

# Package ‘DMRScan’

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**Description** This package detects significant differentially methylated regions (for both qualitative and quantitative traits), using a scan statistic with underlying Poisson heuristics. The scan statistic will depend on a sequence of window sizes (# of CpGs within each window) and on a threshold for each window size. This threshold can be calculated by three different means: i) analytically using Siegmund et.al (2012) solution (preferred), ii) an important sampling as suggested by Zhang (2008), and a iii) full MCMC modeling of the data, choosing between a number of different options for modeling the dependency between each CpG.

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DMRscan	<i>DMR Scan function</i>
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### Description

DMR Scan function

### Usage

```
DMRScan(observations, windowSize, windowThreshold = NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

observations	An object of type RegionList
windowSize	A sequence of windowSizes for the slidingWindow, must be an integer
windowThreshold	Optional argument with corresponding cut-off for each window. Will be estimated if not supplied.
...	Optional arguments to be passed to estimate_windowThreshold(), if no grid is specified.

### Value

An object of type RegionList with significantly differentially

**Examples**

```

## nProbeoad methylation data from chromosome 22
data(DMRScan.methylationData)
## nProbeoad phenotype (end-point for methylation data)
data(DMRScan.phenotypes)

## Test for an association between phenotype and Methylation
test.statistics <- apply(DMRScan.methylationData,1,function(x,y)
  summary(glm(y ~ x, family = binomial(link = "logit")))$coefficients[2,3],
            y = DMRScan.phenotypes)

## Set chromosomal position to each test-statistic
positions <- data.frame(matrix(as.integer(unlist(strsplit(names(test.statistics), split="chr|[.]"))), ncol = 2),
  ## Set clustering features
min.cpg <- 4 ## Minimum number of CpGs in a tested cluster
## Maxium distance (in base-pairs) within a cluster
## before it is broken up into two seperate cluster
max.gap <- 750

## Identify all clusters, and generate a list for each cluster
regions <- makeCpGregions(observations = test.statistics,
  chr = positions[,1], pos = positions[,2],
  maxGap = max.gap, minCpG = min.cpg)
## Number of CpGs in the slidingWindows, can be either a single number
## or a sequence of windowSizes
windowSizes <- 3:7
nCpG <- nCpG(regions) ## Number of CpGs to be tested

# Estimate the windowThreshold, based on the number of CpGs and windowSizes
windowThresholds <- estimateWindowThreshold(nProbe = nCpG,
  windowSize = windowSizes, method = "sampling", mcmc = 10000)
## Run the slidingWindow
DMRScanResults <- DMRScan(observations = regions,
  windowSize = windowSizes,
  windowThreshold = windowThresholds)

## Print the result
print(DMRScanResults)

```

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DMRScan.methylationData

*DMRScan*


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**Description**

Bi-sulfite sequencing data of known CpGs at chromosome 22 from 100 Finish teens, sampled from the two extreme BMI quantiles. See "Genome-wide DNA methylation in saliva and body size of adolescent girls", TB Rounge, CM Page, M Lepisto, E Pekka, and BK Andreassen and E Weiderpass, *Epigenomics* 8.11 (2016): 1495-1505.

**Examples**

```

data(DMRScan.methylationData)
head(DMRScan.methylationData)

```

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DMRScan.phenotypes	<i>DMRScan</i>
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### Description

Phenotypes for methylation data, indicating case control status. See "Genome-wide DNA methylation in saliva and body size of adolescent girls", TB Rounge, CM Page, M Lepisto, E Pekka, and BK Andreassen and E Weiderpass, *Epigenomics* 8.11 (2016): 1495-1505.

### Examples

