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**Description**

This package provides a bundle of basic and fundamental bioinformatics tools.

## Details

These bioinformatics tools are developed by **WuLab** at Academy of Mathematics and Systems Science, Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Network querying and alignment:

- [net\\_query](#) Network querying method based on conditional random fields
- [net\\_query\\_batch](#) Batch processing version of [net\\_query](#)
- [net\\_align](#) Network alignment method based on conditional random fields

Subnetwork extraction and search:

- [get\\_subnets](#) Enumerate all subnetworks of limited size
- [extend\\_subnets](#) Extend subnetworks from smaller subnetworks
- [best\\_subnets](#) Search best subnetworks that maximize given objective function

Biomarker identification:

- [markrank](#) Biomarker identification and prioritization by integrating gene expression with biomolecular network

Differential expression analysis:

- [netDEG](#) Sample specific differential expression analysis

Data normalization:

- [URG\\_getFactor](#) Gene expression data normalization by the uniform ratio graph method

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 best\_subnets

*The best subnetworks*


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## Description

Search best subnetworks that maximize given objective functions.

## Usage

```
best_subnets(
  func,
  net.matrix,
  max.size = 10,
  exhaust.size = 5,
  max.top = 10000
)
```

## Arguments

func	The objective function to maximize
net.matrix	The adjacent matrix of network
max.size	The maximal size of subnetworks
exhaust.size	The maximal size of subnetworks that use exhaustive searching strategy
max.top	The maximal number of top candidates kept for evaluation of next size, used in heuristic searching strategy

## Details

Enumerate and search the best subnetworks that maximize given objective function. If the size of subnetworks  $\leq$  `exhaust.size`, exact exhaustive searching is applied, otherwise, heuristic searching algorithm is used.

## Value

A list with the following two components:

subnets	The list of top subnetworks in different sizes
obj.values	The list of objective values of corresponding subnetworks

## See Also

`get_subnets`, `extend_subnets`

## Examples

```
library(Corbi)
net <- matrix(FALSE, nrow=10, ncol=10)
net[sample.int(100, 20)] <- TRUE
net <- net | t(net)
func <- function(subnet) max(subnet) - min(subnet)
result <- best_subnets(func, net, 5)
```

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column	<i>Extract a column from a matrix</i>
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## Description

Extract a specified column from a sparse matrix rapidly

## Usage

```
column(m, i)
```

## Arguments

m	The matrix
i	The column index

## Details

This function implements faster column extraction algorithm for the [CsparseMatrix](#) class in the package **Matrix**.

## Value

This function will return the specified column as a vector of corresponding type.

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extend_subnets	<i>Extend subnetworks from smaller subnetworks</i>
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## Description

Extend subnetworks by pairwise overlapping two sets of smaller subnetworks.

## Usage

```
extend_subnets(subnet1, subnet2, size = 0)
```

**Arguments**

subnet1	The matrix representing the first set of subnetworks
subnet2	The matrix representing the second set of subnetworks
size	The desired size of extended subnetworks

**Details**

Enumerate all possible subnetworks of desired size by pairwise overlapping two sets of subnetworks of size  $s_1$  and  $s_2$ . The desired size should be between  $\max(s_1, s_2)+1$  and  $s_1+s_2-1$ . Invalid desired size will be replaced by the minimum allowed value  $\max(s_1, s_2)+1$ .

**Value**

A matrix represents the extended subnetworks, in which each row represents a subnetwork.

**Examples**

```
library(Corbi)
net <- matrix(FALSE, nrow=10, ncol=10)
net[sample.int(100, 20)] <- TRUE
net <- net | t(net)
subnets <- get_subnets(net, 3)
subnets[[4]] <- extend_subnets(subnets[[3]], subnets[[2]], 4)
```

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get\_adjusted\_deg\_diff *Calculate adjusted degree differences for given network*

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**Description**

Calculate the adjusted degree differences for all genes in the given network.

**Usage**

```
get_adjusted_deg_diff(net, log.expr.val, scale.degree = FALSE, p = 0.5)
```

**Arguments**

net	The binary adjacent matrix of differential expression ratio network.
log.expr.val	Numeric vector containing the logarithmic scale gene expression values.
scale.degree	Logical variable indicating whether the degree values are scaled according to the dropout rate.
p	The parameter for calculating the adjusted degree differences.

**Value**

This function will return a list with the following components:

diff	A numeric vector containing the adjusted degree differences of all genes.
degree	A list containing the raw degree differences and sums of all genes.

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get\_diff\_ratio\_net      *Construct differential expression ratio network*

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**Description**

Construct the differential expression ratio network for a single sample.

