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Description

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See Also

Useful links:

- https://github.com/BorchLab/immApex/
- Report bugs at https://github.com/BorchLab/immApex/issues

ace_richness

ACE Richness Estimator

Description

Calculates the Abundance-based Coverage Estimator (ACE) of species richness. This metric is particularly useful for datasets with a large number of rare species.

Usage

```
ace_richness(cnt)
```

Arguments

cnt

Numeric vector of non-negative counts (one entry per clone/ residue/OTU). Zero counts are ignored.

Details

$$S_{ace} = S_{abund} + \frac{S_{rare}}{C_{ace}} + \frac{F_1}{C_{ace}} \gamma_{ace}^2$$

where the classification of rare and abundant species is based on a threshold of 10 individuals, *F*1 is the count of singletons, *S*rare is the number of rare species, and *C*ace is the sample coverage for rare species.

Value

A single numeric value representing the estimated total number of species. The estimate is constrained to be at least the number of observed species.

References

Chao, A., & Lee, S.-M. (1992). *Estimating the number of classes via sample coverage*. Journal of the American Statistical Association, 87(417), 210-217.

```
counts <- rpois(50, lambda=1.5)
ace_richness(counts)</pre>
```

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adjacencyMatrix

Adjacency Matrix From Amino Acid or Nucleotide Sequences

Description

Calculate frequency of adjacency between residues along a set of biological sequences.

Usage

```
adjacencyMatrix(
  input.sequences,
  normalize = TRUE,
  sequence.dictionary = amino.acids,
  directed = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

input.sequences

Character vector of sequences (amino acid or nucleotide)

 $\label{eq:control_control_control} \mbox{Return the values as a normalized frequency (TRUE) or raw counts (FALSE).} \\ \mbox{sequence.dictionary}$

The letters to use in the matrix (defaults to a standard 20 amino acids).

directed

Logical; if FALSE (default) the matrix is symmetrised.

Value

An adjacency matrix.

Examples

```
# new.sequences <- generateSequences(prefix.motif = "CAS",
# suffix.motif = "YF",
# number.of.sequences = 100,
# min.length = 8,
# max.length = 16)
#
# adj.matrix <- adjacencyMatrix(new.sequences,
# normalize = TRUE)</pre>
```

amino.acids

Standard 20 amino acids

Description

Vector of one-letter codes for the 20 standard amino acids.

Usage

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Format

An object of class character of length 20.

buildNetwork

Build Edit Distance Network

Description

Build Edit Distance Network

Usage

```
buildNetwork(
  input.data = NULL,
  input.sequences = NULL,
  seq_col = NULL,
  v_col = NULL,
  j_col = NULL,
  threshold = 2,
  filter.v = FALSE,
  filter.j = FALSE,
  ids = NULL,
  output = c("edges", "sparse"),
  weight = c("dist", "binary")
)
```

Arguments

input.data 'data.frame'/'tibble' with sequence & metadata (optional - omit if you supply 'sequences' directly).

input.sequences

Character vector of sequences **or** column name inside 'input.data'. Ignored when 'NULL' and 'seq_col' is non-'NULL'.

seq_col, v_col, j_col

Column names to use when 'input.data' is given. By default the function looks for common AIRR names ('junction_aa', 'cdr3', 'v_call', 'j_call').

threshold \Rightarrow 1 for absolute distance **or** 0 < x <= 1 for relative.

filter.v, filter.j

Logical; require identical V/J when 'TRUE'.

ids Optional character labels; recycled from row-names if missing.

output "edges" (default) or "sparse" - return an edge-list 'data.frame '**or** a sym-

metric 'Matrix::dgCMatrix' adjacency matrix.

weight "dist" (store the edit distance) **or** "binary" (all edges get weight 1). Ig-

nored when 'output = "edges"'.

Value

```
edge-list 'data.frame' **or** sparse adjacency 'dgCMatrix'
```

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calculateEntropy

Positional Entropy / Diversity Biological Sequences

Description

Computes residue-wise diversity for a set of aligned (right-padded) CDR3 amino-acid sequences using *any* supported diversity estimator in **immApex**. The following metrics are recognized:

```
***Shannon entropy:** shannon_entropy ***Inverse Simpson:** inv_simpson ***Gini-Simpson index:** gini_simpson ***Normalized entropy:** norm_entropy ***Pielou evenness:** pielou_evenness ****Hill numbers** (orders 0, 1, 2): hill_q(0), hill_q(1), hill_q(2)
```

You may also supply a **custom function** to 'method'; it must take a numeric vector of clone counts and return a single numeric value.

Usage

Arguments

Value

Named 'numeric()' vector of diversity scores, one value per position (Pos1 ... Pos*L*).

