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AddMetaData

Add metadata columns to GRanges object.

Description

Add metadata information to GRanges object.

Usage

```
AddMetaData(
  target_gr,
  annot_gr = NULL,
  annotType_char = c("geneSymbol", "region"),
  annotLabel_char = "symbol",
  genome = c("hg38", "hg19")
)
```

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Arguments

target_gr A GRanges object that will be annotated with metadata

annot_gr A GRanges object that includes the metadata information. When annotType_char
= "geneSymbol", this argument can be left as NULL, and the gene annotation
file saved in the package will be used to annotate target_gr. When annotType_char
= "region", this argument must be specified, each row in target_gr will be
annotated with rows in annot_gr that overlap with it.

annotType_char
annotLabel_char

Name of the metadata column, defaults to "geneSymbol".

Name of the metadata column, defaults to "symbol" which corresponds to default setting "geneSymbol" for argument annotType_char.

genome

Use "hg19" or "hg38" gene reference. Defaults to "hg38".

Value

A GRanges object with seqnames, ranges, region, and supplied metadata information.

Examples

```
data(rnaedit_df)
input_gr <- TransformToGR(</pre>
 genes_char = "PHACTR4",
  type = "symbol",
 genome = "hg19"
# identifies co-edited region within input_gr
coedited_gr <- AllCoeditedRegions(</pre>
 regions_gr = input_gr,
 rnaEditMatrix = rnaedit_df,
 output = "GRanges",
 method = "spearman"
)
# identify input regions for co-edited regions
AddMetaData(
 target_gr = coedited_gr,
 annot_gr = input_gr,
 annotType_char = "region",
 annotLabel_char = "inputRegion",
 genome = "hg19"
```

AllCloseByRegions

Extract clusters of RNA editing sites located closely in genomic regions.

Description

A wrapper function to extract clusters of RNA editing sites that are located closely in genomic regions.

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Usage

```
AllCloseByRegions(
  regions_gr,
  rnaEditMatrix,
  maxGap = 50,
  minSites = 3,
  progressBar = "time"
)
```

Arguments

regions_gr A GRanges object of input genomic regions.

rnaEditMatrix A matrix (or data frame) of RNA editing level values on individual sites, with

row names as site IDs in the form of "chrAA:XXXXXXXX", and column names

as sample IDs. Please make sure to follow the format of example dataset (data(rnaedit_df)).

maxGap An integer, genomic locations within maxGap from each other are placed into

the same cluster. Defaults to 50.

minSites An integer, minimum number of RNA editing sites within each resulting cluster.

Defaults to 3.

progressBar Name of the progress bar to use. There are currently five types of progress

bars: "time", "none", "text", "tk", and "win". Defaults to "time". See

create_progress_bar for more details.

Details

The algorithm of this function is based on the clusterMaker function in the bumphunter R package. Each cluster is essentially a group of site locations such that two consecutive locations in the cluster are separated by less than maxGap.

Value

A GRanges object containing genomic regions of RNA editing sites located closely within each input pre-defined genomic region.

See Also

Transform To GR, All Coedited Regions, Create Editing Table, Summarize All Regions, Test Associations, Annotate Results

```
data(rnaedit_df)

exm_regions <- TransformToGR(
   genes_char = c("PHACTR4", "CCR5", "METTL7A"),
   type = "symbol",
   genome = "hg19"
)

AllCloseByRegions(
   regions_gr = exm_regions,
   rnaEditMatrix = rnaedit_df,
   maxGap = 50,</pre>
```

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```
minSites = 3,
progressBar = "time"
)
```

AllCoeditedRegions

Extracts contiguous co-edited genomic regions from input genomic regions.

Description

A wrapper function to extract contiguous co-edited genomic regions from input genomic regions.

Usage

```
AllCoeditedRegions(
  regions_gr,
  rnaEditMatrix,
  output = c("GRanges", "dataframe"),
  rDropThresh_num = 0.4,
  minPairCorr = 0.1,
  minSites = 3,
  method = c("spearman", "pearson"),
  returnAllSites = FALSE,
  progressBar = "time",
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

regions_gr A GRanges object of input genomic regions.

rnaEditMatrix A matrix (or data frame) of RNA editing level values on individual sites, with

row names as site IDs in the form of "chrAA:XXXXXXXX", and column names

as sample IDs. Please make sure to follow the format of example dataset (data(rnaedit_df)).

output Type of output data. Defaults to "GRanges".

rDropThresh_num

Threshold for minimum correlation between RNA editing levels of one site and the mean RNA editing levels of the rest of the sites. Please set a number between

0 and 1. Defaults to 0.4.

minPairCorr Threshold for minimum pairwise correlation of sites within a selected cluster.

To use this filter, set a number between -1 and 1 (defaults to 0.1). To select all

clusters (i.e. no filter), please set this argument to -1.

minSites Minimum number of sites to be considered as a region. Only regions with more

than minSites number of sites will be returned.

method Method for computing correlation. Defaults to "spearman".

returnAllSites When no contiguous co-edited regions are found in an input genomic region,

returnAllSites = TRUE indicates returning all the sites in the input region, while returnAllSites = FALSE indicates not returning any site from input re-

gion. Defaults to FALSE.

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progressBar Name of the progress bar to use. There are currently five types of progress bars: "time", "none", "text", "tk", and "win". Defaults to "time". See create_progress_bar for more details.

verbose Should messages and warnings be displayed? Defaults to FALSE, but is set to

TRUE when called from within SingleCoeditedRegion().

