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**Description** metaR is designed to determine features (be it Operational Taxonomic Unit (OTU), species, etc.) that are differentially abundant between two or more groups of multiple samples. metaR is designed to address the effects of both normalization and under-sampling of microbial communities on disease association detection and the testing of feature correlations.

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aggregateM	<i>Aggregates counts by a particular classification.</i>
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### Description

This function takes a MRexperiment object of data at a particular level with feature information allowing for aggregation of counts to a particular level. This method assumes taxa begin at the highest level and continue to the current level, reverse assumes taxa begin at the lowest level.

### Usage

```
aggregateM(obj, taxa, lvl, split=";")
```

### Arguments

obj	A MRexperiment object.
lvl	The level to go up (numeric, 1,2,3).
taxa	A vector of taxa annotations with splits
split	The way character strings in taxa in the obj are split.

### Value

Updated object with counts aggregated to the various taxonomic levels.

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cumNorm	<i>Cumulative sum scaling factors.</i>
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**Description**

Calculates each column's quantile and calculates the sum up to and including that quantile.

**Usage**

```
cumNorm(obj, p = cumNormStat(obj))
```

**Arguments**

obj	An MExperiment object.
p	The pth quantile.

**Value**

Vector of the sum up to and including a sample's pth quantile

**See Also**

[fitZig](#) [cumNormStat](#)

**Examples**

```
data(mouseData)
cumNorm(mouseData)
head(normFactors(mouseData))
```

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cumNormMat	<i>Cumulative sum scaling factors.</i>
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**Description**

Calculates each column's quantile and calculates the sum up to and including that quantile.

**Usage**

```
cumNormMat(obj, p = cumNormStat(obj))
```

**Arguments**

obj	A MExperiment object.
p	The pth quantile.

**Value**

Returns a matrix normalized by scaling counts up to and including the pth quantile.

**See Also**

[fitZig](#) [cumNorm](#)

**Examples**

```
data(mouseData)
head(cumNormMat(mouseData))
```

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cumNormStat

*Cumulative sum scaling percentile selection*

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**Description**

Calculates the percentile for which to sum counts up to and scale by.

**Usage**

```
cumNormStat(obj,pFlag = FALSE,rel=.1,qFlag = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

obj	A list with count data
pFlag	Plot the median difference quantiles
rel	Cutoff for the relative difference from one median difference from the reference to the next
qFlag	Flag to either calculate the proper percentile using a step-wise or triangular approximation of the sample count distribution.
...	Applicable if pFlag == TRUE. Extra plotting parameters.

**Value**

Percentile for which to scale data

**See Also**

[fitZig](#) [cumNorm](#)

**Examples**

```
data(mouseData)
p = round(cumNormStat(mouseData,pFlag=FALSE),digits=2)
s95=cumNorm(mouseData)
```

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doCountMStep	<i>Compute the Maximization step calculation for features still active.</i>
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## Description

Maximization step is solved by weighted least squares. The function also computes counts residuals.

## Usage

```
doCountMStep(z, y, mmCount, stillActive, fit2 = NULL)
```

## Arguments

<code>z</code>	Matrix (m x n) of estimate responsibilities (probabilities that a count comes from a spike distribution at 0).
<code>y</code>	Matrix (m x n) of count observations.
<code>mmCount</code>	Model matrix for the count distribution.
<code>stillActive</code>	Boolean vector of size M, indicating whether a feature converged or not.
<code>fit2</code>	Previous fit of the count model.

## Details

Maximum-likelihood estimates are approximated using the EM algorithm where we treat mixture membership  $\delta_{ij} = 1$  if  $y_{ij}$  is generated from the zero point mass as latent indicator variables. The density is defined as  $f_{\text{zig}}(y_{ij} = \pi_j(S_j) * f_0(y_{ij}) + (1 - \pi_j(S_j)) * f_{\text{count}}(y_{ij}; \mu_i, \sigma_i^2)$ . The log-likelihood in this extended model is  $(1 - \delta_{ij}) \log f_{\text{count}}(y; \mu_i, \sigma_i^2) + \delta_{ij} \log \pi_j(s_j) + (1 - \delta_{ij}) \log (1 - \pi_j(s_j))$ . The responsibilities are defined as  $z_{ij} = \text{pr}(\delta_{ij} = 1 | \text{data})$ .

## Value

Update matrix (m x n) of estimate responsibilities (probabilities that a count comes from a spike distribution at 0).

## See Also

[fitZig](#)

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doEStep	<i>Compute the Expectation step.</i>
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### Description

Estimates the responsibilities  $z_{ij} = \frac{\pi_j \cdot I_0(y_{ij})}{\pi_j \cdot I_0(y_{ij}) + (1 - \pi_j) \cdot f_{\text{count}}(y_{ij})}$

### Usage