```
seqs <- c("CASSLGQDTQYF", "CASSIRSSYNEQFF", "CASSTGELFF")
calculateEntropy (seqs, method = "shannon")</pre>
```

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calculateFrequency

Relative Residue Frequencies at Every Position

Description

Quickly computes the per-position relative frequency of each symbol (amino-acid or nucleotide) in a set of biological sequences. Variable-length strings are padded to a common width so the calculation is entirely vectorized (one logical comparison + one 'colSums()' per residue).

Usage

```
calculateFrequency(
  input.sequences,
  max.length = NULL,
  sequence.dictionary = amino.acids,
  padding.symbol = ".",
  summary.fun = c("proportion", "count", "percent"),
  tidy = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

```
input.sequences
```

Character vector of sequences (amino acid or nucleotide)

max.length Integer. Pad/trim to this length. Defaults to 'max(nchar(sequences))'.

sequence.dictionary

Vector of valid residue symbols that should be tracked (defaults to the 20 canonical amino acids; supply 'c("A","C","G","T","N")' etc. for nucleotides).

padding.symbol Single character used for right-padding. **Must not** be present in 'sequence.dictionary'.

summary.fun

Character string choosing the summary statistic: * "proportion" (default) – each cell sums to 1 over the table. * "count" – raw counts. * "percent" – proportion × 100

proportion \times 100.

tidy

Logical; if 'TRUE' a long-format 'data.frame' is returned instead of a matrix (useful for plotting with *ggplot2*).

Value

Either

- A numeric matrix of dimension 'length(sequence.dictionary)' x 'max.length', whose columns sum to 1, **or**
- A 'data.frame' with columns *position*, *residue*, *frequency* when 'tidy = TRUE'.

```
# Amino Acid example
seqs <- c("CASSLGQGAETQYF", "CASSPGQGDYEQYF", "CASSQETQYF")
rel.freq <- calculateFrequency(seqs)
head(rel.freq[, 1:5])</pre>
```

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calculateGeneUsage

Quantification of Gene-Locus Usage

Description

Computes either the **counts**, **proportions** (default), or **percentages** of one locus *or* a locus pair that are already present as columns in 'input.data'. No external dependencies.

Usage

```
calculateGeneUsage(
  input.data,
  loci,
  levels = NULL,
  summary.fun = c("proportion", "count", "percent")
)
```

Arguments

input.data A data.frame whose rows are sequences / clones and whose columns named in

'loci' contain gene identifiers.

loci Character vector of length 1 or 2 giving the column names.

levels Optional list of length 1 or 2 with the full set of factor levels to include. Missing

levels are filled with zeros. If 'NULL' (default) only observed levels appear.

summary.fun Character string choosing the summary statistic: * "proportion" (default) -

each cell sums to 1 over the table. * "count" - raw counts. * "percent" -

proportion \times 100.

Value

Named numeric **vector** (single locus) or numeric **matrix** (paired loci). For '"proportion" and '"percent" results sum to 1 or 100.

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calculateMotif

Motif Enumeration and Counting

Description

Rapidly enumerates and quantifies **contiguous** (and, optionally, single-gap discontinuous) aminoacid motifs across a set of sequences.

Usage

```
calculateMotif(
  input.sequences,
  motif.lengths = 2:5,
  min.depth = 3,
  discontinuous = FALSE,
  discontinuous.symbol = ".",
  nthreads = 1
)
```

Arguments

```
input.sequences

Character vector of sequences (amino acid or nucleotide)

motif.lengths Integer vector of motif sizes (>= 1). **Default:** '2:5'.

min.depth Minimum count a motif must reach to be retained in the output ('>= 1'). **Default:** '3'.

discontinuous Logical; include single-gap motifs as well? **Default:** 'FALSE'.

discontinuous.symbol

Single character representing the gap when 'discontinuous = TRUE'. **De-
```

fault:** ".".

nthreads Integer number of OpenMP threads to use. '1' forces serial execution. **Default:** '1'.

Details

For every input sequence the algorithm slides windows of length *k* ('motif.lengths') and increments a motif counter ('unordered_map'). If 'discontinuous = TRUE', each window is additionally copied *k* times, substituting one position at a time with 'discontinuous.symbol' (default '"."'), yielding gapped motif patterns such as '"C.S"'.

Value

A 'data.frame' with two columns:

motif Motif string (contiguous or gapped).

frequency Integer occurrence count across all sequences.

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Examples

```
seqs <- c("CASSLGQDTQYF", "CASSAGQDTQYF", "CASSLGEDTQYF")
calculateMotif(seqs, motif.lengths = 3, min.depth = 2)</pre>
```

calculateProperty

Position-wise Amino-Acid Property Profiles

Description

Computes a range of summary statistics for property values of one or more AA property scales at every residue position of a set of protein (or peptide) sequences. The function is entirely vectorized: it first calls ['calculateFrequency()'] to obtain a residue-by-position **frequency** matrix *F* (each column sums to 1) and then performs a single matrix product.

