# Package 'GenomicDistributions'

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Description If you have a set of genomic ranges, this package can help you with visualization and comparison. It produces several kinds of plots, for example: Chromosome distribution plots, which visualize how your regions are distributed over chromosomes; feature distance distribution plots, which visualizes how your regions are distributed relative to a feature of interest, like Transcription Start Sites (TSSs); genomic partition plots, which visualize how your regions overlap given genomic features such as promoters, introns, exons, or intergenic regions. It also makes it easy to compare one set of ranges to another.

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Produces summaries and plots of features distributed across genomes

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## **Description**

If you have a set of genomic ranges, the Genomic Distributions R package can help you with some simple visualizations. Currently, it can produce two kinds of plots: First, the chromosome distribution plot, which visualizes how your regions are distributed over chromosomes; and second, the feature distribution plot, which visualizes how your regions are distributed relative to a feature of interest, like Transcription Start Sites (TSSs).

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#### See Also

Useful links:

- http://code.databio.org/GenomicDistributions
- Report bugs at http://github.com/databio/GenomicDistributions

.requireAndReturn

Checks to make sure a package object is installed, and if so, returns it. If the library is not installed, it issues a warning and returns NULL.

## Description

Checks to make sure a package object is installed, and if so, returns it. If the library is not installed, it issues a warning and returns NULL.

## Usage

.requireAndReturn(BSgenomeString)

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# Arguments

BSgenomeString A BSgenome compatible genome string.

## Value

A BSgenome object if installed.

.validateInputs

Checks class of the list of variables. To be used in functions

# Description

Checks class of the list of variables. To be used in functions

#### Usage

```
.validateInputs(checkList)
```

## Arguments

checkList

list of object to check, e.g. list(varname=c("data.frame", "numeric")). Multiuple strings in the vector are treated as OR.

# Value

A warning if the wrong input class is provided.

# **Examples**

```
x = function(var1) {
   cl = list(var1=c("numeric","character"))
   .validateInputs(cl)
   return(var1^2)
}
```

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binBSGenome

Bins a BSgenome object.

## **Description**

Given a BSgenome object (to be loaded via loadBSgenome), and a number of bins, this will bin that genome. It is a simple wrapper of the binChroms function

# Usage

```
binBSGenome(genome, binCount)
```

## **Arguments**

genome A UCSC-style string denoting reference assembly (e.g. 'hg38')

binCount number of bins per chromosome

## Value

A data.table object showing the region and bin IDs of the reference genome.

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
binCount = 1000
refGenomeBins = binBSGenome("hg19", binCount)
## End(Not run)
```

binChroms

Naively splits a chromosome into bins

## **Description**

Given a list of chromosomes with corresponding sizes, this script will produce (roughly) evenly-sized bins across the chromosomes. It does not account for assembly gaps or the like.

## Usage

```
binChroms(binCount, chromSizes)
```

## Arguments

binCount number of bins (total; \*not\* per chromosome)
chromSizes a named list of size (length) for each chromosome.

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#### Value

A data.table object assigning a bin ID to each chromosome region.

#### **Examples**

```
chromSizes = c(chr1=249250621, chr2=243199373, chr3=198022430)
cBins = binChroms(1000, chromSizes)
```

binkegion Divide regions into roughly equal bins	binRegion	Divide regions into roughly equal bins	
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#### **Description**

Given a start coordinate, end coordinate, and number of bins to divide, this function will split the regions into that many bins. Bins will be only approximately the same size, due to rounding. (they should not be more than 1 different).

#### Usage

```
binRegion(start, end, binSize = NULL, binCount = NULL, indicator = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

start	The starting coordinate
end	The ending coordinate
binSize	The size of bin to divide the genome into. You must supply either binSize (priority) or binCount.
binCount	The number of bins to divide. If you do not supply binSize, you must supply binCount, which will be used to calculate the binSize.
indicator	A vector with identifiers to keep with your bins, in case you are doing this on a long table with multiple segments concatenated

#### **Details**

Use case: take a set of regions, like CG islands, and bin them; now you can aggregate signal scores across the bins, giving you an aggregate signal in bins across many regions of the same type.

In theory, this just runs on 3 values, but you can run it inside a data.table j expression to divide a bunch of regions in the same way.

## Value

A data.table, expanded to nrow = number of bins, with these id columns: id: region ID binID: repeating ID (this is the value to aggregate across) ubinID: unique bin IDs

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## **Examples**

```
Rbins = binRegion(1, 3000, 100, 1000)
```

BSdtToGRanges

Converts a list of data.tables (From BSreadbeds) into GRanges.

## **Description**

Converts a list of data.tables (From BSreadbeds) into GRanges.

## Usage

BSdtToGRanges(dtList)

## **Arguments**

dtList

A list of data.tables

#### Value

A GRangesList object.

calcChromBins

Calculates the distribution of a query set over the genome

## **Description**

Returns a data.table showing counts of regions from the query that overlap with each bin. In other words, where on which chromosomes are the ranges distributed? You must provide binned regions. Only the midpoint of each query region is used to test for overlap with the bin regions.

# Usage

```
calcChromBins(query, bins)
```

#### **Arguments**

query A GenomicRanges or GenomicRangesList object with query regions

bins Pre-computed bins (as a GRangesList object) to aggregate over; for example,

these could be genome bins

#### Value

A data.table showing where on which chromosomes ranges are distributed.

