

# Package ‘ggmsa’

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| adjust_ally | <i>adjust_ally</i> |
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## Description

adjust the tree branch position after assigning ancestor node

## Usage

```
adjust_ally(tree, node, sub = FALSE, seq_colname = "mol_seq")
```

## Arguments

|             |                                  |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| tree        | ggtree object                    |
| node        | internal node in tree            |
| sub         | logical value.                   |
| seq_colname | the colname of MSA on tree\$data |

## Value

tree

## Author(s)

Lang Zhou

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|            |                   |
|------------|-------------------|
| assign_dms | <i>assign_dms</i> |
|------------|-------------------|

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## Description

assign dms value to alignments.

## Usage

```
assign_dms(x, dms)
```

## Arguments

|     |                            |
|-----|----------------------------|
| x   | data frame from tidy_msa() |
| dms | dms data frame             |

## Value

tree

## Author(s)

Lang Zhou

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|                  |                                               |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| available_colors | <i>List Color Schemes currently available</i> |
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**Description**

This function lists color schemes currently available that can be used by 'ggmsa'

**Usage**

```
available_colors()
```

**Value**

A character vector of available color schemes

**Author(s)**

Lang Zhou

**Examples**

```
available_colors()
```

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|                 |                                               |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| available_fonts | <i>List Font Families currently available</i> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

This function lists font families currently available that can be used by 'ggmsa'

**Usage**

```
available_fonts()
```

**Value**

A character vector of available font family names

**Author(s)**

Lang Zhou

**Examples**

```
available_fonts()
```

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|               |                                             |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------|
| available_msa | <i>List MSA objects currently available</i> |
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**Description**

This function lists MSA objects currently available that can be used by 'ggmsa'

**Usage**

```
available_msa()
```

**Value**

A character vector of available objects

**Author(s)**

Lang Zhou

**Examples**

```
available_msa()
```

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|             |                    |
|-------------|--------------------|
| extract_seq | <i>extract_seq</i> |
|-------------|--------------------|

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**Description**

extract ancestor sequence from tree data

**Usage**

```
extract_seq(tree_adjust, seq_colname = "mol_seq")
```

**Arguments**

|             |                                  |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| tree_adjust | ggtree object                    |
| seq_colname | the colname of MSA on tree\$data |

**Value**

character

**Author(s)**

Lang Zhou

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facet\_msa

segment MSA

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### Description

The MSA would be plot in a field that you set.

### Usage

```
facet_msa(field)
```

### Arguments

field                      a numeric vector of the field size.

### Value

ggplot layers

### Author(s)

Lang Zhou

### Examples

```
library(ggplot2)
f <- system.file("extdata/sample.fasta", package="ggmsa")
# 2 fields
ggmsa(f, end = 120, font = NULL, color="Chemistry_AA") +
  facet_msa(field = 60)
# 3 fields
ggmsa(f, end = 120, font = NULL, color="Chemistry_AA") +
  facet_msa(field = 40)
```

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geom\_GC

geom\_GC

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### Description

Multiple sequence alignment layer for ggplot2. It plot points of GC content.

### Usage

```
geom_GC(show.legend = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

show.legend            logical. Should this layer be included in the legends?

### Value

a ggplot layer

**Author(s)**

Lang Zhou

**Examples**

```
#plot GC content
f <- system.file("extdata/LeaderRepeat_All.fa", package="ggmsa")
ggmsa(f, font = NULL, color="Chemistry_NT") + geom_GC()
```

geom\_helix

*geom\_helix***Description**

The layer of helix plot

**Usage**

```
geom_helix(helix_data, color_by = "length", overlap = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| helix_data | a data frame. The file of nucleotide secondary structure and then read by readSSfile().                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| color_by   | generate colors for helices by various rules, including integer counts and value ranges one of "length" and "value"                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| overlap    | Logicals. If TRUE, two structures data called predict and known must be given(eg:helix_data = list(known = data1, predicted = data2)), plots the predicted helices that are known on top, predicted helices that are not known on the bottom, and finally plots unpredicted helices on top in black. |
| ...        | additional parameter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

**Value**

ggplot2 layers

**Author(s)**

Lang Zhou

**Examples**

```
RF03120 <- system.file("extdata/Rfam/RF03120_SS.txt", package="ggmsa")
RF03120_fas <- system.file("extdata/Rfam/RF03120.fasta", package="ggmsa")
SS <- readSSfile(RF03120, type = "Vienna")
ggmsa(RF03120_fas, font = NULL, border = NA,
      color = "Chemistry_NT", seq_name = FALSE) +
geom_helix(SS)
```

geom\_msa

*geom\_msa***Description**

Multiple sequence alignment layer for ggplot2. It creates background tiles with/without sequence characters.

