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## Description

Analyzes the enrichment of ranges within R-loop forming sequences (RLFS). See details.

## Usage

```
analyzeRLFS(
  object,
  mask = NULL,
  quiet = FALSE,
  useMask = TRUE,
  noZ = FALSE,
  ntimes = 100,
  stepsize = 50,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

object	An RLRanges object.
mask	GRanges object containing masked genomic ranges. Not needed unless masked genome unavailable (see <a href="masks">genomeMasks</a> ). Custom masks can be generated using regioneR::getMask.
quiet	If TRUE, messages are suppressed. Default: FALSE.
useMask	If FALSE, masked genome is not used. This is not recommended unless a mask is unavailable as it can lead to spurious results. Default: TRUE.
noZ	If TRUE, Z-score distribution is not calculated. Default: FALSE.
ntimes	Number of permutations to perform (default: 100).
stepsize	The step size for calculating the Z score distribution. Default: 50. See also regioneR::localZScore.
	Arguments passed to regioneR::permTest.

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#### **Details**

R-loop forming sequences are regions of the genome with sequences that are favorable for R-loop formation. They are computationally predicted with the QmRLFS-finder software program and serve as a data-independent test of whether a sample has mapped R-loops robustly or not.

#### Method:

Permutation testing is implemented via regioneR::permTest such that, for each permutation, R-loop peaks were randomized using regioneR::circularRandomizeRegions and then the number of overlaps with RLFS are counted. 100 permutations are used by default to build an empirical distribution for peak/RLFS overlap. Then the true number of overlaps from non-randomized peaks and RLFS are compared to the null distribution to calculate Z-score and significance of enrichment. Finally, a Z-score distribution was calculated (using regioneR::localZScore) 5kb upstream and downstream of the average RLFS midpoint.

These results are subsequently used in the binary classification of the sample as "POS" (maps R-loops) or "NEG" (does not map R-loops). See also predictCondition.

#### Value

An RLRanges object with RLFS analysis results accessible via RLSeq::rlresult(object, "rlfsRes"). Contains the following structure:

- perTestResults
  - An object of the class permTestResultsList from regioneR with the results of permutation testing. See also regioneR::permTest for full description.
- Z-scores
  - An object of the class localZScoreResultsList from regioneR. Contains the results
    of local Z-score analysis +/-5kb around each RLFS. See also regioneR::localZScore.

## Examples

```
# Example dataset
rlr <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "rlrsmall.rds", package = "RLSeq"))
# Perform RLFS analysis (remove ntimes=2 and noZ=TRUE for a typical analysis)
rlr <- analyzeRLFS(rlr, ntimes = 2, noZ = TRUE)</pre>
```

auxdata

Auxiliary Data

#### **Description**

A list containing data used by RLSeq functions. It can also be useful for checking the available modes and genomes in RLSeq. See also the data-raw/auxdata.R script that was used to create it.

## Usage

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#### **Format**

An object of class list of length 12.

#### **Details**

#### **Structure:**

A named list containing the following entries:

- db cols
  - A tbl with colors associated with each database in RLHub useful for plotting. See also RLHub::annotations.
- annotypes
  - A tbl containing the annotation databases and annotation types available from RLBase.
     See also RLHub::annotations.
- ip\_cols
  - A tbl containing the colors associated with each "Immunoprecipitation type" (ip\_type) in RLBase. See also RLHub::rlbase\_samples.
- mode\_cols
  - A tbl containing the colors associated with each R-loop mapping mode in RLHub::rlbase\_samples.
- heat cols
  - A tbl containing the colors associated with user-supplied data and RLBase data when running corrHeatmap.
- label\_cols
  - A tbl containing the colors associated with the labels in RLBase. See also RLHub::rlbase\_samples.
- prediction\_cols
  - A tbl containing the colors associated with the predictions in RLBase. See also RL-Hub::rlbase\_samples.
- prediction\_label\_cols
  - A tbl containing the colors associated with the prediction-label combinations in RL-Base. See also RLHub::rlbase\_samples.
- available\_modes
  - A tbl containing the modes available in RLBase and associated metadata. See also RLHub::rlbase samples.
- available\_genomes
  - A character showing all the official UCSC genomes available for use with RLSeq. See also available\_genomes.
- misc\_modes
  - A character showing the R-loop mapping modes that are lumped into the 'misc' category for simplification of plotting.

## **Examples**

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available\_genomes

Available Genomes

## **Description**

Contains metadata about all the genomes available in UCSC. It contains derived metadata, such as the effective genome sizes as well. See also the data-raw/available\_genomes.R script to see processing steps.

## Usage

available\_genomes

#### **Format**

An object of class data. frame with 199 rows and 27 columns.

#### **Details**

## **Structure:**

available\_genomes is a data.frame with the following columns:

- UCSC\_orgID
  - Official UCSC ID of the genome
- description
  - Verbose description of the assembly, source, and year/month of entry.
- nibPath
  - Endpoint of the genome in UCSC gbdb.
- organism
  - Name of the organism.
- defaultPos
  - Default location of genome browser view for this genome.
- active
  - Description not available.
- orderKey
  - Description not available.
- genome
  - The name of the genome.
- scientificName
  - The scientific name of the organism.
- htmlPath
  - Path in UCSC gbdb to the description.html file for the genome.
- hgNear0k
  - Description not available.

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- hgPb0k
  - Description not available.
- sourceName
  - Name of organization providing the genome.
- taxId
  - The taxonomy ID of the organism.
- genes\_available
  - If TRUE, the gene annotations are available in GTF format.
- year
  - The year the genome assembly was added.
- eff\_genome\_size\_XXbp
  - The effective genome size of this genome. Calculated at various read lengths with khmer and used to improve the accuracy of analysis. See the data-raw/available\_genomes.R script to see how this calculation was performed.
- genome\_length
  - The total length of the genome.
- rlfs\_available
  - If TRUE, R-loop forming sequences annotations are available in the RLBase AWS S3 repository.

## **Examples**

available\_genomes

checkRLFSAnno

Check RLFS

## **Description**

Helper function that checks whether a genome has RLFS available.

## Usage

checkRLFSAnno(genome)

## **Arguments**

genome

the UCSC genome name to check

## Value

A logical, TRUE if available, FALSE if not

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corrAnalyze

Analyze Correlations

## **Description**

Finds the pairwise correlation in signal around gold-standard R-Loop sites between the query sample and the coverage tracks in the RLBase database. See *details*.

## Usage