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## **Examples**

```
chromSizes = getChromSizes("hg19")
genomeBins = getGenomeBins(chromSizes)
chromDistribution = calcChromBins(vistaEnhancers, genomeBins)

vistaSftd = GenomicRanges::shift(vistaEnhancers, 100000)
vistaSftd2 = GenomicRanges::shift(vistaEnhancers, 200000)
calcChromBins(vistaEnhancers, GRangesList(vistaSftd, vistaSftd2))
```

calcChromBinsRef

Returns the distribution of query over a reference assembly Given a query set of elements (a GRanges object) and a reference assembly (\*e.g. 'hg38'), this will aggregate and count the distribution of the query elements across bins of the reference genome. This is a helper function to create features for common genomes. It is a wrapper of calcChromBins, which is more general.

#### **Description**

Returns the distribution of query over a reference assembly Given a query set of elements (a GRanges object) and a reference assembly (\*e.g. 'hg38'), this will aggregate and count the distribution of the query elements across bins of the reference genome. This is a helper function to create features for common genomes. It is a wrapper of calcChromBins, which is more general.

## Usage

```
calcChromBinsRef(query, refAssembly, binCount = 3000)
```

#### **Arguments**

query A GenomicRanges or GenomicRangesList object with query regions

refAssembly A character vector that will be used to grab chromosome sizes with getChromSizes

binCount Number of bins to divide the chromosomes into

#### Value

A data table showing the distribution of regions across bins of the reference genome.

## **Examples**

```
ChromBins = calcChromBinsRef(vistaEnhancers, "hg19")
```

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calcChromBinsRefSlow

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## Description

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#### Usage

calcChromBinsRefSlow(query, refAssembly, binCount = 3000)

#### **Arguments**

query A GenomicRanges or GenomicRangesList object with query regions

refAssembly A character vector that will be used to grab chromosome sizes with getChromSizes

binCount Number of bins to divide the chromosomes into

#### Value

A data.table showing the distribution of regions across bins of the reference genome.

#### **Examples**

```
ChromBins = calcChromBinsRef(vistaEnhancers, "hg19")
```

## calcCumulativePartitions

Calculates the cumulative distribution of overlaps between query and arbitrary genomic partitions

## **Description**

Takes a GRanges object, then assigns each element to a partition from the provided partitionList, and then tallies the number of regions assigned to each partition. A typical example of partitions is promoter, exon, intron, etc; this function will yield the number of each for a query GRanges object There will be a priority order to these, to account for regions that may overlap multiple genomic partitions.

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#### Usage

```
calcCumulativePartitions(query, partitionList, remainder = "intergenic")
```

#### **Arguments**

query GRanges or GRangesList with regions to classify.

partitionList An ORDERED and NAMED list of genomic partitions GRanges. This list must

be in priority order; the input will be assigned to the first partition it overlaps.

remainder Which partition do you want to account for 'everything else'?

#### Value

A data.frame assigning each element of a GRanges object to a partition from a previously provided partitionList.

## **Examples**

calcCumulativePartitionsRef

Calculates the cumulative distribution of overlaps for a query set to a reference assembly

## **Description**

This function is a wrapper for calcCumulativePartitions that uses built-in partitions for a given reference genome assembly.

## Usage

```
calcCumulativePartitionsRef(query, refAssembly)
```

## **Arguments**

query A GenomicRanges or GenomicRangesList object with query regions

refAssembly A character vector specifying the reference genome assembly (\*e.g.\* 'hg19').

This will be used to grab chromosome sizes with getTSSs.

#### Value

A data frame indicating the number of query region overlaps in several genomic partitions.

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## **Examples**

```
calcCumulativePartitionsRef(vistaEnhancers, "hg19")
```

calcDinuclFreq

Calculate Dinuclotide content over genomic ranges

## **Description**

Given a reference genome (BSgenome object) and ranges on the reference, this function returns a data.table with counts of dinucleotides within the GRanges object.

## Usage

```
calcDinuclFreq(query, ref, rawCounts = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

query A GRanges object with query sets
ref Reference genome BSgenome object

rawCounts a logical indicating whether the raw numbers should be displayed, rather than

percentages (optional).

## Value

A data.table with counts of dinucleotides across the GRanges object

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
bsg = loadBSgenome('hg19')
DNF = calcDinuclFreq(vistaEnhancers, bsg)
## End(Not run)
```

calcDinuclFreqRef

Calculate dinucleotide content over genomic ranges

## Description

Given a reference genome (BSgenome object) and ranges on the reference, this function returns a data.table with counts of dinucleotides within the GRanges object.

```
calcDinuclFreqRef(query, refAssembly, rawCounts = FALSE)
```

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## **Arguments**

query A GRanges object with query sets

refAssembly A character vector specifying the reference genome assembly (\*e.g.\* 'hg19').

This will be used to grab chromosome sizes with getTSSs.

rawCounts a logical indicating whether the raw numbers should be displayed, rather than

percentages (optional).

#### Value

A numeric vector or list of vectors with the GC percentage of the query regions.

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
query = system.file("extdata", "vistaEnhancers.bed.gz", package="GenomicDistributions")
GRquery = rtracklayer::import(query)
refAssembly = 'hg19'
DNF = calcDinuclFreqRef(GRquery, refAssembly)
## End(Not run)
```

 ${\tt calcExpectedPartitions}$ 

Calculates expected partiton overlap based on contribution of each feature (partition) to genome size. Expected and observed overlaps are then compared.

#### **Description**

Calculates expected partiton overlap based on contribution of each feature (partition) to genome size. Expected and observed overlaps are then compared.