```
doEStep(countResiduals, zeroResiduals, zeroIndices)
```

### Arguments

countResiduals    Residuals from the count model.  
 zeroResiduals    Residuals from the zero model.  
 zeroIndices       Index (matrix m x n) of counts that are zero/non-zero.

### Details

Maximum-likelihood estimates are approximated using the EM algorithm where we treat mixture membership  $\delta_{ij} = 1$  if  $y_{ij}$  is generated from the zero point mass as latent indicator variables. The density is defined as  $f_{\text{zig}}(y_{ij}) = \pi_j(S_j) \cdot f_0(y_{ij}) + (1 - \pi_j(S_j)) \cdot f_{\text{count}}(y_{ij}; \mu_i, \sigma_i^2)$ . The log-likelihood in this extended model is  $(1 - \delta_{ij}) \log f_{\text{count}}(y; \mu_i, \sigma_i^2) + \delta_{ij} \log \pi_j(s_j) + (1 - \delta_{ij}) \log (1 - \pi_j(s_j))$ . The responsibilities are defined as  $z_{ij} = \text{pr}(\delta_{ij}=1 \mid \text{data})$ .

### Value

Updated matrix (m x n) of estimate responsibilities (probabilities that a count comes from a spike distribution at 0).

### See Also

[fitZig](#)

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doZeroMStep	<i>Compute the zero Maximization step.</i>
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### Description

Performs Maximization step calculation for the mixture components. Uses least squares to fit the parameters of the mean of the logistic distribution.  $\pi_j = \frac{\sum_i M_{z_{ij}}}{M}$  Maximum-likelihood estimates are approximated using the EM algorithm where we treat mixture membership  $\delta_{ij} = 1$  if  $y_{ij}$  is generated from the zero point mass as latent indicator variables. The density is defined as  $f_{\text{zig}}(y_{ij}) = \pi_j(S_j) \cdot f_0(y_{ij}) + (1 - \pi_j(S_j)) \cdot f_{\text{count}}(y_{ij}; \mu_i, \sigma_i^2)$ . The log-likelihood in this extended model is  $(1 - \delta_{ij}) \log f_{\text{count}}(y; \mu_i, \sigma_i^2) + \delta_{ij} \log \pi_j(s_j) + (1 - \delta_{ij}) \log (1 - \pi_j(s_j))$ . The responsibilities are defined as  $z_{ij} = \text{pr}(\delta_{ij}=1 \mid \text{data})$ .

**Usage**

```
doZeroMStep(z, zeroIndices, mmZero)
```

**Arguments**

z	Matrix (m x n) of estimate responsibilities (probabilities that a count comes from a spike distribution at 0).
zeroIndices	Index (matrix m x n) of counts that are zero/non-zero.
mmZero	The zero model, the model matrix to account for the change in the number of OTUs observed as a linear effect of the depth of coverage.

**Value**

List of the zero fit (zero mean model) coefficients, variance - scale parameter (scalar), and normalized residuals of length `sum(zeroIndices)`.

**See Also**

[fitZig](#)

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exportMat

*export the normalized eSet dataset as a matrix.*

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**Description**

This function allows the user to take a dataset of counts and output the dataset to the user's workspace as a tab-delimited file, etc.

**Usage**

```
exportMat(mat, output = "~/Desktop/matrix.tsv")
```

**Arguments**

mat	A matrix of values (normalized, or otherwise)
output	Output file name

**Value**

NA

**See Also**

[cumNorm](#)

**Examples**

```
# see vignette
```

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exportStats	<i>Various statistics of the count data.</i>
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### Description

A matrix of values for each sample. The matrix consists of sample ids, the sample scaling factor, quantile value, and the number of number of features.

### Usage

```
exportStats(obj, p = cumNormStat(obj),
  output = "~/Desktop/res.stats.tsv")
```

### Arguments

obj	A MRExperiment object with count data.
p	Quantile value to calculate the scaling factor and quantiles for the various samples.
output	Output file name.

### Value

None.

### See Also

[cumNorm quantile](#)

### Examples

```
# see vignette
```

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expSummary	<i>Access MRExperiment object experiment data</i>
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### Description

The expSummary vectors represent the column (sample specific) sums of features, i.e. the total number of reads for a sample, libSize and also the normalization factors, normFactor.

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'MRExperiment'
expSummary(obj)
```

