

# Package ‘miRSM’

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## Description

The package aims to identify miRNA sponge modules by integrating expression data and miRNA-target binding information.

It provides several functions to study miRNA sponge modules, including popular methods for inferring gene modules

(candidate miRNA sponge modules), and a function to identify miRNA sponge modules, as well as several functions to conduct modular analysis of miRNA sponge modules.

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BRCA\_genes

*BRCA genes*

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### Description

BRCA genes

### Format

BRCA\_genes: A SummarizedExperiment object with 4819 BRCA related genes (including lncRNAs and mRNAs).

### Details

The BRCA related lncRNAs are from LncRNADisease v2.0, Lnc2Cancer v2.0 and MNDR v2.0. The BRCA related mRNAs are from DisGeNET v5.0 and COSMIC v86.

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ceRExp

*ceRNA expression data*

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## Description

ceRNA expression data

## Format

ceRExp: A SummarizedExperiment object with 72 BRCA and 72 normal samples (rows) and 305 lncRNAs (columns).

## Details

The matched breast invasive carcinoma (BRCA) miRNA, lncRNA and mRNA expression data is obtained from TCGA (<http://cancergenome.nih.gov/>). lncRNA expression data is regarded as ceRNA expression data. The data focuses on 72 individuals for which the complete sets of tumor and matched normal (i.e., normal tissue taken from the same patient) profiles are available. A lncRNA which has missing values in more than 10 are imputed using the k-nearest neighbours (KNN) algorithm from the impute R package. We use the limma R package to infer differentially expressed lncRNAs between tumour and normal samples. After the analysis, we select top 305 lncRNAs which are differentially expressed at a significant level (adjusted p-value < 1E-02, adjusted by Benjamini & Hochberg method).

cor\_binary

*cor\_binary*

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**Description**

Generation of positively correlated binary matrix between ceRNAs and mRNAs

**Usage**

```
cor_binary(ceRExp, mRExp, cor.method = "pearson", pos.p.value.cutoff = 0.01)
```

**Arguments**

ceRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. ceRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are ceRNAs.
mRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. mRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are mRNAs.
cor.method	The method of calculating correlation selected, including 'pearson' (default), 'kendall', 'spearman'.
pos.p.value.cutoff	The significant p-value cutoff of positive correlation.

**Value**

A binary matrix.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Langfelder P, Horvath S. WGCNA: an R package for weighted correlation network analysis. BMC Bioinformatics. 2008, 9:559.

**Examples**

```
data(BRCASampleData)
cor_binary_matrix <- cor_binary(ceRExp, mRExp)
```

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miRExp	<i>miRNA expression data</i>
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**Description**

miRNA expression data

**Format**

miRExp: A SummarizedExperiment object with 72 BRCA and 72 normal samples (rows) and 226 miRNAs (columns).

**Details**

The matched breast invasive carcinoma (BRCA) miRNA, lncRNA and mRNA expression data is obtained from TCGA (<http://cancergenome.nih.gov/>). The data focuses on 72 individuals for which the complete sets of tumor and matched normal (i.e., normal tissue taken from the same patient) profiles are available. A miRNA which has missing values in more than 10 are imputed using the k-nearest neighbours (KNN) algorithm from the impute R package. We use the limma R package to infer differentially expressed miRNAs, ceRNAs and mRNAs between tumour and normal samples. After the analysis, we select top 226 miRNAs which are differentially expressed at a significant level (adjusted p-value < 1E-02, adjusted by Benjamini & Hochberg method).

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miRSM	<i>miRSM</i>
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**Description**

Identify miRNA sponge modules using sensitivity canonical correlation (SCC), sensitivity distance correlation (SDC), and sensitivity RV coefficient (SRVC) methods.

**Usage**

```
miRSM(
  miRExp,
  ceRExp,
  mRExp,
  miRTarget,
  CandidateModulegenes,
  typex = "standard",
  typez = "standard",
  nperms = 100,
  method = c("SCC", "SDC", "SRVC"),
  num_shared_miRNAs = 3,
  pvalue.cutoff = 0.05,
  MC.cutoff = 0.8,
  SMC.cutoff = 0.3,
  RV_method = c("RV", "RV2", "RVadjMaye", "RVadjGhaziri")
)
```

