# Package 'methodical'

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# **Description**

DNA methylation is generally considered to be associated with transcriptional silencing. However, comprehensive, genome-wide investigation of this relationship requires the evaluation of potentially millions of correlation values between the methylation of individual genomic loci and expression of associated transcripts in a relatively large numbers of samples. Methodical makes this process quick and easy while keeping a low memory footprint. It also provides a novel method for identifying regions where a number of methylation sites are consistently strongly associated with transcriptional expression. In addition, Methodical enables housing DNA methylation data from diverse sources (e.g. WGBS, RRBS and methylation arrays) with a

common framework, lifting over DNA methylation data between different genome builds and creating base-resolution plots of the association between DNA methylation and transcriptional activity at transcriptional start sites.

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#### See Also

Useful links:

- https://github.com/richardheery/methodical
- Report bugs at https://github.com/richardheery/methodical/issues

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```
.calculate_regions_intersections
```

Calculate the number of bases in the intersection of two GRanges objects

# Description

Calculate the number of bases in the intersection of two GRanges objects

# Usage

```
.calculate_regions_intersections(
  gr1,
  gr2,
  ignore.strand = TRUE,
  overlap_measure = "absolute"
)
```

# **Arguments**

gr1 A GRanges object gr2 A GRanges object

ignore.strand TRUE or FALSE indicating whether strand should be ignored when calculating

intersections. Default is TRUE.

overlap\_measure

One of "absolute", "proportion" or "jaccard" indicating whether to calculate the absolute size of the intersection in base pairs, the proportion base pairs of gr1 overlapping gr2 or the Jaccard index of the intersection in terms of base pairs. Default value is "absolute".

### Value

An numeric value

.chunk\_regions Split genomic regions into balanced chunks based on the number of methylation sites that they cover

# Description

Split genomic regions into balanced chunks based on the number of methylation sites that they cover

```
.chunk_regions(
  meth_rse,
  genomic_regions,
  max_sites_per_chunk = NULL,
  ncores = 1
)
```

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### **Arguments**

```
meth_rse
                 A RangedSummarizedExperiment with methylation values.
genomic_regions
                 A GRanges object.
max_sites_per_chunk
                 The maximum number of methylation sites to load into memory at once for each
ncores
```

The number of cores that will be used.

#### Value

A GRangesList where each GRanges object overlaps approximately the number of methylation sites given by max\_sites\_per\_chunk

.count\_covered\_bases Calculate the number of unique bases covered by all regions in a GRanges object

# **Description**

Calculate the number of unique bases covered by all regions in a GRanges object

### Usage

```
.count_covered_bases(gr)
```

#### **Arguments**

gr

A GRanges object

### Value

An numeric value

```
.create_meth_rse_from_hdf5
```

Create a RangedSummarizedExperiment for methylation values already deposited in HDF5

### **Description**

Create a RangedSummarizedExperiment for methylation values already deposited in HDF5

```
.create_meth_rse_from_hdf5(
 hdf5_filepath,
 hdf5_dir,
 meth_sites_df,
 sample_metadata
```

### **Arguments**

hdf5\_filepath Path to HDF5 file

hdf5\_dir The path to the HDF5 directory.

meth\_sites\_df A data.frame with the positions of methylation sites

sample\_metadata

A data.frame with sample metadata

### Value

A RangedSummarizedExperiment with methylation values

.expand\_transcript\_ranges

Add regions upstream of TSS and downstream of TES to a GRangesList for transcripts

# Description

Add regions upstream of TSS and downstream of TES to a GRangesList for transcripts

# Usage

```
.expand_transcript_ranges(grl, expand_upstream = 0, expand_downstream = 0)
```

# Arguments

grl A GRangesList object with ranges for exons and introns of each transcript

 ${\sf expand\_upstream}$ 

Number of bases to add upstream of TSS each transcript. Must be numeric vector of length 1 or equal to the length of tss\_gr.

expand\_downstream

Number of bases to add downstream of TES of each transcript. Must be numeric vector of length 1 or equal to the length of tss\_gr.

### Value

A GRangesList object

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Find TSS-Proximal Methylation-Controlled Regulatory Sites (TMRs)

### **Description**

Find TSS-Proximal Methylation-Controlled Regulatory Sites (TMRs)

# Usage

```
.find_tmrs_single(
  correlation_df,
  offset_length = 10,
  p_value_threshold = 0.05,
  smoothing_factor = 0.75,
  min_gapwidth = 150,
  min_meth_sites = 5
)
```

# **Arguments**

correlation\_df A data.frame with correlation values between methylation sites and a transcript or a path to an RDS file containing such a data.frame as returned by calcu-

lateMethSiteTranscriptCors.

 ${\tt offset\_length} \quad \text{Number of methylation sites added upstream and downstream of a central methylation}$ 

lation site to form a window, resulting in a window size of 2\*offset\_length + 1. Default value is 10.

p\_value\_threshold

The p\_value cutoff to use. Default value is 0.05.

smoothing\_factor

Smoothing factor for exponential moving average. Should be a value between 0 and 1 with higher values resulting in a greater degree of smoothing. Default is

0.75

pairs. Default value is 150.

min\_meth\_sites Minimum number of methylation sites that TMRs can contain. Default value is

5

### Value

A GRanges object with the location of TMRs.

# **Examples**

```
# Load methylation-transcript correlation results for TUBB6 gene
data("tubb6_cpg_meth_transcript_cors", package = "methodical")

# Find TMRs for
tubb6_tmrs <- methodical:::.find_tmrs_single(correlation_df = tubb6_cpg_meth_transcript_cors)
print(tubb6_tmrs)</pre>
```

 $. \verb|make_meth_rse_setup| Ferform setup for makeMethRSEF romBedgraphs or makeMethRSEF FromArrayFiles$ 

# Description

 $Perform\ setup\ for\ make MethRSE From Bedgraphs\ or\ make MethRSE From Array Files$ 

# Usage

```
.make_meth_rse_setup(
  meth_files,
  meth_sites,
  sample_metadata,
  hdf5_dir,
  dataset_name,
  overwrite,
  chunkdim,
  temporary_dir,
  ...
)
```

# **Arguments**

meth_files	A vector of paths to files with methylation values. Automatically detects if meth_files contain a header if every field in the first line is a character.
meth_sites	A GRanges object with the locations of the methylation sites of interest. Any regions in meth_files that are not in meth_sites are ignored.
sample_metadata	ı
	$Sample\ metadata\ to\ be\ used\ as\ colData\ for\ the\ RangedSummarizedExperiment.$
hdf5_dir	Directory to save HDF5 file. Is created if it doesn't exist. HDF5 file is called assays.h5.
dataset_name	Name to give data set in HDF5 file.
overwrite	TRUE or FALSE indicating whether to allow overwriting if dataset_name already exists in assays.h5.
chunkdim	The dimensions of the chunks for the HDF5 file.
temporary_dir	Name to give a temporary directory to store intermediate files. A directory with this name cannot already exist.
	Additional arguments to be passed to HDF5Array::HDF5RealizationSink.

# Value

 $\label{lem:alpha} A \ list \ describing \ the \ setup \ to \ be \ used \ for \ make MethRSE From Bedgraphs \ or \ make MethRSE From Array Files.$ 

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.split_bedgraph	Split data from a single methylation array files into chunks	
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# Description

Split data from a single methylation array files into chunks

# Usage

```
.split_bedgraph(bg_file, column, file_count, parameters)
```

# **Arguments**

bg\_file Path to a bedgraph file.

column The current grid column being processed.

file\_count The number of the current file being processed.

parameters A list of parameters for processing the bedgraph.

### Value

Invisibly returns NULL.

```
. \verb|split_bedgraphs_into_chunks| \\ Split| \textit{data from bedGraph files into chunks}
```

# Description

Split data from bedGraph files into chunks

```
.split_bedgraphs_into_chunks(
  bedgraphs,
  seqnames_column,
  start_column,
  end_column,
  value_column,
  file_grid_columns,
  meth_sites,
  meth_site_groups,
  temp_chunk_dirs,
  zero_based,
  normalization_factor,
  decimal_places,
  BPPARAM
)
```

### **Arguments**

bedgraphs Paths to bedgraph files.

seqnames\_column

The column number in bedgraphs which corresponds to the sequence names.

start\_column The column number in bedgraphs which corresponds to the start positions.

end\_column The column number in bedgraphs which corresponds to the end positions.

value\_column The column number in bedgraphs which corresponds to the methylation values.

file\_grid\_columns

The grid column number for each file.

meth\_sites A GRanges object with the locations of the methylation sites of interest.

meth\_site\_groups

A list with the indices of the methylation sites in each group.

temp\_chunk\_dirs

A vector giving the temporary directory associated with each chunk.

zero\_based TRUE or FALSE indicating if files are zero-based.

normalization\_factor

An optional numerical value to divide methylation values by to convert them to fractions e.g. 100 if they are percentages. Default is not to leave values as they

are in the input files.

decimal\_places Integer indicating the number of decimal places to round beta values to.

BPPARAM A BiocParallelParam object.

### Value

A data.table with the methylation sites sorted by seqnames and start.

