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`BSdata-class` *Class "BSdata"*

Description

This class is used in the methylPipe library to point to a TABIX compressed file containing base-resolution DNA-methylation data and reference genome sequence

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("BSdata", ...)` or using the function BSdata(file, uncov, org) whose arguments are described in the next section Slots.

Slots

`file`: Object of class `"character"` : the TABIX compressed file containing base-resolution DNA-methylation data. This file can be generated through the `BSprepare` function, and it must contain the following columns: chromosome assignment (in the form chr1, chr2...), genomic position (positive integer), strand (either - or +), methylation sequence context (either CG, CHG or CHH), number (>0) of sequencing reads with C calls at that genomic position, number of sequencing reads with T calls at that genomic position, binomial pvalue (-10*log10(pvalue)) for calling a mC at that position.

`uncov`: Object of class GRanges : this GRanges object consists of the list of genomic regions with sequencing coverage information; this information is used to distinguish which methylation sites are unmethylated, but covered, from those that are missing data since they have no sequencing coverage. This object is automatically generated by the `meth.call` function while processing aligned files generated from the aligner.

`org`: refrence genome of class BSgenome

Author(s)

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See Also

`BSprepare`,`mCsmoothing`

Examples

```
require(BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg18)
H1data <- system.file('extdata', 'H1_chr20_CG_10k_tabix_out.txt.gz', package='methylPipe')
uncov_GR <- GRanges(Rle('chr20'), IRanges(c(14350,69251,84185), c(18349,73250,88184)))
H1.db <- BSdata(file=H1data, uncov=uncov_GR, org=Hsapiens)
```

BSdataSet-class *Class "BSdataSet"*

Description

This class is used in the methylPipe library to store a set of BSdata objects

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("BSdataSet", ...)` or using the function BSdataSet(org,Objlist,names), see below.

Slots

`Objlist`: Object of class `"list"` : a list with more than one item, where each item is a BSdata object

`names`: Object of class `"character"` : vector of the names of the objects, i.e. the sample names

`group`: Object of class `"character"` : indicating conditions and replicates; replicated samples within the same condition have to be assigned the same group name; if object has only two groups, "C"(control) and "E" (Experiment) should be specified as groups name

`org`: refrence genome of class BSgenome

Methods

"[[" `signature(x = "BSdataSet")`: subsets the BSdataSet returning a specific BSdata object

"[[<-" `signature(x = "BSdataSet")`: replaces the specific BSdata object in the BSdataSet

"[" `signature(x = "BSdataSet")`: subsets the BSdataSet returning another BSdataSet

Author(s)

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See Also

`BSdata-class`, `findDMR`

Examples

```
require(BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg18)
uncov_GR <- GRanges(Rle('chr20'), IRanges(c(14350,69251,84185), c(18349,73250,88184)))
H1data <- system.file('extdata', 'H1_chr20_CG_10k_tabix_out.txt.gz', package='methylPipe')
H1.db <- BSdata(file=H1data, uncov=uncov_GR, org=Hsapiens)
IMR90data <- system.file('extdata', 'IMR90_chr20_CG_10k_tabix_out.txt.gz', package='methylPipe')
IMR90.db <- BSdata(file=IMR90data, uncov=uncov_GR, org=Hsapiens)
H1.IMR90.set <- BSdataSet(org=Hsapiens, group=c("C","E"), IMR90=IMR90.db, H1=H1.db)
```

BSprepare *Preparing tabular data to be used to feed a BSdata object*

Description

Appending p-values and TABIX compressing tabular data containing DNA-methylation data so that they can be used to create a BSdata object.

Usage

```
BSprepare(files_location, output_folder, tabixPath, bc=1.5/100)
```

Arguments

files_location	character; the path to the files
output_folder	character; the path to the output files
tabixPath	character; the path to the Tabix application folder
bc	numeric; combined bisulfite conversion and sequencing error rate

Details

This function can be used to convert tabular files containing DNA-methylation base-resolution data so that they can be used to create a BSdata object. Genomic coordinates in the 1-base system are required, i.e. the first base of each chromosome should be at position 1. Files have to be tab-delimited and they have to contain the following columns: chromosome assignment (in the form chr1, .., chr22, chrX, chrY, chrM, chrC), genomic position (positive integer), strand (either - or +), methylation sequence context (either CG, CHG or CHH), number of sequencing reads with C calls (>0) at that genomic position, number of sequencing reads with T calls at that genomic position. Each file has to be sorted by genomic coordinate.