**Usage**

```
get_diff_ratio_net(
  ref.ratio.dist,
  expr.val,
  log.expr = FALSE,
  scale.degree = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

ref.ratio.dist	The expression ratio distribution profile returned by get_ratio_distribution or get_ratio_distribution2.
expr.val	Numeric vector of gene expression values in the sample.
log.expr	Logical variable indicating whether the input expression vector is in logarithmic scale.
scale.degree	Logical variable indicating whether the degree values are scaled according to the dropout rate.

**Value**

This function will return a list with the following components:

net	The binary adjacent matrix of differential expression ratio network.
diff	A numeric vector containing the adjusted degree differences of all genes.
degree	A list containing the raw degree differences and sums of all genes.

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`get_ratio_distribution`*Calculate expression ratio distribution*

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### Description

Calculate the lower and upper quantiles of expression ratios for each pair of genes, and estimate the parameters of negative binomial distribution from reference expression data.

### Usage

```
get_ratio_distribution(  
  ref.expr.matrix,  
  p.edge = 0.1,  
  log.expr = FALSE,  
  scale.degree = FALSE,  
  use.parallel = FALSE  
)
```

### Arguments

<code>ref.expr.matrix</code>	The reference expression matrix. Each row represents a gene and each column represents a sample.
<code>p.edge</code>	The expected probability of edges in the expression ratio network for a normal sample.
<code>log.expr</code>	Logical variable indicating whether the input expression matrix is in logarithmic scale.
<code>scale.degree</code>	Logical variable indicating whether the degree values are scaled according to the dropout rate.
<code>use.parallel</code>	Logical variable indicating to use the BiocParallel package to accelerate computation.

### Value

This function will return a list with the following components:

<code>LB</code>	A numeric matrix with element $[i,j]$ represents the lower quantile of expression ratios for gene pairs $(i, j)$ .
<code>NB</code>	A numeric vector with two elements: <code>size</code> and <code>mu</code> , which are the estimated parameters of negative binomial distribution.
<code>p.edge</code>	The used input parameter <code>p.edge</code> .



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```
get_ratio_distribution2
```

*Calculate expression ratio distribution*

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### Description

Calculate the lower and upper quantiles of expression ratios after trimming the extreme values, and estimate the parameters of negative binomial distribution from reference expression data.

### Usage

```
get_ratio_distribution2(
  ref.expr.matrix,
  p.edge = 0.1,
  p.trim = 0.3,
  log.expr = FALSE,
  scale.degree = FALSE,
  use.parallel = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

ref.expr.matrix	The reference expression matrix. Each row represents a gene and each column represents a sample.
p.edge	The expected probability of edges in the expression ratio network for a normal sample.
p.trim	The percentage of lower or upper extreme values to be trimmed from the expression ratios for each pair of genes.
log.expr	Logical variable indicating whether the input expression matrix is in logarithmic scale.
scale.degree	Logical variable indicating whether the degree values are scaled according to the dropout rate.
use.parallel	Logical variable indicating to use the BiocParallel package to accelerate computation.

### Value

This function will return a list with the following components:

LB	A numeric matrix with element [i,j] represents the lower quantile of trimmed expression ratios for gene pairs (i, j).
NB	A numeric vector with two elements: size and mu, which are the estimated parameters of negative binomial distribution.
p.edge	The used input parameter p.edge.
p.trim	The used input parameter p.trim.

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get\_ratio\_variance      *Calculate expression ratio variances*

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### Description

Calculate the variances of expression ratios for each pair of genes.

### Usage

```
get_ratio_variance(expr.matrix, log.expr = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

expr.matrix	The expression matrix. Each row represents a gene and each column represents a sample.
log.expr	Logical variable indicating whether the input expression matrix is in logarithmic scale.

### Value

This function will return a numeric matrix with element [i,j] represents the variance of expression ratios for gene pairs (i, j).

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get\_shortest\_distances  
*Calculate shortest distances of unweighted network*

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### Description

Calculate all pairs of shortest distances of unweighted network

### Usage

```
get_shortest_distances(  
  net.matrix,  
  source.nodes = rep_len(TRUE, dim(net.matrix)[1])  
)
```

### Arguments

net.matrix	Logical adjacency matrix of given unweighted network
source.nodes	Logical vector to indicate the source nodes that need to calculate the shortest distances

**Details**

This function calculates all pairs of shortest distances of unweighted network by using breadth-first-search (BFS) algorithm.

**Value**

This function will return the shortest distance matrix, where the element  $[i, j]$  is the shortest distance between node  $i$  and  $j$ . Value -1 means unreachable. If `source.nodes[i]` equals FALSE, the shortest distance from  $i$  to other nodes will not be calculated and the row  $i$  will be all -1.