```
calcExpectedPartitions(
  query,
  partitionList,
  genomeSize = NULL,
  remainder = "intergenic",
  bpProportion = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

query GRanges or GRangesList with regions to classify.

partitionList An ORDERED (if bpProportion=FALSE) and NAMED list of genomic parti-

tions GRanges. This list must be in priority order; the input will be assigned to the first partition it overlaps. However, if bpProportion=TRUE, the list does not

need ordering.

genomeSize The number of bases in the query genome. In other words, the sum of all chro-

mosome sizes.

remainder Which partition do you want to account for 'everything else'?

bpProportion logical indicating if overlaps should be calculated based on number of base pairs

overlapping with each partition. bpProportion=FALSE does overlaps in priority order, bpProportion=TRUE counts number of overlapping base pairs between

query and each partition.

#### Value

A data.frame assigning each element of a GRanges object to a partition from a previously provided partitionList.The data.frame also contains Chi-square p-values calculated for observed/expected overlaps on each individual partition.

## **Examples**

calcExpectedPartitionsRef

Calculates the distribution of observed versus expected overlaps for a query set to a reference assembly

## **Description**

This function is a wrapper for calcExpectedPartitions that uses built-in partitions for a given reference genome assembly.

```
calcExpectedPartitionsRef(query, refAssembly, bpProportion = FALSE)
```

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## Arguments

query A GenomicRanges or GenomicRangesList object with query regions

refAssembly A character vector specifying the reference genome assembly (\*e.g.\* 'hg19').

This will be used to grab annotation models with getGeneModels, and chromo-

some sizes withgetChromSizes

bpProportion logical indicating if overlaps should be calculated based on number of base pairs

overlapping with each partition. bpProportion=FALSE does overlaps in priority order, bpProportion=TRUE counts number of overlapping base pairs between

query and each partition.

#### Value

A data.frame indicating the number of query region overlaps in several genomic partitions.

## **Examples**

calcExpectedPartitionsRef(vistaEnhancers, "hg19")

calcFeatureDist

Find the distance to the nearest genomic feature

#### **Description**

For a given query set of genomic regions, and a given feature set of regions, this function will return the distance for each query region to its closest feature. It ignores strand and returns the distance as positive or negative, depending on whether the feature is upstream or downstream

## Usage

```
calcFeatureDist(query, features)
```

#### **Arguments**

query A GRanges or GRangesList object with query sets features A GRanges object with features to test distance to

#### **Details**

This function is similar to the bioconductor distanceToNearest function, but returns negative values for downstream distances instead of absolute values. This allows you to assess the relative location.

#### Value

A vector of genomic distances for each query region relative to its closest feature.

#### **Examples**

```
vistaSftd = GenomicRanges::shift(vistaEnhancers, 100000)
calcFeatureDist(vistaEnhancers, vistaSftd)
```

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calcFeatureDistRefTSS Calculates the distribution of distances from a query set to closest TSS

# Description

Given a query GRanges object and an assembly string, this function will grab the TSS list for the given reference assembly and then calculate the distance from each query feature to the closest TSS. It is a wrapper of calcFeatureDist that uses built-in TSS features for a reference assembly

## Usage

```
calcFeatureDistRefTSS(query, refAssembly)
```

## **Arguments**

query A GenomicRanges or GenomicRangesList object with query regions

refAssembly A character vector specifying the reference genome assembly (\*e.g.\* 'hg19').

This will be used to grab chromosome sizes with getTSSs.

#### Value

A vector of distances for each query region relative to TSSs.

#### **Examples**

```
calcFeatureDistRefTSS(vistaEnhancers, "hg19")
```

calcGCContent

Calculate GC content over genomic ranges

# Description

Given a reference genome as a BSgenome object and some ranges on that reference, this function will return a vector of the same length as the granges object, with percent of Cs and Gs.

#### Usage

```
calcGCContent(query, ref)
```

#### **Arguments**

query A GenomicRanges or GenomicRangesList object with query regions.

ref Reference genome BSgenome object.

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## Value

A numeric vector of list of vectors with the GC percentage of the query regions.

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
bsg = loadBSgenome('hg19')
gcvec = calcGCContent(vistaEnhancers, bsg)
## End(Not run)
```

calcGCContentRef

Calculate GC content over genomic ranges

## **Description**

Given a reference genome as a BSgenome object and some ranges on that reference, this function will return a vector of the same length as the granges object, with percent of Cs and Gs.

## Usage

```
calcGCContentRef(query, refAssembly)
```

## **Arguments**

query A GenomicRanges or GenomicRangesList object with query regions

 $\label{eq:continuous} \mbox{ A character vector specifying the reference genome assembly (*e.g.* 'hg19').}$ 

This will be used to grab chromosome sizes with getTSSs.

#### Value

A numeric vector or list of vectors with the GC percentage of the query regions.

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
refAssembly = 'hg19'
GCcontent = calcGCContentRef(vistaEnhancers, refAssembly)
## End(Not run)
```

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calcNearestNeighbors	Group regions from the same chromosome together and compute the
0	distance of a region to its nearest neighbor. Distances are then lumped
	into a numeric vector.

#### **Description**

Group regions from the same chromosome together and compute the distance of a region to its nearest neighbor. Distances are then lumped into a numeric vector.

## Usage

```
calcNearestNeighbors(query, correctRef = "None")
```

## **Arguments**

query A GRanges or GRangesList object.

correctRef A string indicating the reference genome to use if Nearest neighbor distances

are corrected for the number of regions in a regionSet.

## Value

A numeric vector or list of vectors containing the distance of regions to their nearest neighbors.

#### **Examples**

Nneighbors = calcNearestNeighbors(vistaEnhancers)

calcNeighborDist Group regions from the same chromosome together and calculate the

distances of a region to its upstream and downstream neighboring re-

gions. Distances are then lumped into a numeric vector.

## **Description**

Group regions from the same chromosome together and calculate the distances of a region to its upstream and downstream neighboring regions. Distances are then lumped into a numeric vector.