**Usage**

```
geom_msa(
  data,
  font = "helvetica",
  mapping = NULL,
  color = "Chemistry_AA",
  custom_color = NULL,
  char_width = 0.9,
  none_bg = FALSE,
  by_conservation = FALSE,
  position_highlight = NULL,
  seq_name = NULL,
  border = NULL,
  consensus_views = FALSE,
  use_dot = FALSE,
  disagreement = TRUE,
  ignore_gaps = FALSE,
  ref = NULL,
  position = "identity",
  show.legend = FALSE,
  dms = FALSE,
  position_color = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

|              |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| data         | sequence alignment with data frame, generated by tidy_msa().                                                                                                                                 |
| font         | font families, possible values are 'helvetica', 'mono', and 'DroidSansMono', 'TimesNewRoman'. Defaults is 'helvetica'.                                                                       |
| mapping      | aes mapping If font = NULL, only plot the background tile.                                                                                                                                   |
| color        | A Color scheme. One of 'Clustal', 'Chemistry_AA', 'Shapely_AA', 'Zappo_AA', 'Taylor_AA', 'LETTER', 'CN6', 'Chemistry_NT', 'Shapely_NT', 'Zappo_NT', 'Taylor_NT'. Defaults is 'Chemistry_AA'. |
| custom_color | A data frame with two column called "names" and "color".Customize the color scheme.                                                                                                          |
| char_width   | a numeric vector. Specifying the character width in the range of 0 to 1. Defaults is 0.9.                                                                                                    |
| none_bg      | a logical value indicating whether background should be displayed. Defaults is FALSE.                                                                                                        |

|                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| by_conservation    | a logical value. The most conserved regions have the brightest colors.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| position_highlight | A numeric vector of the position that need to be highlighted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| seq_name           | a logical value indicating whether sequence names should be displayed. Defaults is 'NULL' which indicates that the sequence name is displayed when 'font = null', but 'font = char' will not be displayed. If 'seq_name = TRUE' the sequence name will be displayed in any case. If 'seq_name = FALSE' the sequence name will not be displayed under any circumstances. |
| border             | a character string. The border color.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| consensus_views    | a logical value that opening consensus views.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| use_dot            | a logical value. Displays characters as dots instead of fading their color in the consensus view.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| disagreement       | a logical value. Displays characters that disagreement to consensus(excludes ambiguous disagreements).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| ignore_gaps        | a logical value. When selected TRUE, gaps in column are treated as if that row didn't exist.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| ref                | a character string. Specifying the reference sequence which should be one of input sequences when 'consensus_views' is TRUE.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| position           | Position adjustment, either as a string, or the result of a call to a position adjustment function, default is 'identity' meaning 'position_identity()'.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| show.legend        | logical. Should this layer be included in the legends?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| dms                | logical.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| position_color     | logical.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| ...                | additional parameter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

## Value

A list

## Author(s)

Guangchuang Yu, Lang Zhou seq\_name' work position\_highlight' work border' work none\_bg' work

## Examples

```
library(ggplot2)
aln <- system.file("extdata", "sample.fasta", package = "ggmsa")
tidy_aln <- tidy_msa(aln, start = 150, end = 170)
ggplot() + geom_msa(data = tidy_aln, font = NULL) + coord_fixed()
```

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`geom_msaBar`*geom\_msaBar*

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**Description**

Multiple sequence alignment layer for ggplot2. It plot sequence conservation bar.

**Usage**

```
geom_msaBar()
```

**Value**

A list

**Author(s)**

Lang Zhou

**Examples**

```
#plot multiple sequence alignment and conservation bar.  
f <- system.file("extdata/sample.fasta", package="ggmsa")  
ggmsa(f, 221, 280, font = NULL, seq_name = TRUE) + geom_msaBar()
```

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`geom_seed`*geom\_seed*

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**Description**

Highlighting the seed in miRNA sequences

**Usage**

