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## Description

This package identifies differential expression in high-throughput ‘count’ data, such as that derived from next-generation sequencing machines, calculating estimated posterior likelihoods of differential expression (or more complex hypotheses) via empirical Bayesian methods.

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## Description

This package is intended to identify differential expression in high-throughput 'count' data, such as that derived from next-generation sequencing machines. We achieve this by empirical bayesian methods, first bootstrapping to estimate prior parameters from the data and then assessing posterior likelihoods of the models proposed.

## Details

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To use the package, construct a `countData` object and use the functions documented in [getPriors](#) to empirically determine priors on the data. Then use the functions documented in [getLikelihoods](#) to establish posterior likelihoods for the models proposed. A few convenience functions, [getTPs](#) and [topCounts](#) are also included.

The package (optionally) makes use of the 'snow' package for parallelisation of computationally intensive functions. This is highly recommended for large data sets.

See the vignette for more details.

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**References**

Hardcastle T.J., and Kelly, K. baySeq: Empirical Bayesian Methods For Identifying Differential Expression In Sequence Count Data. BMC Bioinformatics (2010)

**Examples**

```
# See vignette for more examples.

# load test data
data(simData)

# replicate structure of data
replicates <- c("simA", "simA", "simA", "simA", "simA", "simB", "simB", "simB", "simB", "simB")

# define hypotheses on data
groups <- list(NDE = c(1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1), DE = c(1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2))

# construct 'countData' object
CD <- new("countData", data = simData, replicates = replicates, groups =
groups)

#estimate library sizes for countData object
libsizes(CD) <- getLibsizes(CD)

# estimate prior distributions on 'countData' object using negative binomial
# method. Other methods are available - see getPriors
CDPriors <- getPriors.NB(CD, cl = NULL)

# estimate posterior likelihoods for each row of data belonging to each hypothesis
CDPost <- getLikelihoods.NB(CDPriors, cl = NULL)

# display the rows of data showing greatest association with the second
# hypothesis (differential expression)
topCounts(CDPost, group = "DE", number = 10)

# find true positive selection rate
getTPs(CDPost, group = "DE", TPs = 1:100)[1:100]
```

baySeq-classes

*baySeq - classes***Description**

The `countData` class is used to define summaries of count data and establishing prior and posterior parameters on distributions defined upon the count data.

The `pairedData` class is based on the `countData` class and performs the same functions for paired count data.

**Slots**

Objects of these class contain the following components:

<code>data</code> :	Count data (matrix).
<code>pairData</code> :	Count data (matrix) for paired samples; slot exists only in 'pairedData' class.
<code>replicates</code> :	The replicate structure of the data. Stored as a factor, but can be given in any form.
<code>libsizes</code> :	Vector of library size for each sample.
<code>groups</code> :	Group (model) structure to test on the data (list).
<code>annotation</code> :	Annotation data for each count (data.frame).
<code>priorType</code> :	Character string describing the type of prior information available in slot 'priors'.
<code>priors</code> :	Prior parameter information. Calculated by the functions described in <a href="#">getPriors</a> .
<code>posteriors</code> :	Estimated posterior likelihoods for each group (matrix). Calculated by the functions described in <a href="#">getLikelihoods</a> .
<code>estProps</code> :	Estimated proportion of tags belonging to each group (numeric). Calculated by the functions described in <a href="#">getEstProps</a> .
<code>nullPosts</code> :	If calculated, the posterior likelihoods for the data having no true expression of any kind.
<code>seglens</code> :	Lengths of segments containing the counts described in <code>data</code> . A matrix, but may be initialised with a vector, or

**Details**

The `seglens` slot describes, for each row of the data object, the length of the 'segment' that contains the number of counts described by that row. For example, if we are looking at the number of hits matching genes, the `seglens` object would consist of transcript lengths. Exceptionally, we may want to use different segment lengths for different samples and so the slot takes the form of a matrix. If the matrix has only one column, it is duplicated for all samples. Otherwise, it should have the same number of columns as the '@data' slot. If the slot is the empty matrix, then it is assumed that all segments have the same length.

**Methods**

The standard methods 'new', 'dim', '[', 'show' and 'rbind' have been defined for these classes. The methods 'groups', 'groups<-', 'replicates', 'replicates<-', 'libsizes' and 'libsizes<-' have also been defined in order to access and modify these slots, and their use is recommended.

