entries should be <code>integer(1)</code> if the gene is annotated and <code>integer(0)</code> otherwise.
<code>pprobs</code>	A vector of posterior probabilities for each gene estimated from the intact function. Gene order should match <code>d_vec</code> .

Value

Log likelihood evaluated at the current estimates of `alpha0` and `alpha1`.

<code>.pi1_fun</code>	<i>Estimate pi1 from TWAS scan z-scores.</i>
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Description

Estimate pi1 from TWAS scan z-scores.

Usage

```
.pi1_fun(z_vec, lambda = 0.5)
```

Arguments

<code>z_vec</code>	A vector of TWAS scan z-scores.
<code>lambda</code>	A value between 0 and 1. The density of TWAS scan z-scores should be flat at lambda. Set to 0.5 as default.

Value

A scalar estimate for pi1.

<code>expit</code>	<i>Transform a gene colocalization probability (GLCP) to a prior to be used in the evidence integration procedure. There are four prior function options, including expit, linear, step, and expit-linear hybrid.</i>
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Description

Transform a gene colocalization probability (GLCP) to a prior to be used in the evidence integration procedure. There are four prior function options, including expit, linear, step, and expit-linear hybrid.

Usage

```
expit(GLCP, t = 0.05, D = 0.1, u = 1, thresholding = "hard")
```

Arguments

<code>GLCP</code>	A gene colocalization probability
<code>t</code>	A hard threshold for the GLCP. Values below this number will be shrunk to zero. Default is 0.05.
<code>D</code>	A curvature shrinkage parameter. Lower values of D will result in a steeper curve. Default is 0.1
<code>u</code>	A factor between 0 and 1 by which the prior function is scaled.
<code>thresholding</code>	An option to use hard thresholding or soft thresholding for the prior function. Default is "hard". For soft thresholding, set to "soft".

Value

The value of the prior.

Examples

```
expit(0.2, 0.05, 1)
```

fdr_rst*Bayesian FDR control for INTACT output*

Description

Bayesian FDR control for INTACT output

Usage

```
fdr_rst(posterior, alpha = 0.05)
```

Arguments

posterior	A vector of posterior probabilities for each gene estimated from the intact function.
alpha	A numeric target FDR control level.

Value

An $n \times 2$ data frame where the first column is the inputted posterior probabilities, and the second is a Boolean vector denoting significance at the specified target control level.

Examples

```
data(simdat)  
fdr_rst(simdat$GLCP)
```

gene_set_list	<i>Simulated gene set list.</i>
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Description

A list object containing two elements. Each is a character list of gene names.

Usage

gene_set_list

Format

A list with two items:

- gene set 1** gene set with 503 gene members. Significantly enriched in simdat.
- gene set 2** gene set with 200 members. ...

Examples

data(gene_set_list)

hybrid	<i>Transform a gene colocalization probability (GLCP) to a prior to be used in the evidence integration procedure. There are four prior function options, including expit, linear, step, and expit-linear hybrid.</i>
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Description

Transform a gene colocalization probability (GLCP) to a prior to be used in the evidence integration procedure. There are four prior function options, including expit, linear, step, and expit-linear hybrid.

Usage

hybrid(GLCP, t = 0.05, D = 0.1, u = 1, thresholding = "hard")

Arguments

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| GLCP | A gene colocalization probability |
| t | A hard threshold for the GLCP. Values below this number will be shrunk to zero. Default is 0.05. |
| D | A curvature shrinkage parameter. Lower values of D will result in a steeper curve. Default is 0.1 |
| u | A factor between 0 and 1 by which the prior function is scaled. |
| thresholding | An option to use hard thresholding or soft thresholding for the prior function. Default is "hard". For soft thresholding, set to "soft". |

Value

The value of the prior.

Examples

```
hybrid(0.2, 0.05, 1)
```

intact	<i>Compute the posterior probability that a gene may be causal, given a gene's TWAS scan z-score (or Bayes factor) and colocalization probability.</i>
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Description

Compute the posterior probability that a gene may be causal, given a gene's TWAS scan z-score (or Bayes factor) and colocalization probability.

Usage

```
intact(
  GLCP_vec,
  prior_fun = linear,
  z_vec = NULL,
  t = NULL,
  D = NULL,
  K = c(1, 2, 4, 8, 16),
  twas_priors = .pi1_fun(z_vec = z_vec, lambda = 0.5),
  twas_BFs = NULL
)
```

Arguments

GLCP_vec	A vector of colocalization probabilities for the genes of interest
prior_fun	A function to transform a colocalization probability into a prior. Options are linear, step, expit, and hybrid.
z_vec	A vector of TWAS scan z-scores for the genes of interest. The order of genes must match GLCP_vec.
t	A hard threshold for the GLCP. Values below this number will be shrunk to zero. This argument is used in the user-specified prior function. Default value for the step prior is 0.5. Default value is 0.05 for all other prior functions.
D	A curvature shrinkage parameter. Lower values of D will result in a steeper curve. Default is 0.1. This parameter should only be specified if the user selects the expit or hybrid prior function and does not wish to use the default value.
K	A vector of values over which Bayesian model averaging is performed.

twas_priors	An optional vector of user-specified gene-specific TWAS priors. If no input is supplied, INTACT computes a scalar prior using the TWAS data (see the corresponding manuscript for more details).
twas_BFs	A vector of TWAS Bayes factors for the genes of interest. This is an alternative option if the user wishes to directly specify Bayes factors instead of computing them from TWAS scan z-scores.