```
corrAnalyze(object, force = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

object An RLRanges object.

force Force corrAnalyze to run, even if on Windows. Default: FALSE.

#### **Details**

Currently, this does not work on windows.

#### Method:

The corrAnalyze function performs a correlation test that can be used to assess sample-sample similarity by calculating coverage signal (from genomic alignments) around "gold standard" R-loop sites (PMID: 33411340). The resulting correlation matrix is useful for determining how well a supplied sample correlates with previously-published datasets.

During the RLBase-data workflow, the signal for each R-loop mapping sample within "gold standard" R-loop sites was calculated see RLHub::gs\_signal.

The corrAnalyze function loads RLHub::gs\_signal and accepts an RLRanges object with a valid coverage slot. It then does the following:

- 1. The coverage is quantified within the "gold standard" sites and added as a column to the signal matrix from RLHub::gs\_signal.
- 2. Then, the stats::cor function is used to calculate the Pearson correlation pairwise between all samples, yielding a correlation matrix
- 3. Finally, the correlation matrix is stashed in the in the correlationMat slot of the RLResults and returned.

#### Value

An RLRanges object with correlation results included as a matrix. The correlation matrix is accessed via rlresults(object, "correlationMat").

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## **Examples**

```
# Example RLRanges object
rlr <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "rlrsmall.rds", package = "RLSeq"))
# corrAnalyze does not work on Windows OS
if (.Platform$OS.type != "windows") {
    # run corrAnalyze
    rlr <- corrAnalyze(rlr)
}</pre>
```

corrHeatmap

Plot Correlation Results

## **Description**

Plots a heatmap to visualize the pairwise Pearson correlation matrix generated via corrAnalyze.

## Usage

```
corrHeatmap(object, returnData = FALSE, complex = TRUE, ...)
```

## Arguments

object An RLRanges with corrAnalyze already run.

returnData If TRUE, plot data is returned instead of plotting. Default: FALSE

complex If TRUE, ComplexHeatmap::Heatmap will be used for plotting. Otherwise, pheatmap::pheatmap is used. Default: TRUE

For internal use.

## Value

A plot object or plotting data (if returnData is TRUE).

## **Examples**

```
# Example RLRanges data with corrAnalyze() already run.
rlr <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "rlrsmall.rds", package = "RLSeq"))
# Corr heatmap
corrHeatmap(rlr)</pre>
```

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Test Genomic Feature Enrichment

## **Description**

Tests the enrichment of genomic features in supplied peaks. See *details*.

## Usage

```
featureEnrich(
  object,
  annotype = c("primary", "full"),
  annotations = NULL,
  downsample = 10000,
  quiet = FALSE
)
```

## **Arguments**

object An RLRanges object.

annotype The type of annotations to use. Can be one of "primary" or "full". Default:

"primary". See RLHub::annotations for greater detail.

annotations A custom annotation list of the same structure described in RLHub::annotations.

downsample If a numeric, data will be down sampled to the requested number of peaks. This

improves the speed of genomic shuffling and helps prevent p-value inflation. If

FALSE, then downsampling will not be performed. Default: 10000.

quiet If TRUE, messages will be suppressed. Default: FALSE

#### Details

#### Method:

Annotations relevant to R-loops were curated as part of the RLBase-data workflow and are provided via RLHub::annotations.

In featureEnrich, each annotation "type" (e.g., "Exons", "Introns", etc) is compared to the supplied RLRanges, yielding enrichment statistics with the following procedure:

- 1. For each annotation type, the peaks are overlapped with the annotations.
- 2. Then, valr::bed\_reldist is used to find the relative distance distribution between the peaks and the annotations for both the supplied RLRanges and shuffled RLRanges (via valr::bed\_shuffle). Significance of the relative distance is calculated via stats::ks.test.
- 3. Then, Fisher's exact test is implemented via valr::bed\_fisher to obtain the significance of the overlap and the odds ratio.