### Arguments

obj	a MRExperiment object.
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**Examples**

```
data(mouseData)
expSummary(mouseData)
```

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fitZig

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*Computes the weighted fold-change estimates and t-statistics.*


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**Description**

Wrapper to actually run the Expectation-maximization algorithm and estimate  $f_{\text{count}}$  fits. Maximum-likelihood estimates are approximated using the EM algorithm where we treat mixture membership  $\delta_{ij} = 1$  if  $y_{ij}$  is generated from the zero point mass as latent indicator variables. The density is defined as  $f_{\text{zig}}(y_{ij} = \pi_j(S_j) * f_0(y_{ij}) + (1 - \pi_j(S_j)) * f_{\text{count}}(y_{ij}; \mu_i, \sigma_i^2)$ . The log-likelihood in this extended model is:  $(1 - \delta_{ij}) \log f_{\text{count}}(y; \mu_i, \sigma_i^2) + \delta_{ij} \log \pi_j(s_j) + (1 - \delta_{ij}) \log (1 - \pi_j(s_j))$ . The responsibilities are defined as  $z_{ij} = \text{pr}(\delta_{ij} = 1 \mid \text{data})$ .

**Usage**

```
fitZig(obj, mod, zeroMod = NULL,
       useS95offset = TRUE, control = zigControl())
```

**Arguments**

obj	A MRexperiment object with count data.
mod	The model for the count distribution.
zeroMod	The zero model, the model to account for the change in the number of OTUs observed as a linear effect of the depth of coverage.
useS95offset	Boolean, whether to include the default scaling parameters in the model or not.
control	The settings for fitZig.

**Value**

The fits, posterior probabilities, posterior probabilities used at time of convergence for each feature, ebayes (limma object) fit, among other data.

**See Also**

[cumNorm zigControl](#)

**Examples**

```

data(lungData)
k = grep("Extraction.Control",pData(lungData)$SampleType)
lungTrim = lungData[,-k]
cumNorm(lungTrim)
k = which(rowSums(MRcounts(lungTrim)>0)<10)
lungTrim = lungTrim[-k,]
smokingStatus = pData(lungTrim)$SmokingStatus
mod = model.matrix(~smokingStatus)
settings = zigControl(maxit=1,verbose=FALSE)
fit = fitZig(obj = lungTrim,mod=mod,control=settings)

```

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getCountDensity	<i>Compute the value of the count density function from the count model residuals.</i>
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**Description**

Calculate density values from a normal:  $f(x) = 1/(\sqrt{2\pi}) \sigma e^{-((x - \mu)^2/(2\sigma^2))}$ . Maximum-likelihood estimates are approximated using the EM algorithm where we treat mixture membership  $\delta_{ij} = 1$  if  $y_{ij}$  is generated from the zero point mass as latent indicator variables. The density is defined as  $f_{\text{zig}}(y_{ij} = \pi_j(S_j) \cdot f_0(y_{ij}) + (1 - \pi_j(S_j)) \cdot f_{\text{count}}(y_{ij}; \mu_i, \sigma_i^2)$ . The log-likelihood in this extended model is  $(1 - \delta_{ij}) \log f_{\text{count}}(y; \mu_i, \sigma_i^2) + \delta_{ij} \log \pi_j(s_j) + (1 - \delta_{ij}) \log (1 - \pi_j(s_j))$ . The responsibilities are defined as  $z_{ij} = \text{pr}(\delta_{ij}=1 \mid \text{data})$ .

**Usage**

```
getCountDensity(residuals, log = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

residuals	Residuals from the count model.
log	Whether or not we are calculating from a log-normal distribution.

**Value**

Density values from the count model residuals.

**See Also**

[fitZig](#)

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getEpsilon	<i>Calculate the relative difference between iterations of the negative log-likelihoods.</i>
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### Description

Maximum-likelihood estimates are approximated using the EM algorithm where we treat mixture membership  $\delta_{ij} = 1$  if  $y_{ij}$  is generated from the zero point mass as latent indicator variables. The log-likelihood in this extended model is  $(1-\delta_{ij}) \log f_{\text{count}}(y; \mu_i, \sigma_i^2) + \delta_{ij} \log \pi_j(s_j) + (1-\delta_{ij}) \log (1-\pi_j(s_j))$ . The responsibilities are defined as  $z_{ij} = \text{pr}(\delta_{ij}=1 \mid \text{data})$ .

### Usage