Usage

```
calculateProperty(
  input.sequences,
  property.set = "atchleyFactors",
  summary.fun = "mean",
  transform = "none",
  max.length = NULL,
  padding.symbol = ".",
  tidy = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

input.sequences

summary.fun

Character vector of amino-acid strings.

property.set Character string (one of the supported names) Defaults to "atchleyFactors", but

includes: ``cruciani Properties"', ``"FASGAI"', ``"kidera Factors"', ``"MSWHIM"',

"ProtFP", "stScales", "tScales", "VHSE", "zScales"

Character string ("mean", "median", "sum", "min", "max"), **or** a

function accepting a numeric vector and returning length-1 numeric. Defaults to

"mean".

transform Character string controlling a *post-summary* transformation. One of "none"

(default), "sqrt", "log1p", "zscore" (row-wise), or "minmax" (row-wise).

max.length Integer. Pad/trim to this length ('max(nchar(sequences))' by default).

padding. symbol Single character used for right-padding. Must not be one of the 20 canonical

residues.

tidy Logical; if 'TRUE', return a long-format 'data.frame'

Value

A numeric matrix ($*k* \times *L*$) **or** a tidy data frame with columns scale, position, value.

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Examples

```
set.seed(1)
seqs <- c("CASSLGQGAETQYF", "CASSPGQGDYEQYF", "CASSQETQYF")
aa.Atchley <- calculateProperty(seqs, property.set = "atchleyFactors")</pre>
```

chao1_richness

Chaol Richness Estimator

Description

Calculates the Chao1 non-parametric estimator of species richness.

Usage

```
chao1_richness(cnt)
```

Arguments

cnt

Numeric vector of non-negative counts (one entry per clone/ residue/OTU). Zero counts are ignored.

Details

The bias-corrected formula is used:

$$S_{chao1} = S_{obs} + \frac{F_1(F_1 - 1)}{2(F_2 + 1)}$$

where *S*obs is the number of observed species, *F*1 is the count of singletons, and *F*2 is the count of doubletons.

If the conditions for the formula are not met ($*F*1 \le 1$ or *F*2 = 0), the function returns the observed richness (*S*obs).

Value

A single numeric value representing the estimated total number of species.

References

Chao, A. (1984). *Nonparametric estimation of the number of classes in a population*. Scandinavian Journal of Statistics, 11(4), 265-270.

```
# Sample with singletons and doubletons
counts <- c(rep(1, 10), rep(2, 5), 5, 8, 12)
chao1_richness(counts)
# Sample without doubletons returns observed richness
chao1_richness(c(rep(1, 5), 3, 4, 5))</pre>
```

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d50_dom

D50 Dominance Index

Description

A convenience wrapper for 'dxx_dom(cnt, 50)'. Calculates the minimum number of top clones required to constitute 50

Usage

```
d50_dom(cnt)
```

Arguments

cnt

Numeric vector of non-negative counts (one entry per clone/ residue/OTU). Zero counts are ignored.

Value

The smallest number of categories whose cumulative abundance is at least 50

Examples

```
d50_dom(c(100, 50, 20, 10, 5, rep(1, 5)))
```

 dxx_dom

Dxx Dominance Index

Description

Calculates the minimum number of top clones/sequences (ranked by abundance) that constitute a specified percentage of the total dataset. This function allows the user to designate the percentage.

Usage

```
dxx_dom(cnt, pct)
```

Arguments

cnt Numeric vector of non-negative counts.

pct A numeric value (0-100) for the target percentage.

Value

The smallest number of categories whose cumulative abundance is at least 'pct' percent of the total abundance.

See Also

```
[d50_dom()]
```

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Examples

```
counts <- c(100, 50, 20, 10, 5, rep(1, 5))
dxx_dom(counts, 80)</pre>
```

formatGenes

Ensure clean gene nomenclature using IMGT annotations

Description

This function will format the genes into a clean nomenclature using the IMGT conventions.

Usage

```
formatGenes(
  input.data,
  region = "v",
  technology = NULL,
  species = "human",
  simplify.format = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

```
input.data

Data frame of sequencing data or scRepertoire outputs

region

Sequence gene loci to access - "v", "d", "j", or "c" or a combination using c("v", "d", "j")

technology

The sequencing technology employed - 'TenX', "Adaptive', or 'AIRR'

species

One or two word designation of species. Currently supporting: "human", "mouse", "rat", "rabbit", "rhesus monkey", "sheep", "pig", "platypus", "alpaca", "dog", "chicken", and "ferret"

simplify.format

If applicable, remove the allelic designation (TRUE) or retain all information (FALSE)
```

Value

A data frame with the new columns of formatted genes added.