# Usage

```
calcNeighborDist(query, correctRef = "None")
```

## **Arguments**

query A GRanges or GRangesList object.

correctRef A string indicating the reference genome to use if distances are corrected for the

number of regions in a regionSet.

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#### Value

A numeric vector or list with different vectors containing the distances of regions to their upstream/downstream neighbors.

## **Examples**

```
dist = calcNeighborDist(vistaEnhancers)
```

calcPartitions Calculates the distribution of overlaps between query and arbitrary genomic partitions

## **Description**

Takes a GRanges object, then assigns each element to a partition from the provided partitionList, and then tallies the number of regions assigned to each partition. A typical example of partitions is promoter, exon, intron, etc; this function will yield the number of each for a query GRanges object There will be a priority order to these, to account for regions that may overlap multiple genomic partitions.

## Usage

```
calcPartitions(
  query,
  partitionList,
  remainder = "intergenic",
  bpProportion = FALSE
)
```

## **Arguments**

query GRanges or GRangesList with regions to classify

partitionList an ORDERED (if bpProportion=FALSE) and NAMED list of genomic parti-

tions GRanges. This list must be in priority order; the input will be assigned to the first partition it overlaps. bpProportion=TRUE, the list does not need order-

ing.

remainder A character vector to assign any query regions that do not overlap with anything

in the partitionList. Defaults to "intergenic"

bpProportion logical indicating if overlaps should be calculated based on number of base pairs

overlapping with each partition. bpProportion=FALSE does overlaps in priority order, bpProportion=TRUE counts number of overlapping base pairs between

query and each partition.

#### Value

A data.frame assigning each element of a GRanges object to a partition from a previously provided partitionList.

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#### **Examples**

calcPartitionsRef

Calculates the distribution of overlaps for a query set to a reference assembly

## **Description**

This function is a wrapper for calcPartitions and calcPartitionPercents that uses built-in partitions for a given reference genome assembly.

#### Usage

```
calcPartitionsRef(query, refAssembly, bpProportion = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

query A GenomicRanges or GenomicRangesList object with query regions

refAssembly A character vector specifying the reference genome assembly (\*e.g.\* 'hg19').

This will be used to grab annotation models with getGeneModels

bpProportion logical indicating if overlaps should be calculated based on number of base pairs

overlapping with each partition. bpProportion=FALSE does overlaps in priority order, bpProportion=TRUE counts number of overlapping base pairs between

query and each partition.

#### Value

A data frame indicating the number of query region overlaps in several genomic partitions.

#### **Examples**

```
calcPartitionsRef(vistaEnhancers, "hg19")
```

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calcSummarySignal

The function calcSummarySignal takes the input BED file(s) in form of GRanges or GRangesList object, overlaps it with all defined open chromatin regions across conditions (e.g. cell types) and returns a matrix, where each row is the input genomic region (if overlap was found), each column is a condition, and the value is a meam signal from regions where overlap was found.

#### **Description**

The function calcSummarySignal takes the input BED file(s) in form of GRanges or GRangesList object, overlaps it with all defined open chromatin regions across conditions (e.g. cell types) and returns a matrix, where each row is the input genomic region (if overlap was found), each column is a condition, and the value is a meam signal from regions where overlap was found.

#### Usage

calcSummarySignal(query, signalMatrix)

#### **Arguments**

query

Genomic regions to be analyzed. Can be GRanges or GRangesList object.

signalMatrix

Matrix with signal values in predfined regions, where rows are predefined genomic regions, columns are conditions (e.g. cell types in which the signal was measured). First column contains information about the genomic region in following form: chr\_start\_end. Can be either data.frame or data.table object.

#### Value

A list with named components: signalSummaryMatrix - data.table with cell specific open chromatin signal values for query regions matrixStats - data.frame containing boxplot stats for individual cell type

#### **Examples**

signalSummaryList = calcSummarySignal(vistaEnhancers, exampleOpenSignalMatrix\_hg19)

calcWidth

Calculate the widths of regions

#### Description

The length of a genomic region (the distance between the start and end) is called the width When given a query set of genomic regions, this function returns the width

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## Usage

```
calcWidth(query)
```

# Arguments

query

A GRanges or GRangesList object with query sets

## Value

A vector of the widths (end-start coordinates) of GRanges objects.

# **Examples**

```
regWidths = calcWidth(vistaEnhancers)
```

 ${\tt cellTypeMetadata}$ 

Table the maps cell types to tissues and groups

# Description

Table the maps cell types to tissues and groups

# Usage

```
data(cellTypeMetadata)
```

#### **Format**

data.table with 3 columns (cellType, tissue and group) and 74 rows (one per cellType)

## Source

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hg19 chromosome sizes

## **Description**

A dataset containing chromosome sizes for Homo Sapiens hg38 genome assembly

## Usage

```
data(chromSizes_hg19)
```

#### **Format**

A named vectors of lengths with one item per chromosome

#### **Source**

BSgenome. Hsapiens. UCSC. hg19 package

dtToGr

Converts a data.table (DT) object to a GenomicRanges (GR) object. Tries to be intelligent, guessing chr and start, but you have to supply end or other columns if you want them to be carried into the GR.

## **Description**

Converts a data.table (DT) object to a GenomicRanges (GR) object. Tries to be intelligent, guessing chr and start, but you have to supply end or other columns if you want them to be carried into the GR.

