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align_breakpoints Adjusting the nominal position of a pair of partnered breakpoint.			

## Description

Adjusting the nominal position of a pair of partnered breakpoint.

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#### Usage

```
align_breakpoints(
  vcf,
  align = c("centre"),
  is_higher_breakend = names(vcf) < info(vcf)$PARID
)</pre>
```

#### **Arguments**

```
vcf A VCF object.

align The alignment type.

is_higher_breakend

Breakpoint ID ordering.
```

#### Value

A VCF object with adjusted nominal positions.

breakendRanges

Extracting unpartnered breakend structural variants as a GRanges

#### **Description**

Extracting unpartnered breakend structural variants as a GRanges

#### Usage

```
breakendRanges(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'VCF'
breakendRanges(x, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
x A VCF object.
```

... Parameters of .breakpointRanges(). See breakpointRanges for more details.

#### **Details**

The VCF standard supports single breakends where a breakend is not part of a novel adjacency and lacks a mate. This function supports parsing single breakends to GRanges, where a dot symbol is used in the ALT field to annotate the directional information. Single breakends provide insights to situations when one side of the structural variant is not observed, due to e.g. low mappability, non-reference contigs, complex multi-break operations, etc. See Section 5.4.9 of https://samtools.github.io/hts-specs/VCFv4.3.pdf for details of single breakends.

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#### Value

A GRanges object of SVs.

#### Methods (by class)

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#### **Examples**

breakpointgr2bedpe

Converting breakpoint GRanges to BEDPE-like dataframe

#### **Description**

Converting breakpoint GRanges to BEDPE-like dataframe

#### Usage

```
breakpointgr2bedpe(gr)
```

## Arguments

gr

A GRanges object.

#### **Details**

breakpointgr2bedpe converts a breakpoint GRanges to a BEDPE-formatted dataframe. The BEDPE format consists of two sets of genomic loci, optional columns of name, score, strand1, strand2 and any user-defined fields. See <a href="https://bedtools.readthedocs.io/en/latest/content/general-usage.html">https://bedtools.readthedocs.io/en/latest/content/general-usage.html</a> for more details on the BEDPE format.

## Value

A BEDPE-formatted data frame.

#### **Examples**

```
#coverting a GRanges object to BEDPE-like dataframe
vcf.file <- system.file("extdata", "gridss.vcf", package = "StructuralVariantAnnotation")
vcf <- VariantAnnotation::readVcf(vcf.file, "hg19")
gr <- breakpointRanges(vcf)
breakpointgr2bedpe(gr)</pre>
```

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breakpointgr2pairs

Converts a breakpoint GRanges object to a Pairs object

#### **Description**

Converts a breakpoint GRanges object to a Pairs object

Converts a BEDPE Pairs containing pairs of GRanges loaded using to a breakpoint GRanges object.

#### Usage

```
breakpointgr2pairs(
  bpgr,
  writeQualAsScore = TRUE,
  writeName = TRUE,
  bedpeName = NULL,
  firstInPair = NULL
)

pairs2breakpointgr(
  pairs,
  placeholderName = "bedpe",
  firstSuffix = "_1",
  secondSuffix = "_2",
  nameField = "name",
  renameScoreToQUAL = TRUE
)
```

## **Arguments**

bpgr breakpoint GRanges object

writeQualAsScore

write the breakpoint GRanges QUAL field as the score fields for compatibility

with BEDPE rtracklayer export

write Name write the breakpoint GRanges QUAL field as the score fields for compatibility

with BEDPE rtracklayer export

bedpeName function that returns the name to use for the breakpoint. Defaults to the sourceId,

name column, or row names (in that priority) of the first breakend of each pair.

firstInPair function that returns TRUE for breakends that are considered the first in the pair,

and FALSE for the second in pair breakend. By default, the first in the pair is

the breakend with the lower ordinal in the breakpoint GRanges object.

pairs a Pairs object consisting of two parallel genomic loci.

placeholderName

prefix to use to ensure each entry has a unique ID.

firstSuffix first in pair name suffix to ensure breakend name uniqueness

secondSuffix second in pair name suffix to ensure breakend name uniqueness

nameField Fallback field for row names if the Pairs object does not contain any names.