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generateSequences

Randomly Generate Amino Acid Sequences

Description

Use this to make synthetic amino acid sequences for purposes of testing code, training models, or providing noise.

Usage

```
generateSequences(
  prefix.motif = NULL,
  suffix.motif = NULL,
  number.of.sequences = 100,
  min.length = 1,
  max.length = 10,
  verbose = TRUE,
  sequence.dictionary = amino.acids
)
```

Arguments

prefix.motif A defined amino acid/nucleotide sequence to add to the start of the generated sequences. A defined amino acid/nucleotide sequence to add to the end of the generated suffix.motif sequences. number.of.sequences The number of sequences to generate. min.length The minimum length of the final sequence. If this value is too short to fit the motifs, it will be automatically increased. max.length The maximum length of the final sequence. If it is less than the final 'min.length', it will also be adjusted. verbose Logical. If TRUE, prints messages when arguments like 'min.length' or 'max.length' are automatically adjusted. sequence.dictionary

A character vector of the letters to use in random sequence generation.

Value

A character vector of generated sequences.

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getIMGT

Get IMGT Sequences for Specific Loci

Description

Use this to access the ImMunoGeneTics (IMGT) sequences for a specific species and gene loci. More information on IMGT can be found at imgt.org.

Usage

```
getIMGT(
   species = "human",
   chain = "TRB",
   sequence.type = "aa",
   frame = "inframe",
   region = "v",
   max.retries = 3,
   verbose = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

species One or two-word common designation of species.

chain Sequence chain to access, e.g., TRB or IGH.

sequence.type Type of sequence - aa (amino acid) or nt (nucleotide).

frame Designation for all, inframe, or inframe+gap.

region Gene loci to access.

max.retries Number of attempts to fetch data in case of failure.

verbose Print messages corresponding to the processing step.

Value

A list of allele sequences.

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getIR

Extract Immune Receptor Sequences

Description

Use this to extract immune receptor sequences from a Single-Cell Object or the output of combineTCR and combineBCR.

Usage

```
getIR(
  input.data,
  chains,
  sequence.type = c("aa", "nt"),
 group.by = NULL,
  as.list = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

input.data Single-cell object or the output of combineTCR and combineBCR from scRepertoire chains Immune Receptor chain to use - TRA, TRB, IGH, or IGL sequence.type Extract amino acid (aa) or nucleotide (nt) sequences Optional metadata column (e.g., "sample.id") to group and return results as a group.by named list by that variable. as.list

Logical; if TRUE, returns a list split by chain. If group.by is also provided,

returns a nested list Default is FALSE.

Value

A data frame, list of data frames, or nested list of immune receptor sequences depending on as.list and group.by. Each entry includes CDR3 sequence, V(D)J gene segments, and associated barcodes.

gini_coef

Gini Coefficient of Abundance Inequality

Description

Calculates the Gini coefficient, a measure of inequality, for a vector of clone/sequence counts. It ranges from 0 (perfect equality) to nearly 1 (maximal inequality).

```
gini_coef(cnt)
```

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Arguments

cnt

Numeric vector of non-negative counts (one entry per clone/ residue/OTU). Zero counts are ignored.

Details

$$G = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{S} (2i - S - 1)n_i}{S \sum_{i=1}^{S} n_i}$$

where *n*i are the counts of each of the *S* categories, sorted in non-decreasing order.

Value

A numeric value in [0, 1]. Returns '0' if there is only one category.

See Also

```
[gini_simpson()]
```

Examples

```
# High inequality
gini_coef(c(100, 1, 1, 1))
# Perfect equality
gini_coef(c(10, 10, 10, 10))
```

gini_simpson

Gini-Simpson Diversity

Description

Computes the complement of Simpson's index (also called the Gini-Simpson index or probability of interspecific encounter):

Usage

```
gini_simpson(cnt)
```

Arguments

cnt

Numeric vector of non-negative counts (one entry per clone/ residue/OTU). Zero counts are ignored.

Details

$$1 - \lambda = 1 - \sum_{i} p_i^2$$

Value

Value in the interval [0, 1]. Higher numbers indicate greater heterogeneity.

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Examples

```
gini_simpson(c(10, 5, 5))
```

hill_q

Hill-Number Generator

Description

Returns a *function* that computes the Hill diversity of order q^* (also called the "effective number of species"):

Usage

```
hill_q(q)
```

Arguments

q

Numeric order of diversity. Common values: *0* (richness), *1* (exp(*H*)), *2* (inverse Simpson).

Details

$${}^qD = \left(\sum_i p_i^{\,q}\right)^{1/(1-q)}, \quad q \neq 1$$

For *q = 1* the formula is undefined; the limit is

$$^{1}D = e^{H'}$$

.

