

# Package ‘fgsea’

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**Description** The package implements an algorithm for fast gene set enrichment analysis. Using the fast algorithm allows to make more permutations and get more fine grained p-values, which allows to use accurate standard approaches to multiple hypothesis correction.

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calcGseaStat	<i>Calculates GSEA statistics for a given query gene set</i>
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### Description

Takes  $O(k \log k)$  time, where  $k$  is a size of ‘selectedSize’.

### Usage

```
calcGseaStat(stats, selectedStats, gseaParam = 1,
  returnAllExtremes = FALSE, returnLeadingEdge = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

stats	Named numeric vector with gene-level statistics sorted in decreasing order (order is not checked).
selectedStats	Indexes of selected genes in the ‘stats’ array.
gseaParam	GSEA weight parameter (0 is unweighted, suggested value is 1).
returnAllExtremes	If TRUE return not only the most extreme point, but all of them. Can be used for enrichment plot
returnLeadingEdge	If TRUE return also leading edge genes.

### Value

Value of GSEA statistic if both returnAllExtremes and returnLeadingEdge are FALSE. Otherwise returns list with the following elements:

- res – value of GSEA statistic
- tops – vector of top peak values of cumulative enrichment statistic for each gene;

- bottoms – vector of bottom peak values of cumulative enrichment statistic for each gene;
- leadingGene – vector with indexes of leading edge genes that drive the enrichment, see [http://software.broadinstitute.org/gsea/doc/GSEAUserGuideTEXT.htm#\\_Running\\_a\\_Leading](http://software.broadinstitute.org/gsea/doc/GSEAUserGuideTEXT.htm#_Running_a_Leading).

### Examples

```
data(exampleRanks)
data(examplePathways)
ranks <- sort(exampleRanks, decreasing=TRUE)
es <- calcGseaStat(ranks, na.omit(match(examplePathways[[1]], names(ranks))))
```

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calcGseaStatBatchCpp *Calculates GSEA statistic values for all gene sets in 'selectedStats' list.*

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### Description

Takes  $O(n + mK \log K)$  time, where  $n$  is the number of genes,  $m$  is the number of gene sets, and  $k$  is the mean gene set size.

### Usage

```
calcGseaStatBatchCpp(stats, selectedGenes, geneRanks)
```

### Arguments

stats	Numeric vector of gene-level statistics sorted in decreasing order
selectedGenes	List of integer vector with integer gene IDs (from 1 to $n$ )
geneRanks	Integer vector of gene ranks

### Value

Numeric vector of GSEA statistics of the same length as 'selectedGenes' list

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collapsePathways *Collapse list of enriched pathways to independent ones.*

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### Description

Collapse list of enriched pathways to independent ones.

### Usage

```
collapsePathways(fgseaRes, pathways, stats, pval.threshold = 0.05,
  nperm = 10/pval.threshold, gseaParam = 1)
```

**Arguments**

fgseaRes	Table with results of running fgsea(), should be filtered by p-value, for example by selecting ones with padj < 0.01.
pathways	List of pathways, should contain all the pathways present in 'fgseaRes'.
stats	Gene-level statistic values used for ranking, the same as in 'fgsea()'.
pval.threshold	Two pathways are considered dependent when p-value of enrichment of one pathways on background of another is greater then 'pval.threshold'.
nperm	Number of permutations to test for independence, should be several times greater than '1/pval.threshold'. Default value: '10/pval.threshold'.
gseaParam	GSEA parameter, same as for 'fgsea()'

**Value**

Named list with two elements: 'mainPathways' containing IDs of pathways not reducible to each other, and 'parentPathways' with vector describing for all the pathways to which ones they can be reduced. For pathways from 'mainPathways' vector 'parentPathways' contains 'NA' values.

**Examples**

```
data(examplePathways)
data(exampleRanks)
fgseaRes <- fgsea(examplePathways, exampleRanks, nperm=10000, maxSize=500)
collapsedPathways <- collapsePathways(fgseaRes[order(pval)][padj < 0.01],
                                     examplePathways, exampleRanks)
mainPathways <- fgseaRes[pathway %in% collapsedPathways$mainPathways][
  order(-NES), pathway]
```

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examplePathways	<i>Example list of mouse Reactome pathways.</i>
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**Description**

The list was obtained by selecting all the pathways from 'reactome.db' package that contain mouse genes. The exact script is available as system.file("gen\_reactome\_pathways.R", package="fgsea")

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exampleRanks	<i>Example vector of gene-level statistics obtained for Th1 polarization.</i>
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**Description**

The data were obtained by doing differential expression between Naive and Th1-activated states for GEO dataset GSE14308. The exact script is available as system.file("gen\_gene\_ranks.R", package="fgsea")

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fgsea	<i>Runs preranked gene set enrichment analysis.</i>
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### Description

The function takes about  $O(nk^{3/2})$  time, where  $n$  is number of permutations and  $k$  is a maximal size of the pathways. That means that setting ‘maxSize’ parameter with a value of ~500 is strongly recommended.

### Usage