BEDPE files loaded using rtracklayer use the "name" field.

renameScoreToQUAL

renames the 'score' column to 'QUAL'. Performing this rename results in a consistent variant quality score column name for variant loaded from BEDPE and VCF.

#### **Details**

Breakpoint-level column names will override breakend-level column names.

#### Value

Pairs GRanges object suitable for export to BEDPE by rtracklayer Breakpoint GRanges object.

## **Examples**

```
vcf.file <- system.file("extdata", "gridss.vcf", package = "StructuralVariantAnnotation")
bpgr <- breakpointRanges(VariantAnnotation::readVcf(vcf.file))
pairgr <- breakpointgr2pairs(bpgr)
#rtracklayer::export(pairgr, con="example.bedpe")
bedpe.file <- system.file("extdata", "gridss.bedpe", package = "StructuralVariantAnnotation")
bedpe.pairs <- rtracklayer::import(bedpe.file)
bedpe.bpgr <- pairs2breakpointgr(bedpe.pairs)</pre>
```

breakpointGRangesToVCF

Converts the given breakpoint GRanges object to VCF format in breakend notation.

## Description

Converts the given breakpoint GRanges object to VCF format in breakend notation.

#### Usage

```
breakpointGRangesToVCF(gr, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

gr breakpoint GRanges object. Can contain both breakpoint and single breakend SV records.

... For cbind and rbind a list of VCF objects. For all other methods ... are additional arguments passed to methods. See VCF class in VariantAnnotation for more details.

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#### Value

A VCF object.

breakpointRanges

Extracting the structural variants as a GRanges.

#### **Description**

Extracting the structural variants as a GRanges.

.breakpointRanges() is an internal function for extracting structural variants as GRanges.

## Usage

```
breakpointRanges(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'VCF'
breakpointRanges(x, ...)
.breakpointRanges(
   vcf,
   nominalPosition = FALSE,
   placeholderName = "svrecord",
   suffix = "_bp",
   info_columns = NULL,
   unpartneredBreakends = FALSE,
   inferMissingBreakends = FALSE,
   ignoreUnknownSymbolicAlleles = FALSE)
```

#### Arguments

x A VCF object

... Parameters of .breakpointRanges(). See below.

vcf A VCF object.

nominalPosition

Determines whether to call the variant at the nominal VCF position, or to call the confidence interval (incorporating any homology present). Default value is set to FALSE, where the interval is called based on the CIPOS tag. When set to TRUE, the ranges field contains the nominal variant position only.

placeholderName

Variant name prefix to assign to unnamed variants.

suffix The suffix to append to variant names.

info\_columns VCF INFO columns to include in the GRanges object.

unpartneredBreakends

Determining whether to report unpartnered breakends. Default is set to FALSE.

inferMissingBreakends

Infer missing breakend records from ALT field of records without matching partners

ignoreUnknownSymbolicAlleles

Ignore unknown symbolic alleles. StructuralVariantAnnotation currently handles INS, INV, DEL, DUP as well as the VCF specifications non-compliant RPL, TRA symbolic alleles.

#### **Details**

Structural variants are converted to breakend notation. Due to ambiguities in the VCF specifications, structural variants with multiple alt alleles are not supported. The CIPOS tag describes the uncertainty interval around the position of the breakend. See Section 5.4.8 of https://samtools.github.io/hts-specs/VCFv4.3.pdf for details of CIPOS. If HOMLEN or HOMSEQ is defined without CIPOS, it is assumed that the variant position is left aligned. A breakend on the '+' strand indicates a break immediately after the given position, to the left of which is the DNA segment involved in the breakpoint. The '-' strand indicates a break immediately before the given position, rightwards of which is the DNA segment involved in the breakpoint. Unpaired variants are removed at this stage.

#### Value

A GRanges object of SVs.

## Methods (by class)

• VCF: Extracting structural variants as GRanges.

#### **Examples**

calculateReferenceHomology

Calculates the length of inexact homology between the breakpoint sequence and the reference

#### **Description**

Calculates the length of inexact homology between the breakpoint sequence and the reference

## Usage