Value

A **closure**: 'hill_q(q)' returns a function that takes a vector of counts and yields the corresponding qD . The returned function is vectorised over its input.

References

Hill, M. O. (1973) *Diversity and Evenness: A Unifying Notation and its Consequences.* Ecology **54** (2), 427–432.

```
hill1 <- hill_q(1)  # q = 1
hill1(c(5, 1, 1, 1))

hill2 <- hill_q(2)  # q = 2, inverse-Simpson
hill2(c(5, 1, 1, 1))</pre>
```

immapex_blosum.pam.matrices

List of amino acid substitution matrices

Description

A list of amino acid substitution matrices, using the Point Accepted Matrix (PAM) and BLOck SUbstitution Matrix (BLOSUM) approaches. A discussion and comparison of these matrices are available at PMID: 21356840.

- BLOSUM45
- BLOSUM50
- BLOSUM62
- BLOSUM80
- BLOSUM100
- PAM30
- PAM40
- PAM70
- PAM120
- PAM250

Usage

```
data("immapex_blosum.pam.matrices")
```

Value

List of 10 substitution matrices

Description

Contains a collection of bulk or paired TCR sequences in the respective formats in the form of a list from the following sources:

- TenX: 10k_Human_DTC_Melanoma_5p_nextgem_Multiplex from 10x Website.
- AIRR: Human_colon_16S8157851 from PMID: 37055623.
- Adaptive: Adaptive_2283_D0 from PMID: 36220826.

More information on the data formats are available: AIRR, Adaptive, and TenX.

Usage

```
data("immapex_example.data")
```

Value

List of 3 example data sets for 10x, AIRR and Adaptive contigs.

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immapex_gene.list

A list of IMGT gene names by genes, loci, and species

Description

A list of regularized gene nomenclature to use for converting for data for uniformity. Data is organize by gene region, loci and species. Not all species are represented in the data and pseudogenes have not been removed.

Usage

```
data("immapex_gene.list")
```

Value

List of gene nomenclature by region, loci, and species.

inferCDR

Infer CDR-loop segments from V-gene calls

Description

Use this isolate sequences from the CDR loop using the V gene annotation. When there are multiple V gene matches for a single gene, the first allelic sequence is used.

Usage

```
inferCDR(
  input.data,
  reference,
  chain = "TRB",
  technology = c("TenX", "AIRR", "Adaptive", "Omniscope"),
  sequence.type = c("aa", "nt"),
  sequences = c("CDR1", "CDR2"),
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

input.data Data frame output of formatGenes

reference IMGT reference sequences from getIMGT

chain Sequence chain to access, like TRB or IGH

technology The sequencing technology employed - TenX, Adaptive, or AIRR

sequence.type Type of sequence - aa for amino acid or nt for nucleotide

sequences The specific regions of the CDR loop to get from the data, such as CDR1.

verbose Logical. If 'TRUE' (default), prints a progress message.

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Value

A data frame with the new columns of CDR sequences added.

Examples

```
## Not run:
# Getting the Sequence Reference
data(immapex_example.data)
TRBV_aa <- getIMGT(species = "human",</pre>
                    chain = "TRB",
                    frame = "inframe",
                    region = "v",
                    sequence.type = "aa")
# Ensuring sequences are formatted to IMGT
TenX_formatted <- formatGenes(immapex_example.data[["TenX"]],</pre>
                               region = "v",
                               technology = "TenX")
# Inferring CDR loop elements
TenX_formatted <- inferCDR(TenX_formatted,</pre>
                            chain = "TRB",
                            reference = TRBV_aa,
                            technology = "TenX",
                            sequence.type = "aa",
                            sequences = c("CDR1", "CDR2"))
## End(Not run)
```

inv_simpson

Inverse Simpson Diversity

Description

Computes the inverse of Simpson's concentration index, sometimes written as *1/D*. This metric emphasizes dominant categories.

Usage

```
inv_simpson(cnt)
```

Arguments

cnt

Numeric vector of non-negative counts (one entry per clone/ residue/OTU). Zero counts are ignored.

Details

$$1/D = \frac{1}{\sum_{i} p_i^2}$$

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Value

Numeric value >= 1. Equals 1 when all observations belong to a single category.

Examples

```
inv_simpson(c(10, 5, 1))
```

mutate Sequences

Randomly Mutate Sequences of Amino Acids

Description

Use this to mutate or mask sequences for purposes of testing code, training models, or noise.

Usage

```
mutateSequences(
  input.sequences,
  number.of.sequences = 1,
  mutation.rate = 0.01,
  position.start = NULL,
  position.end = NULL,
  sequence.dictionary = amino.acids
)
```

Arguments