**Author(s)**

Thomas J. Hardcastle

## Examples

```
#load test data
data(simData)

# Create a 'countData' object from test data.
replicates <- c("simA", "simA", "simA", "simA", "simA", "simB", "simB", "simB", "simB", "simB")
groups <- list(NDE = c(1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1), DE = c(1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2))
CD <- new("countData", data = simData, replicates = replicates, groups = groups)

#estimate library sizes for countData object
libsizes(CD) <- getLibsizes(CD)

CD[1:10,]
dim(CD)
```

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bimodalSep

*A function that, given a numeric vector, finds the value which splits the data into two sets of minimal total variance.*

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## Description

This function takes a numeric vector and finds the value which splits the data into two sets of minimal total variance. It is principally intended to be a quick and easy way of separating bimodally distributed data.

## Usage

```
bimodalSep(z, weights = NULL, bQ = c(0,1))
```

## Arguments

z	A numeric vector containing the data to be split.
weights	Possible weightings on the values in z for calculating the variance.
bQ	Lower and upper limits on the quartile of z in which a separating value is sought. See Details.

## Details

This function is intended to give a quick and easy way of splitting bimodally distributed data. Where there are large outliers in the data, it may be that the value which minimises the variance does not split the bimodal data but isolates the outliers. The 'bQ' parameter can be used to ensure that the split occurs within some range of quantiles of the data.

## Value

Numeric.

**Author(s)**

Thomas J. Hardcastle

**Examples**

```
bimodalSep(c(rnorm(200, mean = c(5,7), sd = 1)))
```

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CDPost	<i>'countData' object derived from data file 'simData' with estimated likelihoods of differential expression.</i>
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**Description**

This 'countData' object is derived from the data set 'simData' and contains the estimated likelihoods of differential expression. This data set is intended to be used to speed the processing of the examples.

**Usage**

```
CDPost
```

**Format**

A 'countData' object.

**Source**

Simulation.

**References**

Hardcastle T.J., and Kelly, K. baySeq: Empirical Bayesian Methods For Identifying Differential Expression In Sequence Count Data. BMC Bioinformatics (2010)

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CDPriors	<i>'countData' object derived from data file 'simData' with estimated priors.</i>
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**Description**

This 'countData' object is derived from the data set 'simData' and contains the estimated priors. This data set is intended to be used to speed the processing of the examples.

**Usage**

```
CDPriors
```

**Format**

A 'countData' object.

**Source**

Simulation.

**References**

Hardcastle T.J., and Kelly, K. baySeq: Empirical Bayesian Methods For Identifying Differential Expression In Sequence Count Data. BMC Bioinformatics (2010)

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getLibsizes

*Estimates library scaling factors (library sizes) for count data.*

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**Description**

This function estimates the library scaling factors that should be used for either a 'countData', or a matrix of counts and replicate information.

**Usage**

```
getLibsizes(cD, data, replicates, subset = NULL, estimationType = c("quantile", "total", "edgeR"), quantile = 0.5, ...)
```

**Arguments**

cD	A <a href="#">countData</a> object.
data	A matrix of count values. Ignored if 'cD' is given.
replicates	A replicate structure for the data given in 'data'. Ignored if 'cD' is given.
subset	A numerical vector indicating the rows of the 'countData' object that should be used to estimate library scaling factors.
estimationType	One of 'quantile', 'total', or 'edgeR'. Partial matching is allowed. See Details.
quantile	A value between 0 and 1 indicating the level of trimming that should take place. See Details.
...	Additional parameters to be passed to the 'edgeR' calcNormFactors function.

**Details**

This function estimates the library scaling factors (surrogates for library size) in one of several ways, depending on the 'estimationType' argument. 'total' will give the library sizes by summing all counts in each sample. 'quantile' will give a library scaling factor by the method of Bullard et al (Bioinformatics 2010), summing all counts in each sample whose value below the qth quantile of non-zero counts for that sample. 'edgeR' uses the Trimmed Mean of M-values (TMM) method of Robinson & Oshlack (Genome Biology, 2010) via the 'edgeR' calcNormFactors function; other options are available through this function.

If a `countData` object 'cD' is given, the library sizes will be inferred from this. Alternatively, a matrix of count values (columns are libraries) and a replicate structure (a vector defining which samples belong to which replicate group) can be given.

### Value

If a `countData` object is given, an identical object will be returned with updated library sizes. If only the data and replicate structure are given, a numerical vector of library sizes (scaling factors) for each library in the data will be returned.

