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`addCLT` *The additive method for meta-analysis*

Description

Combine independent studies using the average of p-values

Usage

```
addCLT(x)
```

Arguments

`x`	is an array of independent p-values

Details

This method is based on the fact that sum of independent uniform variables follow the Irwin-Hall distribution [1a,1b]. When the number of p-values is small ($n<20$), the distribution of the average of p-values can be calculated using a linear transformation of the Irwin-Hall distribution. When n is large, the distribution is approximated using the Central Limit Theorem to avoid underflow/overflow problems [2,3,4,5].

Value

combined p-value

Author(s)

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References

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See Also

`fisherMethod`, `stoufferMethod`

Examples

```
x <- rep(0,10)
addCLT(x)

x <- runif(10)
addCLT(x)
```

`bilevelAnalysisClassic` *Bi-level meta-analysis in conjunction with a classical hypothesis testing method*

Description

Perform a bi-level meta-analysis in conjunction with any of the classical hypothesis testing methods, such as t-test, Wilcoxon test, etc.

Usage

```
bilevelAnalysisClassic(x, y = NULL, splitSize = 5, metaMethod = addCLT,
  func = t.test, p.value = "p.value", ...)
```

Arguments

`x`	a list of numeric vectors
`y`	an optional list of numeric vectors
`splitSize`	the minimum number of size in each split sample. splitSize should be at least 3. By default, splitSize=5
`metaMethod`	the method used to combine p-values. This should be one of addCLT (additive method [1]), fishersMethod (Fisher's method [5]), stoufferMethod (Stouffer's method [6]), max (maxP method [7]), or min (minP method [8])
`func`	the name of the hypothesis test. By default func=t.test
`p.value`	the component that returns the p-value after performing the test provided by the *func* parameter. For example, the function t-test returns the class "htest" where the component "p.value" is the p-value of the test. By default, p.value="p.value"
`...`	additional parameters for *func*

Details

This function performs a bi-level meta-analysis for the lists of samples [1]. It performs intra-experiment analyses to compare the vectors in x agains the corresponding vectors in y using the function `intraAnalysisClassic` in conjunction with the test provided in *func*. For example, it compares the first vector in x with the first vector in y, the second vector in x with the second vector in y, etc. When y is null, then the comparisons are reduced to one-sample tests. After these comparisons, we have a list of p-values, one for each comparision. The function then combines these p-values to obtain a single p-value using *metaMethod*.

Value

the combined p-value

Author(s)

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References

[1] T. Nguyen, R. Tagett, M. Donato, C. Mitrea, and S. Draghici. A novel bi-level meta-analysis approach – applied to biological pathway analysis. Bioinformatics, 32(3):409-416, 2016.

See Also

`intraAnalysisClassic`, `intraAnalysisGene`, `bilevelAnalysisGene`

Examples

```
set.seed(1)
l1 <- lapply(as.list(seq(3)),FUN=function (x) rnorm(n=10, mean=1))
l1
# one-sample t-test
lapply(l1, FUN=function(x) t.test(x, alternative="greater")$p.value)
# combining the p-values of one-sample t-tests:
addCLT(unlist(lapply(l1, FUN=function(x) t.test(x, alter="g")$p.value)))
#Bi-level meta-analysis
bilevelAnalysisClassic(x=l1, alternative="greater")
```

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bilevelAnalysisGene *Bi-level meta-analysis of multiple expression datasets at the gene-level*

Description

Perform a bi-level meta-analysis in conjunction with the moderate t-test (limma package) for the purpose of differential expression analysis of multiple gene expression datasets

Usage

```
bilevelAnalysisGene(dataList, groupList, splitSize = 5, metaMethod = addCLT)
```

Arguments

dataList	a list of datasets. Each dataset is a data frame where the rows are the gene IDs and the columns are the samples
groupList	a list of vectors. Each vector represents the phenotypes of the corresponding dataset in dataList, which are either 'c' (control) or 'd' (disease).
splitSize	the minimum number of disease samples in each split dataset. splitSize should be at least 3. By default, splitSize=5
metaMethod	the method used to combine p-values. This should be one of addCLT (additive method [1]), fishersMethod (Fisher's method [5]), stoufferMethod (Stouffer's method [6]), max (maxP method [7]), or min (minP method [8])