```
calculateReferenceHomology(
  gr,
  ref,
  anchorLength = 300,
  margin = 5,
  match = 2,
  mismatch = -6,
  gapOpening = 5,
  gapExtension = 3
)
```

#### **Arguments**

gr reakpoint GRanges ref reference BSgenome

anchorLength Number of bases to consider for homology

margin Number of additional reference bases include. This allows for inexact homology

to be detected even in the presence of indels.

match see pwalign::pairwiseAlignment
mismatch see pwalign::pairwiseAlignment
gapOpening see pwalign::pairwiseAlignment
gapExtension see pwalign::pairwiseAlignment

#### Value

A dataframe containing the length of inexact homology between the breakpoint sequence and the reference.

countBreakpointOverlaps

Counting overlapping breakpoints between two breakpoint sets

## Description

Counting overlapping breakpoints between two breakpoint sets

## Usage

```
countBreakpointOverlaps(
  querygr,
  subjectgr,
  countOnlyBest = FALSE,
  breakpointScoreColumn = "QUAL",
  maxgap = -1L,
```

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```
minoverlap = 0L,
ignore.strand = FALSE,
sizemargin = NULL,
restrictMarginToSizeMultiple = NULL)
```

## Arguments

querygr, subjectgr, maxgap, minoverlap, ignore.strand, sizemargin, restrictMarginToSizeMultiple

See findBreakpointOverlaps().

countOnlyBest

Default value set to FALSE. When set to TRUE, the result count each subject breakpoint as overlaping only the best overlapping query breakpoint. The best breakpoint is considered to be the one with the highest QUAL score.

breakpointScoreColumn

Query column defining a score for determining which query breakpoint is considered the best when countOnlyBest=TRUE.

#### **Details**

countBreakpointOverlaps() returns the number of overlaps between breakpoint objects, based on the output of findBreakpointOverlaps(). See GenomicRanges::countOverlaps-methods

#### Value

An integer vector containing the tabulated query overlap hits.

#### **Examples**

```
truth_vcf = VariantAnnotation::readVcf(system.file("extdata", "na12878_chr22_Sudmunt2015.vcf",
package = "StructuralVariantAnnotation"))
crest_vcf = VariantAnnotation::readVcf(system.file("extdata", "na12878_chr22_crest.vcf",
package = "StructuralVariantAnnotation"))
caller_bpgr = breakpointRanges(crest_vcf)
caller_bpgr$true_positive = countBreakpointOverlaps(caller_bpgr, breakpointRanges(truth_vcf),
    maxgap=100, sizemargin=0.25, restrictMarginToSizeMultiple=0.5, countOnlyBest=TRUE)
```

elementExtract

Extracts the element of each element at the given position

## **Description**

Extracts the element of each element at the given position

## Usage

```
elementExtract(x, offset = 1)
```

#### **Arguments**

x list-like objectoffset offset of list

#### Value

The element of each element at given positions.

extractBreakpointSequence

Extracts the breakpoint sequence.

## **Description**

Extracts the breakpoint sequence.

## Usage

```
extractBreakpointSequence(gr, ref, anchoredBases, remoteBases = anchoredBases)
```

## Arguments

gr breakpoint GRanges
ref Reference BSgenome

 ${\tt remoteBases} \qquad {\tt Number\ of\ bases\ from\ other\ side\ of\ breakpoint\ to\ extract}$ 

#### **Details**

The sequence is the sequenced traversed from the reference anchor bases to the breakpoint. For backward (-) breakpoints, this corresponds to the reverse compliment of the reference sequence bases.

