

# Package ‘msgbsR’

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R functions

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| checkCuts | <i>checkCuts</i> |
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Description

Determines the sequence around a cut site using a fasta file or BSgenome

Usage

checkCuts(cutSites, genome, fasta = FALSE, seq)

Arguments

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| cutSites | A GRanges object containing the locations of the cut sites to be checked for sequence match. The names of the correct cut sites will be returned as a GRanges object. |
| genome   | The path to a fasta file or a BSgenome object to check for genomic sequences.   |
| fasta    | TRUE if a fasta file has been supplied. Default = FALSE   |
| seq      | The desired recognition sequence that the enzyme should have cut.   |

Value

A GRanges object containing the names of the sites that had the correct sequence.

Author(s)

Benjamin Mayne

## Examples

```
library(GenomicRanges)
library(SummarizedExperiment)
library(BSgenome.Rnorvegicus.UCSC.rn6)
# Load the positions of possible MspI cut sites
data(ratdata)
# Extract the cut sites
cutSites <- rowRanges(ratdata)
# Adjust the cut sites to overlap recognition site on each strand
start(cutSites) <- ifelse(test = strand(cutSites) == '+',
                          yes = start(cutSites) - 1, no = start(cutSites) - 2)
end(cutSites) <- ifelse(test = strand(cutSites) == '+',
                        yes = end(cutSites) + 2, no = end(cutSites) + 1)
correctCuts <- checkCuts(cutSites = cutSites, genome = "rn6", seq = "CCGG")
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| cuts | <i>A GRanges object of differentially methylated MspI cut sites on chromosome 20 in Rat from a MS-GBS experiment.</i> |
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## Description

The GRanges object was created from a list of differentially methylated cut sites from a MS-GBS experiment between two groups of rats that were fed either a control diet or a high fat diet.

## Usage

```
data(cuts)
```

## Format

A GRanges object of length 10.

## Details

- Positions of MspI cut sites differentially methylated in the prostate on chromosome 20 in Rats.

The data set contains 10 differentially methylated sites in the prostate between rats fed a control or high fat diet.

## Value

A GRanges object of length 10.

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| diffMeth | <i>diffMeth</i> |
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### Description

Determines differential methylated sites from a RangedSummarizedExperiment

### Usage

```
diffMeth(se, category, condition1, condition2,
         block = NULL, cpmThreshold, thresholdSamples)
```

### Arguments

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|------------------|--|
| se               | A RangedSummarizedExperiment containing meta data of the samples.  |
| category         | The heading name in the sample data to be tested for differential methylation.   |
| condition1       | The reference group within the category.   |
| condition2       | The experimental group within the category.  |
| block            | The heading name in the sample data if differential methylation is to be tested with a blocking factor. Default is NULL. |
| cpmThreshold     | Counts per million threshold of read counts to be filtered out of the analysis.  |
| thresholdSamples | Minimum number of samples to contain the counts per million threshold.   |

### Value

A data frame containing which cut sites that are differentially methylated.

### Author(s)

Benjamin Mayne

### Examples

```
# Load data
data(ratdata2)
top <- diffMeth(se = ratdata2, category = "Group",
               condition1 = "Control", condition2 = "Experimental",
               cpmThreshold = 1, thresholdSamples = 1)
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| msgbsR | <i>msgbsR</i> |
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### Description

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| plotCircos | <i>plotCircos</i> |
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## Description

Plot a circos representing the cut site locations

## Usage

```
plotCircos(cutSites, seqlengths, cutSite.colour, seqlengths.colour)
```

## Arguments

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|-------------------|---|
| cutSites          | A GRanges object containing the locations of the cut sites to be plotted. |
| seqlengths        | An integer with the lengths of the chromosomes.                           |
| cutSite.colour    | The colour of the cut sites.  |
| seqlengths.colour | The colour of the chromosomes   |

## Value

A circos plot showing the locations of the cut sites.

## Author(s)

Benjamin Mayne

## Examples

```
# load example cut site positions
data(cuts)
# Obtain the length of chromosome 20 in rn6
library(BSgenome.Rnorvegicus.UCSC.rn6)
chr20 <- seqlengths(BSgenome.Rnorvegicus.UCSC.rn6)["chr20"]
plotCircos(cutSites = cuts, seqlengths = chr20,
           cutSite.colour = "red", seqlengths.colour = "blue")
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| plotCounts | <i>plotCounts</i> |
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**Description**

Plots the total number of reads vs total number of cut sites per sample

**Usage**

```
plotCounts(se, category)
```

**Arguments**

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| se       | A RangedSummarizedExperiment containing meta data of the samples. |
| category | The heading name in the sample data to distinguish groups.        |

**Value**

Produces a plot showing the total number reads vs total number of cut sites per sample.

**Author(s)**

Benjamin Mayne

**Examples**

```
data(ratdata2)
plotCounts(se = ratdata2, category = "Group")
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| ratdata | <i>Read counts of potential MspI cut sites from a MS-GBS experiment of prostates from rats</i> |
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**Description**

A RangedSummarizedExperiment containing read counts generated from a MS-GBS experiment using the restriction enzyme MspI, focusing on chromosome 20 of Rat.

**Usage**

```
data(ratdata)
```

**Format**

RangedSummarizedExperiment

**Details**

- ratdata A RangedSummarizedExperiment with 16047 potential MspI cut sites on chromosome 20 in Rat and six samples (3 Control and 3 Experimental).

This dataset contains six prostate samples from rats: 3 control and 3 experimental high fat diet.

**Value**

RangedSummarizedExperiment

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| ratdata2 | <i>Read counts of correct MspI cut sites from a MS-GBS experiment of prostates from rats</i> |
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**Description**

A RangedSummarizedExperiment containing read counts generated from a MS-GBS experiment using the restriction enzyme MspI, focusing on chromosome 20 of Rat. The sites have been checked for the correct recognition site.

**Usage**

```
data(ratdata2)
```

**Format**

RangedSummarizedExperiment

**Details**

- ratdata2 A RangedSummarizedExperiment containing data for 13983 MspI cut sites on chromosome 20 in Rat and six samples (3 Control and 3 Experimental).

This dataset contains six prostate samples from rats: 3 control and 3 experimental high fat diet. The data can be used for differential methylation analyses.

**Value**

RangedSummarizedExperiment

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`rawCounts`*rawCounts*

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**Description**

Imports the raw read counts from sorted and indexed bam file(s)

**Usage**

```
rawCounts(bamFilepath, threads = 1)
```

**Arguments**

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|--------------------------|--|
| <code>bamFilepath</code> | The path to the location of the bam file(s).                 |
| <code>threads</code>     | The total number of usable threads to be used. Default is 1. |

**Value**

Produces a `RangedSummarizedExperiment`. Columns are samples and the rows are cut sites. The cut site IDs are in the format `chr:position-position:strand`.

**Author(s)**

Benjamin Mayne, Sam Buckberry

**Examples**

```
my_path <- system.file("extdata", package = "msgbsR")
my_data <- rawCounts(bamFilepath = my_path)
```



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