Details

The bi-level framework combines the datasets at two levels: an intra- experiment analysis, and an inter-experiment analysis [1]. At the intra-experiment analysis, the framework splits a dataset into smaller datasets, performs a moderated t-test (limma package) on split datasets, and then combines p-values of individual genes using *metaMethod*. At the inter-experiment analysis, the p-values obtained for each individual datasets are combined using *metaMethod*

Value

A data frame containing the following components:

- *rownames:* gene IDs that are common in all datasets
- *pLimma:* the p-values obtained by combining pLimma values of individual datasets
- *pLimma.fdr:* FDR-corrected p-values of pLimma
- *pBilevel:* the p-values obtained from combining pIntra values of individual datasets
- *pBilevel.fdr:* FDR-corrected p-values of pBilevel

Author(s)

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References

[1] T. Nguyen, R. Tagett, M. Donato, C. Mitrea, and S. Draghici. A novel bi-level meta-analysis approach – applied to biological pathway analysis. Bioinformatics, 32(3):409-416, 2016.

See Also

bilevelAnalysisGene, intraAnalysisClassic

Examples

```
dataSets <- c("GSE17054", "GSE57194", "GSE33223", "GSE42140")
data(list=dataSets, package="BLMA")
names(dataSets) <- dataSets
dataList <- lapply(dataSets, function(dataset) get(paste0("data_", dataset)))
groupList <- lapply(dataSets, function(dataset) get(paste0("group_", dataset)))
Z <- bilevelAnalysisGene(dataList = dataList, groupList = groupList)
head(Z)
```

`bilevelAnalysisGeneset` *Bi-level meta-analysis – applied to geneset enrichment analysis*

Description

Perform a bi-level meta-analysis in conjunction with geneset enrichment methods (ORA/GSA/PADOG) to integrate multiple gene expression datasets.

Usage

```
bilevelAnalysisGeneset(gslist, gs.names, dataList, groupList, splitSize = 5,
  metaMethod = addCLT, enrichment = "ORA", pCutoff = 0.05,
  percent = 0.05, mc.cores = 1, ...)
```

Arguments

`gslist`	a list of gene sets.
`gs.names`	names of the gene sets.
`dataList`	a list of datasets to be combined. Each dataset is a data frame where the rows are the gene IDs and the columns are the samples.
`groupList`	a list of vectors. Each vector represents the phenotypes of the corresponding dataset in dataList. The elements of each vector are either 'c' (control) or 'd' (disease).
`splitSize`	the minimum number of disease samples in each split dataset. splitSize should be at least 3. By default, splitSize=5
`metaMethod`	the method used to combine p-values. This should be one of addCLT (additive method [1]), fisherMethod (Fisher's method [5]), stoufferMethod (Stouffer's method [6]), max (maxP method [7]), or min (minP method [8])
`enrichment`	the method used for enrichment analysis. This should be one of "ORA", "GSA", or "PADOG". By default, enrichment is set to "ORA".
`pCutoff`	cutoff p-value used to identify differentially expressed (DE) genes. This parameter is used only when the enrichment method is "ORA". By default, pCutoff=0.05 (five percent)
`percent`	percentage of genes with highest foldchange to be considered as differentially expressed (DE). This parameter is used when the enrichment method is "ORA". By default percent=0.05 (five percent). Please note that only genes with p-value less than pCutoff will be considered
`mc.cores`	the number of cores to be used in parallel computing. By default, mc.cores=1
`...`	additional parameters of the GSA/PADOG functions

Details

The bi-level framework combines the datasets at two levels: an intra- experiment analysis, and an inter-experiment analysis [1]. At the intra-level analysis, the framework splits a dataset into smaller datasets, performs enrichment analysis for each split dataset (using ORA [2], GSA [3], or PADOG [4]), and then combines the results of these split datasets using *metaMethod*. At the inter-level analysis, the results obtained for individual datasets are combined using *metaMethod*

Value

A data frame (rownames are geneset/pathway IDs) that consists of the following information:

- *Name:* name/description of the corresponding pathway/geneset
- Columns that include the pvalues obtained from the intra-experiment analysis of individual datasets
- *pBLMA:* p-value obtained from the inter-experiment analysis using addCLT
- *rBLMA:* ranking of the geneset/pathway using addCLT
- *pBLMA.fdr:* FDR-corrected p-values

Author(s)

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References

[1] T. Nguyen, R. Tagett, M. Donato, C. Mitrea, and S. Draghici. A novel bi-level meta-analysis approach – applied to biological pathway analysis. Bioinformatics, 32(3):409-416, 2016.