## Value

Breakpoint sequence around the variant position.

extractReferenceSequence

Returns the reference sequence around the breakpoint position

## Description

Returns the reference sequence around the breakpoint position

## Usage

```
extractReferenceSequence(
   gr,
   ref,
   anchoredBases,
   followingBases = anchoredBases)
```

#### **Arguments**

gr breakpoint GRanges ref Reference BSgenome

anchoredBases Number of bases leading into breakpoint to extract followingBases Number of reference bases past breakpoint to extract

#### **Details**

The sequence is the sequenced traversed from the reference anchor bases to the breakpoint. For backward (-) breakpoints, this corresponds to the reverse compliment of the reference sequence bases.

#### Value

Reference sequence around the breakpoint position.

findBreakpointOverlaps

Finding overlapping breakpoints between two breakpoint sets

## Description

Finding overlapping breakpoints between two breakpoint sets

#### Usage

```
findBreakpointOverlaps(
  query,
  subject,
  maxgap = -1L,
  minoverlap = 0L,
  ignore.strand = FALSE,
  sizemargin = NULL,
  restrictMarginToSizeMultiple = NULL
)
```

#### **Arguments**

query, subject

Both of the input objects should be GRanges objects. Unlike findOverlaps(), subject cannot be ommitted. Each breakpoint must be accompanied with a partner breakend, which is also in the GRanges, with the partner's id recorded in the partner field. See GenomicRanges::findOverlaps-methods for details.

maxgap, minoverlap

Valid overlapping thresholds of a maximum gap and a minimum overlapping positions between breakend intervals. Both should be scalar integers. maxgap allows non-negative values, and minoverlap allows positive values. See GenomicRanges::findOverlaps-methods for details.

ignore.strand

Default value is FALSE. strand information is ignored when set to TRUE. See GenomicRanges::findOverlaps-methods for details.

sizemargin

Error margin in allowable size to prevent matching of events of different sizes, e.g. a 200bp event matching a 1bp event when maxgap is set to 200.

restrictMarginToSizeMultiple

Size restriction multiplier on event size. The default value of 0.5 requires that the breakpoint positions can be off by at maximum, half the event size. This ensures that small deletion do actually overlap at least one base pair.

#### **Details**

findBreakpointOverlaps() is an efficient adaptation of findOverlaps-methods() for breakend ranges. It searches for overlaps between breakpoint objects, and return a matrix including index of overlapping ranges as well as error stats. All breakends must have their partner breakend included in the partner field. A valid overlap requires that breakends on boths sides meets the overlapping requirements.

See GenomicRanges::findOverlaps-methods for details of overlap calculation.

#### Value

A dataframe containing index and error stats of overlapping breakpoints.

## **Examples**

```
#reading in VCF files
query.file <- system.file("extdata", "gridss-na12878.vcf", package = "StructuralVariantAnnotation")</pre>
```

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```
subject.file <- system.file("extdata", "gridss.vcf", package = "StructuralVariantAnnotation")
query.vcf <- VariantAnnotation::readVcf(query.file, "hg19")
subject.vcf <- VariantAnnotation::readVcf(subject.file, "hg19")
#parsing vcfs to GRanges objects
query.gr <- breakpointRanges(query.vcf)
subject.gr <- breakpointRanges(subject.vcf)
#find overlapping breakpoint intervals
findBreakpointOverlaps(query.gr, subject.gr)
findBreakpointOverlaps(query.gr, subject.gr, ignore.strand=TRUE)
findBreakpointOverlaps(query.gr, subject.gr, maxgap=100, sizemargin=0.5)</pre>
```

findInsDupOverlaps

Finds duplication events that are reported as inserts. As sequence alignment algorithms do no allow backtracking, long read-based variant callers will frequently report small duplication as insertion events. Whilst both the duplication and insertion representations result in the same sequence, this representational difference is problematic when comparing variant call sets.

## **Description**

WARNING: this method does not check that the inserted sequence actually matched the duplicated sequence.

#### Usage

