Introduction to XgeneR for homozygous crosses in a single condition.

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library(XgeneR)

Load in RNAseq count data and metadata describing the samples. This example uses brown adipose tissue samples from male mice reared in cold conditions from Ballinger et al. (2023).

The counts must be a matrix in the format genes by sample, with row names gene names and column names sample names. The metadata must include a column with header "Allele" that for every sample in the count columns indicates if the sample is from parent strain 1 (P1), parent strain 2 (P2), allele specific expression in hybrids of parental allele 1 (H1), or allele specific expression in hybrids of parental allele 2 (H2).

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count_path <- system.file("extdata", "BATcold_ballinger_counts.csv", package = "XgeneR")
metadata_path <- system.file("extdata", "BATcold_ballinger_metadata.csv", package = "XgeneR")

counts <- read.csv(count_path, row.names = 1)
counts <- as.matrix(counts)
metadata <- read.csv(metadata_path, row.names = 1)</pre>
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Now, create an XgeneR fitObject, which requires at a minimum counts and metadata. If testing in only a single condition, the fields_to_test argument is NULL (default).

```
# create fitObject
fit_obj <- new("fitObject",counts = counts, metadata = metadata, fields_to_test = NULL)</pre>
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Run edgeR to produce raw p-values and Benjamini-Hochberg false discovery rates (corrected by the number of genes per test) for the null hypotheses of "null: no cis" regulation and no trans regulation ("null: no trans").

```
# run edgeR tests
fit_obj <- fit_edgeR(fit_obj)

## Using classic mode.

## [1] 2
head(fit_obj@raw_pvals[["null: no cis"]])</pre>
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[1] 0.4140923 0.7100664 0.8274924 0.9246898 0.6863330 0.4743206

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head(fit_obj@raw_pvals[["null: no trans"]])
## [1] 0.49437880 0.88236335 0.09631475 0.92984395 0.92192280 0.65086037
head(fit_obj@BH_FDRs[["null: no cis"]])
## [1] 0.1717408 0.4901480 0.6741915 0.8506526 0.4570955 0.2215085
head(fit_obj@BH_FDRs[["null: no trans"]])
## [1] 0.16860222 0.71697565 0.00485607 0.82455508 0.80548565 0.33229856
Create diagnostic plots.
The following creates a histogram of raw p-values and Benjamini Hochberg corrected FDRs.
fig_dir <- "./figures"</pre>
if (!dir.exists(fig_dir)) {
  dir.create(fig_dir, recursive = TRUE)
png("./figures/pvalue histogram one-condition.png", width=400, height = 400)
pval_plot <- plotPvalHistograms(fit_obj)</pre>
ggplot2::ggsave("./figures/pvalue_histogram_one-condition.png",plot=pval_plot,width=4,height=4)
The following function getAssignmentsandPlot returns a data frame with regulatory assignments based
on an FDR threshold of alpha as well as a plot that produces a visualization of the log2 of parental ratios
and hybrid ratios colored by assignment in untransformed and transformed coordinate systems and the
proportion cis. results$df is a dataframe regulatory assignments for the given combo, while results$plot
is the plot.
png("./figures/tri_plot_one-condition.png", width=400, height = 1000)
results <- getAssignmentsAndPlot(fit_obj,alpha=0.05)</pre>
ggplot2::ggsave("./figures/tri plot one-condition.png",plot=results$plot,width=4,height=10)
Finally, plot histogram of genes assigned to each category.
png("./figures/tri_plot.png", width=400, height = 400)
p <- plotRegulatoryHistogram (results$df,title="Regulatory assignments quantified")</pre>
## [1] "conserved" "trans"
                                 "cisxtrans" "cis"
                                                          "cis+trans"
ggplot2::ggsave("./figures/reg_histogram_one-condition.png",plot=p,width=4,height=4)
## Warning: The dot-dot notation ('..count..') was deprecated in ggplot2 3.4.0.
## i Please use 'after_stat(count)' instead.
## i The deprecated feature was likely used in the XgeneR package.
   Please report the issue to the authors.
## This warning is displayed once every 8 hours.
## Call 'lifecycle::last lifecycle warnings()' to see where this warning was
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generated.