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**Description** Reference-free method for conducting EWAS while deconvoluting DNA methylation arising as mixtures of cell types.

The older method (Houseman et al., 2014, <doi:10.1093/bioinformatics/btu029>) is similar to surrogate variable analysis (SVA and ISVA), except that it makes additional use of a biological mixture assumption.

The newer method (Houseman et al., 2016, <doi:10.1186/s12859-016-1140-4>) is similar to non-negative matrix factorization, with additional constraints and additional utilities.

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## BootOneRefFreeEwasModel

*One Bootstrap sample for Reference-Free EWAS Model*

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### Description

Bootstrap generation procedure for reference-free method for conducting EWAS while deconvoluting DNA methylation arising as mixtures of cell types.

### Usage

```
BootOneRefFreeEwasModel(mod)
```

### Arguments

**mod** model object of class RefFreeEwasModel (generated with smallOutput=FALSE).

### Details

Generates one bootstrapped data set for the reference-free method for conducting EWAS while deconvoluting DNA methylation arising as mixtures of cell types. Typically not run by user.

### Value

A matrix representing a bootstrap sample of an DNA methylation assay matrix.

**Author(s)**

E. Andres Houseman

**References**

Houseman EA, Molitor J, and Marsit CJ (2013), Reference-Free Cell Mixture Adjustments in Analysis of DNA Methylation Data. Currently a tech report, in revision for publication.

**See Also**

[BootRefFreeEwasModel](#)

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BootRefFreeEwasModel    *Bootstrap for Reference-Free EWAS Model*

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**Description**

Bootstrap procedure for reference-free method for conducting EWAS while deconvoluting DNA methylation arising as mixtures of cell types.

**Usage**

```
BootRefFreeEwasModel(mod, nboot)
```

**Arguments**

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| mod   | model object of class RefFreeEwasModel (generated with smallOutput=FALSE). |
| nboot | Number of bootstrap samples to generate                                    |

**Details**

Generates the bootstrap samples for the reference-free method for conducting EWAS while deconvoluting DNA methylation arising as mixtures of cell types.

**Value**

An array object of class “BootRefFreeEwasModel”. Bootstraps are generated for both Beta and Bstar.

**Author(s)**

E. Andres Houseman

**References**

Houseman EA, Molitor J, and Marsit CJ (2014), Reference-Free Cell Mixture Adjustments in Analysis of DNA Methylation Data. Bioinformatics, doi: 10.1093/bioinformatics/btu029.

**See Also**

[RefFreeEwasModel](#)

**Examples**

```
data(RefFreeEWAS)

## Not run:
tmpDesign <- cbind(1, rfEwasExampleCovariate)
tmpBstar <- (rfEwasExampleBetaValues

EstDimRMT(rfEwasExampleBetaValues-tmpBstar

## End(Not run)

test <- RefFreeEwasModel(
  rfEwasExampleBetaValues,
  cbind(1,rfEwasExampleCovariate),
  4)

testBoot <- BootRefFreeEwasModel(test,10)
summary(testBoot)
```

**bootstrapPairs**

*One Bootstrap Sample for Pairs*

**Description**

Bootstrap generation procedure for sampling paired data (e.g. twin data)

**Usage**

```
bootstrapPairs(obs, pairID)
```

**Arguments**

- |        |                                       |
|--------|---------------------------------------|
| obs    | Observation ids (numeric vector).     |
| pairID | Pair IDs (one unique value per pair). |

**Details**

Generates one bootstrapped set of ids corresponding to pairs for the method for conducting EWAS while deconvoluting DNA methylation arising as mixtures of cell types. Typically not run by user.

**Value**

A vector of IDs corresponding to bootstrapped pairs

**Author(s)**

E. Andres Houseman

**References**

Houseman EA, Molitor J, and Marsit CJ (Bioinformatics, 2014).

