

# Package ‘GeneSelector’

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**Description** The term 'GeneSelector' refers to a filter selecting those genes which are consistently identified as differentially expressed using various statistical procedures. 'Selected' genes are those present at the top of the list in various ranking methods (currently 14). In addition, the stability of the findings can be taken into account in the final ranking by examining perturbed versions of the original data set, e.g. by leaving samples, swapping class labels, generating bootstrap replicates or adding noise. Given multiple ranked lists, one can use aggregation methods in order to find a synthesis.

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## Details

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Important steps of the workflow:

1. Generate a Gene Ranking with [RankingTstat](#), [RankingFC](#), [RankingWelchT](#), [RankingWilcoxon](#), [RankingBaldiLong](#), [RankingFoxDimmic](#), [RankingLimma](#), [RankingEbam](#), [RankingWilcEbam](#), [RankingSam](#), [RankingShrinkageT](#), [RankingSoftthresholdT](#), [RankingPermutation](#)
2. Inspect the toplist using `toplist`.
3. Prepare altered datasets using [GenerateFoldMatrix](#) or [GenerateBootMatrix](#)
4. Get rankings for the altered datasets with [RepeatRanking](#).
5. Assess stability of rankings using [GetStabilityOverlap](#), [GetStabilityDistance](#), [GetStabilityUnion](#).
6. Aggregate different rankings with [AggregateSimple](#), [AggregatePenalty](#), [AggregateMC](#) or [AggregateSVD](#).
7. Inspect the similarity of methods visually using [HeatmapRankings](#).
8. Run the [GeneSelector](#).

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AggregatedRanking-class

*"AggregatedRanking"*

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## Description

An object returned from one of the methods [AggregateSimple](#), [AggregatePenalty](#), [AggregateMC](#) or [AggregateSVD](#).

**Slots**

- ranking:** A numeric vector of ranks after aggregation.
- type:** The type of aggregation used (a character).
- measure:** The quantity used as basis for aggregation (a character).
- method:** The ranking method used originally, i.e. before aggregation.

**Methods**

- show** Use `show(object)` for brief information.
- toplist** Use `toplist(object, k=10)` to display the top  $k=10$  genes in the *aggregated* ranking.

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AggregateMC

*Aggregation of repeated rankings using a Markov chain approach*

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**Description**

All obtained rankings are aggregated on the basis of Markov chain model, in which each gene constitutes an element of the state space. For details, see DeConde et al. (2006).

**Usage**

```
AggregateMC(RR, maxrank, type=c("MC4", "MCT"), epsilon = 0.15)
```

**Arguments**

- |         |   |
|---------|---|
| RR      | An object of class <code>RepeatedRanking</code> .   |
| maxrank | Due to time- and memory requirements, the computation is limited to a reduced set of candidate genes. A gene is selected as candidate only if at least of one its ranks is smaller than or equal to <code>maxrank</code> . The remainder is assigned the rank <code>maxrank+1</code> as rank after aggregation. |
| type    | Specifies the computation of the matrix of transition probabilities. If <code>type = "MC4"</code> , the transition probabilities are forced to be binary, while they may principally range from zero to one if <code>type = "MCT"</code> , see DeConde et al. (2006) for details.                               |
| epsilon | A second parameter concerning the computation of the transition matrix, necessary to guarantee ergodicity and hence existence of a unique stationary distribution of the Markov chain. The value <code>epsilon = 0.15</code> , $0 < \text{epsilon} < 1$ , is recommended in DeConde et al. (2006).              |

**Value**

An object of class `AggregatedRanking`.

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**References**

DeConde, R. P., Hawley, S., Falcon, S., Clegg, N., Knudsen, B., Etzioni, R. (2006).  
Combining results of microarray experiments: a rank aggregation approach. *Statistical Applications in Genetics and Molecular Biology* 5, 15

**See Also**

[RepeatRanking](#), [AggregateSVD](#), [AggregatePenalty](#), [AggregateSimple](#)

**Examples**

```
## Load toy gene expression data
data(toydata)
### class labels
yy <- toydata[1,]
### gene expression
xx <- toydata[-1,]
### run RankingTstat
ordT <- RankingTstat(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
### Generate Leave-one-out Foldmatrix
loo <- GenerateFoldMatrix(y = yy, k=1)
### Get all rankings
loor_ordT <- RepeatRanking(ordT, loo)
### aggregate rankings
agg_MC_ordT <- AggregateMC(loor_ordT, type = "MCT", maxrank = 100)
toplist(agg_MC_ordT)
```

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AggregatePenalty

*Aggregation of repeated rankings using a variance penalty approach*

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**Description**

The idea behind this form of aggregation is to find a compromise between quality on the one hand, represented by the list position/rank, and variability on the other hand. The latter is assessed by calling the function [dispersion](#).

**Usage**

```
AggregatePenalty(RR, dispersion = c("sd", "mad", "iqr"), center = NULL, gamma = 0.05,...)
```

**Arguments**

RR                    An object of class RepeatedRanking.  
dispersion            The dispersion measure to be used (s. [dispersion](#)):  
                      "sd" standard deviation,  
                      "mad" median absolute deviation,  
                      "iqr" interquartile range.

center	Optional numeric vector specifying for each gene the rank serving as center/location parameter for dispersion. If center = NULL, the reference ranking <code>RR@original@ranking</code> is used.
gamma	As basis of the aggregated ranking, the quantity $(1-\text{gamma}) \times \text{center} + \text{gamma} \times \text{dispersion}$ is used, i.e. the variability aspect dominates as gamma tends to one.
...	Further arguments passed to <a href="#">dispersion</a> .

**Value**

An object of class [AggregatedRanking](#).

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[RepeatRanking](#), [AggregateSimple](#), [AggregateSVD](#), [AggregateMC](#)

**Examples**

```
## Load toy gene expression data
data(toydata)
### class labels
yy <- toydata[1,]
### gene expression
xx <- toydata[-1,]
### run RankingTstat
ordT <- RankingTstat(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
### Generate Leave-one-out Foldmatrix
loo <- GenerateFoldMatrix(y = yy, k=1)
### Get all rankings
loor_ordT <- RepeatRanking(ordT, loo)
### aggregate rankings
agg_pen_ordT <- AggregatePenalty(loor_ordT, dispersion = "iqr", gamma = 0.3)
toplist(agg_pen_ordT)
```

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AggregateSimple

*Simple aggregation of repeated rankings*

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**Description**

All obtained rankings are aggregated by a genewise summary measure.

**Usage**

```
AggregateSimple(RR, measure = c("mode", "mean", "trimmed.mean", "median", "quantile"), q=NULL, t
```

**Arguments**

RR	An object of class RepeatedRanking
measure	The statistic to be used as basis for the aggregated ranking.  <b>mode</b> The rank occurring most frequently. If several ranks occur equally often, the lowest one is used. <b>mean</b> The mean of the ranks. <b>trimmed.mean</b> The trimmed mean of the ranks, i.e. the mean resulting when throwing away the trim*100 percent most extreme observations at both tails. <b>median</b> The median of the ranks. <b>quantile</b> The q-quantile, $0 \leq q \leq 1$ , of the ranks.
q	Only specified if measure="quantile".
trim	s. trimmed.mean.

**Value**

An object of class [AggregatedRanking](#).

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**See Also**

[RepeatRanking](#), [AggregateSVD](#), [AggregatePenalty](#), [AggregateMC](#)

**Examples**

```
## Load toy gene expression data
data(toydata)
### class labels
yy <- toydata[1,]
### gene expression
xx <- toydata[-1,]
### run RankingTstat
ordT <- RankingTstat(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
### Generate Leave-one-out Foldmatrix
loo <- GenerateFoldMatrix(y = yy, k=1)
### Get all rankings
loor_ordT <- RepeatRanking(ordT, loo)
### aggregate rankings
agg_simple_ordT <- AggregateSimple(loor_ordT, measure = "mean")
toplist(agg_simple_ordT)
```

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 AggregateSVD

*Aggregation of repeated rankings using the singular value decomposition (SVD)*


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### Description

A matrix storing all rankings is centered rowwise (=genewise), and then approximated using only the first singular value and the first singular vectors (s. Golub and Van Loan (1983) for details about the SVD). The rowwise mean vector is added afterwards, and the rowwise mean are finally used as aggregation. A weighting scheme giving more weight to top genes is incorporated by an (iteratively) weighted SVD, which is re-computed until convergence. Note that the SVD is closely related to principal component analysis, a standard tool for dimension reduction in high-dimensional datasets.

### Usage

```
AggregateSVD(RR, weightscheme = c("original", "iterative"), decay = c("linear", "quadratic", "exponential"))
```

### Arguments

RR	An object of class <code>RepeatedRanking</code>
weightscheme	If <code>weightscheme = "original"</code> , the weights are computed according to the reference ranking <code>RR@ranking@original</code> . If <code>weightscheme = "iterative"</code> , the weights are initially set to 1 for all genes. After the computation of the SVD and in turn the first aggregation, the weights are updated according to that aggregation. This process is repeated until convergence.
decay	Argument controlling the weight decay of the weights of the summands contributing to the stability measure. If <code>decay=linear</code> , then we have weight $1/r$ for rank $r$ , if <code>decay=quadratic</code> , then the weight is $1/r^2$ and if <code>decay=quadratic</code> , then the weight is $\exp(-\alpha \cdot r)$ where $\alpha$ is a tuning parameter, specified via the argument <code>alpha</code> .
alpha	s. <code>decay</code> .

### Value

An object of class `AggregatedRanking`.