```
geom_seed(seed, star = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|                   |                                                                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>seed</code> | a character string.Specifying the miRNA seed sequence like 'GAGGUAG'. |
| <code>star</code> | a logical value indicating whether asterisks should be displayed.     |

**Value**

a ggplot layer

**Author(s)**

Lang Zhou

**Examples**

```
miRNA_sequences <- system.file("extdata/seedSample.fa", package="ggmsa")
ggmsa(miRNA_sequences, font = 'DroidSansMono',
      color = "Chemistry_NT", none_bg = TRUE) +
geom_seed(seed = "GAGGUAG", star = FALSE)
ggmsa(miRNA_sequences, font = 'DroidSansMono',
      color = "Chemistry_NT") +
geom_seed(seed = "GAGGUAG", star = TRUE)
```

geom\_seqlogo

*geom\_seqlogo***Description**

Multiple sequence alignment layer for ggplot2. It plot sequence motifs.

**Usage**

```
geom_seqlogo(
  font = "DroidSansMono",
  color = "Chemistry_AA",
  adaptive = TRUE,
  top = TRUE,
  custom_color = NULL,
  show.legend = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

|              |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| font         | font families, possible values are 'helvetica', 'mono', and 'DroidSansMono', 'TimesNewRoman'. Defaults is 'DroidSansMono'.                                                                   |
| color        | A Color scheme. One of 'Clustal', 'Chemistry_AA', 'Shapely_AA', 'Zappo_AA', 'Taylor_AA', 'LETTER', 'CN6', 'Chemistry_NT', 'Shapely_NT', 'Zappo_NT', 'Taylor_NT'. Defaults is 'Chemistry_AA'. |
| adaptive     | A logical value indicating whether the overall height of seqlogo corresponds to the number of sequences.If is FALSE, seqlogo overall height = 4, fixedly.                                    |
| top          | A logical value. If TRUE, seqlogo is aligned to the top of MSA.                                                                                                                              |
| custom_color | A data frame with two column called "names" and "color".Customize the color scheme.                                                                                                          |
| show.legend  | logical. Should this layer be included in the legends?                                                                                                                                       |
| ...          | additional parameter                                                                                                                                                                         |

**Value**

A list

**Author(s)**

Lang Zhou

**Examples**

```
#plot multiple sequence alignment and sequence motifs
f <- system.file("extdata/LeaderRepeat_All.fa", package="ggmsa")
ggmsa(f, font = NULL, color = "Chemistry_NT") + geom_seqlogo()
```

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|         |                |
|---------|----------------|
| gghelix | <i>gghelix</i> |
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**Description**

Plots nucleotide secondary structure as helices in arc diagram

**Usage**

```
gghelix(helix_data, color_by = "length", overlap = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| helix_data | a data frame. The file of nucleotide secondary structure and then read by readSSfile().                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| color_by   | generate colors for helices by various rules, including integer counts and value ranges one of "length" and "value"                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| overlap    | Logicals. If TRUE, two structures data called predict and known must be given (eg: helix_data = list(known = data1, predicted = data2)), plots the predicted helices that are known on top, predicted helices that are not known on the bottom, and finally plots unpredicted helices on top in black. |

**Value**

ggplot object

**Author(s)**

Lang Zhou

**Examples**

```
RF03120 <- system.file("extdata/Rfam/RF03120_SS.txt", package="ggmsa")
helix_data <- readSSfile(RF03120, type = "Vienna")
gghelix(helix_data)
```

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*ggmaf**ggmaf*

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**Description**

plot MAF

**Usage**

```
ggmaf(  
  data,  
  ref,  
  block_start = NULL,  
  block_end = NULL,  
  facet_field = NULL,  
  heights = c(0.4, 0.6),  
  facet_heights = NULL  
)
```

**Arguments**

|                            |                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>data</code>          | a tidy MAF data frame. You can get it by <code>tidy_maf_df()</code>                                                              |
| <code>ref</code>           | character, the name of reference genome. eg: "hg38.chr1_KI270707v1_random"                                                       |
| <code>block_start</code>   | a numeric vector(>0). The start block to plot.                                                                                   |
| <code>block_end</code>     | a numeric vector(< max block). The end block to plot.                                                                            |
| <code>facet_field</code>   | a numeric vector. The field in a facet panel.                                                                                    |
| <code>heights</code>       | two numeric vector. The plot proportion between "Genomic location" panel(upon) and "Alignment" panel(down). Default: c(0.4, 0.6) |
| <code>facet_heights</code> | Numeric vectors. The facet proportion.                                                                                           |

**Value**

ggplot object

**Author(s)**

Lang Zhou

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*ggmsa**ggmsa*

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**Description**

Plot multiple sequence alignment using ggplot2 with multiple color schemes supported.