**See Also**

[BootRefFreeEwasModel](#), [PairsBootRefFreeEwasModel](#)

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deviance.RefFreeCellMix  
*deviance.RefFreeCellMix*

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**Description**

Deviance method for objects of type RefFreeCellMix.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'RefFreeCellMix'  
deviance(object, Y, Y.oob=NULL, EPSILON=1E-9,  
         bootstrapIterations=0, bootstrapIndices=NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| object              | RefFreeCellMix object to summarize  |
| Y                   | Methylation matrix on which x was based   |
| Y.oob               | Alternate ("out-of-box") methylation matrix for which to calculate deviance, based on x |
| EPSILON             | Minimum value of variance (zero variances will be reset to this value)                  |
| bootstrapIterations | Number of RefFreeCellMix iterations to use in bootstrap (see details)                   |
| bootstrapIndices    | Bootstrap indices (see details)   |
| ...                 | (Unused).   |

## Details

Deviance based on normal distribution applied to errors of Y after accounting for cell mixture effect, Mu Omega^T. Since RefFreeCellMix does not save the original data Y in the resulting object x, Y must be supplied here. However, deviance may be calculated for an alternative "out-of-bag" methylation matrix, Y.oob. If bootstrapIterations=0, this is what is done. If bootstrapIterations>0, then x\$Mu is used to initialize a new value of x via RefFreeCellMix executed on a bootstrap sample of Y with the number of indicated iterations. If bootstrapIndices is provided, the bootstrap will be based on these indices, otherwise the indices will be sampled randomly with replacement from 1:ncol(Y). See [RefFreeCellMix](#) for example.

**EstDimIC**

*Dimension estimation by AIC and BIC*

## Description

Method for estimating latent dimension by AIC and BIC.

## Usage

```
EstDimIC(Rmat, Krange=0:25)
```

## Arguments

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| Rmat   | Residual matrix for which to estimate latent dimension.          |
| Krange | Vector of integers representing candidate dimensions to consider |

## Details

Method for estimating latent dimension by AIC and BIC. Inferior to the RMT method in the isva package, but it appears here because it's mentioned in our paper.

## Value

A list containing AIC and BIC for candidate dimensions, as well as the best dimension for each.

## Author(s)

E. Andres Houseman

## References

Houseman EA, Molitor J, and Marsit CJ (2013), Reference-Free Cell Mixture Adjustments in Analysis of DNA Methylation Data. Currently a tech report, in revision for publication.

## See Also

[EstDimRMT](#)

## Examples

```
data(RefFreeEWAS)

## Not run:
tmpDesign <- cbind(1, rfEwasExampleCovariate)
tmpBstar <- rfEwasExampleBetaValues

EstDimIC(rfEwasExampleBetaValues-tmpBstar

## End(Not run)
```

omnibusBoot

*Bootstrap-based omnibus test of significance across all features*

## Description

Support for bootstrap-based omnibus test of significance accounting for correlation.

## Usage

```
omnibusBoot(est, boots, denDegFree)
```

## Arguments

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| <code>est</code>        | Vector of m estimates, one for each of m features.                                   |
| <code>boots</code>      | Matrix (m x R) of bootstrap samples corresponding to the estimates                   |
| <code>denDegFree</code> | Single number representing the denominator degrees-of-freedom for computing p-values |

## Details

Returns one omnibus p-value based on Kolmogorov-Smirnov distance from a uniform distribution

## Value

A single number representing the p-value for the omnibus test over all features.

## Author(s)

E. Andres Houseman

## References

Houseman EA, Molitor J, and Marsit CJ (2014), Reference-Free Cell Mixture Adjustments in Analysis of DNA Methylation Data. *Bioinformatics*, doi: 10.1093/bioinformatics/btu029.

**See Also**

[RefFreeEwasModel](#)

**Examples**

```
data(RefFreeEWAS)

test <- RefFreeEwasModel(
  rfEwasExampleBetaValues,
  cbind(1,rfEwasExampleCovariate),
  4)

testBoot <- BootRefFreeEwasModel(test,10)
summary(testBoot)
omnibusBoot(test$Beta[,2], testBoot[,2,"B",], -diff(dim(test$X)))
omnibusBoot(test$Bstar[,2], testBoot[,2,"B*",], -diff(dim(test$X)))
```

**PairsBootOneRefFreeEwasModel**

*One Bootstrap Sample for Reference-Free EWAS Model, Accounting  
for Paired Data*

**Description**

Bootstrap generation procedure for reference-free method for conducting EWAS while deconvoluting DNA methylation arising as mixtures of cell types. This version accounts for paired data (e.g. twin data)