### Author(s)

Thomas J. Hardcastle

### See Also

[countData](#)

### Examples

```
data(simData)
replicates <- c(1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2)
groups <- list(c(1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1), c(1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2))
CD <- new("countData", data = simData, replicates = replicates, groups = groups)

libsizes(CD) <- getLibsizes(CD)
```

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getLikelihoods	<i>Finds posterior likelihoods for each count or paired count as belonging to some model.</i>
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### Description

These functions calculate posterior probabilities for each of the rows in either a 'countData' or 'pairedData' object belonging to each of the models specified in the 'groups' slot.

### Usage

```
getLikelihoods.NB(cD, prs, pET = "BIC", marginalise = FALSE, subset = NULL,
priorSubset = NULL, bootStraps = 1, conv = 1e-4, nullData = FALSE,
returnAll = FALSE, returnPD = FALSE, verbose = TRUE, discardSampling =
FALSE, cl)
getLikelihoods.BB(cD, prs, pET = "BIC", marginalise = FALSE, subset = NULL, priorSubset = NULL, bootStra
```

**Arguments**

cD	An object of type <a href="#">countData</a> , or descending from this class.
prs	(Initial) prior probabilities for each of the groups in the 'cD' object. Should sum to 1, unless nullData is TRUE, in which case it should sum to less than 1.
pET	What type of prior re-estimation should be attempted? Defaults to "BIC"; "none" and "iteratively" are also available.
marginalise	Should an attempt be made to numerically marginalise over a prior distribution iteratively estimated from the posterior distribution? Defaults to FALSE, as in general offers little performance gain and increases computational cost considerably.
subset	Numeric vector giving the subset of counts for which posterior likelihoods should be estimated.
priorSubset	Numeric vector giving the subset of counts which may be used to estimate prior probabilities on each of the groups. See Details.
bootStraps	How many iterations of bootstrapping should be used in the (re)estimation of priors in the negative binomial method.
conv	If not null, bootstrapping iterations will cease if the mean squared difference between posterior likelihoods of consecutive bootstraps drops below this value.
nullData	If TRUE, looks for segments or counts with no true expression. See Details.
nullProps	If given, a vector of numeric values that define some 'null' proportion of expression (usually 0.5). See Details.
returnAll	If TRUE, and bootStraps > 1, then instead of returning a single countData object, the function returns a list of countData objects; one for each bootstrap. Largely used for debugging purposes.
returnPD	If TRUE, then the function returns the (log) likelihoods of the data given the models, rather than the posterior (log) likelihoods of the models given the data. Not recommended for general use.
verbose	Should status messages be displayed? Defaults to TRUE.
discardSampling	If TRUE, discards information about which data rows are sampled to generate prior information. May slightly degrade the results but reduce computational time required. Defaults to FALSE.
cl	A SNOW cluster object.
...	Any additional information to be passed by the 'getLikelihoods' wrapper function to the individual functions which calculate the likelihoods.

**Details**

These functions estimate, under the assumption of various distributions, the (log) posterior likelihoods that each count belongs to a group defined by the @group slot of the input object. The posterior likelihoods are stored on the natural log scale in the @posteriors slot of the [countData](#) or [pairedData](#) object generated by this function. This is because the posterior likelihoods are calculated in this form, and ordering of the counts is better done on these log-likelihoods than on the likelihoods.

If `'pET = "none"'` then no attempt is made to re-estimate the prior likelihoods given in the `'prs'` variable. However, if `'pET = "BIC"'`, then the function will attempt to estimate the prior likelihoods by using the Bayesian Information Criterion to identify the proportion of the data best explained by each model and taking these proportions as prior. Alternatively, an iterative re-estimation of priors is possible (`'pET = "iteratively"'`), in which an initial estimate for the prior likelihoods of the models is used to calculate the posteriors and then the priors are updated by taking the mean of the posterior likelihoods for each model across all data. This often works well, particularly if the 'BIC' method is used (see Hardcastle & Kelly 2010 for details). However, if the data are sufficiently non-independent, this approach may substantially mis-estimate the true priors. If it is possible to select a representative subset of the data by setting the variable `'subsetPriors'` that is sufficiently independent, then better estimates may be acquired.

Filtering the data may be extremely advantageous in reducing run time. This can be done by passing a numeric vector to `'subset'` defining a subset of the data for which posterior likelihoods are required.

If `'nullData = TRUE'`, the `getLikelihoods.NB` algorithm attempts to find those counts or segments that have no true expression in all samples. This means that there is another, implied group where all samples are equal. The prior likelihoods given in the `'prs'` object must thus sum to less than 1, with the residual going to this group.

The equivalent for the `getLikelihoods.BB` algorithm is the `'nullProps'` variable, which, if used, defines a vector of 'null' proportions of data in the first member of each pair. A common example is if identical expression between paired samples should be separated from differential expression between paired samples; we would then use `'nullProps = 0.5'`.