Value

Binomial p-values are added and a compressed file is created together with the Tabix index. P-values indicate for each Cytosine the probability of observing by chance the occurrence of unmethylated reads. The lower the p-value the higher the confidence in calling that Cytosine methylated.

Author(s)

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See Also

BSdata-class

Examples

```
#BSprepare("/path-to-input/","/path-to-output/", tabix="/path-to-tabix/tabix-0.2.6")
```

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chiCombP *Fisher's method implementation*

Description

Fisher's method implementation, used to combine the results from several independent tests bearing upon the same overall hypothesis.

Usage

```
chiCombP(Pvalues)
```

Arguments

Pvalues	an array of pvalues

Details

Pvalues will not be corrected for multiple testing. The sum of the log of the pvalues is determined (S). -2*S has a chi-square distribution with 2k degrees of freedom, where k is the number of tests being combined. A chi-square test is then performed.

Value

The chi-square final pvalue

Author(s)

Mattia Pelizzola

Examples

```
chiCombP(c(1e-3,1e-5,1e-2))
```

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consolidateDMRs *Consolidating Differentially Methylated Regions (DMRs)*

Description

Joins differentially methylated regions according to their proximity to each other, statistical significance and methylation difference

Usage

```
consolidateDMRs(DmrGR, pvThr=0.05, MethDiff_Thr=NULL, log2Er_Thr =NULL, GAP=0, type=NULL, correct=FALS
```

Arguments

DmrGR	the GRanges object resulting from the findDMR function
pvThr	numeric; the minimum pvalue for a DMR to be selected
MethDiff_Thr	numeric; the absolute value of minimum methylation difference percentage (for both hyper- and hypo-methyaltion) cutoff for the selection of a DMR
log2Er_Thr	numeric; the absolute value of minimum log2Enrichment (for both hyper- and hypo-methyaltion) cutoff for the selection of a DMR
GAP	numeric; the minimum distance between two adjacent DMRs; DMRs closer than that will be joined, resulting DMRs will be updated mean methylation difference and Pvalues combined using the Fisher's Method
type	character; one of the "hyper" or "hypo", specifies the type of differentially methylated regions selected
correct	logical; whether to correct the pvalues using the Benjamini-Hochberg muliple testing correction method

Details

After the DMRs are identified by findDMR method, a consolidation can be applied on them. This functions allows to select hyper/hypo differentially methylated regions based on P-value and absolute methylation change thresholds. Moreover, DMRs closer than a given distance can be joined. The final GRanges object with the set of final DMRs will be provided with updated mean methylation difference and Pvalues combined using the Fisher's Method.

Value

Either NULL or a GRanges object containing the differential methylated regions satisfying the criteria.

Author(s)

Kamal Kishore

See Also

findDMR

Examples

```
DMRs_file <- system.file('extdata', 'DMRs.Rdata', package='methylPipe')
load(DMRs_file)
hyper.DMRs.conso <- consolidateDMRs(DmrGR=DMRs, pvThr=0.05, GAP=100, type="hyper", correct=TRUE)
hyper.DMRs.conso
```

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extractBinGRanges *Extract genomic ranges for a given bin*

Description

For genomic ranges with N bins, extract the Genomic ranges for a given bin.

Usage

```
extractBinGRanges(GenoRanges, bin, nbins)
```

Arguments

GenoRanges	An object of class GRanges
bin	numeric; the bin corresponding to which data has to be extracted
nbins	numeric; the number of bins in which genomic regions are divided

Value

A GRanges Object

Author(s)

Mattia Pelizzola

See Also

mapBSdata2GRangesBin

Examples

```
gr_file <- system.file('extdata', 'GR_chr20.Rdata', package='methylPipe')
load(gr_file)
extractBinGRanges(GR_chr20, 2, 5)
```

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findDMR *Identifying Differentially Methylated Regions (DMRs)*