```
getEpsilon(nll, nllold)
```

### Arguments

nll	Vector of size M with the current negative log-likelihoods.
nllold	Vector of size M with the previous iterations negative log-likelihoods.

### Value

Vector of size M of the relative differences between the previous and current iteration nll.

### See Also

[fitZig](#)

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getNegativeLogLikelihoods	<i>Calculate the negative log-likelihoods for the various features given the residuals.</i>
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### Description

Maximum-likelihood estimates are approximated using the EM algorithm where we treat mixture membership  $\delta_{ij} = 1$  if  $y_{ij}$  is generated from the zero point mass as latent indicator variables. The log-likelihood in this extended model is  $(1-\delta_{ij}) \log f_{\text{count}}(y; \mu_i, \sigma_i^2) + \delta_{ij} \log \pi_j(s_j) + (1-\delta_{ij}) \log (1-\pi_j(s_j))$ . The responsibilities are defined as  $z_{ij} = \text{pr}(\delta_{ij}=1 \mid \text{data and current values})$ .

### Usage

```
getNegativeLogLikelihoods(z, countResiduals,
  zeroResiduals)
```

**Arguments**

<code>z</code>	Matrix (m x n) of estimate responsibilities (probabilities that a count comes from a spike distribution at 0).
<code>countResiduals</code>	Residuals from the count model.
<code>zeroResiduals</code>	Residuals from the zero model.

**Value**

Vector of size M of the negative log-likelihoods for the various features.

**See Also**

[fitZig](#)

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<code>getPi</code>	<i>Calculate the mixture proportions from the zero model / spike mass model residuals.</i>
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**Description**

$F(x) = 1 / (1 + \exp(-(x-m)/s))$  (the CDF of the logistic distribution). Provides the probability that a real-valued random variable X with a given probability distribution will be found at a value less than or equal to x. The output are the mixture proportions for the samples given the residuals from the zero model.

**Usage**

```
getPi(residuals)
```

**Arguments**

<code>residuals</code>	Residuals from the zero model.
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**Value**

Mixture proportions for each sample.

**See Also**

[fitZig](#)

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getZ	<i>Calculate the current Z estimate responsibilities (posterior probabilities)</i>
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### Description

Calculate the current Z estimate responsibilities (posterior probabilities)

### Usage

```
getZ(z, zUsed, stillActive, nll, nllUSED)
```

### Arguments

z	Matrix (m x n) of estimate responsibilities (probabilities that a count comes from a spike distribution at 0).
zUsed	Matrix (m x n) of estimate responsibilities (probabilities that a count comes from a spike distribution at 0) that are actually used (following convergence).
stillActive	A vector of size M booleans saying if a feature is still active or not.
nll	Vector of size M with the current negative log-likelihoods.
nllUSED	Vector of size M with the converged negative log-likelihoods.

### Value

A list of updated zUsed and nllUSED.

### See Also

[fitZig](#)

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isItStillActive	<i>Function to determine if a feature is still active.</i>
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### Description

In the Expectation Maximization routine features posterior probabilities routinely converge based on a tolerance threshold. This function checks whether or not the feature's negative log-likelihood (measure of the fit) has changed or not.

### Usage

```
isItStillActive(eps, tol, stillActive, stillActiveNLL,
               nll)
```

**Arguments**

eps	Vector of size M (features) representing the relative difference between the new nll and old nll.
tol	The threshold tolerance for the difference
stillActive	A vector of size M booleans saying if a feature is still active or not.
stillActiveNLL	A vector of size M recording the negative log-likelihoods of the various features, updated for those still active.
nll	Vector of size M with the current negative log-likelihoods.

**Value**

None.

**See Also**

[fitZig](#)

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libSize	<i>Access sample depth of coverage from MRExperiment object</i>
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**Description**

The libSize vector represents the column (sample specific) sums of features, i.e. the total number of reads for a sample. It is used by [fitZig](#).

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'MRExperiment'
libSize(obj)
```

**Arguments**

obj                    a MRExperiment object.

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**Examples**

```
data(lungData)
head(libSize(lungData))
```

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load_meta	<i>Load a count dataset associated with a study.</i>
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**Description**

Load a matrix of OTUs in a tab delimited format

**Usage**

```
load_meta(file, sep="\t")
```

**Arguments**

file	Path and filename of the actual data file.
sep	File delimiter.

**Value**

An object of count data.

