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BEAT

BEAT - BS-Seq Epimutation Analysis Toolkit

Description

Modelling, data preparation and analysis of BS-Seq derived, region-based epimutation data

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epimutation_calls

Returns epimutation rates and sites.

Description

Returns epimutation rates per genome and per genomic feature, as well as individual genomic sites at which epimutations were called.

Usage

```
epimutation_calls(params, outputPath = getwd())
```

Arguments

params BEAT parameter object.

outputPath Path to which output files will be written, the default is the current working

directory.

Format

Necessary function arguments are passed via a BEAT parameter object, which includes working path, sample names, reference sample name, model parameters and region sizes.

params Parameter object created by calling makeParams.

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Value

The function epimutation_calls returns:

resultsList

A list is returned consisting of the two data.frames methSites and demethSites. methSites contains all regions at which methylating epimutations were observed, while demethSites contains all sites at which demethylating epimutations were observed. Each data.frame describes the genomic regions covered by the given sample and the reference sample using the columns: 'chr' (chromosome), 'start' (starting position), 'stop' (last position), 'meth' (methylated counts), 'unmeth' (unmethylatd counts) and 'epimutation_call_test' (epimutation call, 1 for methylating epimutation and \$-1\$ for demethylating epimutation).

methEpicalls

For each single-cell sample, a methEpicalls.RData object is saved in the working directory, which is a data.frame of all sites at which methylating epimutations were observed, consisting of the columns: chr, pos, endpos, meth, unmeth and methstate.

demethEpicalls For each single-cell sample, a demethEpicalls.RData object is saved in the working directory, which is a data frame of all sites at which demethylating epimutations were observed, consisting of the columns: chr, pos, endpos, meth, unmeth and methstate.

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See Also

See also makeParams.

Examples

```
# Local working directory
localpath <- system.file('extdata', package = 'BEAT')</pre>
# Names of samples, expected filenames are e.g. reference.positions.csv
sampNames <- c("reference", "sample")</pre>
# Empirical BS-conversion rates, e.g. estimated from non-CpG methylation
convrates <- c(0.8, 0.5)
# Vector denoting reference vs. single-cell status of given samples
is.reference <- c(TRUE,FALSE)</pre>
params <- makeParams(localpath, sampNames, convrates, is.reference, pminus = 0.2, regionSize = 10000, minCount
# pool CG positions into regions
positions_to_regions(params)
# compute model statistics
generate_results(params)
# call epimutations
methDemethPlusMinus <- epimutation_calls(params)</pre>
```

generate_results

Computes model methylation states for genomic region counts of a list of samples.

Description

Computes model methylation states for genomic region counts of a list of samples.

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Usage

```
generate_results(params, outputPath = getwd())
```

Arguments

params BEAT parameter object.

outputPath Path to which output files will be written, the default is the current working

directory.

Format

Necessary function arguments are passed via a BEAT parameter object, which includes working path, sample names, reference sample name, model parameters and region sizes.

params Parameter object created by calling makeParams.

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See Also

See also makeParams.

Examples

```
# Local working directory
localpath <- system.file('extdata', package = 'BEAT')
# Names of samples, expected filenames are e.g. reference.positions.csv
sampNames <- c("reference", "sample")
# Empirical BS-conversion rates, e.g. estimated from non-CpG methylation
convrates <- c(0.8,0.5)
# Vector denoting reference vs. single-cell status of given samples
is.reference <- c(TRUE,FALSE)
params <- makeParams(localpath, sampNames, convrates, is.reference, pminus = 0.2, regionSize = 10000, minCount:
# pool CG positions into regions
positions_to_regions(params)
# compute model statistics
generate_results(params)</pre>
```

 ${\sf makeParams}$

Creates a parameter object of arguments to be used with other BEAT functions.

Description

Creates a parameter object of arguments to be used with other BEAT functions.

Usage

```
makeParams(localpath = getwd(), sampNames, convrates, is.reference, pminus = 0.2, regionSize = 10000
```

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Arguments

localpath Full path to working directory from which files are read and where results are

saved.

sampNames Vector of sample names to be analyzed.

convrates Vector of empirically determined bisulfite conversion rates per sample. Deter-

mines p+, the model parameter for incomplete conversion (false negative rates).

is.reference Vector of reference (TRUE) vs. single-cell (FALSE) status per sample.

pminus Model parameter for false conversion (false positive rate).

regionSize Region size in nucleotides into which genomic sites are grouped.

minCounts Minimum counts necessary for each region to be included in epimutation mod-

eling and analysis.

verbose Shows more verbose console output during computation steps.

computeRegions If set to TRUE, regions will be recomputed from individual positions and saved

as cpgregions.RData objects for each sample.

computeMatrices

If set to TRUE, model parameters will be recomputed and saved as results.RData

objects for each sample.

writeEpicallMatrix

If set to TRUE, epimutation calls will be written as RData object.

Value

The function makeParams returns:

params Parameter object to be used in other BEAT functions.

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Examples

```
# Local working directory
localpath <- system.file('extdata', package = 'BEAT')
# Names of samples, expected filenames are e.g. reference.positions.csv
sampNames <- c("reference", "sample")
# Empirical BS-conversion rates, e.g. estimated from non-CpG methylation
convrates <- c(0.8,0.5)
# Vector denoting reference vs. single-cell status of given samples
is.reference <- c(TRUE,FALSE)
params <- makeParams(localpath, sampNames, convrates, is.reference, pminus = 0.2, regionSize = 10000, minCount:
# Example usage of the params object
positions_to_regions(params)</pre>
```

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positions

Sample dataset of CpG positions for a single cell BS-seq sample

Description

Sample dataset of CpG positions for a single cell sequencing sample

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positions.reference

Sample dataset of CpG positions for a reference BS-Seq sample

Description

Sample dataset of CpG positions for a single cell sequencing sample

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positions_to_regions

Converts methylation counts for single genomic positions to counts for genomic regions

Description

Converts methylation counts of a data.frame of single genomic positions into a data.frame of counts for genomic regions.

Usage

```
positions_to_regions(params, outputPath = getwd())
```

Arguments

params

BEAT parameter object.

Path to which output files will be written, the default is the current working outputPath

directory.

Format

Necessary function arguments are passed via a BEAT parameter object, which includes working path, sample names, reference sample name, model parameters and region sizes.

params Parameter object created by calling makeParams.

sample.positions.csv For each sample referenced by the params argument sampleNames, a corresponding csv must be present in the working directory. The csv input must contain one row per genomic position for each CG site. Columns must be chr, pos, meth, unmeth (chromosome, position, methylated counts, unmethylated counts).

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See Also

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Examples

```
# Local working directory
localpath <- system.file('extdata', package = 'BEAT')
# Names of samples, expected filenames are e.g. reference.positions.csv
sampNames <- c("reference", "sample")
# Empirical BS-conversion rates, e.g. estimated from non-CpG methylation
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is.reference <- c(TRUE,FALSE)
params <- makeParams(localpath, sampNames, convrates, is.reference, pminus = 0.2, regionSize = 10000, minCount:
# Pool CG positions into regions
positions_to_regions(params)</pre>
```

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