

# edgeR

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alpha.approxeb      *Estimate the prior weight, alpha*

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## Description

Estimate the prior weight, using an approximate empirical Bayes rule

## Usage

`alpha.approxeb(object, verbose=TRUE)`

**Arguments**

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| object  | DGEList object containing the raw data with elements <code>data</code> (table of counts), <code>group</code> (vector indicating group) and <code>lib.size</code> (vector of library sizes) |
| verbose | whether to write comments, default <code>true</code>   |

**Value**

EBList object with elements `sigma2.0.est` (numeric scale  $\sigma_0^2$  estimate), `alpha` (estimate for the prior weight, alpha), `scores` (likelihood scores), `infos` (Fisher expected information), `quantileAdjusted` (list from output of `quantileAdjust`)

**Author(s)**

Mark Robinson, Davis McCarthy

**Examples**

```
y<-matrix(rnbinom(20,size=1,mu=10),nrow=5)
d<-DGEList(data=y,group=rep(1:2,each=2),lib.size=rep(c(1000:1001),2))
alpha<-alpha.approxeb(d)
```

**approx.expected.info**

*Approximate of expected information (Fisher information)*

**Description**

Using a linear fit (for simplicity), the expected information from the conditional log likelihood of the dispersion parameter of the negative binomial is calculated over all genes.

**Usage**

```
approx.expected.info(object, d, qA, robust = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| object | DGEList object containing the raw data with elements <code>data</code> (table of counts), <code>group</code> (vector indicating group) and <code>lib.size</code> (vector of library sizes) |
| d      | delta parameter for negative binomial - $\phi / (\phi + 1)$  |
| qA     | list from output of <code>quantileAdjust</code>  |
| robust | logical on whether to use a robust fit, default <code>FALSE</code>   |

**Value**

vector of Fisher information approximates (with length same as the number of rows of the original data)

**Author(s)**

Mark Robinson

## Examples

```
set.seed(0)
y<-matrix(rnbinom(40,size=1,mu=10),ncol=4)
d<-DGEList(data=y,group=rep(1:2,each=2),lib.size=rep(c(1000:1001),2))
qA<-quantileAdjust(d,alpha=100)
exp.inf<-approx.expected.info(d,1/(1 + qA$r[1]),qA)
```

`condLogLikDerDelta` *Conditional log-likelihood in terms of delta*

## Description

Conditional log-likelihood parameterized in terms of delta ( $\phi / (\phi + 1)$ )

## Usage

```
condLogLikDerDelta(y, delta, grid = TRUE, der = 1, doSum = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| y     | matrix with count data (or pseudodata)   |
| delta | $\phi / (\phi + 1)$ parameter of negative binomial                                 |
| grid  | logical, whether to calculate a grid over the values of delta                      |
| der   | derivative, either 0 (the function), 1 (first derivative) or 2 (second derivative) |
| doSum | logical, whether to sum over samples or not (default TRUE)                         |

## Value

vector or matrix of function/derivative evaluations

## Author(s)

Mark Robinson, Davis McCarthy

## Examples

```
y1<-matrix(rnbinom(10,size=1,mu=10),nrow=5)
v1<-seq(.1,.9,length=9)
l11<-condLogLikDerDelta(y1,v1,grid=TRUE,der=0,doSum=FALSE)
l12<-condLogLikDerDelta(y1,delta=.5,grid=FALSE,der=0)
```

`condLogLikDerSize` *Conditional log-likelihood in terms of size*

### Description

Conditional log-likelihood parameterized in terms of size ( $1 / \phi$ )

### Usage

```
condLogLikDerSize(y, r, der=1)
```

### Arguments

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| <code>y</code>   | matrix with count data (or pseudodata)   |
| <code>r</code>   | size parameter of negative binomial distribution                                   |
| <code>der</code> | derivative, either 0 (the function), 1 (first derivative) or 2 (second derivative) |