### Author(s)

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### References

Golub, G., Van Loan, C. (1983)  
Matrix Computations *John Hopkins University Press*

### See Also

[RepeatRanking](#), [AggregateSimple](#), [AggregatePenalty](#), [AggregateMC](#)



**Examples**

```
## Load toy gene expression data
data(toydata)
### class labels
yy <- toydata[1,]
### gene expression
xx <- toydata[-1,]
### run RankingTstat
ordT <- RankingTstat(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
### Generate Leave-one-out Foldmatrix
loo <- GenerateFoldMatrix(y = yy, k=1)
### Get all rankings
loor_ordT <- RepeatRanking(ordT, loo)
### aggregate rankings
agg_svd_ordT <- AggregateSVD(loor_ordT, weightscheme = "iterative", decay = "linear")
toplist(agg_svd_ordT)
```

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BootMatrix-class	<i>"BootMatrix"</i>
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**Description**

An object returned from [GenerateBootMatrix](#) and which is usually passed to [RepeatRanking](#)

**Slots**

**bootmatrix:** A matrix whose number of columns equals the number of replications and whose number of rows equals the number of observations. Each column contains the indices of those observations that are elements of the corresponding bootstrap sample. Note that each observation may be included several times in each column.

**replicates:** The number of bootstrap replicates.

**type:** One of "unpaired", "paired", "onesample", s. [GeneRanking](#).

**macties:** The maximum number of allowed ties, s. [GenerateBootMatrix](#).

**minclasssize:** The minimum class size, s. [GenerateBootMatrix](#)

**balancedclass:** Balanced classes, s. [GenerateBootMatrix](#)

**balancedsample:** Balanced Bootstrap, TRUE/FALSE.

**Methods**

**show** Use `show(BootMatrix)` for a brief information

**summary** Use `summary(BootMatrix, repl=1:2)` to obtain the frequencies of each observation for replications 1 and 2

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**References**

Davison, A.C., Hinkley, D.V. (1997)  
 Bootstrap Methods and their Application. *Cambridge University Press*

**See Also**

[GenerateBootMatrix](#), [GenerateFoldMatrix](#), [RepeatRanking](#)

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dispersion, RepeatedRanking

*Compute genewise dispersion measures for repeated rankings*

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**Description**

Dispersion is computed with respect to ranks, computed genewise. Three different measures are implemented: standard deviation (sd), median absolute deviation (mad), and interquartile range (IQR). The function is primarily intended to serve as helper function for [AggregatePenalty](#).

**Usage**

```
dispersion(RR, measure = c("sd", "mad", "iqr"), scheme = c("original", "symmetric", "user"), center)
```

**Arguments**

RR	An object of class RepeatedRanking.
measure	Specifies the dispersion measure, s. description.
scheme	Specifies how the location parameter is computed. If scheme="original", then the location parameter is chosen as the reference ranking (slot original). If scheme = "symmetric", then original@ranking and rankings are pooled to compute the location parameter either as the joint mean (if measure = "mean") or the joint median (if measure = "median"). Alternatively, the user may provide locations by using the center argument.
center	Location parameters to be used. Used only if scheme = "user".

**Value**

A numeric vector containing the dispersion measure for each gene.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[GeneRanking](#), [RepeatedRanking](#)

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FoldMatrix-class	"FoldMatrix"
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### Description

An object returned from [GenerateFoldMatrix](#), usually passed to [RepeatRanking](#).

### Slots

**foldmatrix:** A *logical* matrix whose number of columns equals the number of replications and whose number of rows equals the number of observations. The *j*th column indicates which observation(s) is(are) removed/mislabeled for the *j*th replication. The corresponding entries then equal FALSE.

**k:** Number of observations that are removed or whose labels are exchanged.

**replicates:** Number of replications if *k*>1.

**type:** One of "unpaired", "paired", "onesample", s. [GeneRanking](#).

**minclasssize:** The minimum class size, s. [GenerateFoldMatrix](#)

**balanced:** Balanced classes, s. [GenerateFoldMatrix](#)

### Methods

**show** Use `show(FoldMatrix)` for a brief information

**summary** Use `summary(FoldMatrix, repl=1:2)` to find out those observations which are left out/whose class labels are exchanged in replications 1 and 2

### Author(s)

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### References

Davison, A.C., Hinkley, D.V. (1997)  
Bootstrap Methods and their Application. *Cambridge University Press*

### See Also

[GenerateFoldMatrix](#), [GenerateBootMatrix](#), [RepeatRanking](#)

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GeneRanking-class	"GeneRanking"
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### Description

Object returned by all implemented ranking methods ([RankingTstat](#), [RankingFC](#), [RankingWelchT](#), [RankingWilcoxon](#), [RankingBaldiLong](#), [RankingFoxDimmic](#), [RankingLimma](#), [RankingEbam](#), [RankingWilcEbam](#), [RankingSam](#), [RankingShrinkageT](#), [RankingSoftthresholdT](#), [RankingPermutation](#)).

### Slots

**x:** Gene expressionmatrix rows correspond to genes, columns to samples (arrays).

**y:** A two-level factor of class labels.

**statistic:** A numeric vector storing the test statistics.

**ranking:** The ranking is determined via the statistic (normally via the size of absolute value). The lower the rank, the higher the magnitude of differential expression. There is no distinction of over- and underexpression.

**pval:** The vector of p-values computed from **statistic**.  
NA if p-values have not been computed.

**type:** Type of the test (one of "unpaired", "paired", "onesample").

**method:** Short name of the ranking method.

### Methods

**show** Use `show(GeneRanking-object)` for brief information.

**summary** Use `summary(GeneRanking-object)` for a five-point-summary of statistics and p-values arranged as two-column table. The second column (p-values) are NA in the case that p-values have not been computed.

**toplist** Use `toplist(object, k=10)` to get information about the top k=10 genes.

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### See Also

[RepeatRanking](#)

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GenerateBootMatrix     *Altered datasets via bootstrap*

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### Description

Generates an object of class [BootMatrix](#) to be used for [RepeatRanking](#).

### Usage

```
GenerateBootMatrix(x, y, replicates = 50, type = c("unpaired", "paired", "onesample"), maxties = N
```

### Arguments

x	Only needed if y is stored within an ExpressionSet.
y	y may be a numeric vector or a factor with at most two levels. If x is an ExpressionSet, then y is a character specifying the phenotype variable in pData. If type = "paired", take care that the coding is correct.
replicates	Number of bootstrap replicates to be generated.
type	One of "paired", "unpaired", "onesample", depends on the type of test to be performed, s. for example <a href="#">RankingTstat</a> .
maxties	The maximum number of ties allowed per observation. For example, maxties=2 means that no observation occurs more than maxties+1 = 3 times per bootstrap sample.
minclasssize	If minclasssize=k for some integer k, then the number of observations in each class are greater than or equal to minclasssize for each bootstrap sample.
balancedclass	If balancedclass=TRUE, then the proportions of the two classes are the same for each bootstrap sample. It is a shortcut for a certain value of minclasssize. May not be reasonable if class proportions are unbalanced in the original sample.
balancedsample	Should balanced bootstrap (s. details) be performed ?
control	Further control arguments concerning the generation process of the bootstrap matrix, s. <a href="#">samplingcontrol</a> .

### Details

For the case that balancedsample=TRUE, all other constraints as imposed by maxties, minclasssize and so on are ignored. Balanced bootstrap (s. reference below) means that each observation occurs equally frequently (with respect to all bootstrap replications).

### Value

An object of class `BootMatrix`

### warning

If the generation process (partially) fails, try to reduce the constraints or change the argument control.

**Note**

No bootstrap sample will occur more than once, i.e. each replication is unique.

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**References**

Davison, A.C., Hinkley, D.V. (1997)  
Bootstrap Methods and their Application. *Cambridge University Press*

**See Also**

[GenerateFoldMatrix](#), [RepeatRanking](#)

**Examples**

```
## Load toy gene expression data
data(toydata)
### class labels
yy <- toydata[1,]
### Generate Boot Matrix, maximum number of ties=3,
### minimum classsize=5, 30 replications:
boot <- GenerateBootMatrix(y = yy, maxties=3, minclasssize=5, repl=30)
```

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GenerateFoldMatrix     *Altered datasets via k-Jackknife or label exchange*

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**Description**

Generates an object of class [FoldMatrix](#) to be used for [RepeatRanking](#).

**Usage**

```
GenerateFoldMatrix(x, y, k = 1, replicates = ifelse(k==1, length(y), 10), type = c("unpaired", "pa
```

**Arguments**

x	Only needed if y is stored within an ExpressionSet.
y	y may be a numeric vector or a factor with at most two levels. If x is an ExpressionSet, then y is a character specifying the phenotype variable in the output from pData. If type = "paired", take care that the coding is correct.
k	Number of observations that are removed or whose labels are exchanged. Label exchange means that the observed label is replaced by the label of the other class (s. <a href="#">RepeatRanking</a> ).
replicates	Number of replications if k>1.
type	One of "paired", "unpaired", "onesample", depends on the type of test to be performed, s. for example <a href="#">RankingTstat</a> .

minclasssize	If minclasssize=k for some integer k, then the number of observations in each class are greater than or equal to minclasssize for each replication.
balanced	If balanced=TRUE, then the proportions of the two classes are (at least approximately) the same for each replication. It is a shortcut for a certain value of minclasssize. May not be reasonable if class proportions in the given dataset are unbalanced in the original sample.
control	Further control arguments concerning the generation process of the fold matrix, s. <a href="#">samplingcontrol</a> .

**Value**

An object of class [FoldMatrix](#).

**warning**

If the generation process (partially) fails, try to reduce the constraints or change the argument control.

**Note**

No jackknif-ed dataset will occur more than once, i.e. each replication is unique.

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**References**

Davison, A.C., Hinkley, D.V. (1997)  
Bootstrap Methods and their Application. *Cambridge University Press*

**See Also**

[GenerateBootMatrix](#), [RepeatRanking](#)

**Examples**

```
## Load toy gene expression data
data(toydata)
### class labels
yy <- toydata[1,]
### Generate Leave-One-Out / Exchange-One-Label matrix
loo <- GenerateFoldMatrix(y = yy, k=1)
### A more complex example
l3o <- GenerateFoldMatrix(y = yy, k=3, replicates=30, minclasssize=5)
```

GeneSelector

*Select promising candidate genes***Description**

Given GeneRankings or AggregatedRankings obtained from several ranking procedures, the aim is to find a unifying output. A threshold equal to the maximum rank/list position which is still relevant for the question of interest may be provided by the user, or the threshold can adaptively be determined via significance analysis in multiple testing procedures. Then, all genes are checked whether their ranks fall below this threshold *consistently* in all ranking procedures used. If this holds, then the gene is selected.