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[5] R. A. Fisher. Statistical methods for research workers. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh, 1925.

[6] S. Stouffer, E. Suchman, L. DeVinney, S. Star, and J. Williams, RM. The American Soldier: Adjustment during army life, volume 1. Princeton University Press, Princeton, 1949.

[7] L. H. C. Tippett. The methods of statistics. The Methods of Statistics, 1931.

[8] B. Wilkinson. A statistical consideration in psychological research. Psychological Bulletin, 48(2):156, 1951.

See Also

bilevelAnalysisPathway, phyper, GSA, padog

Examples

```
# load KEGG pathways and create gene sets
x <- loadKEGGPathways()
gslist <- lapply(x$kpg,FUN=function(y){return (nodes(y));})
gs.names <- x$kpn[names(gslist)]

# load example data
dataSets <- c("GSE17054", "GSE57194", "GSE33223", "GSE42140")
data(list=dataSets, package="BLMA")
names(dataSets) <- dataSets
dataList <- lapply(dataSets, function(dataset) get(paste0("data_", dataset)))
groupList <- lapply(dataSets, function(dataset) get(paste0("group_", dataset)))
# perform bi-level meta-analysis in conjunction with ORA
ORAComb <- bilevelAnalysisGeneset(gslist, gs.names, dataList, groupList, enrichment = "ORA")
head(ORAComb[, c("Name", "pBLMA", "pBLMA.fdr", "rBLMA")])
```

```
# perform bi-level meta-analysis in conjunction with GSA
GSAComb <- bilevelAnalysisGeneset(gslist, gs.names, dataList, groupList, enrichment = "GSA", nperms = 200, ranc
head(GSAComb[, c("Name", "pBLMA", "pBLMA.fdr", "rBLMA")])

# perform bi-level meta-analysi in conjunction with PADOG
set.seed(1)
PADOGComb <- bilevelAnalysisGeneset(gslist, gs.names, dataList, groupList, enrichment = "PADOG", NI=200)
head(PADOGComb[, c("Name", "pBLMA", "pBLMA.fdr", "rBLMA")])
```

`bilevelAnalysisPathway` *Bi-level meta-analysis – applied to pathway analysis*

Description

Perform a bi-level meta-analysis conjunction with Impact Analysis to integrate multiple gene expression datasets

Usage

```
bilevelAnalysisPathway(kpg, kpn, dataList, groupList, splitSize = 5,
  metaMethod = addCLT, pCutoff = 0.05, percent = 0.05, mc.cores = 1,
  nboot = 200, seed = 1)
```

Arguments

`kpg`	list of pathway graphs as objects of type graph (e.g., `graphNEL`)
`kpn`	names of the pathways.
`dataList`	a list of datasets to be combined. Each dataset is a data frame where the rows are the gene IDs and the columns are the samples.
`groupList`	a list of vectors. Each vector represents the phenotypes of the corresponding dataset in dataList, which are either 'c' (control) or 'd' (disease).
`splitSize`	the minimum number of disease samples in each split dataset. splitSize should be at least 3. By default, splitSize=5
`metaMethod`	the method used to combine p-values. This should be one of addCLT (additive method [1]), fisherMethod (Fisher's method [5]), stoufferMethod (Stouffer's method [6]), max (maxP method [7]), or min (minP method [8])
`pCutoff`	cutoff p-value used to identify differentially expressed (DE) genes. This parameter is used only when the enrichment method is "ORA". By default, pCutoff=0.05 (five percent)
`percent`	percentage of genes with highest foldchange to be considered as differentially expressed (DE). This parameter is used when the enrichment method is "ORA". By default percent=0.05 (five percent). Please note that only genes with p-value less than pCutoff will be considered
`mc.cores`	the number of cores to be used in parallel computing. By default, mc.cores=1
`nboot`	number of bootstrap iterations. By default, nboot=200
`seed`	seed. By default, seed=1.