```
data(DMRScan.phenotypes)
table(DMRScan.phenotypes)
```

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DMRScan_package	<i>DMRScan: An R-package for identification of Differentially Metylated Regions</i>
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### Description

DMRScan: An R-package for identification of Differentially Metylated Regions

### Arguments

observations	An object of type RegionList
windowSize	A sequence of windowSizes for the slidingWindow, must be an integer
windowThreshold	Optional argument with corresponding cut-off for each window. Will be estimated if not supplied.
...	Optional arguments to be pased to estimate_windowThreshold(), if no grid is specified.

### Value

An object of type RegionList with significantly differentially

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### References

[http://Some\\_link\\_to\\_BMC-bioInfomatics.com](http://Some_link_to_BMC-bioInfomatics.com)

**Examples**

```

## nProbeoad methylation data from chromosome 22
data(DMRScan.methylationData)
## nProbeoad phenotype (end-point for methylation data)
data(DMRScan.phenotypes)

## Test for an association between phenotype and Methylation
test.statistics <- apply(DMRScan.methylationData,1,function(x,y)
  summary(glm(y ~ x, family = binomial(link = "logit")))$coefficients[2,3],
  y = DMRScan.phenotypes)

## Set chromosomal position to each test-statistic
positions <- data.frame(matrix(as.integer(unlist(strsplit(names(test.statistics), split="chr|[.]"))), ncol = 2),
## Set clustering features
min.cpg <- 4 ## Minimum number of CpGs in a tested cluster
## Maxium distance (in base-pairs) within a cluster
## before it is broken up into two seperate cluster
max.gap <- 750

## Identify all clusters, and generate a list for each cluster
regions <- makeCpGregions(observations = test.statistics,
  chr = positions[,1], pos = positions[,2],
  maxGap = max.gap, minCpG = min.cpg)
## Number of CpGs in the slidingWindows, can be either a single number
## or a sequence of windowSizes
windowSizes <- 3:7
nCpG <- nCpG(regions) ## Number of CpGs to be tested

# Estimate the windowThreshold, based on the number of CpGs and windowSizes
windowThresholds <- estimateWindowThreshold(nProbe = nCpG,
  windowSize = windowSizes, method = "sampling", mcmc = 10000)
## Run the slidingWindow
DMRScanResults <- DMRScan(observations = regions,
  windowSize = windowSizes,
  windowThreshold = windowThresholds)

## Print the result
print(DMRScanResults)

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estimateThreshold	<i>Estimate window thresholds</i>
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**Description**

Estimate window thresholds for sliding window, one unique value for each window size

**Usage**

```
estimateWindowThreshold(nProbe, windowSize, method = "siegmund",
  mcmc = 1000, nCPU = 1, submethod = "ar", ...)
```

**Arguments**

nProbe            The number of probes (CpGs) in the study.

windowSize	The different window sizes to be tested. Must be either one, or an ordered sequence of integers.
method	Gives the method by which the threshold is calculated. Can be either an analytical solution "siegmund", provided by Siegmund et.al (2012), or an iterative process; either importance sampling "sampling", as suggested by Zhang (2012) or a full MCMC model "mcmc" which can account for any dependency structure, which is passed to arima.sim, with ...
mcmc	The number of MCMC iterations to be used, when using either Important Sampling ("zhang") or MCMC estimation of the threshold.
nCPU	When calculating the thresholds on a cluster, how many CPUs should be used. This option is only compatible with the 'mcmc' method.
submethod	A character string indicating if an AR(5) or ARIMA model should be used. In the AR(5), the index runs from -2 to 2. A regular AR(p) model can be obtained using ARIMA(p,0,0) instead.
...	Optional parameters passed on to arima(), when simulating data using the mcmc option, see arima.sim()

**Value**

Returns a vector of the threshold for each window size

**Examples**

```
thresholdGrid <- estimateWindowThreshold(nProbe = 1000,
                                         windowSize = 3:8, method = "siegmund")
```

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getRegions	<i>Method getRegions</i>
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**Description**

Method getRegions  
 getRegions for Region List

**Usage**

```
getRegions(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    An object of type RegionList

**Value**

An object of type Region  
 A region from a RegionList

**Examples**