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get_subnets	<i>All subnetworks of limited size</i>
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**Description**

Enumerate all subnetworks of size  $\leq \text{max.size}$  from given network.

**Usage**

```
get_subnets(net.matrix, max.size = 2)
```

**Arguments**

<code>net.matrix</code>	The adjacent matrix of network
<code>max.size</code>	The maximal size of subnetworks

**Value**

A list of generated subnetworks, with element  $i$  corresponds the subnetworks of size  $i$ . Each element is a matrix, in which each row represents a subnetwork.

**Examples**

```
library(Corbi)
net <- matrix(FALSE, nrow=10, ncol=10)
net[sample.int(100, 20)] <- TRUE
net <- net | t(net)
subnets <- get_subnets(net, 3)
```

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kappa_score	<i>Cohen's kappa score</i>
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**Description**

Calculate Cohen's kappa score for two vectors.

**Usage**

```
kappa_score(x1, x2)
```

**Arguments**

x1	The first logical vector
x2	The second logical vector

**Details**

This function calculate Cohen's kappa score for two logical vectors.

**Value**

The Cohen's kappa score

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make_DEG_data	<i>Simulate differentially expressed gene data (Gaussian)</i>
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**Description**

Generate differentially expressed gene (DEG) data from Gaussian distribution.

**Usage**

```
make_DEG_data(  
  n.genes,  
  n.samples.A,  
  n.samples.B,  
  exp.mean = 8,  
  exp.sd = 2,  
  alpha = 0.2,  
  size.factor.sd = 0.1,  
  ...  
)
```

**Arguments**

n.genes	The total number of genes in the simulated data.
n.samples.A	The number of samples in the group A.
n.samples.B	The number of samples in the group B.
exp.mean	The mean of log-normal distribution that determines gene-specific expression mean.
exp.sd	The standard deviation of log-normal distribution that determines gene-specific expression means.
alpha	The dispersion ratio of gene-specific expression standard deviation to mean.
size.factor.sd	The standard deviation of size factors for samples.
...	The parameters passed to function <code>make_DEG_pattern</code> .

**Details**

The expression values of each gene are assumed following a Gaussian distribution with gene-specific mean, which follows a log-normal distribution. The size factor for each sample follows a Gaussian distribution with zero mean and specific standard deviation. The heterogeneity of gene expression data is simulated by using the function `make_DEG_pattern`.

**Value**

This function will return a list with the following components:

DEG	The matrix of simulated DEG pattern, which is generated by <code>make_DEG_pattern</code> .
countsA	The expression matrix of group A. Each row represents a gene and each column represents a sample.
countsB	The expression matrix of group B. Each row represents a gene and each column represents a sample.

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make_DEG_data2	<i>Simulate differentially expressed gene data (Negative binomial)</i>
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**Description**

Generate differentially expressed gene (DEG) data from negative binomial distribution.

**Usage**

```
make_DEG_data2(
  n.genes,
  n.samples.A,
  n.samples.B,
  exp.mean = 8,
  exp.sd = 2,
```

```

    dispersion = NULL,
    size.factor.sd = 0.1,
    ...
)

```

### Arguments

n.genes	The total number of genes in the simulated data.
n.samples.A	The number of samples in the group A.
n.samples.B	The number of samples in the group B.
exp.mean	The mean of log-normal distribution that determines gene-specific expression mean.
exp.sd	The standard deviation of log-normal distribution that determines gene-specific expression mean.
dispersion	The dispersion parameter for negative binomial distribution. The default values are determined by the expression mean.
size.factor.sd	The standard deviation of size factors for samples.
...	The parameters passed to function <a href="#">make_DEG_pattern</a> .

### Details

The expression values of each gene are assumed following a negative binomial distribution with gene-specific mean, which follows a log-normal distribution. The size factor for each sample follows a Gaussian distribution with zero mean and specific standard deviation. The heterogeneity of gene expression data is simulated by using the function [make\\_DEG\\_pattern](#).

### Value

This function will return a list with the following components:

DEG	The matrix of simulated DEG pattern, which is generated by <a href="#">make_DEG_pattern</a> .
countsA	The expression matrix of group A. Each row represents a gene and each column represents a sample.
countsB	The expression matrix of group B. Each row represents a gene and each column represents a sample.

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make_DEG_pattern	<i>Simulate differentially expressed gene pattern</i>
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### Description

Generate complicated differentially expressed gene (DEG) pattern to simulate varied degree of heterogeneity.