```
fgsea(pathways, stats, nperm, minSize = 1, maxSize = Inf, nproc = 0,
      gseaParam = 1, BPPARAM = NULL)
```

### Arguments

pathways	List of gene sets to check.
stats	Named vector of gene-level stats. Names should be the same as in ‘pathways’
nperm	Number of permutations to do. Minimal possible nominal p-value is about $1/nperm$
minSize	Minimal size of a gene set to test. All pathways below the threshold are excluded.
maxSize	Maximal size of a gene set to test. All pathways above the threshold are excluded.
nproc	If not equal to zero sets BPPARAM to use nproc workers (default = 0).
gseaParam	GSEA parameter value, all gene-level statis are raised to the power of ‘gseaParam’ before calculation of GSEA enrichment scores.
BPPARAM	Parallelization parameter used in bplapply. Can be used to specify cluster to run. If not initialized explicitly or by setting ‘nproc’ default value ‘bpparam()’ is used.

### Value

A table with GSEA results. Each row corresponds to a tested pathway. The columns are the following:

- pathway – name of the pathway as in ‘names(pathway)’;
- pval – an enrichment p-value;
- padj – a BH-adjusted p-value;
- ES – enrichment score, same as in Broad GSEA implementation;
- NES – enrichment score normalized to mean enrichment of random samples of the same size;
- nMoreExtreme – a number of times a random gene set had a more extreme enrichment score value;
- size – size of the pathway after removing genes not present in ‘names(stats)’.
- leadingEdge – vector with indexes of leading edge genes that drive the enrichment, see [http://software.broadinstitute.org/gsea/doc/GSEAUUserGuideTEXT.htm#\\_Running\\_a\\_Leading](http://software.broadinstitute.org/gsea/doc/GSEAUUserGuideTEXT.htm#_Running_a_Leading).

**Examples**

```

data(examplePathways)
data(exampleRanks)
fgseaRes <- fgsea(examplePathways, exampleRanks, nperm=10000, maxSize=500)
# Testing only one pathway is implemented in a more efficient manner
fgseaRes1 <- fgsea(examplePathways[1], exampleRanks, nperm=10000)

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fgseaLabel	<i>Runs label-permuring gene set enrichment analysis.</i>
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**Description**

Runs label-permuring gene set enrichment analysis.

**Usage**

```

fgseaLabel(pathways, mat, labels, nperm, minSize = 1, maxSize = Inf,
           nproc = 0, gseaParam = 1, BPPARAM = NULL)

```

**Arguments**

pathways	List of gene sets to check.
mat	Gene expression matrix. Row name should be the same as in 'pathways'
labels	Numeric vector of labels for the correlation score of the same length as the number of columns in 'mat'
nperm	Number of permutations to do. Minimal possible nominal p-value is about 1/nperm
minSize	Minimal size of a gene set to test. All pathways below the threshold are excluded.
maxSize	Maximal size of a gene set to test. All pathways above the threshold are excluded.
nproc	If not equal to zero sets BPPARAM to use nproc workers (default = 0).
gseaParam	GSEA parameter value, all gene-level statis are raised to the power of 'gseaParam' before calculation of GSEA enrichment scores.
BPPARAM	Parallelization parameter used in bplapply. Can be used to specify cluster to run. If not initialized explicitly or by setting 'nproc' default value 'bpparam()' is used.

**Value**

A table with GSEA results. Each row corresponds to a tested pathway. The columns are the following:

- pathway – name of the pathway as in 'names(pathway)';
- pval – an enrichment p-value;
- padj – a BH-adjusted p-value;
- ES – enrichment score, same as in Broad GSEA implementation;
- NES – enrichment score normalized to mean enrichment of random samples of the same size;

- `nMoreExtreme` – a number of times a random gene set had a more extreme enrichment score value;
- `size` – size of the pathway after removing genes not present in `names(stats)`;
- `leadingEdge` – vector with indexes of leading edge genes that drive the enrichment, see [http://software.broadinstitute.org/gsea/doc/GSEAUUserGuideTEXT.htm#\\_Running\\_a\\_Leading](http://software.broadinstitute.org/gsea/doc/GSEAUUserGuideTEXT.htm#_Running_a_Leading).