### Value

vector or matrix of function/derivative evaluations

### Author(s)

Mark Robinson, Davis McCarthy

### Examples

```
y1<-matrix(rnbinom(10,size=1,mu=10),nrow=5)
l12<-condLogLikDerSize(y1,r=10,der=0)
```

`deDGEList-class` *differential expression of Digital Gene Expression data - class*

### Description

A simple list-based class for storing results of differential expression analysis for DGE data

### Slots/List Components

Objects of this class contain the following list components: `ps`: list containing estimates of p parameter. `r`: numeric vector of size parameter ( $1/\phi$ ) where  $\phi$  is negative binomial dispersion. `pseudo`: numeric matrix with the pseudo-counts. `group`: vector giving the experimental group/condition. `M`: numeric scalar with the library size that pseudo counts are mapped to.

### Methods

This class inherits directly from class `list` so any operation appropriate for lists will work on objects of this class. `deDGEList` objects also have a `show` method.

### Author(s)

Mark Robinson, Davis McCarthy

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| deDGE | <i>Compute moderated differential expression scores for digital gene expression (DGE) data</i> |
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**Description**

Runs weighted likelihood calculation for moderated estimates of dispersion, and tests for differences in 'tag' abundance between groups

**Usage**

```
deDGE(object, alpha=500, doPoisson=FALSE, verbose=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| object    | DGEList containing elements data (matrix: rows-tags, columns-libraries), lib.size, group indicating class |
| alpha     | weight to put on the individual tag's likelihood  |
| doPoisson | logical, whether to fit Poisson model instead of Negative Binomial, default FALSE                         |
| verbose   | logical, whether to write comments, default TRUE  |

**Value**

deDGEList with elements ps (list containing proportion estimates), r (estimates of 1/overdispersion), pseudo (pseudodata generated by quantileAdjust), group (indicating class of each sample), M (geometric mean of library sizes)

**Author(s)**

Mark Robinson, Davis McCarthy

**References**

- Robinson MD, Smyth GK. 'Small-sample estimation of negative binomial dispersion, with applications to SAGE data.' *Biostatistics*. 2008 Apr;9(2):321-32.
- Robinson MD, Smyth GK. 'Moderated statistical tests for assessing differences in tag abundance.' *Bioinformatics*. 2007 Nov 1;23(21):2881-7.

**Examples**

```
# generate raw data from NB, create list object
y<-matrix(rnbinom(20,size=1,mu=10),nrow=5)
d<-DGEList(data=y,group=rep(1:2,each=2),lib.size=rep(c(1000:1001),2))

# find alpha and call main procedure to find differences
alpha<-alpha.approxeb(d)
ms<-deDGE(d,alpha=alpha$alpha)
```

DGEList-class      *Digital Gene Expression data - class*

### Description

A simple list-based class for storing read counts from digital gene expression technologies.

### Slots/List Components

Objects of this class contain the following list components: `data`: numeric matrix containing the read counts. `lib.size`: numeric vector containing the total number of reads for each library (column of `code`). `group`: vector giving the experimental group/condition.

### Methods

This class inherits directly from class `list` so any operation appropriate for lists will work on objects of this class. DGEList objects also have a `show` method.

### Author(s)

Mark Robinson

EList-class      *differential expression of Digital Gene Expression data - class*

### Description

A simple list-based class for storing results of the approximate empirical Bayes rule parameters

### Slots/List Components

Objects of this class contain the following list components: `sigma2.0.est`: numeric scale  $\sigma_0^2$  estimate. `alpha`: numeric scalar alpha estimate. `scores`: numeric scalar (likelihood) score. `infos`: numeric vector containing the (likelihood) information for each tag. `quantileAdjusted`: list from output of `quantileAdjust`.

### Methods

This class inherits directly from class `list` so any operation appropriate for lists will work on objects of this class. EList objects also have a `show` method.

### Author(s)

Mark Robinson, Davis McCarthy

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| estimatePs | <i>Estimate expression proportions</i> |
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**Description**

Estimate expression proportions (maximum likelihood with size fixed) based on negative binomial for each tag and sample group (only 2 groups implemented at this point)

**Usage**