```
dtToGr(
  DT,
  chr = "chr",
  start = "start",
  end = NA,
  strand = NA,
  name = NA,
  splitFactor = NA,
  metaCols = NA
```

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## Arguments

DT A data.table representing genomic regions.

chr A string representing the chromosome column.

start A string representing the name of the start column.

end A string representing the name of the end column.

strand A string representing the name of the strand column.

name A string representing the name of the name column.

splitFactor A string representing the name of the column to use to split the data.table into

multiple data.tables.

metaCols A string representing the name of the metadata column(s) to include in the re-

turned GRanges object.

#### Value

A GRanges object.

#### **Examples**

dtToGrInternal

Two utility functions for converting data.tables into GRanges objects

## **Description**

Two utility functions for converting data.tables into GRanges objects

#### **Usage**

```
dtToGrInternal(DT, chr, start, end = NA, strand = NA, name = NA, metaCols = NA)
```

### Arguments

DT A data.table representing genomic regions.

chr A string representing the chromosome column.

start A string representing the name of the start column.

end A string representing the name of the end column.

strand A string representing the name of the strand column.

name A string representing the name of the name column.

metaCols A string representing the name of the metadata column(s) to include in the re-

turned GRanges object.

## Value

A GRanges object.

exampleOpenSignalMatrix\_hg19

A dataset containing a subset of open chromatin regions across all cell types defined by ENCODE for Homo Sapiens hg19

## **Description**

Preparation steps:

- made a universe of regions by merging regions across cell types defined as opened in EN-CODE
- 2. took bigwig files from ENCODE for individual cell types, merged replicates, filtered out blacklisted sites
- 3. evaluated the signal above regions defined by previous step
- 4. performed quantile normalization
- 5. subsetted it

## Usage

data(exampleOpenSignalMatrix\_hg19)

#### **Format**

data.frame, rows represent whole selection of open chromatin regions across all cell types defined by ENCODE, columns are individual cell types and values are normalized open chromatin signal values.

## Source

http://big.databio.org/open\_chromatin\_matrix/openSignalMatrix\_hg19\_quantileNormalized\_ round4.txt.gz 26 genomePartitionList

geneModels\_hg19

hg38 gene models

# Description

A dataset containing gene models for Homo Sapiens hg38 genome assembly.

## Usage

```
data(geneModels_hg19)
```

#### **Format**

A list of two GRanges objects, with genes and exons locations

#### **Source**

EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75 package

genomePartitionList

Create a basic genome partition list of genes, exons, introns, UTRs, and intergenic

## **Description**

Given GRanges for genes, and a GRanges for exons, returns a list of GRanges corresponding to various breakdown of the genome, based on the given annotations; it gives you proximal and core promoters, exons, and introns.

```
genomePartitionList(
  genesGR,
  exonsGR,
  threeUTRGR = NULL,
  fiveUTRGR = NULL,
  getCorePromoter = TRUE,
  getProxPromoter = TRUE,
  corePromSize = 100,
  proxPromSize = 2000
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

genesGR a GRanges object of gene coordinates exonsGR a GRanges object of exons coordinates

threeUTRGR a GRanges object of 3' UTRs fiveUTRGR a GRanges object of 5' UTRs

getCorePromoter

option specifying if core promoters should be extracted defeaults to TRUE

getProxPromoter

option specifying if proximal promoters should be extracted defeaults to TRUE

corePromSize size of core promoter (in bp) upstrem from TSS default value = 100

proxPromSize size of proximal promoter (in bp) upstrem from TSS default value = 2000

#### **Details**

To be used as a partitionList for calcPartitions.

#### Value

A list of GRanges objects, each corresponding to a partition of the genome. Partitions include proximal and core promoters, exons and introns.

## **Examples**

getChromSizes

Returns built-in chrom sizes for a given reference assembly

## **Description**

Returns built-in chrom sizes for a given reference assembly

## Usage

```
getChromSizes(refAssembly)
```

#### **Arguments**

refAssembly A string identifier for the reference assembly

#### Value

A vector with the chromosome sizes corresponding to a specific genome assembly.

## **Examples**

```
getChromSizes("hg19")
```

getChromSizesFromFasta

Get gene models from a remote or local FASTA file

# Description

Get gene models from a remote or local FASTA file

#### Usage

```
getChromSizesFromFasta(source, destDir = NULL, convertEnsemblUCSC = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

source a string that is either a path to a local or remote FASTA

destDir a string that indicates the path to the directory where the downloaded FASTA

file should be stored

convertEnsemblUCSC

a logical indicating whether Ensembl style chromosome annotation should be

changed to UCSC style (add chr)

## Value

a named vector of sequence lengths

# **Examples**

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getGeneModels

Returns built-in gene models for a given reference assembly

# Description

Some functions require gene models, which can obtained from any source. This function allows you to retrieve a few common built-in ones.

## Usage

```
getGeneModels(refAssembly)
```

## **Arguments**

refAssembly A string identifier for the reference assembly

#### Value

A list containing the gene models corresponding to a specific reference assembly.

## **Examples**

```
getGeneModels("hg19")
```

getGeneModelsFromGTF Get gene models from a remote or local GTF file

## **Description**

Get gene models from a remote or local GTF file

```
getGeneModelsFromGTF(
  source,
  features,
  convertEnsemblUCSC = FALSE,
 destDir = NULL,
  filterProteinCoding = TRUE
)
```

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## Arguments

source a string that is either a path to a local or remote GTF

features a vector of strings with feature identifiers that to include in the result list

convertEnsemblUCSC

a logical indicating whether Ensembl style chromosome annotation should be

changed to UCSC style

destDir a string that indicates the path to the directory where the downloaded GTF file

should be stored

filterProteinCoding

a logical indicating if TSSs should be only protein-coding genes (default =

TRUE

#### Value

a list of GRanges objects

## **Examples**

getGenomeBins

Returns bins used in 'calcChromBins' function Given a named vector of chromosome sizes, the function returns GRangesList object with bins for each chromosome.

## Description

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#### Usage