**Arguments**

miRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. miRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are miRNAs.
ceRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. ceRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are ceRNAs.
mRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. mRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are mRNAs.
miRTarget	A SummarizedExperiment object. Putative miRNA-target binding information.
CandidateModulegenes	List object: a list of candidate miRNA sponge modules.
typex	The columns of x unordered (type='standard') or ordered (type='ordered'). Only for the SCC method.
typez	The columns of z unordered (type='standard') or ordered (type='ordered'). Only for the SCC method.
nperms	The number of permutations. Only for the SCC method.
method	The method selected to identify miRNA sponge modules, including 'SCC', 'SDC' and 'SRVC'.
num_shared_miRNAs	The number of common miRNAs shared by a group of ceRNAs and mRNAs.
pvalue.cutoff	The p-value cutoff of significant sharing of common miRNAs by a group of ceRNAs and mRNAs.
MC.cutoff	The cutoff of matrix correlation (canonical correlation, distance correlation and RV coefficient).
SMC.cutoff	The cutoff of sensitivity matrix correlation (sensitivity canonical correlation, sensitivity distance correlation and sensitivity RV coefficient).
RV_method	the method of calculating RV coefficients. Select one of 'RV', 'RV2', 'RVadj-Maye' and 'RVadjGhaziri' methods. Only for the SRVC method.

**Value**

List object: Sensitivity correlation, and genes of miRNA sponge modules.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

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EIGHaziri A, Qannari EM. Measures of association between two datasets; Application to sensory data, *Food Quality and Preference*, 2015, 40(A):116-124.

## Examples

```
data(BRCASampleData)
modulegenes_igraph <- module_igraph(ceRExp[, seq_len(10)],
  mRExp[, seq_len(10)])
# Identify miRNA sponge modules using sensitivity RV coefficient (SRVC)
miRSM_igraph_SRVC <- miRSM(miRExp, ceRExp, mRExp, miRTarget,
  modulegenes_igraph, method = "SRVC",
  SMC.cutoff = 0.01, RV_method = "RV")
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miRTarget

*miRNA-target interactions*

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## Description

miRNA-target interactions

## Format

miRTarget: A SummarizedExperiment object with 29901 miRNA-target interactions.

## Details

The miRNA-target binding information is from miRTarBase v7.0 (<http://mirtarbase.mbc.nctu.edu.tw/php/index.php>), and LncBase v2.0 ([http://carolina.imis.athena-innovation.gr/diana\\_tools/web/index.php?r=lncbasev2/index](http://carolina.imis.athena-innovation.gr/diana_tools/web/index.php?r=lncbasev2/index)). Among 226 miRNAs, 305 lncRNAs and 500 mRNAs which are differentially expressed, we obtain 29901 miRNA-target interactions (including miRNA-lncRNA and miRNA-mRNA interactions).

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module_biclust	<i>module_biclust</i>
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### Description

Identification of gene modules from matched ceRNA and mRNA expression data using a series of biclustering packages, including biclust, runibic, iBBiG, fabia, BicARE, isa2, s4vd, BiBitR and rqbic

### Usage

```
module_biclust(
  ceRExp,
  mRExp,
  BCmethod = "fabia",
  num.modules = 10,
  num.ModuleceRs = 2,
  num.ModulemRs = 2
)
```

### Arguments

ceRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. ceRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are ceRNAs.
mRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. mRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are mRNAs.
BCmethod	Specification of the biclustering method, including 'BCBimax', 'BCCC', 'BC-Plaid' (default), 'BCQuest', 'BCSpectral', 'BCXmotifs', 'BCUnibic', iBBiG, 'fabia', 'fabiap', 'fabias', 'mfsc', 'nmfdiv', 'nmfeu', 'nmfsc', 'FLOC', 'isa', 'BCs4vd', 'BCssvd', 'bibit' and 'quBicluster'.
num.modules	The number of modules to be identified. For the 'BCPlaid', 'BCSpectral', 'isa' and 'bibit' methods, no need to set the parameter. For the 'quBicluster' method, the parameter is used to set the number of biclusters that should be reported.
num.ModuleceRs	The minimum number of ceRNAs in each module.
num.ModulemRs	The minimum number of mRNAs in each module.

### Value

GeneSetCollection object: a list of module genes.

### Author(s)

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## Examples

```
data(BRCASampleData)
modulegenes_biclust <- module_biclust(ceRExp[, seq_len(30)],
  mRExp[, seq_len(30)])
```

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module\_CEA

*module\_CEA*

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## Description

Cancer enrichment analysis of miRNA sponge modules using hypergeometric distribution test

## Usage