Value

When output is set as "GRanges", a GRanges object with seqnames, ranges and strand of the contiguous co-edited regions will be returned. When output is set as "dataframe", a data frame with following columns will be returned:

- site: site ID.
- chr : chromosome number.
- pos : genomic position number.
- r_drop: the correlation between RNA editing levels of one site and the mean RNA editing levels of the rest of the sites.
- keep: indicator for co-edited sites, the sites with keep = 1 belong to the contiguous and co-edited region.
- keep_contiguous : contiguous co-edited region number.
- regionMinPairwiseCor: the pairwise correlation of a subregion.
- keep_regionMinPairwiseCor: indicator for contiguous co-edited subregions, the regions with keepminPairwiseCor = 1 passed the minimum correlation and will be returned as a contiguous co-edited subregion.

See Also

Transform To GR, All Close By Regions, Create Editing Table, Summarize All Regions, Test Associations, Annotate Results

```
data(rnaedit_df)
genes_gr <- TransformToGR(
   genes_char = c("PHACTR4", "CCR5", "METTL7A"),
   type = "symbol",
   genome = "hg19"
)

AllCoeditedRegions(
   regions_gr = genes_gr,
   rnaEditMatrix = rnaedit_df,
   output = "GRanges",
   method = "spearman"
)</pre>
```

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AnnotateResults

Add Annotations to site-specific or region-based analysis results.

Description

Add annotations to site-specific or region-based analysis results from function TestAssociations.

Usage

```
AnnotateResults(
  results_df,
  closeByRegions_gr = NULL,
  inputRegions_gr = NULL,
  genome = c("hg38", "hg19"),
  analysis = c("region-based", "site-specific")
)
```

Arguments

results_df

An output data frame from function TestAssociations, which includes variables for locations and result of statistical tests for the genomic sites or regions.

closeByRegions_gr

An output GRanges object from function AllCloseByRegions, defaults to NULL.

inputRegions_gr

A GRanges object for input genomic regions, defaults to NULL.

genome

Use "hg19" or "hg38" gene reference. Defaults to "hg38".

analysis

Results type. Defaults to "region-based". When it's set to "site-specific", arguments closeByRegions_gr and inputRegions_gr will not be used and set

to NULL automatically.

Value

A data frame with locations of the genomic sites or regions (seqnames, start, end, width), annotations for locations (inputRegion, closeByRegion, symbol), test statistics (estimate, stdErrorcoef, exp_coef, se_coef), pValue and false discovery rate (fdr).

See Also

 $\label{thm:condition} Transform To GR, All Close By Regions, All Coedited Regions, Create Editing Table, Summarize All Regions, Test Associations$

```
data(rnaedit_df)

# get GRanges for genes
genes_gr <- TransformToGR(
   genes_char = c("PHACTR4", "CCR5", "METTL7A"),
   type = "symbol",
   genome = "hg19"
)</pre>
```

```
# find close-by regions within the genes
closebyRegions_gr <- AllCloseByRegions(</pre>
 regions_gr = genes_gr,
 rnaEditMatrix = rnaedit_df
)
# identify co-edited regions within the genes
coedited_gr <- AllCoeditedRegions(</pre>
 regions_gr = closebyRegions_gr,
 rnaEditMatrix = rnaedit_df,
 output = "GRanges",
 method = "spearman"
)
# summarize editing levels within each gene by maximum
summarizedRegions_df <- SummarizeAllRegions(</pre>
 regions_gr = coedited_gr,
 rnaEditMatrix = rnaedit_df,
 selectMethod = MaxSites
exm_pheno <- readRDS(</pre>
 system.file(
  "extdata",
  "pheno_df.RDS",
 package = 'rnaEditr',
 mustWork = TRUE
)
# test summarized editing levels against survival outcome
results_df <- TestAssociations(</pre>
 rnaEdit_df = summarizedRegions_df,
 pheno_df = exm_pheno,
 responses_char = "sample_type",
 covariates_char = NULL,
 respType = "binary"
)
AnnotateResults(
 results_df = results_df,
 closeByRegions_gr = closebyRegions_gr,
 inputRegions_gr = genes_gr,
 genome = "hg19"
)
```

CountSamplesPerGroup Find minimum sample Size per group.

Description

Find minimum sample size for each group which is decided by the combination of variables with class character or factor.

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Usage

CountSamplesPerGroup(pheno_df, responses_char, covariates_char)

Arguments

pheno_df

A data frame with phenotype and covariates, which should include all the samples in rnaEdit_df. Please make sure the input pheno_df has the variable named "sample" to indicate sample IDs.

responses_char A character vector of names of response variables in pheno_df. When resp-Type is set as "survival", responses_char should have length 2. The first element must be the name of the variable with follow up time, and the second element must be the status indicator. Status indicator should be coded as 0/1(1=death), TRUE/FALSE(TRUE=death), or 1/2(2=death). Please make sure variable names are in this order. This code has not been tested for intervalcensored data yet.

covariates_char

A character vector of names of covariate variables in pheno_df.

Value

An integer.

Examples

```
exm_pheno <- readRDS(</pre>
 system.file(
  "extdata",
  "pheno_df.RDS",
 package = 'rnaEditr',
 mustWork = TRUE
 )
)
CountSamplesPerGroup(
 pheno_df = exm_pheno,
 responses_char = "sample_type",
 covariates_char = "race"
)
```

CreateEditingTable

Convert RNA editing matrix into a special data frame with class rnaEdit_df.

