

Package ‘crso’

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Description An algorithm for identifying candidate driver combinations in cancer. CRSO is based on a theoretical model of cancer in which a cancer rule is defined to be a collection of two or more events (i.e., alterations) that are minimally sufficient to cause cancer. A cancer rule set is a set of cancer rules that collectively are assumed to account for all of ways to cause cancer in the population. In CRSO every event is designated explicitly as a passenger or driver within each patient. Each event is associated with a patient-specific, event-specific passenger penalty, reflecting how unlikely the event would have happened by chance, i.e., as a passenger. CRSO evaluates each rule set by assigning all samples to a rule in the rule set, or to the null rule, and then calculating the total statistical penalty from all unassigned event. CRSO uses a three phase procedure find the best rule set of fixed size K for a range of Ks. A core rule set is then identified from among the best rule sets of size K as the rule set that best balances rule set size and statistical penalty. Users should consult the 'crso' vignette for an example walk through of a full CRSO run. The full description, of the CRSO algorithm is presented in: Klein MI, Cannataro V, Townsend J, Stern DF and Zhao H. ``Identifying combinations of cancer driver in individual patients." BioRxiv 674234 [Preprint]. June 19, 2019. <doi:10.1101/674234>. Please cite this article if you use 'crso'.

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buildRuleLibrary	<i>Make full rule library of all rules that satisfy minimum coverage threshold.</i>
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Description

Make full rule library of all rules that satisfy minimum coverage threshold.

Usage

buildRuleLibrary(D, rule.thresh, min.epr)

Arguments

- | | |
|-------------|---|
| D | Binary matrix of N events and M samples |
| rule.thresh | Minimum fraction of rules covered. Default is .03 |
| min.epr | minimum events per rule. Default is 2. |

Examples

```
library(crso)
data(skcm)
list2env(skcm.list,envir=globalenv())
rm.full <- buildRuleLibrary(D,rule.thresh = 0.05) # build rule library
dim(rm.full) # Should be matrix with dimension 60 x 71
```

evaluateListOfIMs	<i>Evaluate list of rule set matrices</i>
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Description

Evaluate list of rule set matrices

Usage

```
evaluateListOfIMs(D, Q, rm, im.list)
```

Arguments

D	binary matrix of events by samples
Q	penalty matrix of events by samples
rm	matrix of rules ordered by phase one
im.list	list of rule set matrices

Value

list of Js for each rule set matrix

Examples

```
library(crso)
data(skcm)
list2env(skcm.list,envir=globalenv())
Q <- log10(P)
rm.full <- buildRuleLibrary(D,rule.thresh = 0.05) # Rule library matrix, dimension: 60 x 71
p2.im.list <- makePhaseTwoImList(D,Q,rm.full,k.max = 3,pool.sizes=c(60,20,20),max.stored=100,
  shouldPrint = TRUE)
p2.performance.list <- evaluateListOfIMs(D,Q,rm.full,p2.im.list)
```

getBestRsList	<i>Get list of best rule sets of size K for all K</i>
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Description

Get list of best rule sets of size K for all K

Usage

```
getBestRsList(rm, tpl, til)
```

Arguments

rm	binary rule matrix
tpl	list of top performances
til	list of top rule set index matrices

Examples

```
library(crso)
data(skcm)
list2env(skcm.list,envir=globalenv())
Q <- log10(P)
rm.full <- buildRuleLibrary(D,rule.thresh = 0.05) # Rule library matrix, dimension: 60 x 71
til.p2 <- makePhaseTwoImList(D,Q,rm.full,k.max = 3,pool.sizes=c(60,20,20),
                             max.stored=100,shouldPrint = FALSE)
tpl.p2 <- evaluateListOfIMs(D,Q,rm.full,til.p2)
best.rs.list <- getBestRsList(rm = rm.full,tpl = tpl.p2,til = til.p2)
```

getCoreK	<i>Determine core K from phase 3 tpl and til</i>
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Description