Description

Identifying differentially methylated regions for pairwise or multiple samples comparision.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'methylPipe,BSdataSet'
findDMR(object, Nproc=NULL, ROI=NULL,
pmdGRanges=NULL, MCClass='mCG', dmrSize=10, dmrBp=1000, binsize=0,
eprop=0.3, coverage=1, Pvalue=NULL, SNPs=NULL)
```

Arguments

object	An object of class BSdataSet
Nproc	numeric; the number of processors to use, one chromosome is ran for each processor
ROI	character; either NULL or an object of class GRanges consisting of genomic regions of interest for which DMRs are identified
pmdGRanges	a GRanges object containing the genomic coordinates of Partially Methylated Domains that will be masked
MCClass	character; the mC sequence context to be considered, one of all, mCG, mCHG or mCHH
dmrSize	numeric; the number of consecutive mC to be simulataneously considered; atleast 5
dmrBp	numeric; the max number of bp containing the dmrSize mC
binsize	numeric; the size of the bin used for smoothing the methylation levels, useful for nonCG methylation in human
eprop	numeric; the max - min methylation level is determined for each mC, or for each bin, and only mC (or bins) with difference greater than eprop are considered

coverage	numeric; the minimum number of total reads at a given cytosine genomic position
Pvalue	numeric; to select only those mC with significant p-value
SNPs	GRanges; if SNPs information is provided those cytosine are removed from DMR computation

Details

Typically for nonCG methylation in human a dmrSize of 50, a dmrBp of 50000 and a binsize of 1000 are used. For CpG methylation in human and both CpG and nonCG methylation in plants the default settings are usually fine. Partially Methylated Domains are usually found in differentiated cells and can constitute up to one third of the genome (Lister R et al, Nature 2009). Usually DMRs are not selected within those regions especially when comparing differentiated and pluripotent cells. Eprop is used to speed up the analysis. According to the number of samples different test are used to compare the methylation levels (percentage of methylated reads for each mC). In case of two samples the non parametric wilcoxon test is used. In case of more than two samples the kruskal wallis non parametric testis used. Check consolidateDMRs to further process and finalize the list of DMRs.

Value

A GRanges object of DMRs with the metadata slots for pValue, MethDiff_Perc and log2Enrichment. When two samples are compared, MethDiff_Perc is the diference between percentage methylation between the conditions compared. However, log2Enrichment is the log2ratio between the mean for the samples.

Author(s)

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See Also

consolidateDMRs

Examples

```
require(BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg18)
uncov_GR <- GRanges(Rle('chr20'), IRanges(c(14350,69251,84185), c(18349,73250,88184)))
H1data <- system.file('extdata', 'H1_chr20_CG_10k_tabix_out.txt.gz', package='methylPipe')
H1.db <- BSdata(file=H1data, uncov=uncov_GR, org=Hsapiens)
IMR90data <- system.file('extdata', 'IMR90_chr20_CG_10k_tabix_out.txt.gz', package='methylPipe')
IMR90.db <- BSdata(file=IMR90data, uncov=uncov_GR, org=Hsapiens)
H1.IMR90.set <- BSdataSet(org=Hsapiens, group=c("C","E"), IMR90=IMR90.db, H1=H1.db)
gr_file <- system.file('extdata', 'GR_chr20.Rdata', package='methylPipe')
load(gr_file)
DMRs <- findDMR(object= H1.IMR90.set, Nproc=1, ROI=GR_chr20, MCClass='mCG',
dmrSize=10, dmrBp=1000, eprop=0.3)
head(DMRs)
```

findPMDs *Identifying Partially Methylated Domains (PMDs)*

Description

This function is a wrapper function to identify partially methylated domains (PMDs) in Bis-seq data.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'methylPipe,BSdata'
findPMDs(Object, Nproc=1, Chrs=NULL)
```

Arguments

Object	An object of class BSdataSet
Nproc	numeric; the number of processors to use, one chromosome is ran for each processor
Chrs	character; Chromosome on which PMDs are identified

Details

This functions is a wrapper function of segmentPMDs method of package MethylSeekR. This function trains a Hidden Markov Model (HMM) to detect partially methylated domains (PMDs) in Bis-seq data.

Value

A GRangesList object containing segments that partition the genome into PMDs and regions outside of PMDs. The object contains two metadata columns indicating the type of region (PMD/notPMD) and the number of covered (by at least 5 reads) CpGs (nCG) in the region.

Author(s)

Kamal Kishore

See Also

findDMR

Examples

```
require(BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg18)
uncov_GR <- GRanges(Rle('chr20'), IRanges(c(14350,69251,84185), c(18349,73250,88184)))
H1data <- system.file('extdata', 'H1_chr20_CG_10k_tabix_out.txt.gz', package='methylPipe')
H1.db <- BSdata(file=H1data, uncov=uncov_GR, org=Hsapiens)
PMDs <- findPMDs(H1.db, Nproc=1, Chrs="chr20")
```

`GEcollection-class` *Class "GEcollection"*

Description

This class is used in the methylPipe library to define and manipulate a set of genomic regions and the associated DNA methylation patterns

Objects from the Class

This class is an extension of the RangedSummarizedExperiment class from the **SummarizedExperiment** package. Objects can be created using the function `profileDNAmetBin` which determines the absolute and relative methylation level by filling the binC, binmC and binrC slots. The assays slot of the RangedSummarizedExperiment class here consists of four matrices:

- binC: each genomic region is divided in one or more bins and for each bin the density (per bp) of potential methylation sites is determined.
- binmC: each genomic region is divided in one or more bins and for each bin the density (per bp) of methylation events is determined.
- binrC: each genomic region is divided in one or more bins and for each bin the relative mC/C content is determined.
- binscore: each genomic region is divided in one or more bins and scores can be assigned to them. In particular, it can be convenient for storing reads count for each bin of each genomic region.