Description

Convert RNA editing matrix to a special data frame with class rnaEdit_df, which is then used to identify differentially co-edited regions with function TestAssociations.

Usage

```
CreateEditingTable(rnaEditMatrix)
```

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Arguments

rnaEditMatrix

A matrix of RNA editing level values on individual sites, with row names as site IDs in the form of "chrAA:XXXXXXXXX", and column names as sample IDs. Please make sure to follow the format of example dataset (data(rnaedit_df)).

Value

A dataset of class rnaEdit_df, includes variables seqnames, start, end, width and summarized RNA editing levels in each sample.

See Also

 $\label{thm:continuous} Transform ToGR, All Close By Regions, All Coedited Regions, Summarize All Regions, Test Associations, Annotate Results$

Examples

```
data(rnaedit_df)
CreateEditingTable(rnaEditMatrix = rnaedit_df)[1:3, 1:5]
```

CreateOutputDF

Create output data in the format of data frame.

Description

Output all the contiguous co-edited subregions found by FindCorrelatedRegions function and filtered by GetMinPairwiseCor function.

Usage

```
CreateOutputDF(
  keepSites_df,
  keepContiguousSites_df,
  keepminPairwiseCor_df,
  returnAllSites = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

keepSites_df

An output data frame from function MarkCoeditedSites, with variables site, keep, ind, r_drop. Please see MarkCoeditedSites for details.

keepContiguousSites_df

An output data frame from function FindCorrelatedRegions with variables site, subregion. Please see FindCorrelatedRegions for details.

keepminPairwiseCor_df

An output data frame from function GetMinPairwiseCor with variables subregion, keepminPairwiseCor and minPairwiseCor. Please see GetMinPairwiseCor for details.

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returnAllSites When no contiguous co-edited regions are found in a input genomic region, returnAllSites = TRUE indicates outputting all the sites in this input region, while returnAllSites = FALSE indicates not returning any site in this input region. Defaults to FALSE.

verbose Should messages and warnings be displayed? Defaults to TRUE.

Value

A data frame with following columns:

- site: site ID.
- chr: chromosome number.
- pos : genomic location.
- r_drop: the correlation between RNA editing levels of one site and the mean RNA editing levels of the rest of the sites.
- keep: indicator for co-edited sites, The sites with keep = 1 belong to the contiguous and co-edited region.
- keep_contiguous : contiguous co-edited region number.
- regionMinPairwiseCor: the minimum pairwise correlation between sites within a subregion.
- keep_regionMinPairwiseCor: indicator for contiguous co-edited subregions, The regions with keepminPairwiseCor = 1 are the ones that passed regionMinPairwiseCor filter and will be returned as a contiguous co-edited sub-region.

```
data(t_rnaedit_df)
ordered_cols <- OrderSitesByLocation(</pre>
  sites_char = colnames(t_rnaedit_df),
  output = "vector"
exm_data <- t_rnaedit_df[, ordered_cols]</pre>
exm_sites <- MarkCoeditedSites(</pre>
  rnaEditCluster_mat = exm_data,
  method = "spearman"
)
exm_regions <- FindCorrelatedRegions(</pre>
  sites_df = exm_sites,
  featureType = "site"
exm_probes <- split(</pre>
  x = exm_regions$site,
  f = exm_regions$subregion
)
exm_cor <- GetMinPairwiseCor(</pre>
  rnaEditCluster_mat = exm_data,
  minPairCorr = 0.1,
  probes_ls = exm_probes,
```

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```
method = "spearman"
)

CreateOutputDF(
  keepSites_df = exm_sites,
  keepContiguousSites_df = exm_regions,
  keepminPairwiseCor_df = exm_cor$keepminPairwiseCor_df
)
```

CreateRdrop

Calculates R-drop values for RNA editing sites.

Description

Calculates the correlation coefficient between RNA editing levels of one site and the mean RNA editing levels of the rest of the sites in a region.

Usage

```
CreateRdrop(
  data,
  method = c("spearman", "pearson"),
  minEditFreq = 0.05,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

data A data frame of RNA editing level values on individual sites, with row names as

sample IDs and column names as site IDs in the form of "chrAA:XXXXXXXX".

method Method for computing correlation. Defaults to "spearman".

minEditFreq Threshold for minimum percentage of edited samples for a given site. The

r_drop value of the sites with frequency lower than minEditFreq will be set

as NA. Please set a number between 0 and 1. Defaults to 0.05.

verbose Should messages and warnings be displayed? Defaults to TRUE.

Value

A data frame with the following columns:

- site: site ID.
- r_drop: the correlation between RNA editing levels of one site and the mean RNA editing levels of the rest of the sites.

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Examples

```
data(t_rnaedit_df)

ordered_cols <- OrderSitesByLocation(
    sites_char = colnames(t_rnaedit_df),
    output = "vector"
)

exm_data <- t_rnaedit_df[, ordered_cols]

CreateRdrop(
    data = exm_data,
    method = "spearman"
)</pre>
```

FindCorrelatedRegions Find contiguous co-edited subregions.

Description

 $Find\ contiguous\ co-edited\ subregions\ based\ on\ the\ output\ file\ from\ function\ {\tt MarkCoeditedSites}.$

Usage

```
FindCorrelatedRegions(
   sites_df,
   featureType = c("site", "cpg"),
   minSites_int = 3
)
```

Arguments

An output data frame from function MarkCoeditedSites, with variables site, keep, ind, r_drop. Please see MarkCoeditedSites for details.

featureType Feature type, Defaults to "site".

An integer indicates the minimum number of sites to be considered a contiguous co-edited region.

Value

A data frame with the following columns:

- site: site ID.
- subregion: index for each output contiguous co-edited region.

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Examples

