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bhuvad\_theme

Custom theme

# Description

Custom theme

# Usage

```
bhuvad_theme(rl = 1.1)
```

# Arguments

rl

a numeric, scaling factor to apply to text sizes

# Value

a ggplot2 theme

```
p1 = ggplot2::ggplot()
p1 + bhuvad_theme()
```

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characteriseGeneset Functionally characterise a list of genes

#### **Description**

This function can be used to perform a network-based enrichment analysis of a list of genes. The list of genes are characterised based on their similarity with gene sets from the MSigDB. A network of similar gene sets is retrieved using this function.

#### Usage

```
characteriseGeneset(
   gs,
   thresh = 0.2,
   measure = c("ovlapcoef", "jaccard"),
   gscolcs = c("h", "c2", "c5"),
   org = c("auto", "hs", "mm")
)
```

#### **Arguments**

gs	a GeneSet object, representing the list of genes that need to be characterised.
thresh	a numeric, specifying the threshold to discard pairs of gene sets.
measure	a character, specifying the similarity measure to use: ari for the Adjusted Rand Index, jaccard for the Jaccard Index and ovlapcoef for the Overlap Coefficient.
gscolcs	a character, listing the MSigDB collections to use as a background (defaults to h, c2, and c5). Collection types can be retrieved using msigdb::listCollections().
org	a character, specifying the organism to use. This can either be "auto" (default), "hs" or "mm".

#### Value

an igraph object, containing gene sets that are similar to the query set. The network contains relationships between results of the query too.

```
library(GSEABase)
data(hgsc)

#create a geneset using one of the Hallmark gene sets
mySet <- GeneSet(
   geneIds(hgsc[[2]]),
   setName = 'MySet',
   geneIdType = SymbolIdentifier()
)</pre>
```

```
#characterise the custom gene set
ig <- characteriseGeneset(mySet)
plotMsigNetwork(ig)</pre>
```

computeMsigNetwork

Compute a network using computed gene set overlap

# Description

Computes an igraph object using information on gene sets and gene sets computed using the computeMsigOverlap() function.

#### Usage

```
computeMsigNetwork(genesetOverlap, msigGsc)
```

#### **Arguments**

genesetOverlap a data.frame, containing results of an overlap analysis computed using the computeMsigOverlap()

function.

msigGsc a GeneSetCollection object, containing gene sets used to compute overlap.

#### Value

an igraph object

```
data(hgsc)
ovlap <- computeMsigOverlap(hgsc)
ig <- computeMsigNetwork(ovlap, hgsc)</pre>
```

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computeMsigOverlap

Compute gene set overlap

#### **Description**

Compute overlap between gene sets from a GeneSetCollection using the Jaccard index or the overlap coefficient. These values can then be used to compute a network of gene set overlaps.

# Usage

```
computeMsigOverlap(
  msigGsc1,
  msigGsc2 = NULL,
  thresh = 0.25,
  measure = c("ari", "jaccard", "ovlapcoef")
)
```

#### **Arguments**

msigGsc1 a GeneSetCollection object.

msigGsc2 a GeneSetCollection object or NULL if pairwise overlaps are to be computed.

thresh a numeric, specifying the threshold to discard pairs of gene sets.

measure a character, specifying the similarity measure to use: ari for the Adjusted Rand

Index, jaccard for the Jaccard Index and ovlapcoef for the Overlap Coeffi-

cient.

#### Value

a data.frame, containing the overlap structure of gene sets represented as a network in the simple interaction format (SIF).

```
data(hgsc)
ovlap <- computeMsigOverlap(hgsc)</pre>
```

computeMsigWordFreq Compute

Compute word frequencies for a single MSigDB collection

# Description

Compute word frequencies for a single MSigDB collection

# Usage

```
computeMsigWordFreq(
  msigGsc,
  weight = NULL,
  measure = c("tfidf", "tf"),
  version = msigdb::getMsigdbVersions(),
  org = c("auto", "hs", "mm"),
  rmwords = getMsigExclusionList(),
  idf = NULL
)
```