#### Value

An RLRanges object containing the results of the enrichment test accessed via rlresult(object, "featureEnrichment"). The results are in tbl format. For a full description of all columns in the output table see RLHub::feat\_enrich\_samples.

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## **Examples**

```
# Example RLRanges dataset
rlr <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "rlrsmall.rds", package = "RLSeq"))
# RL Region Test
featureEnrich(rlr)

# With custom annotations
small_anno <- list(
    "Centromeres" = readr::read_csv(
        system.file("extdata", "Centromeres.csv.gz", package = "RLSeq"),
        show_col_types = FALSE
    )
)
featureEnrich(rlr, annotations = small_anno)</pre>
```

feature\_ggplot

Feature ggplot

## **Description**

The core plotting component of plotEnrichment

## Usage

```
feature_ggplot(x, usamp, limits, splitby)
```

## **Arguments**

x A tbl containing data for plotting.

usamp The name of the user-supplied sample

limits Specify limits on data. Useful for controlling infinite estimation of odds ratio resulting from fisher's exact test. To remove limits, set c(-Inf, Inf). Default: c(-10, 15).

splitby Metadata by which to split plots. Can be "none", "prediction", or "label".

## Value

A ggplot2 object.

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geneAnnotation

Annotate R-Loops with Genes

## **Description**

Annotates RLRanges with entrez ids for overlapping genes. See details.

## Usage

```
geneAnnotation(object, txdb = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

object

An RLRanges object.

txdb

The TxDb or EnsDb object containing gene annotations. If not supplied, annotations will be automatically downloaded from Annotation Hub. See also General States and States and

notations will be automatically downloaded from AnnotationHub. See also Ge-

nomicFeatures::TxDb.

#### **Details**

The geneAnnotation function provides a simple procedure for annotating RLRanges with gene IDs by overlap.

#### **Annotations:**

First. gene annotations are automatically downloaded using AnnotationHub::query with the following pattern:

```
AnnotationHub::query(
    x = ah,
    pattern = c("TxDb", "UCSC", "knownGene", genome)
)
```

Where genome is the UCSC genome id for the RLRanges object. If these annotations are unavailable, they should be provded using the txdb parameter. See also GenomicFeatures::TxDb.

## Overlaps:

The annotations are subsequently overlapped with the ranges in the supplied RLRanges object using valr::bed\_intersect and saved in the RLResults object as a tbl with a mapping of peak names to gene\_id (entrez gene IDs).

## Value

An RLRanges object with gene overlaps included. The results are available via rlresult(object, "geneAnnoRes"). The result object is a tbl with a mapping of peak\_name (peak names from names(object)) to gene\_id (entrez gene IDs).

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## **Examples**

```
# Example RLRanges data
rlr <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "rlrsmall.rds", package = "RLSeq"))
# Perform gene annotation
rlr <- geneAnnotation(rlr)

# Supply custom TxDb if needed
if (GenomeInfoDb::genome(rlr)[1] == "hg19") {
    library(TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene)
    rlr <- geneAnnotation(rlr, txdb = TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene)
}</pre>
```

genomeMasks

Genome Masks

## **Description**

A collection of genome masks for use with analyzeRLFS. See the data-raw/genome\_masks.R script for the processing steps.

## Usage

genomeMasks

#### **Format**

An object of class list of length 8.

## **Details**

#### **Structure:**

genomeMasks is a named list of GRanges objects. Each entry in the list follows the naming convention: <genome>.masked, where <genome> is an official UCSC genome ID. Each entry contains a GRanges object with the masked ranges from <genome>. The genomes provided correspond to the masked genomes available in BSgenome::available.genomes.

## **Examples**

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getChromSizes

Get Chrom Sizes

## Description

Helper function which extracts chrom sizes from an RLRanges object.

## Usage

```
getChromSizes(object)
```

## Arguments

object

An RLRanges object.

## Value

A tibble containing chrom sizes

getGSSignal

Get GS Signal

## Description

Extract signal around "gold-standard" R-loop sites

## Usage

```
getGSSignal(coverage, gssignal)
```

## **Arguments**

coverage The path to a .bigWig file (can be a URL) gssignal The GS signal obtained from RLHub.

## Value

A named list containing the results of correlation analysis.

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## **Description**

Helper function that retrieves R-loop-forming sequences as GRanges

## Usage

```
getRLFSAnno(object)
```

## Arguments

object An RLRanges object.

#### Value

A GRanges object with RLFS for that species.

noiseAnalyze	Analyze sample noise	

## **Description**

Analyzes the noiseness of the supplied sample using the method described by *Diaz et al.*. See *details*.

## Usage

```
noiseAnalyze(object, windows = NULL, force = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

object An RLRanges object.

windows Genomics windows to use for quantifying signal. Will be automatically supplied

if not provided. It is recommended NOT to specify this option for most analysis types, as doing so will impair the ability to compare to RLBase samples.

Default: NULL.

force Force noiseAnalyze to run, even if on Windows. Default: FALSE.