A final order of the genes is defined by the following criteria

1. A user-defined ranking of the used ranking procedures, i.e. the user decides which statistic he or she considers most important.
2. 'Selection', i.e. falling below the threshold.
3. The obtained ranks. The rank from the most important ranking procedure is considered, then that from the second most important, and so on.

**Usage**

```
GeneSelector(Rlist, ind = NULL, indstatistic = 1:length(Rlist),
             threshold = c("user", "BH", "qvalue", "Bonferroni", "Holm",
                           "Hochberg", "SidakSS", "SidakSD", "BY"),
             maxrank = NULL, maxpval = 0.05)
```

**Arguments**

Rlist	A list of objects of class RepeatedRanking or AggregatedRanking, all based on the same data.
ind	Indices of genes to be considered. Defaults to all.
indstatistic	An index vector defining the importance of the elements of Rlist. For instance, if Rlist consists of five elements, then indstatistic=c(2,4,1,3,5) would give most importance to the second element.
threshold	Determination of the threshold (s. description). Can be either "user", in which case the threshold is specified via maxrank, or an acronym for one of the following multiple testing procedures (s. help file for mt.rawp2adjp in the package multtest for detailed information and references): <b>"BH"</b> Benjamini-Hochberg procedure. <b>"qvalue"</b> The q-value of Storey and Tibshirani (2003): "Statistical significance for genomewide studies". <i>PNAS of the USA</i> , 100, 9440-9445. <b>"Bonferroni"</b> Bonferroni procedure. <b>"Holm"</b> Holm procedure. <b>"SidakSS"</b> Sidak single-step procedure. <b>"SidakSD"</b> Sidak step-down procedure. <b>"BY"</b> Benjamini-Yekutieli procedure.



In the latter case, the p-values of the element of `Rlist` attributed most importance (s. `indstatistic`) are adjusted and the number of p-values falling below `maxpval` is used as threshold rank. If the most important statistic provides no p-values, then those of the second most are used (if available), and so on.

`maxrank` A positive integer specifying a user-defined threshold.  
`maxpval` Specified if threshold is *not* user.

### Value

An object of class `GeneSelectorOutput`.

### Author(s)

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### See Also

[GeneRanking](#), [AggregatedRanking](#)

### Examples

```
## Load toy gene expression data
data(toydata)
### class labels
yy <- toydata[1,]
### gene expression
xx <- toydata[-1,]
### Get Rankings from five different statistics
ordinaryT <- RankingTstat(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
baldilongT <- RankingBaldiLong(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
samT <- RankingSam(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
wilc <- RankingWilcoxon(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
wilcebam <- RankingWilcEbam(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
### form a list
LL <- list(ordinaryT, baldilongT, samT, wilc, wilcebam)
### order statistics (assign importance)
ordstat <- c(3,4,2,1,5)
### start GeneSelector, threshold set to rank 50
gk50 <- GeneSelector(LL, indstatistic=ordstat, maxrank=50)
### start GeneSelector, using adaptive threshold based on p-values,
### here using the multiple testing procedure of Hochberg
gkpv <- GeneSelector(LL, indstatistic=ordstat, threshold = "BH", maxpval=0.05)
### show results
show(gkpv)
str(gkpv)
toplist(gkpv)
### which genes have been selected ?
SelectedGenes(gkpv)
### Detailed information about gene 4
plot(gkpv, which=4)
```

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GeneSelectorOutput-class  
*"GeneSelectorOutputRanking"*

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### Description

Object returned from a call to GeneSelector.

### Slots

**final:** Numeric vector storing the final ranks as provided by the GeneSelector procedure.

**rankings:** Matrix of rankings used as input for the GeneSelector.

**inout:** Matrix arranged in the same way as rankmatrix, but information is now binary: If rankmatrix[i, j] is smaller than the specified threshold, then inout[i, j] equals "+" symbolizing selection, whereas the "-" symbolizes removal.

**selected:** The indices of those genes that fall below the specified threshold. Can more conveniently be accessed using SelectedGenes.

**adjpval:** Numeric vector of adjusted p-values. NA if no adjustment has been performed.

**maxrank:** Threshold rank, either predefined by the user or determined after p-value adjustment.

**statistics:** The names of the ranking procedures used, ordered according to their importance as defined by the user.

### Methods

**show** Use show(object) for brief information.

**toplist** Use toplist(object, k=10) to display the top k=10 genes according to the final ranking.

**SelectedGenes** Use SelectedGenes(object) to show all genes that have been selected by the [GeneSelector](#).

**plot** Use plot(object, which=1 to get detailed information about the gene with index 1, arranged in a pretty plot.

### Author(s)

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GetStabilityDistance *Stability measures for gene rankings*

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### Description

The similarity of two rankings is assessed by computing a weighted distance measure. This function implements weighted absolute- and squared distance, a weighted versions of Spearman's rank correlation coefficient and Kendall's tau. Note that Spearman's rank correlation coefficient is not a distance measure in the classical sense, but can be obtained as transformation of the squared distance.

**Usage**

```
GetStabilityDistance(RR, scheme = c("original", "pairwise"), measure = c("l1", "l2", "spearman", "kendall", "tau"),
  decay = c("linear", "quadratic", "exponential"), alpha = 1, ...)
```

**Arguments**

RR	An object of class <code>RepeatedRanking</code>
scheme	If <code>scheme = "original"</code> , a reference ranking is compared with alternative rankings. If <code>scheme = "pairwise"</code> , all possible pairs of rankings are compared. The latter is normally used in the absence of a reference ranking, e.g. if the agreement of different ranking procedures is of interest.
measure	The measure to be used. <code>measure = "l1"</code> computes a weighted absolute distance, <code>measure = "l2"</code> a weighted squared distance. <code>measure = "spearman"</code> computes a weighted version of Spearman's rank correlation coefficient. <code>measure = "kendall"</code> computes a weighted version of Kendall's tau. Note that, unlike in the function <code>cor</code> in R base, Kendall's tau ranges from 0 to 1, and not from -1 to 1, which is the case when <code>measure = "spearman"</code> . Absolute- and squared distance are suitably normalized to fall into the unit interval for the sake of better interpretability, with zero corresponding to maximal instability.
decay	Argument controlling the weight decay of the weights of the summands contributing to the stability measure. If <code>decay="linear"</code> , then we have weight $1/r$ for rank $r$ , if <code>decay="quadratic"</code> , then the weight is $1/r^2$ and if <code>decay="exponential"</code> , then the weight is $\exp(-\alpha \cdot r)$ where <code>alpha</code> is a tuning parameter, specified via the argument <code>alpha</code> .
alpha	s. <code>decay</code> .
...	Currently unused argument.

**Value**

An object of class `StabilityDistance`

**Author(s)**

Martin Slawski  
Anne-Laure Boulesteix

**References**

- Jurman, G., Merler, S., Barla, A., Paoli, S., Galea, A., Furlanello, C. (2008). Algebraic stability indicators for ranked lists in molecular profiling. *Bioinformatics* 24, 258-264
- DeConde, R. P., Hawley, S., Falcon, S., Clegg, N., Knudsen, B., Etzioni, R. (2006). Combining results of microarray experiments: a rank aggregation approach. *Statistical Applications in Genetics and Molecular Biology* 5, 15

**See Also**

[RepeatRanking](#)

**Examples**

```

## Load toy gene expression data
data(toydata)
### class labels
yy <- toydata[1,]
### gene expression
xx <- toydata[-1,]
### get ranking
ordT <- RankingTstat(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
### Generate Leave-One-Out
loo <- GenerateFoldMatrix(y = yy, k=1)
### Repeat Ranking with t-statistic
loor_ordT <- RepeatRanking(ordT, loo)
### assess stability
stab_dis_ordT <- GetStabilityDistance(loor_ordT, scheme = "original", measure = "spearman", decay="linear")
### for a short summary
summary(stab_dis_ordT, display = "all")

```

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GetStabilityOverlap     *Stability measures for gene lists*

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**Description**

The similarity of two ordered genelists is assessed by counting the size of the intersection ('overlap') for each position in the list and by computing a weighted cumulative sum of the number of overlaps up to a position in the list ('overlap score'), as suggested by Yang et al. (2006) and Lottaz et al. (2006).

**Usage**

```

GetStabilityOverlap(RR, scheme = c("original", "pairwise"), decay = c("linear", "quadratic", "expo
alpha = 1, ...)

```

**Arguments**

RR	An object of class RepeatedRanking
scheme	If scheme = "original", a reference list is compared with alternative lists. If scheme = "pairwise", all possible pairs of lists are compared. The latter is normally used in the absence of a reference list, e.g. if the agreement of different ranking procedures is of interest.
decay	Argument controlling the weight decay of the weights necessary for the computation of the overlap score. If decay="linear", then we have weight 1/l for list position l, if decay="quadratic", then the weight is 1/l <sup>2</sup> and if decay="exponential", then the weight is exp(-alpha*l) where alpha is a tuning parameter, specified via the argument alpha. Weights are used only for the overlap score, not for the intersection count.
alpha	s. decay.
...	Currently unused argument.

**Value**

An object of class [StabilityOverlap](#)

**Note**

- Contrary to Yang et al. (2006), Lottaz et al. (2006), we consider differential expression without distinguishing between over- and underexpression.
- Both intersection count and overlap score are suitably normalized to fall into the unit interval for the sake of better interpretability, with zero corresponding to maximal instability.