```
.split_meth_array_file
```

Split data from a single methylation array files into chunks

# **Description**

Split data from a single methylation array files into chunks

# Usage

```
.split_meth_array_file(file, column, file_count, parameters)
```

### **Arguments**

file Path to a methylation array file.

column The current grid column being processed.
file\_count The number of the file being processed

 $parameters \hspace{1.5cm} A \hspace{1mm} list \hspace{1mm} of \hspace{1mm} parameters \hspace{1mm} for \hspace{1mm} processing \hspace{1mm} the \hspace{1mm} bedgraph.$ 

### Value

Invisibly returns NULL.

```
.split_meth_array_files_into_chunks
Split data from methylation array files into chunks
```

# **Description**

Split data from methylation array files into chunks

# Usage

```
.split_meth_array_files_into_chunks(
    array_files,
    probe_name_column,
    beta_value_column,
    file_grid_columns,
    probe_ranges,
    probe_groups,
    temp_chunk_dirs,
    normalization_factor,
    decimal_places,
    BPPARAM
)
```

# **Arguments**

```
array_files Paths to methylation array files. probe_name_column
```

The column number in array\_files which corresponds to the name of the probes. Default is 1st column.

beta\_value\_column

The column number in array\_files which corresponds to the beta values. Default is 2nd column.

file\_grid\_columns

The grid column number for each file.

probe\_ranges A GRanges object giving the genomic locations of probes where each region

corresponds to a separate probe.

probe\_groups A list with the indices of the probes in each group.

temp\_chunk\_dirs

A vector giving the temporary directory associated with each chunk.

normalization\_factor

An optional numerical value to divide methylation values by to convert them to fractions e.g. 100 if they are percentages. Default is not to leave values as they

are in the input files.

decimal\_places Integer indicating the number of decimal places to round beta values to.

BPPARAM A BiocParallelParam object.

### Value

A data.table with the probe sites sorted by seqnames, start and probe name.

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```
.summarize_chunk_methylation
```

Summarize methylation values for regions in a chunk

# **Description**

Summarize methylation values for regions in a chunk

# Usage

```
.summarize_chunk_methylation(
  chunk_regions,
  meth_rse,
  assay,
  col_summary_function,
  na.rm,
  ...
)
```

# **Arguments**

meth\_rse A RangedSummarizedExperiment with methylation values.

assay The assay from meth\_rse to extract values from. Should be either an index or

the name of an assay.

col\_summary\_function

A function that summarizes column values.

na.rm TRUE or FALSE indicating whether to remove NA values when calculating

summaries.

... Additional arguments to be passed to col\_summary\_function.

### Value

A function which returns a list with the summarized methylation values for regions in each sample.

 $.test\_tmrs$ 

Find TMRs where smoothed methodical scores exceed thresholds

# Description

Find TMRs where smoothed methodical scores exceed thresholds

```
.test_tmrs(
  meth_sites_gr,
  smoothed_methodical_scores,
  p_value_threshold = 0.05,
  tss_gr = NULL,
  transcript_id = NULL
)
```

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### **Arguments**

meth\_sites\_gr A GRanges object with the location of methylation sites.

smoothed\_methodical\_scores

A numeric vector with the smoothed methodical scores associated with each methylation site.

p\_value\_threshold

The p\_value cutoff to use. Default value is 0.05.

tss\_gr An optional GRanges object giving the location of the TSS meth\_sites\_gr is

associated with.

transcript\_id Name of the transcript associated with the TSS.

#### Value

A GRanges object with the location of TMRs.

.tss\_correlations

Calculate meth site-transcript correlations for given TSS

### **Description**

Calculate meth site-transcript correlations for given TSS

# Usage

.tss\_correlations(correlation\_objects)

# **Arguments**

correlation\_objects

A list with a table of methylation values, expression values for transcripts, a GRangesList for the transcript and the name of the transcript.

### Value

A data.frame with the correlation values

.tss\_iterator

Create an iterator function for use with bpiterate

# **Description**

Create an iterator function for use with bpiterate

#### Usage

```
.tss_iterator(
  meth_values_chunk,
  tss_region_indices_list,
  transcript_values_list,
  tss_gr_chunk_list,
  cor_method,
  add_distance_to_region,
  results_dir
)
```

### **Arguments**

# Value

An iterator function which returns a list with the parameters necessary for .tss\_correlations.

```
.write_chunks_to_hdf5 Write chunks of data to a HDF5 sink
```

# Description

Write chunks of data to a HDF5 sink

# Usage

```
.write_chunks_to_hdf5(temp_chunk_dirs, files_in_chunks, hdf5_sink, hdf5_grid)
```

### **Arguments**

```
temp_chunk_dirs
A vector giving the temporary directory associated with each chunk.

files_in_chunks
A list of files associated with each chunk in the order they should be placed.

hdf5_sink
A HDF5RealizationSink.

hdf5_grid
A RegularArrayGrid.
```

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#### Value

Invisibly returns TRUE.

annotateGRanges

Annotate GRanges

### **Description**

Annotate GRanges

# Usage

```
annotateGRanges(
  genomic_regions,
  annotation_ranges,
  ignore.strand = TRUE,
  overlap_measure = "absolute"
)
```

### **Arguments**

genomic\_regions

A GRanges object to be annotated

annotation\_ranges

A GRangesList object with GRanges for different features e.g. introns, exons, enhancers.

ignore.strand

TRUE or FALSE indicating whether strand should be ignored when calculating intersections. Default is TRUE.

overlap\_measure

One of "absolute", "proportion" or "jaccard" indicating whether to calculate the absolute size of the intersection in base pairs, the proportion of base pairs of genomic\_ranges overlapping one of the component GRanges of annotation\_ranges. or the Jaccard index of the intersection in terms of base pairs. Default value is "absolute".

# Value

A numeric vector with the overlap measure for genomic\_regions with each type of region in annotation\_ranges.

# **Examples**

```
# Load annotation for CpG islands and repetitive DNA
cpg_island_annotation <- annotatr::build_annotations(genome = "hg38", annotations = "hg38_cpgs")
cpg_island_annotation <- cpg_island_annotation[cpg_island_annotation$type == "hg38_cpg_islands"]
repeat_annotation_hg38 <- AnnotationHub::AnnotationHub()[["AH99003"]]

# Convert repeat_annotation_hg38 into a GRangesList
repeat_annotation_hg38 <- GRangesList(split(repeat_annotation_hg38, repeat_annotation_hg38$repClass))

# Calculate the proportion of base pairs in CpG islands overlapping different classes of repetitive elements
annotateGRanges(genomic_regions = cpg_island_annotation, annotation_ranges = repeat_annotation_hg38, overlap.</pre>
```

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annotatePlot	Create a plot with genomic annotation for a plot of values at methyla-
	tion sites.

### **Description**

Works with plots returned by plotMethylationValues(), plotMethSiteCorCoefs() or plotMethodicalScores. Can combine the meth site values plot and genomic annotation together into a single plot or return the annotation plot separately.

# Usage

```
annotatePlot(
  meth_site_plot,
  annotation_grl,
  reference_tss = FALSE,
  grl_colours = NULL,
  annotation_line_size = 5,
  ylab = "Genome Annotation",
  annotation_plot_proportion = 0.5,
  keep_meth_site_plot_legend = FALSE,
  annotation_plot_only = FALSE
)
```

### **Arguments**

meth\_site\_plot A plot of methylation site values (generally methylation level or correlation of methylation with transcription) around a TSS

annotation\_grl A GRangesList object (or list coercible to a GRangesList) where each component GRanges gives the locations of different classes of regions to display. Each class of region will be given a separate colour in the plot, with regions ordered

by the order of names(annotation\_grl).

reference\_tss TRUE or FALSE indicating whether to show distances on the X-axis relative

to the TSS stored as an attribute tss\_range of meth\_site\_plot. Alternatively, can provide a GRanges object with a single range for such a TSS site. In either case, will show the distance of methylation sites to the start of this region with methylation sites upstream relative to the reference\_tss shown first. If FALSE (the default), the x-axis will instead show the start site coordinate of the methylation site. relative to the reference\_tss shown first. If not, the x-axis will show

the start site coordinate of the methylation site.

grl\_colours An optional vector of colours used to display each of the GRanges making up annotation\_grl. Must have same length as annotation\_grl.

annotation\_line\_size

Linewidth for annotation plot. Default is 5.

ylab The title to give the Y axis in the annotation plot. Default is "Genome Annotation".

annotation\_plot\_proportion

A value giving the proportion of the height of the plot devoted to the annotation. Default is 0.5.

```
keep_meth_site_plot_legend
```

TRUE or FALSE indicating whether to retain the legend of meth\_site\_plot, if it has one. Default value is FALSE.

annotation\_plot\_only

TRUE or FALSE indicating whether to return only the annotation plot. Default is to combine meth\_site\_plot with the annotation.