Details

The bi-level framework combines the datasets at two levels: an intra-experiment analysis, and an inter-experiment analysis [1]. At the intra-level analysis, the framework splits a dataset into smaller datasets, performs pathway analysis for each split dataset using Impact Analysis [2,3], and then combines the results of these split datasets using *metaMethod*. At the inter-level analysis, the results obtained for individual datasets are combined using *metaMethod*

Value

A data frame (rownames are geneset/pathway IDs) that consists of the following information:

- *Name:* name/description of the corresponding pathway/geneset
- Columns that include the pvalues obtained from the intra-experiment analysis of individual datasets
- *pBLMA:* p-value obtained from the inter-experiment analysis using addCLT
- *rBLMA:* ranking of the geneset/pathway using addCLT
- *pBLMA.fdr:* FDR-corrected p-values

Author(s)

Tin Nguyen and Sorin Draghici

References

[1] T. Nguyen, R. Tagett, M. Donato, C. Mitrea, and S. Draghici. A novel bi-level meta-analysis approach – applied to biological pathway analysis. Bioinformatics, 32(3):409-416, 2016.

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[3] S. Draghici, P. Khatri, A. L. Tarca, K. Amin, A. Done, C. Voichita, C. Georgescu, and R. Romero. A systems biology approach for pathway level analysis. Genome Research, 17(10):1537-1545, 2007.

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[5] S. Stouffer, E. Suchman, L. DeVinney, S. Star, and J. Williams, RM. The American Soldier: Adjustment during army life, volume 1. Princeton University Press, Princeton, 1949.

[6] L. H. C. Tippett. The methods of statistics. The Methods of Statistics, 1931.

[7] B. Wilkinson. A statistical consideration in psychological research. Psychological Bulletin, 48(2):156, 1951.

See Also

`bilevelAnalysisGeneset`, `pe`, `phyper`

Examples

```
# load KEGG pathways
x <- loadKEGGPathways()

# load example data
dataSets <- c("GSE17054", "GSE57194", "GSE33223", "GSE42140")
data(list=dataSets, package="BLMA")
names(dataSets) <- dataSets
```

```
dataList <- lapply(dataSets, function(dataset) get(paste0("data_", dataset)))
groupList <- lapply(dataSets, function(dataset) get(paste0("group_", dataset)))

IAComb <- bilevelAnalysisPathway(x$kpg, x$kpn, dataList, groupList)
head(IAComb[, c("Name", "pBLMA", "pBLMA.fdr", "rBLMA")])
```

`fisherMethod` *Fisher's method for meta-analysis*

Description

Combine independent p-values using the minus log product

Usage

```
fisherMethod(x)
```

Arguments

x	is an array of independent p-values

Details

Considering a set of *m* independent significance tests, the resulted p-values are independent and uniformly distributed between *0* and *1* under the null hypothesis. Fisher's method uses the minus log product of the p-values as the summary statistic, which follows a chi-square distribution with *2m* degrees of freedom. This chi-square distribution is used to calculate the combined p-value.

Value

combined p-value

Author(s)

Tin Nguyen and Sorin Draghici

References

[1] R. A. Fisher. Statistical methods for research workers. Oliver & Boyd, Edinburgh, 1925.

See Also

`stoufferMethod`, `addCLT`

Examples

```
x <- rep(0,10)
fisherMethod(x)

x <- runif(10)
fisherMethod(x)
```

GSE17054 *Gene expression dataset GSE17054 from Majeti et al.*

Description

This dataset consists of 5 acute myeloid leukemia and 4 control samples. The data frame data_GSE17054 includes the expression data while the vector group_GSE17054 includes the grouping information.

Usage

```
data(GSE17054)
```

Format

data_GSE17054 is a data frame with 4738 rows and 9 columns. The rows represent the genes and the columns represent the samples.

group_GSE17054 is a vector that represents the sample grouping for data_GSE17054. The elements of *group_GSE17054* are either 'c' (control) or 'd' (disease).

Source

Obtained from http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE17054

References

Majeti et al. Dysregulated gene expression networks in human acute myelogenous leukemia stem cells. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 106(9):3396-3401, 2009.

GSE33223 *Gene expression dataset GSE33223 from Bacher et al.*

Description

This dataset consists of 20 acute myeloid leukemia and 10 control samples. The data frame data_GSE33223 includes the expression data while the vector group_GSE33223 includes the grouping information.