```
getGenomeBins(chromSizes, binCount = 10000)
```

#### **Arguments**

chromSizes a named list of size (length) for each chromosome.

binCount number of bins (total; \*not\* per chromosome), defaults to 10,000

### Value

A GRangesList object with bins that separate chromosomes into equal parts.

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#### **Examples**

```
chromSizes = getChromSizes("hg19")
chromBins = getGenomeBins(chromSizes)
```

getReferenceData

Get reference data for a specified assembly

#### **Description**

This is a generic getter function that will return a data object requested, if it is included in the built-in data with the GenomicDistributions package or GenomicDistributionsData package (if installed). Data objects can be requested for different reference assemblies and data types (specified by a tagline, which is a unique string identifying the data type).

## Usage

```
getReferenceData(refAssembly, tagline)
```

## **Arguments**

refAssembly Reference assembly string (e.g. 'hg38')

tagline The string that was used to identify data of a given type in the data building

step. It's used for the filename so we know what to load, and is what makes this

function generic (so it can load different data types).

## Value

A requested and included package data object.

getTssFromGTF

Get transcription start sites (TSSs) from a remote or local GTF file

#### **Description**

Get transcription start sites (TSSs) from a remote or local GTF file

```
getTssFromGTF(
  source,
  convertEnsemblUCSC = FALSE,
  destDir = NULL,
  filterProteinCoding = TRUE
)
```

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## **Arguments**

source a string that is either a path to a local or remote GTF

convertEnsemblUCSC

a logical indicating whether Ensembl style chromosome annotation should be

changed to UCSC style

destDir a string that indicates the path to the directory where the downloaded GTF file

should be stored

filterProteinCoding

a logical indicating if TSSs should be only protein-coding genes (default =

TRUE)

#### Value

a list of GRanges objects

## **Examples**

grToDt

Convert a GenomicRanges into a data.table.

## **Description**

Convert a GenomicRanges into a data.table.

# Usage

grToDt(GR)

## **Arguments**

GR

A Granges object

### Value

A data.table object.

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labelCuts	Creates labels based on a discretization definition.
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## **Description**

If you are building a histogram of binned values, you want to have labels for your bins that correspond to the ranges you used to bin. This function takes the breakpoints that define your bins and produces nice-looking labels for your histogram plot.

# Usage

```
labelCuts(
  breakPoints,
  round_digits = 1,
  signif_digits = 3,
  collapse = "-",
  infBins = FALSE
)
```

# Arguments

breakPoints The exact values you want as boundaries for your bins round\_digits Number of digits to cut round labels to.
signif\_digits Number of significant digits to specify.

collapse Character to separate the labels
infBins use >/< as labels on the edge bins

## **Details**

labelCuts will take a cut group, (e.g., a quantile division of some signal), and give you clean labels (similar to the cut method).

## Value

A vector of histogram axis labels.

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loadBSgenome

Loads BSgenome objects from UCSC-style character vectors.

## **Description**

This function will let you use a simple character vector (e.g. 'hg19') to load and then return BSgenome objects. This lets you avoid having to use the more complex annotation for a complete BSgenome object (e.g. BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38.masked)

## Usage

```
loadBSgenome(genomeBuild, masked = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

```
genomeBuild One of 'hg19', 'hg38', 'mm10', 'mm9', or 'grch38' masked Should we used the masked version? Default:TRUE
```

#### Value

A BSgenome object corresponding to the provided genome build.

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
bsg = loadBSgenome('hg19')
## End(Not run)
```

loadEnsDb

Load selected EnsDb library

## **Description**

Load selected EnsDb library

## Usage

```
loadEnsDb(genomeBuild)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
genomeBuild string, genome identifier
```

## Value

loaded library

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#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
loadEnsDb("hg19")
## End(Not run)
```

neighbordt

Internal helper function to calculate distance between neighboring regions.

# Description

Internal helper function to calculate distance between neighboring regions.

## Usage

```
neighbordt(querydt)
```

#### **Arguments**

querydt

A data table with regions grouped according to chromosome.

#### Value

A numeric vector with the distances in bp

nlist

Nathan's magical named list function. This function is a drop-in replacement for the base list() function, which automatically names your list according to the names of the variables used to construct it. It seamlessly handles lists with some names and others absent, not overwriting specified names while naming any unnamed parameters. Took me awhile to figure this out.

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```
nlist(...)
```

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## **Arguments**

```
... arguments passed to list()
```

#### Value

A named list object.

## **Examples**

```
x=5
y=10
nlist(x,y) # returns list(x=5, y=10)
list(x,y) # returns unnamed list(5, 10)
```

plotChromBins

Plot distribution over chromosomes

# Description

Plots result from genomicDistribution calculation

## Usage

```
plotChromBins(
  genomeAggregate,
  plotTitle = "Distribution over chromosomes",
  ylim = "max"
)
```

#### **Arguments**

 ${\tt genomeAggregate}$ 

The output from the genomicDistribution function

plotTitle Title for plot.

ylim Limit of y-axes. Default "max" sets limit to N of biggest bin.

## Value

A ggplot object showing the distribution of the query regions over bins of the reference genome.

# **Examples**

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```
plotCumulativePartitions
```

Plot the cumulative distribution of regions in features

#### **Description**

This function plots the cumulative distribution of regions across a feature set.