**See Also**

[load\\_phenoData](#)

**Examples**

```
dataDirectory <- system.file("extdata", package="metagenomeSeq")
lung = load_meta(file.path(dataDirectory, "CHK_NAME.otus.count.csv"))
```

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load_metaQ	<i>Load a count dataset associated with a study set up in a Qiime format.</i>
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**Description**

Load a matrix of OTUs in Qiime's format

**Usage**

```
load_metaQ(file)
```

**Arguments**

file	Path and filename of the actual data file.
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**Value**

An object of count data.

**See Also**

[load\\_meta](#) [load\\_phenoData](#)

**Examples**

```
# see vignette
```

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load_phenoData	<i>Load a clinical/phenotypic dataset associated with a study.</i>
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**Description**

Load a matrix of metadata associated with a study.

**Usage**

```
load_phenoData(file, tran = FALSE, sep = "\t")
```

**Arguments**

file	Path and filename of the actual clinical file.
tran	Boolean. If the covariates are along the columns and samples along the rows, then tran should equal TRUE.
sep	The separator for the file.

**Value**

The metadata as a dataframe.

**See Also**

[load\\_meta](#)

**Examples**

```
# see vignette
```

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lungData	<i>OTU abundance matrix of samples from a smoker/non-smoker study</i>
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---

**Description**

This is a list with a matrix of OTU counts,otu names, taxa annotations for each OTU, and phenotypic data. Samples along the columns and OTUs along the rows.

**Usage**

```
lungData
```

**Format**

A list of OTU matrix, taxa, otus, and phenotypes

**References**

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21680950>



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mouseData	<i>OTU abundance matrix of mice samples from a diet longitudinal study</i>
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---

**Description**

This is a list with a matrix of OTU counts, taxa annotations for each OTU, otu names, and vector of phenotypic data. Samples along the columns and OTUs along the rows.

**Usage**

```
mouseData
```

**Format**

A list of OTU matrix, taxa, otus, and phenotypes

**References**

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2894525/>

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MRcoefs	<i>Table of top-ranked microbial marker gene from linear model fit</i>
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**Description**

Extract a table of the top-ranked features from a linear model fit. This function will be updated soon to provide better flexibility similar to limma's topTable.

**Usage**

```
MRcoefs(obj, by=2, coef=NULL, number=10, taxa=obj$taxa, adjust.method="fdr", group=0, eff=0, output=NULL)
```

**Arguments**

obj	A list containing the linear model fit produced by lmFit through fitZig.
by	Column number or column name specifying which coefficient or contrast of the linear model is of interest.
coef	Column number(s) or column name(s) specifying which coefficient or contrast of the linear model to display.
number	The number of bacterial features to pick out.
taxa	Taxa list.
adjust.method	Method to adjust p-values by. Default is "FDR". Options include "holm", "hochberg", "hommel", "bonferroni", "BH", "BY", "fdr", "none". See <a href="#">p.adjust</a> for more details.
group	One of three choices, 0,1,2. 0: the sort is ordered by a decreasing absolute value coefficient fit. 1: the sort is ordered by the raw coefficient fit in decreasing order. 2: the sort is ordered by the raw coefficient fit in increasing order.
eff	Restrict samples to have at least eff quantile effective samples.
output	Name of output file, including location, to save the table.

**Value**

Table of the top-ranked features determined by the linear fit's coefficient.

**See Also**

[fitZig MRtable](#)

**Examples**

```
data(lungData)
k = grep("Extraction.Control",pData(lungData)$SampleType)
lungTrim = lungData[,-k]
k = which(rowSums(MRcounts(lungTrim)>0)<10)
lungTrim = lungTrim[-k,]
cumNorm(lungTrim)
smokingStatus = pData(lungTrim)$SmokingStatus
mod = model.matrix(~smokingStatus)
settings = zigControl(maxit=1,verbose=FALSE)
fit = fitZig(obj = lungTrim,mod=mod,control=settings)
head(MRcoefs(fit))
```

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MRcounts

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*Accessor for the counts slot of a MRexperiment object*


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**Description**

The counts slot holds the raw count data representing (along the rows) the number of reads annotated for a particular feature and (along the columns) the sample.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'MRexperiment'
MRcounts(cnts, norm=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

cnts	a MRexperiment object.
norm	logical indicating whether or not to return normalized counts.

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**Examples**

```
data(lungData)
head(MRcounts(lungData))
```

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MRexperiment	<i>Class "MRexperiment" – a modified eSet object for the data from high-throughput sequencing experiments</i>
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## Description

This is the main class for metaR.

## Objects from the Class

Objects should be created with calls to [newMRexperiment](#).

## Extends

Class eSet (package 'Biobase'), directly. Class VersionedBiobase (package 'Biobase'), by class "eSet", distance 2. Class Versioned (package 'Biobase'), by class "eSet", distance 3.