# Arguments

msigGsc	a GeneSetCollection object, containing gene sets from the MSigDB. The GSEABase::getBroadSets() function can be used to parse XML files downloaded from MSigDB.
weight	a named numeric vector, containing weights to apply to each gene-set. This can be -log10(FDR), -log10(p-value) or an enrichment score (ideally unsigned).
measure	a character, specifying how frequencies should be computed. "tf" uses term frequencies and "tfidf" (default) applies inverse document frequency weights to term frequencies.
version	a character, specifying the version of msigdb to use (see msigdb::getMsigdbVersions()).
org	a character, specifying the organism to use. This can either be "auto" (default), "hs" or "mm".
rmwords	a character vector, containing an exclusion list of words to discard from the analysis.
idf	a list of named numeric vectors, specifying inverse document frequencies to use to penalise terms from gene-set names and short descriptions. This should be a vector of length 2 with names "Name" and "Short". Numeric vectors should contain weights and names should represent the term. Precomputed versions can be retrieved using the msigdb::getMsigdbIDF().

# Value

a list, containing two data.frames summarising the results of the frequency analysis on gene set names and short descriptions.

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#### **Examples**

```
data(hgsc)
freq <- computeMsigWordFreq(hgsc, measure = 'tfidf')</pre>
```

findMsigClusters

Identify gene-set clusters from a gene-set overlap network

#### **Description**

This function identifies gene-set clusters from a gene-set overlap network produced using vissE. Various graph clustering algorithms from the igraph package can be used for clustering. Gene-set clusters identified are then sorted based on their size and a given statistic of interest (absolute of the statistic is maximised per cluster).

# Usage

```
findMsigClusters(
   ig,
   genesetStat = NULL,
   minSize = 2,
   alg = igraph::cluster_walktrap,
   algparams = list()
)
```

#### **Arguments**

ig	an igraph object, containing a network of gene set overlaps computed using computeMsigNetwork().
genesetStat	a named numeric, containing statistics for each gene-set that are to be used in cluster prioritisation. If NULL, clusters are prioritised based on their size (number of gene-sets in them).
minSize	a numeric, stating the minimum size a cluster can be (default is 2).
alg	a function, from the igraph package that should be used to perform graph-clustering (default is igraph::cluster_walktrap). The function should produce a communities object.
algparams	a list, specifying additional parameters that are to be passed to the graph clustering algorithm.

#### **Details**

Gene-sets clusters are identified using graph clustering and are prioritised based on a combination of cluster size and optionally, a statistic of interest (e.g., enrichment scores). A product-of-ranks approach is used to prioritise clusters when gene-set statistics are available. In this approach, clusters are ranked based on their cluster size (largest to smallest) and on the median absolute statistic

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of gene-sets within it (largest to smallest). The product of these ranks is computed and clusters are ranked based on these product-of-rank statistic (smallest to largest).

When prioritising using cluster size and gene-set statistics, if statistics for some gene-sets in the network are missing, only the size is used in cluster prioritisation.

#### Value

a list, containing gene-sets that belong to each cluster. Items in the list are organised based on prioritisation.

# **Examples**

```
data(hgsc)
ovlap <- computeMsigOverlap(hgsc, thresh = 0.25)
ig <- computeMsigNetwork(ovlap, hgsc)
findMsigClusters(ig)</pre>
```

# Description

List of words to discard when performing text mining MSigDB gene set names and short descriptions.

#### Usage

```
getMsigExclusionList(custom = c())
```

#### Arguments

custom

a character vector, containing list of words to add onto existing exclusion list.

#### Value

a character vector, containing words to be excluded from the text mining analysis.

```
getMsigExclusionList('remove')
```

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hgsc

The Hallmark collection from the MSigDB

#### **Description**

The molecular signatures database (MSigDB) is a collection of over 25000 gene expression signatures. Signatures in v7.2 are divided into 9 categories. The Hallmarks collection contains gene expression signatures representing molecular processes that are hallmarks in cancer development and progression.

#### Usage

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#### **Format**

A GeneSetCollection object with 50 GeneSet objects representing the 50 Hallmark gene expression signatures.

#### References

Subramanian, A., Tamayo, P., Mootha, V. K., Mukherjee, S., Ebert, B. L., Gillette, M. A., ... & Mesirov, J. P. (2005). Gene set enrichment analysis: a knowledge-based approach for interpreting genome-wide expression profiles. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, 102(43), 15545-15550.

Liberzon, A., Subramanian, A., Pinchback, R., Thorvaldsdóttir, H., Tamayo, P., & Mesirov, J. P. (2011). Molecular signatures database (MSigDB) 3.0. Bioinformatics, 27(12), 1739-1740.