Usage

```
data(GSE33223)
```

Format

data_GSE33223 is a data frame with 4114 rows and 30 columns. The rows represent the genes and the columns represent the samples.

group_GSE33223 is a vector that represents the sample grouping for data_GSE33223. The elements of *group_GSE33223* are either 'c' (control) or 'd' (disease).

Source

Obtained from https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE33223

References

Bacher et al. Multilineage dysplasia does not influence prognosis in CEBPA-mutated AML, supporting the WHO proposal to classify these patients as a unique entity. Blood, 119(20):4719-22, 2012.

`GSE42140` *The gene expression dataset GSE42140 obtained from Gene Expression Omnibus*

Description

This dataset consists of 26 acute myeloid leukemia and 5 control samples. The data frame data_GSE42140 includes the expression data while the vector group_GSE42140 includes the grouping information.

Usage

```
data(GSE42140)
```

Format

data_GSE42140 is a data frame with 4114 rows and 31 columns. The rows represent the genes and the columns represent the samples.

group_GSE42140 is a vector that represents the sample grouping for data_GSE42140. The elements of *group_GSE42140* are either 'c' (control) or 'd' (disease).

References

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE42140

`GSE57194` *Gene expression dataset GSE57194 from Abdul-Nabi et al.*

Description

This dataset consists of 6 acute myeloid leukemia and 6 control samples. The data frame data_GSE57194 includes the expression data while the vector group_GSE57194 includes the grouping information.

Usage

```
data(GSE57194)
```

Format

data_GSE57194 is a data frame with 4114 rows and 12 columns. The rows represent the genes and the columns represent the samples.

group_GSE57194 is a vector that represents the sample grouping for data_GSE57194. The elements of *group_GSE57194* are either 'c' (control) or 'd' (disease).

Source

Obtained from https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE57194

References

Abdul-Nabi et al. In vitro transformation of primary human CD34+ cells by AML fusion oncogenes: early gene expression profiling reveals possible drug target in AML. PLoS One, 5(8):e12464, 2010.

`intraAnalysisClassic` *Intra-experiment analysis in conjunction with classical hypothesis tests*

Description

Perform an intra-experiment analysis in conjunction with any of the classical hypothesis testing methods, such as t-test, Wilcoxon test, etc.

Usage

```
intraAnalysisClassic(x, y = NULL, splitSize = 5, metaMethod = addCLT,
  func = t.test, p.value = "p.value", ...)
```

Arguments

`x`	a numeric vector of data values
`y`	an optional numeric vector of values
`splitSize`	the minimum number of size in each split sample. splitSize should be at least 3. By default, splitSize=5
`metaMethod`	the method used to combine p-values. This should be one of addCLT (additive method [1]), fishersMethod (Fisher's method [5]), stoufferMethod (Stouffer's method [6]), max (maxP method [7]), or min (minP method [8])
`func`	the name of the hypothesis test. By default func=t.test
`p.value`	the component that returns the p-value after performing the test provided by the *func* parameter. For example, the function t-test returns the class "htest" where the component "p.value" is the p-value of the test. By default, p.value="p.value"
`...`	additional parameters for *func*

Details

This function performs an intra-experiment analysis for the given sample(s) [1]. Given x as the numeric vector, this function first splits x into smaller samples with size *splitSize*, performs hypothesis testing using *func*, and then combines the p-values using *metaMethod*

Value

intra-experiment p-value

Author(s)

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References

[1] T. Nguyen, R. Tagett, M. Donato, C. Mitrea, and S. Draghici. A novel bi-level meta-analysis approach – applied to biological pathway analysis. Bioinformatics, 32(3):409-416, 2016.