Value

The vector of posteriors.

Examples

```
data(simdat)
intact(GLCP_vec=simdat$GLCP, z_vec = simdat$TWAS_z)
intact(GLCP_vec=simdat$GLCP, prior_fun=expit, z_vec = simdat$TWAS_z,
t = 0.02,D = 0.09)
intact(GLCP_vec=simdat$GLCP, prior_fun=step, z_vec = simdat$TWAS_z,
t = 0.49)
intact(GLCP_vec=simdat$GLCP, prior_fun=hybrid, z_vec = simdat$TWAS_z,
t = 0.49,D = 0.05)
```

intactGSE	<i>Perform gene set enrichment estimation and inference, given TWAS scan z-scores and colocalization probabilities.</i>
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Description

Perform gene set enrichment estimation and inference, given TWAS scan z-scores and colocalization probabilities.

Usage

```
intactGSE(
  gene_data,
  prior_fun = linear,
  t = NULL,
  D = NULL,
  gene_sets,
  sig_lev = 0.05,
  SE_type = "NDS",
  boot_rep = NULL
)
```

Arguments

gene_data	A data frame containing gene names and corresponding colocalization probabilities and TWAS z-scores for each gene. Column names should be "gene", "GLCP", and "TWAS_z". If the user wishes to specify TWAS Bayes factors instead of z-scores, use the column name "TWAS_BFs". If the user wishes to specify gene-specific TWAS priors, use the column name "TWAS_priors".
prior_fun	A function to transform a colocalization probability into a prior. Options are linear, step, expit, and hybrid.
t	A hard threshold for the GLCP. Values below this number will be shrunk to zero. This argument is used in the user-specified prior function. Default value for the step prior is 0.5. Default value is 0.05 for all other prior functions.
D	A curvature shrinkage parameter. Lower values of D will result in a steeper curve. Default is 0.1. This parameter should only be specified if the user selects the expit or hybrid prior function and does not wish to use the default value.
gene_sets	A named list of gene sets for which enrichment is to be estimated. List items should be character vectors of gene IDs. Gene ID format should match the gene column in gene_data.
sig_lev	A significance threshold for gene set enrichment hypothesis testing.
SE_type	A method to compute standard errors of the gene set enrichment estimates. Possible methods are "profile_likelihood" and "bootstrap."
boot_rep	Number of bootstrap samples.

Value

A data frame with the alpha1 estimate, standard error, z-score, p-value, (1-sig_lev)% CI limits, and convergence indicator for each gene set in gene_sets.

Examples

```
data(simdat)
data(gene_set_list)
intactGSE(gene_data = simdat, gene_sets = gene_set_list)
intactGSE(gene_data = simdat, prior_fun = step, t = 0.45,
gene_sets = gene_set_list)
intactGSE(gene_data = simdat, prior_fun = expit, t = 0.08, D = 0.08,
gene_sets = gene_set_list)
intactGSE(gene_data = simdat, prior_fun = hybrid, t = 0.08, D = 0.08,
gene_sets = gene_set_list)
```

linear

Transform a gene colocalization probability (GLCP) to a prior to be used in the evidence integration procedure. There are four prior function options, including expit, linear, step, and expit-linear hybrid.

Description

Transform a gene colocalization probability (GLCP) to a prior to be used in the evidence integration procedure. There are four prior function options, including expit, linear, step, and expit-linear hybrid.

Usage

```
linear(GLCP, t = 0.05, u = 1, thresholding = "hard")
```

Arguments

GLCP	A gene colocalization probability
t	A hard threshold for the GLCP. Values below this number will be shrunk to zero. Default is 0.05.
u	A factor between 0 and 1 by which the prior function is scaled.
thresholding	An option to use hard thresholding or soft thresholding for the prior function. Default is "hard". For soft thresholding, set to "soft".

Value

The value of the prior.

Examples

```
linear(0.2, 0.05, 1)
linear(c(0.01, 0.2, 0.9))
```

simdat

Simulated TWAS and colocalization summary data.

Description

A data set containing GLCP and TWAS z-score for 1197 simulated genes.

Usage

```
simdat
```

Format

A data frame with 1197 rows and 3 variables:

gene gene Ensembl ID
GLCP colocalization probability
TWAS_z TWAS z-score ...

Examples

```
data(simdat)
```

step	<i>Transform a gene colocalization probability (GLCP) to a prior to be used in the evidence integration procedure. There are four prior function options, including expit, linear, step, and expit-linear hybrid.</i>
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Description

Transform a gene colocalization probability (GLCP) to a prior to be used in the evidence integration procedure. There are four prior function options, including expit, linear, step, and expit-linear hybrid.

Usage

```
step(GLCP, t = 0.5, u = 1)
```

Arguments

GLCP	A gene colocalization probability
t	A hard threshold for the GLCP. Values below this number will be shrunk to zero. Default is 0.5.
u	A factor between 0 and 1 by which the prior function is scaled.

Value

The value of the prior.

Examples

```
step(0.2, 0.05, 1)
```

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