See Hardcastle & Kelly (2010) for a definition of the negative binomial methods.

A `'cluster'` object is strongly recommended in order to parallelise the estimation of posterior likelihoods, particularly for the negative binomial method. However, passing `NULL` to the `c1` variable will allow the functions to run in non-parallel mode.

## Value

A `countData` or `pairedData` object.

## Author(s)

Thomas J. Hardcastle

## References

Hardcastle T.J., and Kelly, K. baySeq: Empirical Bayesian Methods For Identifying Differential Expression In Sequence Count Data. BMC Bioinformatics (2010)

## See Also

[countData](#), [getPriors](#), [topCounts](#), [getTPs](#)

## Examples

```
# See vignette for more examples.
```

```

# If we do not wish to parallelise the functions we set the cluster
# object to NULL.

cl <- NULL

# Alternatively, if we have the 'snow' package installed we
# can parallelise the functions. This will usually (not always) offer
# significant performance gain.

## Not run: try(library(snow))
## Not run: try(cl <- makeCluster(4, "SOCK"))

# load test data
data(simData)

# Create a {countData} object from test data.

replicates <- c("simA", "simA", "simA", "simA", "simA", "simB", "simB", "simB", "simB", "simB")
groups <- list(NDE = c(1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1), DE = c(1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2))
CD <- new("countData", data = simData, replicates = replicates, groups = groups)

#estimate library sizes for countData object
libsizes(CD) <- getLibsizes(CD)

# Get priors for negative binomial method
## Not run: CDPriors <- getPriors.NB(CD, samplesize = 10^5, estimation =
"QL", cl = cl)
## End(Not run)

# To speed up the processing of this example, we have already created
# the 'CDPriors' object.
data(CDPriors)

# Get likelihoods for data with negative binomial method.

CDPost <- getLikelihoods.NB(CDPriors, prs = c(0.5, 0.5),
pET = "BIC", marginalise = FALSE, bootStraps = 1, cl = cl)

try(stopCluster(cl))

```

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getPosteriors

*An internal function in the baySeq package for calculating posterior likelihoods given likelihoods of the data.*

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### Description

For likelihoods of the data given a set of models, this function calculates the posterior likelihoods of the models given the data. An internal function of baySeq, which should not in general be called by the user.

**Usage**

```
getPosteriors(ps, prs, pET = "none", marginalise = FALSE, groups, priorSubset = NULL, maxit = 100, accuracy = 1e-5, cl = cl)
```

**Arguments**

ps	A matrix containing likelihoods of the data for each count (rows) under each model (columns).
prs	(Initial) prior probabilities for each of the models.
pET	What type of prior re-estimation should be attempted? Defaults to "none"; "BIC" and "iteratively" are also available.
marginalise	Should an attempt be made to numerically marginalise over a prior distribution iteratively estimated from the posterior distribution? Defaults to FALSE, as in general offers little performance gain and increases computational cost considerably.
groups	Group structure from which likelihoods in 'ps' were defined.
priorSubset	If 'estimatePriors = TRUE', what subset of the data should be used to re-estimate the priors? Defaults to NULL, implying all data will be used.
maxit	What is the maximum number of iterations that should be tried if we are bootstrapping prior probabilities from the data?
accuracy	How small should the difference in estimated priors be before we stop bootstrapping.
cl	A SNOW cluster object.

**Details**

An internal function, that will not in general be called by the user. It takes the log-likelihoods of the data given the models being tested and returns the posterior likelihoods of the models.

The function may attempt to estimate the prior likelihoods either by using the Bayesian Information Criterion ('pET = "BIC"') to identify the proportion of the data best explained by each model and taking these proportions as prior. Alternatively, an iterative re-estimation of priors is possible ('pET = "iteratively"', in which an initial estimate for the prior likelihoods of the models is used to calculate the posteriors and then the priors are updated by taking the mean of the posterior likelihoods for each model across all data.