**Usage**

```
PairsBootOneRefFreeEwasModel(mod, pairID)
```

**Arguments**

- |        |  |
|--------|--|
| mod    | model object of class RefFreeEwasModel (generated with smallOutput=FALSE). |
| pairID | Pair IDs (one unique value per pair).                                      |

**Details**

Generates one bootstrapped data set for the reference-free method for conducting EWAS while deconvoluting DNA methylation arising as mixtures of cell types. This version facilitates the estimation of robust standard errors to account for paired data (e.g. twin data) using a strategy similar to that employed by Generalized Estimating Equations (GEEs). Specifically, in bootstrapping the errors, the pairs are sampled rather than individual arrays. Typically not run by user.

**Value**

A matrix representing a bootstrap sample of an DNA methylation assay matrix.

**Author(s)**

E. Andres Houseman

**References**

Houseman EA, Molitor J, and Marsit CJ (Bioinformatics,2014), Reference-Free Cell Mixture Adjustments in Analysis of DNA Methylation Data. Bioinformatics, doi: 10.1093/bioinformatics/btu029.

**See Also**

[BootRefFreeEwasModel](#),[BootOneRefFreeEwasModel](#)

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PairsBootRefFreeEwasModel

*Bootstrap for Reference-Free EWAS Model, Accounting for Paired Data*

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**Description**

Bootstrap procedure for reference-free method for conducting EWAS while deconvoluting DNA methylation arising as mixtures of cell types. This version accounts for paired data (e.g. twin data)

**Usage**

`PairsBootRefFreeEwasModel(mod, nboot, pairID)`

**Arguments**

- |                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| <code>mod</code>    | model object of class RefFreeEwasModel (generated with smallOutput=FALSE). |
| <code>nboot</code>  | Number of bootstrap samples to generate.                                   |
| <code>pairID</code> | Pair IDs (one unique value per pair).                                      |

**Details**

Generates the bootstrap samples for the reference-free method for conducting EWAS while deconvoluting DNA methylation arising as mixtures of cell types. This paired version facilitates the estimation of robust standard errors to account for paired data (e.g. twin data) using a strategy similar to that employed by Generalized Estimating Equations (GEEs). Specifically, in bootstrapping the errors, the pairs are sampled rather than individual arrays. An error will be generated unless each cluster has exactly two members (i.e. exactly two observations correspond to the same unique ID given in `pairID`).

**Value**

An array object of class “BootRefFreeEwasModel”. Bootstraps are generated for both Beta and Bstar.

**Author(s)**

E. Andres Houseman

**References**

Houseman EA, Molitor J, and Marsit CJ (Bioinformatics, 2014), Reference-Free Cell Mixture Adjustments in Analysis of DNA Methylation Data. Bioinformatics, doi: 10.1093/bioinformatics/btu029.

**See Also**

[RefFreeEwasModel](#),[BootRefFreeEwasModel](#)

**Examples**

```
data(RefFreeEWAS)

## Not run:
tmpDesign <- cbind(1, rfEwasExampleCovariate)
tmpBstar <- (rfEwasExampleBetaValues

EstDimRMT(rfEwasExampleBetaValues-tmpBstar

## End(Not run)

test <- RefFreeEwasModel(
  rfEwasExampleBetaValues,
  cbind(1,rfEwasExampleCovariate),
  4)

testBoot <- BootRefFreeEwasModel(test,10)
summary(testBoot)
```

---

*print.BootRefFreeEwasModel*  
*print.BootRefFreeEwasModel*

---

**Description**

Print method for objects of type BootRefFreeEwasModel

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'BootRefFreeEwasModel'  
print(x,...)
```

**Arguments**

x BootRefFreeEwasModel object to print  
... (Unused).

**Details**

See [RefFreeEwasModel](#) for example.

---

```
print.RefFreeCellMix  print.RefFreeCellMix
```

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**Description**

Print method for objects of type RefFreeCellMix

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'RefFreeCellMix'  
print(x,...)
```

**Arguments**

x RefFreeCellMix object to print  
... (Unused).

**Details**

See [RefFreeCellMix](#) for example.