#### **Details**

Currently, this does not work on windows.

#### **Method:**

The method used for noise analysis is a minor modification of the method developed by Diaz et al., 2012 and also implemented by the deepTools function, plotFingerprint.

Briefly, if user-supplied RLRanges contain a bigWig coverage file, then the coverage is quantified within random genomic regions (randomWindows). The regions are then ranked. A good signal-to-noise ratio will yield a distribution where most bins have little coverage but a few have very high coverage. Use downstream tools like plotNoise and plotCompareNoise to visualize these results.

#### Value

An RLRanges object with noise analysis results included as a tbl. The result is accessed via rlresults(object, "noiseAnalysis").

## Examples

```
# Example RLRanges object
rlr <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "rlrsmall.rds", package = "RLSeq"))
# noiseAnalyze does not work on Windows OS
if (.Platform$OS.type != "windows") {
    # run noiseAnalyze
    rlr <- noiseAnalyze(rlr)
}</pre>
```

noiseComparisonPlot

Creates a metaplot for comparing noise analysis results with RLBase

#### **Description**

Plots the average standardized signal from noiseAnalyze alongside the samples in RLBase. For this plot, lower average signal indicates better signal to noise ratio. **Note**: This plot may be misleading if you supplied custom windows when running noiseAnalyze.

## Usage

```
noiseComparisonPlot(object, mode = "auto", simple = TRUE, returnData = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

object An RLRanges object with noiseAnalyze already run.

mode A character containing the R-loop data mode to compare against. See details

for more information.

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simple A logical which specifies whether the plot should only show samples where

the prediction and label are the same. Default: TRUE.

returnData If TRUE, plot data is returned instead of plotting. Default: FALSE

#### **Details**

#### Mode:

The mode parameter specifies the R-loop modality to compare the user-supplied sample against in the plot. The default, "auto" specifies that the mode from the supplied RLRanges object will be used. Only one mode can be specified. For a list of applicable modes, see auxdata\$available\_modes.

#### Plot:

The plot is a violin / jitter plot showing the distribution of average values from the noiseAnalyze output across RLBase samples of the selected mode. The user-supplied sample is annotated on the plot.

#### Value

A ggplot2::ggplot object or a tbl if returnData is TRUE.

## **Examples**

```
rlr <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "rlrsmall.rds", package = "RLSeq"))
# Plot RL-Region overlap
noiseComparisonPlot(rlr)
# Return data only
noiseComparisonPlot(rlr, returnData = TRUE)</pre>
```

peak\_stats

Build peak statistics tibble

## **Description**

A helper function for building the peak statistics tibble

## Usage

```
peak_stats(x, xshuff, y, chromSizeTbl, quiet = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

x The R-loop peaks to test.

xshuff x, but shuffled around the genome to build a control peakset.

y The annotations against which to test x.

chromSizeTbl A tibble containing the sizes of each chromosome in x and y. quiet If TRUE, messages will be suppressed. Default: FALSE

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#### Value

A tibble containing the test results.

plotEnrichment

Plot Enrichment Test Results

## **Description**

Creates a list of plots, one for each annotation database (see RLHub::annotations). These plots show the feature enrichment for the user-supplied sample in comparison to the samples in RLBase. This will only work if you did not use custom annotations with featureEnrich.

## Usage

```
plotEnrichment(
  object,
  pred_POS_only = TRUE,
  label_POS_only = FALSE,
  splitby = c("none", "prediction", "label"),
  limits = c(-10, 15),
  returnData = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

## **Arguments**

An RLRanges object with featureEnrich already run. object If TRUE, only "POS" predicted samples included (see also predictCondition). pred\_POS\_only Default: TRUE. label\_POS\_only If TRUE, only "POS" labeled samples included (samples which are expected to robustly map R-loops, e.g., "D210N" condition R-ChIP data). Default: FALSE. Metadata by which to split plots. Can be "none", "prediction", or "label". splitby limits Specify limits on data range. This is used for controlling the infinite estimation of odds ratio resulting from fisher's exact test. To remove limits, set c(-Inf, Inf). Default: c(-10, 15). If TRUE, plot data is returned instead of plot objects. Default: FALSE returnData For internal use.

#### Value

A named list of ggplot2::ggplot objects. Names correspond to the annotations provided. See also featureEnrich.

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## **Examples**

```
# Example dataset with featureEnrich() already run.
rlr <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "rlrsmall.rds", package = "RLSeq"))
# Make plots, split by prediction
plotEnrichment(rlr, pred_POS_only = FALSE, splitby = "prediction")</pre>
```

plotFingerprint

Plot noise analysis results as a fingerprint plot

## **Description**

Plots the results of the noise analysis in noiseAnalyze. Creates a fingerprint plot like those developed by Diaz et al, 2012 and those provided by deepTools.

## Usage

```
plotFingerprint(object)
```

## **Arguments**

object

An RLRanges object with noiseAnalyze already run.

#### **Details**

The term "Fingerprint plot" comes from deepTools.

## Value

A ggplot object. See also ggplot2::ggplot.

- noiseComparisonPlot
- A plot showing the noise analysis results from the user-supplied sample compared to similar samples from RLBase.

## **Examples**