**Value**

A list containing posteriors: estimated posterior likelihoods of the model for each count (log-scale)  
 priors: estimated (or given) prior probabilities of the model

**Author(s)**

Thomas J. Hardcastle

## References

Hardcastle T.J., and Kelly, K. baySeq: Empirical Bayesian Methods For Identifying Differential Expression In Sequence Count Data. BMC Bioinformatics (2010)

## See Also

[getLikelihoods](#)

## Examples

```
# Simulate some log-likelihoods of data given models (each model
# describes one column of the 'ps' object).
ps <- log(rbind(
  cbind(runif(10000, 0, 0.1), runif(10000, 0.3, 0.9)),
  cbind(runif(10000, 0.4, 0.9), runif(1000, 0, 0.2))))

# get posterior log-likelihoods of model, estimating prior likelihoods
# of each model from the data.

pps <- getPosteriors(ps, prs <- c(0.5, 0.5), pET = "none", cl =
NULL)

pps$priors

pps$posteriors[1:10,]
```

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getPriors	<i>Estimates prior parameters for the underlying distributions of 'count' data.</i>
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## Description

These functions estimate, via maximum or quasi-likelihood methods, the parameters of the underlying distributions for negative binomial distributions on count data, or for beta-binomial distributions on paired count data.

## Usage

```
getPriors.NB(cD, samplesize = 1e5, samplingSubset = NULL,
equalDispersions = TRUE, estimation = "QL", verbose = TRUE, zeroML =
FALSE, consensus = FALSE, cl, ...)
getPriors.BB(cD, samplesize = 1e5, samplingSubset = NULL, verbose =
TRUE, moderate = TRUE, cl, ...)
```

## Arguments

<code>cD</code>	A <a href="#">countData</a> or <a href="#">pairedData</a> object.
<code>samplesize</code>	How large a sample should be taken in estimating the priors?
<code>samplingSubset</code>	If given, the priors will be sampled only from the subset specified.
<code>equalDispersions</code>	Should we assume equal dispersions of data across all groups in the 'cD' object? Defaults to TRUE; see Details.
<code>estimation</code>	Defaults to "QL", indicating quasi-likelihood estimation of priors. Currently, the only other possibilities are "ML", a maximum-likelihood method, and "edgeR", the moderated dispersion estimates produced by the 'edgeR' package. See Details.
<code>verbose</code>	Should status messages be displayed? Defaults to TRUE.
<code>zeroML</code>	Should parameters from zero data (rows that within a group are all zeros) be estimated using maximum likelihood methods (which will result in zeros in the parameters? See Details.
<code>consensus</code>	If TRUE, creates a consensus distribution rather than a separate distribution for each member of the groups structure in the 'cD' object. See Details.
<code>moderate</code>	In paired data, if each non-zero count is paired with a zero count, the dispersion of the data (estimated by maximum likelihood) is one. If 'moderate' is TRUE, the largest non-zero count is paired with one rather than zero in order to estimate the dispersion.
<code>c1</code>	A SNOW cluster object.
<code>...</code>	Additional parameters to be passed to the <a href="#">estimateTagwiseDisp</a> function if 'estimation = "edgeR"'.

## Details

These functions empirically estimate prior parameters for the distributions used in estimating posterior likelihoods of each count belonging to a particular group. For unpaired count data, the distributions on the data are assumed to be negative binomial. For paired count data, the distributions on the data are assumed to be beta-binomial.

For priors estimated for the negative binomial methods, three options are available. Differences in the options focus on the way in which the dispersion is estimated for the data. In simulation studies, quasi-likelihood methods ('estimation = "QL"') performed best and so these are used by default. Alternatives are maximum-likelihood methods ('estimation = "ML"'), and the 'edgeR' packages moderated dispersion estimates ('estimation = "edgeR"').

The priors estimated for the negative binomial methods ('getPriors.NB') may assume that the dispersion of data for a given row is identical for all group structures defined in 'cD@groups' ('equalDispersions = TRUE'). Alternatively, the dispersions may be estimated individually for each group structure ('equalDispersions = FALSE'). Unless there is a strong reason for believing that the data are differently dispersed between groups, 'equalDispersions = TRUE' is recommended. If 'estimation = "edgeR"' then this parameter is ignored and dispersion is assumed identical for all group structures.

If all counts in a given row for a given group are zero, then maximum and quasi-likelihood estimation methods will result in a zero parameter for the mean. In analyses where segment length is a

factor, this makes it hard to differentiate between (for example) a region which contains no reads but is only ten bases long and one which likewise contains no reads but is ten megabases long. If 'zeroML' is FALSE, therefore, the dispersion is set to 1 and the mean estimated as the value that leaves the likelihood of zero data at fifty percent.

If 'consensus = TRUE', then a consensus distribution is created and used for each group in the 'cD' object. This allows faster computation of the priors and likelihoods, but with some degradation of accuracy.

A 'cluster' object is recommended in order to estimate the priors for the negative binomial distribution. Passing NULL to this variable will cause the function to run in non-parallel mode.

### Value

A `countData` object.