Determine core K from phase 3 tpl and til

Usage

```
getCoreK(D, rm, tpl, til, cov.thresh, perf.thresh)
```

Arguments

D	input matrix D
rm	binary rule matrix
tpl	list of top performances
til	list of top rule set index matrices
cov.thresh	core coverage threshold, defaults is 95
perf.thresh	core performance threshold, default is 90

Examples

```
library(crso)
data(skcm)
list2env(skcm.list,envir=globalenv())
Q <- log10(P)
rm.full <- buildRuleLibrary(D,rule.thresh = 0.05) # Rule library matrix, dimension: 60 x 71
til.p2 <- makePhaseTwoImList(D,Q,rm.full,k.max = 3,pool.sizes=c(60,20,20),
                             max.stored=100,shouldPrint = FALSE)
tpl.p2 <- evaluateListOfIMs(D,Q,rm.full,til.p2)
core.K <- getCoreK(D,rm.full,tpl.p2,til.p2)
# core.K should be 3 almost always for this example, can run a few time to confirm
```

getCoreRS

*Get core rules from phase 3 tpl and til***Description**

Get core rules from phase 3 tpl and til

Usage

```
getCoreRS(D, rm, tpl, til, cov.thresh, perf.thresh)
```

Arguments

D	input matrix D
rm	binary rule matrix
tpl	list of top performances
til	list of top rule set index matrices
cov.thresh	core coverage threshold, defaults is 95
perf.thresh	core performance threshold, default is 90

Examples

```
library(crso)
data(skcm)
list2env(skcm.list,envir=globalenv())
Q <- log10(P)
rm.full <- buildRuleLibrary(D,rule.thresh = 0.05) # Rule library matrix, dimension: 60 x 71
til.p2 <- makePhaseTwoImList(D,Q,rm.full,k.max = 3,pool.sizes=c(60,20,20),
                             max.stored=100,shouldPrint = FALSE)
tpl.p2 <- evaluateListOfIMs(D,Q,rm.full,til.p2)
core.rs <- getCoreRS(D,rm.full,tpl.p2,til.p2) # core.rs should be r1, r2, r3
```

getGCDs

Get Generalized Core Duos

Description

Get Generalized Core Duos

Usage

```
getGCDs(list.subset.cores)
```

Arguments

```
list.subset.cores
```

list of subset cores

Examples

```
list.subset.cores <- list(c("A.B.C", "D.E", "A.D"), c("A.C", "B.C.D", "D.E"),
  c("A.B.C", "D.E"), c("A.B.C", "D.E", "B.C.D"))
getGCDs(list.subset.cores) # Confidence column should be 100, 100, 100, 75, 50, 25, 25
```

getGCEs

Get Generalized Core Events

Description

Get Generalized Core Events

Usage

```
getGCEs(list.subset.cores)
```

Arguments

```
list.subset.cores
```

list of subset cores

Examples

```
list.subset.cores <- list(c("A.B.C", "D.E", "A.D"),
  c("A.C", "B.C.D", "D.E"), c("A.B.C", "D.E"), c("A.B.C", "D.E", "B.C.D"))
getGCEs(list.subset.cores) # Confidence column should be 100, 100, 100, 100, 100
```

getGCRs

Get Generalized Core Rules

Description

Get Generalized Core Rules

Usage

```
getGCRs(list.subset.cores)
```

Arguments

```
list.subset.cores
```

list of subset cores

Examples

```
list.subset.cores <- list(c("A.B.C", "D.E", "A.D"), c("A.C", "B.C.D", "D.E"),
  c("A.B.C", "D.E"), c("A.B.C", "D.E", "B.C.D"))
getGCRs(list.subset.cores) # Confidence column should be 100, 75, 50, 25, 25
```

getPoolSizes

Get pool sizes for phase 2

Description

Get pool sizes for phase 2

Usage

```
getPoolSizes(rm.ordered, k.max, max.nrs.ee, max.compute)
```

Arguments

rm.ordered	binary rule matrix ordered from phase 1
k.max	maximum rule set size
max.nrs.ee	max number of rule sets per k
max.compute	maximum raw rule sets considered per k