#### Value

A ggplot object

# **Examples**

```
# Get CpG islands from UCSC
cpg_island_annotation <- annotatr::build_annotations(genome = "hg38", annotations = "hg38_cpgs")
cpg_island_annotation <- GRangesList(split(cpg_island_annotation, cpg_island_annotation$type))
# Load plot with CpG methylation correlation values for TUBB6
data("tubb6_correlation_plot", package = "methodical")
# Add positions of CpG islands to tubb6_correlation_plot
methodical::annotatePlot(tubb6_correlation_plot, annotation_grl = cpg_island_annotation, annotation_plot_pro</pre>
```

 ${\tt calculateMethSiteTranscriptCors}$ 

Calculate correlation between expression of transcripts and methylation of sites surrounding their TSS

# **Description**

Calculate correlation between expression of transcripts and methylation of sites surrounding their TSS

```
calculateMethSiteTranscriptCors(
  meth_rse,
  assay_number = 1,
  transcript_expression_table,
  samples_subset = NULL,
  tss_gr,
  tss_associated_gr,
  cor_method = "pearson",
  add_distance_to_region = TRUE,
  max_sites_per_chunk = NULL,
  BPPARAM = BiocParallel::bpparam(),
  results_dir = NULL
)
```

#### **Arguments**

meth\_rse A RangedSummarizedExperiment for methylation sites.

assay\_number The assay from meth\_rse to extract values from. Default is the first assay.

transcript\_expression\_table

A matrix or data frame with the expression values for transcripts, where row names are transcript names and columns sample names. There should be a row corresponding to each transcript associated with each range in tss\_gr. Names of samples must match those in meth\_rse unless samples\_subset provided.

samples\_subset Sample names used to subset meth\_rse and transcript\_expression\_table. Pro-

vided samples must be found in both meth\_rse and transcript\_expression\_table. Default is to use all samples in meth\_rse and transcript\_expression\_table.

tss\_gr A GRanges object with the locations of transcription start sites. Names of re-

gions cannot contain any duplicates and should and match those of tss\_associated\_gr

and be present in transcript\_expression table.

tss\_associated\_gr

A GRanges object with the locations of regions associated with each transcription start site. Names of regions cannot contain any duplicates and should and match those of tss gr and be present in transcript expression table.

cor\_method A character string indicating which correlation coefficient is to be computed.

One of either "pearson" or "spearman" or their abbreviations.

add\_distance\_to\_region

TRUE or FALSE indicating whether to add the distance of methylation sites to the TSS. Default value is TRUE. Setting to FALSE will roughly half the total running time.

max\_sites\_per\_chunk

The approximate maximum number of methylation sites to try to load into memory at once. The actual number loaded may vary depending on the number of methylation sites overlapping each region, but so long as the size of any individual regions is not enormous (>= several MB), it should vary only very slightly. Some experimentation may be needed to choose an optimal value as low values will result in increased running time, while high values will result in a large memory footprint without much improvement in running time. Default is floor(62500000/ncol(meth\_rse)), resulting in each chunk requiring approximately 500 MB of RAM.

BPPARAM A BiocParallelParam object for parallel processing. Defaults to BiocParallel::bpparam().

results\_dir An optional path to a directory to save results as RDS files. There will be one

RDS file for each transcript. If not provided, returns the results as a list.

expand\_upstream

Number of bases to add upstream of TSS each transcript. Must be numeric vector of length 1 or equal to the length of tss\_gr. Default is 5000.

expand\_downstream

Number of bases to add downstream of TES of each transcript. Must be numeric vector of length 1 or equal to the length of tss\_gr. Default is 5000.

# Value

If results\_dir is NULL, a list of data.frames with the correlation of methylation sites surrounding a specified genomic region with a given feature, p-values and adjusted q-values for the correlations. Distance of the methylation sites upstream or downstream to the center of the region is also provided. If results\_dir is provided, instead returns a list with the paths to the RDS files with the results.

#### **Examples**

```
# Load TUBB6 TSS GRanges, RangedSummarizedExperiment with methylation values for CpGs around TUBB6 TSS and TUBB6
data(tubb6_tss, package = "methodical")
data(tubb6_meth_rse, package = "methodical")
tubb6_meth_rse <- eval(tubb6_meth_rse)
data(tubb6_transcript_counts, package = "methodical")

# Calculate correlation values between methylation values and transcript values for TUBB6
tubb6_cpg_meth_transcript_cors <- methodical::calculateMethSiteTranscriptCors(meth_rse = tubb6_meth_rse,
    transcript_expression_table = tubb6_transcript_counts, tss_gr = tubb6_tss,
    tss_associated_gr = methodical::expand_granges(tubb6_tss, upstream = 5000, downstream = 5000))
head(tubb6_cpg_meth_transcript_cors$ENST00000591909)</pre>
```

 ${\tt calculateRegionMethylationTranscriptCors}$ 

Calculate the correlation values between the methylation of genomic regions and the expression of associated transcripts

# **Description**

Calculate the correlation values between the methylation of genomic regions and the expression of associated transcripts

# Usage

```
calculateRegionMethylationTranscriptCors(
  meth_rse,
  assay = 1,
  transcript_expression_table,
  samples_subset = NULL,
  genomic_regions,
  genomic_region_names = NULL,
  genomic_region_transcripts = NULL,
  genomic_region_methylation = NULL,
  cor_method = "pearson",
  p_adjust_method = "BH",
  region_methylation_summary_function = colMeans,
  BPPARAM = BiocParallel::bpparam(),
  ...
)
```

# **Arguments**

meth\_rse

A RangedSummarizedExperiment with methylation values for CpG sites which will be used to calculate methylation values for genomic\_regions. There must be at least 3 samples in common between meth\_rse and transcript\_expression\_table.

assay

The assay from meth\_rse to extract values from. Should be either an index or the name of an assay. Default is the first assay.

transcript\_expression\_table

A table with the expression values for different transcripts in different samples. Row names should give be the transcript name and column names should be the name of samples.

samples\_subset Optional sample names used to subset meth\_rse and transcript\_expression\_table. Provided samples must be found in both meth\_rse and transcript\_expression\_table. Default is to use all samples in meth\_rse and transcript\_expression\_table.

genomic\_regions

A GRanges object.

genomic\_region\_names

Names for genomic\_regions. If not provided, attempts to use names(genomic\_regions).

genomic\_region\_transcripts

Names of transcripts associated with each region in genomic\_regions. If not provided, attempts to use genomic\_regions\$transcript\_id. All transcripts must be present in transcript\_expression\_table.

genomic\_region\_methylation

Optional preprovided table with methylation values for genomic regions such as created using summarizeRegionMethylation(). Table will be created if it is not provided which will increase running time. Row names should match genomic\_region\_names and column names should match those of transcript\_expression\_table

cor\_method

A character string indicating which correlation coefficient is to be computed. One of either "pearson" or "spearman" or their abbreviations.

p\_adjust\_method

Method used to adjust p-values. Same as the methods from p.adjust.methods. Default is Benjamini-Hochberg.

region\_methylation\_summary\_function

tubb6\_tmrs\_transcript\_cors

A function that summarizes column values. Default is colMeans.

**BPPARAM** 

A BiocParallelParam object for parallel processing. Defaults to BiocParallel::bpparam().

Additional arguments to be passed to summary\_function. . . .

#### Value

A data frame with the correlation values between the methylation of genomic regions and expression of transcripts associated with them

genomic\_regions = tubb6\_tmrs, genomic\_region\_names = tubb6\_tmrs\$tmr\_name)

### **Examples**

```
# Load TUBB6 TMRs, RangedSummarizedExperiment with methylation values for CpGs around TUBB6 TSS and TUBB6 trans
data(tubb6_tmrs, package = "methodical")
data(tubb6_meth_rse, package = "methodical")
tubb6_meth_rse <- eval(tubb6_meth_rse)</pre>
data(tubb6_transcript_counts, package = "methodical")
# Calculate correlation values between TMRs identified for TUBB6 and transcript expression
tubb6_tmrs_transcript_cors <- methodical::calculateRegionMethylationTranscriptCors(</pre>
  meth_rse = tubb6_meth_rse, transcript_expression_table = tubb6_transcript_counts,
```

calculateSmoothedMethodicalScores

Calculate methodical score and smooth it using a exponential weighted moving average

# **Description**

Calculate methodical score and smooth it using a exponential weighted moving average

# Usage

```
calculateSmoothedMethodicalScores(
  correlation_df,
  offset_length = 10,
  smoothing_factor = 0.75
)
```

# Arguments

correlation\_df A data.frame with correlation values between methylation sites and a transcript as returned by calculateMethSiteTranscriptCors.

offset\_length Number of methylation sites added upstream and downstream of a central methylation site to form a window, resulting in a window size of 2\*offset\_length + 1. Default value is 10.