**Usage**

```
make_DEG_pattern(  
  n.genes,  
  n.samples,  
  fold.change = 2,  
  gene.rate = 0.3,  
  sample.rate = 1,  
  active.rate = 1,  
  up.rate = 0.5  
)
```

**Arguments**

n.genes	The total number of genes in the simulated data.
n.samples	The total number of samples in the simulated data.
fold.change	The fold change level of DEGs.
gene.rate	The proportion of DEGs to all genes.
sample.rate	The proportion of abnormal samples to all samples.
active.rate	The probability that a DEG is truly differentially expressed in an abnormal sample.
up.rate	The proportion of up-regulated DEGs to all DEGs.

**Details**

The heterogeneity of gene expression pattern is mainly controlled by two parameters: `sample.rate` and `active.rate`. If both parameters are equal to 1, the gene expression pattern will be homogeneous, otherwise heterogeneous.

**Value**

This function will return a list with the following components:

FC	The matrix of simulated fold changes. Each row represents a gene and each column represents a sample.
gene	The vector of gene status: 1 for up-regulated, -1 for down-regulated, and 0 for normal genes.
sample	The vector of sample status: 1 for abnormal, and 0 for normal samples.

markrank

*MarkRank***Description**

MarkRank is a novel proposed network-based model, which can identify the cooperative biomarkers for heterogeneous complex disease diagnoses.

**Usage**

```
markrank(
  dataset,
  label,
  adj_matrix,
  alpha = 0.8,
  lambda = 0.2,
  eps = 1e-10,
  E_value = NULL,
  trace = TRUE,
  d = Inf,
  Given_NET2 = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

dataset	The microarray expression matrix of related disease. Each row represents a sample and each column represents a gene.
label	The 0-1 binary phenotype vector of dataset samples. The size of label must accord with the sample number in dataset.
adj_matrix	The 0-1 binary adjacent matrix of a connected biological network. Here the node set should be the same order as the gene set in expression matrix.
alpha	The convex combination coefficient of network effect and prior information vector E_value. The range of alpha is in $[0, 1]$ . A larger alpha will lay more emphasis on the network information. The default value is 0.8.
lambda	In the random walk-based iteration, matrix A1 reflects the structure information of the biological network, whereas matrix A2 reflects the cooperative effect of gene combinations. Parameter lambda is the convex combination coefficient of two network effects. The range of lambda is in $[0, 1]$ . A larger lambda will lay more emphasis on the A1. The default value is 0.2.
eps	The stop criteria for the iterative solution method. The default value is 1e-10.
E_value	A vector containing the prior information about the importance of nodes. Default is the absolute Pearson correlation coefficient (PCC).
trace	Local variable indicated whether tracing information on the progress of the gene cooperation network construction is produced.



d	Threshold for simplifying the G <sub>2</sub> computation. Only the gene pairs whose shortest distances in PPI network are less than d participate in the G <sub>2</sub> computation. The default value is Inf.
Given_NET2	Whether a computed cooperation network is given for tuning parameter. See Details for a more specific description.

## Details

MarkRank is a network-based biomarker identification method to prioritize disease genes by integrating multi-source information including the biological network, e.g protein-protein interaction (PPI) network, the prior information about related diseases, and the discriminative power of cooperative gene combinations. MarkRank shows that explicit modeling of gene cooperative effects can greatly improve biomarker identification for complex disease, especially for diseases with high heterogeneity.

MarkRank algorithm contains mainly two steps: 1) The construction of gene cooperation network G<sub>2</sub> and 2) a random walk based iteration procedure. The following descriptions will help the users to using markrank more convenient:

1) As for the construction of the gene cooperation network, we suggest the user to set trace=TRUE to output the G<sub>2</sub> computation process. The G<sub>2</sub> construction step finished if the output number is identical to the gene number of the input expression matrix. The parameter d introduced the structure information of used biological network to facilitate the construction of G<sub>2</sub>, only the gene pairs whose shortest distances in network are less than d participate the G<sub>2</sub> computation. We suggest d=Inf, the default value, to fully use the information of expression matrix. If the user given a preset d, the distance matrix of input network d<sub>is</sub> will be returned.

2) MarkRank uses a random-walk based iteration procedure to score each gene. The detailed formula is:

$$\text{score} = \alpha * [\lambda * A1 + (1 - \lambda) * A2] * \text{score} + (1 - \alpha) * E\_value.$$

The users could set an appropriate parameter settings in their practical application. Our suggested value is  $\alpha=0.8$  and  $\lambda=0.2$ . The model input parameter combinations and iteration steps will be returned in output components initial\_pars and steps, respectively. Because the iteration step is separate with the cooperation network construction, the user can use the parameter Given\_NET2 to tune the model parameters. In detail, the user could set

Given\_NET2 = result\$NET2

in markrank input to avoid the repeated computation of G<sub>2</sub>, where the object result is the returned variable of markrank function.

3) The final MarkRank score for each gene is in output score. The users could sort this result and use the top ranked genes for further analysis.

## Value

This function will return a list with the following components:

score	The vector of final MarkRank scores for each gene.
steps	The final iteration steps in random walk based scoring procedure.
NET2	The weighted adjacent matrix of gene cooperation network.
initial_pars	The initial/input parameter values used in MarkRank.

`dis` The pairwise distance matrix of input network. This variable will be Null if input `d=Inf`.

## References

Duanchen Sun, Xianwen Ren, Eszter Ari, Tamas Korcsmaros, Peter Csermely, Ling-Yun Wu. Discovering cooperative biomarkers for heterogeneous complex disease diagnoses. *Briefings in Bioinformatics*, 20(1), 89–101, 2019.

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netDEG

*netDEG: Differentially expressed gene identification method*

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## Description

Perform netDEG for two group samples.

## Usage

