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`traseR-package` *GWAS trait-associated SNP enrichment analyses in genomic intervals*

Description

Perform GWAS trait-associated SNP enrichment analyses in genomic intervals. Explore and visualize the results.

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`CEU` *Sampled SNPs from all SNPs of CEU population in 1000 genome project*

Description

A GRange object `CEU` contains 5% of all SNPs from CEU by controling genome-wide density is the same as all SNPs from CEU

Usage

```
data(CEU)
```

Value

The data frame `CEU` contains three columns,

`SNP_ID`	SNP rs number
`seqnames`	Chromosome number associated with rs number
`ranges`	Chromosomal position, in base pairs, associated with rs number

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`plots` *Visualize of trait-associated SNPs*

Description

These are a group of functions to generate plot to visualize the trait-associated SNPs.

Usage

```
plotContext(snpdb, region=NULL, keyword = NULL, pvalue = 1e-3)

plotPvalue(snpdb, region=NULL, keyword = NULL, plot.type = c("densityplot", "boxplot"), pvalue = 1e-3,

plotSNP(snpdb, snpid, ext = 10000)

plotGene(snpdb, gene, ext = 10000)

plotInterval(snpdb,interval,ext = 10000)
```

Arguments

`snpdb`	A GRange object or data frame, which is GWAS trait-associated SNPs downloaded from up-to-date dbGaP and NHGRI public database. It is maintained to be updated to the latest version. The data frame contains the following columns,`Trait`,`SNP`,`p.value`,`Chr`,`Position`,`Context`,`GENE_NAME`,`GENE_START`,`GENE_END`,`GENE_STRAND`. The data frame is in `data` subdirectory. Users are free to add more SNP records to the data frame for practical use.
`region`	A data frame, which is genomic intervals with three columns, chromosome, genomic start position, genomic end position.
`keyword`	The keyword is used when specific trait is of interest. If `keyword` is specified, only the SNPs associated to the trait are used for analyses. Otherwise, all traits will be analyzed.
`snpid`	SNP rs number

`gene`	Gene name
`pvalue`	SNPs with p-value less than this threshold are used for analyses.
`plot.type`	Either "densityplot" or "boxplot"
`ext`	Bp extended upstream and downstream
`xymax`	The maximum range on x-axis and y-axis
`interval`	A data frame, genomic interval:chromosome, genomic start position, genomic end position

Value

`plotContext`	A pie plot with the distribution of SNP function class
`plotPvalue`	A density plot of -logPvalue of trait-associated SNPs
`plotSNP`	A plot of trait-associated SNP on chromosome
`plotGene`	A plot with the gene and possible nearby trait-associated SNPs
`plotInterval`	A plot with chromosome interval with possible nearby genes and trait-associated SNPs

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Examples

```
data(taSNP)
plotContext(snpdb= taSNP,keyword="Autoimmune")
plotGene(snpdb= taSNP,gene="ZFP92",ext=50000)
plotSNP(snpdb= taSNP,snpid="rs766420",ext=50000)
plotInterval(snpdb= taSNP,data.frame(chr="chrX",start=152633780,end=152737085))
```

`print.traseR` *Print the outcome of taSNP enrichment analyses*

Description

Print the outcome of taSNP enrichment analyses. Print the overall taSNP enrichment, trait-specific taSNP enrichment,trait-class-specific taSNP enrichment.

Usage

```
 ## S3 method for class 'traseR'
print(x,isTopK1=FALSE,topK1=10,isTopK2=FALSE,topK2=10,trait.threshold=10,traitclass.threshold=10,..
```

Arguments

`x`	Object returned from `traseR`
`isTopK1`	If isTopK1 is TRUE, topK1 traits are printed; otherwise, traits with p-value below Bonferroni correction threshold are printed. Default is FALSE.
`topK1`	Top K1 traits are printed. Default is 10.
`isTopK2`	If isTopK2 is TRUE, topK2 trait class are printed; otherwise, trait class with p-value below Bonferroni correction threshold are printed. Default is FALSE.
`topK2`	Top K2 trait class are printed. Default is 10.
`trait.threshold`	Traits above this threshold are reported. Default is 10.
`traitclass.threshold`	Trait class above this threshold are reported. Default is 10.
`...`	Other parameters to `print`