```
estimatePs(object, r, tol = 1e-10, maxit = 30)
```

**Arguments**

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| object | list containing the raw data with elements <code>data</code> (table of counts), <code>group</code> (vector indicating group) and <code>lib.size</code> (vector of library sizes) |
| r      | size parameter of negative binomial  |
| tol    | tolerance between iterations   |
| maxit  | maximum number of iterations   |

**Value**

list with elements `p.common` (vector giving overall proportion for each tag), `p.group` (matrix with columns giving estimates of proportions for different groups)

**Author(s)**

Mark Robinson, Davis McCarthy

**Examples**

```
set.seed(0)
y<-matrix(rnbinom(40, size=1, mu=10), ncol=4)
d<-DGEList(data=y, group=rep(1:2, each=2), lib.size=rep(c(1000:1001), 2))
ps<-estimatePs(d, r=1)
```

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| exactTestNB | <i>An exact test for differences between two negative binomial groups</i> |
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**Description**

An exact test for differences between two negative binomial groups

**Usage**

```
exactTestNB(pseudo, group, pair=1:2, mus, r, verbose=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| pseudo  | data (e.g. quantile adjusted pseudodata) on which to compute Fisher exact statistics                                  |
| group   | group indicator, must be same length as ncol(pseudo)  |
| pair    | pair of groups to be compared   |
| mus     | vector of means under the null hypothesis (of no difference between groups)   |
| r       | preset or estimated negative binomial size parameter. If you want to run a Poisson test, set r very large (e.g. 1000) |
| verbose | whether to write comments, default TRUE   |

**Value**

vector of p-values

**Author(s)**

Mark Robinson, Davis McCarthy

**Examples**

```
y<-matrix(rnbinom(20,mu=10,size=1.5),nrow=5)
group<-factor(c(1,1,2,2))
mus<-rep(10,5)
f<-exactTestNB(y,group,pair=c(1,2),mus,r=1.5)
```

*findMaxD2*

*Maximizes the negative binomial likelihood*

**Description**

Maximizes the negative binomial likelihood (a weighted version using the common likelihood given weight alpha) for each tag

**Usage**

```
findMaxD2(object, alpha = 0.5, grid = TRUE, tol = 1e-05, n.iter = 10, grid.length
```

**Arguments**

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| object                   | list containing the raw data with elements <code>data</code> (table of counts), <code>group</code> (vector indicating group) and <code>lib.size</code> (vector of library sizes) |
| alpha                    | weight given to common likelihood, set to 0 for individual estimates or large (e.g. 100) for common likelihood   |
| grid                     | logical, whether to use a grid search (default = TRUE); if FALSE use Newton-Rhapson steps  |
| tol                      | if <code>grid=FALSE</code> , tolerance for Newton-Rhapson iterations   |
| n.iter                   | if <code>grid=FALSE</code> , number of Newton-Rhapson iterations   |
| <code>grid.length</code> | length of the grid over which to maximize; default 200   |

**Value**

vector of the values of delta that maximize the negative binomial likelihood for each tag (where  $\text{delta} = \text{phi} / (\text{phi}+1)$  and phi is the overdispersion parameter)

**Author(s)**

Mark Robinson, Davis McCarthy

**Examples**

```
y<-matrix(rnbinom(1000,mu=10,size=2),ncol=4)
d<-DGEList(data=y,group=c(1,1,2,2),lib.size=c(1000:1003))
cml1<-findMaxD2(d,alpha=10)
cml2<-findMaxD2(d,alpha=0)
```

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getData

*Extract data table from DGEList object*

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**Description**

Returns the `data` slot of a `DGEList` object

**Usage**

```
getData(object)
```

**Arguments**

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| <code>object</code> | list containing the raw data with elements <code>data</code> (table of counts), <code>group</code> (vector indicating group) and <code>lib.size</code> (vector of library sizes) |
|---------------------|--|

**Value**

matrix of data (presumably integers)