Examples

```
library(crso)
data(skcm)
list2env(skcm.list,envir=globalenv())
rm.full <- buildRuleLibrary(D,rule.thresh = 0.05) # Rule library matrix, dimension: 60 x 71
rm.ordered <- rm.full # Skip phase one in this example
getPoolSizes(rm.ordered,k.max = 7,max.nrs.ee = 10000)
# [1] 60 60 40 23 18 16 15
```

getRulesAsStrings	<i>Represent binary rule matrix as strings</i>
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Description

Represent binary rule matrix as strings

Usage

```
getRulesAsStrings(rm)
```

Arguments

rm	binary rule matrix
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Value

vector or rules represented as strings

Examples

```
library(crso)
data(skcm)
list2env(skcm.list,envir=globalenv())
rm.full <- buildRuleLibrary(D,rule.thresh = 0.1) # Small rule library matrix, dimension: 5 x 71
getRulesAsStrings(rm.full)
# output should be: "BRAF-M.CDKN2A-MD" "CDKN2A-MD.NRAS-M"
# "BRAF-M.PTEN-MD" "ADAM18-M.BRAF-M" "ADAM18-M.CDKN2A-MD"
```

makeFilteredImList	<i>Make filtered im list from phase 3 im list</i>
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Description

Make filtered im list from phase 3 im list

Usage

```
makeFilteredImList(D, Q, rm, til, filter.thresh)
```

Arguments

D	binary matrix of events by samples
Q	penalty matrix of events by samples
rm	matrix of rules ordered by phase one
til	im list from phase 3
filter.thresh	minimum percentage of samples assigned to each rule in rs

Value

filtered top im list

Examples

```
library(crso)
data(skcm)
list2env(skcm.list,envir=globalenv())
Q <- log10(P)
rm.full <- buildRuleLibrary(D,rule.thresh = 0.05) # Rule library matrix, dimension: 60 x 71
til.p2 <- makePhaseTwoImList(D,Q,rm.full,k.max = 3,
                             pool.sizes=c(60,20,20),max.stored=100,shouldPrint = FALSE)
filtered.im.list <- makeFilteredImList(D,Q,rm.full,til.p2,filter.thresh = 0.05)
```

makePhaseOneOrderedRM	<i>Order rules according to phase one importance ranking</i>
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Description

Order rules according to phase one importance ranking

Usage

```
makePhaseOneOrderedRM(D, rm.start, spr, Q, trn, n.splits, shouldPrint)
```

Arguments

D	Binary matrix of N events and M samples
rm.start	Starting binary rule matrix (i.e., rule library)
spr	Random rule sets per rule in each phase one iteration. Default is 40.
Q	Penalty matrix, negative log of passenger probability matrix.
trn	Target rule number for stopping iterating. Default is 16.
n.splits	number of splits for parallelization. Default is all available cpus.
shouldPrint	Print progress updates? Default is TRUE

Value

binary rule matrix ordered by phase one importance ranking

Examples

```
data(skcm)
list2env(skcm.list,envir=globalenv())
Q <- log10(P)
rm.full <- buildRuleLibrary(D,rule.thresh = 0.06) # Rule library matrix, dimension: 36s x 71
rm.ordered <- makePhaseOneOrderedRM(D,rm.full,spr = 1,Q,trn = 34,shouldPrint = TRUE)
# note, for real applications, spr should be at least 40.
```

makePhaseThreeImList *Make phase 3 im list from phase 2 im list*

Description

Make phase 3 im list from phase 2 im list

Usage

```
makePhaseThreeImList(D, Q, rm.ordered, til.ee, pool.sizes, max.stored,
  max.nrs.borrow, shouldPrint)
```