The minimal set of data to create a GEcollection object is a set of genomic regions to be provided as a GRanges object and a dataset of class BSdata.

Methods

chr `signature(object = "GEcollection")`: extracts the chr assignment of the genomic regions

Strand `signature(object = "GEcollection")`: extracts the strand assignment of the genomic regions

binC `signature(object = "GEcollection")`: extracts the binC matrix

binmC `signature(object = "GEcollection")`: extracts the binmC matrix

binrC `signature(object = "GEcollection")`: extracts the binrC matrix

binscore `signature(object = "GEcollection")`: extracts the binscore matrix

binscore<- `signature(object = "GEcollection")`: replaces the binscore matrix

nbins `signature(object = "GEcollection")`: returns the number of bins

Author(s)

Kamal Kishore

Examples

```
require(BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg18)
uncov_GR <- GRanges(Rle('chr20'), IRanges(c(14350,69251,84185), c(18349,73250,88184)))
H1data <- system.file('extdata', 'H1_chr20_CG_10k_tabix_out.txt.gz', package='methylPipe')
H1.db <- BSdata(file=H1data, uncov=uncov_GR, org=Hsapiens)
gr_file <- system.file('extdata', 'GR_chr20.Rdata', package='methylPipe')
load(gr_file)
gec.H1 <- profileDNAmetBin(GenoRanges=GR_chr20, Sample=H1.db, mcCLASS='mCG')
gec.H1
```

GElist-class *Class "GElist"*

Description

This class is used in the methylPipe library to collect a set of GEcollection objects

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("GElist", ...)` or using the function GElist(Objlist,names), see below. GElist are a collection of GEcollection objects (see `GElist-class`).

Slots

`Objlist`**:** Object of class `"list"` : a list where each item is a GEcollection object

`names`**:** Object of class `"character"` : vector of the names of the objects

Methods

"[[" `signature(x = "GElist")`: subsets the GElist returning a specific GEcollection object

"[[<-" `signature(x = "GElist")`: replaces the specific GEcollection object in the GElist

"[" `signature(x = "GElist")`: subsets the GElist returning another GElist

Author(s)

Mattia Pelizzola

See Also

`GElist-class`

Examples

```
gecollect_file <- system.file('extdata', 'gec.H1.Rdata', package='methylPipe')
load(gecollect_file)
gec1 <- gec.H1[start(gec.H1) < 153924]
gec2 <- gec.H1[start(gec.H1) > 153924]
gel.set <- GElist(g1=gec1, g2=gec2)
```

getCpos *Get genomic Cxx positons for a series of genomic regions*

Description

getCpos retrieves genomic Cxx positions, possible target of DNA methylation for a series of genomic regions (and bins thereof) and a given organism. getCposChr is a Helper function which performs the same task for any given DNAString sequence and is not intended for the user to call directly.

Usage

```
getCpos(GenoRanges, seqContext='all', nbins, org)
getCposChr(GenoRanges, seqContext, chrseq, nbins)
```

Arguments

GenoRanges	An object of class GRanges
seqContext	character; one of: all, CG, CHG or CHH
org	an object of class BSgenome; typically the genome sequences of a given organism
chrseq	an object of class DNAString; typically a chromosome sequence of a given organism
nbins	numeric; the number of bins each region of genomic regions is divided

Value

A list is returned with the position of the Cxx in the GRanges regions. The length of the list is equal to the length of the GRanges. For each list item a list with length equal to the number of bins of the GRanges is returned. For each bin the position of the Cxx relative to the genomic coordinates of that bin is returned.

Author(s)

Mattia Pelizzola

See Also

getCposDensity, profileDNAmetBin

Examples

```
require(BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg18)
gr_file <- system.file('extdata', 'GR_chr20.Rdata', package='methylPipe')
load(gr_file)
res <- getCpos(GR_chr20, seqContext='CG', nbins=1, org=Hsapiens)
res[[1]]
```

getCposDensity *Determines the density of genomic Cxx positions for a series of genomic regions*

Description

After having used getCpos (or getCposChr), getCposDensity determines the density of Cxx sites for each bin of each genomic region.