```
# Example RLRanges dataset with analyzeRLFS() already run.
rlr <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "rlrsmall.rds", package = "RLSeq"))
# Plot RLFS res
plotFingerprint(rlr)</pre>
```

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plotRLFSRes	Plot RLFS analysis results

## Description

Plots the results of the R-loop-forming sequences (RLFS) analysis. The plot is a metaplot of the Z score distribution around RLFS with the p value from permutation testing annotated. See also analyzeRLFS.

## Usage

```
plotRLFSRes(object, plotName = NULL, fft = FALSE, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

object	An RLRanges object with analyzeRLFS already run. Alternatively, can be the RLFS results object from an RLRanges (from rlresult(object, "rlfsRes")).
plotName	A Sample name used for plotting. If blank, the RLRanges sampleName metadata entry is used (see RLRanges).
fft	If TRUE, the Fourier transform of the Z-score is plotted instead. Default: FALSE.
	Additional parameters passed to ggplot2::ggplot.

## Value

A ggplot object. See also ggplot2::ggplot.

## **Examples**

```
# Example RLRanges dataset with analyzeRLFS() already run.
rlr <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "rlrsmall.rds", package = "RLSeq"))
# Plot RLFS res
plotRLFSRes(rlr)
# Plot the Fourier transform instead
plotRLFSRes(rlr, fft = TRUE)</pre>
```

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## **Description**

Convenience function for plotting the overlap between RLRanges and R-loop regions (RL regions) as calculated by rlRegionTest.

## Usage

```
plotRLRegionOverlap(object, returnData = FALSE, rlregions_table = NULL, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

object An RLRanges object with rlRegionTest already run.

returnData If TRUE, plot data is returned instead of plotting. Default: FALSE

rlregions\_table

The table of RLRegions to overlap sample ranges with. Obtained from RLHUb using RLHub::rlregions\_meta. Loaded from RLHub if not supplied. Default:

NULL.

... Additional arguments passed to VennDiagram::venn.diagram

## Value

A ggplot2::ggplot object containing the venn diagram. Built using ggplotify::as.ggplot.

## **Examples**

```
# Example dataset with rlRegionTest() already run.
rlr <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "rlrsmall.rds", package = "RLSeq"))
# Plot RL-Region overlap
plotRLRegionOverlap(rlr)
# Return data only
plotRLRegionOverlap(rlr, returnData = TRUE)</pre>
```

plotTxFeatureOverlap
Plot Transcript Feature Overlap

## **Description**

Plots the results of txFeatureOverlap alongside the average from public R-loop datasets. This allows comparison of user-supplied samples with data that is expected to be similar.

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## Usage

```
plotTxFeatureOverlap(object, mode = "auto", returnData = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

object An RLRanges object with txFeatureOverlap already run.

mode A character containing the R-loop data mode to compare against. See details

for more information.

returnData If TRUE, plot data is returned instead of plotting. Default: FALSE

#### **Details**

#### Mode:

The mode parameter specifies the R-loop modality to compare the user-supplied sample against in the plot. The default, "auto" specifies that the mode from the supplied RLRanges object will be used. Only one mode can be specified. For a list of applicable modes, see auxdata\$available\_modes.

## Plot:

The plot is a stacked bar chart showing the proportion of peaks overlapping transcript features for the supplied RLRanges object. Additionally, the average of the txFeatureOverlap analysis for all samples within the specified modes are also shown as a background comparison.

This style of analysis enables a user to see the transcript features overlapping their peaks and compare those results to the average within relevant public datasets.

## Value

A ggplot2::ggplot object or a tbl if returnData is TRUE.

## **Examples**

```
rlr <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "rlrsmall.rds", package = "RLSeq"))
# Plot RL-Region overlap
plotTxFeatureOverlap(rlr)
# Return data only
plotRLRegionOverlap(rlr, returnData = TRUE)</pre>
```

predictCondition

**Predict Condition** 

## **Description**

Uses the results of analyzeRLFS to predict whether a sample is "POS" (robust R-loop mapping) or "NEG" (poor R-loop mapping). See *details*.