```
module_CEA(ceRExp, mRExp, Cancergenes, Modulelist)
```

**Arguments**

ceRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. ceRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are ceRNAs.
mRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. mRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are mRNAs.
Cancergenes	A SummarizedExperiment object: a list of cancer genes given.
Modulelist	List object: a list of the identified miRNA sponge modules.

**Value**

Cancer enrichment significance p-values of the identified miRNA sponge modules

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Johnson NL, Kotz S, Kemp AW (1992) "Univariate Discrete Distributions", Second Edition. New York: Wiley.

**Examples**

```
data(BRCASampleData)
modulegenes_WGCNA <- module_WGCNA(ceRExp, mRExp)
# Identify miRNA sponge modules using sensitivity RV coefficient (SRVC)
miRSM_WGCNA_SRVC <- miRSM(miRExp, ceRExp, mRExp, miRTarget,
                          modulegenes_WGCNA, method = "SRVC",
                          SMC.cutoff = 0.01, RV_method = "RV")
miRSM_WGCNA_SRVC_genes <- miRSM_WGCNA_SRVC[[2]]
miRSM.CEA.pvalue <- module_CEA(ceRExp, mRExp, BRCA_genes,
                              miRSM_WGCNA_SRVC_genes)
```

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module\_clust

*module\_clust*

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**Description**

Identification of gene modules from matched ceRNA and mRNA expression data using a series of clustering packages, including stats, flashClust, dbscan, subspace, mclust, SOMbrero and ppclust packages.

**Usage**

```
module_clust(
  ceRExp,
  mRExp,
  cluster.method = "kmeans",
  num.modules = 10,
  num.ModuleceRs = 2,
  num.ModulemRs = 2
)
```

**Arguments**

ceRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. ceRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are ceRNAs.
mRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. mRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are mRNAs.
cluster.method	Specification of the clustering method, including 'kmeans'(default), 'hclust', 'dbscan', 'clique', 'gmm', 'som' and 'fcm'.
num.modules	Parameter of the number of modules to be identified for the 'kmeans', 'hclust', 'gmm' and 'fcm' methods. Parameter of the number of intervals for the 'clique' method. For the 'dbscan' and 'som' methods, no need to set the parameter.
num.ModuleceRs	The minimum number of ceRNAs in each module.
num.ModulemRs	The minimum number of mRNAs in each module.

**Value**

GeneSetCollection object: a list of module genes.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
data(BRCASampleData)
modulegenes_clust <- module_clust(ceRExp[, seq_len(30)],
  mRExp[, seq_len(30)])
```

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 module\_Coexpress

*module\_Coexpress*


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**Description**

Co-expression analysis of each miRNA sponge module and its corresponding random miRNA sponge module

**Usage**

```
module_Coexpress(
  ceRExp,
  mRExp,
  Modulelist,
  resample = 1000,
  method = c("mean", "median")
)
```

**Arguments**

ceRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. ceRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are ceRNAs.
mRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. mRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are mRNAs.
Modulelist	List object: a list of the identified miRNA sponge modules.
resample	The number of random miRNA sponge modules generated, and 1000 times in default.
method	The method used to evaluate the co-expression level of each miRNA sponge module. Users can select "mean" or "median" to calculate co-expression value of each miRNA sponge module and its corresponding random miRNA sponge module.

**Value**

List object: co-expression values of miRNA sponge modules and their corresponding random miRNA sponge modules.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```

data(BRCASampleData)
modulegenes_WGCNA <- module_WGCNA(ceRExp, mRExp)
# Identify miRNA sponge modules using sensitivity RV coefficient (SRVC)
miRSM_WGCNA_SRVC <- miRSM(miRExp, ceRExp, mRExp, miRTarget,
                          modulegenes_WGCNA, method = "SRVC",
                          SMC.cutoff = 0.01, RV_method = "RV")
miRSM_WGCNA_SRVC_genes <- miRSM_WGCNA_SRVC[[2]]
miRSM_WGCNA_Coexpress <- module_Coexpress(ceRExp, mRExp,
                                          miRSM_WGCNA_SRVC_genes,
                                          resample = 10, method = "mean")

```

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module\_FA

*module\_FA*


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**Description**

Functional analysis of miRNA sponge modules, including functional enrichment and disease enrichment analysis

**Usage**