## Examples

```
library(limma)
library(GEOquery)
es <- getGEO("GSE19429", AnnotGPL = TRUE)[[1]]
exprs(es) <- normalizeBetweenArrays(log2(exprs(es)+1), method="quantile")
es <- es[!grep1("///", fData(es)$`Gene ID`), ]
es <- es[fData(es)$`Gene ID` != "", ]
es <- es[order(apply(exprs(es), 1, mean), decreasing=TRUE), ]
es <- es[!duplicated(fData(es)$`Gene ID`), ]
rownames(es) <- fData(es)$`Gene ID`

pathways <- reactomePathways(rownames(es))
mat <- exprs(es)
labels <- as.numeric(as.factor(gsub(".*", "", es$title)))
fgseaRes <- fgseaLabel(pathways, mat, labels, nperm = 1000, minSize = 15, maxSize = 500)
```

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fgseaMultilevel

*Runs preranked gene set enrichment analysis.*

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## Description

This feature is based on the adaptive multilevel splitting Monte Carlo approach. This allows us to exceed the results of simple sampling and calculate arbitrarily small P-values.

## Usage

```
fgseaMultilevel(pathways, stats, sampleSize = 101, minSize = 1,
  maxSize = Inf, absEps = 0, nproc = 0, BPPARAM = NULL)
```

## Arguments

<code>pathways</code>	List of gene sets to check.
<code>stats</code>	Named vector of gene-level stats. Names should be the same as in <code>'pathways'</code>
<code>sampleSize</code>	The size of a random set of genes which in turn has size = <code>pathwaySize</code>
<code>minSize</code>	Minimal size of a gene set to test. All pathways below the threshold are excluded.
<code>maxSize</code>	Maximal size of a gene set to test. All pathways above the threshold are excluded.
<code>absEps</code>	This parameter sets the boundary for calculating the p value.
<code>nproc</code>	If not equal to zero sets <code>BPPARAM</code> to use <code>nproc</code> workers (default = 0).
<code>BPPARAM</code>	Parallelization parameter used in <code>bplapply</code> . Can be used to specify cluster to run. If not initialized explicitly or by setting <code>'nproc'</code> default value <code>'bpparam()'</code> is used.

**Value**

A table with GSEA results. Each row corresponds to a tested pathway. The columns are the following

- pathway – name of the pathway as in `'names(pathway)'`;
- pval – an enrichment p-value;
- padj – a BH-adjusted p-value;
- log2err – the expected error for the standard deviation of the P-value logarithm.
- ES – enrichment score, same as in Broad GSEA implementation;
- NES – enrichment score normalized to mean enrichment of random samples of the same size;
- size – size of the pathway after removing genes not present in `'names(stats)'`.
- leadingEdge – vector with indexes of leading edge genes that drive the enrichment, see [http://software.broadinstitute.org/gsea/doc/GSEAUserGuideTEXT.htm#\\_Running\\_a\\_Leading](http://software.broadinstitute.org/gsea/doc/GSEAUserGuideTEXT.htm#_Running_a_Leading).

**Examples**

```
data(examplePathways)
data(exampleRanks)
fgseaMultilevelRes <- fgseaMultilevel(examplePathways, exampleRanks, maxSize=500)
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fgseaSimpleImpl	<i>Runs preranked gene set enrichment analysis for preprocessed input data.</i>
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**Description**

Runs preranked gene set enrichment analysis for preprocessed input data.

**Usage**

```
fgseaSimpleImpl(pathwayScores, pathwaysSizes, pathwaysFiltered,
  leadingEdges, permPerProc, seeds, toKeepLength, stats, BPPARAM)
```

**Arguments**

pathwayScores	Vector with enrichment scores for the <code>'pathways'</code> .
pathwaysSizes	Vector of path sizes.
pathwaysFiltered	Filtered pathways.
leadingEdges	Leading edge genes.
permPerProc	Parallelization parameter for permutations.
seeds	Seed vector
toKeepLength	Number of <code>'pathways'</code> that meet the condition for <code>'minSize'</code> and <code>'maxSize'</code> .
stats	Named vector of gene-level stats. Names should be the same as in <code>'pathways'</code>
BPPARAM	Parallelization parameter used in <code>bplapply</code> . Can be used to specify cluster to run. If not initialized explicitly or by setting <code>'nproc'</code> default value <code>'bpparam()'</code> is used.

**Value**

A table with GSEA results. Each row corresponds to a tested pathway. The columns are the following:

- pathway – name of the pathway as in ‘names(pathway)’;
- pval – an enrichment p-value;
- padj – a BH-adjusted p-value;
- ES – enrichment score, same as in Broad GSEA implementation;
- NES – enrichment score normalized to mean enrichment of random samples of the same size;
- nMoreExtreme – a number of times a random gene set had a more extreme enrichment score value;
- size – size of the pathway after removing genes not present in ‘names(stats)’.
- leadingEdge – vector with indexes of leading edge genes that drive the enrichment, see [http://software.broadinstitute.org/gsea/doc/GSEAUserGuideTEXT.htm#\\_Running\\_a\\_Leading](http://software.broadinstitute.org/gsea/doc/GSEAUserGuideTEXT.htm#_Running_a_Leading).

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gmtPathways

*Returns a list of pathways from a GMT file.*

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**Description**

Returns a list of pathways from a GMT file.

**Usage**