```
data(t_rnaedit_df)

ordered_cols <- OrderSitesByLocation(
    sites_char = colnames(t_rnaedit_df),
    output = "vector"
)
exm_data <- t_rnaedit_df[, ordered_cols]

exm_sites <- MarkCoeditedSites(
    rnaEditCluster_mat = exm_data,
    method = "spearman"
)

FindCorrelatedRegions(
    sites_df = exm_sites,
    featureType = "site"
)</pre>
```

GetMinPairwiseCor

Calculate minimum pairwise correlation for sub-regions.

Description

Filter the contiguous co-edited subregions found from FindCorrelatedRegions, by calculating pairwise correlations and then selecting subregions passing the minimum correlation filter.

Usage

```
GetMinPairwiseCor(
   rnaEditCluster_mat,
   minPairCorr = 0.1,
   probes_ls,
   method = c("spearman", "pearson")
)
```

Arguments

 $\verb"rnaEditCluster_mat"$

A matrix of RNA editing level values on individual sites, with row names as sample IDs and column names as site IDs in the form of "chrAA:XXXXXXXX".

minPairCorr

Minimum pairwise correlation coefficient of sites within a cluster, used as a filter. To use this filter, set a number between -1 and 1 (defaults to 0.1). To turn

it off, please set the number to -1.

probes_ls

A list of regions with sites. Please note that probes in each list need to be ordered

by their locations.

method

Method for computing correlation. Defaults to "spearman".

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Value

A list with a list of probes passing the minPairCorr and a data frame with the following columns:

- subregion : index for each output contiguous co-edited region.
- keepminPairwiseCor: indicator for contiguous co-edited subregions, The regions with keepminPairwiseCor = 1 passed the minimum correlation and will be returned as a contiguous co-edited subregion.
- minPairwiseCor: the minimum pairwise correlation of sites within a subregion.

Examples

```
data(t_rnaedit_df)

ordered_cols <- OrderSitesByLocation(
    sites_char = colnames(t_rnaedit_df),
    output = "vector"
)

exm_data <- t_rnaedit_df[, ordered_cols]

exm_sites <- list(
    "1" = c("chr1:28661656", "chr1:28661718", "chr1:28662148")
)

GetMinPairwiseCor(
    rnaEditCluster_mat = exm_data,
    minPairCorr = 0.1,
    probes_ls = exm_sites,
    method = "spearman"
)</pre>
```

GetSitesLocations

Extract RNA editing sites located in a genomic region.

Description

Extract and order RNA editing sites located within an input genomic region.

Usage

```
GetSitesLocations(
  region_df,
  rnaEditMatrix,
  output = c("locationsOnly", "locationsAndValues")
)
```

Arguments

region_df A data frame with the input genomic region. Please make sure columns seqnames, start, and end are included in the data frame.

rnaEditMatrix A matrix (or data frame) of RNA editing level values on individual sites, with row names as site IDs in the form of "chrAA:XXXXXXXX", and column names as sample IDs. Please make sure to follow the format of example dataset (data(rnaedit_df)). output Type of output data. Defaults to "locationsOnly".

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Value

When output is set to "locationsOnly", a data frame of extracted and ordered RNA editing sites with columns chr and pos will be returned.

When output is set to "locationsAndValues", a data frame of RNA editing level values from the extracted and ordered sites will be returned. Please note that site IDs will be in row names of the output data frame.

Examples

```
data (rnaedit_df)

exm_region <- data.frame(
    seqnames = "chr1",
    start = 28000000,
    end = 28826881,
    stringsAsFactors = FALSE
)

GetSitesLocations(
    region_df = exm_region,
    rnaEditMatrix = rnaedit_df,
    output = "locationsOnly"
)[1:3, ]</pre>
```

MakeModelFormula

Make model formula.

Description

Make model formula for different types of phenotype responses.

Usage

```
MakeModelFormula(
  responses_char,
  covariates_char = NULL,
  respType = c("binary", "continuous", "survival")
)
```

Arguments

Details

When respType is set as "survival", "surv_object" is only a placeholder here, which will be defined later in TestSingleRegion().

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Value

A character vector of the model formula.

Examples

```
MakeModelFormula(
  responses_char = "age",
  covariates_char = c("sex", "tumor_type"),
  respType = "continuous"
)

MakeModelFormula(
  responses_char = "sample_type",
   covariates_char = c("sex", "tumor_type"),
   respType = "binary"
)

MakeModelFormula(
  responses_char = c("OS.time", "OS"),
  covariates_char = c("sex", "tumor_type"),
  respType = "survival"
)
```

MarkCoeditedSites

Mark RNA editing sites in contiguous and co-edited region.

Description

Mark RNA editing sites in contiguous and co-edited region by selecting sites for which r_drop values calculated from inner function CreateRdrop is greater than rDropThresh_num.

Usage

```
MarkCoeditedSites(
    rnaEditCluster_mat,
    rDropThresh_num = 0.4,
    method = c("spearman", "pearson"),
    minEditFreq = 0.05,
    verbose = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

rnaEditCluster_mat

A matrix of RNA editing level values on individual sites, with row names as sample IDs and column names as site IDs in the form of "chrAA:XXXXXXXX".

rDropThresh_num

Threshold for minimum correlation between RNA editing levels of one site and the mean RNA editing levels of the rest of the sites. Please set a number between 0 and 1. Defaults to 0.4.

method

Method for computing correlation. Defaults to "spearman".