#### Usage

```
plotCumulativePartitions(assignedPartitions, feature_names = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

assignedPartitions

Results from calcCumulativePartitions

feature\_names

An optional character vector of feature names, in the same order as the GenomicRanges or GenomicRangesList object.

#### Value

A ggplot object of the cumulative distribution of regions in features.

#### **Examples**

```
p = calcCumulativePartitionsRef(vistaEnhancers, "hg19")
cumuPlot = plotCumulativePartitions(p)
```

plotDinuclFreq

*Plot dinuclotide content within region set(s)* 

# Description

Given calcDinuclFreq or calcDinuclFreqRef results, this function generates a violin plot of dinucleotide frequency

## Usage

```
plotDinuclFreq(DNFDataTable)
```

## **Arguments**

DNFDataTable

A data.table, data.frame, or a list of dinucleotide counts - results from calcDinuclFreq or calcDinuclFreqRef

#### Value

A ggplot object plotting distribution of dinucleotide content in query regions

## **Examples**

```
DNFDataTable = data.table::data.table(GC = rnorm(400, mean=0.5, sd=0.1),
CG = rnorm(400, mean=0.5, sd=0.5),
AT = rnorm(400, mean=0.5, sd=1),
TA = rnorm(400, mean=0.5, sd=1.5))
DNFPlot = plotDinuclFreq(DNFDataTable)
## Not run:
query = system.file("extdata", "vistaEnhancers.bed.gz", package="GenomicDistributions")
GRquery = rtracklayer::import(query)
refAssembly = 'hg19'
DNF = calcDinuclFreqRef(GRquery, refAssembly)
DNFPlot2 = plotDinuclFreq(DNF)
## End(Not run)
```

plotExpectedPartitions

Produces a barplot showing how query regions of interest are distributed relative to the expected distribution across a given partition list

## **Description**

Produces a barplot showing how query regions of interest are distributed relative to the expected distribution across a given partition list

## Usage

```
plotExpectedPartitions(expectedPartitions, feature_names = NULL, pval = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

expectedPartitions

A data frame holding the frequency of assignment to each of the partitions, the expected number of each partition, and the log10 of the observed over expected. Produced by calcExpectedPartitions.

feature\_names

Character vector with labels for the partitions (optional). By default it will use the names from the first argument.

pval

Logical indicating whether Chi-square p-values should be added for each partition.

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#### Value

A ggplot object using a barplot to show the distribution of the query regions across a given partition list

#### **Examples**

```
p = calcExpectedPartitionsRef(vistaEnhancers, "hg19")
expectedPlot = plotExpectedPartitions(p)
```

plotFeatureDist

Plots a histogram of distances to genomic features

## **Description**

Given the results from featureDistribution, plots a histogram of distances surrounding the features of interest

### Usage

```
plotFeatureDist(
   dists,
   bgdists = NULL,
   featureName = "features",
   numbers = FALSE,
   nbins = 50,
   size = 1e+05,
   infBins = FALSE,
   tile = FALSE,
   labelOrder = "default"
)
```

## **Arguments**

dists	Results	from	featur	eDist	ribution

bgdists Background distances. If provided, will plot a background distribution of ex-

pected distances

featureName Character vector for plot labels (optional).

numbers a logical indicating whether the raw numbers should be displayed, rather than

percentages (optional).

nbins Number of bins on each side of the center point.

size Number of bases to include in plot on each side of the center point.

infBins Include catch-all bins on the sides?

tile Turn on a tile mode, which plots a tiled figure instead of a histogram.

labelOrder – Enter "default" to order by order of user input (default); Enter "center" to order

by value in tile in the closest proximity to the center of features (in case TSS is

used - center is TSS) (center).

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## Value

```
A ggplot2 plot object
```

## **Examples**

```
TSSdist = calcFeatureDistRefTSS(vistaEnhancers, "hg19")
f = plotFeatureDist(TSSdist, featureName="TSS")
```

plotGCContent

Plots a density distribution of GC vectors Give results from the calcGCContent function, this will produce a density plot

## **Description**

Plots a density distribution of GC vectors Give results from the calcGCContent function, this will produce a density plot

## Usage

```
plotGCContent(gcvectors)
```

## **Arguments**

gcvectors

A numeric vector or list of numeric vectors of GC contents.

#### Value

A ggplot object plotting distribution of GC content in query regions.

## **Examples**

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bors or nearest neighbors. Distances can be passed as either raw bp or corrected for the number of regions (log10(obs/exp)), but this has to be specified in the function parameters.
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## Description

Plot the distances from regions to their upstream/downstream neighbors or nearest neighbors. Distances can be passed as either raw bp or corrected for the number of regions (log10(obs/exp)), but this has to be specified in the function parameters.

#### Usage

```
plotNeighborDist(dcvec, correctedDist = FALSE, Nneighbors = FALSE)
```

#### Arguments

dcvec A numeric vector or list of vectors containing distances to upstream/downstream

neighboring regions or to nearest neighbors. Produced by calcNeighborDist

or calcNearestNeighbors

correctedDist A logical indicating if the plot axis should be adjusted to show distances cor-

rected for the number of regions in a regionset.

Nneighbors A logical indicating whether legend should be adjusted if Nearest neighbors are

being plotted. Default legend shows distances to upstream/downstream neigh-

bors.

#### Value

A ggplot density object showing the distribution of raw or corrected distances.

## **Examples**

```
numVector = rnorm(400, mean=5, sd=0.1)
d = plotNeighborDist(numVector)
```

plotPartitions Produces a barplot showing how query regions of interest are distributed across a given partition list

#### **Description**

This function can be used to test a GRanges object against any arbitrary list of genome partitions. The partition list is a priority-ordered list of GRanges objects. Each region in the query will be assigned to a given partition that it overlaps with the highest priority.