---

```
print.RefFreeEwasModel  
print.RefFreeEwasModel
```

---

## Description

Print method for objects of type RefFreeEwasModel

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'RefFreeEwasModel'  
print(x,...)
```

## Arguments

|     |                                  |
|-----|----------------------------------|
| x   | RefFreeEwasModel object to print |
| ... | (Unused).                        |

## Details

See [RefFreeEwasModel](#) for example.

---

```
print.summaryBootRefFreeEwasModel  
print.summaryBootRefFreeEwasModel
```

---

## Description

Print method for objects of type summaryBootRefFreeEwasModel

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'summaryBootRefFreeEwasModel'  
print(x,...)
```

## Arguments

|     |   |
|-----|---|
| x   | summaryBootRefFreeEwasModel object to print |
| ... | (Unused).                                   |

## Details

See [RefFreeEwasModel](#) for example.

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**projectMix***Cell Mixture Projection (reference-based)*

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## Description

Constrained linear projection for estimating cell mixture or related coefficients.

## Usage

```
projectMix(Y, Xmat, nonnegative=TRUE, sumLessThanOne=TRUE, lessThanOne=!sumLessThanOne)
```

## Arguments

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| Y              | Matrix (m CpGs x n Subjects) of DNA methylation beta values                       |
| Xmat           | Matrix (m CpGs x K cell types) of cell-type specific methylomes                   |
| nonnegative    | All coefficients $\geq 0$ ?   |
| sumLessThanOne | Coefficient rows should sum to less than one?                                     |
| lessThanOne    | Every value should be less than one (but possibly sum to value greater than one)? |

## Details

Function for projecting methylation values (Y) onto space of methyomes (Xmat), with various constraints. This is the reference-based method described in Houseman et al. (2012) and also appearing in the minfi package.

## Value

Projection coefficients resulting from constrained projection

## Author(s)

E. Andres Houseman

## References

Houseman EA, Accomando WP et al. DNA methylation arrays as surrogate measures of cell mixture distribution, BMC Bioinformatics, 2012.

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RefFreeCellMix      *Reference-Free Cell Mixture Projection*

---

**Description**

Reference-free cell-mixture decomposition of DNA methylation data set

**Usage**

```
RefFreeCellMix(Y, mu0=NULL, K=NULL, iters=10, Yfinal=NULL, verbose=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| Y       | Matrix (m CpGs x n Subjects) of DNA methylation beta values                                    |
| mu0     | Matrix (m CpGs x K cell types) of *initial* cell-type specific methylomes                      |
| K       | Number of cell types (ignored if mu0 is provided)  |
| iters   | Number of iterations to execute  |
| Yfinal  | Matrix (m* CpGs x n Subjects) of DNA methylation beta values on which to base final methylomes |
| verbose | Report summary of errors after each iteration?   |

**Details**

Reference-free decomposition of DNA methylation matrix into cell-type distributions and cell-type methylomes,  $Y = Mu \Omega\Gamma^T$ . Either an initial estimate of Mu must be provided, or else the number of cell types K, in which case RefFreeCellMixInitialize will be used to initialize. Note that the decomposition will be based on Y, but Yfinal (=Y by default) will be used to determine the final value of Mu based on the last iterated value of Omega.

**Value**

Object of S3 class RefFreeCellMix, containing the last iteration of Mu and Omega.

**Author(s)**

E. Andres Houseman

**References**

Houseman EA, Kile ML, et al., Reference-free deconvolution of DNA methylation data and mediation by cell composition effects (2016). <http://biorxiv.org/content/early/2016/01/23/037671>.

**See Also**

[RefFreeCellMixInitialize](#)

## Examples

```

data(HNSCC)

# Typical use
Y.shortTest <- Y.HNSCC.averageBetas[1:500,]
Y.shortTest.final <- Y.HNSCC.averageBetas[1:1000,]
testArray1 <- RefFreeCellMixArray(Y.shortTest,Klist=1:3,iters=5,Yfinal=Y.shortTest.final)
testArray1
lapply(testArray1,summary)
sapply(testArray1,deviance,Y=Y.shortTest.final)