```
netDEG(
  ref.expr.matrix,
  expr.matrix,
  p.edge = 0.1,
  summarize = c("gene", "sample"),
  summarize.method = c("sumlog", "sumlog"),
  summarize.shrink = c(Inf, Inf),
  log.expr = FALSE,
  zero.as.dropout = TRUE,
  scale.degree = TRUE,
  use.parallel = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

<code>ref.expr.matrix</code>	The reference expression matrix. Each row represents a gene and each column represents a sample.
<code>expr.matrix</code>	The test expression matrix. Each row represents a gene and each column represents a sample.
<code>p.edge</code>	The expected probability of edges in the expression ratio network for a normal sample.
<code>summarize</code>	Character vector indicating how to summarize the results. Available methods are <code>c("gene", "sample")</code> .
<code>summarize.method</code>	Character vector indicating the methods used to summarize the results. See <code>p_combine</code> .

summarize.shrink	Numeric vector indicating the shrink parameter to summarize the results. See <code>p_combine</code> .
log.expr	Logical variable indicating whether the input expression matrix is in logarithmic scale.
zero.as.dropout	Logical variable indicating whether the zero expressions are regarded as dropouts.
scale.degree	Logical variable indicating whether the degree values are scaled according to the dropout rate.
use.parallel	Logical variable indicating to use the <code>BiocParallel</code> package to accelerate computation.

## Value

This function will return a list with the following components:

up	A numeric matrix with same dimension as <code>expr.matrix</code> , containing the p-values of up-regulation test.
down	A numeric matrix with same dimension as <code>expr.matrix</code> , containing the p-values of down-regulation test.
twoside	A numeric matrix with same dimension as <code>expr.matrix</code> , containing the p-values of twoside test.
rev	A list containing the reverse comparison results, containing three components: up, down, and twoside. Available if the gene method is specified in <code>summarize</code> argument.
gene	A list containing the gene-wise summarized results, containing three components: up, down, and twoside. Available if the gene method is specified in <code>summarize</code> argument.
sample	A list containing the sample-wise summarized results, containing three components: up, down, and twoside. Available if the sample method is specified in <code>summarize</code> argument.

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netDEG_pvalue	<i>Calculate netDEG p-values</i>
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## Description

Perform the single or two side tests and calculate the p-values.

## Usage

```
netDEG_pvalue(ref.ratio.dist, expr.val, log.expr = FALSE, scale.degree = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

ref.ratio.dist	The expression ratio distribution profile returned by <code>get_ratio_distribution</code> or <code>get_ratio_distribution2</code> .
expr.val	Numeric vector of gene expression values in the sample.
log.expr	Logical variable indicating whether the input expression vector is in logarithmic scale.
scale.degree	Logical variable indicating whether the degree values are scaled according to the dropout rate.

**Value**

This function will return a list with the following components:

up	A numeric vector containing the p-values of up-regulation test.
down	A numeric vector containing the p-values of down-regulation test.
twoside	A numeric vector containing the p-values of twoside test.

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net_align	<i>Network alignment method based on conditional random fields</i>
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**Description**

Find the maximal matching subnetworks from a target network for a query network based on the conditional random fields (CRF) model.

**Usage**