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## Usage

```
predictCondition(object, rlfsRes = NULL, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

object	An RLRanges object with analyzeRLFS already run. Ignored if rlfsRes is provided.
rlfsRes	If object not supplied, provide the rlfsRes list which is obtained from rlresult(object, "rlfsRes").
	Internal use only.

#### **Details**

Following R-loop forming sequences (RLFS) analysis, the quality model (see RLHub::models) is implemented for predicting the sample condition in coordination with other results from analyzeRLFS. A prediction of "POS" indicates robust R-loop mapping, whereas "NEG" indicates poor R-loop mapping. The succeeding sections describe this process in greater detail.

## **Application of binary classification model:**

First, the binary classifier is applied, yielding a preliminary prediction of quality. This is accomplished via the following steps:

- 1. Calculate the Fourier transform of the Z-score distribution (see analyzeRLFS).
- 2. Reduce the dimensions to the engineered feature set (see table below).
- 3. Apply the preprocessing model (see RLHub::models) to normalize these features
- 4. Apply the classifier (see RLHub::models) to render a quality prediction.

## Engineered feature set:

Abbreviations: Z, Z-score distribution; ACF, autocorrelation function; FT, Fourier Transform.

feature	description
<b>Z</b> 1	mean of Z
$\mathbb{Z}2$	variance of Z
Zacf1	mean of Z ACF
Zacf2	variance of Z ACF
ReW1	mean of FT of Z (real part)
ReW2	variance of FT of Z (real part)
ImW1	mean of FT of Z (imaginary part)
ImW2	variance of FT of Z (imaginary part)
ReWacf1	mean of FT of Z ACF (real part)
ReWacf2	variance of FT of Z ACF (real part)
ImWacf1	mean of FT of Z ACF (imaginary part)
ImWacf2	variance of FT of Z ACF (imaginary part)

## Final quality prediction:

The results from the binary classifier are combined with other results from analyzeRLFS to yield a final prediction. To yield a prediction of "POS" all the following must be TRUE:

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1. The RLFS Permutation test P value is significant (p < .05). Stored as PVal Significant in the results object.

- 2. The Z-score distribution at 0bp is > 0. Stored as ZApex > 0 in the results object.
- 3. The Z-score distribution at 0bp is > the start and the end. Sored as ZApex > ZEdges in the results object.
- 4. binary The classifier predicts a label of "POS". Stored as Predicted 'POS' in the results object.

#### Value

An RLRanges object with predictions accessible via rlresult(object, "predictRes").

#### **Structure:**

The results object is a named list of the structure:

- Features
  - A tbl with three columns that describe the engineered features used for prediction:
    - \* feature: the name of the feature (see *details*).
    - \* raw\_value: The raw value of that feature in the supplied object.
    - \* processed\_value: The normalized value of that feature after preprocessing (see *details*).
- Criteria
  - The four criteria which must all be TRUE to render a prediction of "POS" (see *details*).
- prediction
  - The final prediction. "POS" indicates robust R-loop mapping, "NEG" indicates poor R-loop mapping.

## **Examples**

```
# Example data with analyzeRLFS already run
rlr <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "rlrsmall.rds", package = "RLSeq"))
# predict condition
rlr <- predictCondition(rlr)
# With rlfsRes
predRes <- predictCondition(rlfsRes = rlresult(rlr, "rlfsRes"))</pre>
```

randomWindows

Random Genomic Windows

## **Description**

A collection of random genomic windows for use with noise Analyze. See the data-raw/genome\_masks.R script for the processing steps.

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## Usage

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## **Format**

An object of class list of length 3.

## **Details**

## **Structure:**

randomWindows is a named list of tbl objects containing ~1000 random genomic regions. The names are the genomes to which the regions correspond.

Columns (mirrors bed3 format).

- 1. chrom the chromosome in UCSC format
- 2. start the starting position
- 3. end the end position

## Examples

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report

RLSeq Report

## Description

Builds an HTML report to showcase the results available in the supplied RLRanges object (see also RLResults).

## Usage

```
report(
  object,
  reportPath = "rlreport.html",
  intermediates_dir = NULL,
  quiet = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

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## **Arguments**

object An RLRanges object.

reportPath A path indicating the report output HTML file. Default: "rlreport.html"

intermediates\_dir

A directory indicating where intermediate files should be stored during report building. If not set, a random directory in tmp/ will be used. Default: NULL.

quiet If TRUE, messages are suppressed. Default: FALSE.

... Arguments passed to rmarkdown::render()

#### Value

**TRUE** 

## **Examples**

```
# Example data with RLSeq() already run.
rlr <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "rlrsmall.rds", package = "RLSeq"))
# Get a TMP file (only for example usae)
tmp <- tempfile()
# Generate the report
report(rlr, reportPath = tmp)</pre>
```

rlbaseNoiseAnalyze

RLBase Sample Noise Analysis Results

## **Description**

Average signal from noise analysis of RLBase samples. See noiseAnalyze for more detail regarding how signal was initially calculated.

## Usage

rlbaseNoiseAnalyze

## **Format**

An object of class tbl\_df (inherits from tbl, data.frame) with 704 rows and 2 columns.

## **Details**

## **Structure:**

rlbaseNoiseAnalyze is a tbl with the following columns:

- rlsample
  - The RLBase sample identifier for the sample.

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- Matches the rlsample column in RLHub::rlbase\_samples
- value
  - The mean signal from noise analysis. See noiseAnalyze.

## **Examples**

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RLRanges-class

Construct RLRanges Dataset

## **Description**

RLRanges is a subclass of GRanges, which stores R-loop peaks and metadata about the R-loop-mapping experiment, along with results from the analyses in RLSeq.