Usage

```
getCposDensity(GenoRanges, Cpos, nbins)
```

Arguments

GenoRanges	an object of class GRanges used to generate the Cpos list
Cpos	list returned by getCpos or getCposChr methods
nbins	numeric; the number of bins each region of genomic regions is divided

Value

Returns a list with the number of Cxx sites per bp of bin size for each region of the GRanges.

Author(s)

Mattia Pelizzola

See Also

getCpos, profileDNAmetBin

Examples

```
require(BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg18)
gr_file <- system.file('extdata', 'GR_chr20.Rdata', package='methylPipe')
load(gr_file)
resC <- getCposChr(GenoRanges=GR_chr20, seqContext='CG', chrseq=unmasked(Hsapiens[['chr20']]), nbins=3)
resd <- getCposDensity(GenoRanges=GR_chr20, Cpos= resC, nbins=3)
```

`mapBSdata2GRanges` *Retrieve mC calls for a GRanges set of genomic regions given a BSdata object for a sample*

Description

mapBSdata2GRanges retrieves mC calls for a GRanges given a BSdata object for a sample. mapBSdata2GRangesBin does the same for each bin of each genomic region.

Usage

```
mapBSdata2GRanges(GenoRanges, Sample, context='all', mC=1, depth=0, pValue=1)
mapBSdata2GRangesBin(GenoRanges, Sample, context='all', mC=1, depth=0, pValue=1, nbins)
```

Arguments

`GenoRanges`	An object of class GRanges
`Sample`	An object of class BSdata
`context`	character; one of: all, CG, CHG or CHH
`mC`	numeric; the minumum number of reads with C (DNA-methylation events) at a given cytosine genomic position
`depth`	numeric; the minimum number of total reads at a given cytosine genomic position
`pValue`	numeric; the minimum binomial pValue for an mC call at a given cytosine genomic position
`nbins`	numeric; the number of bins in which Genomic regions are divided

Details

DNA-methylation data contained for a sample within a BSdata object is extracted for the set of genomic regions of a GRanges (and in particular for each bin using the mapBSdata2GRangesBin method). It is also possible to restrict the mC sequence context, to specify the minimal number of reads with C events at a given cytosine genomic position, to specify the minimum depth of sequencing and binomial pValue for the mC calls. A region with no mC will be defined unmethylated (0 is returned for that region). However, if it is overlapping with at least one uncovered region then it is defined non evaluable (NA is retuned).

Value

A list is returned. The length of the list is equal to the length of the GRanges. For each list item either NA, 0 or a data frame are returned. 0 means that the region contains unmethylated DNA methylation sites, whereas NA indicates that the region or some part of region was not covered by the sequencing. If a data frame is returned, it has the following columns: chromosome assignment (in the form chr1, .., chr22, chrX, chrY, chrM, chrC), genomic position (positive integer), strand (either - or +), methylation sequence context (either CG, CHG or CHH), number (>0) of sequencing reads with C calls at that genomic position, number of sequencing reads with T calls at that genomic position, binomial pvalue (-10*log10(pvalue)) for calling a mC at that position.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
require(BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg18)
uncov_GR <- GRanges(Rle('chr20'), IRanges(c(14350,69251,84185), c(18349,73250,88184)))
H1data <- system.file('extdata', 'H1_chr20_CG_10k_tabix_out.txt.gz', package='methylPipe')
H1.db <- BSdata(file=H1data, uncov=uncov_GR, org=Hsapiens)
gr_file <- system.file('extdata', 'GR_chr20.Rdata', package='methylPipe')
load(gr_file)
res <- mapBSdata2GRanges(GenoRanges=GR_chr20, Sample=H1.db, context='CG', mC=1, depth=0, pValue=1)
resbin <- mapBSdata2GRangesBin(GenoRanges=GR_chr20, Sample=H1.db, context='CG', mC=1, depth=0, pValue=1, nbins=2)
```

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mCsmoothing *Smoothing and plotting methylation data*

Description

Smoothing and plotting methylation data, even chromosome wide.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'methylPipe,BSdata'
mCsmoothing(Object, refgr, Scorefun='sum', Nbins=20,
Context="CG", plot=TRUE)
```

Arguments

Object	An object of class BSdata
refgr	GRanges; Genomic Ranges to plot the data
Scorefun	character; either sum or mean for smoothing
Nbins	numeric; the number of interval each range is divided
Context	character; either all or a combination of CG, CHG, and CHH
plot	logical; whether the smoothed profile has to be plotted

Details

The sum or the mean methylation level is determined on each window of size Binsize and smoothed with the smooth.spline function.