```
net_align(
  query.net,
  target.net,
  node.sim,
  query.type = 4,
  delta.d = 1e-10,
  delta.c = 0.5,
  delta.e = 1,
  delta.s = 1,
  output = "result.txt"
)
```

**Arguments**

query.net	The input file name of the query network.
target.net	The input file name of the target network.
node.sim	The input file name of the node similarity scores between the query network and the target network.

query.type	The querying network type: 1 - general, 2 - chain, 3 - tree, 4 - heuristic.
delta.d	The parameter delta.d is a parameter for deletions.
delta.c	The parameter delta.c is a parameter for consecutive deletions.
delta.e	The parameter delta.e is a parameter for single deletion.
delta.s	The parameter delta.s is a parameter for insertions.
output	The suffix of output file name. The output contains two files in the working directory. One is the matching nodes and edges between query network and target network, the other is the unique matching node pairs.

### Details

This is an approach for network alignment problem based on conditional random field (CRF) model which uses the node similarity and structure information equally. This method is based on our network querying method [net\\_query](#). This method uses an iterative strategy to get the one-to-one map between the query network and target network.

More details can be seen in [net\\_query](#).

### References

Qiang Huang, Ling-Yun Wu, and Xiang-Sun Zhang. CNetA: Network alignment by combining biological and topological features. In Proceedings of 2012 IEEE International Conference on Systems Biology (ISB), 220-225, IEEE, 2012.

Qiang Huang, Ling-Yun Wu, and Xiang-Sun Zhang. Corbi: A new R package for biological network alignment and querying. BMC Systems Biology, 7(Suppl 2):S6, 2013.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
library(Corbi)

## An example: "querynet.txt", "targetnet.txt", "nodesim.txt" are
## three input files in the working directory
net_align("querynet.txt", "targetnet.txt", "nodesim.txt")

## End(Not run)
```

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net\_query

*Network querying method based on conditional random fields*

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### Description

Find the best matching subnetworks from a large target network for small query networks based on the conditional random fields (CRF) model.

**Usage**

```

net_query(
  query.net,
  target.net,
  node.sim,
  query.type = 4,
  delta.d = 1e-10,
  delta.c = 0.5,
  delta.e = 1,
  delta.s = 1,
  output = "result.txt"
)

net_query_batch(
  query.nets,
  target.net,
  node.sim,
  query.type = 4,
  delta.d = 1e-10,
  delta.c = 0.5,
  delta.e = 1,
  delta.s = 1,
  output = "result.txt"
)

```

**Arguments**

query.net	The input file name of the query network.
target.net	The input file name of the target network.
node.sim	The input file name of the node similarity scores between the query network and the target network.
query.type	The querying network type: 1 - general, 2 - chain, 3 - tree, 4 - heuristic.
delta.d	The parameter delta.d is a parameter for deletions.
delta.c	The parameter delta.c is a parameter for consecutive deletions.
delta.e	The parameter delta.e is a parameter for single deletion.
delta.s	The parameter delta.s is a parameter for insertions.
output	The suffix of output file name.
query.nets	The vector of input file names of the query networks.

**Details**

This is an approach for network querying problem based on conditional random field (CRF) model which can handle both undirected and directed networks, acyclic and cyclic networks, and any number of insertions/deletions.

When querying several networks in the same target network, [net\\_query\\_batch](#) will save much time.

- query.net: The query network file is written as follows:  
v1 v2 v3 v4 v5  
v3 v4  
...  
where v1, v2, v3, v4, v5 ... are the nodes' names and each line indicates there are edges between the first node and other nodes in the line. For example, the first line denotes 4 edges: (v1, v2), (v1, v3), (v1, v4), and (v1, v5).
- target.net: The format of this file is the same as the query network file.
- node.sim: This similarity file's format is as follows:  
v1 V1 s1  
v1 V2 s2  
...  
v1 is the node from the query network, V1 is the node from the target network, s1 is the similarity score between the node v1 and V1, and so on.
- query.type: If query.type = 1, the loopy belief propagation (LBP) algorithm will be applied, which is an approximate algorithm for a general graph with loops. If the query is a chain or tree, there are exact algorithms. Set query.type = 2 when the query is a chain, and query.type = 3 when the query is a tree. The heuristic algorithm will be used when query.type = 4, which will try the exact algorithm (junction tree algorithm) first and resort to LBP algorithm when the exact algorithm failed. The default value is 4.
- delta.d: The smaller delta.d is, the heavier penalty for deletions.
- delta.c: The smaller delta.c is, the heavier penalty for consecutive deletions.
- delta.e: The smaller delta.e is, the heavier penalty for single deletion.
- delta.s: The larger delta.s indicates heavier penalty for insertions.