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minEditFreq Threshold for minimum percentage of edited samples for a given site. The r_drop value of the sites with frequency lower than minEditFreq will be set

as NA. Please set a number between 0 and 1. Defaults to 0.05.

verbose Should messages and warnings be displayed? Defaults to TRUE.

Details

r_drop statistic is used to identify co-edited sites. An outlier site (keep = 0) in a genomic region typically has low correlation with the rest of the sites in a genomic region. The sites with r_drop value greater than rDropThresh_num are marked to have keep = 1. Please see CreateRdrop for more details.

Value

A data frame with the following columns:

- site: site ID.
- r_drop: The correlation between RNA editing levels of one site and the mean RNA editing levels of the rest of the sites.
- keep: indicator for co-edited sites, The sites with keep = 1 belong to the contiguous and co-edited region.
- keep_contiguous : contiguous co-edited region number
- site: site ID.
- keep: indicator for co-edited sites, The sites with keep = 1 belong to the contiguous and co-edited region.
- ind : index for the sites.
- r_drop: the correlation between RNA editing levels of one site and the mean RNA editing levels of the rest of the sites.

See Also

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```
data(t_rnaedit_df)

ordered_cols <- OrderSitesByLocation(
    sites_char = colnames(t_rnaedit_df),
    output = "vector"
)

exm_data <- t_rnaedit_df[, ordered_cols]

MarkCoeditedSites(
    rnaEditCluster_mat = exm_data,
    method = "spearman"
)</pre>
```

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OrderSitesByLocation Order RNA editing sites by their genomic locations.

Description

Split RNA editing sites locations into chromosomes and positions, and then order the sites by their genomic locations.

Usage

```
OrderSitesByLocation(sites_char, output = c("dataframe", "vector"))
```

Arguments

A character vector of RNA editing sites. site IDs should be in the form of

"chrAA:XXXXXXXX".

output Type of output data. Defaults to "dataframe".

Value

Depends on the output type. When output is set as "vector", a character vector of ordered input RNA editing sites will be returned. When output is set as "dataframe", a data frame of ordered RNA editing sites with following columns will be returned:

- site: site ID.
- chr: chromosome number.
- pos : genomic location.

```
exm_sites <- c(
   "chr22:41327462", "chr22:24969087",
   "chr22:29538891", "chr22:45736763"
)

OrderSitesByLocation(
   sites_char = exm_sites,
   output = "dataframe"
)</pre>
```

PlotEditingCorrelations

Plotting correlations of RNA editing levels within a region.

Description

Plotting correlations of RNA editing levels within a region.

Usage

```
PlotEditingCorrelations(region_gr, rnaEditMatrix, ...)
```

Arguments

```
region_gr A GRanges object of a region.

rnaEditMatrix A matrix (or data frame) of RNA editing level values on individual sites, with row names as site IDs in the form of "chrAA:XXXXXXXXX", and column names as sample IDs. Please make sure to follow the format of example dataset (data(rnaedit_df)).

... Dots for additional internal arguments, see corrplot for details.
```

Value

(Invisibly) returns a reordered correlation matrix.

```
data(rnaedit_df)
genes_gr <- TransformToGR(
   genes_char = c("PHACTR4", "CCR5", "METTL7A"),
   type = "symbol",
   genome = "hg19"
)

exm_regions <- AllCoeditedRegions(
   regions_gr = genes_gr,
   rnaEditMatrix = rnaedit_df,
   output = "GRanges",
   method = "spearman"
)

PlotEditingCorrelations(
   region_gr = exm_regions[1],
   rnaEditMatrix = rnaedit_df
)</pre>
```

RegionSummaryMethod	Methods to summarize RNA editing levels from multiple sites within a
	single region.

Description

Summarize RNA editing sites in a single region by taking maximum, mean, median or first principal component.

Usage

```
MaxSites(rnaEditMatrix, ...)
MeanSites(rnaEditMatrix, ...)
MedianSites(rnaEditMatrix, ...)
PC1Sites(rnaEditMatrix, ...)
```

Arguments

```
rnaEditMatrix A matrix (or data frame) of RNA editing level values on individual sites, with row names as site IDs in the form of "chrAA:XXXXXXXX", and column names as sample IDs. Please make sure to follow the format of example dataset (data(rnaedit_df)).

... Dots for additional internal arguments (currently unused).
```

Value

A named numeric vector of summarized RNA editing levels with sample IDs as names.

Examples

```
data(rnaedit_df)
MedianSites(rnaEditMatrix = rnaedit_df)[1:3]
```

Description

A subset of the TCGA breast cancer RNA editing dataset for 272 edited sites on genes PHACTR4, CCR5, METTL7A and a few randomly sampled sites for 221 subjects.

Usage

