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## References

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See more information on : <http://www.weizmann.ac.il/pathifier/>

## Examples

```
data(KEGG) # Two pathways of the KEGG database
data(Sheffer) # The colorectal data of Sheffer et al.
PDS<-quantify_pathways_deregulation(sheffer$data, sheffer$allgenes,
  kegg$gs, kegg$pathwaynames, sheffer$normals, attempts = 100,
  logfile="sheffer.kegg.log", min_exp=sheffer$minexp, min_std=sheffer$minstd)
```

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KEGG

*Two pathways of the KEGG database*

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**Description**

Two pathways (MISMATCH REPAIR and REGULATION OF AUTOPHAGY) of the KEGG database

**Usage**

data(KEGG)

**Format**

pathwaynames The names of the pathways

gs The list of genes (by official gene symbol) in each pathway

**Source**

Kanehisa M, Goto S, Sato Y, Furumichi M and Tanabe M. KEGG for integration and interpretation of large-scale molecular datasets. *Nucleic Acids Res*, 2012, Vol 40(Database issue):D109-D114.

**Examples**

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quantify\_pathways\_deregulation

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**Usage**

```
quantify_pathways_deregulation(data, allgenes, syms, pathwaynames, normals = NULL,
ranks = NULL, attempts = 100, maximize_stability = TRUE, logfile = "", samplings = NULL,
min_exp = 4, min_std = 0.4)
```

**Arguments**

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <code>data</code>               | The $n \times m$ mRNA expression matrix, where $n$ is the number of genes and $m$ the number of samples.  |
| <code>allgenes</code>           | A list of $n$ identifiers of genes.   |
| <code>syms</code>               | A list of $p$ pathways, each pathway is a list of the genes it contains (as appear in "allgenes").  |
| <code>pathwaynames</code>       | The names of the $p$ pathways.  |
| <code>normals</code>            | A list of $m$ logicals, true if a normal sample, false if tumor.  |
| <code>ranks</code>              | External knowledge on the ranking of the $m$ samples, if exists (to use initial guess)  |
| <code>attempts</code>           | Number of runs to determine stability.  |
| <code>maximize_stability</code> | If true, throw away components leading to low stability of sampling noise.  |
| <code>logfile</code>            | Name of the file the log should be written to (use stdout if empty).  |
| <code>samplings</code>          | A matrix specifying the samples that should be chosen in each sampling attempt, chooses a random matrix if samplings is NULL.   |
| <code>min_exp</code>            | The minimal expression considered as a real signal. Any values below are thresholded to be <code>min_exp</code> .   |
| <code>min_std</code>            | The minimal allowed standard deviation of each gene. Genes with lower standard deviation are divided by <code>min_std</code> instead of their actual standard deviation. (Recommended: set <code>min_std</code> to be the technical noise). |

**Value**

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|-----------------------------|--|
| <code>scores</code>         | The deregulation scores, the main output of pathifier                          |
| <code>genesinpathway</code> | The genes of each pathway used to devise its deregulation score                |
| <code>newmeanstd</code>     | Average standard deviation after omitting noisy components                     |
| <code>origmeanstd</code>    | Original average standard deviation, before omitting noisy components          |
| <code>pathwaysize</code>    | The number of components used to devise the pathway score                      |
| <code>curves</code>         | The principal curve learned for every pathway                                  |
| <code>curves_order</code>   | The order of the points of the principal curve learned for every pathway       |
| <code>z</code>              | Z-scores of the expression matrix used to learn principal curve                |
| <code>compin</code>         | The components not omitted due to noise  |
| <code>xm</code>             | The average expression over all normal samples                                 |
| <code>xs</code>             | The standard deviation of expression over all normal samples                   |
| <code>center</code>         | The centering used by the PCA  |
| <code>rot</code>            | The matrix of variable loadings of the PCA                                     |
| <code>pctaken</code>        | The number of principal components used  |
| <code>samplings</code>      | A matrix specifying the samples that should be chosen in each sampling attempt |
| <code>success</code>        | Pathways for which a deregulation score was successfully computed              |
| <code>logfile</code>        | Name of the file the log was written to  |

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Sheffer

*Sheffer et al. colorectal dataset*

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**Description**

Partial data from Sheffer et al. paper

**Usage**

```
data(Sheffer)
```

**Format**

```
data the expression data
samples sample names
normals which of the samples is a normal sample
minstd minimal standart deviation allowed
minexp minimal value of experssion allowed
allgenes the list of genes (by official gene symbol)
```

**Source**

Sheffer et.\ al. Association of survival and disease progression with chromosomal instability: A genomic exploration of colorectal cancer. *PNAS*, 2009, Vol 106(17) pp: 7131-7136.

**Examples**

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data(Sheffer)
```

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