## References

Qiang Huang, Ling-Yun Wu, and Xiang-Sun Zhang. An Efficient Network Querying Method Based on Conditional Random Fields. *Bioinformatics*, 27(22):3173-3178, 2011.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
library(Corbi)

## An example: "querynet.txt", "targetnet.txt", "nodesim.txt" are
## three input files in the working directory
net_query("querynet.txt", "targetnet.txt", "nodesim.txt", query.type=3)

## End(Not run)

## Not run:
## Batch example
net_query_batch(c("querynet.txt", "querynet2.txt"),
               "targetnet.txt", "nodesim.txt", query.type=3)
```

```
## End(Not run)
```

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nnzero	<i>The number of non-zero values of a submatrix</i>
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### Description

Return the number of non-zero values of the specified submatrix of a given sparse matrix rapidly

### Usage

```
nnzero(m, rows = 1:dim(m)[1], cols = 1:dim(m)[2])
```

### Arguments

m	The matrix
rows	The integer vector of row index(es) or logical vector indicated the selected rows
cols	The integer vector of column index(es) or logical vector indicated the selected cols

### Details

This function implements faster calculation algorithm for the [CsparseMatrix](#) and [RsparseMatrix](#) class in the package **Matrix**.

### Value

This function will return the number of non-zero values in the specified submatrix.

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pmultihyper	<i>The Multivariate Hypergeometric Distribution</i>
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### Description

The distribution function for the weighted sums of multivariate hypergeometric distribution

### Usage

```
pmultihyper(x, k, m, w)
```



**Arguments**

x	The quantile of weighted sum.
k	The total number of balls drawn from the urn.
m	Integer non-negative vector of length N, containing the number of balls of each color in the urn. N is the number of colors.
w	Numeric non-negative vector of length N, specifying the weight of balls of each color.

**Details**

This function gives the distribution function for the weighted sums of multivariate hypergeometric distribution by recursively calling the hypergeometric distribution density function [dhyper](#).

**Value**

This function will return the probability of  $P(X \leq x)$ .

**See Also**

[dhyper](#)

pmultinom

*The Multinomial Distribution*

**Description**

The distribution function for the weighted sums of multinomial distribution

**Usage**

```
pmultinom(x, k, m, w)
```

**Arguments**

x	The quantile of weighted sum.
k	The total number of balls drawn from the urn.
m	Numeric non-negative vector of length N, specifying the probability for drawing the ball of each color; is internally normalized to sum 1. Infinite and missing values are not allowed. N is the number of colors.
w	Numeric non-negative vector of length N, specifying the weight of balls of each color.

**Details**

This function gives the distribution function for the weighted sums of multinomial distribution by recursively calling the binomial distribution density function [dbinom](#).

**Value**

This function will return the probability of  $P(X \leq x)$ .

**See Also**

[dbinom](#), [dmultinom](#), [rmultinom](#)

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p_combine	<i>Calculate combined p-value</i>
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**Description**

Combine the statistical significance results from several independent tests by using one of several methods.

**Usage**

```
p_combine(p, method = "sumlog", shrink = Inf)
```

**Arguments**

p	the numeric vector containing the p-values need to combine.
method	the method use to combine the p-values, can be "sumlog" (Fisher's method), "sumz" (Stouffer's method).
shrink	the number of p-values used in calculation, which are uniform selected from original p-value vector.

**Value**

This function will return a list with the following components:

p	The combined p-value.
v	The value of statistic.
chisq	Use "sumlog" method: The value of chi-squared statistic.
df	Use "sumlog" method: The degrees of freedom of chi-squared distribution.
z	Use "sumz" method: The value of sum z statistic.

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read_net	<i>Read network information from text file</i>
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**Description**

Read the network information from a text file with specific format.

**Usage**

```
read_net(file)
```

**Arguments**

file	The name of text file
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**Details**

This function reads the network information from a text file with specific format: each line contains two strings separated by spaces, which correspond to the names of two end points of one edge in the network.

**Value**

A list with the following components:

size	The number of network nodes
node	The vector of network node names
matrix	The logical adjacency matrix

**See Also**

[write\\_net](#)

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rmultihyper	<i>The Multivariate Hypergeometric Distribution</i>
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**Description**

Generate random variables for the multivariate hypergeometric distribution

**Usage**

```
rmultihyper(n, k, m)
```

**Arguments**

n	The number of observations.
k	The total number of balls drawn from the urn.
m	The integer vector containing the number of balls of each color in the urn. Length of vector is the number of colors.

**Details**

This function generates random variables for the multivariate hypergeometric distribution by iteratively calling hypergeometric random variable generator [rhyper](#).

**Value**

This function will return a matrix of `length(m)` rows and `n` columns, and each column contains the number of balls of each color drawn from the urn.

**See Also**

[rhyper](#)

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simulate_dropout	<i>Simulate dropout expression data</i>
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**Description**

Generate the expression data with desired dropout rate

**Usage**