**Author(s)**

Mark Robinson, Davis McCarthy

**Examples**

```
# generate raw data from NB, create list object
y<-matrix(rnbinom(20,size=1,mu=10),nrow=5)
d<-DGEList(data=y,group=rep(1:2,each=2),lib.size=rep(c(1000:1001),2))
# should be 5x4
print(dim(getData(d)))
```

`interpolateHelper` *Quantile Adjustment interpolator*

## Description

Helper function to interpolate the quantile function

## Usage

```
interpolateHelper(mu, p, r, count.max, verbose=TRUE)
```

## Arguments

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| <code>mu</code>        | matrix of means                                      |
| <code>p</code>         | matrix of percentiles                                |
| <code>r</code>         | scalar, vector or matrix of size parameters          |
| <code>count.max</code> | vector of maximum counts for all tags                |
| <code>verbose</code>   | whether to write comments, default <code>true</code> |

## Value

matrix with quantile-adjusted pseudodata

## Author(s)

Mark Robinson, Davis McCarthy

## Examples

```
y<-matrix(rnbinom(10000,size=2,mu=10),ncol=4)
d<-DGEList(data=y,group=rep(1:2,each=2),lib.size=rep(c(1000,1010),2))
ps<-estimatePs(d,r=2)
N<-prod(d$lib.size)^(1/ncol(d$data))
perc<-pnbinom(d$data-1,size=2,mu=outer(ps$p.common,d$lib.size))+dnbinom(d$data,size=2,mu=
maxcounts<-apply(d$data,1,max)
pseudo<-interpolateHelper(outer(ps$p.common,rep(N,4)),perc,r=2,maxcounts)
```

`logLikDerP` *Log-likelihood for proportion*

## Description

Log-likelihood and derivatives for the proportion parameter of negative binomial (mean = library size \* proportion)

## Usage

```
logLikDerP(p, y, lib.size, r, der = 0)
```

**Arguments**

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| p        | vector of proportion parameters to be evaluated                                    |
| y        | matrix of data   |
| lib.size | vector of library sizes  |
| r        | size parameter of negative binomial distribution                                   |
| der      | derivative, either 0 (the function), 1 (first derivative) or 2 (second derivative) |

**Value**

vector of evaluations

**Author(s)**

Mark Robinson, Davis McCarthy

**Examples**

```
y<-matrix(rnbinom(20,size=1.5,mu=10),nrow=5)
d<-DGEList(data=y,group=rep(1:2,each=2),lib.size=rep(c(1000:1001),2))

this.p<-rowMeans( y/ outer(rep(1,nrow(y)),d$lib.size) )
dlp<-logLikDerP(this.p,y,d$lib.size,r=1.5,der=1)
```

plotMA

*MA-like plot for deDGEList objects*

**Description**

Plots M (log-abundance ratio) against A (log-average abundance) for two groups. A smear of points is shown on the left side for those genes with 0 counts in 1 of the 2 classes.

**Usage**

```
plotMA(object,pair=c(1,2),xlab="A",ylab="M",ylim=NULL,pch=19,eps=0,smearOffset=0)
```

**Arguments**

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| object      | deDGEList object, as output from deDGE   |
| pair        | pair of groups to be plotted; default plots groups 1 and 2                           |
| xlab        | x-axis label   |
| ylab        | y-axis label   |
| ylim        | limits on y-axis, if left at NULL, scaled to be symmetric about 0                    |
| pch         | plot character   |
| eps         | offset to plot in the log-ratios (i.e. $\log([p1+eps]/[p2+eps])$ )                   |
| smearOffset | offset (to the left of the minimum A value) to plot the smear of 0-in-1-group values |
| ...         | further arguments to the plot command  |

**Value**

A plot to the current device

**Author(s)**

Mark Robinson, Davis McCarthy

**See Also**

`deDGE`

**Examples**

```
# generate raw data from NB, create list object
y<-matrix(rnbinom(20,size=1,mu=10),nrow=5)
d<-DGEList(data=y,group=rep(1:2,each=2),lib.size=rep(c(1000:1001),2))

# find alpha and call main procedure to find differences
alpha<-alpha.approxeb(d)
ms<-deDGE(d,alpha=alpha$alpha)

# plot it
plotMA(ms)
```

`quantileAdjust`      *Normalizes a dataset by using a quantile adjustment*

**Description**

The function adjusts (you might say normalizes) a dataset, creating pseudodata that represents quantile-adjusted data as if all samples had the same library size, while estimating the dispersion parameter.