Value

Print a data frame of traits ranked by p-value

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Examples

```
data(taSNP)
data(Tcell)
x=traseR(snpdb=taSNP,region=Tcell)
print(x)
```

`querys` *Retrieve trait-associated SNPs based*

Description

These are a group of functions to retrieve the trait-associated SNPs based on input

Usage

```
queryKeyword(snpdb, region=NULL, keyword = NULL, returnby = c("SNP_ID", "trait"), pvalue = 1e-3)

queryGene(snpdb, genes = NULL)

querySNP(snpdb, snpid, region = NULL)
```

Arguments

`snpdb`	A GRange object or data frame, which is GWAS trait-associated SNPs downloaded from up-to-date dbGaP and NHGRI public database. It is maintained to be updated to the latest version. The data frame contains the following columns,`Trait`,`SNP_ID`,`p.value`,`Chr`,`Position`,`Context`,`GENE_NAME`,`GENE_START`,`GENE_END`,`GENE_STRA` The data frame is in `data` subdirectory. Users are free to add more SNP records to the data frame for practical use.
`region`	A data frame, which is genomic intervals with three columns, chromosome, genomic start position, genomic end position.
`keyword`	The keyword is used when specific trait is of interest. If `keyword` is specified, only the SNPs associated to the trait are used for analyses. Otherwise, all traits will be analyzed.
`snpid`	SNP rs number
`genes`	Gene name
`pvalue`	SNPs with p-value less than this threshold are used for analyses.
`returnby`	Either SNP or trait. If `returnby` is specified as 'SNP_ID', a data frame based on 'SNP_ID' is returned. If `returnby` is specified as 'trait', a data frame based on 'trait' is returned.

Value

queryKeyword: Return a data frame of traits containing the keyword queryGene: Return a data frame of traits associated with the gene querySNP: Return a data frame of traits associated with the SNP

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Examples

```
data(taSNP)
data(Tcell)
x=queryKeyword(snpdb=taSNP,region=Tcell,keyword="Autoimmune",returnby="SNP_ID")
x=queryGene(snpdb=taSNP,genes=c("AGRN","UBE2J2","SSU72"))
x=querySNP(snpdb=taSNP,snpid=c("rs3766178","rs880051"))
```

`taSNP` *trait-associated SNPs in dbGaP and NHGRI downloaded from Association Results Browser*

Description

A GRange object `taSNP` contains trait-associated SNPs from dbGaP and NHGRI downloaded from Association Results Browser.

Usage

```
data(taSNP)
```

Value

The data frame `taSNP` contains the following columns

`Trait`	Trait
`Trait Class`	Trait class which is formed based on the phenotype tree. Close traits are grouped together to form one class
`SNP_ID`	SNP rs number
`p.value`	GWAS SNP p-value
`seqnames`	Chromosome
`ranges`	Chromosome position
`Context`	SNP functional class
`GENE_NAME`	Nearest gene name
`GENE_START`	Gene start genomic position
`GENE_END`	Gene end genomic position
`GENE_STRAND`	Gene strand

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`taSNPLD` *linkage disequilibrium (>0.8) within 100kb SNPs of all trait-associated SNPs from dbGaP and NHGRI*

Description

A GRange object `taSNPLD` contains linkage disequilibrium (>0.8) SNPs of all trait-associated SNPs from dbGaP and NHGRI.

Usage

```
data(taSNPLD)
```

Value

The data frame `taSNPLD` contains four columns,

`SNP_ID`	SNP rs number
`seqnames`	Chromosome number associated with rs number
`ranges`	Chromosomal position, in base pairs, associated with rs number
`Trait`	Trait the SNP is associated with
`Trait Class`	Trait class which is formed based on the phenotype tree. Close traits are grouped together to form one class

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`Tcell` *Peak regions of H3K4me1 in Peripheral blood T cell*

Description

A GRange object `Tcell` contains three columns: chromosome, genomic start position and genomic end position.

