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`annotate_foods` *Text Mining Pipeline to Annotate Free Nutritional Text with FOBI*

Description

This function provides a text mining pipeline to map nutritional free text to Food-Biomarker Ontology. This pipeline is composed of five sequential layers to map food items to FOBI with the maximum accuracy as possible.

Usage

```
annotate_foods(foods, similarity = 0.85, reference = fobitools::foods)
```

Arguments

`foods`	A two column data frame. First column must contain the ID (should be unique) and the second column must contain food items (it can be a word or a string).
`similarity`	Numeric between 0 (low) and 1 (high). This value indicates the semantic similarity cutoff used at the last layer of the text mining pipeline. 1 = exact match; 0 = very poor match. Values below 0.85 are not recommended.
`reference`	FOBI foods table obtained with ‘parse_fobi(terms = "FOBI:0001", get = "des")‘. If this value is set to NULL, the last version of FOBI will be downloaded from GitHub.

Value

A list containing two tibble objects: annotated and unannotated food items.

Author(s)

Pol Castellano-Escuder

References

Pol Castellano-Escuder, Raúl González-Domínguez, David S Wishart, Cristina Andrés-Lacueva, Alex Sánchez-Pla, FOBI: an ontology to represent food intake data and associate it with metabolomic data, Database, Volume 2020, 2020, baaa033, https://doi.org/10.1093/databa/baaa033.

Examples

```
# Free text annotation in FOBI
free_text <- data.frame(id = c(101, 102, 103, 104),
                text = c("Yesterday I ate eggs and bacon with a butter toast and black tea",
                                "Crisp bread and rice crackers with wholegrain",
                                "Beef and veal, one apple", "pizza without meat"))
annotate_foods(free_text)
```

`fobi` *FOBI Table File - Jul 23, 2021*

Description

FOBI table obtained with 'parse_fobi()'

Usage

```
fobi
```

Format

A tibble: 4069 FOBI entities with their associated information.

id_code FOBI entity ID.

name FOBI entity name.

is_a_code FOBI entity direct parent class ID.

is_a_name FOBI entity direct parent class name.

id_BiomarkerOf FOBI entity associated food ID (in terms of biomarker).

BiomarkerOf FOBI entity associated food name (in terms of biomarker).

ChemSpider ChemSpider ID.

KEGG KEGG ID.

PubChemCID PubChemCID ID.

InChIKey InChIKey ID.

InChICode InChICode ID.

FOBI FOBI ID.

alias FOBI entity alias name.

HMDB HMDB ID.

id_Contains FOBI entity associated food ID (in terms of a recipe).

Contains FOBI entity associated food ID (in terms of a recipe).

Source

https://github.com/pcastellanoescuder/FoodBiomarkerOntology

`fobi_graph` *Generate FOBI Graphs*

Description

This function allows users to create networks based on FOBI relationships.

Usage

```
fobi_graph(
  terms = NULL,
  get = NULL,
  property = c("is_a", "BiomarkerOf", "Contains"),
  layout = "sugiyama",
  labels = FALSE,
  labelsize = 3,
  legend = FALSE,
  legendSize = 10,
  legendPos = "bottom",
  curved = FALSE,
  pointSize = 3,
  fobi = fobitools::fobi
)
```

Arguments

`terms`	A character vector with FOBI term IDs.
`get`	A character string indicating desired relationships between provided terms. Options are 'anc' (for ancestors) and 'des' (for descendants). Default is NULL and all information related with input terms will be provided.
`property`	A character vector indicating which properties should be plotted. Options are 'is_a', 'BiomarkerOf', and 'Contains'. By default all of them are included.
`layout`	A character string indicating the type of layout to create. Options are 'sugiyama' (default) and 'lgl'.
`labels`	Logical indicating if node names should be plotted or not.
`labelsize`	Numeric value indicating the size of labels.
`legend`	Logical indicating if legend should be plotted or not.
`legendSize`	Numeric value indicating the size of legend.
`legendPos`	A character string indicating the legend position (if legend parameter is set to TRUE). Options are 'bottom' (default) and 'top'.
`curved`	Logical indicating if the shape of the edges shape should be curved or not.
`pointSize`	Numeric value indicating the size of graph points.
`fobi`	FOBI table obtained with 'parse_fobi()'. If this value is set to NULL, the last version of FOBI will be downloaded from GitHub.

Value

A ggraph object.

Author(s)

Pol Castellano-Escuder

References

Pol Castellano-Escuder, Raúl González-Domínguez, David S Wishart, Cristina Andrés-Lacueva, Alex Sánchez-Pla, FOBI: an ontology to represent food intake data and associate it with metabolomic data, Database, Volume 2020, 2020, baaa033, https://doi.org/10.1093/databa/baaa033.