Liberzon, A., Birger, C., Thorvaldsdóttir, H., Ghandi, M., Mesirov, J. P., & Tamayo, P. (2015). The molecular signatures database hallmark gene set collection. Cell systems, 1(6), 417-425.

plotGeneStats

Plot gene statistics for clusters of gene sets

# Description

This function plots gene statistics against gene frequencies for any given cluster of gene sets. The plot can be used to identify genes that are over-represented in a cluster of gene-sets (identified based on gene-set overlaps) and have a strong statistic (e.g. log fold-chage or p-value).

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#### Usage

```
plotGeneStats(
   geneStat,
   msigGsc,
   groups,
   statName = "Gene-level statistic",
   topN = 5
)
```

#### Arguments

geneStat a named numeric, containing the statistic to be displayed. The vector must be

named with either gene Symbols or Entrez IDs depending on annotations in

msigGsc.

msigGsc a GeneSetCollection object, containing gene sets from the MSigDB. The GSEABase::getBroadSets()

function can be used to parse XML files downloaded from MSigDB.

groups a named list, of character vectors or numeric indices specifying node groupings.

Each element of the list represent a group and contains a character vector with

node names.

statName a character, specifying the name of the statistic.

topN a numeric, specifying the number of genes to label. The top genes are those with

the largest count and statistic.

#### Value

a ggplot object, plotting the gene-level statistic against gene frequencies in the cluster of gene sets.

```
library(GSEABase)

data(hgsc)
groups <- list('g1' = names(hgsc)[1:25], 'g2' = names(hgsc)[26:50])

#create statistics
allgenes = unique(unlist(geneIds(hgsc)))
gstats = rnorm(length(allgenes))
names(gstats) = allgenes

#plot
plotGeneStats(gstats, hgsc, groups)</pre>
```

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plotMsigNetwork	Plot a gene set overlap network

# Description

Plots a network of gene set overlap with overlap computed using the computeMsigOverlap() and a graph created using computeMsigNetwork().

# Usage

```
plotMsigNetwork(
   ig,
   markGroups = NULL,
   genesetStat = NULL,
   nodeSF = 1,
   edgeSF = 1,
   lytFunc = "graphopt",
   lytParams = list(),
   rmUnmarkedGroups = FALSE,
   maxGrp = 12
)
```

# Arguments

	ig	an igraph object, containing a network of gene set overlaps computed using computeMsigNetwork().
	markGroups	a named list, of character vectors. Each element of the list represent a group and contains a character vector with node names. Up to 12 groups can be visualised in the plot.
	genesetStat	a named numeric, statistic to project onto the nodes. These could be p-values, log fold-changes or gene set score from a singscore-based analysis.
	nodeSF	a numeric, indicating the scaling factor to apply to node sizes.
	edgeSF	a numeric, indicating the scaling factor to apply to edge widths.
	lytFunc	a character, specifying the layout to use (see ggraph::create_layout()).
	lytParams	a named list, containing additional parameters needed for the layout (see $ggraph::create_layout()$ ).
rmUnmarkedGroups		
		a logical, indicating whether unmarked groups should be removed from the network (TRUE) or retained (FALSE - default).
	maxGrp	a numeric, specifying the maximum number of groups to plot.

#### Value

```
a ggplot2 object
```

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#### **Examples**

```
data(hgsc)
ovlap <- computeMsigOverlap(hgsc, thresh = 0.15)
ig <- computeMsigNetwork(ovlap, hgsc)
groups <- list(
   'g1' = c("HALLMARK_HYPOXIA", "HALLMARK_GLYCOLYSIS"),
   'g2' = c("HALLMARK_INTERFERON_GAMMA_RESPONSE")
)
plotMsigNetwork(ig, markGroups = groups)</pre>
```

plotMsigPPI

Plot PPI network for gene-set clusters identified using vissE

#### **Description**

This function plots the protein-protein interaction (PPI) network for a gene-set cluster identified using vissE. The international molecular exchange (IMEx) PPI is used to obtain PPIs for genes present in a gene-set cluster.

#### Usage

```
plotMsigPPI(
  ppidf,
  msigGsc,
  groups,
  geneStat = NULL,
  statName = "Gene-level statistic",
  threshConfidence = 0,
  threshFrequency = 0.25,
  threshStatistic = 0,
  threshUseAbsolute = TRUE,
  topN = 5,
  nodeSF = 1,
  edgeSF = 1,
  lytFunc = "graphopt",
  lytParams = list()
)
```

#### **Arguments**

ppidf a data.frame, containing a protein-protein interaction from the IMEx database.