# Example with explicit initialization
testKeq2 <- RefFreeCellMix(Y.shortTest, mu0=RefFreeCellMixInitialize(Y.shortTest,K=2))
testKeq2
head(testKeq2$Mu)
head(testKeq2$Omega)

```

**RefFreeCellMixArray**    *Initialize Reference-Free Cell Mixture Projection*

## Description

Array of reference-free cell-mixture decompositions of a DNA methylation data set

## Usage

```
RefFreeCellMixArray(Y,Klist=1:5,iters=10,Yfinal=NULL,verbose=FALSE,
dist.method = "euclidean",...)
```

## Arguments

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Y           | Matrix (m CpGs x n Subjects) of DNA methylation beta values                                    |
| Klist       | List of K values (each K = assumed number of cell types)                                       |
| iters       | Number of iterations to execute for each value of K  |
| Yfinal      | Matrix (m* CpGs x n Subjects) of DNA methylation beta values on which to base final methylomes |
| verbose     | Report summary of errors after each iteration for each fit?                                    |
| dist.method | Method for calculating distance matrix for methylome initialization                            |
| ...         | Additional parameters for hclust function for methylome initialization                         |

## Details

Reference-free decomposition of DNA methylation matrix into cell-type distributions and cell-type methylomes,  $Y = Mu \ Omega^T$ . Either an initial estimate of Mu must be provided, or else the number of cell types K, in which case RefFreeCellMixInitialize will be used to initialize. Note that the decomposition will be based on Y, but Yfinal (=Y by default) will be used to determine the final value of Mu based on the last iterated value of Omega.

**Value**

Object of S3 class RefFreeCellMix, containing the last iteration of Mu and Omega.

**Author(s)**

E. Andres Houseman

**References**

Houseman EA, Kile ML, et al., Reference-free deconvolution of DNA methylation data and mediation by cell composition effects (2016). <http://biorxiv.org/content/early/2016/01/23/037671>.

**See Also**

[RefFreeCellMix](#)

**Examples**

```
data(HNSCC)
Y.shortTest <- Y.HNSCC.averageBetas[1:500,]
testArray2 <- RefFreeCellMixArray(Y.shortTest,Klist=1:5,iters=5)
sapply(testArray2,deviance,Y=Y.shortTest)

## Not run:
testBootDevs <- RefFreeCellMixArrayDevianceBoots(testArray2,Y.shortTest,R=10)

testBootDevs
apply(testBootDevs[-1,],2,mean,trim=0.25)
which.min(apply(testBootDevs[-1,],2,mean,trim=0.25))

## End(Not run)
```

**RefFreeCellMixArrayDevianceBoot**

*RefFreeCellMixArrayDevianceBoot*

**Description**

Vector of bootstrapped deviances corresponding to an array of reference-free cell-mixture decompositions

**Usage**

```
RefFreeCellMixArrayDevianceBoot(rfArray, Y, EPSILON=1E-9, bootstrapIterations=5)
```

**Arguments**

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| rfArray             | list of RefFreeCellMix objects (e.g. from RefFreeCellMixArray)         |
| Y                   | Methylation matrix on which x was based                                |
| EPSILON             | Minimum value of variance (zero variances will be reset to this value) |
| bootstrapIterations | Number of RefFreeCellMix iterations to use in bootstrap                |

**Details**

Vector of bootstrapped deviances corresponding to an array of reference-free cell-mixture decompositions, used to determine optimal number of cell types. This function returns one bootstrapped vector. See [RefFreeCellMixArrayDevianceBoots](#) for more than one bootstrapped vector. The bootstrapped deviance is based on normal distribution applied to errors of Y after accounting for cell mixture effect,  $\text{Mu } \Omega\Gamma^T$ . See [RefFreeCellMixArray](#) for example.

## RefFreeCellMixArrayDevianceBoots

*RefFreeCellMixArrayDevianceBoots*

**Description**

Matrix of bootstrapped deviances corresponding to an array of reference-free cell-mixture decompositions

**Usage**