## Usage

```
RLRanges(
  peaks = GenomicRanges::GRanges(),
  coverage = character(1),
  genome = character(1),
  mode = character(1),
  label = character(1),
  sampleName = "User-selected sample",
  qcol = NULL
)
```

## **Arguments**

peaks	Path/URL to peak file or a GRanges object. This file should be in "broadPeak" format if possible. If not, then qcol should be specified.
coverage	Path/URL to the coresponding coverage file (in "bigWig" format). If not supplied, correlation tests will be skipped.
genome	UCSC genome ID. Acceptable types are listed in auxdata (available_genomes entry).
mode	Type of R-loop mapping from which peaks and coverage were derived. Acceptable types are listed in auxdata (available_modes entry). Can be unspecified.
label	"POS" (positive R-loop-mapping sample; e.g., DRIP-Seq S9.6 -RNH1) or "NEG" (negative control sample; e.g., DRIP-Seq S9.6 +RNH1 or Input). Can be unspecified.
sampleName	A unique name for identifying this sample. Can be unspecified.

qcol

The name of the metadata column which contains the score or significance of each peak. For broadPeak (preferred), this is the qvalue (column 11 after accounting for extra columns created during peakset building). If not specified, the last column will be chosen by default. **NOTE**: if supplying narrowPeak form peaks, the last column will NOT be appropriate and QCol should be specified as 11. If FALSE or if no metadata columns exist, it will be left blank and some operations in report() will not fully run.

#### Value

An object of class RLRanges. These objects are an extension of GRanges with the addition of sample metadata entries and RLResults.

## **Examples**

```
# Example dataset
rlbase <- "https://rlbase-data.s3.amazonaws.com"
cvg <- file.path(rlbase, "coverage", "SRX7671349_hg38.bw")
pks <- system.file("extdata", "SRX7671349_hg38.broadPeak", package = "RLSeq")
# Get RLRanges object
rlr <- RLRanges(pks,
    coverage = cvg, genome = "hg38", label = "NEG",
    mode = "RDIP", sampleName = "RDIP-Seq +RNH1", qcol = 9
)</pre>
```

RLRangesFromRLBase

Access RLBase samples as RLRanges

#### **Description**

Accessor function which returns any sample in RLBase as an RLRanges object for use with RLSeq. For a full list of available samples, see RLHub::rlbase\_samples.

#### **Usage**

```
RLRangesFromRLBase(acc, rlsamples = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

acc The sample ID of the RLBase object. See the rlsample column in RLHub::rlbase\_samples.

rlsamples The tibble provided by RLHub::rlbase\_samples. Providing these data ahead of

time speeds up this operation. Default: NULL.

## Value

An RLRanges object with all results available.

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## **Examples**

```
rlr <- RLRangesFromRLBase("SRX1070676")</pre>
```

rlRegionTest

R-Loop region test

#### **Description**

Tests the overlap of user-supplied ranges with R-loop regions (RL regions).

## Usage

```
rlRegionTest(object)
```

## **Arguments**

object

An RLRanges object with genome "hg38".

#### **Details**

R-loop regions (RL regions) are consensus sites of R-loop formation. For more information, see RLHub::rlregions. The rlRegionTest is a simple function which finds the overlap of user-supplied samples with RL regions and calculates Fisher's exact test via valr::bed\_fisher.

## Value

An RLRanges object with test results accessible via rlresult(object, "rlRegionRes").

## **Structure:**

The structure of the results is a named list containing the following:

- Overlap
  - A tbl showing the overlap between RL regions and user-supplied ranges.
  - Column description:
    - \* chrom The chromosome name
    - \* start\_\_peaks The starting position of the user-supplied peak in the overlap.
    - \* end\_\_peaks Same as above for end position.
    - \* name\_\_peaks The name of the user-supplied peak in the overlap (from names (object)).
    - \* start/end/name\_\_rlregion Same as above for RL regions.
    - \* strand\_rlregion The genomic strand of the RL region in the overlap.
    - \* .overlap The size of the overlap.
- Test\_results
  - A tbl showing the results of the Fisher's exact test. See valr::bed\_fisher.

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## **Examples**

```
# Example RLRanges data
rlr <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "rlrsmall.rds", package = "RLSeq"))
# RL Region Test
rlRegionTest(rlr)</pre>
```

rlresult

RLSeq Results

## **Description**

Functions for creating and accessing the R-loop results (RL Results). These are a type of object used for holding the results of the tests implemented in RLSeq. They can be accessed using the rlresult function.

#### **Usage**

```
rlresult(object, resultName)
```

## **Arguments**

object RLRanges object.

resultName Name of the result slot to access. See *details*.

#### **Details**

## **Slot descriptions:**

- featureEnrichment
  - The tbl generated from running featureEnrich.
  - The structure and column descriptions are provided in detail within RLHub::feat\_enrich\_samples.
- correlationMat
  - The matrix generated from running corrAnalyze.
  - Contains pairwise pearson correlations between all samples in RLBase and the supplied RLRanges object.
- rlfsRes
  - The list generated from running analyzeRLFS.
  - See analyzeRLFS for description of structure.
- noiseAnalysis
  - The tbl generated from running noiseAnalyze.
- txFeatureOverlap
  - The tbl generated from running txFeatureOverlap.
- geneAnnoRes
  - The tbl generated from running geneAnnotation.

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- predictRes
  - The list generated from running predictCondition.
- rlRegionRes
  - The list generated from running rlRegionTest.

#### Value

The contents of the requested slot.

## **Examples**

