

# Package ‘MBAmethyl’

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This package provides functions for reconstructing DNA methylation values from raw measurements. It utilizes both the information from biological replicates and neighboring probes by explicitly modeling the probe-specific effect and encouraging the neighboring similarity by a group fused lasso penalty.

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**References**

~~ Literature or other references for background information ~~

**Examples**

```
p <- 80
n <- 40
K <- 2
k <- K - 1
cp <- numeric()
L <- c(0, floor(p / K) * (1 : k), p)
cp <- floor(p / K) * (1 : k) + 1

## phi0: probe effects; theta0: true methylation values; part: partition of probe indices
phi0 <- runif(p, 0.5, 2.0)
theta0 <- matrix(0, p, n)
part <- list()

for (s in 1 : K) {
  part[[s]] <- (L[s] + 1) : L[s + 1]
```

```

    phi0[part[[s]]] <- phi0[part[[s]]] / sqrt(mean(phi0[part[[s]]]^2))
  }

  theta0[part[[1]], ] <- rep(1, length(part[[1]]))
  theta0[part[[2]], ] <- rep(1, length(part[[2]]))

  error <- matrix(runif(p * n, 0, 0.1), p, n)
  Y <- theta0 * phi0 + error
  fit <- MBAmethyl(Y, steps = 10)

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MBAmethyl

*Model-based analysis of DNA methylation data***Description**

This function reconstructs DNA methylation values from raw measurements. It iteratively implements the group fused lars to smooth related-by-location methylation values and the constrained least squares to remove probe affinity effect across multiple sequences. It also contains a criterion-based method (AIC or BIC) for selecting the tuning paramter.

**Usage**

```
MBAmethyl(Y, wts = .defaultWeights(nrow(Y)), steps = min(dim(Y)) - 1)
```

**Arguments**

|                    |                                                                                                                                                                |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>Y</code>     | An observed matrix ( $p \times n$ ) of methylation values (beta values); $p$ is the number of probes and $n$ is the number of samples;                         |
| <code>wts</code>   | A pre-specified vector of weights. By default, we use the probe index-dependent weight scheme, $\text{wts}_i = \sqrt{p / i / (p - i)}$ for $i = 1, \dots, p$ ; |
| <code>steps</code> | Limit the number of steps taken. One can use this option to perform early stopping.                                                                            |

**Value**

|                      |                                                                                                                                                                              |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>ans.aic</code> | A list corresponds to the AIC, containing estimated beta values, estimated probed effects, estimated change-point locations, residual sum of squares, and degree of freedom. |
| <code>ans.bic</code> | A list corresponds to the BIC, containing estimated beta values, estimated probed effects, estimated change-point locations, residual sum of squares, and degree of freedom. |

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## References

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