### Author(s)

Thomas J. Hardcastle

### References

Hardcastle T.J., and Kelly, K. baySeq: Empirical Bayesian Methods For Identifying Differential Expression In Sequence Count Data. BMC Bioinformatics (2010)

### See Also

`countData`, `getLikelihoods`

### Examples

```
# See vignette for more examples.

# If we do not wish to parallelise the functions we set the cluster
# object to NULL.

c1 <- NULL

# Alternatively, if we have the 'snow' package installed we
# can parallelise the functions. This will usually (not always) offer
# significant performance gain.

## Not run: try(library(snow))
## Not run: try(c1 <- makeCluster(4, "SOCK"))

# load test data
data(simData)

# Create a {countData} object from test data.

replicates <- c("simA", "simA", "simA", "simA", "simA", "simB", "simB", "simB", "simB", "simB")
groups <- list(NDE = c(1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1), DE = c(1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2))
```

```

CD <- new("countData", data = simData, replicates = replicates, groups = groups)

#estimate library sizes for countData object
libsizes(CD) <- getLibsizes(CD)

# Get priors for negative binomial method
CDPriors <- getPriors.NB(CD, samplesize = 10^5, estimation = "QL", c1 = c1)

```

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getTPs	<i>Gets the number of true positives in the top n counts selected by ranked posterior likelihoods</i>
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### Description

If the true positives are known, this function will return a vector, the *i*th member of which gives the number of true positives identified if the top *i* counts, based on estimated posterior likelihoods, are chosen.

### Usage

```
getTPs(cD, group, decreasing = TRUE, TPs)
```

### Arguments

cD	countData object, containing posterior likelihoods for each group.
group	Which group should we give the counts for? See Details.
decreasing	Ordering on posterior likelihoods.
TPs	Known true positives.

### Details

In the rare (or simulated) cases where the true positives are known, this function will calculate the number of true positives selected at any cutoff.

The 'group' can be defined either as the number of the element in 'cD@groups' or as a string which will be partially matched to the names of the 'cD@groups' elements. If group = NULL, then the function looks at the posterior likelihoods that the data have no true differential expression (if calculated).

### Value

A vector, the *i*th member of which gives the number of true positives identified if the top *i* counts are chosen.

### Author(s)

Thomas J. Hardcastle

**See Also**[countData](#)**Examples**

```
# See vignette for more examples.

# We load in a 'countData' object containing the estimated posterior
# likelihoods of expression (see 'getLikelihoods').

data(CDPost)

# If the first hundred rows in the 'simData' matrix are known to be
# truly differentially expressed (the second hypothesis defined in the
# 'groups' list) then we find the number of true positives for the top n
# genes selected as the nth member of

getTPs(CDPost, group = "DE", decreasing = TRUE, TPs = 1:100)
```

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mobAnnotation	<i>Annotation data for a set of small RNA loci derived from sequencing of grafts of Arabidopsis thaliana intended for differential expression analyses.</i>
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**Description**

This data set is a data.frame ('mobAnnotation') describing three thousand small RNA loci identified in a set of Arabidopsis grafting experiments.

The data acquired through sequencing for these loci is found in data file 'mobData'.

**Usage**

```
mobAnnotation
```

**Format**

A data.frame defining chromosome and position of the sRNA loci.

**Source**

Illumina sequencing.

**References**

Molnar A. and Melnyk C.W. et al. Small silencing RNAs in plants are mobile and direct epigenetic modification in recipient cells. Science (2010)

**See Also**[mobData](#)

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mobData	<i>Data from a set of small RNA sequencing experiments carried out on grafts of Arabidopsis thaliana intended for differential expression analyses.</i>
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**Description**

This data set is a matrix ('mobData') of counts acquired for three thousand small RNA loci from a set of Arabidopsis grafting experiments. Three different biological conditions exist within these data; one in which a Dicer 2,3,4 triple mutant shoot is grafted onto a Dicer 2,3,4 triple mutant root (SL236 and SL260), one in which a wild-type shoot is grafted onto a wild-type root (SL239 and SL240), and one in which a wild-type shoot is grafted onto a Dicer 2,3,4 triple mutant root (SL237 and SL238). Dicer 2,3,4 is required for the production of 22nt and 24nt small RNAs, as well as some 21nt ones. Consequently, if we detect differentially expressed sRNA loci in the root stock of the grafts, we can make inferences about the mobility of small RNAs.

The annotation of the loci from which these data derive is in data file 'mobAnnotation'.

**Usage**

mobData

**Format**

A matrix of which each of the six columns represents a sample, and each row an sRNA locus (acquired by sequencing).

