Cell-type-specific-GSA on test dataset

library(mremaR)

Here we will show a simple workflow for carrying out cell type-specific gene set analysis (CT-GSA). First let's load the CAR-seq package which is designed for carrying out cell type-specific differential expression analysis.

```
#devtools::install_github("chongjin/CARseq")
library(CARseq)
```

##Simulation here is shown as we are running the test dataset. No need to do simulations on real data.

Now we will simulate gene expression for samples which are a mixture of six different cell types. This defaults to 1,000 genes in 100 cases and 100 controls. In each cell type 5% of genes are assigned a log-fold-change drawn from a normal distribution with a mean of plus/minus 4 and a standard deviation of 0.2.

```
sims <- CTexpSimulation(g = 1000, n = 100, p = 1, m_lfc = 0, sd_lfc = 1)
sims$bulk.expression[c(1:5),c(1:5)] # bulk expression counts</pre>
```

```
##
           sample.1 sample.2 sample.3 sample.4 sample.5
## gene.1
                 48
                           45
                                      45
                                                48
                                                          39
## gene.2
               1767
                         1563
                                   1535
                                             1728
                                                        1584
## gene.3
                351
                          322
                                     373
                                               365
                                                         497
## gene.4
                217
                           239
                                     293
                                               268
                                                         242
                407
                                                         425
## gene.5
                          462
                                     476
                                               447
```

```
sims$ols.mixture.estimate[c(1:5),] # cell type proportion estimates
```

```
cellType.1 cellType.2 cellType.3 cellType.4 cellType.5 cellType.6
## sample.1 0.03728233 0.06751312 0.07200148
                                              0.1254761
                                                          0.1763370
                                                                     0.5213900
## sample.2 0.18182626 0.06418862 0.08706456
                                              0.1759582
                                                                     0.3525977
                                                          0.1383646
## sample.3 0.08104341 0.10027605 0.03896963
                                              0.2219511
                                                          0.2222622
                                                                     0.3354977
## sample.4 0.06610191 0.07574880 0.02823357
                                                                     0.4898190
                                              0.1121905
                                                          0.2279063
## sample.5 0.02079158 0.06746725 0.05707702
                                              0.0844055
                                                          0.2853431
                                                                     0.4849155
```

```
table(sims$trait) # sample traits
```

```
##
## 0 1
## 50 50
```

These outputs can then be passed to the CAR-seq package. The important results for us are the shrunken_lfc and shrunken_lfcSE matrices

```
# this will take a minute or two to run
res <- run_CARseq(
   count_matrix = sims$bulk.expression,
   cellular_proportions = sims$ols.mixture.estimate,
   groups = sims$trait,
   cores = 10  ##number of cores can be changed
)</pre>
```

As we are running on a test data, we are simulating a few gene sets. For original data, use open available datasets or the link provided below:

```
#kegg gene sets data

#kegg.gs <- "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/osedo/GSA-MREMA/main/real_data/kegg.RData"

#load(url(kegg.gs))
```

Since the gene set mentioned above contains genes in ENTREZ IDs, I recommend converting the gene names from Ensembl IDs to ENTREZ IDs. Alternatively, you can load a gene set dataset that uses Ensembl IDs or another dataset with your preferred ID format using ensembldb or gProfiler R packages.

Let's simulate a few gene sets (no need for the real dataset, just load kegg.gs in place of gs)

```
# a few power gene sets, gs1 enriched for DE genes in cellType1, same for gs2 and so on
# we will give sets of 100 approx 20% DE gene
g <- 1000
gs.power <- lapply(c(1:6), function(x){
  ct_de <- which(abs(sims\simulated.lfc[,x]) > log2(2.5))
  ct_nonde <- c(1:g)[!c(1:g) %in% ct_de]
  ct_de <- paste0("gene.", ct_de)</pre>
  ct_nonde <- paste0("gene.", ct_nonde)</pre>
  genes per set <- 100
  p \leftarrow mean(abs(sims\$simulated.lfc[,x]) > log2(2.5))
  enrichment <- 3
  c(sample(ct_de, genes_per_set*enrichment*p),
    sample(ct_nonde, (genes_per_set-genes_per_set*enrichment*p)))
})
# random gene sets
gs.null <- lapply(c(7:20), function(x){
  paste0("gene.", sample.int(1000, 100))
gs <- c(gs.power, gs.null)
names(gs) <- paste0("gs", 1:20)
```

Let's run mrema() on all cell-types

##parametric tests

```
mrema_res <- mrema(postdata = postdata, raw.gs = gs, threshold = 2, DF = 4, ncores = 1)
mrema_res
})
names(mrema.res) <- colnames(res$p)
saveRDS(mrema.res, file = "samplepara.RDS")</pre>
```

##non-parametric tests – doesnt make any assumptions about the LFC distribution of a group of genes

We can now launch the shiny app to investigate our results

```
mremApp() #parametric tests
REshine() #non-parametric tests
```