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See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/LaureTomas/HiCaptuRe>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/LaureTomas/HiCaptuRe/issues>

<code>.annotate_BOE</code>	<i>Annotates interactions into B_B or B_OE</i>
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Description

This internal function annotate a HiCaptuRe object based on the presence or not of annotation in a given restriction fragment

Usage

```
.annotate_BOE(interactions)
```

Arguments

`interactions` HiCaptuRe object from [load_interactions](#)

Value

HiCaptuRe object with the column int updated

<code>annotate_interactions</code>	<i>Annotates HiCaptuRe object from load_interactions</i>
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Description

This function annotate a HiCaptuRe object from `load_interactions`, based on a given annotations file

Usage

```
annotate_interactions(interactions, annotation, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>interactions</code>	HiCaptuRe object from load_interactions
<code>annotation</code>	full path to annotations file or a dataframe with 5 columns: chr, start, end, fragmentID, annotation
<code>...</code>	additional parameters for fread

Value

HiCaptuRe object annotated, with columns `bait_1` and `bait_2` substituted based on the given annotation

Examples

```
annotation <- system.file("extdata", "annotation_example.txt", package = "HiCaptuRe")
ibed1 <- system.file("extdata", "ibed1_example.zip", package = "HiCaptuRe")
interactions <- load_interactions(ibed1, select_chr = "19")
interactions <- annotate_interactions(interactions = interactions, annotation = annotation)
```

constants	<i>Column name constants for format detection and export</i>
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Description

‘.IBED_COLS’ and ‘.PEAKMATRIX_COLS’ store canonical column names for ibed and peakmatrix formats. These are used in both ‘.detect_format()’ and export functions to avoid repetition and ensure consistency between import and export.

Usage

```
.IBED_COLS
```

Format

An object of class character of length 10.

digest_genome	<i>Digest genome for a specific restriction enzyme</i>
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Description

This function takes a genome installed and generates its digest for a given restriction enzyme

Usage

```
digest_genome(
  genome = "GRCh38",
  RE_name = "HindIII",
  motif = NULL,
  cut_position = NULL,
  select_chr = c(seq_len(22), "X", "Y"),
  PAR_mask = TRUE,
  PAR_file = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

genome	character with the name of the genome version
RE_name	name of the restriction enzyme
motif	recognition motif of the restriction enzyme
cut_position	cut position of the restriction enzyme inside the motif
select_chr	a character vector containing the specific chromosomes to used from this genome, if NULL all chromosomes will be used
PAR_mask	a logical value where the Y chromosome should exclude the Pseudoautosomal Regions (PAR) or not
PAR_file	a full path to a file containing the coordinates of Y chromosome PAR with at least 3 columns with header: seqnames, start, end
...	extra arguments for read.table

Value

list object with 2 elements: a dataframe with the digested genome, and a the parameters used for the digestion.

Note

The package provides for a PAR coordinates file only for Homo sapiens for the genome version 38

The package provides the motives and cut positions for several restriction enzymes (HindIII, MboI, DpnII, EcoRI, BamHI)

Examples

```
digest <- digest_genome(genome = "GRCh38", RE_name = "HindIII", select_chr = "19")
```

distance_summary	<i>Computes the number of interactions by distance</i>
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Description

This function computes the number of interactions by distance for a given GenomicInteractions object

Usage

```
distance_summary(interactions, breaks = seq(0, 10^6, 10^5), sample = "sample")
```

Arguments

interactions	GenomicInteractions object from load_interactions
breaks	vector with breaks for split distances
sample	character variable with the name of the sample

Value

list with 2 tables: short_int_dist_table and long_int_dist_table, with the number of short interactions and long interactions respectively

Examples

```
ibed1 <- system.file("extdata", "ibed1_example.zip", package = "HiCaptuRe")
interactions1 <- load_interactions(ibed1, select_chr = "19")
df <- distance_summary(interactions = interactions1)
```

export_interactions	<i>Export interactions in the desired output format</i>
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Description

This function exports interactions in different formats

Usage

```
export_interactions(  
  interactions,  
  file,  
  format = "ibed",  
  over.write = FALSE,  
  cutoff = 5,  
  parameters = FALSE  
)
```