Value

A list with three components: pos (the left most point of each window), score (either the sum or the mean methylation levels), smoothed (the smoothed methylation levels).

Author(s)

Mattia Pelizzola

Examples

```
require(BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg18)
uncov_GR <- GRanges(Rle('chr20'), IRanges(c(14350,69251,84185), c(18349,73250,88184)))
H1data <- system.file('extdata', 'H1_chr20_CG_10k_tabix_out.txt.gz', package='methylPipe')
H1.db <- BSdata(file=H1data, uncov=uncov_GR, org=Hsapiens)
gr <- GRanges("chr20",IRanges(1,5e5))
sres <- mCsmoothing(H1.db, gr, Scorefun='sum', Nbins=50, Context="CG", plot=TRUE)
```

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meth.call *Function to read methylation calls*

Description

Reads the methylation calls from sorted SAM files generated from Bismark aligner.

Usage

```
meth.call(files_location, output_folder, no_overlap, read.context, Nproc)
```

Arguments

files_location	character; the path(s) to the folder location consisting of sorted SAM files
output_folder	character; the path(s) to the folder location where the output files are written
no_overlap	character; if set to TRUE and the SAM file has paired-end reads, then one read of the overlapping paired-end read pair will be ignored for methylation calling
read.context	character; One of the 'CpG' or 'All'. Determines what type of methylation context will be read. If given as 'all', cytosine methylation information in all sequence context will be read.
Nproc	numeric; the number of processors to use, one sample is processed by each processor.

Details

The function reads methylation calls from the sorted SAM file so that they can be used to create a BSdata object. SAM files must be sorted based on chr and start of reads. The user can specify the sequence context in which the methylation information is read from these files either "CpG" or "All". If "All" is specified, cytosine methylation in all context (CG, CHG or CHH) will be read. The methylation calls is saved as a text file in the output folder. These text files are tab-delimited and contain the following columns: chromosome assignment (in the form chr1, chr2..), genomic position (positive integer), strand (either - or +), methylation sequence context (either CG, CHG or CHH), number (>0) of sequencing reads with C calls at that genomic position, number of sequencing reads with T calls at that genomic position. In addition a GRanges object consisting of

uncovered genomic regions is generated and saved in the output folder for each sample. This information is used to distinguish unmethylated cytosines from those that are not covered by sequencing. This GRanges object is used further to provide uncovered regions information while creating BSdata object by BSdata method.

Value

A text file of methylation calls and a GRanges object consisting of uncovered genomic regions for each sample are generated in the "output_folder" folder. The files are prefixed with sample name.

Author(s)

Kamal Kishore

See Also

BSprepare

Examples

```
file_loc <- system.file('extdata', 'test_methcall', package='methylPipe')
meth.call(files_location=file_loc, output_folder=tempdir(), no_overlap=TRUE, read.context="CpG", Nproc=1)
```

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methstats *Exploratory statistics of samples in BSdataSet object*

Description

Exploratory methylation statistics of samples in BSdataSet object.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'methylPipe,BSdataSet'
methstats(object, chrom, mcClass='mCG', minC=1, coverage=1, pval=1, Nproc=1)
```

Arguments

object	An object of class BSdataSet
chrom	character; either NULL or an object of class character
mcClass	character; the mC sequence context to be considered, one of all, mCG, mCHG or mCHH
minC	numeric; the minumum number of reads with C (DNA-methylation events) at a given cytosine genomic position
coverage	numeric; the minimum number of total reads at a given cytosine genomic position
pval	numeric; the minimum binomial pValue for an mC call at a given cytosine genomic position
Nproc	numeric; the number of processors to use, one chromosome is ran for each processor

Details

The function provides basic statistical methods which computes descriptive statistics, correlation matrix and clustering of samples within the BSdataSet.

Value

A list with slots named descriptive_stats and correlation_mat.

Author(s)

Kamal Kishore

Examples