Examples

```
terms <- c("CHEBI:16164","CHEBI:16243","FOODON:00001139","FOODON:00003274","FOODON:00003275")
fobi_graph(terms, get = "anc")

# Red meat related FOBI biomarkers
fobi_graph(terms = "FOBI:0193",
           property = c("is_a", "BiomarkerOf"),
           layout = "lgl", curved = TRUE) # set labels = TRUE to display node names
```

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fobi_terms *FOBI's 'ontology_index' object - Jul 23, 2021*

Description

FOBI terms obtained with 'ontologyIndex::get_ontology()'

Usage

```
fobi_terms
```

Format

An ontology_index object with 1201 terms.

format-version: 1.2

data-version: fobi.owl

ontology fobi

Properties id: character, name: character, parents: list, children: list, ancestors: list, obsolete: logical

Roots FOBI:0001 - Foods, FOBI:01501 - Biomarkers, FOBI:00422 - BiomarkerOf, FOBI:00423 - HasBiomarker, FOBI:00424 - Contains, FOBI:00425 - IsIngredientOf

Source

https://github.com/pcastellanoescuder/FoodBiomarkerOntology

`foods` *FOBI Foods Table File - Feb 02, 2021*

Description

FOBI foods table obtained with ‘parse_fobi(terms = "FOBI:0001", get = "des")‘

Usage

```
foods
```

Format

A tibble: 568 FOBI food entities with their associated information.

id_code FOBI entity ID.

name FOBI entity name.

is_a_code FOBI entity direct parent class ID.

is_a_name FOBI entity direct parent class name.

id_BiomarkerOf FOBI entity associated food ID (in terms of biomarker).

BiomarkerOf FOBI entity associated food name (in terms of biomarker).

ChemSpider ChemSpider ID.

KEGG KEGG ID.

PubChemCID PubChemCID ID.

InChIKey InChIKey ID.

InChICode InChICode ID.

FOBI FOBI ID.

alias FOBI entity alias name.

HMDB HMDB ID.

id_Contains FOBI entity associated food ID (in terms of a recipe).

Contains FOBI entity associated food ID (in terms of a recipe).

Source

https://github.com/pcastellanoescuder/FoodBiomarkerOntology

idmap *FOBI Identifier Map File - Jul 18, 2021*

Description

Identifier mappings for FOBI metabolites

Usage

```
idmap
```

Format

A tibble: 590 FOBI metabolites with 8 different IDs.

metaboliteNames Raw metabolite names.
FOBI FOBI ID.
HMDB HMDB ID.
KEGG KEGG ID.
PubChemCID PubChemCID ID.
InChIKey InChIKey ID.
InChICode InChICode ID.
ChemSpider ChemSpider ID.

Source

https://github.com/pcastellanoescuder/FoodBiomarkerOntology

id_convert *Convert Metabolite Identifiers*

Description

This function can convert metabolite identifiers to other available IDs in FOBI. Input vector can be a combination of different IDs.

Usage

```
id_convert(ids, to = "FOBI", fobi = fobitools::fobi)
```

Arguments

ids	A vector with metabolite IDs to convert. Input ID types can be FOBI, raw metabolite names (used in FOBI), HMDB, KEGG, PubChemCID, InChIKey, InChICode, ChemSpider, and a combination of them.
to	Target ID type. If possible, metabolites will be converted to this ID type. Options are "FOBI" (default), "metaboliteNames", "HMDB", "KEGG", "PubChemCID", "InChIKey", "InChICode", and "ChemSpider".
fobi	FOBI table obtained with ‘parse_fobi()‘. If this value is set to NULL, the last version of FOBI will be downloaded from GitHub.

Value

A tibble with input IDs and converted IDs.

Author(s)

Pol Castellano-Escuder

References

Pol Castellano-Escuder, Raúl González-Domínguez, David S Wishart, Cristina Andrés-Lacueva, Alex Sánchez-Pla, FOBI: an ontology to represent food intake data and associate it with metabolomic data, Database, Volume 2020, 2020, baaa033, https://doi.org/10.1093/databa/baaa033.

Examples

```
ids <- c(fobitools::idmap$HMDB[1:10],
         fobitools::idmap$KEGG[11:23],
         fobitools::idmap$InChIKey[100:150])
fobitools::id_convert(ids, to = "FOBI")
```

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msea *Performs a preranked metabolite set enrichment analysis (MSEA)*

Description

This function performs a MSEA based on the adaptive multilevel splitting Monte Carlo approach.

Usage

```
msea(
  metaboliteRanks,
  subOntology = "food",
  pvalCutoff = 0.01,
  fobi = fobitools::fobi
)
```

Arguments

metaboliteRanks	A named vector of FOBI metabolite identifiers with their metabolite-level stats.
subOntology	A character string specifying one of the two FOBI sub-ontologies: "food", or "biomarker".
pvalCutoff	A numeric value indicating a p-value cutoff for raw p-values generated by MSEA.
fobi	FOBI table obtained with ‘parse_fobi()‘. If this value is set to NULL, the last version of FOBI will be downloaded from GitHub.

Value

A tibble with MSEA results.