**Usage**

```
ggmsa(
  msa,
  start = NULL,
  end = NULL,
  font = "helvetica",
  color = "Chemistry_AA",
  custom_color = NULL,
  char_width = 0.9,
  none_bg = FALSE,
  by_conservation = FALSE,
  position_highlight = NULL,
  seq_name = NULL,
  border = NULL,
  consensus_views = FALSE,
  use_dot = FALSE,
  disagreement = TRUE,
  ignore_gaps = FALSE,
  ref = NULL,
  show.legend = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

|                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>msa</code>                | Multiple aligned sequence files or objects representing either nucleotide sequences or AA sequences.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <code>start</code>              | a numeric vector. Start position to plot.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <code>end</code>                | a numeric vector. End position to plot.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <code>font</code>               | font families, possible values are 'helvetica', 'mono', and 'DroidSansMono', 'TimesNewRoman'. Defaults is 'helvetica'. If font = NULL, only plot the background tile.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <code>color</code>              | a Color scheme. One of 'Clustal', 'Chemistry_AA', 'Shapely_AA', 'Zappo_AA', 'Taylor_AA', 'LETTER', 'CN6', 'Chemistry_NT', 'Shapely_NT', 'Zappo_NT', 'Taylor_NT'. Defaults is 'Chemistry_AA'.                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <code>custom_color</code>       | A data frame with two column called "names" and "color".Customize the color scheme.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>char_width</code>         | a numeric vector. Specifying the character width in the range of 0 to 1. Defaults is 0.9.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <code>none_bg</code>            | a logical value indicating whether background should be displayed. Defaults is FALSE.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <code>by_conservation</code>    | a logical value. The most conserved regions have the brightest colors.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <code>position_highlight</code> | A numeric vector of the position that need to be highlighted.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <code>seq_name</code>           | a logical value indicating whether sequence names should be displayed. Defaults is 'NULL' which indicates that the sequence name is displayed when 'font = null', but 'font = char' will not be displayed. If 'seq_name = TRUE' the sequence name will be displayed in any case. If 'seq_name = FALSE' the sequence name will not be displayed under any circumstances. |

|                 |                                                                                                                              |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| border          | a character string. The border color.                                                                                        |
| consensus_views | a logical value that opening consensus views.                                                                                |
| use_dot         | a logical value. Displays characters as dots instead of fading their color in the consensus view.                            |
| disagreement    | a logical value. Displays characters that disagreement to consensus(excludes ambiguous disagreements).                       |
| ignore_gaps     | a logical value. When selected TRUE, gaps in column are treated as if that row didn't exist.                                 |
| ref             | a character string. Specifying the reference sequence which should be one of input sequences when 'consensus_views' is TRUE. |
| show.legend     | logical. Should this layer be included in the legends?                                                                       |

**Value**

ggplot object

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

**Examples**

```
#plot multiple sequences by loading fasta format
fasta <- system.file("extdata", "sample.fasta", package = "ggmsa")
ggmsa(fasta, 164, 213, color="Chemistry_AA")

## Not run:
#XMultipleAlignment objects can be used as input in the 'ggmsa'
AAMultipleAlignment <- Biostrings::readAAMultipleAlignment(fasta)
ggmsa(AAMultipleAlignment, 164, 213, color="Chemistry_AA")

#XStringSet objects can be used as input in the 'ggmsa'
AAStringSet <- Biostrings::readAAStringSet(fasta)
ggmsa(AAStringSet, 164, 213, color="Chemistry_AA")

#Xbin objects from 'seqmagick' can be used as input in the 'ggmsa'
AABin <- seqmagick::fa_read(fasta)
ggmsa(AABin, 164, 213, color="Chemistry_AA")

## End(Not run)
```

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ggSeqBundle

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*ggSeqBundle*


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**Description**

plot Sequence Bundles for MSA based 'ggolot2'

**Usage**