```
findInsDupOverlaps(query, subject, maxgap = -1L, maxsizedifference = 0L)
```

#### Arguments

query a breakpoint GRanges object subject a breakpoint GRanges object

maxgap maximum distance between the insertion position and the duplication

 ${\tt maxsizedifference}$ 

maximum size difference between the duplication and insertion.

#### Value

Hits object containing the ordinals of the matching breakends in the query and subject

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findTransitiveCalls *Identifies potential transitive imprecise calls that can be explained by traversing multiple breakpoints.* 

#### **Description**

Transitive calls are imprecise breakpoints or breakpoints with inserted sequence that can be explained by a sequence of breakpoints. That is, A-C calls in which additional sequence may be between A and C that can be explained by A-B-C.

#### Usage

```
findTransitiveCalls(
    transitiveGr,
    subjectGr,
    maximumImpreciseInsertSize = 700,
    minimumTraversedBreakpoints = 2,
    maximumTraversedBreakpoints = 6,
    positionalMargin = 8,
    insertionLengthMargin = 50,
    insLen = transitiveGr$insLen,
    impreciseTransitiveCalls = (transitiveGr$HOMLEN == 0 | is.null(transitiveGr$HOMLEN))
        & start(transitiveGr) != end(transitiveGr),
    impreciseSubjectCalls = (subjectGr$HOMLEN == 0 | is.null(subjectGr$HOMLEN)) &
        start(subjectGr) != end(subjectGr),
        allowImprecise = FALSE
)
```

## **Arguments**

transitiveGr a breakpoint GRanges object containing imprecise calls

subjectGr breakpoints to traverse

maximumImpreciseInsertSize

Expected number of bases to traverse imprecise calls.

minimumTraversedBreakpoints

Minimum number of traversed breakpoints to consider a transitive

maximumTraversedBreakpoints

Maximum number of breakpoints to traverse when looking for an explanation of the transitive calls

positionalMargin

Allowable margin of error when matching call positional overlaps. A non-zero margin allows for matching of breakpoint with imperfect homology.

insertionLengthMargin

Allowable difference in length between the inserted sequence and the traversed path length. Defaults to 50bp to allow for long read indel errors.

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Integer vector of same length as 'transitiveGr' indicating the number of bases insLen

inserted at the breakpoint.

Defaults to transitiveGr\$insLen which will be present if the GRanges was loaded from a VCF using breakpointRanges()

impreciseTransitiveCalls

Boolean vector of same length as 'transitiveGr' indicating which calls are imprecise calls. Defaults to calls with a non-zero interval size that have no homology.

impreciseSubjectCalls

Boolean vector of same length as 'subjectGr' indicating which calls are imprecise calls. Defaults to calls with a non-zero interval size that have no homology.

allowImprecise Allow traversal of imprecise calls. Defaults to FALSE as to prevent spurious results which skip some breakpoints when traversing multiple breakpoints E.g. An A-D transitive from an underlying A-B-C-D rearrangement will include A-B-D and A-C-D results if allowImprecise=TRUE.

#### Value

'DataFrame' containing the transitive calls traversed with the following columns: | column | mean-— | ———— | | transitive\_breakpoint\_name | Name of the transitive breakpoint a path was found for | | total\_distance | Total length (in bp) of the path | | traversed\_breakpoint\_names | 'CharacterList' of names of breakpoint traversed in the path | | distance\_to\_traversed\_breakpoint | 'IntegerList' of distances from start of path to end of traversing breakpoint |

hasPartner

Determines whether this breakend has a valid partner in this GRanges

#### **Description**

Determines whether this breakend has a valid partner in this GRanges

#### Usage

```
hasPartner(gr, selfPartnerSingleBreakends = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
GRanges object of SV breakends
gr
selfPartnerSingleBreakends
                  treat single breakends as their own partner.
```

#### Value

True/False for each row in the breakpoint GRanges

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#### **Examples**