```
someEmptyRegions <- RegionList(3L)
# To get back three empty regions
getRegions(someEmptyRegions)
```

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 head,RegionList-method

*Cat the head of a list of regions in a RegionList object*


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**Description**

Cat the head of a list of regions in a RegionList object

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'RegionList'
head(x, n = 10L)
```

**Arguments**

x                    An object to be printed of type RegionList  
 n                    The number of regions to be printed when the RegionList is longer than n

**Value**

The top regins in a RegionList

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 length,Region-method    *Calculate the length of a region in terms of CpGs*


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**Description**

Calculate the length of a region in terms of CpGs

Get the number of regions in a RegionList

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'Region'
length(x)

## S4 method for signature 'RegionList'
length(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A RegionList object

**Value**

The number of CpGs in a Region

The number of CpGs in a RegionList

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 makeCpGgenes

*Cluster*


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### Description

Cluster CpGs together in genes based on annotation

### Usage

```
makeCpGgenes(observations, chr, pos, gene, minCpG = 2)
```

### Arguments

observations	Vector of corresponding observed T-value for each CpG, must be ordered in the same way as chr and pos
chr	Vector of chromosome location for each CpG
pos	Vector giving base pair position for each CpG If unsorted, use order(chr,pos) to sort the genomic positions within each chromosome.
gene	A vector assigning each probe to a gene.
minCpG	Minimum number of CpGs allowed in each region to be considered. Default is set to at least 2 CpGs within each region.

### Value

The supplied observations ordered into into a list, with one entry for each CpG region.

### Examples

```
data(DMRScan.methylationData) ## Load methylation data from chromosome 22
data(DMRScan.phenotypes) ## Load phenotype (end-point for methylation data)

## Test for an association between phenotype and Methylation
testStatistics <- apply(DMRScan.methylationData,1,function(x,y)
  summary(glm(y ~ x, family = binomial(link = "logit")))$coefficients[2,3],
  y = DMRScan.phenotypes)

## Set chromosomal position to each test-statistic
pos <- data.frame(matrix(as.integer(unlist(strsplit(names(testStatistics),
  split="chr|.[.]"))), ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE))[, -1]

## Set clustering features
minCpG <- 3 ## Minimum number of CpGs in a tested cluster
gene <- sample(paste("Gene",1:100,sep=""),
  length(testStatistics),replace=TRUE)
regions <- makeCpGgenes(observations = testStatistics,
  chr = pos[,1], pos = pos[,2],
  gene = gene, minCpG = minCpG)
```



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makeCpGRegions	<i>Cluster</i>
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### Description

Cluster CpGs together in regions based on proximity

### Usage

```
makeCpGRegions(observations, chr, pos, maxGap = 500, minCpG = 2)
```

### Arguments

observations	Vector of corresponding observed T-value for each CpG, must be ordered in the same way as chr and pos
chr	Vector of chromosome location for each CpG
pos	Vector giving base pair position for each CpG. If unsorted, use <code>order(chr,pos)</code> to sort the genomic positions within each chromosome.
maxGap	Maximum allowed base pair gap within a cluster. Default is set to 500.
minCpG	Minimum number of CpGs allowed in each region to be considered. Default is set to at least 2 CpGs within each region.

