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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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#### Description

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#### See Also

Useful links:

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

```
.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
)
```

#### .count\_covered\_bases

## Arguments

meth_rse	A RangedSummarizedExperiment with methylation values.
genomic_regions	
	A GRanges object.
<pre>max_sites_per_c</pre>	hunk
	The maximum number of methylation sites to load into memory at once for each chunk.
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.	
<pre>meth_sites_df</pre>	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

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

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

.find\_tmrs\_single 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.	
offset_length	Number of methylation sites added upstream and downstream of a central methy- 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.	
<pre>smoothing_factor</pre>		
	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.	
min_gapwidth	Merge TMRs with the same direction separated by less than this number of base pairs. Default value is 150.	
<pre>min_meth_sites</pre>	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) .make\_meth\_rse\_setup Perform set FromArray

## Description

Perform setup for makeMethRSEFromBedgraphs or makeMethRSEFromArrayFiles

## 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.
<pre>meth_sites</pre>	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_metadat	a
	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 al- ready 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

A list describing the setup to be used for makeMethRSEFromBedgraphs or makeMethRSEFromArrayFiles.

.split\_bedgraph Split data from a single methylation array files into chunks

## 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.

.split\_bedgraphs\_into\_chunks

Split 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_columr	1	
	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_colum	nns	
	The grid column number for each file.	
<pre>meth_sites</pre>	A GRanges object with the locations of the methylation sites of interest.	
<pre>meth_site_groups</pre>		
	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	A list of parameters for processing the bedgraph.

## Value

Invisibly returns NULL.

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.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.	
<pre>beta_value_colu</pre>	Imn	
	The column number in array_files which corresponds to the beta values. Default is 2nd column.	
file_grid_colum	ins	
	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.

```
.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

chunk_regions	Chunk with genomic regions of interest.	
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
)
```

#### .tss\_correlations

## Arguments

meth_sites_gr	A GRanges object with the location of methylation sites.
smoothed_method	lical_scores
	A numeric vector with the smoothed methodical scores associated with each methylation site.
p_value_thresho	ld
	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

<pre>temp_chunk_dirs</pre>		
	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"]]</pre>
```

# Convert repeat\_annotation\_hg38 into a GRangesList repeat\_annotation\_hg38 <- GRangesList(split(repeat\_annotation\_hg38, repeat\_annotation\_hg38\$repClass))</pre>

# 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

```
annotatePlot
```

## 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

<pre>meth_site_plot</pre>	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 compo- nent 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 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	e_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
```

#### 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_exp	ression_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 transcrip- tion 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_t	o_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.
<pre>max_sites_per_</pre>	
	The approximate maximum number of methylation sites to try to load into mem- ory 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 in- dividual 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 approxi- mately 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_upstrea	
	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_downstr	
	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</pre>
```

```
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))
headtubb6_exp_meth_transcript_counts_tss_associated_gr = methodical::expand_granges(tubb6_tss, upstream = 5000, downstream = 5000))
```

```
head(tubb6_cpg_meth_transcript_cors$ENST00000591909)
```

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

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.
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	3	
	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 ge- nomic_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_methylat	ion_summary_function	
	A function that summarizes column values. Default is colMeans.	
BPPARAM	$A\ BiocParallel Param\ object\ for\ parallel\ processing.\ Defaults\ to\ BiocParallel::bpparam().$	
	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

## Examples

```
# Load TUBB6 TMRs, RangedSummarizedExperiment with methylation values for CpGs around TUBB6 TSS and TUBB6 transe
data(tubb6_tmrs, 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 TMRs identified for TUBB6 and transcript expression
tubb6_tmrs_transcript_cors <- methodical::calculateRegionMethylationTranscriptCors(
    meth_rse = tubb6_meth_rse, transcript_expression_table = tubb6_transcript_counts,
```

```
genomic_regions = tubb6_tmrs, genomic_region_names = tubb6_tmrs$tmr_name)
tubb6_tmrs_transcript_cors
```

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 methy- lation site to form a window, resulting in a window size of 2*offset_length + 1. Default value is 10.	
<pre>smoothing_factor</pre>		
	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

```
# Load data.frame with CpG methylation-transcription correlation results for TUBB6
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)</pre>

```
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
)
```

#### expand\_granges

#### 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_e	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.	
<pre>max_tries</pre>	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 sequipto 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 nu- meric 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

 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.