Usage

```
data(Tcell)
```

Value

The data frame `Tcell` contains three columns,

`seqnames`	Chromosome id
`ranges`	Chromosome position

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`traseR` *TRait-Associated SNP EnRichment analyses*

Description

Perform GWAS trait-associated SNP enrichment analyses in genomic intervals using different approaches

Usage

```
traseR(snpdb, region, snpdb.bg=NULL, keyword = NULL, rankby = c("pvalue", "odds.ratio"),
test.method = c("binomial", "fisher","chisq", "nonparametric"), alternative = c("greater", "less", "tw
ntimes=100,nbatch=1,
trait.threshold = 0, traitclass.threshold=0, pvalue = 1e-3)
```

Arguments

`snpdb`	A GRange object. It could be GWAS trait-associated SNPs downloaded from up-to-date dbGaP and NHGRI public database. It is maintained to be updated to the latest version. The data frame contains the following columns,`Source`,`Trait`,`SNP`,`p.value`,`Chr`,`Posit` The data frame is in `data` subdirectory. Users are free to add more SNP records to the data frame for practical use. It could also be a data frame with columns as, `SNP`,`Chr`,`Position`.
`region`	A GRange object or data frame, which is genomic intervals with three columns, chromosome, genomic start position, genomic end position.
`snpdb.bg`	A GRange object contains non-trait-associated SNPs. They are treated as background for statistical testing instead of whole genome as background if specified.
`keyword`	The keyword is used when specific trait is of interest. If `keyword` is specified, only the SNPs associated to the trait are used for analyses. Otherwise, all traits will be analyzed.
`rankby`	Traits could be ranked by either p-value or adds.ratio based on the enrichment level of trait-associated SNPs in genomic intervals.
`test.method`	Several hypothesis testing options are provided: `binomial`(binomial test),`fisher`(Fisher's exact test),`chisq`(Chi-squared test),`chisq`(nonparametric test). Default is `binomial`(binomial test)
`alternative`	Indicate the alternative hypothesis. If `greater`, test if the genomic intervals are enriched in trait-associated SNPs than background. If `less`, test if the genomic intervals are depleted in trait-associated SNPs than background. If `two.sided`, test if there is difference between the enrichment of trait-associated SNPs in genomic intervals and in background.
`ntimes`	The number of shuffling time for one batch. See `nbatch`.
`nbatch`	The number of batches. The product of `ntimes` and `nbatch` is the total number of shuffling time.
`trait.threshold`	Test traits with number of SNPs more than the threshold.
`traitclass.threshold`	Test trait class with number of SNPs more than the threshold.
`pvalue`	SNPs with p-value less than this threshold are used for analyses.

Details

Return a list that contains three data frames. One data frame `tb.all` contains the results of enrichment analyses for all trait-associated SNPs in genomic intervals. Another data frame `tb1` contains the results of enrichment analyses for each trait-associated SNPs in genomic intervals separately. Another data frame `tb2` contains the results of enrichment analyses for each trait-class-associated SNPs in genomic intervals separately.

Value

The data frame `tb1` has columns,

`Trait`	Name of trait

`p.value`	P-value calculated from hypothesis testing
`q.value`	Adjusted p-value from multiple testing using FDR correction
`odds.ratio`	Odds ratio calculated based on number of trait-associated SNPs in genomic intervals, number of trait-associated SNPs across whole genome, genomic intervals size (bps) and genome size (bps)
`taSNP.hits`	Number of trait-associated SNPs in genomic intervals
`taSNP.num`	Number of SNPs for specific trait

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See Also

print.traseR

Examples

```
data(taSNP)
data(Tcell)
x=traseR(snpdb=taSNP,region=Tcell)
print(x)
```

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