```
ggSeqBundle(
  msa,
  line_width = 0.3,
  line_thickness = 0.3,
  line_high = 0,
  spline_shape = 0.3,
  size = 0.5,
  alpha = 0.2,
  bundle_color = c("#2ba0f5", "#424242"),
  lev_molecule = c("-", "A", "V", "L", "I", "P", "F", "W", "M", "G", "S", "T", "C", "Y",
    "N", "Q", "D", "E", "K", "R", "H")
)
```

**Arguments**

|                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>msa</code>            | Multiple sequence alignment file(FASTA) or object for representing either nucleotide sequences or peptide sequences. Also receives multiple MSA files. eg: <code>msa = c("Gram-negative_AKL.fasta", "Gram-positive_AKL.fasta")</code> .                                                                |
| <code>line_width</code>     | The width of bundles at each site, default is 0.3.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>line_thickness</code> | The thickness of bundles at each site, default is 0.3.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <code>line_high</code>      | The high of bundles at each site, default is 0.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <code>spline_shape</code>   | A numeric vector of values between -1 and 1, which control the shape of the spline relative to the control points.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>size</code>           | A numeric vector of values between 0 and 1, which control the size of each lines.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <code>alpha</code>          | A numeric vector of values between 0 and 1, which control the alpha of each lines.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>bundle_color</code>   | The colors of each sequence bundles. eg: <code>bundle_color = c("#2ba0f5", "#424242")</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <code>lev_molecule</code>   | Reassigning the Y-axis and displaying letter-coded amino acids/nucleotides arranged by physiochemical properties or others. eg: amino acids hydrophobicity<br><code>lev_molecule = c("-", "A", "V", "L", "I", "P", "F", "W", "M", "G", "S", "T", "C", "Y", "N", "Q", "D", "E", "K", "R", "H")</code> . |

**Value**

ggplot object

**Author(s)**

Lang Zhou

**Examples**

```
aln <- system.file("extdata", "Gram-negative_AKL.fasta", package = "ggmsa")
ggSeqBundle(aln)
```

---

Gram-negative\_AKL.fasta

*Gram-negative\_AKL*


---

**Description**

Amino acids in the adenylate kinase lid (AKL) domain from Gram-negative bacteria.

**Format**

A MSA fasta with 100 sequences and 36 positions.

**Source**

<http://biovis.net/year/2013/info/redesign-contest>

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Gram-positive\_AKL.fasta

*Gram-positive\_AKL*


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**Description**

Amino acids in the adenylate kinase lid (AKL) domain from Gram-positive bacteria.

**Format**

A MSA fasta with 100 sequences and 36 positions.

**Source**

<http://biovis.net/year/2013/info/redesign-contest>

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GVariation

*GVariation*


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**Description**

A folder containing 4 MAS files as a sample data set to identify the sequence recombination event.

**Format**

a folder

**Details**

- A.Mont.fas MSA with sequences of 'Mont' and 'CF\_YL21'
- B.Oz.fas MSA with sequences of 'Oz' and 'CF\_YL21'
- C.Wilga5.fas MSA with sequences of 'Wilga5' and 'CF\_YL21'
- sample\_alignment.fa MSA with sequences of 'Mont', 'CF\_YL21', 'Oz', and 'Wilga5'

**Source**

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11540-015-9307-3>

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|                     |                                         |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| LeaderRepeat_All.fa | <i>A sample DNA alignment sequences</i> |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------|

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**Description**

DNA alignment sequences with 24 sequences and 56 positions.

**Format**

A MSA fasta

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|           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| merge_seq | <i>merge_seq</i> |
|-----------|------------------|

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**Description**

merge two MSA

**Usage**

```
merge_seq(previous_seq, gap, subsequent_seq, adjust_name = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|                |                                      |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| previous_seq   | previous MSA                         |
| gap            | gap length                           |
| subsequent_seq | subsequent MSA                       |
| adjust_name    | logical value. merge seq name or not |