```
rlr <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "rlrsmall.rds", package = "RLSeq"))
rlresult(rlr, "predictRes")</pre>
```

rlsampleTx01

RLBase Sample Transcript Feature Overlaps

## **Description**

Summary statistics from transcript feature overlap analysis of peaks from all RLBase samples.

## Usage

rlsampleTx0l

#### **Format**

An object of class tbl\_df (inherits from tbl, data.frame) with 4754 rows and 4 columns.

## **Details**

#### **Structure:**

rlsampleTxOl is a tbl with the following columns:

- rlsample
  - The RLBase sample identifier for the sample.
  - Matches the rlsample column in RLHub::rlbase\_samples
- feature
  - The transcript feature for which overlap analysis was performed.
  - These features were derived from the Transcript Features collection described in RL-Hub::annotations
- n
  - The raw number of peaks from the sample overlapping a feature.
- pct
  - The proportion of peaks fro the sample overlapping a feature.

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## **Examples**

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## **Description**

Executes the RLSeq analysis workflow.

## Usage

```
RLSeq(object, quiet = FALSE, skip = NULL, ...)
```

## Arguments

```
object An RLRanges object.

quiet If TRUE, messages are suppressed. Default: FALSE.

skip Analysis steps to skip. Default: NULL. See details for options.

... Arguments passed to analyzeRLFS.
```

#### **Details**

The RLSeq() function does all of the following by default:

- 1. **RLFS Perm Test**. Runs the analyzeRLFS function to test the enrichment of user-supplied ranges within R-loop-forming sequences. *Cannot be skipped*.
- 2. **Predict Condition**. Runs the predictCondition function to predict whether the user-supplied sample robustly maps R-loops or not. *Cannot be skipped*.
- 3. **Noise analysis**. Runs the noise Analyze function to analyze the signal-noise distribution within the supplied dataset. Skip with skip="noiseAnalyze".
- 4. **Feature enrichment test**. Runs the featureEnrich function to test the enrichment of user-supplied ranges within R-loop-relevant genomic features. Skip with skip="featureEnrich".
- 5. **Transcript Feature Overlap**. Runs the txFeatureOverlap function to get the overlap of transcript features and user-supplied peaks.
- 6. **Correlation Analysis**. Runs the corrAnalyze function to test the correlation of user-supplied R-loop signal with other samples in RLBase around "gold-standard" R-loop regions. Skip with skip="corrAnalyze".
- 7. **Gene annotation**. Runs the geneAnnotation function to find overlap of genes with the user-supplied ranges. Skip with skip="geneAnnotation".
- 8. **R-loop Region Analysis**. Runs the rlRegionTest function to find the overlap of user-supplied ranges with consensus R-loop sites (RL-Regions). Skip with skip="rlRegionTest".

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## Value

An RLRanges object with results available (see rlresult).

## **Examples**

```
# Example RLRanges
rlr <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "rlrsmall.rds", package = "RLSeq"))
# Run RLSeq
# `useMask=FALSE`, `ntime=10`, and `skip=` for demonstration purposes here.
rlr <- RLSeq(
    rlr,
    useMask = FALSE, ntimes = 10,
    skip = c(
        "featureEnrich", "corrAnalyze", "geneAnnotation", "rlRegionTest"
    )
)</pre>
```

tableToRegions

Table to Regions

## Description

Helper function to Convert "table" format to "regions" format.

## Usage

```
tableToRegions(table)
```

## Arguments

table

A tibble in "Table" format from RLHub.

## Value

A tibble in "regions" format.

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Calculate overlap with transcript features

## Description

Tests the overlap of transcript features with supplied peaks. See details.

## Usage

```
txFeatureOverlap(object, quiet = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

object An RLRanges object.

quiet If TRUE, messages will be suppressed. Default: FALSE

#### **Details**

## Method:

Transcript annotations were curated as part of the RLBase-data workflow and are provided via RLHub::annotations.

In txFeatureOverlap, each annotation "type" (e.g., "Exons", "Introns", etc) is compared to the supplied RLRanges, yielding overlap statistics with the following procedure:

- 1. For each annotation type, the peaks are overlapped with the annotations.
- 2. Then the number of overlapping peaks is counted and summarised using a priority order. This order determines which feature is assigned to a peak when that peak overlaps multiple features. The order is "TSS", "TTS", "5'UTR", "3'UTR", "Exon", "Intron", "Intergenic".

#### Value

An RLRanges object containing the results of the enrichment test accessed via rlresult(object, "txFeatureOverlap"). The results are in tbl format.

## **Examples**

```
# Example RLRanges dataset
rlr <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "rlrsmall.rds", package = "RLSeq"))
# RL Region Test
txFeatureOverlap(rlr)</pre>
```

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Check if URL exists

## Description

Check if URL exists

## Usage

urlExists(urlcon)

## Arguments

urlcon

URL to check

## Value

logical. TRUE if status code 200, FALSE if not

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Pipe operator

## Description

Pipe operator

## Usage

1hs %>% rhs

## Arguments

1hs A value or the magrittr placeholder.

rhs A function call using the magrittr semantics.

## Value

The result of calling rhs(lhs).

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