Author(s)

Pol Castellano-Escuder

References

G. Korotkevich, V. Sukhov, A. Sergushichev. Fast gene set enrichment analysis. bioRxiv (2019), doi:10.1101/060012

Pol Castellano-Escuder, Raúl González-Domínguez, David S Wishart, Cristina Andrés-Lacueva, Alex Sánchez-Pla, FOBI: an ontology to represent food intake data and associate it with metabolomic data, Database, Volume 2020, 2020, baaa033, https://doi.org/10.1093/databa/baaa033.

Examples

```
metabolites <- c(fobitools::idmap$FOBI[1:49], fobitools::idmap$FOBI[70:80])
random_pvals <- c(runif(n = length(metabolites)*0.3, min = 0.001, max = 0.05), runif(n = length(metabolites)*0.
names(random_pvals) <- metabolites
metaboliteRanks <- random_pvals[order(random_pvals)]

# Food enrichment analysis
fobitools::msea(metaboliteRanks = metaboliteRanks,
                pvalCutoff = 1)

# Chemical class enrichment analysis
fobitools::msea(metaboliteRanks = metaboliteRanks,
                subOntology = "biomarker",
                pvalCutoff = 1)
```

`ora` *Classical Over Representation Analysis with FOBI*

Description

This function performs a traditional over representation analysis based on hypergeometric test: classes are treated as sets of individual metabolites and all metabolites are treated as equally informative. This function uses Food-Biomarker Ontology knowledge as biological information.

Usage

```
ora(
  metaboliteList,
  metaboliteUniverse,
  subOntology = "food",
  pvalCutoff = 0.01,
  fobi = fobitools::fobi
)
```

Arguments

metaboliteList	A vector of FOBI metabolite identifiers that define the selected list of metabolites.
metaboliteUniverse	A vector of FOBI metabolite identifiers that define the universe of possible metabolites (all metabolites analyzed in the study).
subOntology	A character string specifying one of the two FOBI sub-ontologies: "food", or "biomarker".
pvalCutoff	A numeric value indicating a p-value cutoff for raw p-values generated by hypergeometric test.
fobi	FOBI table obtained with 'parse_fobi()'. If this value is set to NULL, the last version of FOBI will be downloaded from GitHub.

Value

A tibble with ORA results.

Author(s)

Pol Castellano-Escuder

References

G. Korotkevich, V. Sukhov, A. Sergushichev. Fast gene set enrichment analysis. bioRxiv (2019), doi:10.1101/060012

Pol Castellano-Escuder, Raúl González-Domínguez, David S Wishart, Cristina Andrés-Lacueva, Alex Sánchez-Pla, FOBI: an ontology to represent food intake data and associate it with metabolomic data, Database, Volume 2020, 2020, baaa033, https://doi.org/10.1093/databa/baaa033.

Examples

```
metaboliteUniverse <- c(fobitools::idmap$FOBI[1:200], fobitools::idmap$FOBI[400:450])
metaboliteList <- c(fobitools::idmap$FOBI[1:50], fobitools::idmap$FOBI[70:80])

# Food enrichment analysis
fobitools::ora(metaboliteList = metaboliteList,
               metaboliteUniverse = metaboliteUniverse,
               pvalCutoff = 1)

# Chemical class enrichment analysis
fobitools::ora(metaboliteList = metaboliteList,
               metaboliteUniverse = metaboliteUniverse,
               subOntology = "biomarker",
               pvalCutoff = 1)
```

parse_fobi *Parse FOBI in a Readable Tabular Format*

Description

This function allows users to download and parse the last version of the Food-Biomarker Ontology into a readable table format.

Usage

```
parse_fobi(terms = NULL, get = NULL)
```

Arguments

terms	A character vector with FOBI term IDs. Default is NULL.
get	A character string indicating desired relationships between provided terms. Options are 'anc' (for ancestors) and 'des' (for descendants). Default is NULL and only information of single input terms will be provided.

Value

A tibble with FOBI terms information.

Author(s)

Pol Castellano-Escuder

References

Pol Castellano-Escuder, Raúl González-Domínguez, David S Wishart, Cristina Andrés-Lacueva, Alex Sánchez-Pla, FOBI: an ontology to represent food intake data and associate it with metabolomic data, Database, Volume 2020, 2020, baaa033, https://doi.org/10.1093/databa/baaa033.

Examples

```
# Download and parse whole FOBI
fobi <- parse_fobi()

# Download and parse 'apple' related terms
fobi_apple <- parse_fobi(terms = "FOODON:00002473")

# Download and parse 'apple' term ancestors
fobi_apple_anc <- parse_fobi(terms = "FOODON:00002473", get = "anc")

# Download and parse 'apple' and 'alpha-Chaconine' related terms
fobi_subset <- parse_fobi(terms = c("FOODON:00002473", "CHEBI:10219"))
```

`reexports` *Objects exported from other packages*

Description

These objects are imported from other packages. Follow the links below to see their documentation.

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