### Value

The supplied observations ordered into into a RegionList object. To be parsed further into `DMRScan()`

### Examples

```
data(DMRScan.methylationData) ## Load methylation data from chromosome 22
data(DMRScan.phenotypes) ## Load phenotype (end-point for methylation data)

## Test for an association between phenotype and Methylation
testStatistics <- apply(DMRScan.methylationData,1,function(x,y)
  summary(glm(y ~ x, family = binomial(link = "logit")))$coefficients[2,3],
  y = DMRScan.phenotypes)

## Set chromosomal position to each test-statistic
pos<- data.frame(matrix(as.integer(unlist(strsplit(names(testStatistics),
  split="chr|[")]))), ncol = 3, byrow = TRUE))[,,-1]

## Set clustering features
minCpG <- 3 ## Minimum number of CpGs in a tested cluster
## Maxium distance (in base-pairs) within a cluster before it is
## broken up into two seperate cluster
maxGap <- 750
regions <- makeCpGRegions(observations = testStatistics, chr = pos[,1],
  pos = pos[,2], maxGap = maxGap, minCpG = minCpG)
```

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manyWindowSizeScanner *Method Fixed window size scan for a sequence of window sizes*

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### Description

Method Fixed window size scan for a sequence of window sizes

### Usage

```
manyWindowSizeScanner(region, windowThreshold, windowSize)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'RegionList'
manyWindowSizeScanner(region, windowThreshold,
  windowSize)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'Region'
manyWindowSizeScanner(region, windowThreshold, windowSize)
```

### Arguments

region	Object of type Region or RegionList
windowThreshold	Vector of window thresholds
windowSize	Vector of window sizes to be tested on regions

### Value

A list of which windows that are significant

### Examples

```
## Not run
```

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names,Region-method *Get the names of all probes within a region*

---

### Description

Get the names of all probes within a region

Get the names of all probes in a study

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Region'
names(x)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'RegionList'
names(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    An object of type Region

**Value**

The names of individual CpGs in a Region

A character vector of all CpG ids in a RegionList

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nCpG                    *Method nCpG*

---

**Description**

Method nCpG

Get the number of CpGs i a region

Get the number of CpGs in a RegionList

**Usage**

```
nCpG(x)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'Region'
```

```
nCpG(x)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'RegionList'
```

```
nCpG(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    An object of type Region or RegionList

**Value**

The number of CpGs in an object

**Examples**

```
someEmptyRegions <- RegionList(3L)
# The number of CpGs in this regions is 0
nCpG(someEmptyRegions)
```

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oneWindowSizeScanner    *Method Fixed window size scan for one window size*

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### Description

Method Fixed window size scan for one window size

### Usage

```
oneWindowSizeScanner(region, windowThreshold, windowSize)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'RegionList'
oneWindowSizeScanner(region, windowThreshold, windowSize)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'Region'
oneWindowSizeScanner(region, windowThreshold, windowSize)
```

### Arguments

region	Object of type Region or RegionList
windowThreshold	Vector of window thresholds
windowSize	Vector of window sizes to be tested on regions

### Value

A list of which windows that are significant

### Examples

```
## Not run
```

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plot.Region    *Plot DMRs of type Region*

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### Description

Plot DMRs of type Region

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'Region'
plot(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

x	A Region object to be plotted. Can be subsetted from RegionList
...	Inherited from plot()

**Value**

A plot object

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pos	<i>Method pos</i>
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**Description**

Method pos

Get the chromosomal coordinates for a Region

Get the chromosomal coordinates for a list of regions in a RegionList object

**Usage**

```
pos(region)

## S4 method for signature 'Region'
pos(region)

## S4 method for signature 'RegionList'
pos(region)
```

**Arguments**

region            An object of type Region or RegionList

**Value**

An integer vector of positions for each probe site

**Examples**

```
#Number of probes is n = 10
nCpG <- 10
region <- Region(tValues = rnorm(nCpG),
                 position = 1:nCpG,
                 chromosome = "3")
## Genomic coordinates for Region
pos(region)
```

---

print,Region-method    *Print a region*

---

### Description

Print a region  
 Print a number of regions in a RegionList

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'Region'
print(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'RegionList'
print(x)
```

### Arguments

x	Object of type Region
...	Has no function

### Value

An print object of a Region class  
 A printed object of all regions in a RegionList

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pVal                      *Method get pvalue*