**Value**

tidy MSA data frame

**Author(s)**

Lang Zhou

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|      |                                       |
|------|---------------------------------------|
| plot | <i>plot method for SeqDiff object</i> |
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**Description**

plot method for SeqDiff object

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'SeqDiff,ANY'
plot(
  x,
  width = 50,
  title = "auto",
  xlab = "Nucleotide Position",
  by = "bar",
  fill = "firebrick",
  colors = c(A = "#ff6d6d", C = "#769dcc", G = "#f2be3c", T = "#74ce98"),
  xlim = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

|        |                                      |
|--------|--------------------------------------|
| x      | SeqDiff object                       |
| width  | bin width                            |
| title  | plot title                           |
| xlab   | xlab                                 |
| by     | one of 'bar' and 'area'              |
| fill   | fill color of upper part of the plot |
| colors | color of lower part of the plot      |
| xlim   | limits of x-axis                     |

**Value**

plot

**Author(s)**

guangchuang yu

**Examples**

```
fas <- list.files(system.file("extdata", "GVariation", package="ggmsa"),
                  pattern="fas", full.names=TRUE)
x1 <- seqdiff(fas[1], reference=1)
plot(x1)
```

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|            |                   |
|------------|-------------------|
| readSSfile | <i>readSSfile</i> |
|------------|-------------------|

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**Description**

Read secondary structure file

**Usage**

```
readSSfile(file, type = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|      |                                                            |
|------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| file | A text file in connect format                              |
| type | file type. one of "Helix", "Connect", "Vienna" and "Bpseq" |

**Value**

data frame

**Author(s)**

Lang Zhou

**Examples**

```
RF03120 <- system.file("extdata/Rfam/RF03120_SS.txt", package="ggmsa")
helix_data <- readSSfile(RF03120, type = "Vienna")
```

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|          |                 |
|----------|-----------------|
| read_maf | <i>read_maf</i> |
|----------|-----------------|

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**Description**

read 'multiple alignment format'(MAF) file

**Usage**

```
read_maf(multiple_alignment_format)
```

**Arguments**

|                           |                                       |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| multiple_alignment_format | a multiple alignment format(MAF) file |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|

**Value**

data frame

**Author(s)**

Lang Zhou

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|           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| reset_pos | <i>reset_pos</i> |
|-----------|------------------|

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**Description**

reset MSA position

**Usage**

```
reset_pos(seq_df)
```

**Arguments**

|        |          |
|--------|----------|
| seq_df | MSA data |
|--------|----------|

**Value**

data frame

**Author(s)**

Lang Zhou

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|      |             |
|------|-------------|
| Rfam | <i>Rfam</i> |
|------|-------------|

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**Description**

A folder containing seed alignment sequences and corresponding consensus RNA secondary structure.

**Format**

a folder

**Details**

- RF00458.fasta seed alignment sequences of Cripavirus internal ribosome entry site (IRES)
- RF03120.fasta seed alignment sequences of Sarbecovirus 5'UTR
- RF03120\_SS.txt consensus RNA secondary structure of Sarbecovirus 5'UTR

**Source**

<https://rfam.xfam.org/>

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|              |                                    |
|--------------|------------------------------------|
| sample.fasta | <i>A sample data used in ggmsa</i> |
|--------------|------------------------------------|

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**Description**

A dataset containing the alignment sequences of the phenylalanine hydroxylase protein (PH4H) within nine species

**Format**

A MSA fasta with 9 sequences and 456 positions.

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|               |                                    |
|---------------|------------------------------------|
| seedSample.fa | <i>microRNA data used in ggmsa</i> |
|---------------|------------------------------------|

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**Description**

Fasta format sequences of mature miRNA sequences from miRBase

**Format**

A MSA fasta with 6 sequences and 22 positions.

**Source**

<https://www.mirbase.org/ftp.shtml>

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|         |                |
|---------|----------------|
| seqdiff | <i>seqdiff</i> |
|---------|----------------|

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**Description**

calculate difference of two aligned sequences

**Usage**

```
seqdiff(fasta, reference = 1)
```

**Arguments**

|           |                                           |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------|
| fasta     | fasta file                                |
| reference | which sequence serve as reference, 1 or 2 |

**Value**

SeqDiff object

**Author(s)**

guangchuang yu

**Examples**

```
fas <- list.files(system.file("extdata", "GVariation", package="ggmsa"),
                  pattern="fas", full.names=TRUE)
seqdiff(fas[1], reference=1)
```

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|         |                |
|---------|----------------|
| seqlogo | <i>seqlogo</i> |
|---------|----------------|

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**Description**

plot sequence logo for MSA based 'ggolot2'

**Usage**