```

module_FA(
  Modulelist,
  GOont = "BP",
  Diseaseont = "DO",
  KEGGorganism = "hsa",
  Reactomeorganism = "human",
  OrgDb = "org.Hs.eg.db",
  padjustvaluecutoff = 0.05,
  padjustedmethod = "BH",
  Analysis.type = c("FEA", "DEA")
)

```

**Arguments**

Modulelist	List object: a list of miRNA sponge modules.
GOont	One of 'MF', 'BP', and 'CC' subontologies.
Diseaseont	One of 'DO', and 'DOLite' subontologies.
KEGGorganism	Organism, supported organism listed in <a href="http://www.genome.jp/kegg/catalog/org_list.html">http://www.genome.jp/kegg/catalog/org_list.html</a> .
Reactomeorganism	Organism, one of 'human', 'rat', 'mouse', 'celegans', 'yeast', 'zebrafish', 'fly'.
OrgDb	OrgDb
padjustvaluecutoff	A cutoff value of adjusted p-values.
padjustedmethod	Adjusted method of p-values, can select one of 'holm', 'hochberg', 'hommel', 'bonferroni', 'BH', 'BY', 'fdr', 'none'.
Analysis.type	The type of functional analysis selected, including 'FEA' (functional enrichment analysis) and 'DEA' (disease enrichment analysis).

**Value**

List object: a list of enrichment analysis results.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

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**Examples**

```
## Not run:
data(BRCASampleData)
modulegenes_WGCNA <- module_WGCNA(ceRExp, mRExp)
# Identify miRNA sponge modules using sensitivity RV coefficient (SRVC)
miRSM_WGCNA_SRVC <- miRSM(miRExp, ceRExp, mRExp, miRTarget,
                        modulegenes_WGCNA, method = "SRVC",
                        SMC.cutoff = 0.01, RV_method = "RV")
miRSM_WGCNA_SRVC_genes <- miRSM_WGCNA_SRVC[[2]]
miRSM_WGCNA_SRVC_FEA <- module_FA(miRSM_WGCNA_SRVC_genes, Analysis.type = 'FEA')
miRSM_WGCNA_SRVC_DEA <- module_FA(miRSM_WGCNA_SRVC_genes, Analysis.type = 'DEA')

## End(Not run)
```

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module\_GFA

*module\_GFA*

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**Description**

Identification of gene modules from matched ceRNA and mRNA expression data using GFA package

**Usage**

```
module_GFA(
  ceRExp,
  mRExp,
  StrengthCut = 0.9,
  iter.max = 5000,
  num.ModuleceRs = 2,
  num.ModulemRs = 2
)
```

**Arguments**

ceRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. ceRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are ceRNAs.
mRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. mRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are mRNAs.
StrengthCut	Desired minimum strength (absolute value of association with interval [0 1]) for each bicluster.
iter.max	The total number of Gibbs sampling steps (default 1000).
num.ModuleceRs	The minimum number of ceRNAs in each module.
num.ModulemRs	The minimum number of mRNAs in each module.

**Value**

GeneSetCollection object: a list of module genes.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
data(BRCASampleData)
modulegenes_GFA <- module_GFA(ceRExp[seq_len(20), seq_len(15)],
  mRExp[seq_len(20), seq_len(15)], iter.max = 2600)
```

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module\_igraph

*module\_igraph*

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**Description**

Identification of gene modules from matched ceRNA and mRNA expression data using igraph package

**Usage**

```
module_igraph(
  ceRExp,
  mRExp,
  cor.method = "pearson",
  pos.p.value.cutoff = 0.01,
  cluster.method = "greedy",
  num.ModuleceRs = 2,
  num.ModulemRs = 2
)
```

**Arguments**

ceRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. ceRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are ceRNAs.
mRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. mRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are mRNAs.
cor.method	The method of calculating correlation selected, including 'pearson' (default), 'kendall', 'spearman'.
pos.p.value.cutoff	The significant p-value cutoff of positive correlation.
cluster.method	The clustering method selected in <b>igraph</b> package, including 'betweenness', 'greedy' (default), 'infomap', 'prop', 'eigen', 'louvain', 'walktrap'.
num.ModuleceRs	The minimum number of ceRNAs in each module.
num.ModulemRs	The minimum number of mRNAs in each module.

**Value**

GeneSetCollection object: a list of module genes.

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**References**

Csardi G, Nepusz T. The igraph software package for complex network research, InterJournal, Complex Systems. 2006:1695.