---

### Description

Method get pvalue  
 Get p-values for a region  
 Get p-values for a list of regions (RegionList)

### Usage

```
pVal(region, n = 12)

## S4 method for signature 'Region'
pVal(region, n = 12)

## S4 method for signature 'RegionList'
pVal(region, n = 12)
```

### Arguments

region	An object of type Region or RegionList
n	The number of digits to be presented. Default is 10



**Value**

An object of type Region

An object of type Region

**Examples**

```
#Number of probes is n = 10
nCpG <- 10
region <- Region(tValues = rnorm(nCpG),
                 position = 1:nCpG,
                 chromosome = "3",
                 id = paste("CpG", 1:nCpG, sep="_"),
                 pVal = runif(1))
```

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Region-class	<i>Object of type Region</i>
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**Description**

Class Region is a collection of test statistics for a set of CpGs within a short genomic range

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RegionList	<i>Shorthand for initializing RegionList</i>
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**Description**

Shorthand for initializing RegionList

**Usage**

```
RegionList(nRegions, regions)
```

**Arguments**

nRegions	The number of regions to be placed
regions	The regions to be included

**Value**

An object of type RegionList

**Examples**

```
# An empty list of 3 regions
RegionList(3L)
```



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RegionList-class	<i>Class RegionList</i> Class RegionList is a collection of Regions
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**Description**

Class RegionList

Class RegionList is a collection of Regions

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setRegion	<i>Method setRegion</i>
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**Description**

Method setRegion

Update a RegionList object

**Usage**

```
setRegion(x, i, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'RegionList'
setRegion(x, i, region)
```

**Arguments**

x	A region
i	an index
...	To be passed to Region()
region	An object of type Region to be inseted in RegionList

**Value**

An updated version of RegionList x, with a new Region at index i

**Examples**

```
## A region list with 3 regions
regList <- RegionList(3L)
#Number of probes in first is n = 10
nCpG <- 10
region <- Region(tValues = rnorm(nCpG),
                 position = 1:nCpG,
                 chromosome = "3")
## Set first region in regList to region
regList <- setRegion(regList,i = 1, region)
```

---

show,Region-method      *Show a region*

---

**Description**

Show a region

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'Region'  
show(object)
```

**Arguments**

object                  The region to be desplayed, of type Region

**Value**

Cat a region to screen

---

sort,RegionList-method  
*Sort a set of regions on p-value in a RegionList object*

---

**Description**

Sort a set of regions on p-value in a RegionList object

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'RegionList'  
sort(x, decreasing = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x                        An object of type RegionList  
decreasing              Inherited from base

**Value**

An updated RegionList, sorted on empirical p-values

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tVal	<i>Method get T statistic for a region</i>
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### Description

Method get T statistic for a region  
 Get test statistic for an object of type Region  
 Get test statistic for all regins within a RegionList class

### Usage

```
tVal(region, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'Region'
```

```
tVal(region, index = NULL)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'RegionList'
```

```
tVal(region, index = NULL)
```

### Arguments

region	An object of type Region or RegionList
...	Index
index	Index to extract

### Value

A numeric vector of t-values for a Region or RegionList

### Examples

```
#Number of probes is n = 10
nCpG <- 10
region <- Region(tValues = rnorm(nCpG),
                 position = 1:nCpG,
                 chromosome = "3")
## T values for Region
tVal(region)
```

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[	<i>Get Object Region</i>
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### Description

Get Object Region

**Arguments**

x	An object of type RegionList
i	Index, which region to extract
j	(Not used)
...	(not used)
drop	If drop is used

**Value**

A region from a RegionList of class "list"

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[[ *Get Object Region*

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**Description**

Get Object Region

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'RegionList'
x[[i, j, ..., drop]]
```

**Arguments**

x	An object of type RegionList
i	Index, which region to extract
j	(Not used)
...	(not used)
drop	If drop is used

**Value**

A region from a RegionList with class "Region"

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