# Load data.frame with CpG methylation-transcription correlation results for TUBB6

smoothing\_factor

Smoothing factor for exponential moving average. Should be a value between 0 and 1 with higher values resulting in a greater degree of smoothing. Default is 0.75.

# Value

A GRanges object

# **Examples**

```
data("tubb6_cpg_meth_transcript_cors", package = "methodical")
# Calculate smoothed Methodical scores from correlation values
```

 $smoothed\_methodical\_scores <- \ methodical:: calculateSmoothedMethodicalScores (tubb6\_cpg\_meth\_transcript\_cors) \\$ 

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```
correct_correlation_pvalues
```

Correct p-values for a list of methylation-transcription correlations results

### **Description**

Correct p-values for a list of methylation-transcription correlations results

### Usage

```
correct_correlation_pvalues(correlation_list, p_adjust_method = "fdr")
```

# **Arguments**

```
correlation_list
```

A list of data.frames with correlation values between methylation sites and a transcript as returned by calculateMethSiteTranscriptCors.

p\_adjust\_method

The method to use for p-value adjustment. Should be one of the methods in p.adjust.methods. Default is "fdr".

#### Value

A list identical to correlation\_list except with p-values corrected using the indicated method.

createRandomRegions

Create a GRanges with random regions from a genome

# Description

Can constrain the random regions so that they do not overlap each other and/or an optional set of masked regions. Random regions which do meet these constraints will be discarded and new ones generated until the desired number of regions has been reached or a maximum allowed number of attempts has been made. After the maximum number of allowed attempts, the created random regions meeting the constraints up to that point will be returned. Any random regions that are out-of-bounds relative to their sequence length are trimmed before being returned.

```
createRandomRegions(
  genome,
  n_regions = 1000,
  region_widths = 1000,
  sequences = NULL,
  all_sequences_equally_likely = FALSE,
  stranded = FALSE,
  masked_regions = NULL,
  allow_overlapping_regions = FALSE,
  ignore.strand = TRUE,
  max_tries = 100
)
```

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### **Arguments**

genome A BSgenome object.

n\_regions Number of random regions to create. Default is 1000.

region\_widths The widths of the random regions. Widths cannot be negative. Can be just a

single value if all regions are to have the same widths. Default is 1000.

sequences The names of sequences to create random regions on. Default is to use all stan-

dard sequences (those without "\_" in their name)

all\_sequences\_equally\_likely

TRUE or FALSE indicating if the probability of creating random regions on a sequence should be the same for each sequence. Default is FALSE, indicating

to make the probability proportional to a sequences length.

stranded TRUE or FALSE indicating if created regions should have a strand randomly

assigned. Default is FALSE, indicating to make unstranded regions.

masked\_regions An optional GRanges object which random regions will not be allowed to over-

lap.

allow\_overlapping\_regions

TRUE or FALSE indicating if created random regions should be allowed to

overlap. Default is FALSE.

ignore.strand TRUE or FALSE indicating whether strand should be ignored when identifying

overlaps between random regions with each other or with masked\_regions. Only relevant if stranded is TRUE and either allow\_overlapping\_regions is FALSE or

masked\_regions is provided. Default is TRUE.

max\_tries The maximum number of attempts to make to find non-overlapping regions

which do not overlap masked\_regions. Default value is 100.

# Value

A GRanges object

# **Examples**

```
# Set random seed
set.seed(123)
```

# Create 10,000 random non-overlapping regions with width 1,000 for hg38
random\_regions <- methodical::createRandomRegions(genome = "BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38", n\_regions = 10000)
head(random\_regions)</pre>

expand\_granges

Expand GRanges

# **Description**

Expand ranges in a GRanges object upstream and downstream by specified numbers of bases, taking account of strand. Unstranded ranges are treated like they on the "+" strand. If any of the resulting ranges are out-of-bounds given the seqinfo of genomic\_regions, they will be trimmed using trim().

```
expand_granges(genomic_regions, upstream = 0, downstream = 0)
```

### **Arguments**

genomic\_regions

A GRanges object

upstream Number of bases to add upstream of each region in genomic\_regions. Must

be numeric vector of length 1 or else equal to the length of genomic\_regions. Default value is 0. Negative values result in upstream end of regions being shortened, however the width of the resulting regions cannot be less than zero.

downstream Number of bases to add downstream of each region in genomic\_regions. Neg-

ative values result in downstream end of regions being shortened. Must be numeric vector of length 1 or else equal to the length of genomic\_regions. Default value is 0. Negative values result in upstream end of regions being shortened,

however the width of the resulting regions cannot be less than zero.

#### Value

A GRanges object

### **Examples**

```
data(tubb6_tss, package = "methodical")
tubb6_tss
methodical::expand_granges(tubb6_tss, upstream = 5000, downstream = 5000)
```

extractGRangesMethSiteValues

Extract values for methylation sites overlapping genomic regions from a methylation RSE.

### **Description**

Extract values for methylation sites overlapping genomic regions from a methylation RSE.

### Usage

```
extractGRangesMethSiteValues(
  meth_rse,
   genomic_regions = NULL,
  samples_subset = NULL,
  assay_number = 1
)
```

# **Arguments**

assay\_number

meth\_rse A RangedSummarizedExperiment for methylation data.

genomic\_regions A GRanges object. If set to NULL, returns all methylation sites in meth\_rse
samples\_subset Optional sample names used to subset meth\_rse.

The assay from meth\_rse to extract values from. Default is the first assay.

#### Value

A data.frame with the methylation site values for all sites in meth\_rse which overlap genomic\_ranges. Row names are the coordinates of the sites as a character vector.

### **Examples**

```
# Load sample RangedSummarizedExperiment with CpG methylation data
data(tubb6_meth_rse, package = "methodical")
tubb6_meth_rse <- eval(tubb6_meth_rse)

# Create a sample GRanges object to use
test_region <- GRanges("chr18:12305000-12310000")

# Get methylation values for CpG sites overlapping HDAC1 gene
test_region_methylation <- methodical::extractGRangesMethSiteValues(meth_rse = tubb6_meth_rse, genomic_region)</pre>
```

extractMethSitesFromGenome

Create a GRanges with methylation sites of interest from a BSgenome.

### **Description**

Create a GRanges with methylation sites of interest from a BSgenome.

# Usage

```
extractMethSitesFromGenome(
  genome,
  pattern = "CG",
  plus_strand_only = TRUE,
  meth_site_position = 1,
  standard_sequences_only = TRUE)
```

### **Arguments**

genome

A BSgenome object (or the name of one) or a DNAStringSet with names indicating the sequences.

pattern

A pattern to match in bsgenome. Default is "CG".

plus\_strand\_only

TRUE or FALSE indicating whether to only return matches on "+" strand, avoiding returning duplicate hits for palindromic sequences e.g. CG. Not relevant if genome is a DNAStringSet. Default is TRUE.

meth\_site\_position

Which position in the pattern corresponds to the methylation site of interest. Default is the first position.

standard\_sequences\_only

TRUE or FALSE indicating whether to only return sites on standard sequences (those without "-" in their names). Default is TRUE.

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#### Value

A GRanges object with genomic regions matching the pattern.

#### **Examples**

```
# Get human CpG sites for hg38 genome build
hg38_cpgs <- methodical::extractMethSitesFromGenome("BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38")
head(hg38_cpgs)

# Find CHG sites in Arabidopsis thaliana
arabidopsis_cphpgs <- methodical::extractMethSitesFromGenome("BSgenome.Athaliana.TAIR.TAIR9", pattern = "CHG
head(arabidopsis_cphpgs)</pre>
```

findTMRs

Find TSS-Proximal Methylation-Controlled Regulatory Sites (TMRs)

# Description

Find TSS-Proximal Methylation-Controlled Regulatory Sites (TMRs)

# Usage

```
findTMRs(
  correlation_list,
  offset_length = 10,
  p_adjust_method = "fdr",
  p_value_threshold = 0.05,
  smoothing_factor = 0.75,
  min_gapwidth = 150,
  min_meth_sites = 5,
  BPPARAM = BiocParallel::bpparam()
)
```

# **Arguments**

correlation\_list

A list of data.frames with correlation values between methylation sites and a transcript as returned by calculateMethSiteTranscriptCors.

offset\_length

Number of methylation sites added upstream and downstream of a central methylation site to form a window, resulting in a window size of 2\*offset\_length + 1. Default value is 10.

p\_adjust\_method

The method to use for p-value adjustment. Should be one of the methods in p.adjust.methods. Default is "fdr".

p\_value\_threshold

The p\_value cutoff to use (after correcting p-values with p\_adjust\_method). Default value is 0.05.

smoothing\_factor

Smoothing factor for exponential moving average. Should be a value between 0 and 1 with higher values resulting in a greater degree of smoothing. Default is 0.75.

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min\_gapwidth Merge TMRs with the same direction separated by less than this number of base

pairs. Default value is 150.

min\_meth\_sites Minimum number of methylation sites that TMRs can contain. Default value is

5.

BPPARAM A BiocParallelParam object for parallel processing. Defaults to BiocParallel::bpparam().

### Value

A GRanges object with the location of TMRs.

# **Description**

All the CpG sites within the first one million base pairs of chromosome 1.

# Usage

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### **Format**

A GRanges object.

# Description

The hg19 genomic coordinates for methylation sites analysed by the Infinium HumanMethylation450K array.

# Usage