**Examples**

```
data(BRCASampleData)
modulegenes_igraph <- module_igraph(ceRExp[, seq_len(10)],
  mRExp[, seq_len(10)])
```

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module\_miRdistribute    *module\_miRdistribute*

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**Description**

miRNA distribution analysis of sharing miRNAs by the identified miRNA sponge modules

**Usage**

```
module_miRdistribute(share_miRs)
```

**Arguments**

share_miRs	List object: a list of common miRNAs of each miRNA sponge module generated by share_miRs function.
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**Value**

Matrix object: miRNA distribution in each miRNA sponge module.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
data(BRCASampleData)
modulegenes_WGCNA <- module_WGCNA(ceRExp, mRExp)
# Identify miRNA sponge modules using sensitivity RV coefficient (SRVC)
miRSM_WGCNA_SRVC <- miRSM(miRExp, ceRExp, mRExp, miRTarget,
                          modulegenes_WGCNA, method = "SRVC",
                          SMC.cutoff = 0.01, RV_method = "RV")
miRSM_WGCNA_SRVC_genes <- miRSM_WGCNA_SRVC[[2]]
miRSM_WGCNA_share_miRs <- share_miRs(miRExp, ceRExp, mRExp,
                                      miRTarget, miRSM_WGCNA_SRVC_genes)
miRSM_WGCNA_miRdistribute <- module_miRdistribute(miRSM_WGCNA_share_miRs)
```

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module_miR sponge	<i>module_miR sponge</i>
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**Description**

Extract miRNA sponge interactions of each miRNA sponge module

**Usage**

```
module_miR sponge(ceRExp, mRExp, Modulelist)
```

**Arguments**

ceRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. ceRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are ceRNAs.
mRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. mRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are mRNAs.
Modulelist	List object: a list of the identified miRNA sponge modules.

**Value**

List object: miRNA sponge interactions of each miRNA sponge module.

**Author(s)**

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module_NMF	<i>module_NMF</i>
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### Description

Identification of gene modules from matched ceRNA and mRNA expression data using NMF package

### Usage

```
module_NMF(
  ceRExp,
  mRExp,
  NMF.algorithm = "brunet",
  num.modules = 10,
  num.ModuleceRs = 2,
  num.ModulemRs = 2
)
```

### Arguments

ceRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. ceRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are ceRNAs.
mRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. mRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are mRNAs.
NMF.algorithm	Specification of the NMF algorithm, including 'brunet' (default), 'Frobenius', 'KL', 'lee', 'nsNMF', 'offset', 'siNMF', 'snmf/l', 'snmf/r'.
num.modules	The number of modules to be identified.
num.ModuleceRs	The minimum number of ceRNAs in each module.
num.ModulemRs	The minimum number of mRNAs in each module.

### Value

GeneSetCollection object: a list of module genes.

### Author(s)

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### References

Gaujoux R, Seoighe C. A flexible R package for nonnegative matrix factorization. BMC Bioinformatics. 2010, 11:367.

### Examples

```
data(BRCASampleData)
# Reimport NMF package to avoid conflicts with DelayedArray package
library(NMF)
modulegenes_NMF <- module_NMF(ceRExp[, seq_len(10)],
  mRExp[, seq_len(10)])
```

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module_ProNet	<i>module_ProNet</i>
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### Description

Identification of gene modules from matched ceRNA and mRNA expression data using ProNet package

### Usage

```
module_ProNet(
  ceRExp,
  mRExp,
  cor.method = "pearson",
  pos.p.value.cutoff = 0.01,
  cluster.method = "MCL",
  num.ModuleceRs = 2,
  num.ModulemRs = 2
)
```

### Arguments

ceRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. ceRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are ceRNAs.
mRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. mRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are mRNAs.
cor.method	The method of calculating correlation selected, including 'pearson' (default), 'kendall', 'spearman'.
pos.p.value.cutoff	The significant p-value cutoff of positive correlation
cluster.method	The clustering method selected in <b>ProNet</b> package, including 'FN', 'MCL' (default), 'LINKCOMM', 'MCODE'.
num.ModuleceRs	The minimum number of ceRNAs in each module.
num.ModulemRs	The minimum number of mRNAs in each module.

### Value

GeneSetCollection object: a list of module genes.

### Author(s)

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Kalinka AT, Tomancak P. linkcomm: an R package for the generation, visualization, and analysis of link communities in networks of arbitrary size and type. *Bioinformatics*, 2011, 27(14):2011-2.

Bader GD, Hogue CW. An automated method for finding molecular complexes in large protein interaction networks. *BMC Bioinformatics*, 2003, 4:2.

## Examples