```
The amino acid or nucleotide sequences to use

number.of.sequences
The number of mutated sequences to return

mutation.rate
The rate of mutations to introduce into sequences

position.start
The starting position to mutate along the sequence Default = NULL will start the random mutations at position 1

position.end
The ending position to mutate along the sequence Default = NULL will end the random mutations at the last position

sequence.dictionary
```

The letters to use in sequence mutation (default are all amino acids)

Value

A vector of mutated sequences

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norm_entropy

Normalised Shannon Entropy

Description

Shannon entropy scaled to the interval [0, 1] by its maximum possible value given *S* observed categories:

Usage

```
norm_entropy(cnt)
```

Arguments

cnt

Numeric vector of non-negative counts (one entry per clone/ residue/OTU). Zero counts are ignored.

Details

$$H^* = \frac{H'}{\ln S}$$

(also known as "Shannon evenness").

Value

Numeric value in [0, 1]; '0' when all observations are in a single category.

```
norm_entropy(c(40, 10, 10, 10))
```

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pielou_evenness

Pielou's Evenness

Description

Convenience wrapper for normalized Shannon entropy (*E* = *H* / ln *S*).

Usage

```
pielou_evenness(cnt)
```

Arguments

cnt

Numeric vector of non-negative counts (one entry per clone/ residue/OTU). Zero counts are ignored.

Value

Numeric evenness measure in [0, 1].

Examples

```
pielou_evenness(c(3, 3, 3))
```

positionalEncoder

Generate Sinusoidal Positional Encodings

Description

Creates a matrix of sinusoidal positional encodings as described in the "Attention Is All You Need" paper. This provides a way to inject information about the relative or absolute position of tokens in a sequence.

```
positionalEncoder(
  max.length = NULL,
  d.model = NULL,
  input.sequences = NULL,
  base = 10000,
  position.offset = 1L
)
```

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Arguments

max.length The maximum sequence length (number of positions) to encode. This is the

primary way to specify the output size.

d.model The dimensionality of the embedding. Must be an even number.

input.sequences

Optional. A character vector of sequences. If provided, 'max.length' is automatically determined from the longest sequence, unless 'max.length' is also

explicitly set to a larger value.

base The base for the geometric progression of frequencies. The default is 10000, as

used in the original paper.

position.offset

An integer offset for position numbering. Defaults to 1 (1-based indexing com-

mon in R). Set to 0 for 0-based indexing.

Value

A matrix of shape 'max.length' x 'd.model' containing the positional encodings.

Details

The implementation uses the standard formulas: 'PE(pos, 2i) = sin(pos / base^(2i / d.model))' 'PE(pos, 2i+1) = cos(pos / base^(2i / d.model))' where 'pos' is the position, 'i' is the dimension pair, 'd.model' is the embedding dimension, and 'base' is a user-definable base, typically 10000.

Examples

probabilityMatrix

Position Probability Matrix for Amino Acid or Nucleotide Sequences

Description

Generates a position-probability (PPM) or position-weight (PWM) matrix from a set of biological sequences.

```
probabilityMatrix(
  input.sequences,
  max.length = NULL,
  convert.PWM = FALSE,
  background.frequencies = NULL,
  sequence.dictionary = amino.acids,
  pseudocount = 1,
  padding.symbol = "."
)
```

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Arguments

```
input.sequences
```

Character vector of sequences.

max.length

Integer; sequences will be right-padded to this length. If NULL (default), pads to the length of the longest sequence in the input.

convert.PWM

Logical; if TRUE, converts the matrix into a PWM.

background.frequencies

Named vector of background frequencies for PWM calculation. If NULL, a uniform distribution is assumed. Names must correspond to characters in 'sequence.dictionary'.

sequence.dictionary

Character vector of residues to include in the matrix.

pseudocount

A small number added to raw counts for PWM calculation to avoid zero probabilities. Defaults to 1.

padding.symbol Single character for right-padding. Must not be in 'sequence.dictionary'.

Value

A matrix with position-specific probabilities (PPM) or weights (PWM).

Examples

scaleMatrix

Fast Matrix Scaling or Transformation

Description

Applies a chosen transformation to every row *or* column of a numeric matrix without altering its dimensions. Designed for lightweight pre-processing pipelines ahead of machine-learning models.