**Source**

Illumina sequencing.

**References**

Molnar A. and Melnyk C.W. et al. Small silencing RNAs in plants are mobile and direct epigenetic modification in recipient cells. Science (2010)

**See Also**[mobAnnotation](#)

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pairData	<i>Simulated data for testing the baySeq package methods for paired data</i>
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**Description**

This data set is a matrix ('pairData') of simulated counts from a set of high-throughput sequencing data from a paired experimental design. The first four columns of data are to be paired with the second four columns of data respectively. The first two paired samples form one replicate group, the second two paired samples form another replicate group. The first hundred rows of the data are truly differentially expressed between replicate groups, the second hundred are differentially expressed between pairs, the remainder have no differential expression.

It is simulated according to a set of Poisson distributions whose parameters for each row are determined by a beta distribution on the relative proportions of data in each pairing.

**Usage**

```
pairData
```

**Format**

A matrix of which each of the eight columns represents a sample, and each row some discrete data (acquired by sequencing).

**Source**

Simulation.

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plotMA.CD	<i>'MA'-plot for count data.</i>
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**Description**

This function creates an MA-plot from two sets of samples. For those data where the log-ratio is infinite (because in one set of sample data all observed counts are zero), we plot instead the log-values of the other group.

**Usage**

```
plotMA.CD(cD, samplesA, samplesB, normaliseData = TRUE, scale = NULL,  
xlab = "A", ylab = "M", ...)
```

**Arguments**

cD	A <a href="#">countData</a> object.
samplesA	Either a character vector, identifying sample set A by either replicate name or sample name, or a numerical vector giving the columns of data in the 'countData' object that forms sample set A. See Details.
samplesB	Either a character vector, identifying sample set B by either replicate name or sample name, or a numerical vector giving the columns of data in the 'countData' object that forms sample set B. See Details.
normaliseData	Should the data be normalised by library size before computing log-ratios? Defaults to TRUE.
scale	If given, defines the scale on which the log-ratios will be plotted. Defaults to NULL, implying that the scale will be calculated by the function.
xlab	Label for the X-axis. Defaults to "A".
ylab	Label for the Y-axis. Defaults to "M".
...	Any other parameters to be passed to the <a href="#">plot</a> function.

**Details**

The samples sets can be identified either by a numeric vector which specifies the columns of data from the countData object 'cD', or by a character vector. If a character vector is used, the members of the character vector will first be searched for in the @replicates slot of the 'cD' object. Any members of the vector not found in the replicates slot, will be searched for in the column names of the @data slot of the 'cD' object. Different classes of vector can be used for 'samplesA' and 'samplesB', as shown in the example below.

**Value**

Plotting function.

**Author(s)**

Thomas J. Hardcastle

**See Also**

[countData](#)

**Examples**

```
data(simData)

replicates <- c("simA", "simA", "simA", "simA", "simA", "simB", "simB", "simB", "simB", "simB")
groups <- list(NDE = c(1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,1), DE = c(1,1,1,1,1,2,2,2,2,2))
CD <- new("countData", data = simData, replicates = replicates, groups = groups)

#estimate library sizes for countData object
libsizes(CD) <- getLibsizes(CD)
```

```
#MA-plot comparing replicate groups
plotMA.CD(CD, samplesA = "simA", samplesB = 6:10)
```

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plotPosteriors	<i>Plots the posterior likelihoods estimated for a 'countData' object against the log-ratios observed between two sets of sample data.</i>
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### Description

This function plots the posterior likelihoods estimated for a 'countData' object against the log-ratios observed between two sets of sample data. For those data where the log-ratio is infinite (because in one set of sample data all observed counts are zero), we plot instead the log-values of the other group.

### Usage

```
plotPosteriors(cD, group, samplesA, samplesB, ...)
```

### Arguments

cD	A <a href="#">countData</a> object, for which posterior likelihoods have been estimated (see <a href="#">getPosteriors</a> ).
group	From which group (as defined in the 'cD@groups' slot) should posterior likelihoods be shown? Can be defined either as the number of the element in 'cD@groups' or as a string which will be partially matched to the names of the 'cD@groups' elements.
samplesA	A numerical vector giving the columns of data in the 'countData' object that forms sample set A.
samplesB	A numerical vector giving the columns of data in the 'countData' object that forms sample set B.
...	Any other parameters to be passed to the <a href="#">plot</a> function.

### Value

Plotting function.