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#### Usage

```
plotPartitions(assignedPartitions, numbers = FALSE, stacked = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

assignedPartitions

A table holding the frequency of assignment to each of the partitions. Produced

by calcPartitions

numbers logical indicating whether raw overlaps should be plotted instead of the default

percentages

stacked logical indicating that data should be plotted as stacked bar plot

#### Value

A ggplot object using a barplot to show the distribution of the query regions across a given partition list.

#### **Examples**

```
p = calcPartitionsRef(vistaEnhancers, "hg19")
partPlot = plotPartitions(p)
partCounts = plotPartitions(p, numbers=TRUE)
partPlot = plotPartitions(p, stacked=TRUE)
```

plotQTHist

Plot quantile-trimmed histogram

## **Description**

Given the results from calcWidth, plots a histogram with outliers trimmed.

# Usage

```
plotQTHist(
    x,
    EndBarColor = "gray57",
    MiddleBarColor = "gray27",
    quantThresh = NULL,
    bins = NULL,
    indep = FALSE,
    numbers = FALSE
)
```

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## Arguments

x Data values to plot - vector or list of vectors	
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EndBarColor Color for the quantile bars on both ends of the graph (optional)

MiddleBarColor Color for the bars in the middle of the graph (optional)

quantThresh Quantile of data to be contained in each end bar (optional) quantThresh values

must be under .2, optimal size is under .1

bins The number of bins for the histogram to allocate data to. (optional)

indep logical value which returns a list of plots that have had their bins calculated

independently; the normal version will plot them on the same x and y axis.

numbers a logical indicating whether the raw numbers should be displayed, rather than

percentages (optional).

#### **Details**

x-axis breaks for the frequency calculations are based on the "divisions" results from helper function calcDivisions.

#### Value

A ggplot2 plot object

## Examples

```
regWidths = calcWidth(vistaEnhancers)
qtHist = plotQTHist(regWidths)
qtHist2 = plotQTHist(regWidths, quantThresh=0.1)
```

plotSummarySignal

The function plotSummarySignal visualizes the signalSummaryMatrix obtained from calcSummarySignal.

## Description

The function plotSummarySignal visualizes the signalSummaryMatrix obtained from calcSummarySignal.

## Usage

```
plotSummarySignal(
    signalSummaryList,
    plotType = "barPlot",
    metadata = NULL,
    colorColumn = NULL,
    filterGroupColumn = NULL,
    filterGroup = NULL
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

signalSummaryList

Output list from calcSummarySignal function.

plotType Options are: "jitter" - jitter plot with box plot on top, "boxPlot" - box plot with-

out individual points and outliers, "barPlot" (default) - bar height represents the median signal value for a given cell type, "violinPlot" - violin plot with medians.

metadata (optional) data.table used for grouping columns from 'signalMatrix' into cate-

gories, that are then plotted with different colors. Must contain variable 'col-Name' that contains all the condition column names from 'signaMatrix'.

colorColumn (optional only if metadata provided) columns name from 'metadata' table that

will be used as grouping variable for coloring.

filterGroupColumn

(optional only if metadata provided and 'filterGroup' specified) allows user to plot specified subgroups only. String specifying the column name in 'metadata' from which groups will be filtered (groups are specified in as 'filterGroups)

filterGroup (optional only if 'metadata' and 'filterGroupColumn' provided) - string (or vec-

tor of strings) of groups from 'filterGroupColumn' to be plottted.

#### Value

A ggplot object.

#### **Examples**

```
signalSummaryList = calcSummarySignal(vistaEnhancers, exampleOpenSignalMatrix_hg19)
metadata = cellTypeMetadata
plotSignal = plotSummarySignal(signalSummaryList)

plotSignalTissueColor = plotSummarySignal(signalSummaryList = signalSummaryList,
plotType = "jitter", metadata = metadata, colorColumn = "tissueType")

plotSignalFiltered = plotSummarySignal(signalSummaryList = signalSummaryList,
plotType = "violinPlot", metadata = metadata, colorColumn = "tissueType",
filterGroupColumn = "tissueType", filterGroup = c("skin", "blood"))
```

retrieveFile

Read local or remote file

## **Description**

Read local or remote file

#### Usage

```
retrieveFile(source, destDir = NULL)
```

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## **Arguments**

source a string that is either a path to a local or remote GTF

destDir a string that indicates the path to the directory where the downloaded GTF file

should be stored. If not provided, a temporary directory will be used.

#### Value

data.frame retrieved file path

## **Examples**

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Example BED file read with rtracklayer::import

## Description

Example BED file read with rtracklayer::import

## Usage

```
data(setB_100)
```

#### **Format**

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splitDataTable

Efficiently split a data.table by a column in the table

## Description

Efficiently split a data.table by a column in the table

# Usage

```
splitDataTable(DT, split_factor)
```

## Arguments

DT Data.table to split

split\_factor Column to split, which can be a character vector or an integer.

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## Value

List of data.table objects, split by column

```
theme_blank_facet_label
```

Clear ggplot face label.

# Description

Usually ggplot2 facets are labeled with boxes surrounding the label. This function removes the box, so it's a simple label for each facet.

## Usage

```
theme_blank_facet_label()
```

#### Value

A ggplot theme

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hg19 TSS locations

## Description

A dataset containing chromosome sizes for Homo Sapiens hg38 genome assembly

## Usage

```
data(TSS_hg19)
```

#### **Format**

A named vectors of lengths with one item per chromosome

#### **Source**

EnsDb.Hsapiens.v75 package

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 ${\tt vistaEnhancers}$ 

 ${\it Example BED file read with rtracklayer:: import}$ 

# Description

Example BED file read with rtracklayer::import

# Usage

data(vistaEnhancers)

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