```
rnaedit_df
```

Format

A data frame containing RNA editing levels for 272 sites (in the rows) for 221 subjects (in the columns). Row names are site IDs and column names are sample IDs.

Source

Synapse database ID: syn2374375.

 ${\it Extracts\ clusters\ of\ RNA\ editing\ sites\ located\ closely\ in\ a\ single\ genomic\ region.}$

Description

Extracts clusters of RNA editing sites located closely in an input genomic region.

Usage

SingleCloseByRegion(region_df, rnaEditMatrix, maxGap = 50, minSites = 3)

Arguments

region_df	A data frame with the input genomic region. Please make sure columns seqnames, start, and end are included in the data frame.
rnaEditMatrix	A matrix (or data frame) of RNA editing level values for individual sites, with row names as site IDs in the form of "chrAA:XXXXXXXX", and column names as sample IDs. Please make sure to follow the format of example dataset (data(rnaedit_df)).
maxGap	An integer, genomic locations within maxGap from each other are placed into the same cluster. Defaults to 50.
minSites	An integer, minimum number of edited sites for a cluster to be selected for output. Defaults to 3.

Details

The algorithm of this function is based on the clusterMaker function in the bumphunter R package. Each cluster is essentially a group of sites such that two consecutive sites in the cluster are separated by less than maxGap.

Value

A GRanges object containing genomic locations of RNA editing sites located closely within the single input pre-defined genomic region.

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Examples

```
data(rnaedit_df)

exm_region <- data.frame(
    seqnames = "chr1",
    start = 28691093,
    end = 28826881,
    stringsAsFactors = FALSE
)

SingleCloseByRegion(
    region_df = exm_region,
    rnaEditMatrix = rnaedit_df,
    maxGap = 50,
    minSites = 3
)</pre>
```

SingleCoeditedRegion Extracts contiguous co-edited genomic regions from a single genomic region.

Description

Extracts contiguous co-edited genomic regions from an input genomic region.

Usage

```
SingleCoeditedRegion(
  region_df,
  rnaEditMatrix,
  output = c("GRanges", "dataframe"),
  rDropThresh_num = 0.4,
  minPairCorr = 0.1,
  minSites = 3,
  method = c("spearman", "pearson"),
  minEditFreq = 0.05,
  returnAllSites = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

region_df A data frame with the input genomic region. Please make sure columns seqnames, start, and end are included in the data frame.

rnaEditMatrix A matrix (or data frame) of RNA editing level values on individual sites, with row names as site IDs in the form of "chrAA:XXXXXXXXX", and column names as sample IDs. Please make sure to follow the format of example dataset (data(rnaedit_df)).

output Type of output data, can be "GRanges" or "dataframe". Defaults to "GRanges".

rDropThresh_num

Threshold for minimum correlation between RNA editing levels of one site and the mean RNA editing levels of the rest of the sites. Please set a number between 0 and 1. Defaults to 0.4.

minPairCorr

Minimum pairwise correlation coefficient of a cluster is used as a filter to select clusters for output. Only clusters with all pairwise correlations between sites more than minPairCorr will be selected for output. To use this filter, set this argument to a number between -1 and 1 (defaults to 0.1). To turn it off, please set the argument to -1.

minSites Minimum number of sites to be considered a region. Only regions with more

than minSites number of sites will be returned.

method Method for computing correlations. Defaults to "spearman".

minEditFreq Threshold for minimum percentage of samples for a given site. The r_drop

value of the sites with frequency lower than minEditFreq will be set as NA.

Please set a number between 0 and 1. Defaults to 0.05.

returnAllSites When no co-edited region is found in an input genomic region, returnAllSites

= TRUE indicates outputting all the sites from the input region, while returnAllSites = FALSE indicates not returning any site from the input region. Defaults to

FALSE.

verbose Should messages and warnings be displayed? Defaults to TRUE, but is set to

FALSE when called from within AllCoeditedRegions().

Value

When output is set to "GRanges", a GRanges object with seqnames, ranges and strand of the contiguous co-edited regions will be returned.

When output is set to "dataframe", a data frame with following columns will be returned:

- site: site ID.
- chr : chromosome.
- pos : genomic location.
- r_drop: the correlation between RNA editing levels of one site and the mean RNA editing levels of the rest of the sites.
- keep: indicator for co-edited sites, The sites with keep = 1 belong to the contiguous and co-edited region.
- keep_contiguous : contiguous co-edited region number.
- regionMinPairwiseCor: the minimum pairwise correlation of a co-edited region.
- keep_regionMinPairwiseCor: equals 1 for contiguous co-edited subregions. The regions with keepminPairwiseCor = 1 are the ones that passed the regionMinPairwiseCor filter and will be returned as a co-edited sub-region.

```
data(rnaedit_df)

exm_region <- data.frame(
    seqnames = "chr1",
    start = 28691093,
    end = 28826881,
    stringsAsFactors = FALSE</pre>
```

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```
)
SingleCoeditedRegion(
 region_df = exm_region,
 rnaEditMatrix = rnaedit_df,
 minPairCorr = 0.25,
 output = "dataframe",
 method = "spearman"
)
```

SitesToRegion

Create output data in the format of GRanges.

Description

Output contiguous co-edited subregions found by FindCorrelatedRegions function and filtered by GetMinPairwiseCor function.

Usage

```
SitesToRegion(
  sitesSubregion_df,
  sitesAreOrdered = TRUE,
  keepminPairwiseCor_df,
  returnAllSites = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

sitesSubregion_df

An output data frame from function FindCorrelatedRegions with variables site, subregion. Please see FindCorrelatedRegions for details.

sitesAreOrdered

Are the sites in sitesSubregion_df ordered by location? Defaults to FALSE.

 ${\tt keepminPairwiseCor_df}$

An output data frame from function GetMinPairwiseCor with variables subregion, keepminPairwiseCor and minPairwiseCor. Please see GetMinPairwiseCor for details.

returnAllSites When no contiguous co-edited regions are found in a input genomic region, returnAllSites = TRUE indicates outputting all the sites in this input region, while returnAllSites = FALSE indicates not returning any site in this input region. Defaults to FALSE.

verbose Should messages and warnings be displayed? Defaults to TRUE.