```
scaleMatrix(
    x,
    method = c("minmax", "z", "robust_z", "unit_var", "l2", "l1", "sqrt", "log1p", "log2",
        "log10", "arcsinh", "none"),
    margin = 2,
    range = c(0, 1),
    offset = 1e-08,
    cofactor = 5,
    na.rm = TRUE
)
```

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Arguments

```
Numeric matrix (coerced with as.matrix()).
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method
                  Character scalar. One of:
                     • "minmax" - rescale linearly to [range].
                     • "z" – mean 0 / sd 1 (per margin).
                     • "robust_z" – median 0 / MAD 1 (outlier-resistant).
                     • "unit_var" - divide by sd (keep mean shifts).
                     • "12", "11" – divide by Euclidean / L1 norm.
                     • "sqrt" – element-wise square-root.
                     • "log1p" - element-wise log1p(x + offset).
                     • "log2", "log10" – logs with small offset.
                     • "arcsinh" - asinh(x / cofactor) (Flow/CyTOF).
                     • "none" – return unchanged.
                  1 = \text{operate row-wise}, 2 = \text{column-wise (default 2)}.
margin
                  Numeric length-2 vector for method = "minmax".
range
offset
                  Non-negative scalar added before logs / sqrt (ignored otherwise). Default 1e-8.
                  Numeric > 0 for method = "arcsinh" (default 5).
cofactor
na.rm
                  Logical; drop NAs when computing summaries.
```

Value

Matrix of identical dimension (dimnames preserved).

Examples

sequenceDecoder

Decode Amino Acid or Nucleotide Sequences

Description

Transforms one-hot or property-encoded sequences back into their original character representation. This function serves as the inverse to 'sequenceEncoder'.

```
sequenceDecoder(
  encoded.object,
  mode = c("onehot", "property"),
  property.set = NULL,
  property.matrix = NULL,
  call.threshold = 0.5,
```

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```
sequence.dictionary = amino.acids,
padding.symbol = ".",
remove.padding = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

 $encoded.object \ A \ 'list' \ object \ produced \ by \ 's equence Encoder', \ or \ a \ numeric \ 'matrix' \ (flattened \ by \ 'sequence \ by$

2D) or 'array' (3D cube) from it.

mode The encoding mode used for decoding: "onehot" or "property". This is typi-

cally inferred if 'encoded.object' is a list from 'sequenceEncoder'.

property.set For 'mode = "property"', a character vector of property names (e.g., '"atchley-

Factors"') that were used for the original encoding. See '?sequenceEncoder'.

This is ignored if 'property.matrix' is supplied.

property.matrix

For 'mode = "property"', the exact numeric matrix (with dimensions '20 x P')

that was used for encoding. This overrides 'property.set'.

call.threshold A numeric confidence threshold for making a call. - In '"onehot"' mode, this is

the minimum required value in the vector (e.g., '0.9'). - In "property" mode, this is the maximum allowable Euclidean distance. Positions with scores not

meeting the threshold are assigned the 'padding.symbol'.

sequence.dictionary

A character vector of the alphabet (e.g., amino acids). Must match the one used

during encoding.

padding.symbol The single character used to represent padding or low-confidence positions.

remove.padding Logical. If 'TRUE', trailing padding symbols are removed from the end of the

decoded sequences.

Value

A character vector of the decoded sequences.

```
# Example sequences
aa.sequences <- c("CAR", "YMD", "ACAC")</pre>
# Encode the sequences
encoded.onehot <- sequenceEncoder(aa.sequences,</pre>
                                    mode = "onehot")
encoded.prop <- sequenceEncoder(aa.sequences,</pre>
                                  mode = "property",
                                  property.set = "atchleyFactors")
# Decode the sequences
# 1. Decode from the full list object
decoded.1 <- sequenceDecoder(encoded.onehot,</pre>
                               mode = "onehot")
# 2. Decode from just the 3D cube array
decoded.2 <- sequenceDecoder(encoded.prop$cube,</pre>
                               mode = "property",
                               property.set = "atchleyFactors")
```

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sequenceEncoder

Universal Amino-acid Sequence Encoder

Description

'sequenceEncoder()' is a high-level function that converts a character vector of amino-acid sequences into one of three representations: 1. **one-hot**: A binary representation for each amino acid position. 2. **property-based**: A numerical representation based on amino acid properties (e.g., atchleyFactors, kideraFactors, etc). 3. **geometric**: A fixed-length 20-dimensional vector for each sequence, derived from a substitution matrix and geometric rotation.

Usage

```
sequenceEncoder(
  input.sequences,
  mode = c("onehot", "property", "geometric"),
  property.set = NULL,
  property.matrix = NULL,
  method = "BLOSUM62",
  theta = pi/3,
  sequence.dictionary = amino.acids,
  padding.symbol = ".",
  summary.fun = "",
  max.length = NULL,
  nthreads = parallel::detectCores(),
  verbose = TRUE,
)
onehotEncoder(..., mode = "onehot")
propertyEncoder(..., mode = "property")
geometricEncoder(..., mode = "geometric")
```

mode.

Arguments

```
'character' vector. Sequences (uppercase single-letter code).

mode Either '"onehot"', '"property"', or '"geometric"'.

property.set Character string (one of the supported names) Defaults to '"atchleyFactors"', but includes: '"crucianiProperties"', '"FASGAI"', '"kideraFactors"', '"MSWHIM"', '"ProtFP"', '"stScales"', '"tScales"', '"VHSE"', '"zScales"' Ignored if 'property.matrix' is supplied.