```
infinium_450k_probe_granges_hg19
```

#### **Format**

GRanges object with 482,421 ranges and one metadata column name giving the name of the associated probe.

### **Source**

Derived from the manifest file downloaded from https://webdata.illumina.com/downloads/productfiles/humanmethylatiot2.csv?\_gl<-1 \( ocsx4f\_gaMTk1Nzc4MDkwMy4xNjg3ODcxNjg0\_ga\_VVVPY8BDYL\*MTY4Nzg3MTY4My4xLjEuMTY4My4xLjEuMTY4My

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kallistoIndex

Create an index file for running Kallisto

### **Description**

Create an index file for running Kallisto

# Usage

```
kallistoIndex(
  path_to_kallisto,
  transcripts_fasta,
  index_name = "kallisto_index.idx"
)
```

# Arguments

```
path_to_kallisto
Path to kallisto executable
transcripts_fasta
Path to a fasta file for the transcripts to be quantified.
index_name
Name to give the created index file. Default is "kallisto_index.idx".
```

# Value

Invisibly returns TRUE.

# **Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Download transcripts FASTA from Gencode
download.file("https://ftp.ebi.ac.uk/pub/databases/gencode/Gencode_human/release_44/gencode.v44.transcripts
# Locate the kallisto executable (provided that it is on the path)
kallisto_path <- system2("which", args = "kallisto", stdout = TRUE)
# Create transcripts index for use with Kallisto
methodical::kallistoIndex(kallisto_path, transcripts_fasta = "gencode.v44.transcripts.fa.gz")
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

kallistoQuantify

Run kallisto on a set of FASTQ files and merge the results

# Description

Run kallisto on a set of FASTQ files and merge the results

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#### Usage

```
kallistoQuantify(
  path_to_kallisto,
  kallisto_index,
  forward_fastq_files,
  reverse_fastq_files,
  sample_names,
  output_directory,
  merged_output_prefix = "kallisto_transcript",
  messages_file = "",
  ncores = 1,
  number_bootstraps = 100
)
```

#### **Arguments**

path\_to\_kallisto

Path to kallisto executable

kallisto\_index Path to a kallisto index

forward\_fastq\_files

A vector with the paths to forward FASTQ files. Each file should correspond to the file at the same position in reverse\_fastq\_files.

reverse\_fastq\_files

A vector with the paths to reverse FASTQ files. Each file should correspond to the file at the same position in forward\_fastq\_files.

sample\_names

A vector with the names of samples for each pair of samples from forward\_fastq\_files and reverse\_fastq\_files

output\_directory

The name of the directory to save results in. Will be created if it doesn't exist.

merged\_output\_prefix

Prefix to use for names of merged output files for counts and TPM which take the form merged\_output\_prefix\_counts\_merged.tsv.gz and merged\_output\_prefix\_tpm\_merged.tsv.gz. Default prefix is "kallisto\_transcript" i.e. default output merged output files are kallisto\_transcript\_counts\_merged.tsv.gz and kallisto\_transcript\_tpm\_merged.tsv.gz.

 ${\tt messages\_file}$ 

Name of file to save kallisto run messages. If no file name given, information is printed to stdout.

ncores

The number of cores to use. Default is 1.

number\_bootstraps

The number of bootstrap samples. Default is 100.

### Value

The path to the merged counts table.

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liftoverMethRSE	Liftover rowRanges of a RangedSummarizedExperiment for methyla-
	tion data from one genome build to another

### **Description**

Removes methylation sites which cannot be mapped to the target genome build and those which result in many-to-one mappings. Also removes one-to-many mappings by default and can remove sites which do not map to allowed regions in the target genome e.g. CpG sites.

# Usage

```
liftoverMethRSE(
  meth_rse,
  chain,
  remove_one_to_many_mapping = TRUE,
  permitted_target_regions = NULL
)
```

### **Arguments**

TRUE or FALSE indicating whether to remove regions in the source genome which map to multiple regions in the target genome. Default is TRUE.

permitted\_target\_regions

An optional GRanges object used to filter the rowRanges by overlaps after liftover, for example CpG sites from the target genome. Any regions which do not overlap permitted\_target\_regions will be removed. GRangesList to GRanges if all remaining source regions can be uniquely mapped to the target genome.

# Value

A RangedSummarizedExperiment with rowRanges lifted over to the genome build indicated by chain.

### **Examples**

```
# Load sample RangedSummarizedExperiment with CpG methylation data
data(tubb6_meth_rse, package = "methodical")
tubb6_meth_rse <- eval(tubb6_meth_rse)

# Get CpG sites for hg19
hg19_cpgs <- methodical::extractMethSitesFromGenome("BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19")

# Get liftover chain for mapping hg38 to hg19
library(AnnotationHub)
ah <- AnnotationHub()
chain <- ah[["AH14108"]]

# Liftover tubb6_meth_rse from hg38 to hg19, keeping only sites that were mapped to CpG sites in hg19</pre>
```

```
tubb6_meth_rse_hg19 <- methodical::liftoverMethRSE(tubb6_meth_rse, chain = chain,
    permitted_target_regions = hg19_cpgs)
```

makeMethRSEFromArrayFiles

Create a HDF5-backed RangedSummarizedExperiment for methylation values in array files

### **Description**

Create a HDF5-backed RangedSummarizedExperiment for methylation values in array files

# Usage

```
makeMethRSEFromArrayFiles(
    array_files,
    probe_name_column = 1,
    beta_value_column = 2,
    normalization_factor = NULL,
    decimal_places = NA,
    probe_ranges,
    sample_metadata = NULL,
    hdf5_dir,
    dataset_name = "beta",
    overwrite = FALSE,
    chunkdim = NULL,
    temporary_dir = NULL,
    BPPARAM = BiocParallel::bpparam(),
    ...
)
```

# **Arguments**

array\_files A vector of paths to bedGraph files. Automatically detects if array\_files contain a header if every field in the first line is a character.

probe\_name\_column

The number of the column which corresponds to the name of the probes. Default is 1st column.

beta\_value\_column

The number of the column which corresponds to the beta values . Default is 2nd column.

normalization\_factor

An optional numerical value to divide methylation values by to convert them to fractions e.g. 100 if they are percentages. Default is not to leave values as they are in the input files.

decimal\_places Integer indicating the number of decimal places to round beta values to. Default is 2.

probe\_ranges

A GRanges object giving the genomic locations of probes where each region corresponds to a separate probe. There should be a metadata column called name with the name of the probe associated with each region. Any probes in array\_files that are not in probe\_ranges are ignored.

sample\_metadata

Sample metadata to be used as colData for the RangedSummarizedExperiment

hdf5\_dir Directory to save HDF5 file. Is created if it doesn't exist. HDF5 file is called

assays.h5.

dataset\_name Name to give data set in HDF5 file. Default is "beta".

overwrite TRUE or FALSE indicating whether to allow overwriting if dataset\_name al-

ready exists in assays.h5. Default is FALSE.

chunkdim The dimensions of the chunks for the HDF5 file. Should be a vector of length 2

giving the number of rows and then the number of columns in each chunk.

temporary\_dir Name to give a temporary directory to store intermediate files. A directory

with this name cannot already exist. Default is to create a name using temp-

file("temporary\_meth\_chunks\_").

BPPARAM A BiocParallelParam object for parallel processing. Defaults to BiocParallel::bpparam().

Additional arguments to be passed to HDF5Array::HDF5RealizationSink() for

controlling the physical properties of the created HDF5 file, such as compression

level. Uses the defaults for any properties that are not specified.

#### Value

A RangedSummarizedExperiment with methylation values for all methylation sites in meth\_sites. Methylation sites will be in the same order as sort(meth\_sites).

# **Examples**

```
# Get human CpG sites for hg38 genome build
data("infinium_450k_probe_granges_hg19", package = "methodical")

# Get paths to array files
array_files <- list.files(path = system.file('extdata', package = 'methodical'),
    pattern = ".txt.gz", full.names = TRUE)

# Create sample metadata
sample_metadata <- data.frame(
    tcga_project = "LUAD",
    sample_type = "Tumour", submitter = gsub("_01.tsv.gz", "", basename(array_files)),
    row.names = gsub(".tsv.gz", "", basename(array_files))
)