```
seqlogo(
  msa,
  start = NULL,
  end = NULL,
  font = "DroidSansMono",
  color = "Chemistry_AA",
  adaptive = FALSE,
  top = FALSE,
  custom_color = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

|                           |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>msa</code>          | Multiple sequence alignment file or object for representing either nucleotide sequences or peptide sequences.                                                                                |
| <code>start</code>        | Start position to plot.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <code>end</code>          | End position to plot.                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <code>font</code>         | font families, possible values are 'helvetica', 'mono', and 'DroidSansMono', 'TimesNewRoman'. Defaults is 'DroidSansMono'. If font=NULL, only the background tiles is drawn.                 |
| <code>color</code>        | A Color scheme. One of 'Clustal', 'Chemistry_AA', 'Shapely_AA', 'Zappo_AA', 'Taylor_AA', 'LETTER', 'CN6', 'Chemistry_NT', 'Shapely_NT', 'Zappo_NT', 'Taylor_NT'. Defaults is 'Chemistry_AA'. |
| <code>adaptive</code>     | A logical value indicating whether the overall height of seqlogo corresponds to the number of sequences. If FALSE, seqlogo overall height = 4, fixedly.                                      |
| <code>top</code>          | A logical value. If TRUE, seqlogo is aligned to the top of MSA.                                                                                                                              |
| <code>custom_color</code> | A data frame with two column called "names" and "color". Customize the color scheme.                                                                                                         |

**Value**

ggplot object

**Author(s)**

Lang Zhou

**Examples**

```
#plot sequence motif independently
nt_sequence <- system.file("extdata", "LeaderRepeat_All.fa",
                           package = "ggmsa")
seqlogo(nt_sequence, color = "Chemistry_NT")
```

---

sequence-link-tree.fasta
*sequence-link-tree***Description**

Alignment sequences used to demonstrate circular MSA layout

**Format**

A MSA fasta with 28 sequences and 480 positions.

---

show
*show method***Description**

show method

**Usage**

show(object)

**Arguments**

object                      SeqDiff object

**Value**

message

**Examples**

```
fas <- list.files(system.file("extdata", "GVariation", package="ggmsa"),
                  pattern="fas", full.names=TRUE)
x1 <- seqdiff(fas[1], reference=1)
x1
```

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|                |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| simplify_hdata | <i>simplify_hdata</i> |
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**Description**

reset hdata data position

**Usage**

```
simplify_hdata(hdata, sim_msa)
```

**Arguments**

|         |                        |
|---------|------------------------|
| hdata   | data from tidy_hdata() |
| sim_msa | MSA data frame         |

**Value**

data frame

**Author(s)**

Lang Zhou

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|           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| simplplot | <i>simplplot</i> |
|-----------|------------------|

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**Description**

Sequence similarity plot

**Usage**

```
simplplot(  
  file,  
  query,  
  window = 200,  
  step = 20,  
  group = FALSE,  
  id,  
  sep,  
  sd = FALSE,  
  smooth = FALSE,  
  smooth_params = list(method = "loess", se = FALSE)  
)
```

**Arguments**

|               |                                                                                                                                            |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| file          | alignment fast file                                                                                                                        |
| query         | query sequence                                                                                                                             |
| window        | sliding window size (bp)                                                                                                                   |
| step          | step size to slide the window (bp)                                                                                                         |
| group         | whether grouping sequence.(eg. For "A-seq1,A-seq-2,B-seq1 and B-seq2", using sep = "-" and id = 1 to divide sequences into groups A and B) |
| id            | position to extract id for grouping; only works if group = TRUE                                                                            |
| sep           | separator to split sequence name; only works if group = TRUE                                                                               |
| sd            | whether display standard deviation of similarity among each group; only works if group=TRUE                                                |
| smooth        | FALSE(default)or TRUE; whether display smoothed spline.                                                                                    |
| smooth_params | a list that add params for geom_smooth, (default: smooth_params = list(method = "loess", se = FALSE))                                      |

**Value**

ggplot object

**Author(s)**

guangchuang yu

**Examples**

```
fas <- system.file("extdata/GVariation/sample_alignment.fa",
  package="ggmsa")
simplot(fas, 'CF_YL21')
```

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 theme\_msa

*theme\_msa*


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**Description**

Theme for ggmsa.