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

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#### extractMethSitesFromGenome

#### 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)</pre>
```

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

```
# Get methylation values for CpG sites overlapping HDAC1 gene
test_region_methylation <- methodical::extractGRangesMethSiteValues(meth_rse = tubb6_meth_rse, genomic_regio</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, avoid- ing 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_seque	nces_only

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

## 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 methy- lation site to form a window, resulting in a window size of 2*offset_length + 1. Default value is 10.
p_adjust_method		1
		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.
<pre>smoothing_factor</pre>		pr
		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.

hg38\_cpgs\_subset hg38\_cpgs\_subset

## Description

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

## Usage

hg38\_cpgs\_subset

#### 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/humanmethylation 2.csv?\_gl<-10csx4f\_gaMTk1Nzc4MDkwMy4xNjg3ODcxNjg0\_ga\_VVVPY8BDYL\*MTY4Nzg3MTY4My4xLjEuMTY

kallistoIndex

#### Description

Create an index file for running Kallisto

## Usage

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

#### Arguments

path_to_kallist	to
	Path to kallisto executable
transcripts_fag	sta
	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)
```

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

#### kallistoQuantify

#### 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. A vector with the names of samples for each pair of samples from forward\_fastq\_files sample\_names 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. messages\_file Name of file to save kallisto run messages. If no file name given, information is printed to stdout. The number of cores to use. Default is 1. ncores number\_bootstraps The number of bootstrap samples. Default is 100.

#### Value

The path to the merged counts table.

liftoverMethRSE

## 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

A RangedSummarizedExperiment for methylation data
A "Chain" object to be used with rtracklayer::liftOver
any_mapping
TRUE or FALSE indicating whether to remove regions in the source genome
which map to multiple regions in the target genome. Default is TRUE.
t_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)</pre>
```

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

```
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_colu	Imn	
	The number of the column which corresponds to the name of the probes. Default	
	is 1st column.	
beta_value_colu	Imn	
	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"))
```

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_columr	1	
	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. Default is 2nd column.	
end_column	The column number in bedgraphs which corresponds to the end positions. Default 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_f	Sactor	
	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	1	
	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".	

TRUE or FALSE indicating whether to allow overwriting if dataset_name al- ready exists in assays.h5. Default is FALSE.
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.
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.
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(grep1("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"))
```

maskRangesInRSE	Mask regions in a ranged summarized experiment
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#### Description

Mask regions in a ranged summarized experiment

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

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#### Arguments

rse	A RangedSummarizedExperiment.
mask_ranges	Either a GRanges with regions to be masked in all samples (e.g. repetitive sequences) 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")</pre>
```

# Mask regions in tubb6\_meth\_rse tubb6\_meth\_rse\_masked <- methodical::maskRangesInRSE(tubb6\_meth\_rse, mask\_ranges)</pre>

```
# 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)))
```

methrixToRSE	Convert a Methrix	c object into d	a RangedSumma	arizedExperiment

## 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

#### 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)
```

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.	
<pre>smoothing_factor</pre>		
	Smoothing factor to be provided to calculateSmoothedMethodicalScores. Default is 0.75.	
<pre>smoothed_curve_colour</pre>		
	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\_

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 values. 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

## 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
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 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 values. 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.

# 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

<pre>meth_site_pl</pre>	ot A plot of Value around a TSS.
tmrs_gr	A GRanges object giving the position of TMRs.
reference_ts	s 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_i	d 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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#### rangesRelativeToTSS

## 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</pre>
```

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

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

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	5
	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:-"))</pre>
```

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

rapidCorTest

#### 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 table1 and a variable from table2.

```
# 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>
```

sampleMethSites 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

meth_rse	A RangedSummarizedExperiment for methylation data.
n_sites	Number of sites to randomly sample. Default is 1000.
<pre>genomic_ranges_filter</pre>	
	An optional GRanges object used to first subset meth_rse. Sites will then be chosen randomly from those overlapping these ranges.
invert_filter	TRUE or FALSE indicating whether to invert the genomic_ranges_filter so as to exclude sites overlapping these regions. Default value is FALSE.
<pre>samples_subset</pre>	Optional sample names used to subset meth_rse.
assay_number	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.

```
# 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")</pre>
```

```
# 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)</pre>
```

```
# Check that no CpGs overlap repeats
intersect(rowRanges(random_cpgs), mask_ranges)
```

strandedDistance

## 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:-"))</pre>
```

```
# Calculate distances between query and subject
methodical::strandedDistance(query_gr, subject_gr)
```

 ${\tt summarize} Region {\tt Methylation}$ 

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	3	
	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_fur	nction	
	A function that summarizes column values. Should be the name of one of the column summary functions from MatrixGenerics. Default is "rowMeans2".	
keep_metadata_c	cols	
	TRUE or FALSE indicating whether to add the metadata columns of genomic_regions to the output. Default is FALSE.	
<pre>max_sites_per_c</pre>	chunk	
	The approximate maximum number of methylation sites to try to load into mem- ory 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 in- dividual 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 approxi- mately 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.	

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# 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

tubb6\_correlation\_plot

tubb6\_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.

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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

# 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.'

tubb6\_tss

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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