**Author(s)**

Martin Slawski  
Anne-Laure Boulesteix

**References**

- Qiu, X., Xiao, Y., Gordon, A., Yakovlev, A. (2006)  
Assessing stability of gene selection in microarray data analysis. *BMC Bioinformatics* 7, 50
- Yang, X., Bentink, S., Scheid, S., Spang, R. (2006)  
Similarities of ordered gene lists. *Journal of Bioinformatics and Computational Biology* 4, 693-708
- Lottaz, C., Yang, X., Scheid, S., Spang, R. (2006)  
OrderedList - a Bioconductor package for detecting similarity in ordered gene lists. *Bioinformatics*, 22, 2315-2316

**See Also**

[RepeatRanking](#)

**Examples**

```
## Load toy gene expression data
data(toydata)
### class labels
yy <- toydata[1,]
### gene expression
xx <- toydata[-1,]
### get ranking
ordT <- RankingTstat(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
### Generate Leave-One-Out
loo <- GenerateFoldMatrix(y = yy, k=1)
### Repeat Ranking with t-statistic
loor_ordT <- RepeatRanking(ordT, loo)
### assess stability
stab_ov_ordT <- GetStabilityOverlap(loor_ordT, scheme = "original", decay="linear")
### for a short summary
summary(stab_ov_ordT, measure = "intersection", display = "all", position = 10)
### for a graphical display
plot(stab_ov_ordT)
```

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GetStabilityUnion      *Stability measures for gene lists*

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### Description

The similarity of *multiple* ordered genelists is assessed by counting the size of the union ('union count') for each position in the list. The higher the union count, the less stable are the ordered lists. Similarly to the 'overlap score' of Yang et al. (2006), Lottaz et al. (2006), we compute a weighted average of the union count entitled 'union score' .

### Usage

```
GetStabilityUnion(RR, decay = c("linear", "quadratic", "exponential"),
                  alpha = 1, noinformation = 0,...)
```

### Arguments

RR	An object of class RepeatedRanking
decay	Argument controlling the weight decay of the weights used for the computation of the union score. If decay="linear", then we have weight 1/l for list position l, if decay="quadratic", then the weight is 1/l <sup>2</sup> and if decay="exponential", then the weight is exp(-alpha*l) where alpha is a tuning parameter, specified via the argument alpha. Weights are used only for the union score, not for the union count.
alpha	s. decay.
noinformation	If noinformation is a positive integer, union count and -score in the no-information case are approximated by randomly generating multiple lists and computing scores noinformation times and averaging the results. Note that this procedure can be rather slow, depending on the number and the length of the lists to be compared.
...	Currently unused argument.

### Value

An object of class [StabilityOverlap](#)

### Note

- Union count and union score are suitably normalized to fall into the unit interval for the sake of better interpretability, with zero corresponding to maximal instability.
- Note that this function yields exactly one stability score for multiple lists, as opposed to the pairwise approach in [GetStabilityOverlap](#) and [GetStabilityDistance](#).

### Author(s)

Martin Slawski  
Anne-Laure Boulesteix

## References

- Stolovitzky, G. (2003). Gene selection in microarray data: the elephant, the blind men, and our algorithms. *Current Opinion in Structural Biology* 13, 370-376.
- Jurman, G., Merler, S., Barla, A., Paoli, S., Galea, A., Furlanello, C. (2008). Algebraic stability indicators for ranked lists in molecular profiling. *Bioinformatics* 24, 258-264
- Yang, X., Bentink, S., Scheid, S., Spang, R. (2006) Similarities of ordered gene lists. *Journal of Bioinformatics and Computational Biology* 4, 693-708
- Lottaz, C., Yang, X., Scheid, S., Spang, R. (2006) OrderedList - a Bioconductor package for detecting similarity in ordered gene lists. *Bioinformatics*, 22, 2315-2316

## See Also

[RepeatRanking](#)

## Examples

```
## Load toy gene expression data
data(toydata)
### class labels
yy <- toydata[1,]
### gene expression
xx <- toydata[-1,]
### get ranking
ordT <- RankingTstat(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
### Generate Leave-One-Out
loo <- GenerateFoldMatrix(y = yy, k=1)
### Repeat Ranking with t-statistic
loor_ordT <- RepeatRanking(ordT, loo)
### assess stability
stab_union_ordT <- GetStabilityUnion(loor_ordT, decay="linear")
### display the result
plot(stab_union_ordT)
```

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HeatmapRankings

*Heatmap of genes and rankings*

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## Description

Cluster genes and repeated rankings simultaneously based on a data matrix of ranks whose columns correspond to rankings and whose rows correspond to genes. The main goal is to compare different ranking procedures and to examine whether there are differences among them. Up to now, the Euclidean metric and complete-linkage clustering is used to generate the trees.

## Usage

```
HeatmapRankings(RR, ind=1:100)
```

**Arguments**

- RR An object of class [RepeatedRanking](#), usually generated from a call to [MergeMethods](#).
- ind A vector of gene indices whose ranks are used to generate the heatmap. The number of elements should not be too large (not greater than 500) due to high time- and memory requirements.

**Value**

A heatmap (plot).

**Author(s)**

Martin Slawski  
Anne-Laure Boulesteix

**References**

Gentleman, R., Carey, V.J., Huber, W., Irizarry, R.A., Dudoit, S. (editors), 2005. Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Solutions Using R and Bioconductor, Chapter 10: Visualizing Data. *Springer, N.Y.*

**Examples**

```
## Load toy gene expression data
data(toydata)
### class labels
yy <- toydata[1,]
### gene expression
xx <- toydata[-1,]
### Get Rankings from five different statistics
ordinaryT <- RankingTstat(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
baldilongT <- RankingBaldiLong(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
samT <- RankingSam(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
wilc <- RankingWilcoxon(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
wilcebam <- RankingWilcEbam(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
merged <- MergeMethods(list(ordinaryT, baldilongT, samT, wilc, wilcebam))
### plot the heatmap
HeatmapRankings(merged, ind=1:100)
```

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internals

*Internal functions*

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**Description**

Not intended to be called directly by the user.



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MergeMethods

*Merge rankings obtained from different ranking procedures*


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**Description**

Converts a list containing objects of class [GeneRanking](#) into an object of class [RepeatedRanking](#).

**Usage**

```
MergeMethods(Rlist)
```

**Arguments**

Rlist            A list consisting of objects of class [GeneRanking](#), obtained by application of different methods to the same dataset.

**Value**

An object of class [RepeatedRanking](#). The slot original is occupied by the first element of Rlist. Note that all information contained in the GeneRanking objects is dropped, except for the ranks.

**Author(s)**

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Anne-Laure Boulesteix

**Examples**

```
## Load toy gene expression data
data(toydata)
### class labels
yy <- toydata[1,]
### gene expression
xx <- toydata[-1,]
### Get Rankings from five different statistics
ordinaryT <- RankingTstat(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
baldilongT <- RankingBaldiLong(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
samT <- RankingSam(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
wilc <- RankingWilcoxon(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
wilcebam <- RankingWilcEbam(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
merged <- MergeMethods(list(ordinaryT, baldilongT, samT, wilc, wilcebam))
```

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RankingBaldiLong

*Ranking based on the t-statistic of Baldi and Long*


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**Description**

Performs bayesian t tests on a gene expression matrix.

**Usage**

```
RankingBaldiLong(x, y, type = c("unpaired", "paired", "onesample"),
                 m = 100, conf = NULL, pvalues = TRUE, gene.names = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	A matrix of gene expression values with rows corresponding to genes and columns corresponding to observations or alternatively an object of class <code>ExpressionSet</code> . If <code>type = paired</code> , the first half of the columns corresponds to the first measurements and the second half to the second ones. For instance, if there are 10 observations, each measured twice, stored in an expression matrix <code>expr</code> , then <code>expr[, 1]</code> is paired with <code>expr[, 11]</code> , <code>expr[, 2]</code> with <code>expr[, 12]</code> , and so on.
y	If x is a matrix, then y may be a numeric vector or a factor with at most two levels. If x is an <code>ExpressionSet</code> , then y is a character specifying the phenotype variable in the output from <code>pData</code> . If <code>type = "paired"</code> , take care that the coding is analogously to the requirement concerning x.
type	<b>"unpaired"</b> : two-sample test. <b>"paired"</b> : paired test. Take care that the coding of y is correct (s. above). <b>"onesample"</b> : y has only one level. Test whether the true mean is different from zero.
m	Size of the sliding window that is used obtain the background variance from pooled similarly expressed genes, s. details.
conf	The number of 'pseudocounts' giving weight to the prior variance, s. details.
pvalues	Should p-values be computed ? Default is TRUE.
gene.names	An optional vector of gene names.
...	Currently unused argument.

**Details**

The argument `m` determines the width of the window used to obtain an estimate for the average variability of gene expression for those genes that show a similar expression level.

The argument `conf` is non-negative and denotes the weight given to the Bayesian prior estimate of within-treatment variance. Baldi and Long report reasonable performance with this parameter set equal to approximately 3 times the number of observations, when the number of experimental observations is small (approximately 4 or less). If the number of replicate experimental observations is large then the confidence value can be lowered to be equal to the number of observations (or even less).

**Value**

An object of class `GeneRanking`.

**Note**

Results can differ slightly from the Cyber-T-Software of Baldi and Long.

**Author(s)**

Martin Slawski  
Anne-Laure Boulesteix

## References

Baldi,P., Long, A.D. (2001).  
A Bayesian framework for the analysis of microarray data. *Bioinformatics*, 17, 509-519

## See Also

[RepeatRanking](#), [RankingTstat](#), [RankingFC](#), [RankingWelchT](#), [RankingWilcoxon](#), [RankingFoxDimmic](#), [RankingLimma](#), [RankingEbam](#), [RankingWilcEbam](#), [RankingSam](#), [RankingShrinkageT](#), [RankingSoftthresholdT](#), [RankingPermutation](#)

## Examples

```
## Load toy gene expression data
data(toydata)
### class labels
yy <- toydata[1,]
### gene expression
xx <- toydata[-1,]
### run RankingBaldiLong
BaldiLong <- RankingBaldiLong(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
```

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RankingEbam

*Ranking based on the empirical Bayes approach of Efron et al. (2001)*

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## Description

The approach of Efron et al. (2001) is based on a mixture model for two subpopulations: genes that are differentially expressed and those not. The posterior probability for differential expression is used to obtain a ranking. The function described below is merely a wrapper for the function `z.ebam` from the package `siggenes`.

For S4 method information, see [RankingEbam-methods](#).

## Usage

```
RankingEbam(x, y, type = c("unpaired", "paired", "onesample"), gene.names = NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	A matrix of gene expression values with rows corresponding to genes and columns corresponding to observations or alternatively an object of class <code>ExpressionSet</code> . If <code>type = "paired"</code> , the first half of the columns corresponds to the first measurements and the second half to the second ones. For instance, if there are 10 observations, each measured twice, stored in an expression matrix <code>expr</code> , then <code>expr[, 1]</code> is paired with <code>expr[, 11]</code> , <code>expr[, 2]</code> with <code>expr[, 12]</code> , and so on.
<code>y</code>	If <code>x</code> is a matrix, then <code>y</code> may be a numeric vector or a factor with at most two levels. If <code>x</code> is an <code>ExpressionSet</code> , then <code>y</code> is a character specifying the phenotype variable in the output from <code>pData</code> . If <code>type = "paired"</code> , take care that the coding is analogously to the requirement concerning <code>x</code> .
<code>type</code>	<b>"unpaired"</b> : two-sample test.