**Usage**

```
quantileAdjust(object, N = prod(object$lib.size)^(1/ncol(object$data)), alpha =
```

**Arguments**

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| <code>object</code>          | list containing the raw data with elements <code>data</code> (table of counts), <code>group</code> (vector indicating group) and <code>lib.size</code> (vector of library sizes) |
| <code>N</code>               | library size to normalize to; default is the geometric mean of the original library sizes  |
| <code>alpha</code>           | weight to put on the individual tag's likelihood   |
| <code>null.hypothesis</code> | logical, whether to calculate the means and percentile under the null hypothesis; default is <code>FALSE</code>  |
| <code>n.iter</code>          | number of iterations in estimating the size parameter  |
| <code>r.init</code>          | initialized value of the size parameter; if <code>NULL</code> , then the common value on unadjusted data is used   |
| <code>tol</code>             | tolerance in estimating the size parameter   |
| <code>verbose</code>         | whether to write comments, default <code>true</code>   |

**Value**

list containing several elements used in downstream function calls. `r` is the dispersion estimate, `pseudo` is the quantile-adjusted pseudodata, `ps` is a list containing the abundance estimates, `N` is the common library size and `p` and `mu` are the percentiles and means, respectively that the quantile is based on

**Author(s)**

Mark Robinson, Davis McCarthy

**Examples**

```
set.seed(0)
y<-matrix(rnbinom(40,size=1,mu=10),ncol=4)
d<-DGEList(data=y,group=rep(1:2,each=2),lib.size=rep(c(1000:1001),2))
qA<-quantileAdjust(d,alpha=100)
```

`readDGE`

*Read a list of files containing DGE data*

**Description**

Reads a list of text files, one for each sample. Files should be tab-delimited with an identifier (could be tag sequence) as the first column and counts as the second column. The function creates one big table with 0s where necessary.

**Usage**

```
readDGE(files,...)
```

**Arguments**

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| <code>files</code> | character vector of filenames                       |
| <code>...</code>   | option arguments to send to <code>read.table</code> |

**Value**

list with elements `data` (table of counts), `lib.size` (library sizes)

**Author(s)**

Mark Robinson

**Examples**

```
# Read all .txt files from current working directory

## Not run:
files <- dir(pattern="*\\.txt$")
RG <- readDGE(files,sep="\t",header=TRUE,comment.char="",stringsAsFactors=FALSE)
## End(Not run)
```

`splitIntoGroupsPseudo`

*Split pseudodata according to group*

## Description

Given a pair of groups, split pseudodata for these groups

## Usage

`splitIntoGroupsPseudo(pseudo, group, pair)`

## Arguments

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| <code>pseudo</code> | data matrix to be split (e.g. quantile adjusted pseudodata)       |
| <code>group</code>  | group indicator, must be same length as <code>ncol(pseudo)</code> |
| <code>pair</code>   | pair of groups to be split from the data                          |

## Value

list in which each element is a matrix of count data for an individual group

## Author(s)

Davis McCarthy

## Examples

```
# generate raw data from NB, create list object
y<-matrix(rnbinom(80,size=1,mu=10),nrow=20)
d<-DGEList(data=y,group=rep(1:2,each=2),lib.size=rep(c(1000:1001),2))
rownames(d$data)<-paste("tagno",1:nrow(d$data),sep=".")
z<-splitIntoGroupsPseudo(d$data,d$group,pair=c(1,2))
```