```
RefFreeCellMixArrayDevianceBoots(rfArray, Y, R=5, EPSILON=1E-9, bootstrapIterations=5)
```

**Arguments**

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| rfArray             | list of RefFreeCellMix objects (e.g. from RefFreeCellMixArray)         |
| Y                   | Methylation matrix on which x was based                                |
| R                   | Number of bootstrapped vectors to return                               |
| EPSILON             | Minimum value of variance (zero variances will be reset to this value) |
| bootstrapIterations | Number of RefFreeCellMix iterations to use in bootstrap                |

**Details**

Matrix (multiple vectors) of bootstrapped deviances corresponding to an array of reference-free cell-mixture decompositions, used to determine optimal number of cell types. This function returns one bootstrapped vector. The bootstrapped deviance is based on normal distribution applied to errors of Y after accounting for cell mixture effect,  $\text{Mu } \Omega\Gamma^T$ . See [RefFreeCellMixArray](#) for example.

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**RefFreeCellMixInitialize**

*Initialize Reference-Free Cell Mixture Projection*

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**Description**

Initializes the methylome matrix "Mu" for RefFreeCellMix

**Usage**

```
RefFreeCellMixInitialize(Y,K=2,Y.Distance=NULL, Y.Cluster=NULL,  
largeOK=FALSE, dist.method = "euclidean", ...)
```

**Arguments**

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Y           | Matrix (m CpGs x n Subjects) of DNA methylation beta values                  |
| K           | Number of cell types   |
| Y.Distance  | Distance matrix (object of class "dist") to use for clustering.              |
| Y.Cluster   | Hierarchical clustering object (from hclust function)                        |
| largeOK     | OK to calculate distance matrix for large number of subjects? (See details.) |
| dist.method | Method for calculating distance matrix                                       |
| ...         | Additional parameters for hclust function                                    |

**Details**

Initializes the methylome matrix "Mu" for RefFreeCellMix by computing the mean methylation (from Y) over K clusters of Y, determined by the Y.Cluster object. If Y.Cluster object does not exist, it will be created from Y.Distance (using additional clustering parameters if supplied). If Y.Distance does not exist, it will be created from t(Y). As a protection against attempting to fit a very large distance matrix, the program will stop if the number of columns of Y is > 2500, unless largeOK is explicitly set to TRUE.

**Value**

An m x K matrix of mean methylation values.

**Author(s)**

E. Andres Houseman

**References**

Houseman EA, Kile ML, et al., Reference-free deconvolution of DNA methylation data and mediation by cell composition effects (2016). <http://biorxiv.org/content/early/2016/01/23/037671>.

**See Also**

[RefFreeCellMix](#)

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|------------------|----------------------------------|
| RefFreeEwasModel | <i>Reference-Free EWAS Model</i> |
|------------------|----------------------------------|

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**Description**

Reference-free method for conducting EWAS while deconvoluting DNA methylation arising as mixtures of cell types.

**Usage**

```
RefFreeEwasModel(Y, X, K, smallOutput=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| Y           | Matrix of DNA methylation beta values (CpGs x subjects). Missing values *are* supported. |
| X           | Design matrix (subjects x covariates).   |
| K           | Latent variable dimension (d in Houseman et al., 2013, technical report)                 |
| smallOutput | Smaller output? (Should be FALSE if you intend to run bootstraps.)                       |

**Details**

Reference-free method for conducting EWAS while deconvoluting DNA methylation arising as mixtures of cell types. This method is similar to surrogate variable analysis (SVA and ISVA), except that it makes additional use of a biological mixture assumption. Returns mixture-adjusted Beta and unadjusted Bstar, as well as estimates of various latent quantities.

**Value**

A list object of class “RefFreeEwasModel”. The most important elements are Beta and Bstar.

**Author(s)**

E. Andres Houseman

**References**

Houseman EA, Molitor J, and Marsit CJ (2014), Reference-Free Cell Mixture Adjustments in Analysis of DNA Methylation Data. *Bioinformatics*, doi: 10.1093/bioinformatics/btu029.