**"paired"**: paired test. Take care that the coding of y is correct (s. above)  
**"onesample"**: y has only one level. Test whether the true mean is different from zero.

gene.names      An optional vector of gene names.  
 ...              Further arguments passed to the function z.ebam. Can be used to influence the *fudge factor* to stabilize the variance. Currently, the 90 percent quantile is used.

### Details

To find a better value for the fudge factor, the function `find.a0` (package `siggenes`) can be used.

### Value

An object of class `GeneRanking`.

### Note

P-values are *not* computed - the statistic is a posterior probability.

### Author(s)

Martin Slawski  
 Anne-Laure Boulesteix

### References

Efron, B., Tibshirani, R., Storey, J.D., Tusher, V. (2001).  
 Empirical Bayes Analysis of a Microarray Experiment. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 96, 1151-1160.

Schwender, H., Krause, A. and Ickstadt, K. (2003).  
 Comparison of the Empirical Bayes and the Significance Analysis of Microarrays. *Technical Report, University of Dortmund*.

### See Also

[RepeatRanking](#), [RankingTstat](#), [RankingFC](#), [RankingWelchT](#), [RankingWilcoxon](#), [RankingBaldiLong](#), [RankingFoxDimmic](#), [RankingLimma](#), [RankingWilcEbam](#), [RankingSam](#), [RankingShrinkageT](#), [RankingSoftthresholdT](#), [RankingPermutation](#)

### Examples

```
### Load toy gene expression data
data(toydata)
### class labels
yy <- toydata[1,]
### gene expression
xx <- toydata[-1,]
### run RankingEbam
Ebam <- RankingEbam(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
```

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RankingFC	<i>Ranking based on the (log) foldchange</i>
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**Description**

Naive ranking procedure that only considers difference in means without taking variances into account.

**Usage**

```
RankingFC(x, y, type = c("unpaired", "paired", "onesample"),
          pvalues = TRUE, gene.names = NULL, LOG = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	A matrix of gene expression values with rows corresponding to genes and columns corresponding to observations or alternatively an object of class <code>ExpressionSet</code> . If <code>type = paired</code> , the first half of the columns corresponds to the first measurements and the second half to the second ones. For instance, if there are 10 observations, each measured twice, stored in an expression matrix <code>expr</code> , then <code>expr[, 1]</code> is paired with <code>expr[, 11]</code> , <code>expr[, 2]</code> with <code>expr[, 12]</code> , and so on.
y	If <code>x</code> is a matrix, then <code>y</code> may be a numeric vector or a factor with at most two levels. If <code>x</code> is an <code>ExpressionSet</code> , then <code>y</code> is a character specifying the phenotype variable in the output from <code>pData</code> . If <code>type = "paired"</code> , take care that the coding is analogously to the requirement concerning <code>x</code> .
type	<b>"unpaired"</b> : two-sample test. <b>"paired"</b> : paired test. Take care that the coding of <code>y</code> is correct (s. above). <b>"onesample"</b> : <code>y</code> has only one level. Test whether the true mean is different from zero.
pvalues	Should p-values be computed ? Defaults to TRUE.
gene.names	An optional vector of gene names.
LOG	By default, the data are assumed to be already logarithm-ed. If not, this can be done by setting <code>LOG=TRUE</code>
...	Currently unused argument.

**Value**

An object of class `GeneRanking`

**Note**

Take care that the *log* foldchange is computed, therefore logarithmization might be necessary. The p-values for the difference in means are computed under the assumption of a standard normal distribution.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[RepeatRanking](#), [RankingTstat](#), [RankingWelchT](#), [RankingWilcoxon](#), [RankingBaldiLong](#), [RankingFoxDimmic](#), [RankingLimma](#), [RankingEbam](#), [RankingWilcEbam](#), [RankingSam](#), [RankingShrinkageT](#), [RankingSoftthresholdT](#), [RankingPermutation](#)

**Examples**

```
## Load toy gene expression data
data(toydata)
### class labels
yy <- toydata[1,]
### gene expression
xx <- toydata[-1,]
### run RankingFC
FC <- RankingFC(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
```

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RankingFoxDimmic

*Ranking based on the t-statistic of Fox and Dimmic*


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**Description**

Performs a two-sample Bayesian t test on a gene expression matrix using the method of Fox and Dimmic (2006).

**Usage**

```
RankingFoxDimmic(x, y, type = "unpaired", m = 4, pvalues = TRUE, gene.names = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	A matrix of gene expression values with rows corresponding to genes and columns corresponding to observations or alternatively an object of class <code>ExpressionSet</code> .
y	If x is a matrix, then y may be a numeric vector or a factor with at most two levels. If x is an <code>ExpressionSet</code> , then y is a character specifying the phenotype variable in the output from <code>pData</code> .
type	<b>"unpaired"</b> : two-sample test, equal variances assumed. "paired" and "unpaired" are not possible for this kind of test.
m	The number of similarly expressed genes to use for calculating Bayesian variance and prior degrees of freedom. The default value suggested by Fox and Dimmic is currently 4, s. note.
pvalues	Should p-values be computed ? Default is TRUE.
gene.names	An optional vector of gene names.
...	Currently unused argument.

**Value**

An object of class `GeneRanking`.

**Note**

Although the test of Fox and Dimmic is very similar to that of Baldi and Long; there are various slight differences, in particular with respect to the computation of the Bayesian variance.

**Author(s)**

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Anne-Laure Boulesteix

**References**

Fox, R.J., Dimmic, M.W. (2006).  
A two sample Bayesian t-test for microarray data. *BMC Bioinformatics*, 7:126

**See Also**

[RepeatRanking](#), [RankingTstat](#), [RankingFC](#), [RankingWelchT](#), [RankingWilcoxon](#), [RankingBaldiLong](#), [RankingLimma](#), [RankingEbam](#), [RankingWilcEbam](#), [RankingSam](#), [RankingShrinkageT](#), [RankingSoftthresholdT](#), [RankingPermutation](#)

**Examples**

```
## Load toy gene expression data
data(toydata)
### class labels
yy <- toydata[1,]
### gene expression
xx <- toydata[-1,]
### run RankingFoxDimmic
FoxDimmic <- RankingFoxDimmic(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
```

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RankingLimma

*Ranking based on the 'moderated' t statistic*


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**Description**

The 'moderated' t statistic is based on a Bayesian hierarchical model which is estimated by an empirical Bayes approach (Smyth et al., 2003). The function is a wrapper to the functions `fitLm` and `eBayes` implemented in the `limma` package.

**Usage**

```
RankingLimma(x, y, type = c("unpaired", "paired", "onesample"), gene.names = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

**x** A matrix of gene expression values with rows corresponding to genes and columns corresponding to observations or alternatively an object of class `ExpressionSet`. If `type = paired`, the first half of the columns corresponds to the first measurements and the second half to the second ones. For instance, if there are 10 observations, each measured twice, stored in an expression matrix `expr`, then `expr[, 1]` is paired with `expr[, 11]`, `expr[, 2]` with `expr[, 12]`, and so on.

y	<p>If x is a matrix, then y may be a numeric vector or a factor with at most two levels.</p> <p>If x is an ExpressionSet, then y is a character specifying the phenotype variable in the output from pData.</p> <p>If type = paired, take care that the coding is analogously to the requirement concerning x</p>
type	<p><b>"unpaired"</b>: two-sample test.</p> <p><b>"paired"</b>: paired test. Take care that the coding of y is correct (s. above)</p> <p><b>"onesample"</b>: y has only one level. Test whether the true mean is different from zero.</p>
gene.names	An optional vector of gene names.
...	Further arguments passed to the function eBayes, for instance the prior probability for differential expression. Consult the help of the limma package for details

**Value**

An object of class [GeneRanking](#).

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Smyth, G. K., Yang, Y.-H., Speed, T. P. (2003).  
Statistical issues in microarray data analysis. *Methods in Molecular Biology* 2:24, 111-136.

**See Also**

[RepeatRanking](#), [RankingTstat](#), [RankingFC](#), [RankingWelchT](#), [RankingWilcoxon](#), [RankingBaldiLong](#), [RankingFoxDimmic](#), [RankingEbam](#), [RankingWilcEbam](#), [RankingSam](#), [RankingShrinkageT](#), [RankingSoftthresholdT](#), [RankingPermutation](#)

**Examples**

```
### Load toy gene expression data
data(toydata)
### class labels
yy <- toydata[1,]
### gene expression
xx <- toydata[-1,]
### run RankingLimma
limma <- RankingLimma(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
```



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RankingPermutation      *Ranking based on permutation tests.*

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### Description

The function is a wrapper for `mt.sample.teststat` from the package `multtest` (Dudoit et al., 2003). The ranking is based on permutation p-values first, followed by the absolute value of the statistic.

### Usage

```
RankingPermutation(x, y, type = "unpaired", B = 100, gene.names = NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	A matrix of gene expression values with rows corresponding to genes and columns corresponding to observations or alternatively an object of class <code>ExpressionSet</code> .
<code>y</code>	If <code>x</code> is a matrix, then <code>y</code> may be a numeric vector or a factor with at most two levels. If <code>x</code> is an <code>ExpressionSet</code> , then <code>y</code> is a character specifying the phenotype variable in the output from <code>pData</code> .
<code>type</code>	Only the two sample case, <code>type="unpaired"</code> is possible.
<code>B</code>	The number of permutations to generate. Defaults to 100, but should be increased if computing power admits. Taking <code>B</code> too high, however, can lead to long computation time, especially if the function is called from <a href="#">RepeatRanking</a>
<code>gene.names</code>	An optional vector of gene names.
<code>...</code>	Further arguments passed to <code>mt.sample.teststat</code> from the package <code>multtest</code> . Can be used, for example, to select the statistic to be computed. By default this is <code>"t.equalvar"</code> (t-test with equal variances assumed).