Arguments

D	binary matrix of events by samples
Q	penalty matrix of events by samples
rm.ordered	matrix of rules ordered by phase one
til.ee	list of rule set matrices (im list) from phase two
pool.sizes	pool sizes for phase two
max.stored	max number of rule sets saved
max.nrs.borrow	max number of new rule sets per k, default is 10 ⁵
shouldPrint	Print progress updates? Default is TRUE

Value

phase 3 top im list

Examples

```
library(crso)
data(skcm)
list2env(skcm.list,envir=globalenv())
Q <- log10(P)
rm.full <- buildRuleLibrary(D,rule.thresh = 0.05) # Rule library matrix, dimension: 60 x 71
til.p2 <- makePhaseTwoImList(D,Q,rm.full,k.max = 3,pool.sizes=c(60,10,10),
                             max.stored=100,shouldPrint = FALSE)
til.p3 <- makePhaseThreeImList(D,Q,rm.ordered = rm.full,til.ee = til.p2, pool.sizes=c(60,20,20),
                               max.stored=100,max.nrs.borrow=100,shouldPrint = TRUE)
```

makePhaseTwoImList	<i>Output list of top rule sets for each k in 1:k.max</i>
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Description

Output list of top rule sets for each k in 1:k.max

Usage

```
makePhaseTwoImList(D, Q, rm.ordered, k.max, pool.sizes, max.stored,
                   shouldPrint)
```

Arguments

D	binary matrix of events by samples
Q	penalty matrix of events by samples
rm.ordered	matrix of rules ordered by phase one
k.max	max k
pool.sizes	vector of the number of top rules evaluated for each k
max.stored	max number of rule sets saved
shouldPrint	Print progress updates? Default is TRUE

Value

largest n such that $n \text{ choose } k < \text{max.num.rs}$

Examples

```
library(crso)
data(skcm)
list2env(skcm.list,envir=globalenv())
Q <- log10(P)
rm.full <- buildRuleLibrary(D,rule.thresh = 0.05) # Rule library matrix, dimension: 60 x 71
til.p2 <- makePhaseTwoImList(D,Q,rm.full,k.max = 3,
                             pool.sizes=c(60,20,20),max.stored=100,shouldPrint = TRUE)
```

makeSubCoreList	<i>Get list of core rules from random subsets of samples</i>
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Description

Get list of core rules from random subsets of samples

Usage

```
makeSubCoreList(D, Q, rm, til, num.subsets, num.evaluated, shouldPrint)
```

Arguments

D	input matrix D
Q	input matrix Q
rm	binary rule matrix
til	list of top rule set index matrices
num.subsets	number of subset iterations, default is 100
num.evaluated	number of top rs considered per k per iteration, default is 1000
shouldPrint	Print progress updates? Default is TRUE

Examples

```
library(crso)
data(skcm)
list2env(skcm.list,envir=globalenv())
Q <- log10(P)
rm.full <- buildRuleLibrary(D,rule.thresh = 0.05) # Rule library matrix, dimension: 60 x 71
til.p2 <- makePhaseTwoImList(D,Q,rm.full,k.max = 3,
                             pool.sizes=c(60,20,20),max.stored=100,shouldPrint = FALSE)
subcore.list <- makeSubCoreList(D,Q,rm.full,til.p2,num.subsets=3,num.evaluated=50)
```

skcm.list	<i>Example data set derived from TCGA skin cutaneous melanoma (SKCM) data.</i>
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Description

A dataset containing the processed inputs used in the melanoma analysis within the CRSO publication.

Usage

```
skcm.list
```

Format

A list with 3 items

D Binary alteration matrix. Rows are candidate driver events, columns are samples.

P Passenger probability matrix corresponding to D.

cnv.dictionary Data frame containing copy number genes. ...

Source

Dataset derived from data generated by the TCGA Research Network: <https://www.cancer.gov/tcga>

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