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Description

Testing CNV regions for effects on the expression level of genes in defined genomic windows.

Usage

```
cnvEQTL(
  cnvrs,
  calls,
  rcounts,
  data,
  window = "1Mbp",
  multi.calls = .largest,
  min.samples = 10,
  min.state.freq = 3,
  de.method = c("edgeR", "limma"),
  padj.method = "BH",
  filter.by.expr = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

cnvrs	A GRanges or character object containing the summarized CNV regions as e.g. obtained with populationRanges. Alternatively, the assay name if the 'data'
	argument is provided.
calls	Either a GRangesList or RaggedExperiment storing the individual CNV calls for each sample. Alternatively, the assay name if 'data' is provided.

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rcounts A RangedSummarizedExperiment or character name storing either the raw RNAseq read counts in a rectangular fashion (genes x samples). Alternatively, the assay name if 'data' is provided. data (optional) A MultiAssayExperiment object with 'cnvrs', 'calls', and 'rcounts' arguments corresponding to assay names. window Numeric or Character. Size of the genomic window in base pairs by which each CNV region is extended up- and downstream. This determines which genes are tested for each CNV region. Character notation is supported for convenience such as "100kbp" (same as 100000) or "1Mbp" (same as 1000000). Defaults to "1Mbp". Can also be set to NULL to test against all genes included in the analysis. multi.calls A function. Determines how to summarize the CN state in a CNV region when there are multiple (potentially conflicting) calls for one sample in that region. Defaults to .largest, which assigns the CN state of the call that covers the largest part of the CNV region tested. A user-defined function that is passed on to qreduceAssay can also be provided for customized behavior. Integer. Minimum number of samples with at least one call overlapping the min.samples CNV region tested. Defaults to 10. See details. min.state.freq Integer. Minimun number of samples in each CNV state being tested. Defaults to 3. de.method Character. Differential expression method. Defaults to "edgeR". Character. Method for adjusting p-values to multiple testing. For available methpadj.method ods see the man page of the function p. adjust. Defaults to "BH". Logical. Include only genes with sufficiently large counts in the DE analysis? If filter.by.expr TRUE, excludes genes not satisfying a minimum number of read counts across samples using the filterByExpr function from the edgeR package. Defaults to

Details

verbose

TRUE.

Association testing between CNV regions and RNA-seq read counts is carried out using edgeR, which applies generalized linear models (GLMs) based on the negative-binomial distribution while incorporating normalization factors for different library sizes.

Logical. Display progress messages? Defaults to FALSE.

In the case of only one CN state deviating from 2n for a CNV region under investigation, this reduces to the classical 2-group comparison. For more than two states (e.g. 0n, 1n, 2n), edgeR's ANOVA-like test is applied to test all deviating groups for significant expression differences relative to 2n.

To avoid artificial effects due to low expression of a gene or insufficient sample size in deviating groups, it is typically recommended to exclude from the analysis (i) genes with fewer than r reads per million reads mapped (cpm, counts per million) in the maximally expressed sample group, and (ii) CNV regions with fewer than s samples in a group deviating from 2n. Use the min.cpm and min.samples arguments, respectively.

When testing local effects (adjacent or coinciding genes of a CNV region), suitable thresholds for candidate discovery are r=3, s=4, and a nominal significance level of 0.05; as such effects have a clear biological indication and the number of genes tested is typically small.

For distal effects (i.e. when testing genes far away from a CNV region) more stringent thresholds such as r = 20 and s = 10 for distal effects in conjunction with multiple testing correction using a conservative adjusted significance level such as 0.01 is typically recommended (due to power considerations and to avoid detection of spurious effects).

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Value

A DataFrame containing measures of association for each CNV region and each gene tested in the genomic window around the CNV region.

Author(s)

Ludwig Geistlinger

References

Geistlinger et al. (2018) Widespread modulation of gene expression by copy number variation in skeletal muscle. Sci Rep, 8(1):1399.

See Also

findOverlaps to find overlaps between sets of genomic regions,

qreduceAssay to summarize ragged genomic location data in defined genomic regions,

glmQLFit and glmQLFTest to conduct negative binomial generalized linear models for RNA-seq read count data.

```
# (1) CNV calls
states <- sample(c(0,1,3,4), 17, replace=TRUE)
calls <- GRangesList(</pre>
      sample1 = GRanges( c("chr1:1-10", "chr2:15-18", "chr2:25-34"), state=states[1:3]),
sample2 = GRanges( c("chr1:1-10", "chr2:11-18", "chr2:25-36"), state=states[4:6] ),
sample3 = GRanges( c("chr1:2-11", "chr2:14-18", "chr2:26-36"), state=states[7:9] ),
      sample4 = GRanges( c("chr1:1-12", "chr2:18-35" ), state=states[10:11] ),
    sample5 = GRanges( c("chr1:1-12", "chr2:11-17" , "chr2:26-34"), state=states[12:14] ) ,
sample6 = GRanges( c("chr1:1-12", "chr2:12-18" , "chr2:25-35"), state=states[15:17] )
)
# (2) summarized CNV regions
cnvrs <- populationRanges(calls, density=0.1)</pre>
# (3) RNA-seq read counts
genes <- GRanges(c("chr1:2-9", "chr1:100-150", "chr1:200-300",</pre>
                          "chr2:16-17", "chr2:100-150", "chr2:200-300", "chr2:26-33"))
y <- matrix(rnbinom(42, size=1, mu=10), 7, 6)</pre>
names(genes) <- rownames(y) <- paste0("gene", 1:7)</pre>
colnames(y) <- paste0("sample", 1:6)</pre>
library(SummarizedExperiment)
rse <- SummarizedExperiment(assays=list(counts=y), rowRanges=granges(genes))</pre>
# (4) perform the association analysis
res <- cnvEQTL(cnvrs, calls, rse,</pre>
                    min.samples = 1, min.state.freq = 1, filter.by.expr = FALSE)
```

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cnvGWAS Run the CNV-GWAS

Description

Wraps all the necessary functions to run a CNV-GWAS using the output of setupCnvGWAS function.

(i) Produces the GDS file containing the genotype information (if produce.gds == TRUE), (ii) Produces the requested inputs for a PLINK analysis, (iii) run a CNV-GWAS analysis using a linear model (i.e. 1m function), and (iv) export a QQ-plot displaying the adjusted p-values. In this release only the p-value for the copy number is available (i.e. 'P(CNP)').

Usage