Arguments

interactions	GenomicInteractions object from load_interactions
file	full path to desired output file (ibed, peakmatrix, washU, washUold, cytoscape, bedpe)
format	type of output format (ibed, peakmatrix, washU, washUold, cytoscape, bedpe, seqmonk)
over.write	TRUE/FALSE to over write the output file
cutoff	Chicago score cutoff to export interactions
parameters	TRUE/FALSE to also export the parameters of the given object

Value

tibble object with the ibed table and save it in the desired output file

Examples

```
ibed1 <- system.file("extdata", "ibed1_example.zip", package = "HiCaptuRe")  
interactions <- load_interactions(ibed1, select_chr = "19")  
export_interactions(interactions = interactions, file = tempfile(), format = "ibed", over.write = TRUE)
```

getters

*Internal functions to access data held in a HiCaptuRe object.***Description**

Use these functions to access data stored in each of the slots of a HiCapture object.

Usage

```
getParameters(x)

## S4 method for signature 'HiCaptuRe'
getParameters(x)

getByBaits(x)

## S4 method for signature 'HiCaptuRe'
getByBaits(x)

getByRegions(x)

## S4 method for signature 'HiCaptuRe'
getByRegions(x)
```

Arguments

x A HiCaptuRe object

Value

getParameters(x) A named list of named vectors with all parameters used.

getByBaits(x) A list of tibbles with bait-centric summaries.

getByRegions(x) A list of ‘GRanges’ with region-centric summaries.

Examples

```
ibed1 <- system.file("extdata", "ibed1_example.zip", package = "HiCaptuRe")
interactions <- load_interactions(ibed1, select_chr = "19")
getParameters(interactions)

baits <- c("ENST00000332235", "ENST00000516525")
interactions_baits <- interactionsByBaits(interactions = interactions, baits = baits)
getByBaits(interactions_baits)

regions <- GenomicRanges::GRanges(seqnames = 19, ranges = IRanges::IRanges(start = c(500000, 1000000), end = c(
interactions_regions <- interactionsByRegions(interactions = interactions, regions = regions)
getByRegions(interactions_regions)
```

HiCaptuRe-class	<i>HiCaptuRe Class</i>
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Description

A S4 class to represent interactions between genomic regions

Slots

`parameters` List of parameters used to create the object and subsequence analysis

`ByBaits` List of Baits used by [interactionsByBaits](#).

`ByRegions` List of Regions used by [interactionsByRegions](#)

Note

This class contains a [GenomicInteractions](#) object inside therefore all methods available to it can be used. This type of object should be created through the function [load_interactions](#)

interactionsByBaits	<i>Filters HiCaptuRe object by baits</i>
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Description

This function filters a HiCaptuRe object from `load_interactions` by a set of given bait(s)

Usage

```
interactionsByBaits(interactions, baits, sep = ",", invert = FALSE)
```

Arguments

`interactions` a HiCaptuRe object

`baits` character vector containing bait names

`sep` character separating baits names when several baits in same fragment

`invert` TRUE/FALSE if need those interactions that do NOT contain the given baits

Value

The returned object includes a filtered set of interactions and updates the `ByBaits` slot with a tibble summarizing bait-wise interaction statistics (number of interactions, other ends, etc.). Baits that are not present in the interaction data will have empty statistics.

Examples

```
ibed1 <- system.file("extdata", "ibed1_example.zip", package = "HiCaptuRe")
interactions <- load_interactions(ibed1, select_chr = "19")
baits <- c("ENST00000332235", "ENST00000516525")
interactions_baits <- interactionsByBaits(interactions = interactions, baits = baits)
```

interactionsByRegions *Filters HiCaptuRe object by overlapping regions*

Description

This function filters a HiCaptuRe object from load_interactions by overlapping regions

Usage

```
interactionsByRegions(  
  interactions,  
  regions,  
  chr = NULL,  
  start = NULL,  
  end = NULL,  
  invert = FALSE  
)
```

Arguments

interactions	HiCaptuRe object
regions	full path to regions file (bed format) or a GRanges object
chr	column name of chromosome values
start	column name of start positions
end	column name of end positions
invert	TRUE/FALSE if need those interactions that do NOT overlaps with any regions

Value

HiCaptuRe object filtered by regions, by default with additional columns regarding overlap on each node. If invert=T no additional columns. And an additional slot ByRegions with region-centric statistics