Value

A GRanges object with seqnames, ranges and strand of the contiguous co-edited regions.

Examples

```
data(t_rnaedit_df)
ordered_cols <- OrderSitesByLocation(</pre>
 sites_char = colnames(t_rnaedit_df),
 output = "vector"
exm_data <- t_rnaedit_df[, ordered_cols]</pre>
exm_sites <- MarkCoeditedSites(</pre>
 rnaEditCluster_mat = exm_data,
 method = "spearman"
exm_regions <- FindCorrelatedRegions(</pre>
 sites_df = exm_sites,
 featureType = "site"
exm_sites <- split(
 x = exm_regions$site,
 f = exm\_regions\$subregion
exm_cor <- GetMinPairwiseCor(</pre>
 rnaEditCluster_mat = exm_data,
 minPairCorr = 0.1,
 probes_ls = exm_sites,
 method = "spearman"
)
SitesToRegion(
 sitesSubregion_df = exm_regions,
 keepminPairwiseCor_df = exm_cor$keepminPairwiseCor_df
)
```

Summarize All Regions Summarize RNA editing levels from multiple sites in regions.

Description

A wrapper function to summarize RNA editing levels from multiple sites in regions.

Usage

```
SummarizeAllRegions(
  regions_gr,
  rnaEditMatrix,
  selectMethod = MedianSites,
  progressBar = "time",
  ...
)
```

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Arguments

regions_gr	A GRanges object of input genomic regions.
rnaEditMatrix	A matrix (or data frame) of RNA editing level values for individual sites, with row names as site IDs in the form of "chrAA:XXXXXXXX", and column names as sample IDs. Please make sure to follow the format of example dataset (data(rnaedit_df)).
selectMethod	Method for summarizing regions. Available options are "MaxSites", "MeanSites", "MedianSites", "PC1Sites". Please see RegionSummaryMethod for more details.
progressBar	Name of the progress bar to use. There are currently five types of progress bars: "time", "none", "text", "tk", and "win". Defaults to "time". See create_progress_bar for more details.
	Dots for additional internal arguments (currently unused).

Value

A data frame of the class $rnaEdit_df$, includes variables seqnames, start, end, width and summarized RNA editing levels in each sample.

See Also

Transform To GR, All Close By Regions, All Coedited Regions, Create Editing Table, Test Associations, Annotate Results

```
data(rnaedit_df)
genes_gr <- TransformToGR(
   genes_char = c("PHACTR4", "CCR5", "METTL7A"),
   type = "symbol",
   genome = "hg19"
)

exm_regions <- AllCoeditedRegions(
   regions_gr = genes_gr,
   rnaEditMatrix = rnaedit_df,
   output = "GRanges",
   method = "spearman"
)

SummarizeAllRegions(
   regions_gr = exm_regions,
   rnaEditMatrix = rnaedit_df
)[1:3, 1:6]</pre>
```

SummarizeSingleRegion Summarizes RNA editing levels from multiple sites in a single region.

Description

Summarizes RNA editing levels from multiple sites in an input region.

Usage

```
SummarizeSingleRegion(
  region_df,
  rnaEditMatrix,
  selectMethod = MedianSites,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

region_df	A data frame with the input genomic region. Please make sure columns seqnames, start, and end are included in the data frame.
rnaEditMatrix	A matrix (or data frame) of RNA editing level values for individual sites, with row names as site IDs in the form of "chrAA:XXXXXXXX", and column names as sample IDs. Please make sure to follow the format of example dataset (data(rnaedit_df)).
selectMethod	Method for summarizing regions. Available options are "MaxSites", "MeanSites", "MedianSites", "PC1Sites". Please see RegionSummaryMethod for more details.
	Dots for additional internal arguments (currently unused).

Value

A named numeric vector of summarized RNA editing levels with sample IDs as column names.

```
data(rnaedit_df)

exm_region <- data.frame(
    seqnames = "chr1",
    start = 28691093,
    end = 28826881,
    stringsAsFactors = FALSE
)

SummarizeSingleRegion(
    region_df = exm_region,
    rnaEditMatrix = rnaedit_df
)[1:3]</pre>
```

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TestAssociations

Test associations between phenotype and RNA editing levels.

Description

A wrapper function to test associations between phenotype and RNA editing levels in single-site analysis or summarized RNA editing levels in region-based analysis.

Usage

```
TestAssociations(
  rnaEdit_df,
  pheno_df,
  responses_char,
  covariates_char = NULL,
  respType = c("binary", "continuous", "survival"),
  progressBar = "time",
  orderByPval = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

 $rna E dit_df \qquad A \ data \ frame \ with \ class \ rna E dit_df, \ which \ is \ a \ output \ from \ function \ Create E diting Table ()$

or function SummarizeAllRegions(). This data frame should include RNA editing level values, with row names as site IDs or region IDs, and column names

as sample IDs.

pheno_df A data frame with phenotype and covariates, which should include all the sam-

ples in rnaEdit_df. Please make sure the input pheno_df has the variable

named "sample" to indicate sample IDs.

responses_char A character vector of names of response variables in pheno_df. When respType

is set as "survival", responses_char should have length 2. The first element must be the name of the variable with following up time, and the second element must be status indicator. Status indicator should be coded as 0/1(1=death), TRUE/FALSE(TRUE=death), or 1/2(death). Please make sure variable names are in this order. We have not tested this code on interval-censored data; use at

your own risk. See Surv for more details.

covariates_char

A character vector of names of covariate variables in pheno_df.

respType Type of outcome. Defaults to "binary".

progressBar Name of the progress bar to use. There are currently five types of progress

bars: "time", "none", "text", "tk", and "win". Defaults to "time". See

create_progress_bar for more details.

orderByPval Sort co-edited regions by model p-value or not? Defaults to TRUE.