This can be retrieved from the msigdb::getIMEX() function.

msigGsc a GeneSetCollection object, containing gene sets from the MSigDB. The GSEABase::getBroadSets() function can be used to parse XML files downloaded from MSigDB.

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groups a named list, of character vectors or numeric indices specifying node groupings.

Each element of the list represent a group and contains a character vector with

node names.

geneStat a named numeric, containing the statistic to be displayed. The vector must be

named with either gene Symbols or Entrez IDs depending on annotations in

msigGsc.

statName a character, specifying the name of the statistic.

threshConfidence

a numeric, specifying the confidence threshold to apply to determine high confidence interactions. This should be a value between 0 and 1 (default is 0).

threshFrequency

a numeric, specifying the frequency threshold to apply to determine more frequent genes in the gene-set cluster. The frequecy of a gene is computed as the proportion of gene-sets to which the gene belongs. This should be a value between 0 and 1 (default is 0.25).

threshStatistic

a numeric, specifying the threshold to apply to gene-level statistics (e.g. a log fold-change). This should be a value between 0 and 1 (default is 0).

threshUseAbsolute

a logical, indicating whether the threshStatistic threshold should be applied to absolute values (default TRUE). This can be used to threshold on statistics

such as the log fold-chage from a differential expression analysis.

topN a numeric, specifying the number of genes to label. The top genes are those with

the largest count and statistic.

nodeSF a numeric, indicating the scaling factor to apply to node sizes.

edgeSF a numeric, indicating the scaling factor to apply to edge widths.

lytFunc a character, specifying the layout to use (see ggraph::create\_layout()).

lytParams a named list, containing additional parameters needed for the layout (see ggraph::create\_layout()).

#### Value

a ggplot object with the protein-protein interaction networks plot for each gene-set cluster.

```
data(hgsc)
grps = list('early' = 'HALLMARK_ESTROGEN_RESPONSE_EARLY', 'late' = 'HALLMARK_ESTROGEN_RESPONSE_LATE')
ppi = msigdb::getIMEX(org = 'hs', inferred = TRUE)
plotMsigPPI(ppi, hgsc, grps)
```

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plotMsigWordcloud

Compute and plot word frequencies for multiple MSigDB collections

# Description

Given a gene set collection, this function computes the word frequency of gene set names from the Molecular Signatures Database (MSigDB) collection (split by \_). Word frequencies are also computed using short descriptions attached with each gene set object.

#### Usage

```
plotMsigWordcloud(
   msigGsc,
   groups,
   weight = NULL,
   measure = c("tfidf", "tf"),
   version = msigdb::getMsigdbVersions(),
   org = c("auto", "hs", "mm"),
   rmwords = getMsigExclusionList(),
   type = c("Name", "Short"),
   idf = NULL
)
```

#### **Arguments**

msigGsc	a GeneSetCollection object, containing gene sets from the MSigDB. The GSEABase::getBroadSets() function can be used to parse XML files downloaded from MSigDB.
groups	a named list, of character vectors or numeric indices specifying node groupings. Each element of the list represent a group and contains a character vector with node names.
weight	a named numeric vector, containing weights to apply to each gene-set. This can be -log10(FDR), -log10(p-value) or an enrichment score (ideally unsigned).
measure	a character, specifying how frequencies should be computed. "tf" uses term frequencies and "tfidf" (default) applies inverse document frequency weights to term frequencies.
version	a character, specifying the version of msigdb to use (see msigdb::getMsigdbVersions()).
org	a character, specifying the organism to use. This can either be "auto" (default), "hs" or "mm".
rmwords	a character vector, containing an exclusion list of words to discard from the analysis.
type	a character, specifying the source of text mining. Either gene set names (Name) or descriptions (Short) can be used.

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idf

a list of named numeric vectors, specifying inverse document frequencies to use to penalise terms from gene-set names and short descriptions. This should be a vector of length 2 with names "Name" and "Short". Numeric vectors should contain weights and names should represent the term. Precomputed versions can be retrieved using the msigdb::getMsigdbIDF().

#### Value

a ggplot object.

```
data("hgsc")
groups <- list('g1' = names(hgsc)[1:25], 'g2' = names(hgsc)[26:50])
plotMsigWordcloud(hgsc, groups, rmwords = getMsigExclusionList())</pre>
```

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