# Create a HDF5-backed RangedSummarizedExperiment from array files using default chumk dimensions
meth_rse <- makeMethRSEFromArrayFiles(array_files = array_files,
    probe_ranges = infinium_450k_probe_granges_hg19,
    sample_metadata = sample_metadata, hdf5_dir = paste0(tempdir(), "/array_file_hdf5_1"))</pre>
```

makeMethRSEFromBedgraphs

Create a HDF5-backed RangedSummarizedExperiment for methylation values in bedGraphs

### **Description**

Create a HDF5-backed RangedSummarizedExperiment for methylation values in bedGraphs

#### Usage

```
makeMethRSEFromBedgraphs(
  bedgraphs,
  seqnames_column = 1,
  start_column = 2,
  end_column = 3,
  value\_column = 4,
  zero_based = TRUE,
 normalization_factor = NULL,
  decimal_places = NA,
 meth_sites,
  sample_metadata = NULL,
 hdf5_dir,
  dataset_name = "beta",
  overwrite = FALSE,
  chunkdim = NULL,
  temporary_dir = NULL,
 BPPARAM = BiocParallel::bpparam(),
)
```

### **Arguments**

bedgraphs A vector of paths to bedGraph files. Automatically detects if bedGraphs contain

a header if every field in the first line is a character.

seqnames\_column

The column number in bedgraphs which corresponds to the sequence names.

Default is 1st column.

start\_column The column number in bedgraphs which corresponds to the start positions. De-

fault is 2nd column.

end\_column The column number in bedgraphs which corresponds to the end positions. De-

fault is 3rd column.

value\_column The column number in bedgraphs which corresponds to the methylation values.

Default is 4th column.

zero\_based TRUE or FALSE indicating if files are zero-based. Default value is TRUE.

normalization\_factor

An optional numerical value to divide methylation values by to convert them to fractions e.g. 100 if they are percentages. Default is not to leave values as they

are in the input files.

decimal\_places Optional integer indicating the number of decimal places to round beta values

to. Default is not to round.

meth\_sites A GRanges object with the locations of the methylation sites of interest. Any

methylation sites in bedGraphs that are not in meth\_sites are ignored.

sample\_metadata

Sample metadata to be used as colData for the RangedSummarizedExperiment.

hdf5\_dir Directory to save HDF5 file. Is created if it doesn't exist. HDF5 file is called

assays.h5.

dataset\_name Name to give data set in HDF5 file. Default is "beta".

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TRUE or FALSE indicating whether to allow overwriting if dataset\_name already exists in assays.h5. Default is FALSE.

Chunkdim The dimensions of the chunks for the HDF5 file. Should be a vector of length 2 giving the number of rows and then the number of columns in each chunk. Uses HDF5Array::getHDF5DumpChunkDim(length(meth\_sites), length(bedgraphs))) by default.

temporary\_dir Name to give temporary directory created to store intermediate files. A directory with this name cannot already exist. Default is to create a name using tempfile("temporary\_meth\_chunks\_"). Will be deleted after completion.

BPPARAM A BiocParallelParam object for parallel processing. Defaults to BiocParallel::bpparam().

 $.\ .\ .\ Additional\ arguments\ to\ be\ passed\ to\ HDF5Array::HDF5RealizationSink()\ for$ 

controlling the physical properties of the created HDF5 file, such as compression

level. Uses the defaults for any properties that are not specified.

#### Value

A RangedSummarizedExperiment with methylation values for all methylation sites in meth\_sites. methylation sites will be in the same order as sort(meth\_sites).

### **Examples**

```
# Load CpGs within first million base pairs of chromosome 1 as a GRanges object
data("hg38_cpgs_subset", package = "methodical")

# Get paths to bedGraphs
bedgraphs <- list.files(path = system.file('extdata', package = 'methodical'),
    pattern = ".bg.gz", full.names = TRUE)

# Create sample metadata
sample_metadata <- data.frame(
    tcga_project = gsub("_.*", "", gsub("TCGA_", "", basename(bedgraphs))),
    sample_type = ifelse(grepl("N", basename(bedgraphs)), "Normal", "Tumour"),
    row.names = tools::file_path_sans_ext(basename(bedgraphs))
)

# Create a HDF5-backed RangedSummarizedExperiment from bedGraphs
meth_rse <- makeMethRSEFromBedgraphs(bedgraphs = bedgraphs,
    meth_sites = hg38_cpgs_subset, sample_metadata = sample_metadata,
    hdf5_dir = paste0(tempdir(), "/bedgraph_hdf5_1"))</pre>
```

 ${\tt maskRangesInRSE}$ 

Mask regions in a ranged summarized experiment

# **Description**

Mask regions in a ranged summarized experiment

```
maskRangesInRSE(rse, mask_ranges, assay_number = 1)
```

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### **Arguments**

rse A RangedSummarizedExperiment.

quences) or a GRangesList object with different regions to mask in each sample (e.g. mutations). If using a GRangesList object, names of the list elements

should be the names of samples in rse.

assay\_number Assay to perform masking. Default is first assay

# Value

A RangedSummarizedExperiment with the regions present in mask\_ranges masked

### **Examples**

```
# Load sample RangedSummarizedExperiment with CpG methylation data
data(tubb6_meth_rse, package = "methodical")
tubb6_meth_rse <- eval(tubb6_meth_rse)

# Create a sample GRanges object to use to mask tubb6_meth_rse
mask_ranges <- GRanges("chr18:12305000-12310000")

# Mask regions in tubb6_meth_rse
tubb6_meth_rse_masked <- methodical::maskRangesInRSE(tubb6_meth_rse, mask_ranges)

# Count the number of NA values before and after masking
sum(is.na(assay(tubb6_meth_rse)))
sum(is.na(assay(tubb6_meth_rse_masked)))</pre>
```

methrixToRSE

Convert a Methrix object into a RangedSummarizedExperiment

# **Description**

Convert a Methrix object into a RangedSummarizedExperiment

### Usage

```
methrixToRSE(methrix, assays = c("beta", "cov"))
```

# **Arguments**

methrix A methrix object

assays A vector indicating the names of assays in methrix used to create a RangedSum-

marizedExperiment. Can be one or both of "beta" and "cov". Default is both

"beta" and "cov" assays.

# Value

A RangedSummarizedExperiment

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#### **Examples**

```
# Load a sample methrix object
data("methrix_data", package = "methrix")

# Convert methrix to a RangedSummarizedExperiment with one assay for the methylation beta values
meth_rse <- methodical::methrixToRSE(methrix_data, assays = "beta")
print(meth_rse)</pre>
```

 ${\tt plotMethodicalScores}$ 

Create plot of Methodical score values for methylation sites around a TSS

# **Description**

Create plot of Methodical score values for methylation sites around a TSS

### Usage

```
plotMethodicalScores(
   meth_site_values,
   reference_tss = NULL,
   p_value_threshold = 0.005,
   smooth_scores = TRUE,
   offset_length = 10,
   smoothing_factor = 0.75,
   smoothed_curve_colour = "black",
   linewidth = 1,
   curve_alpha = 0.75,
   title = NULL,
   xlabel = "Genomic Position",
   low_colour = "#7B5C90",
   high_colour = "#BFAB25"
)
```

# Arguments

meth\_site\_values

A data frame with correlation values for methylation sites. There should be one column called "cor". and another called "p\_val" which are used to calculate the Methodical score. row.names should be the names of methylation sites and all methylation sites must be located on the same sequence.

reference\_tss

An optional GRanges object with a single range. If provided, the x-axis will show the distance of methylation sites to the start of this region with methylation sites upstream. relative to the reference\_tss shown first. If not, the x-axis will show the start site coordinate of the methylation site.

p\_value\_threshold

The p-value threshold used to identify TMRs. Default value is 0.005. Set to NULL to turn off significance thresholds.

smooth\_scores

TRUE or FALSE indicating whether to display a curve of smoothed Methodical scores on top of the plot. Default is TRUE.

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offset\_length Offset length to be supplied to calculateSmoothedMethodicalScores. Default is 10.

smoothing\_factor

Smoothing factor to be provided to calculateSmoothedMethodicalScores. Default is 0.75.

smoothed\_curve\_colour

Colour of the smoothed curve. Default is "black".

linewidth Line width of the smoothed curve. Default value is 1.

curve\_alpha Alpha value for the curve. Default value is 0.75.

title Title of the plot. Default is no title.

xlabel Label for the X axis in the plot. Default is "Genomic Position".

low\_colour Colour to use for low values. Default value is "#7B5C90". high\_colour Colour to use for high values. Default value is "#BFAB25".

#### Value

A ggplot object

## **Examples**

```
# Load methylation-transcript correlation results for TUBB6 gene
data("tubb6_cpg_meth_transcript_cors", package = "methodical")

# Calculate and plot Methodical scores from correlation values
methodical::plotMethodicalScores(tubb6_cpg_meth_transcript_cors, reference_tss = attributes(tubb6_cpg_meth_transcript_cors, reference_tss
```

plotMethSiteCorCoefs Plot the correlation coefficients for methylation sites within a region and an associated feature of interest

## **Description**

Plot the correlation coefficients for methylation sites within a region and an associated feature of interest

# Usage