### Value

An object of class `GeneRanking`

### Note

The p-values, on which the ranking is primarily based, suffer from the discreteness of the procedure. They follow a step function with jump heights  $1/B$ .

### Author(s)

Martin Slawski  
Anne-Laure Boulesteix

### References

Dudoit, S., Shaffer, J.P., Boldrick, J.C. (2003).  
Multiple Hypothesis Testing in Microarray Experiments *Statistical Science*, 18, 71-103

**See Also**

[RepeatRanking](#), [RankingTstat](#), [RankingFC](#), [RankingWelchT](#), [RankingWilcoxon](#), [RankingBaldiLong](#), [RankingFoxDimmic](#), [RankingLimma](#), [RankingEbam](#), [RankingWilcEbam](#), [RankingSam](#), [RankingShrinkageT](#), [RankingSoftthresholdT](#)

**Examples**

```
### Load toy gene expression data
data(toydata)
### class labels
yy <- toydata[1,]
### gene expression
xx <- toydata[-1,]
### run RankingPermutation (100 permutations)
perm <- RankingPermutation(xx, yy, B=100, type="unpaired")
```

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RankingSam

*Ranking based on the SAM statistic*


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**Description**

A wrapper function to the samr package.

**Usage**

```
RankingSam(x, y, type = c("unpaired", "paired", "onesample"), pvalues = TRUE, gene.names = NULL, .
```

**Arguments**

x	A matrix of gene expression values with rows corresponding to genes and columns corresponding to observations or alternatively an object of class ExpressionSet. If type = paired, the first half of the columns corresponds to the first measurements and the second half to the second ones. For instance, if there are 10 observations, each measured twice, stored in an expression matrix expr, then expr[, 1] is paired with expr[, 11], expr[, 2] with expr[, 12], and so on.
y	If x is a matrix, then y may be a numeric vector or a factor with at most two levels. If x is an ExpressionSet, then y is a character specifying the phenotype variable in the output from pData. If type = "paired", take care that the coding is analogously to the requirement concerning x.
type	<b>"unpaired"</b> : two-sample test. <b>"paired"</b> : paired test. Take care that the coding of y is correct (s. above). <b>"onesample"</b> : y has only one level. Test whether the true mean is different from zero.
pvalues	Should p-values be computed ? Default is TRUE.
gene.names	An optional vector of gene names.
...	Further arguments to be passed to samr. Consult the help of the samr package for details.

**Value**

An object of class [GeneRanking](#).

**Note**

The computing time is relatively high, due to the fact that permutation statistics are generated.

**Author(s)**

Martin Slawski  
Anne-Laure Boulesteix

**References**

Tusher, V.G., Tibshirani, R., and Chu, G. (2001).  
Significance analysis of microarrays applied to the ionizing radiation response. *PNAS*, 98, 5116-5121.

Schwender, H., Krause, A. and Ickstadt, K. (2003).  
Comparison of the Empirical Bayes and the Significance Analysis of Microarrays. *Technical Report, University of Dortmund*.

**See Also**

[RepeatRanking](#), [RankingTstat](#), [RankingFC](#), [RankingWelchT](#), [RankingWilcoxon](#), [RankingBaldiLong](#), [RankingFoxDimmic](#), [RankingLimma](#), [RankingEbam](#), [RankingWilcEbam](#), [RankingShrinkageT](#), [RankingSoftthresholdT](#), [RankingPermutation](#)

**Examples**

```
### Load toy gene expression data
data(toydata)
### class labels
yy <- toydata[1,]
### gene expression
xx <- toydata[-1,]
### run RankingSam
sam <- RankingSam(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
```

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RankingShrinkageT

*Ranking based on the 'shrinkage t' statistic*


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**Description**

The shrinkage t statistic stabilizes the estimated variances appearing in the denominator of the statistic via a James-Stein-Shrinkage approach (Opgein-Rhein and Strimmer, 2007). In this implementation, the shrinkage target is the median of the variances.

**Usage**

```
RankingShrinkageT(x, y, type = c("unpaired", "paired", "onesample"), gene.names = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	A matrix of gene expression values with rows corresponding to genes and columns corresponding to observations or alternatively an object of class <code>ExpressionSet</code> . If <code>type = paired</code> , the first half of the columns corresponds to the first measurements and the second half to the second ones. For instance, if there are 10 observations, each measured twice, stored in an expression matrix <code>expr</code> , then <code>expr[, 1]</code> is paired with <code>expr[, 11]</code> , <code>expr[, 2]</code> with <code>expr[, 12]</code> , and so on.
y	If x is a matrix, then y may be a numeric vector or a factor with at most two levels. If x is an <code>ExpressionSet</code> , then y is a character specifying the phenotype variable in the output from <code>pData</code> . If <code>type = "paired"</code> , take care that the coding is analogously to the requirement concerning x.
type	<b>"unpaired"</b> : two-sample test. <b>"paired"</b> : paired test. Take care that the coding of y is correct (s. above). <b>"onesample"</b> : y has only one level. Test whether the true mean is different from zero.
gene.names	An optional vector of gene names.
...	Currently unused argument.

**Value**

An object of class `GeneRanking`.

**Author(s)**

Martin Slawski  
Anne-Laure Boulesteix

**References**

Opgen-Rhein, R., Strimmer, K. (2007).  
Accurate Ranking of Differentially Expressed Genes by a Distribution-Free Shrinkage Approach.  
*Statistical Applications in Genetics and Molecular Biology*, Vol. 6, Iss. 1, Art.9

**See Also**

[RepeatRanking](#), [RankingTstat](#), [RankingFC](#), [RankingWelchT](#), [RankingWilcoxon](#), [RankingBaldiLong](#),  
[RankingFoxDimmic](#), [RankingLimma](#), [RankingEbam](#), [RankingWilcEbam](#), [RankingSam](#), [Ranking-SoftthresholdT](#), [RankingPermutation](#)

**Examples**

```
### Load toy gene expression data
data(toydata)
### class labels
yy <- toydata[1,]
### gene expression
xx <- toydata[-1,]
### run RankingShrinkageT
shrinkaget <- RankingShrinkageT(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
```

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RankingSoftthresholdT *Ranking via the 'soft-threshold' t-statistic*

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### Description

The 'soft-threshold' statistic (Wu, 2005) is constructed using a linear regression model with an L1 penalty (also referred to as LASSO penalty). In special cases (like here) the LASSO estimator can be calculated analytically and is then known as 'soft threshold estimator'.

### Usage

```
RankingSoftthresholdT(x, y, type = c("unpaired", "paired", "onesample"),
                      lambda = c("lowess", "cor", "user"), userlambda = NULL,
                      gene.names = NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	A matrix of gene expression values with rows corresponding to genes and columns corresponding to observations or alternatively an object of class <code>ExpressionSet</code> . If <code>type = paired</code> , the first half of the columns corresponds to the first measurements and the second half to the second ones. For instance, if there are 10 observations, each measured twice, stored in an expression matrix <code>expr</code> , then <code>expr[, 1]</code> is paired with <code>expr[, 11]</code> , <code>expr[, 2]</code> with <code>expr[, 12]</code> , and so on.
y	If x is a matrix, then y may be a numeric vector or a factor with at most two levels. If x is an <code>ExpressionSet</code> , then y is a character specifying the phenotype variable in the output from <code>pData</code> . If <code>type = "paired"</code> , take care that the coding is analogously to the requirement concerning x.
type	<b>"unpaired"</b> : two-sample test. <b>"paired"</b> : paired test. Take care that the coding of y is correct (s. above). <b>"onesample"</b> : y has only one level. Test whether the true mean is different from zero.
lambda	s. details
userlambda	A user-specified value for lambda, s. details.
gene.names	An optional vector of gene names.
...	Currently unused argument.

### Details

There are currently three ways of specifying the shrinkage intensity lambda. Both "lowess" and "cor" are relatively slow, especially if rankings are calculated repeatedly ([RepeatRanking](#)). Therefore, a 'reasonable' value can be set by the user.

### Value

An object of class `GeneRanking`.

**Note**

The code is a modified version of an implementation available in the `st` package of Opgen-Rhein and Strimmer (2007).

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Wu, B. (2005). Differential gene expression using penalized linear regression models: The improved SAM statistic. *Bioinformatics*, 21, 1565-1571

**See Also**

[RepeatRanking](#), [RankingTstat](#), [RankingFC](#), [RankingWelchT](#), [RankingWilcoxon](#), [RankingBaldiLong](#), [RankingFoxDimmic](#), [RankingLimma](#), [RankingEbam](#), [RankingWilcEbam](#), [RankingSam](#), [RankingShrinkageT](#), [RankingPermutation](#)

**Examples**

```
### Load toy gene expression data
data(toydata)
### class labels
yy <- toydata[1,]
### gene expression
xx <- toydata[-1,]
### run RankingSoftthresholdT
softt <- RankingSoftthresholdT(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
```

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RankingTstat

*Ranking based on the 'ordinary' t statistic.*


---

**Description**

Performs univariate (rowwise) t tests on a gene expression matrix.