`splitIntoGroups`

*Split the data from a DGEList object according to group*

## Description

Split the data from a DGEList object according to group

## Usage

`splitIntoGroups(object)`

## Arguments

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| <code>object</code> | DGEList, list containing the raw data with elements <code>data</code> (table of counts), <code>group</code> (vector indicating group) and <code>lib.size</code> (vector of library sizes) |
|---------------------|---|

**Value**

list in which each element is a matrix of count data for an individual group

**Author(s)**

Davis McCarthy

**Examples**

```
# generate raw data from NB, create list object
y<-matrix(rnbinom(80,size=1,mu=10),nrow=20)
d<-DGEList(data=y,group=rep(1:2,each=2),lib.size=rep(c(1000:1001),2))
rownames(d$data)<-paste("tagno",1:nrow(d$data),sep=".")
z<-splitIntoGroups(d)
```

`tau2.0.objective`    *Objective function for tau2*

**Description**

Objective function for tau2 which is used in the rule of how much to squeeze the dispersion parameters towards the common value

**Usage**

```
tau2.0.objective(tau2.0, info.g, score.g)
```

**Arguments**

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| <code>tau2.0</code>  | scalar, value for tau2  |
| <code>info.g</code>  | observed information for each gene                                |
| <code>score.g</code> | observed score (first derivative of log-likelihood) for each gene |

**Value**

scalar, value of objective function at tau2.0

**Author(s)**

Mark Robinson

**Examples**

```
y<-matrix(rnbinom(20,size=1,mu=10),nrow=5)
x<-DGEList(data=y,group=rep(1:2,each=2),lib.size=rep(1000:1001,each=2))
scores <- condLogLikDerDelta(y, delta=0.5, der = 1, doSum = TRUE)
qA <- quantileAdjust(x, alpha = 10, null.hypothesis = TRUE)
exp.inf <- approx.expected.info(x, d=0.5, qA)
sigma2.0.est <- optimize(tau2.0.objective, c(0, 500), info.g = exp.inf, score.g = scores)
```

**topTags***Displays the top differentially expressed tags in a table***Description**

Displays/Returns the top DE tags in a data frame

**Usage**

```
topTags(object, pair, n=10, adj.method= "BH", verbose=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| object     | deDGEList, output from deDGE                   |
| pair       | pair of groups to be compared                  |
| n          | number of tags to display/return               |
| adj.method | method used to adjust P-values, using p.adjust |
| verbose    | whether to write comments, default TRUE        |

**Value**

Data frame containing the relative level of expression, log fold changes, unadjusted and adjusted P-values

**Author(s)**

Mark Robinson, Davis McCarthy

**References**

Robinson MD, Smyth GK. 'Small-sample estimation of negative binomial dispersion, with applications to SAGE data.' *Biostatistics*. 2008 Apr;9(2):321-32.

Robinson MD, Smyth GK. 'Moderated statistical tests for assessing differences in tag abundance.' *Bioinformatics*. 2007 Nov 1;23(21):2881-7.

**Examples**

```
# generate raw data from NB, create list object
y<-matrix(rnbinom(80,size=1,mu=10),nrow=20)
d<-DGEList(data=y,group=rep(1:2,each=2),lib.size=rep(c(1000:1001),2))
rownames(d$data)<-paste("tagno",1:nrow(d$data),sep=". ")

# find alpha and call main procedure to find differences
alpha<-alpha.approxeb(d)
ms<-deDGE(d,alpha=alpha$alpha)

# look at top 10
topTags(ms)
```

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| Tu102 | <i>Raw data for several SAGE libraries from the Zhang 1997 Science paper.</i> |
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### Description

SAGE dataset for 2 tumour samples, 2 normal samples.

### Usage

```
data(Tu102)
```

### Format

Data frames with 22713, 18794, 16270 and 17703 observations (for Tu102, Tu98, NC2, NC1, respectively) on the following 2 variables.

**Tag\_Sequence** a character vector

**Count** a numeric vector

### Source

Zhang et al. (1997) *Gene Expression Profiles in Normal and Cancer Cells*. Science, 276, 1268-72.

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