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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.

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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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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

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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").

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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.

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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)

```
## 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(</pre>
 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'),</pre>
                            init = 'gridsearch',
                            init.data = grid.coords,
                            optim = c('lm'),
                            fit = 'fit.lasso',
                            time.step = 10,
                            opts =
```

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```
list(lm
                                        = list(maxit = 900),
                              lasso = list(maxit = 1000))
## names of genes to construct models
genes <- c('0s12g0189300', '0s02g0724000')
## End(Not run)
## Not run:
## load training data
training.attribute <- FIT::load.attribute('attribute.2008.txt')</pre>
training.weather <- FIT::load.weather('weather.2008.dat', 'weather')</pre>
training.expression <- FIT::load.expression('expression.2008.dat', 'ex', genes)</pre>
## models will be a list of trained models (length: ngenes)
models <- FIT::train(training.expression,</pre>
                      training.attribute,
                      training.weather,
                      recipe)
## End(Not run)
#################
## prediction ##
##################
## Not run:
## load validation data
prediction.attribute <- FIT::load.attribute('attribute.2009.txt');</pre>
prediction.weather <- FIT::load.weather('weather.2009.dat', 'weather')</pre>
prediction.expression <- FIT::load.expression('expression.2009.dat', 'ex', genes)</pre>
## predict
prediction.result <- FIT::predict(models[[1]],</pre>
                                  prediction.attribute,
                                  prediction.weather)
## End(Not run)
```

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.

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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().

A collection of models being trained as is returnd by FIT::optim().

Value

models

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

init	A raw API for initializing model parameters.
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)
```

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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 ob-

ject 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 cre-

ated using FIT::make.recipe().

Value

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

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 load-

able .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.

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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

A path of a file that contains attribute data to be loaded. When the file is	s a load-
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able .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)
```

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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.

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 \star ngenes.

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make.recipe	Creates a recipe for training models.	
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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.

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Examples

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

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.
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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.

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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 \star 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 predic-

tions 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 sub-

ject to change.)

Value

A list of prediction results as returned by the models.

```
## 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,</pre>
```

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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 ob-

ject 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 predic-

tions 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).

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

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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 unex-	

pressed, and **FIT** sets its model as: expr = log(offset) + 0*inputs.

Value

A collection of trained models.

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Examples

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Supported weather factors.

Description

Supported weather factors.

Usage

weather.entries

Format

An object of class character of length 6.

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

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