See Also

bilevelAnalysisClassic, intraAnalysisGene, bilevelAnalysisGene

Examples

```
set.seed(1)
x <- rnorm(10, mean = 0)
# p-value obtained from a one-sample t-test
t.test(x, mu=1, alternative = "less")$p.value
# p-value obtained from an intra-experiment analysis
intraAnalysisClassic(x, func=t.test, mu=1, alternative = "less")

# p-value obtained from a one-sample wilcoxon test
wilcox.test(x, mu=1, alternative = "less")$p.value
# p-value obtained from an intra-experiment analysis
intraAnalysisClassic(x, func=wilcox.test, mu=1, alternative = "less")

set.seed(1)
x <- rnorm(20, mean=0); y <- rnorm(20, mean=1)
# p-value obtained from a two-sample t-test
t.test(x,y,alternative="less")$p.value
# p-value obtained from an intra-experiment analysis
intraAnalysisClassic(x, y, func=t.test, alternative = "less")
# p-value obtained from a two-sample wilcoxon test
wilcox.test(x,y,alternative="less")$p.value
# p-value obtained from an intra-experiment analysis
intraAnalysisClassic(x, y, func=wilcox.test, alternative = "less")
```

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intraAnalysisGene *Intra-experiment analysis of an expression dataset at the gene-level*

Description

perform an intra-experiment analysis in conjunction with the moderated t-test (limma package) for the purpose of differential expression analysis of a gene expression dataset

Usage

```
intraAnalysisGene(data, group, splitSize = 5, metaMethod = addCLT)
```

Arguments

`data`	a data frame where the rows are the gene IDs and the columns are the samples
`group`	sample grouping. The elements of *group* are either 'c' (control) or 'd' (disease). names(group) should be identical to colnames(data)
`splitSize`	the minimum number of disease samples in each split dataset. splitSize should be at least 3. By default, splitSize=5
`metaMethod`	the method used to combine p-values. This should be one of addCLT (additive method [1]), fishersMethod (Fisher's method [5]), stoufferMethod (Stouffer's method [6]), max (maxP method [7]), or min (minP method [8])

Details

This function performs an intra-experiment analysis [1] for individual genes of the given dataset. The function first splits the dataset into smaller datasets, performs a moderated t-test (limma package) for the genes of the split datasets, and then combines the p-values for individual genes using *metaMethod*

Value

A data frame (rownames are gene IDs) that consists of the following information:

- *logFC:* log foldchange (diseases versus controls)
- *pLimma:* p-value obtained from limma without spliting
- *pLimma.fdr:* FDR-corrected p-values of pLimma
- *pIntra:* p-value obtained from intra-experiment analysis
- *pIntra.fdr:* FDR-corrected p-values of pIntra

Author(s)

Tin Nguyen and Sorin Draghici

References

[1] T. Nguyen, R. Tagett, M. Donato, C. Mitrea, and S. Draghici. A novel bi-level meta-analysis approach – applied to biological pathway analysis. Bioinformatics, 32(3):409-416, 2016.

See Also

`bilevelAnalysisGene`, `intraAnalysisClassic`, `link{bilevelAnalysisClassic}`

Examples

```
data(GSE33223)
X <- intraAnalysisGene(data_GSE33223, group_GSE33223)
head(X)
```

loadKEGGPathways *Load KEGG pathways and names*

Description

Load KEGG pathways and names

Usage

```
loadKEGGPathways(organism = "hsa", updateCache = FALSE)
```

Arguments

organism	organism code. Default value is "hsa" (human)
updateCache	re-download KEGG pathways. Default value is FALSE

Value

A list of the following components

- *kpg* a list of graphNEL objects encoding the pathway information.
- *kpn* a named vector of pathway tiles. The names of the vector are the pathway KEGG IDs.

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See Also

keggPathwayGraphs, keggPathwayNames

Examples

```
x <- loadKEGGPathways()
```

stoufferMethod *Stouffer's method for meta-analysis*

Description

Combine independent studies using the sum of p-values transformed into standard normal variables

Usage

```
stoufferMethod(x)
```

Arguments

x	is an array of independent p-values

Details

Considering a set of *m* independent significance tests, the resulted p-values are independent and uniformly distributed between *0* and *1* under the null hypothesis. Stouffer's method is similar to Fisher's method (fisherMethod), with the difference is that it uses the sum of p-values transformed into standard normal variables instead of the log product.

Value

combined p-value

Author(s)

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References

[1] S. Stouffer, E. Suchman, L. DeVinney, S. Star, and R. M. Williams. The American Soldier: Adjustment during army life, volume 1. Princeton University Press, Princeton, 1949.

See Also

`fisherMethod`, `addCLT`

Examples

```
x <- rep(0,10)
stoufferMethod(x)

x <- runif(10)
stoufferMethod(x)
```

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