Value

A data frame with locations of the genomic regions or sites (seqnames, start, end, width), test statistics (estimate, stdErr or coef, exp_coef, se_coef), pValue and false discovery rate (fdr).

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See Also

Transform To GR, All Close By Regions, All Coedited Regions, Create Editing Table, Summarize All Regions, Annotate Results

Examples

```
data(rnaedit_df)
genes_gr <- TransformToGR(</pre>
 genes_char = c("PHACTR4", "CCR5", "METTL7A"),
 type = "symbol",
 genome = "hg19"
exm_regions <- AllCoeditedRegions(</pre>
 regions_gr = genes_gr,
 rnaEditMatrix = rnaedit_df,
 output = "GRanges",
 method = "spearman"
)
sum_regions <- SummarizeAllRegions(</pre>
 regions_gr = exm_regions,
 rnaEditMatrix = rnaedit_df,
 selectMethod = MaxSites
)
exm_pheno <- readRDS(</pre>
 system.file(
  "extdata",
  "pheno_df.RDS",
 package = 'rnaEditr',
 mustWork = TRUE
)
TestAssociations(
 rnaEdit_df = sum_regions,
 pheno_df = exm_pheno,
 responses_char = "sample_type",
 covariates_char = NULL,
 respType = "binary"
```

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Test associations between phenotype and RNA editing levels.

Description

Test associations between phenotype and RNA editing levels in a single site or summarized RNA editing levels in a single region.

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Usage

```
TestSingleRegion(
   rnaEdit_num,
   modelPrep_ls,
   respType = c("binary", "continuous", "survival")
)
```

Arguments

rnaEdit_num A named numeric vector of (summarized) RNA editing level values with sample

IDs as names.

modelPrep_ls A list includes modelFormula_char which is created by function MakeModelFormula,

pheno_df which is the input phenotype data frame in TestAssociations, and minSize (minimum sample size per group to use regular logistic regression) which is created by function CountSamplesPerGroup when respType is "binary".

respType Type of outcome. Defaults to "binary".

Details

minSize is used by function TestSingleRegion to decide on whether to use regular logistic regression or Firth corrected logistic regression ("https://www.jstor.org/stable/2336755").

Value

a dataframe with test statistics (estimate, stdErr, pValue or coef, exp_coef, se_coef, pValue).

```
data(rnaedit_df)
exm_pheno <- readRDS(</pre>
 system.file(
 "extdata",
 "pheno_df.RDS",
 package = 'rnaEditr',
 mustWork = TRUE
)
exm_model <- list(</pre>
 modelFormula_char = "age_at_diagnosis ~ rnaEditSummary",
 pheno_df = exm_pheno,
 minSize = NULL
TestSingleRegion(
 rnaEdit_num = unlist(rnaedit_df[2,]),
 modelPrep_ls = exm_model,
 respType = "continuous"
)
```

TransformToGR

TransformToGR

Transform gene symbols or region ranges into GRanges object.

Description

Transform a character vector of gene symbols or region ranges into a GRanges object.

Usage

```
TransformToGR(
  genes_char,
  type = c("symbol", "region"),
  genome = c("hg38", "hg19")
)
```

Arguments

genes_char A character vector of gene symbols or region ranges. If you select type to be

"symbol", then please make sure your input of genes_char is in the format of c("ABCB10", "PEX26"). If you select type to be "region", then please make sure your input of genes_char is in the format of c("chr1:33772367-33791699",

"chr22:18555686-18573797").

type What is the type of genes_char. Can be "symbol" (default) or "region".

genome Use "hg19" or "hg38" gene reference. Defaults to "hg38". It's only used when

type is set to "symbol"

Details

TransformToGR() uses the hg19/hg38 genes to associate gene symbols with their genomic region ranges. The pre-processed dataset is saved in inst/extdata in this package.

Users who wish to add gene symbols to the GRanges created using function TransformToGR() can use function AddMetaData(). Please see AddMetaData for details.

Value

A GRanges object with seqnames, ranges and strand.

See Also

 $\verb|AllCloseByRegions|, AllCoeditedRegions|, CreateEditingTable|, SummarizeAllRegions|, TestAssociations|, AnnotateResults|$

```
TransformToGR(
  genes_char = c("PHACTR4", "CCR5", "METTL7A"),
  type = "symbol",
  genome = "hg19"
)
TransformToGR(
```

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```
genes_char = c("chr22:18555686-18573797", "chr22:36883233-36908148"),
type = "region",
genome = "hg19"
```

t_rnaedit_df

Transposed breast cancer example dataset.

Description

A subset of the TCGA breast cancer RNA editing dataset for 20 randomly selected RNA editing sites and 50 randomly selected subjects from example dataset rnaedit_df. Please note that this is only a computational testing dataset for inner functions of this package. To test main functions, please use dataset rnaedit_df instead.

Usage

t_rnaedit_df

Format

A data frame containing RNA editing levels for 50 subjects (in the rows) at 20 edited sites (in the columns). Row names are sample IDs and column names are site IDs.

Source

Synapse database ID: syn2374375.

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