```
require(BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg18)
uncov_GR <- GRanges('chr20', IRanges(14350, 18349))
H1data <- system.file('extdata', 'H1_chr20_CG_10k_tabix_out.txt.gz', package='methylPipe')
H1.db <- BSdata(file=H1data, uncov=uncov_GR, org=Hsapiens)
IMR90data <- system.file('extdata', 'IMR90_chr20_CG_10k_tabix_out.txt.gz', package='methylPipe')
IMR90.db <- BSdata(file=IMR90data, uncov=uncov_GR, org=Hsapiens)
H1.IMR90.set <- BSdataSet(org=Hsapiens, group=c("C","C","E","E"), IMR_1=IMR90.db,
IMR_2=IMR90.db, H1_1=H1.db,H1_2=H1.db)
stats_res <- methstats(H1.IMR90.set,chrom="chr20",mcClass='mCG', Nproc=1)
stats_res
```

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plotMeth *Plot DNA methylation together with other omics, or annotation data for a genomic region*

Description

Plot DNA methylation data (either high- or low-resolution) together with other omics data (ChIP-seq, RNA-seq), or annotation tracks for one genomic region (genome-browser like view based on gviz).

Usage

```
plotMeth(grl=NULL, colors=NULL, datatype=NULL, yLim, brmeth=NULL, mcContext="CG", annodata=NULL,
transcriptDB, chr, start, end, org)
```

Arguments

grl	An object of class GElist or a potentially mixed list of GRanges or GEcollection objects
colors	character of length equal to grl; name of colors to display data tracks from the grl object
datatype	character of length equal to grl; one of C, mC , rC, density or cols

yLim	numeric vector with the same length of grl setting maximum values
brmeth	A list of object of class BSdata
mcContext	character; one of all, CG, CHG or CHH
annodata	An object of class GRangesList
transcriptDB	An object of class TranscriptDb
chr	character; chromosome name
start	numeric; chromosome start
end	numeric; chromosome end
org	BSgenome; an object of class BSgenome

Details

This function can be used to display for one genomic region (genome-browser like) DNA methylation data together with other omics data or static annotation info. The genomic region is indicated by chr, start and end. Specifically, grl is used to display binned high- or low-resolution data, while brmeth is used to point to (unbinned) base-resolution data. Each component of grl can either be a GEcollection or a GRanges.

In case of GEcollection, binC, binmC or binrC components will be extracted as indicated in datatype (setting C, mC or rC, respectively), and if more than 1 bin is present the average value will be considered for each range. Datatype can be set to density to extract the binscore component of the GEcollection, which can be used to store low-resolution or other omics data attacched to a base-resolution dataset.

In case of a GRanges (suitable for low-resolution or other omics data independently from base-resolution data), only the 1st column of the mcols will be considered. Eventually, for both GEcolleciton and GRanges tracks, a bar with the specific value will be displayed for the ranges occurring in the considered region (if any).

Regarding unbinned base-resolution data, mcContext defines the sequence context to be considered for the methyl-cytosines for each component of the brmeth object; a bar with height equal to the methylation level of each cytosine will be displayed for each sample (track).

Annodata is an optional GRangesList that can be used to display co-occurring annotation data, such as CpG islands (presence or absence of the regions only). transcriptDB and BSgenome are used to overlay the structure of annotated genes and chromosome ideogram, respectively.

Author(s)

Kamal Kishore

Examples

```
require(TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg18.knownGene)
txdb <- TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg18.knownGene
require(BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg18)
gecH1_file <- system.file('extdata', 'gec.H1.Rdata', package='methylPipe')
load(gecH1_file)
gecIMR_file <- system.file('extdata', 'gec.IMR90.Rdata', package='methylPipe')
load(gecIMR_file)
```

```
gel <- GElist(gecH1=gec.H1, gecIMR90=gec.IMR90)
uncov_GR <- GRanges(Rle('chr20'), IRanges(c(14350,69251,84185), c(18349,73250,88184)))
H1data <- system.file('extdata', 'H1_chr20_CG_10k_tabix_out.txt.gz', package='methylPipe')
H1.db <- BSdata(file=H1data, uncov=uncov_GR, org=Hsapiens)
IMR90data <- system.file('extdata', 'IMR90_chr20_CG_10k_tabix_out.txt.gz', package='methylPipe')
IMR90.db <- BSdata(file=IMR90data, uncov=uncov_GR, org=Hsapiens)
H1.IMR90.set <- list(H1=H1.db, IMR90=IMR90.db)
plotMeth(gel, colors=c("red","blue"), datatype=c("mC","mC"), yLim=c(.025, .025), brmeth=H1.IMR90.set, mcContext=
```

`pool.reads` *Function to pool reads of replicates*

Description

Combine reads of replicates within a group.

Usage

```
pool.reads(files_location)
```

Arguments

`files_location`	character; the path to the folder location consisting of tab separated text files

Details

The function reads tab separated text files of methylation calls generated from meth.call or user supplied according to the format specified for BSprepare method. It pools all the reads of the replicates within a single group for each cytosine position and creates a file consisting of the cytosines with pooled reads information.

Value

A text file of methylation calls are generated in the "files_location" folder.

Author(s)

Kamal Kishore

See Also

BSprepare

Examples