```
plotMethSiteCorCoefs(
  meth_site_cor_values,
  reference_tss = FALSE,
  title = NULL,
  xlabel = NULL,
  ylabel = "Correlation Coefficient",
  value_colours = "set2",
  reverse_x_axis = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

meth\_site\_cor\_values

A data.frame with correlation values associated with methylation sites, such as returned by calculateMethSiteTranscriptCors. There should be one column called meth\_site giving the coordinates of methylation sites in character format and another column called cor giving the correlation between the methylation values of the methylation sites and a feature of interest. All methylation sites must be located on the same sequence.

reference\_tss

TRUE or FALSE indicating whether to show distances on the X-axis relative to the TSS stored as an attribute tss\_range of meth\_site\_cor\_values. Alternatively, can provide a GRanges object with a single range for such a TSS site. In either case, will show the distance of methylation sites to the start of this region with methylation sites upstream relative to the reference\_tss shown first. If FALSE (the default), the x-axis will instead show the start site coordinate of the methylation site.

title Title of the plot. Default is no title.

xlabel Label for the X axis in the plot. Defaults to "Distance to TSS" if reference\_tss is

used or "seqname position" where seqname is the name of the relevant sequence.

ylabel Label for the Y axis in the plot. Default is "Correlation Coefficient".

value\_colours A vector with two colours to use, one for low values and the other for high val-

ues. Alternatively, can use one of two predefined colour sets by providing either "set1" or "set2": set1 uses "#53868B" (blue) for low values and "#CD2626" (red) for high values while set2 uses "#7B5C90" (purple) for low values and

""#bfab25" (gold) for high values. Default is "set2".

reverse\_x\_axis TRUE or FALSE indicating whether x-axis should be reversed, for example if

plotting a region on the reverse strand so that left side of plot corresponds to

upstream.

#### Value

A ggplot object

```
# Load methylation-transcript correlation results for TUBB6 gene
data("tubb6_cpg_meth_transcript_cors", package = "methodical")
```

```
# Plot methylation-transcript correlation values around TUBB6 TSS
methodical::plotMethSiteCorCoefs(tubb6_cpg_meth_transcript_cors, ylabel = "Spearman Correlation")
```

```
# Create same plot but showing the distance to the TUBB6 TSS on the x-axis
methodical::plotMethSiteCorCoefs(tubb6_cpg_meth_transcript_cors,
   ylabel = "Spearman Correlation", reference_tss = attributes(tubb6_cpg_meth_transcript_cors)$tss_range)
```

plotMethylationValues Create a plot of methylation values for methylation sites in a region

#### **Description**

Create a plot of methylation values for methylation sites in a region

## Usage

```
plotMethylationValues(
  meth_site_values,
  sample_name = NULL,
  reference_tss = FALSE,
  title = NULL,
  xlabel = NULL,
  ylabel = "Methylation Value",
  value_colours = "set1",
  reverse_x_axis = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

meth\_site\_values

A data frame with values associated with methylation sites. Row names should be the coordinates of methylation sites in character format. All methylation sites must be located on the same sequence.

sample\_name

Name of column in meth\_site\_values to plot. Defaults to first column if none

provided.

reference\_tss

TRUE or FALSE indicating whether to show distances on the X-axis relative to the TSS stored as an attribute tss\_range of meth\_site\_values. Alternatively, can provide a GRanges object with a single range for such a TSS site. In either case, will show the distance of methylation sites to the start of this region with methylation sites upstream relative to the reference\_tss shown first. If FALSE (the default), the x-axis will instead show the start site coordinate of the methylation sites.

lation site.

title Title of the plot. Default is no title.

xlabel Label for the X axis in the plot. Defaults to "Distance to TSS" if reference\_tss is

used or "seqname position" where seqname is the name of the relevant sequence.

ylabel Label for the Y axis in the plot. Default is "Methylation Value".

value\_colours A vector with two colours to use, one for low values and the other for high val-

ues. Alternatively, can use one of two predefined colour sets by providing either "set1" or "set2": set1 uses "#53868B" (blue) for low values and "#CD2626" (red) for high values while set2 uses "#7B5C90" (purple) for low values and

""#bfab25" (gold) for high values. Default is "set1".

reverse\_x\_axis TRUE or FALSE indicating whether x-axis should be reversed, for example if plotting a region on the reverse strand so that left side of plot corresponds to

upstream.

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#### Value

A ggplot object

#### **Examples**

```
# Load methylation-values around the TUBB6 TSS
data("tubb6_meth_rse", package = "methodical")
tubb6_meth_rse <- eval(tubb6_meth_rse)

# Extract methylation values from tubb6_meth_rse
tubb6_methylation_values = methodical::extractGRangesMethSiteValues(meth_rse = tubb6_meth_rse)

# Plot methylation values around TUBB6 TSS
methodical::plotMethylationValues(tubb6_methylation_values, sample_name = "N1")

# Create same plot but showing the distance to the TUBB6 TSS on the x-axis
data("tubb6_tss", package = "methodical")
methodical::plotMethylationValues(tubb6_methylation_values, sample_name = "N1",
    reference_tss = tubb6_tss)</pre>
```

plotTMRs

Add TMRs to a methylation site value plot

#### **Description**

Add TMRs to a methylation site value plot

#### Usage

```
plotTMRs(
  meth_site_plot,
  tmrs_gr,
  reference_tss = NULL,
  transcript_id = NULL,
  tmr_colours = c("#A28CB1", "#D2C465"),
  linewidth = 5
)
```

#### **Arguments**

meth\_site\_plot A plot of Value around a TSS.

tmrs\_gr A GRanges object giving the position of TMRs.

reference\_tss An optional GRanges object with a single range. If provided, the x-axis will

show the distance of methylation sites to the start of this region with methylation sites upstream relative to the reference\_tss shown first. If not, the x-axis will

show the start site coordinate of the methylation site.

transcript\_id An optional transcript ID. If provided, will attempt to filter tmrs\_gr and refer-

ence\_tss using a metadata column called transcript\_id with a value identical to

the provided one.

tmr\_colours A vector with colours to use for negative and positive TMRs. Defaults to "#7B5C90"

for negative and "#BFAB25" for positive TMRs.

linewidth A numeric value to be provided as linewidth for geom\_segment().

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#### Value

A ggplot object

#### **Examples**

```
# Load methylation-transcript correlation results for TUBB6 gene
data("tubb6_cpg_meth_transcript_cors", package = "methodical")

# Plot methylation-transcript correlation values around TUBB6 TSS
tubb6_correlation_plot <- methodical::plotMethSiteCorCoefs(tubb6_cpg_meth_transcript_cors, ylabel = "Spearma")

# Find TMRs for TUBB6
tubb6_tmrs <- findTMRs(correlation_list = list(ENST00000591909 = tubb6_cpg_meth_transcript_cors))

# Plot TMRs on top of tubb6_correlation_plot
methodical::plotTMRs(tubb6_correlation_plot, tmrs_gr = tubb6_tmrs)</pre>
```

rangesRelativeToTSS

Find locations of genomic regions relative to transcription start sites.

## **Description**

Find locations of genomic regions relative to transcription start sites.

## Usage

```
rangesRelativeToTSS(genomic_regions, tss_gr)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
genomic_regions
```

A GRanges object.

tss\_gr

A GRanges object with transcription start sites. Each range should have width

1. Upstream and downstream are relative to strand of tss\_gr.

#### Value

A GRanges object where all regions have "relative" as the sequence names and ranges are the location of TMRs relative to the TSS.

```
# Create query and subject GRanges
genomic_regions <- GenomicRanges::GRanges(c("chr1:100-1000:+", "chr1:2000-3000:-"))
tss_gr <- GenomicRanges::GRanges(c("chr1:1500:+", "chr1:4000:-"))

# Calculate distances between query and subject
methodical::rangesRelativeToTSS(genomic_regions, tss_gr)</pre>
```

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rapidCorTest	Rapidly calculate the correlation and the significance of pairs of
	columns from two data.frames

#### **Description**

Rapidly calculate the correlation and the significance of pairs of columns from two data.frames

## Usage

```
rapidCorTest(
  table1,
  table2,
  cor_method = "pearson",
  table1_name = "table1",
  table2_name = "table2",
  p_adjust_method = "BH",
  n_covariates = 0
)
```

#### **Arguments**

table1	A data.frame	
table2	A data.frame	
cor_method	A character string indicating which correlation coefficient is to be computed. One of either "pearson" or "spearman" or their abbreviations.	
table1_name	Name to give the column giving the name of features in table1. Default is "table1".	
table2_name	Name to give the column giving the name of features in table2. Default is "table2".	
p_adjust_method		
	Method used to adjust p-values. Same as the methods from p.adjust.methods. Default is Benjamini-Hochberg. Setting to "none" will result in no adjusted p-values being calculated.	
n_covariates	Number of covariates if calculating partial correlations. Defaults to 0.	

## Value

A data frame with the correlation and its significance for all pairs consisting of a variable from table 1 and a variable from table 2.