```
#Subset to chromosome 6 intra-chromosomal events \code{vcf}
vcf.file <- system.file("extdata", "COLO829T.purple.sv.ann.vcf.gz",
    package = "StructuralVariantAnnotation")
vcf <- VariantAnnotation::readVcf(vcf.file)
gr <- breakpointRanges(vcf)
gr <- gr[seqnames(gr) == "6"]
# We now need to filter out inter-chromosomal events to ensure
# our GRanges doesn't contain any breakpoints whose partner
# has already been filtered out and no longer exists in the GRanges.
gr <- gr[hasPartner(gr)]</pre>
```

isStructural

Determining whether the variant is a structural variant

#### **Description**

Determining whether the variant is a structural variant

## Usage

```
isStructural(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'CollapsedVCF'
isStructural(x, ..., singleAltOnly = TRUE)
## S4 method for signature 'ExpandedVCF'
isStructural(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'VCF'
isStructural(x, ...)
```

#### Arguments

```
x A VCF object.
... Internal parameters.
singleAltOnly Whether only single ALT values are accepted. Default is set to TRUE.
```

#### **Details**

The function takes a VCF object as input, and returns a logical value for each row, determining whether the variant is a structural variant.

#### Value

A logical list of which the length is the same with the input object.

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#### Methods (by class)

- CollapsedVCF: Determining whether a CollapsedVCF object is a strucrual variant. Only single ALT values are accepted.
- ExpandedVCF: Determining whether a ExpandedVCF object is a structural variant.
- VCF: Determining whether a VCF object is a structural variant.

#### **Examples**

```
vcf.file <- system.file("extdata", "gridss.vcf", package = "StructuralVariantAnnotation")
vcf <- VariantAnnotation::readVcf(vcf.file, "hg19")
isStructural(vcf)</pre>
```

isSymbolic

Determining whether the variant is a symbolic allele.

#### **Description**

Determining whether the variant is a symbolic allele.

#### Usage

```
isSymbolic(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'CollapsedVCF'
isSymbolic(x, ..., singleAltOnly = TRUE)
## S4 method for signature 'ExpandedVCF'
isSymbolic(x, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
x A VCF object.... Internal parameters.singleAltOnly Whether only single ALT values are accepted. Default is set to TRUE.
```

#### **Details**

The function takes a VCF object as input, and returns a logical value for each row, determining whether the variant is a symbolic allele.

#### Value

A logical list of which the length is the same with the input object.

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#### Methods (by class)

- CollapsedVCF: Determining whether a CollapsedVCF object is a symbolic allele. Only single ALT values are accepted.
- ExpandedVCF: Determining whether a ExpandedVCF object is a symbolic allele

## Examples

```
vcf.file <- system.file("extdata", "gridss.vcf", package = "StructuralVariantAnnotation")
vcf <- VariantAnnotation::readVcf(vcf.file, "hg19")
isSymbolic(vcf)</pre>
```

numtDetect

Detecting nuclear mitochondria fusion events.

### **Description**

Detecting nuclear mitochondria fusion events.

#### Usage

```
numtDetect(gr, nonStandardChromosomes = FALSE, max_ins_dist = 1000)
```

#### **Arguments**

gr A GRanges object nonStandardChromosomes

Whether to report insertion sites on non-standard reference chromosomes. Default value is set to FALSE.

max\_ins\_dist

The maxium distance allowed on the reference genome between the paired insertion sites. Only intra-chromosomal NUMT events are supported. Default value is 1000.

#### **Details**

Nuclear mitochondrial fusion (NUMT) is a common event found in human genomes. This function searches for NUMT events by identifying breakpoints supporting the fusion of nuclear chromosome and mitochondrial genome. Only BND notations are supported at the current stage. Possible linked nuclear insertion sites are reported using SV IDs in the candidatePartnerId metadata column.

#### Value

A GRanges object of possible NUMT loci.

#### **Examples**