### Author(s)

Thomas J. Hardcastle

### See Also

[getPosteriors](#)

**Examples**

```
# We load in a 'countData' object containing the estimated posterior
# likelihoods of expression (see 'getLikelihoods').

data(CDPost)

plotPosteriors(CDPost, group = "DE", samplesA = 1:5, samplesB = 6:10)

# equivalent to plotPosteriors(CDPost, group = 2, samplesA = 1:5, samplesB = 6:10)
```

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plotPriors	<i>Plots the density of the log values estimated for the mean rate in the prior data for the Negative Binomial approach to detecting differential expression</i>
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**Description**

This function plots the density of the log values estimated for the mean rate in the data used to estimate a prior distribution for data under the assumption of a Negative Binomial distribution. This function is useful for looking for bimodality of the distributions, and thus determining whether we should try and identify data with no true expression.

**Usage**

```
plotPriors(cD, group)
```

**Arguments**

cD	<a href="#">countData</a> object, for which priors have been estimated using the assumption of a Negative Binomial distribution (see <a href="#">getPriors.NB</a> ).
group	Which group should we plot the priors for? In general, should be the group that defines non-differentially expressed data. Can be defined either as the number of the element in 'cD@groups' or as a string which will be partially matched to the names of the 'cD@groups' elements.

**Details**

If the plot of the data appears bimodal, then it may be sensible to try and look for data with no true expression by using the option `nullPosts = TRUE` in [getLikelihoods.NB](#).

**Value**

Plotting function.

**Author(s)**

Thomas J. Hardcastle

**See Also**

[getPriors.NB](#), [getLikelihoods.NB](#)

**Examples**

```
# We load in a 'countData' object containing the estimated priors (see 'getPriors').  
data(CDPriors)  
try(stopCluster(c1))  
plotPriors(CDPriors, group = "NDE")
```

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simData

*Simulated data for testing the baySeq package methods*

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**Description**

This data set is a matrix ('simData') of simulated counts from a simple pairwise expression analysis. It is simulated according to a negative binomial distribution with varying parameters for each row. The first hundred rows of the data are truly differentially expressed, the remainder have no differential expression.

**Usage**

```
simData
```

**Format**

A matrix of which each of the ten columns represents a sample, and each row some discrete data (acquired by sequencing).

**Source**

Simulation.

**References**

Hardcastle T.J., and Kelly, K. baySeq: Empirical Bayesian Methods For Identifying Differential Expression In Sequence Count Data. BMC Bioinformatics (2010)

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topCounts	<i>Get the top counts corresponding to some group from a 'countData' object</i>
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### Description

Takes posterior likelihoods and returns the counts with highest (or lowest) likelihood of association with a given group.

### Usage

```
topCounts(cD, group, decreasing = TRUE, number = 10, likelihood, FDR, normaliseData = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

cD	<a href="#">countData</a> or <a href="#">pairedData</a> object, containing posterior likelihoods for each group.
group	Which group should we give the counts for? See Details.
decreasing	Ordering on posterior likelihoods.
number	How many results should be returned?
likelihood	If given, ignores 'number' and returns all results above a certain likelihood.
FDR	If given, ignores 'number' and returns all results with an FDR lower than this threshold. Will be ignored if 'likelihood' is given.
normaliseData	Should the displayed counts be normalised? See details. Defaults to FALSE.

### Details

The argument 'group' can be specified either as a number, giving the index of an element in the cD@groups list, or as a character string identifying an element by name. Partial matching is allowed. If group = NULL, then the function looks at the posterior likelihoods that the data have no true differential expression (if calculated).

If a [countData](#) object is given, the returned dataframe will contain either the raw counts for that object, or (if 'normaliseData = TRUE' the counts normalised by library size.

If a [pairedData](#) object is given, the returned data frame will contain either the raw counts shown as a ratio, or (if 'normaliseData = TRUE' the counts in the '@data' slot as a percentage of the total counts in the '@data' and '@pairData' slots.

### Value

A dataframe of the top counts associated with some model (group), described by annotation drawn from the '@annotation' slot of the 'cD' object and the raw data from the '@data' slot, together with the posterior likelihoods and false discovery rates.

### Author(s)

Thomas J. Hardcastle

**See Also**[countData](#)**Examples**

```
# We load in a 'countData' object containing the estimated posterior
# likelihoods of expression (see 'getLikelihoods').

data(CDPost)

# Report the top ten rows of data that have highest likelihood of belonging to
# group 2 of the data (i.e., differentially expressed)

topCounts(CDPost, group = "DE", number = 10)

# equivalently...
topCounts(CDPost, group = 2, number = 10)
```

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