Examples

```
ibed1 <- system.file("extdata", "ibed1_example.zip", package = "HiCaptuRe")  
interactions <- load_interactions(ibed1, select_chr = "19")  
regions <- GenomicRanges::GRanges(seqnames = 19, ranges = IRanges::IRanges(start = c(500000, 1000000), end = c(500000, 1000000)))  
interactions_regions <- interactionsByRegions(interactions = interactions, regions = regions)
```

```
intersect_interactions
```

Computes the intersect between a list of interactions objects

Description

This function computes all the possible intersects for a given list of HiCaptuRe objects

Usage

```
intersect_interactions(interactions_list, distance.boxplot = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

`interactions_list`
list of HiCaptuRe objects from [load_interactions](#)

`distance.boxplot`
logical, by default FALSE, plot a boxplot of log10 distance of each intersection in the upset plot

`...`
extra arguments for UpSetR

Value

A list with:

intersections A named list of intersected HiCaptuRe objects

upset An UpSetR plot

venn A ggVennDiagram plot (NULL if > 7 sets)

Examples

```
ibed1 <- system.file("extdata", "ibed1_example.zip", package = "HiCaptuRe")
interactions1 <- load_interactions(ibed1, select_chr = "19")
ibed2 <- system.file("extdata", "ibed2_example.zip", package = "HiCaptuRe")
interactions2 <- load_interactions(ibed2, select_chr = "19")
interactions_list <- list(ibed1 = interactions1, ibed2 = interactions2)
intersection <- intersect_interactions(interactions_list = interactions_list)
```

```
load_interactions
```

Loads interaction file into GenomicInteractions Object

Description

This function loads interaction files from Chicago R package into a GenomicInteractions Object, and remove possible duplicated interactions

Usage

```
load_interactions(file, sep = "\t", ...)
```

Arguments

file	full path to the interaction file (seqmonk, ibed, washU)
sep	separator to read the file
...	arguments to pass to digest_genome

Value

HiCaptuRe object

Examples

```
ibed1 <- system.file("extdata", "ibed1_example.zip", package = "HiCaptuRe")
interactions <- load_interactions(ibed1, select_chr = "19")
```

peakmatrix2list	<i>Creates a list of HiCaptuRe objects based on a peakmatrix</i>
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Description

This function creates a list of HiCaptuRe objects separating all the samples included on a peakmatrix.

Usage

```
peakmatrix2list(peakmatrix, cutoff = 5)
```

Arguments

peakmatrix	HiCaptuRe object of a peakmatrix
cutoff	Chicago score cut-off to filter interactions

Value

A named list of HiCaptuRe objects, each corresponding to a sample (inferred from CS_* columns in the peakmatrix).

Examples

```
peakmatrix <- system.file("extdata", "peakmatrix_example.zip", package = "HiCaptuRe")
interactions <- load_interactions(peakmatrix, select_chr = "19")
interactions_list <- peakmatrix2list(peakmatrix = interactions)
```

`plot_distance_summary` *Generate the plot based on distance output*

Description

This function plots the distances by different approaches for the output of `distance_summary`

Usage

```
plot_distance_summary(distances, type_of_value = "absolute")
```

Arguments

`distances` dataframes output from [distance_summary](#)
`type_of_value` an element from: absolute, by_int_type, by_total

Details

The `type_of_value` argument could be: Absolute: plots the Absolute number of interactions. By_int_type: plots the number of interactions divided by the total number of interactions of each type. By_total: plots the number of interactions divided by the total number of interactions

Value

list with the plots

Examples

```
ibed1 <- system.file("extdata", "ibed1_example.zip", package = "HiCaptuRe")
interactions1 <- load_interactions(ibed1, select_chr = "19")
df <- distance_summary(interactions = interactions1)
plots <- plot_distance_summary(distances = df)
```

setters

Functions to set data held in a HiCaptuRe object.

Description

Use these functions to set data stored in each of the slots of a HiCapture object.

Usage

```
.setParameters(x, y)

## S4 method for signature 'HiCaptuRe,list'
.setParameters(x, y)

.setByBaits(x, y)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'HiCaptuRe,list'  
.setByBaits(x, y)  
  
.setByRegions(x, y)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'HiCaptuRe,list'  
.setByRegions(x, y)
```

Arguments

x	A HiCaptuRe object
y	Data to add (parameters, tibble with bait-centric information or GRanges with region-centric)

Value

A HiCaptuRe object

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