```
# Divide mtcars into two tables
table1 <- mtcars[, 1:5]
table2 <- mtcars[, 6:11]

# Calculate correlation between table1 and table2
cor_results <- methodical::rapidCorTest(table1, table2, cor_method = "spearman",
    table1_name = "feature1", table2_name = "feature2")
head(cor_results)</pre>
```

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Randomly sample methylation sites from a methylation RSE.

## **Description**

Randomly sample methylation sites from a methylation RSE.

#### Usage

```
sampleMethSites(
  meth_rse,
  n_sites = 1000,
  genomic_ranges_filter = NULL,
  invert_filter = FALSE,
  samples_subset = NULL,
  assay_number = 1
)
```

## **Arguments**

#### Value

A data.frame with the methylation site values for all sites in meth\_rse which overlap genomic\_ranges. Row names are the coordinates of the sites as a character vector.

```
# Load sample RangedSummarizedExperiment with CpG methylation data
data(tubb6_meth_rse, package = "methodical")
tubb6_meth_rse <- eval(tubb6_meth_rse)

# Create a sample GRanges object to use to mask tubb6_meth_rse
mask_ranges <- GRanges("chr18:12305000-12310000")

# Get 20 random CpG sites outside mask_ranges
random_cpgs <- methodical::sampleMethSites(tubb6_meth_rse, n_sites = 20, genomic_ranges_filter = mask_ranges,
    invert_filter = TRUE)

# Check that no CpGs overlap repeats
intersect(rowRanges(random_cpgs), mask_ranges)</pre>
```

strandedDistance Calculate distances of query GRanges upstream or downstream of subject GRanges

#### **Description**

Upstream and downstream are relative to the strand of subject\_gr. Unstranded regions are treated the same as regions on the "+" strand.

#### Usage

```
strandedDistance(query_gr, subject_gr)
```

## Arguments

```
query_gr A GRanges object
subject_gr A GRanges object.
```

#### Value

A numeric vector of distances

#### **Examples**

```
# Create query and subject GRanges
query_gr <- GenomicRanges::GRanges(c("chr1:100-1000:+", "chr1:2000-3000:-"))
subject_gr <- GenomicRanges::GRanges(c("chr1:1500-1600:+", "chr1:4000-4500:-"))
# Calculate distances between query and subject
methodical::strandedDistance(query_gr, subject_gr)</pre>
```

summarize Region Methylation

Summarize methylation of genomic regions within samples

## **Description**

Summarize methylation of genomic regions within samples

## Usage

```
summarizeRegionMethylation(
  meth_rse,
  assay = 1,
  genomic_regions,
  genomic_region_names = NULL,
  col_summary_function = "colMeans2",
  keep_metadata_cols = FALSE,
  max_sites_per_chunk = floor(62500000/ncol(meth_rse)),
  na.rm = TRUE,
```

```
BPPARAM = BiocParallel::bpparam(),
...
)
```

#### **Arguments**

meth\_rse A RangedSummarizedExperiment with methylation values.

assay The assay from meth\_rse to extract values from. Should be either an index or

the name of an assay. Default is the first assay.

genomic\_regions

GRanges object with regions to summarize methylation values for.

genomic\_region\_names

A vector of names to give genomic\_regions in the output table. There cannot be any duplicated names. Default is to attempt to use names(genomic\_regions) if they are present or to name them region\_1, region\_2, etc otherwise.

col\_summary\_function

A function that summarizes column values. Should be the name of one of the column summary functions from MatrixGenerics. Default is "rowMeans2".

keep\_metadata\_cols

TRUE or FALSE indicating whether to add the metadata columns of genomic\_regions to the output. Default is FALSE.

max\_sites\_per\_chunk

The approximate maximum number of methylation sites to try to load into memory at once. The actual number loaded may vary depending on the number of methylation sites overlapping each region, but so long as the size of any individual regions is not enormous (>= several MB), it should vary only very slightly. Some experimentation may be needed to choose an optimal value as low values will result in increased running time, while high values will result in a large memory footprint without much improvement in running time. Default is floor(62500000/ncol(meth\_rse)), resulting in each chunk requiring approximately 500 MB of RAM.

na.rm

TRUE or FALSE indicating whether to remove NA values when calculating summaries. Default value is TRUE.

**BPPARAM** 

A BiocParallelParam object. Defaults to BiocParallel::bpparam().

... Additional arguments to be passed to col\_summary\_function.

## Value

A data.table with the summary of methylation of each region in genomic\_regions for each sample.

```
# Load sample RangedSummarizedExperiment with CpG methylation data
data(tubb6_meth_rse, package = "methodical")
tubb6_meth_rse <- eval(tubb6_meth_rse)

# Create a sample GRanges
test_gr <- GRanges(c("chr18:12303400-12303500", "chr18:12303600-12303750", "chr18:12304000-12306000"))
names(test_gr) <- paste("region", 1:3, sep = "_")

# Calculate mean methylation values for regions in test_gr
test_gr_methylation <- methodical::summarizeRegionMethylation(tubb6_meth_rse, genomic_regions = test_gr,</pre>
```

```
genomic_region_names = names(test_gr))
```

sumTranscriptValuesForGenes

Combine the expression values of transcripts to get overall expression of their associated genes

## **Description**

Combine the expression values of transcripts to get overall expression of their associated genes

## Usage

```
sumTranscriptValuesForGenes(
  transcript_expression_table,
  gene_to_transcript_list
)
```

## **Arguments**

transcript\_expression\_table

A table where rows are transcripts and columns are samples. Row names should be the names of transcripts.

```
gene_to_transcript_list
```

A list of vectors where the name of each list entry is a gene name and its elements are the names of transcripts. Can alternatively be a GRangeList where the name of each list element is a gene and the names of the individual ranges are transcripts.

#### Value

A data.frame with the sum of transcript expression values for genes where rows are genes and columns are samples

```
tubb 6\_correlation\_plot\\ tubb 6\_correlation\_plot
```

## **Description**

A plot of the correlation values between methylation-transcription correlations for CpG sites around the TUBB6 TSS.

## Usage

```
tubb6_correlation_plot
```

#### **Format**

A ggplot object.

```
tubb6\_cpg\_meth\_transcript\_cors \\ tubb6\_cpg\_meth\_transcript\_cors
```

## Description

A data frame with the methylation-transcription correlation results for CpGs around the TUBB6 TSS

A data frame with the correlation results for CpG sites within +/- 5 KB of the TUBB6 (ENST00000591909) TSS.

## Usage

```
tubb6_cpg_meth_transcript_cors
tubb6_cpg_meth_transcript_cors
```

#### **Format**

A ggplot object.

A data.frame with 5 columns giving the name of the CpG site (meth\_site), name of the transcript associated with the TSS, Spearman correlation value between the methylation of the CpG site and expression of the transcript, p-value associated with the correlations and distance from the CpG site to the TSS.

tubb6\_meth\_rse

tubb6\_meth\_rse

#### **Description**

The location of the TSS for TUBB6.

#### Usage

```
tubb6_meth_rse
```

## **Format**

A call to create a RangedSummarizedExperiment with methylation data for 355 CpG sites within +/- 5,000 base pairs of the TUBB6 TSS in 126 normal prostate samples. Should be evaluated after loading using tubb6\_meth\_rse <- tubb6\_meth\_rse <- eval(tubb6\_meth\_rse) to restore the RangedSummarizedExperiment.

#### **Source**

WGBS data from 'Li, Jing, et al. "A genomic and epigenomic atlas of prostate cancer in Asian populations." Nature 580.7801 (2020): 93-99.'

tubb6\_tmrs

tubb6\_tmrs

# **Description**

TMRs identified for TUBB6

# Usage

tubb6\_tmrs

#### **Format**

A GRanges object with two ranges.

```
tubb6\_transcript\_counts
```

tubb6\_transcript\_counts

# Description

Transcript counts for TUBB6 in normal prostate samples.

## Usage

```
tubb6_transcript_counts
```

# **Format**

 $A \ data. frame \ with \ normalized \ transcript \ counts \ for \ TUBB6 \ in \ 126 \ normal \ prostate \ samples.$ 

## Source

RNA-seq data from 'Li, Jing, et al. "A genomic and epigenomic atlas of prostate cancer in Asian populations." Nature 580.7801 (2020): 93-99.'

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tubb6\_tss

# Description

The location of the TSS for TUBB6.

## Usage

tubb6\_tss

## **Format**

GRanges object with 1 ranges for the TUBB6 TSS.

## Source

The TSS of the ENST00000591909 transcript.

TumourMethDatasets

**TumourMethDatasets** 

# Description

A table describing the datasets available from TumourMethData.

# Usage

TumourMethDatasets

## **Format**

A data.frame with one row for each dataset

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