property.matrix

*Optional numeric matrix ('20 × P')*. Overrides 'property.set' in '"property"'
```

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method *(For geometric mode)* Character key for a built-in substitution matrix (e.g.,

"BLOSUM62"), or a 20x20 numeric matrix itself.

(For geometric mode) Rotation angle in radians (default 'pi/3').

sequence.dictionary

Character vector of the alphabet (default = 20 standard amino acids).

padding.symbol Single character for right-padding (non-geometric modes).

summary.fun For property mode only: "mean" or "" (none).

max.length Integer for truncation/padding. If 'NULL' (default), the longest sequence sets

the maximum. Not used in geometric mode.

nthreads Number of threads for C++ backend. Not used in geometric mode.

verbose Logical. If 'TRUE' (default), prints a progress message.

... Additional arguments passed to 'sequenceEncoder()' when using wrapper func-

tions ('onehotEncoder', 'propertyEncoder', 'geometricEncoder').

Details

The function acts as a wrapper for either the C++ backend (for one-hot and property modes) or the R-based geometric transformation.

Value

A named 'list' containing the encoded data and metadata.

'cube' 3D Numeric array. 'NULL' in geometric mode.

'flattened' 2D Numeric matrix. 'NULL' in geometric mode.

'summary' 2D Numeric matrix containing sequence-level representations. This is the primary output for geometric mode.

... Other metadata related to the encoding process.

Property Mode

If you supply 'property.matrix' directly, it **must** be a numeric matrix whose **rows correspond to the 20 canonical amino acids in the order of 'sequence.dictionary'** and whose columns are the property scales.

Geometric Mode

This mode projects sequences into a 20D space. It calculates the average vector for each sequence using a substitution matrix (e.g., "BLOSUM62") and then applies a planar rotation to the resulting vector.

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shannon_entropy

Shannon Diversity Index (Entropy)

Description

Calculates Shannon's information entropy (often denoted *H*) for a set of clone or sequence counts.

Usage

```
shannon_entropy(cnt)
```

Arguments

cnt

Numeric vector of non-negative counts (one entry per clone/ residue/OTU). Zero counts are ignored.

Details

$$H' = -\sum_{i=1}^{S} p_i \ln p_i$$

where p*_{i*} = n*_{i*} / *N* are the relative frequencies (proportions) of each of the *S* distinct categories.

Value

A single numeric value (>= 0). When 'cnt' contains exactly one positive entry the function returns '0'.

See Also

```
[norm_entropy()], [inv_simpson()]
```

```
counts <- c(A = 12, B = 4, C = 4)
shannon_entropy(counts)</pre>
```

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summaryMatrix

Fast Matrix Summaries

Description

Computes a comprehensive panel of univariate statistics for every **row** *or* **column** of a numeric matrix. It is designed for lightweight feature-engineering pipelines where many summaries are required up-front (e.g. before modeling).

Usage

```
summaryMatrix(x, margin = 2, stats = "all", na.rm = TRUE)
```

Arguments

• "sd"

• "var"

• "mad"

• "sum",

• "iqr"

• "n"

• "na"

• "mode"

• "all"

na.rm

Logical; ignore NAs when calculating statistics default TRUE).

Value

A numeric matrix with one **row per object that was summarised** (rows of the input when margin = 1, otherwise columns) and one **column per requested statistic**. Row-names (if present) are preserved; column names are the statistic labels.

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tokenizeSequences

Generate Tokenized Sequences from Amino Acid String

Description

Use this to transform amino acid sequences into tokens in preparing for deep learning models.

Usage

```
tokenizeSequences(
  input.sequences,
  add.startstop = TRUE,
  start.token = "!",
  stop.token = "^",
  max.length = NULL,
  convert.to.matrix = TRUE,
  padding.symbol = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

```
input.sequences
                  The amino acid or nucleotide sequences to use
add.startstop
                 Add start and stop tokens to the sequence
start.token
                  The character to use for the start token
stop.token
                  The character to use for the stop token
max.length
                  Additional length to pad, NULL will pad sequences to the max length of in-
                  put.sequences
convert.to.matrix
                  Return a matrix (TRUE) or a vector (FALSE)
padding. symbol Single character used for right-padding.
verbose
                  Print messages corresponding to the processing step
```

Value

Integer matrix (rows = sequences, cols = positions) or list of vectors.

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variational Sequences Generate Similar Sequences using Variational Autoencoder (Defunct)

Description

This function is defunct and no longer available.

Usage

```
variationalSequences(...)
```

Details

This function previously generated synthetic sequences using a variational autoencoder (VAE). It has been removed for maintenance and clarity.

Value

No return value, called for side effects only.

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