## Methods

Class-specific methods.

[<sample>, <variable>]: Subset operation, taking two arguments and indexing the sample and variable. Returns an MRexperiment object, including relevant metadata. Setting drop=TRUE generates an error. Subsetting the data, the experiment summary slot is repopulated and pData is repopulated after calling factor (removing levels not present).

## Note

Note: This is a summary for reference. For an explanation of the actual usage, see the vignette.

MRexperiments are the main class in use by metaR. The class extends eSet and provides additional slots which are populated during the analysis pipeline.

MRexperiment dataset are created with calls to [newMRexperiment](#). MRexperiment datasets contain raw count matrices (integers) accessible through [counts](#). Similarly, normalized count matrices can be accessed (following normalization) through [counts](#) by calling norm=TRUE. Following an analysis, a matrix of posterior probabilities for counts is accessible through [posterior.probs](#).

The normalization factors used in analysis can be recovered by [normFactors](#), as can the library sizes of samples (depths of coverage), [libSize](#).

Similarly to other RNASeq bioconductor packages available, the rows of the matrix correspond to a feature (be it OTU, species, gene, etc.) and each column an experimental sample. Pertinent clinical information and potential confounding factors are stored in the phenoData slot (accessed via pData).

To populate the various slots in an MRexperiment several functions are run. 1) [cumNormStat](#) calculates the proper percentile to calculate normalization factors. The cumNormStat slot is populated. 2) [cumNorm](#) calculates the actual normalization factors using  $p = \text{cumNormStat}$ .

Other functions will place subsequent matrices (normalized counts ([cumNormMat](#)), posterior probabilities ([posterior.probs](#)))

As mentioned above, MRexperiment is derived from the virtual class, eSet and thereby has a phenoData slot which allows for sample annotation. In the phenoData data frame factors are stored. The normalization factors and library size information is stored in a slot called expSummary that is an annotated data frame and is repopulated for subsetted data.

**Examples**

```
# See vignette
```

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MRfisher

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*Wrapper to run fisher's test on presence/absence of a feature.*


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**Description**

This function returns a data frame of p-values, odds ratios, lower and upper confidence limits for every row of a matrix.

**Usage**

```
MRfisher(obj, cl, mat=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

obj	A MRExperiment object with a count matrix, or a simple count matrix.
cl	Group comparison
mat	logical indicating whether obj is a MRExperiment object or matrix. Default is a MRExperiment object.

**Value**

NA

**See Also**

[cumNorm fitZig](#)

**Examples**

```
data(lungData)
k = grep("Extraction.Control", pData(lungData)$SampleType)
lungTrim = lungData[, -k]
lungTrim = lungTrim[-which(rowSums(MRcounts(lungTrim)>0)<20), ]
res = MRfisher(lungTrim, pData(lungTrim)$SmokingStatus);
head(res)
```

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MRfulltable	<i>Table of top microbial marker gene from linear model fit including sequence information</i>
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## Description

Extract a table of the top-ranked features from a linear model fit. This function will be updated soon to provide better flexibility similar to limma's topTable. This function differs from link{MRcoefs} in that it provides other information about the presence or absence of features to help ensure significant features called are moderately present.

## Usage

```
MRfulltable(obj,by=2,coef=NULL,number=10,taxa=obj$taxa,adjust.method="fdr",group=0,eff=0,output)
```

## Arguments

obj	A list containing the linear model fit produced by lmFit through fitZig.
by	Column number or column name specifying which coefficient or contrast of the linear model is of interest.
coef	Column number(s) or column name(s) specifying which coefficient or contrast of the linear model to display.
number	The number of bacterial features to pick out.
taxa	Taxa list.
adjust.method	Method to adjust p-values by. Default is "FDR". Options include "holm", "hochberg", "hommel", "bonferroni", "BH", "BY", "fdr", "none". See <a href="#">p.adjust</a> for more details.
group	One of three choices, 0,1,2. 0: the sort is ordered by a decreasing absolute value coefficient fit. 1: the sort is ordered by the raw coefficient fit in decreasing order. 2: the sort is ordered by the raw coefficient fit in increasing order.
eff	Restrict samples to have at least eff quantile effective samples.
output	Name of output file, including location, to save the table.

## Value

Table of the top-ranked features determined by the linear fit's coefficient.

## See Also

[fitZig](#) [MRcoefs](#) [MRtable](#) [MRfisher](#)

## Examples