**See Also**

[BootRefFreeEwasModel](#)

## Examples

```

data(RefFreeEWAS)

## Not run:
tmpDesign <- cbind(1, rfEwasExampleCovariate)
tmpBstar <- (rfEwasExampleBetaValues

EstDimRMT(rfEwasExampleBetaValues-tmpBstar

## End(Not run)

test <- RefFreeEwasModel(
  rfEwasExampleBetaValues,
  cbind(1,rfEwasExampleCovariate),
  4)

testBoot <- BootRefFreeEwasModel(test,10)
summary(testBoot)

```

**rfEwasExampleBetaValues**

*Simulated mixed-cell DNA methylation data set*

## Description

1000 CpG sites x 250 subjects. First 250 CpGs are DMRs for the cell types, although the idea is that this would not be known in practice.

## Usage

`rfEwasExampleBetaValues`

## Format

1000 CpG sites x 250 subjects.

**rfEwasExampleCovariate**

*Simulated covariate for mixed-cell DNA methylation data set*

## Description

Vector of covariates corresponding to 250 subjects.

**Usage**

```
rfEwasExampleCovariate
```

**Format**

Numeric vector of length 250

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rfEwasExampleTRUEAlpha

*True alpha intercepts used in simulation*

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**Description**

1000 intercept values; these may not match exactly due to cell mixtures.

**Usage**

```
rfEwasExampleTRUEAlpha
```

**Format**

1000 intercept values.

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rfEwasExampleTRUEBeta *True beta coefficients used in simulation (for comparison purposes)*

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**Description**

1000 coefficient values

**Usage**

```
rfEwasExampleTRUEBeta
```

**Format**

1000 coefficient values.

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rfEwasExampleTRUEMethDMR

*True M matrix (cell-specific methylation values) used in simulation  
(for comparison purposes)*

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### Description

1000 x 4 matrix of beta values

### Usage

rfEwasExampleTRUEMethDMR

### Format

1000 x 4 matrix

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rfEwasExampleTRUEOmega

*True Omega (cell mixture) coefficients used in simulation (for comparison purposes)*

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### Description

250 x 4 matrix of mixing weights

### Usage

rfEwasExampleTRUEOmega

### Format

250 x 4 matrix

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```
summary.BootRefFreeEwasModel  
      summary.BootRefFreeEwasModel
```

---

## Description

Summary method for objects of type BootRefFreeEwasModel; calculates bootstrap mean and standard deviation.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'BootRefFreeEwasModel'  
summary(object,...)
```

## Arguments

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| object | BootRefFreeEwasModel object to summarize |
| ...    | (Unused).                                |

## Details

See [RefFreeEwasModel](#) for example.

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```
summary.RefFreeCellMix  
      summary.RefFreeCellMix
```

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## Description

Summary method for objects of type RefFreeCellMix.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'RefFreeCellMix'  
summary(object,...)
```

## Arguments

|        |                                    |
|--------|------------------------------------|
| object | RefFreeCellMix object to summarize |
| ...    | (Unused).                          |

## Details

See [RefFreeCellMix](#) for example.

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**svdSafe***Safe SVD-like matrix decomposition*

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## Description

SVD that traps errors and switches to QR when necessary

## Usage

```
svdSafe(X)
```

## Arguments

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| X | Matrix to decompose |
|---|---------------------|

## Details

This function traps errors in the svd function due to numerically zero singular values, and replaces the operation with a QR decomposition. Technically, the R component of the decomposition fails the orthogonality constraint required for the SVD decomposition, but this function exists to save bootstraps from rudely failing; since the critical component of the SVD (in this application) is the left orthogonal matrix, this is a reasonable approximation for bootstrap purposes. If there are too many svd failures (which will be reported by the function) then it is worth looking into the design matrix.

## Value

A list as in what svd produces: U and V matrices as well as the d vector of singular values.

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## See Also

[svd](#)

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X.HNSCC.caseStatusAge *HNSCC Example - Covariates*

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**Description**

Case status (0=control, 1=case) and age (as Z-score) for HNSCC data set

**Usage**

X.HNSCC.caseStatusAge

**Format**

Numeric matrix of dimension 182 x 3

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Y.HNSCC.averageBetas *HNSCC Example - DNA Methylation Average Betas*

---

**Description**

Peripheral blood from 92 head and neck squamous cell carcinoma (HNSCC) patients and 92 controls. GEO Accession #GSE32393 with 2 outlier cases removed.

**Usage**

Y.HNSCC.averageBetas

**Format**

Numeric matrix of dimension 26486 by 182

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