**Usage**

```
theme_msa()
```

**Author(s)**

Lang Zhou

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|            |                   |
|------------|-------------------|
| tidy_hdata | <i>tidy_hdata</i> |
|------------|-------------------|

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**Description**

tidy protein-protein interactive position data

**Usage**

```
tidy_hdata(gap, inter, previous_seq, subsequent_seq)
```

**Arguments**

|                |                                           |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------|
| gap            | gap length                                |
| inter          | protein-protein interactive position data |
| previous_seq   | previous MSA                              |
| subsequent_seq | subsequent MSA                            |

**Value**

helix data

**Author(s)**

Lang Zhou

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|             |                    |
|-------------|--------------------|
| tidy_maf_df | <i>tidy_maf_df</i> |
|-------------|--------------------|

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**Description**

tidy MAF data frame

**Usage**

```
tidy_maf_df(maf_df, ref)
```

**Arguments**

|        |                                                                            |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| maf_df | a MAF data frame. You can get it by read_maf()                             |
| ref    | character, the name of reference genome. eg: "hg38.chr1_KI270707v1_random" |

**Value**

data frame

**Author(s)**

Lang Zhou

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|          |                 |
|----------|-----------------|
| tidy_msa | <i>tidy_msa</i> |
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**Description**

Convert msa file/object to tidy data frame.

**Usage**

```
tidy_msa(msa, start = NULL, end = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|       |                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| msa   | multiple sequence alignment file or sequence object in DNASTringSet, RNASTringSet, AAStringSet, BStringSet, DNAMultipleAlignment, RNAMultipleAlignment, AAMultipleAlignment, DNABin or AABin |
| start | start position to extract subset of alignment                                                                                                                                                |
| end   | end position to extract subset of alignment                                                                                                                                                  |

**Value**

tibble data frame

**Author(s)**

Guangchuang Yu

**Examples**

```
fasta <- system.file("extdata", "sample.fasta", package = "ggmsa")
aln <- tidy_msa(msa = fasta, start = 10, end = 100)
```

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|         |                 |
|---------|-----------------|
| tp53.fa | <i>TP53 MSA</i> |
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**Description**

Alignment sequences of used to show graphical combination

**Format**

A MSA fasta with 5 sequences and 404 positions.

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|                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| TP53_genes.xlsx | genome locus |
|-----------------|--------------|

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**Description**

The local genome map shows the 30000 sites around the TP53 gene.

**Format**

xlsx

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|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| treeMSA_plot | treeMSA_plot |
|--------------|--------------|

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**Description**

plot Tree-MSA plot

**Usage**

```
treeMSA_plot(  
  p_tree,  
  tidymsa_df,  
  ancestral_node = "none",  
  sub = FALSE,  
  panel = "MSA",  
  font = NULL,  
  color = "Chemistry_AA",  
  seq_colname = NULL,  
  ...  
)
```

**Arguments**

|                |                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| p_tree         | tree view                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| tidymsa_df     | tidy MSA data                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| ancestral_node | vector, internal node in tree. Assigning a internal node to display "ancestral sequences",If ancestral_node = "none" hides all ancestral sequences, if ancestral_node = "all" shows all ancestral sequences. |
| sub            | logical value. Displaying a subset of ancestral sequences or not.                                                                                                                                            |
| panel          | panel name for plot of MSA data                                                                                                                                                                              |
| font           | font families, possible values are 'helvetica', 'mono', and 'DroidSansMono', 'TimesNewRoman'. Defaults is 'helvetica'. If font = NULL, only plot the background tile.                                        |
| color          | a Color scheme. One of 'Clustal', 'Chemistry_AA', 'Shapely_AA', 'Zappo_AA', 'Taylor_AA', 'LETTER', 'CN6', 'Chemistry_NT', 'Shapely_NT', 'Zappo_NT', 'Taylor_NT'. Defaults is 'Chemistry_AA'.                 |
| seq_colname    | the colname of MSA on tree\$data                                                                                                                                                                             |
| ...            | additional parameters for 'geom_msa'                                                                                                                                                                         |

**Details**

'treeMSA\_plot()' automatically re-arranges the MSA data according to the tree structure,

**Value**

ggplot object

**Author(s)**

Lang Zhou

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