```
data(lungData)
k = grep("Extraction.Control",pData(lungData)$SampleType)
lungTrim = lungData[,-k]
k = which(rowSums(MRcounts(lungTrim)>0)<10)
lungTrim = lungTrim[-k,]
cumNorm(lungTrim)
smokingStatus = pData(lungTrim)$SmokingStatus
```

```
mod = model.matrix(~smokingStatus)
settings = zigControl(maxit=1,verbose=FALSE)
fit = fitZig(obj = lungTrim,mod=mod,control=settings)
head(MRfulltable(fit))
```

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MRtable	<i>Table of top microbial marker gene from linear model fit including sequence information</i>
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## Description

Extract a table of the top-ranked features from a linear model fit. This function will be updated soon to provide better flexibility similar to limma's topTable. This function differs from link{MRcoefs} in that it provides other information about the presence or absence of features to help ensure significant features called are moderately present.

## Usage

```
MRtable(obj,by=2,coef=NULL,number=10,taxa=obj$taxa,adjust.method="fdr",group=0,output=NULL)
```

## Arguments

obj	A list containing the linear model fit produced by lmFit through fitZig.
by	Column number or column name specifying which coefficient or contrast of the linear model is of interest.
coef	Column number(s) or column name(s) specifying which coefficient or contrast of the linear model to display.
number	The number of bacterial features to pick out.
taxa	Taxa list.
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group	One of three choices, 0,1,2. 0: the sort is ordered by a decreasing absolute value coefficient fit. 1: the sort is ordered by the raw coefficient fit in decreasing order. 2: the sort is ordered by the raw coefficient fit in increasing order.
output	Name of output file, including location, to save the table.

## Value

Table of the top-ranked features determined by the linear fit's coefficient.

## See Also

[fitZig](#) [MRcoefs](#)

**Examples**

```
data(lungData)
k = grep("Extraction.Control",pData(lungData)$SampleType)
lungTrim = lungData[,-k]
k = which(rowSums(MRcounts(lungTrim)>0)<10)
lungTrim = lungTrim[-k,]
cumNorm(lungTrim)
smokingStatus = pData(lungTrim)$SmokingStatus
mod = model.matrix(~smokingStatus)
settings = zigControl(maxit=1,verbose=FALSE)
fit = fitZig(obj = lungTrim,mod=mod,control=settings)
head(MRtable(fit))
```

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newMRExperiment	<i>Create a MRExperiment object</i>
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**Description**

This function creates a MRExperiment object from a matrix or data frame of count data.

**Usage**

```
newMRExperiment(counts, phenoData=NULL, featureData=NULL, libSize=NULL, normFactors=NULL)
```

**Arguments**

counts	A matrix or data frame of count data. The count data is representative of the number of reads annotated for a feature (be it gene, OTU, species, etc). Rows should correspond to features and columns to samples.
phenoData	An AnnotatedDataFrame with pertinent sample information.
featureData	An AnnotatedDataFrame with pertinent feature information.
libSize	libSize, library size, is the total number of reads for a particular sample.
normFactors	normFactors, the normalization factors used in either the model or as scaling factors of sample counts for each particular sample.

**Details**

See [MRExperiment-class](#) and eSet (from the Biobase package) for the meaning of the various slots.

**Value**

an object of class MRExperiment

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
cnts = matrix(abs(rnorm(1000)),nc=10)
obj <- newMRExperiment(cnts)
```

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normFactors	<i>Access the normalization factors in a MRexperiment object</i>
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### Description

Function to access the scaling factors, aka the normalization factors, of samples in a MRexperiment object.

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'MRexperiment'
normFactors(obj)
```

### Arguments

obj                      a MRexperiment object.

### Author(s)

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### Examples

```
data(lungData)
cumNorm(lungData)
head(normFactors(lungData))
```

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plotCorr	<i>Basic correlation plot function for normalized or unnormalized counts.</i>
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### Description

This function plots a heatmap of the "n" features with greatest variance across rows.

### Usage

```
plotCorr(obj,n,log=TRUE,norm=TRUE,fun=cor,...)
```

### Arguments

obj	A MRexperiment object with count data.
n	The number of features to plot
log	Whether or not to log transform the counts.
norm	Whether or not to normalize the counts.
fun	Function to calculate pair-wise relationships. Default is pearson correlation
...	Additional plot arguments.



**Value**

NA

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

```
data(mouseData)
trials = pData(mouseData)$diet
plotCorr(obj=mouseData,n=200,cexRow = 0.4,cexCol = 0.4,trace="none",dendrogram="none")
```

plotGenus

*Basic plot function of the raw or normalized data.***Description**

This function plots the abundance of a particular OTU by class. The function uses the estimated posterior probabilities to make technical zeros transparent.

**Usage**