```
vcf.file <- system.file("extdata", "MT.vcf", package = "StructuralVariantAnnotation")
vcf <- VariantAnnotation::readVcf(vcf.file, "hg19")
gr <- breakpointRanges(vcf, nominalPosition=TRUE)
numt.gr <- numtDetect(gr)</pre>
```

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partner GRanges representing the breakend coordinates of structural variants #@export Partner breakend for each breakend.

## **Description**

GRanges representing the breakend coordinates of structural variants #@export Partner breakend for each breakend.

## Usage

```
partner(gr, selfPartnerSingleBreakends = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

```
gr GRanges object of SV breakends
selfPartnerSingleBreakends
treat single breakends as their own partner.
```

#### **Details**

All breakends must have their partner breakend included in the GRanges.

#### Value

A GRanges object in which each entry is the partner breakend of those in the input object.

## **Examples**

```
#reading in a VCF file as \code{vcf}
vcf.file <- system.file("extdata", "gridss.vcf", package = "StructuralVariantAnnotation")
vcf <- VariantAnnotation::readVcf(vcf.file, "hg19")
#parsing \code{vcf} to GRanges object \code{gr}
gr <- breakpointRanges(vcf)
#output partner breakend of each breakend in \code{gr}
partner(gr)</pre>
```

rtDetect

Detecting retrotranscript insertion in nuclear genomes.

## **Description**

Detecting retrotranscript insertion in nuclear genomes.

#### Usage

```
rtDetect(gr, genes, maxgap = 100, minscore = 0.3)
```

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#### **Arguments**

gr A GRanges object

genes TxDb object of genes. hg19 and hg38 are supported in the current version.

maxgap The maxium distance allowed on the reference genome between the paired exon

boundries.

minscore The minimum proportion of intronic deletions of a transcript should be identi-

fied.

#### **Details**

This function searches for retroposed transcripts by identifying breakpoints supporting intronic deletions and fusions between exons and remote loci. Only BND notations are supported at the current stage.

#### Value

A GRangesList object, named insSite and rt, reporting breakpoints supporting insert sites and retroposed transcripts respectively. 'exon' and 'txs' in the metadata columns report exon\_id and transcript\_name from the 'genes' object.

simpleEventLength

Length of event if interpreted as an isolated breakpoint.

#### **Description**

Length of event if interpreted as an isolated breakpoint.

#### Usage

simpleEventLength(gr)

## **Arguments**

gr

breakpoint GRanges object

## Value

Length of the simplest explanation of this breakpoint/breakend.

simpleEventType Type of simplest explanation of event. Possible types are: | Type | Description | | BND | Single breakend | | CTX | Interchromosomal translocation <math>| | INV | Inversion. | | DUP | Tandem duplication | | INS | Insertion | | DEL | Deletion |

## **Description**

Note that both ++ and - breakpoint will be classified as inversions regardless of whether both breakpoint that consistitute an actual inversion exists or not

#### Usage

```
simpleEventType(gr, insertionLengthThreshold = 0.5)
```

#### Arguments

gr breakpoint GRanges object

insertionLengthThreshold

portion of inserted bases compared to total event size to be classified as an insertion. For example, a 5bp deletion with 5 inserted bases will be classified as an INS event.

#### Value

Type of simplest explanation of event

StructuralVariantAnnotation

StructuralVariantAnnotation: a package for SV annotation

#### **Description**

Structural VariantAnnotation contains useful helper functions for reading and interpreting structural variants calls. The packages contains functions for parsing VCFs from a number of popular caller as well as functions for dealing with breakpoints involving two separate genomic loci. The package takes a 'GRanges' based breakend-centric approach.

#### **Details**

\* Parse VCF objects with the 'breakpointRanges()' and 'breakendRanges()' functions. \* Find breakpoint overlaps with the 'findBreakpointOverlaps()' and 'countBreakpointOverlaps()' functions. \* Generate BEDPE files for circos plot with 'breakpointgr2pairs()' function. \* ...

For more details on the features of StructuralVariantAnnotation, read the vignette: 'browseVignettes(package = "StructuralVariantAnnotation")'

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