```
gmtPathways(gmt.file)
```

**Arguments**

gmt.file      Path to a GMT file.

**Value**

A list of vectors with gene sets.

**Examples**

```
pathways <- gmtPathways(system.file(
  "extdata", "mouse.reactome.gmt", package="fgsea"))
```

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multilevelError	<i>Calculates the expected error for the standard deviation of the P-value logarithm.</i>
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**Description**

Calculates the expected error for the standard deviation of the P-value logarithm.

**Usage**

```
multilevelError(pval, sampleSize)
```

**Arguments**

pval	P-value
sampleSize	equivallent to sampleSize in fgseaMultilevel

**Value**

The value of the expected error

**Examples**

```
expectedError <- multilevelError(pval=1e-10, sampleSize=1001)
```

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multilevelImpl	<i>Calculates P-values for preprocessed data.</i>
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**Description**

Calculates P-values for preprocessed data.

**Usage**

```
multilevelImpl(multilevelPathwaysList, stats, sampleSize, seed, absEps,
  sign = FALSE, BPPARAM = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

multilevelPathwaysList	List of pathways for which P-values will be calculated.
stats	Named vector of gene-level stats. Names should be the same as in 'pathways'
sampleSize	The size of a random set of genes which in turn has size = pathwaySize
seed	'seed' parameter from 'fgseaMultilevel'
absEps	This parameter sets the boundary for calculating the p value.
sign	This option will be used in future implementations.
BPPARAM	Parallelization parameter used in bplapply. Can be used to specify cluster to run. If not initialized explicitly or by setting 'nproc' default value 'bpparam()' is used.

**Value**

List of P-values.

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plotEnrichment	<i>Plots GSEA enrichment plot.</i>
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**Description**

Plots GSEA enrichment plot.

**Usage**

```
plotEnrichment(pathway, stats, gseaParam = 1, ticksSize = 0.2)
```

**Arguments**

pathway	Gene set to plot.
stats	Gene-level statistics.
gseaParam	GSEA parameter.
ticksSize	width of vertical line corresponding to a gene (default: 0.2)

**Value**

ggplot object with the enrichment plot.

**Examples**

```
data(examplePathways)
data(exampleRanks)
## Not run:
plotEnrichment(examplePathways[["5991130_Programmed_Cell_Death"]],
                exampleRanks)

## End(Not run)
```

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plotGseaTable	<i>Plots table of enrichment graphs using ggplot and gridExtra.</i>
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**Description**

Plots table of enrichment graphs using ggplot and gridExtra.

**Usage**

```
plotGseaTable(pathways, stats, fgseaRes, gseaParam = 1,
              colwidths = c(5, 3, 0.8, 1.2, 1.2), render = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

pathways	Pathways to plot table, as in 'fgsea' function.
stats	Gene-level stats, as in 'fgsea' function.
fgseaRes	Table with fgsea results.
gseaParam	GSEA-like parameter. Adjusts displayed statistic values, values closer to 0 flatten plots. Default = 1, value of 0.5 is a good choice too.
colwidths	Vector of five elements corresponding to column width for grid.arrange. If column width is set to zero, the column is not drawn.
render	If true, the plot is rendered to the current device. Otherwise, the grob is returned. Default is true.

**Value**

TableGrob object returned by grid.arrange.

**Examples**

```
data(examplePathways)
data(exampleRanks)
fgseaRes <- fgsea(examplePathways, exampleRanks, nperm=1000,
                 minSize=15, maxSize=100)
topPathways <- fgseaRes[head(order(pval), n=15)][order(NES), pathway]
## Not run:
plotGseaTable(examplePathways[topPathways], exampleRanks,
              fgseaRes, gseaParam=0.5)

## End(Not run)
```

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reactomePathways	<i>Returns a list of Reactome pathways for given Entrez gene IDs</i>
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**Description**

Returns a list of Reactome pathways for given Entrez gene IDs

**Usage**

```
reactomePathways(genes)
```

**Arguments**

genes	Entrez IDs of query genes.
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**Value**

A list of vectors with gene sets.

**Examples**

```
data(exampleRanks)
pathways <- reactomePathways(names(exampleRanks))
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