```
data(BRCASampleData)
modulegenes_ProNet <- module_ProNet(ceRExp[, seq_len(10)],
  mRExp[, seq_len(10)])
```

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module_Validate	<i>module_Validate</i>
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## Description

Validation of miRNA sponge interactions in each miRNA sponge module

## Usage

```
module_Validate(Modulelist, Groundtruth)
```

## Arguments

**Modulelist** List object: a list of the identified miRNA sponge modules.  
**Groundtruth** Matrix object: a list of experimentally validated miRNA sponge interactions.

## Value

List object: a list of validated miRNA sponge interactions in each miRNA sponge module

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## Examples

```
data(BRCASampleData)
modulegenes_WGCNA <- module_WGCNA(ceRExp, mRExp)
# Identify miRNA sponge modules using sensitivity RV coefficient (SRVC)
miRSM_WGCNA_SRVC <- miRSM(miRExp, ceRExp, mRExp, miRTarget,
  modulegenes_WGCNA, method = "SRVC",
  SMC.cutoff = 0.01, RV_method = "RV")
miRSM_WGCNA_SRVC_genes <- miRSM_WGCNA_SRVC[[2]]
library(miRsponger)
Groundtruthcsv <- system.file("extdata", "Groundtruth.csv", package="miRsponger")
Groundtruth <- read.csv(Groundtruthcsv, header=TRUE, sep=",")
miRSM.Validate <- module_Validate(miRSM_WGCNA_SRVC_genes, Groundtruth)
```

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 module\_WGCNA

*module\_WGCNA*


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### Description

Identification of co-expressed gene modules from matched ceRNA and mRNA expression data using WGCNA package

### Usage

```
module_WGCNA(
  ceRExp,
  mRExp,
  RsquaredCut = 0.9,
  num.ModuleceRs = 2,
  num.ModulemRs = 2
)
```

### Arguments

ceRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. ceRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are ceRNAs.
mRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. mRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are mRNAs.
RsquaredCut	Desired minimum scale free topology fitting index $R^2$ with interval [0 1].
num.ModuleceRs	The minimum number of ceRNAs in each module.
num.ModulemRs	The minimum number of mRNAs in each module.

### Value

GeneSetCollection object: a list of module genes.

### Author(s)

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### References

Langfelder P, Horvath S. WGCNA: an R package for weighted correlation network analysis. BMC Bioinformatics. 2008, 9:559.#'

### Examples

```
data(BRCASampleData)
modulegenes_WGCNA <- module_WGCNA(ceRExp[, seq_len(80)],
  mRExp[, seq_len(80)])
```

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mRExp	<i>mRNA expression data</i>
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**Description**

mRNA expression data

**Format**

mRExp: A SummarizedExperiment object with 72 BRCA and 72 normal samples (rows) and 226 miRNAs (columns).

**Details**

The matched breast invasive carcinoma (BRCA) miRNA, lncRNA and mRNA expression data is obtained from TCGA (<http://cancergenome.nih.gov/>). The data focuses on 72 individuals for which the complete sets of tumor and matched normal (i.e., normal tissue taken from the same patient) profiles are available. A mRNA which has missing values in more than 10 are imputed using the k-nearest neighbours (KNN) algorithm from the impute R package. We use the limma R package to infer differentially expressed mRNAs between tumour and normal samples. After the analysis, we select top 500 mRNAs which are differentially expressed at a significant level (adjusted p-value < 1E-02, adjusted by Benjamini & Hochberg method).

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share_miRs	<i>share_miRs</i>
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**Description**

Extract common miRNAs of each miRNA sponge module

**Usage**

```
share_miRs(miRExp, ceRExp, mRExp, miRTarget, Modulelist)
```

**Arguments**

miRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. miRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are miRNAs.
ceRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. ceRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are ceRNAs.
mRExp	A SummarizedExperiment object. mRNA expression data: rows are samples and columns are mRNAs.
miRTarget	A SummarizedExperiment object. Putative miRNA-target binding information.
Modulelist	List object: a list of the identified miRNA sponge modules.

**Value**

List object: a list of common miRNAs of each miRNA sponge module.



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