```
simulate_dropout(counts, dropout.rate = 0, dropout.rate.sd = 0.1)
```

**Arguments**

counts	expression matrix where each row is a gene and each column is a sample.
dropout.rate	the desired average dropout rate of all samples.
dropout.rate.sd	the desired standard deviation of dropout rate among samples.

**Details**

The dropout event is modelled by a logistic distribution such that the low expression genes have higher probability of dropout. The expression value of genes in a sample are randomly set to zero with probabilities associated with their true expression values until the desired dropout rate for that sample is met.

**Value**

This function will return a list with the following components:

counts	The modified expression matrix with the same dimension as input counts.
original.counts	The original input expression matrix.
dropout	The binary matrix indicating where the dropout events happen.

**References**

Peter V. Kharchenko, Lev Silberstein, and David T. Scadden. Bayesian approach to single-cell differential expression analysis. *Nature Methods*, 11(7):740–742, 2014.

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simulate_dropout2	<i>Simulate dropout expression data</i>
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**Description**

Generate the expression data with desired dropout rate range

**Usage**

```
simulate_dropout2(counts, min.rate = 0, max.rate = 0.8)
```

**Arguments**

counts	expression matrix where each row is a gene and each column is a sample.
min.rate	the minimum dropout rate of all samples.
max.rate	the maximum dropout rate of all samples.

**Details**

The dropout event is modelled by a logistic distribution such that the low expression genes have higher probability of dropout. The expression value of genes in a sample are randomly set to zero with probabilities associated with their true expression values until the desired dropout rate for that sample is met.

**Value**

This function will return a list with the following components:

counts	The modified expression matrix with the same dimension as input counts.
original.counts	The original input expression matrix.
dropout	The binary matrix indicating where the dropout events happen.

**References**

Peter V. Kharchenko, Lev Silberstein, and David T. Scadden. Bayesian approach to single-cell differential expression analysis. *Nature Methods*, 11(7):740–742, 2014.

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simulate\_sample\_groups

*Simulate sample groups from given samples with labels*

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**Description**

Generate sample groups with desired labels and sizes from given sample labels.

**Usage**

```
simulate_sample_groups(labels, groups, sizes, replace = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

labels	a vector containing the label of each sample in the pool.
groups	a vector containing the desired label of samples in each group. The label must be available in the sample pool provided by labels.
sizes	integer vector indicating the desired number of samples in each group. The length must be either one or the same as groups.
replace	logical variable indicating whether sampling is with replacement.

**Value**

This function will return a list with the same length as groups. Each component is a vector containing the indexes of samples that are sampled for the corresponding group.

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submatrix

*Extract a submatrix from a matrix*

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**Description**

Extract a specified submatrix from a sparse matrix rapidly

**Usage**

```
submatrix(m, rows, cols)
```

**Arguments**

m	The matrix
rows	The integer vectors of row index(es)
cols	The integer vectors of column index(es)

**Details**

This function implements faster submatrix extraction algorithm for the `CsparseMatrix` class in the package **Matrix**.

**Value**

This function will return the specified submatrix as a matrix of corresponding type.

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URG_getFactor	<i>Calculate normalization factors for URG method</i>
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**Description**

Calculate the normalization factor for each sample by using URG (uniform ratio graph) method.

**Usage**

```
URG_getFactor(expr.matrix, p.edge = 0.25, p.gene = 0.4, log.expr = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

expr.matrix	The expression matrix. Each row represents a gene and each column represents a sample.
p.edge	The percentage of gene pairs that are selected into the uniform ratio graph.
p.gene	The maximal percentage of genes that are selected as the stable genes.
log.expr	Logical variable indicating whether the input expression matrix is in logarithmic scale.

**Value**

This function will return a numeric vector with each element [i] represents the normalization factor of sample (i).

**References**

Xinhan Ye, Ling-Yun Wu. URG: a new normalization method for gene expression data based on graph model. Manuscript.

**See Also**

[URG\\_normalize](#)

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URG_normalize	<i>Normalize using given factors</i>
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**Description**

Normalize the expression matrix by using the given factor for each sample.

**Usage**

```
URG_normalize(expr.matrix, factor, log.expr = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

expr.matrix	The expression matrix. Each row represents a gene and each column represents a sample.
factor	The numeric vector of normalization factors.
log.expr	Logical variable indicating whether the input expression matrix is in logarithmic scale.

**Value**

This function will return a numeric matrix with the same dimension of expr.matrix.

**See Also**

[URG\\_getFactor](#)

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write_net	<i>Write network information to text file</i>
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**Description**

Write the network information to a text file with specific format.

**Usage**

```
write_net(net, file)
```

**Arguments**

net	A list as returned by <a href="#">read_net</a>
file	The name of text file



**Details**

This function writes the network information to a text file with specific format: each line contains two strings separated by spaces, which correspond to the names of two end points of one edge in the network.

**See Also**

[read\\_net](#)

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