```
plotGenus(obj, otuIndex, classIndex, norm = TRUE, no=1:length(otuIndex), jitter = TRUE, factor,
pch = 21, ret = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

obj	An MRexperiment object with count data.
otuIndex	A list of the otus with the same annotation.
classIndex	A list of the samples in their respective groups.
norm	Whether or not to normalize the counts.
no	Which of the otuIndex to plot.
factor	Factor value for jitter
pch	Standard pch value for the plot command.
jitter	Boolean to jitter the count data or not.
ret	Boolean to return the observed data that would have been plotted.
...	Additional plot arguments.

**Value**

NA

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

**Examples**

```

data(mouseData)
classIndex=list(controls=which(pData(mouseData)$diet=="BK"))
classIndex$cases=which(pData(mouseData)$diet=="Western")
otuIndex = grep("Strep",fData(mouseData)$fdata)
otuIndex=otuIndex[order(rowSums(MRcounts(mouseData)[otuIndex,]),decreasing=TRUE)]
plotGenus(mouseData,otuIndex,classIndex,xlab="OTU log-normalized counts",no=1:2,xaxt="n",norm=FALSE,ylab="s")
lablist<-rep(c("Controls","Cases"),times=2)
axis(1, at=seq(1,4,by=1), labels = lablist)

```

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plotMRheatmap

*Basic heatmap plot function for normalized counts.*


---

**Description**

This function plots a heatmap of the "n" features with greatest variance across rows.

**Usage**

```
plotMRheatmap(obj,n, trials, log=TRUE, norm=TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

obj	A MRexperiment object with count data.
n	The number of features to plot
trials	A vector of clinical information for.
log	Whether or not to log transform the counts.
norm	Whether or not to normalize the counts.
...	Additional plot arguments.

**Value**

NA

**See Also**

[cumNormMat](#)

**Examples**

```

data(mouseData)
trials = pData(mouseData)$diet
plotMRheatmap(obj=mouseData,n=200, trials=trials, cexRow = 0.4, cexCol = 0.4, trace="none")

```

---

plotOTU*Basic plot function of the raw or normalized data.*

---

### Description

This function plots the abundance of a particular OTU by class. The function uses the estimated posterior probabilities to make technical zeros transparent.

### Usage

```
plotOTU(obj, otu, classIndex, norm = TRUE,  
        factor = 1, pch = 21, jitter = TRUE, ret = FALSE, ...)
```

### Arguments

obj	A MRexperiment object with count data.
otu	The row number/OTU to plot.
classIndex	A list of the samples in their respective groups.
norm	Whether or not to normalize the counts.
factor	Factor value for jitter.
pch	Standard pch value for the plot command.
jitter	Boolean to jitter the count data or not.
ret	Boolean to return the observed data that would have been plotted.
...	Additional plot arguments.

### Value

NA

### See Also

[cumNorm](#)

### Examples

```
data(mouseData)  
classIndex=list(controls=which(pData(mouseData)$diet=="BK"))  
classIndex$cases=which(pData(mouseData)$diet=="Western")  
# you can specify whether or not to normalize, and to what level  
plotOTU(mouseData,otu=9083,classIndex,xlab="OTU log-normalized counts",norm=FALSE,xaxt="n",main="9083 featu  
lablist<- c("Controls","Cases")  
axis(1, at=seq(1,2,by=1), labels = lablist)
```

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posterior.probs	<i>Access the posterior probabilities that results from analysis</i>
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**Description**

Accessing the posterior probabilities following a run through `fitZig`

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'MRExperiment'
posterior.probs(obj)
```

**Arguments**

obj                      a MRExperiment object.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
# see vignette
```

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zigControl	<i>Settings for the fitZig function</i>
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**Description**

Settings for the fitZig function

**Usage**

```
zigControl(tol = 1e-04, maxit = 10, verbose = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

tol	The tolerance for the difference in negative log likelihood estimates for a feature to still be active.
maxit	The maximum number of iterations for the expectation-maximization algorithm.
verbose	Whether to display iterative step summary statistics or not.

**Value**

The value for the tolerance, maximum no. of iterations, and the verbose warning.

**Note**

`fitZig` makes use of `zigControl`.

**See Also**

[fitZig](#) [cumNorm](#) [plotOTU](#)

**Examples**

```
control = zigControl(tol=1e-10,maxit=10,verbose=FALSE)
```

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