**Usage**

```
RankingTstat(x, y, type = c("unpaired", "paired", "onesample"), pvalues = TRUE, gene.names = NULL,
```

**Arguments**

`x` A matrix of gene expression values with rows corresponding to genes and columns corresponding to observations or alternatively an object of class `ExpressionSet`. If `type = "paired"`, the first half of the columns corresponds to the first measurements and the second half to the second ones. For instance, if there are 10 observations, each measured twice, stored in an expression matrix `expr`, then `expr[, 1]` is paired with `expr[, 11]`, `expr[, 2]` with `expr[, 12]`, and so on.

y	If x is a matrix, then y may be a numeric vector or a factor with at most two levels. If x is an ExpressionSet, then y is a character specifying the phenotype variable in the output from pData. If type = "paired", take care that the coding is analogously to the requirement concerning x..
type	<b>"unpaired"</b> : two-sample test, equal variances assumed. For unequal variances, use <a href="#">RankingWelchT</a> . <b>"paired"</b> : paired test. Take care that the coding of y is correct (s. above). <b>"onesample"</b> : y has only one level. Test whether the true mean is different from zero.
pvalues	Should p-values be computed ? Default is TRUE.
gene.names	An optional vector of gene names.
...	Currently unused argument.

**Value**

An object of class [GeneRanking](#).

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[RepeatRanking](#), [RankingFC](#), [RankingWelchT](#), [RankingWilcoxon](#), [RankingBaldiLong](#), [RankingFoxDimmic](#), [RankingLimma](#), [RankingEbam](#), [RankingWilcEbam](#), [RankingSam](#), [RankingShrinkageT](#), [RankingSoftthresholdT](#), [RankingPermutation](#)

**Examples**

```
## Load toy gene expression data
data(toydata)
### class labels
yy <- toydata[1,]
### gene expression
xx <- toydata[-1,]
### run RankingTstat
ordT <- RankingTstat(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
```

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RankingWelchT

*Ranking based on the Welch t statistic.*


---

**Description**

Performs univariate (rowwise) Welch tests on a gene expression matrix. The Welch t statistic is a better alternative to the 'ordinary' t statistic in the two sample, unequal variances setting.

**Usage**

```
RankingWelchT(x, y, type = "unpaired", pvalues = TRUE, gene.names = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	A matrix of gene expression values with rows corresponding to genes and columns corresponding to observations or alternatively an object of class ExpressionSet.
y	If x is a matrix, then y may be a numeric vector or a factor with at most two levels. If x is an ExpressionSet, then y is a character specifying the phenotype variable in the output from pData.
type	Only the two sample case, type="unpaired" is possible. Otherwise, use <a href="#">RankingTstat</a> . Variances are assumed to be unequal.
pvalues	Should p-values be computed ? Default is TRUE.
gene.names	An optional vector of gene names.
...	Currently unused argument.

**Value**

An object of class [GeneRanking](#).

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[RepeatRanking](#), [RankingTstat](#), [RankingFC](#), [RankingWilcoxon](#), [RankingBaldiLong](#), [RankingFoxDimmic](#), [RankingLimma](#), [RankingEbam](#), [RankingWilcEbam](#), [RankingSam](#), [RankingShrinkageT](#), [RankingSoftthresholdT](#), [RankingPermutation](#)

**Examples**

```
## Load toy gene expression data
data(toydata)
### class labels
yy <- toydata[1,]
### gene expression
xx <- toydata[-1,]
### run RankingWelch
welchT <- RankingWelchT(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
```

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RankingWilcEbam

*Ranking based on the empirical bayes approach of Efron*


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**Description**

The function is a wrapper for the function `wilc.ebam` from the package `siggenes` that implements an empirical bayes mixture model approach in combination with the Wilcoxon statistic.

**Usage**

```
RankingWilcEbam(x, y, type = c("unpaired", "paired", "onesample"), gene.names = NULL, ...)
```



**Arguments**

x	A matrix of gene expression values with rows corresponding to genes and columns corresponding to observations or alternatively an object of class <code>ExpressionSet</code> alternatively an object of class <code>ExpressionSet</code> . If <code>type = paired</code> , the first half of the columns corresponds to the first measurements and the second half to the second ones. For instance, if there are 10 observations, each measured twice, stored in an expression matrix <code>expr</code> , then <code>expr[, 1]</code> is paired with <code>expr[, 11]</code> , <code>expr[, 2]</code> with <code>expr[, 12]</code> , and so on.
y	If x is a matrix, then y may be a numeric vector or a factor with at most two levels. If x is an <code>ExpressionSet</code> , then y is a character specifying the phenotype variable in the output from <code>pData</code> . If <code>type = paired</code> , take care that the coding is analogously to the requirement concerning x
type	<b>"unpaired"</b> : two-sample test. <b>"paired"</b> : paired test. Take care that the coding of y is correct (s. above) <b>"onesample"</b> : y has only one level. Test whether the true mean is different from zero.
gene.names	An optional vector of gene names.
...	Further arguments to be passed to <code>wilc.ebam</code> , s. package <code>siggenes</code> .

**Value**

An object of class `GeneRanking`.

**Note**

p-values are *not* computed - the statistic is a posterior probability.

**Author(s)**

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Anne-Laure Boulesteix

**References**

- Efron, B., Tibshirani, R. (2002).  
Empirical Bayes Methods and False Discovery Rates for Microarrays *Genetic Epidemiology*, 23, 70-86
- Schwender, H., Krause, A. and Ickstadt, K. (2003).  
Comparison of the Empirical Bayes and the Significance Analysis of Microarrays. *Technical Report*, University of Dortmund.

**See Also**

[RepeatRanking](#), [RankingTstat](#), [RankingFC](#), [RankingWelchT](#), [RankingWilcoxon](#), [RankingBaldiLong](#), [RankingFoxDimmic](#), [RankingLimma](#), [RankingEbam](#), [RankingSam](#), [RankingShrinkageT](#), [RankingSoftthresholdT](#), [RankingPermutation](#)

**Examples**

```

### Load toy gene expression data
data(toydata)
### class labels
yy <- toydata[1,]
### gene expression
xx <- toydata[-1,]
### run RankingWilcEbam
WilcEbam <- RankingWilcEbam(xx, yy, type="unpaired")

```

RankingWilcoxon

*Ranking based on the Wilcoxon statistic***Description**

The Wilcoxon statistic is rank-based and 'distribution free'. It is equivalent to the Mann-Whitney statistic and also related to the 'area under the curve' (AUC) in the two sample case. The implementation is efficient, but still far slower than that of the t-statistic.

**Usage**

```
RankingWilcoxon(x, y, type = c("unpaired", "paired", "onesample"), pvalues = FALSE, gene.names = N
```

**Arguments**

x	A matrix of gene expression values with rows corresponding to genes and columns corresponding to observations or alternatively an object of class <code>ExpressionSet</code> . If <code>type = "paired"</code> , the first half of the columns corresponds to the first measurements and the second half to the second ones. For instance, if there are 10 observations, each measured twice, stored in an expression matrix <code>expr</code> , then <code>expr[, 1]</code> is paired with <code>expr[, 11]</code> , <code>expr[, 2]</code> with <code>expr[, 12]</code> , and so on.
y	If <code>x</code> is a matrix, then <code>y</code> may be a numeric vector or a factor with at most two levels. If <code>x</code> is an <code>ExpressionSet</code> , then <code>y</code> is a character specifying the phenotype variable in the output from <code>pData</code> . If <code>type = "paired"</code> , take care that the coding is analogously to the requirement concerning <code>x</code>
type	<b>"unpaired"</b> : two-sample test, Wilcoxon Rank Sum test is performed. <b>"paired"</b> : Wilcoxon sign rank test is performed on the differences. <b>"onesample"</b> : <code>y</code> has only one level. The Wilcoxon sign rank test for difference from zero is performed.
pvalues	Should p-values be computed ? Default is <code>FALSE</code> .
gene.names	An optional vector of gene names.
...	Currently unused argument.

**Value**

An object of class `GeneRanking`.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[RepeatRanking](#), [RankingTstat](#), [RankingFC](#), [RankingWelchT](#), [RankingBaldiLong](#), [RankingFoxDimmic](#), [RankingLimma](#), [RankingEbam](#), [RankingWilcEbam](#), [RankingSam](#), [RankingShrinkageT](#), [RankingSoftthresholdT](#), [RankingPermutation](#)

**Examples**

```
## Load toy gene expression data
data(toydata)
### class labels
yy <- toydata[1,]
### gene expression
xx <- toydata[-1,]
### run RankingWilcoxon
wilcox <- RankingWilcoxon(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
```

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RepeatedRanking-class *"RepeatedRanking"*

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**Description**

Object returned by a call to [RepeatRanking](#) or [MergeMethods](#)

**Slots**

**original:** The ranking based on the original data set (output from [RepeatRanking](#)) or on a reference method (output from [MergeMethods](#)), represented by an object of class GeneRanking

**rankings:** The rankings obtained from altered datasets (output from [RepeatRanking](#) or from different methods (output from [MergeMethods](#)), stored as a matrix. One column represents one replication (output from [RepeatRanking](#) or one method (output from [MergeMethods](#)). Each column is of the same structure as the slot ranking of the class GeneRanking.

**pvals:** The matrix of p-values stored analogously to rankings. If p-values have not been computed, this is a matrix of NAs.

**statistics:** The statistics obtained from altered data sets, stored analogously to rankings

**scheme:** A character for the resampling scheme, can be one of "subsampling", "labelexchange", "bootstrap", "jittering" (if noise has been added), "merged (rankings)" if several resampling schemes for the same dataset and ranking method have been combined via the MergeRankings-method, or "merged (methods)" if the rankings of several methods have been combined via the MergeMethods-method.

## Methods

**show** Use `show(RepeatedRanking-Object)` for brief information.

**toplist** Use `toplist(RepeatedRanking-Object, k=10)` to get information about the top  $k=10$  genes for each ranking and one overview table showing frequencies of gene indices for each of the ranks  $1, \dots, k$ . Additionally, only the overview table can be shown with all other output suppressed using `toplist(RepeatedRanking-Object, show=FALSE)`.

**dispersion** Genewise variance estimation, s. [dispersion, RepeatedRanking-method](#)

**MergeRankings** Use `MergeRankings(RepeatedRanking-Object1, RepeatedRanking-Object2)` to combine results from different resampling schemes. The results is again an object of class `RepeatedRanking` where the slot scheme is "merged (rankings)" and all matrices have been concatenated columnwise.

**plot** Use `plot(RepeatedRanking-Object)` for a scatterplot of the reference ranking (slot `original`) vs. alternative rankings (slot `rankings`).

**HeatmapRankings** s. [HeatmapRankings](#)

## Author(s)

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## See Also

[GeneRanking](#), [RepeatRanking](#), [MergeMethods](#), [dispersion](#), [HeatmapRankings](#)

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RepeatRanking

*Repeat the ranking procedure for altered data sets*

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## Description

Altered data sets are typically prepared by calls to [GenerateFoldMatrix](#) or [GenerateBootMatrix](#). The ranking procedure is then repeated for each of these new 'artificial' data sets. One major goal of this procedure is to examine the stability of the results obtained with the original dataset.

## Usage