```
#pool.reads(files_location)
```

process.hmc *Processing hmC information from the MLML output*

Description

Processing MLML software output to generate files with hmC and CpG methylation information.

Usage

```
process.hmc(file, output_folder, Coverage)
```

Arguments

file	character; the path to the file
output_folder	character; the path to the output files
Coverage	GRanges; the object containing coverage for each cytosine

Details

This function allows processing of the output files from MLML software (Qu et al, Bioinformatics 2013). MLML read counts from BS-seq, oxBS-seq and TAB-seq to provide simultaneous estimates of 5hmC and 5mC levels. The input for this function is output file from this software alongwith a GRanges object consisting of coverage of each cytosine. The GRanges object should contain "coverage" column. This object can be generated using the coverage method of R package GenomicRanges.

Value

The function will return two files one each for "CpG" and "hmC" for the given sample which can directly be used for BSdata object creation.

Author(s)

Kamal Kishore

See Also

BSdata-class

Examples

```
#process.hmc(file,"/path-to-output/", Coverage)
```

`profileDNAmetBin` *Profile DNA methylation data for a set of genomic regions*

Description

Profile the absolute and relative density of mC sites for each bin of each genomic region of a GEcollection object.

Usage

```
profileDNAmetBin(GenoRanges, Sample, mcCLASS="mCG",
mC=1, depthThr=0, mCpv=1, minCoverage=0.75, nbins = 2)
profileDNAmetBinParallel(GenoRanges, Sample, mcCLASS="mCG", mC=1,
depthThr=0, mCpv=1, minCoverage=0.75, Nproc=1, nbins = 2)
```

Arguments

`GenoRanges`	an object of class GRanges
`Sample`	an object of class BSdata
`mcCLASS`	character; one of: mCG, mCHG, mCHH
`mC`	numeric; the minumum number of reads with C (DNA-methylation events) at a given cytosine genomic position
`depthThr`	numeric; the minimum number of total reads at a given cytosine genomic position
`mCpv`	numeric; the minimum binomial pValue for an mC call at a given cytosine genomic position
`minCoverage`	numeric between 0 and 1; the minimum coverage of for the genomic region to be profiled; currently ignored
`Nproc`	numeric; the number of processor for parallelization
`nbins`	numeric; the number of bins each genomic region is divided

Details

For each bin of each genomic region of a GRanges object, the absolute and relative density of mC sites is determined and an object of class GEcollection is created.

Value

An object of class GRanges from which an object of class GEcollection is created with the binC, binmC and binrC data slots been filled with density matrices. These matrices report the density of mC sites in the sequence context specified by mcCLASS. They are counted for each bin in each genomic region and their count is divided by the bin size in bp. The binC data slot is filled with the density of all possible methylation sites in the specified sequence context. The binmC data slot is filled with the density of mC sites in the specified sequence context for the considered sample. The binrC data slot is filled with the ratio of binC and binmC matrices, representing the relative methylation for each bin in each genomic region.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
require(BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg18)
H1data <- system.file('extdata', 'H1_chr20_CG_10k_tabix_out.txt.gz', package='methylPipe')
uncov_GR <- GRanges(Rle('chr20'), IRanges(c(14350,69251,84185), c(18349,73250,88184)))
H1.db <- BSdata(file=H1data, uncov= uncov_GR, org=Hsapiens)
gr_file <- system.file('extdata', 'GR_chr20.Rdata', package='methylPipe')
load(gr_file)
gec.H1 <- profileDNAmetBin(GenoRanges=GR_chr20, Sample=H1.db, mcCLASS='mCG', nbins=2)
head(binmC(gec.H1))
```

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splitChrs *Partitioning genome in chunks, for parallel computation*

Description

Helper function to partition genome chromosome-wise for parallel computation. This function is not intended for the user to call directly.

Usage

```
splitChrs(chrs, org)
```

Arguments

chrs	character; an aray of chromome names in the form chr1, .., chrX
org	an object of class BSgenome

Value

A data frame with chromosome name, start and end position of each chunk.

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tabixdata2GR *Convert the list returned by the function scanTabix into a GRanges*

Description

Helper function to convert the list returned by the function scanTabix into a GRanges. This function is not intended for the user to call directly.

Usage

```
tabixdata2GR(x)
```

Arguments

x	list; the list returned by the function scanTabix

Value

An object of class data frame.

Author(s)

Mattia Pelizzola, Kamal Kishore

See Also

BSdata-class

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