```
RepeatRanking(R, P, scheme=c("subsampling", "labelexchange"), iter=10,
              varlist = list(genewise=FALSE, factor=1/5), ...)
```

## Arguments

R	The original ranking, represented by an object of class <a href="#">GeneRanking</a> .
P	An object of class <a href="#">FoldMatrix</a> or <a href="#">BootMatrix</a> as generated by <a href="#">GenerateFoldMatrix</a> or <a href="#">GenerateBootMatrix</a> , respectively. Can also be missing. In this case, the original dataset is perturbed by adding gaussian noise, s. argument <code>varlist</code> .
scheme	Used only if P is a <code>Foldmatrix</code> . Can be "subsampling" or "labelexchange". 'Subsampling' means that observations are removed as determined by the slot <code>foldmatrix</code> . 'Labelexchange' means that those observations which would be removed are instead kept in the sample, but are assigned to the opposite class.

<code>iter</code>	Used only if <code>P</code> is missing, specifying the number of different noise-perturbed datasets to be created. Per default, the number of iterations is 10.
<code>varlist</code>	Used only if <code>P</code> is missing. A list with two components ( <code>genewise</code> , a logical and <code>frac</code> , a positive real number), both controlling the variance of the added noise. If <code>genewise=FALSE</code> (default) then the noise has the same variance for all genes: it is estimated by pooled variance estimation from the original data set. Otherwise, the variance of the noise is different for each gene and estimated <code>genewise</code> from the original data set. <code>frac</code> is the fraction of the variance of the estimated variance(s) to be used as the variance of the added noise. The default value is 1/5 and is usually smaller than 1.
<code>...</code>	Further arguments to be passed to the ranking method from which rankings are generated.

**Value**

An object of class [RepeatedRanking](#)

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[GeneRanking](#), [RepeatedRanking](#), [RankingTstat](#), [RankingFC](#), [RankingWelchT](#), [RankingWilcoxon](#), [RankingBaldiLong](#), [RankingFoxDimmic](#), [RankingLimma](#), [RankingEbam](#), [RankingWilcEbam](#), [RankingSam](#), [RankingShrinkageT](#), [RankingSoftthresholdT](#), [RankingPermutation](#)

**Examples**

```
## Load toy gene expression data
data(toydata)
### class labels
yy <- toydata[1,]
### gene expression
xx <- toydata[-1,]
### Get ranking for the original data set, with the ordinary t-statistic
ordT <- RankingTstat(xx, yy, type="unpaired")
### Generate the leave-one-out / exchange-one-label matrix
loo <- GenerateFoldMatrix(y = yy, k=1)
### Repeat the ranking with the t-statistic, using the leave-one-out scheme
loor_ordT <- RepeatRanking(ordT, loo)
### .. or the label exchange scheme
ex1r_ordT <- RepeatRanking(ordT, loo, scheme = "labelexchange")
### Generate the bootstrap matrix
boot <- GenerateBootMatrix(y = yy, maxties=3, minclasssize=5, repl=30)
### Repeat ranking with the t-statistic for bootstrap replicates
boot_ordT <- RepeatRanking(ordT, boot)
### Repeat the ranking procedure for an altered data set with added noise
noise_ordT <- RepeatRanking(ordT, varlist=list(genewise=TRUE, factor=1/10))
```

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samplingcontrol	<i>Control function</i>
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### Description

Normally, this function is not called. Only if warnings occur in [GenerateBootMatrix](#) or [GenerateFoldMatrix](#), try to increase candreplicates with respect to the default (three times the number of desired Bootstrap/Jackknife-Iterations, s. argument replicates in [GenerateBootMatrix](#)/ [GenerateFoldMatrix](#) or maxiter.)

### Usage

```
samplingcontrol(candreplicates, maxiter = 5)
```

### Arguments

candreplicates s. description  
 maxiter s. description

### Value

A list used in [GenerateBootMatrix/GenerateFoldMatrix](#).

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StabilityDistance-class	<i>"StabilityDistance"</i>
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### Description

An object returned from a call to [GetStabilityDistance](#).

### Slots

scores: A numeric vector of stability scores, with 0 corresponding to maximum instability and 1 to maximum stability.  
 noinformation: The stability score one would expect in the no-information case, which corresponds to the random generation of two mutually independent rankings.  
 scheme s. [GetStabilityDistance](#).  
 measure The distance measure used, s. [GetStabilityDistance](#).  
 decay The decay scheme used for the weights, s. [GetStabilityDistance](#).

### Methods

**show** Use show(object) for brief information.

**summary** Use summary(object), display = c("summary", "all"), digits = 3 for condensed output. The argument display controls whether only a five-point summary is printed (display = "summary") or whether all results are printed (display = "all"). The argument digits is used for number formatting. Note that the output additionally depends on scheme.

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StabilityOverlap-class

*"StabilityOverlap"*

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**Description**

An object returned from a call to [GetStabilityOverlap](#).

**Slots**

**intersection:** A matrix of intersection counts, normalized such that 1 is the maximum attainable value. The rows correspond to the positions in the list such that row *i* contains the number of common elements of two lists up to position *i*. The columns correspond to lists, either obtained from altered datasets or by applying multiple ranking procedures.

**overlapscore:** A matrix of overlap scores, arranged analogously to **intersection**.

**noinformation:** A list containing two numeric vectors named "intersection" and "overlap score" containing for each list position intersection counts and overlap scores one would expect in the no-information case, corresponding to the random generation of two mutually independent lists.

**scheme** s. [GetStabilityOverlap](#).

**decay** The decay scheme used for the weights, s. [GetStabilityOverlap](#).

**Methods**

**show** Use `show(object)` for brief information.

**summary** Use `summary(object)`, `measure = c("overlapscore", "intersection")`, `display = c("summary", "condensed")` for condensed output. The argument `measure` specifies the measure one is interested in. The argument `display` controls whether only a five-point summary is printed (`display = "summary"`) or whether all results are printed (`display = "all"`). The argument `position` specifies the list position, e.g. if `position = 10`, then intersection counts/overlap scores up to position 10 are summarized. The argument `digits` is used for number formatting. Note that the output depends on `scheme`.

**plot** `plot(object, frac=1/50, mode = c("mean", "all", "specific"), which = 1, ...)` produces a graphical display of the intersection count (upper panel) and the overlap score (lower panel) for increasing list position, ranging from 1 to `frac*number` of genes. The argument `mode` specifies whether this is done as average over all lists (`mode = "mean"`), for a certain alternative list which (`mode = "specific"`) or successively in the form of separate plots for each alternative list (`mode = "all"`). The `...` argument may be used to modify graphical options.

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StabilityUnion-class "StabilityUnion"

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**Description**

An object returned from a call to [GetStabilityUnion](#).

**Slots**

**union:** A numeric vector of scores derived from union counts, normalized such that 1 is the maximum attainable value. The entries correspond to the positions in the list such that the *i*-th entry contains the score derived from the union count up to position *i*.

**unionscore:** A numeric vector of union scores, arranged analogously to union.

**noinformation:** A list containing an approximation to the expected union count and -score if **noinformation** in [GetStabilityUnion](#) has been set to a positive integer. Otherwise, the list is empty.

**decay** The decay scheme used for the weights, s. [GetStabilityUnion](#).

**Methods**

**show** Use `show(object)` for brief information.

**plot** `plot(object, frac=1/50, ...)` produces a graphical display of the union count (upper panel) and union score (lower panel) for increasing list position, ranging from 1 to `frac*number` of genes. The `...` argument may be used to modify graphical options.

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toplist-methods	'Toplist' methods
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## Description

Several code toplist methods are defined, s. below.

## Methods

- `object = "GeneRanking"` s. [GeneRanking-class](#)
- `object = "RepeatedRanking"` s. [RepeatedRanking-class](#)
- `object = "AggregatedRanking"` s. [AggregatedRanking-class](#)
- `object = "GeneSelectorOutput"` s. [GeneSelectorOutput-class](#)

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toydata	<i>Simulated gene expression dataset.</i>
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## Description

A matrix with rows corresponding to genes and columns corresponding to observations (arrays). The first row contains the class labels (1 and 2), the following 2000 rows the gene expressions.

The gene expressions were drawn from a multivariate normal distribution of dimension 2000 with mean vector zero and an unstructured simulated covariance matrix drawn from an inverse Wishart distribution.

The first 40 genes are differentially expressed, the differences in the mean for the first class were drawn from a normal distribution.

## Usage

```
data(toydata)
```

**Examples**

```
data(toydata)
## extract class labels
yy <- toydata[1,]
table(yy)
## extract gene expressions
xx <- toydata[-1,]
```

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