```
cnvGWAS(
  phen.info,
  n.cor = 1,
  min.sim = 0.95,
  freq.cn = 0.01,
  snp.matrix = FALSE,
  method.m.test = "fdr",
  lo.phe = 1,
  chr.code.name = NULL,
  genotype.nodes = "CNVGenotype",
  coding.translate = "all",
  path.files = NULL,
  list.of.files = NULL,
  produce.gds = TRUE,
  run.lrr = FALSE,
  assign.probe = "min.pvalue",
  correct.inflation = FALSE,
  both.up.down = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

phen.info	Returned by setupCnvGWAS
n.cor	Number of cores to be used
min.sim	Minimum CNV genotype distribution similarity among subsequent probes. Default is 0.95 (i.e. 95%)
freq.cn	Minimum CNV frequency where 1 (i.e. 100%), or all samples deviating from diploid state. Default 0.01 (i.e. 1%)
snp.matrix	Only FALSE implemented - If TRUE B allele frequencies (BAF) would be used to reconstruct CNV-SNP genotypes
method.m.test	Correction for multiple tests to be used. FDR is default, see p.adjust for other methods.
lo.phe	The phenotype to be analyzed in the PhenInfo\$phenotypesSam data-frame
chr.code.name	A data-frame with the integer name in the first column and the original name for each chromosome

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genotype.nodes Expression data type. Nodes with CNV genotypes to be produced in the gds file. coding.translate

For 'CNVgenotypeSNPlike'. If NULL or unrecognized string use only biallelic CNVs. If 'all' code multiallelic CNVs as 0 for loss; 1 for 2n and 2 for gain.

path.files Folder containing the input CNV files used for the CNV calling (i.e. one text

file with 5 collumns for each sample). Columns should contain (i) probe name,

(ii) Chromosome, (iii) Position, (iv) LRR, and (v) BAF.

list.of.files Data-frame with two columns where the (i) is the file name with signals and (ii)

is the correspondent name of the sample in the gds file

produce.gds logical. If TRUE produce a new gds, if FALSE use gds previously created

run.lrr If TRUE use LRR values instead absolute copy numbers in the association

assign.probe 'min.pvalue' or 'high.freq' to represent the CNV segment

correct.inflation

logical. Estimate lambda from raw p-values and correct for genomic inflation.

Use with argument method.m. test to generate strict p-values.

both.up.down Check for CNV genotype similarity in both directions. Default is FALSE (i.e.

only downstream)

verbose Show progress in the analysis

Value

The CNV segments and the representative probes and their respective p-value

Author(s)

Vinicius Henrique da Silva

References

da Silva et al. (2016) Genome-wide detection of CNVs and their association with meat tenderness in Nelore cattle. PLoS One, 11(6):e0157711.

See Also

link{setupCnvGWAS} to setup files needed for the CNV-GWAS.

```
# Load phenotype-CNV information
data.dir <- system.file("extdata", package="CNVRanger")

phen.loc <- file.path(data.dir, "Pheno.txt")
cnv.out.loc <- file.path(data.dir, "CNVOut.txt")
map.loc <- file.path(data.dir, "MapPenn.txt")

phen.info <- setupCnvGWAS('Example', phen.loc, cnv.out.loc, map.loc)

# Define chr correspondence to numeric, if necessary
df <- '16 1A
25 4A
29 25LG1
30 25LG2</pre>
```

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```
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chr.code.name <- read.table(text=df, header=FALSE)
segs.pvalue.gr <- cnvGWAS(phen.info, chr.code.name=chr.code.name)</pre>
```

cnvOncoPrint

OncoPrint plot for CNV regions

Description

Illustrates overlaps between CNV calls and genomic features across a sample population.

Usage

```
cnvOncoPrint(
  calls,
  features,
  multi.calls = .largest,
  top.features = 25,
  top.samples = 100,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

calls Either a GRangesList or RaggedExperiment storing the individual CNV calls

for each sample.

features A GRanges object containing the genomic features of interest, typically genes.

Feature names are either expected as a meta-column symbol or as the names of

the object.

multi.calls A function. Determines how to summarize the CN state in a CNV region when

there are multiple (potentially conflicting) calls for one sample in that region. Defaults to .largest, which assigns the CN state of the call that covers the largest part of the CNV region tested. A user-defined function that is passed on

to qreduceAssay can also be provided for customized behavior.

top. features integer. Restricts the number of features for plotting to features experiencing

highest alteration frequency. Defaults to 25. Use -1 to display all features.

top.samples integer. Restricts the number of samples for plotting to samples experiencing

highest alteration frequency. Defaults to 100. Use -1 to display all samples.

... Additional arguments passed on to ComplexHeatmap::oncoPrint

Value

None. Plots to a graphics device.

Author(s)

Ludwig Geistlinger

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See Also

```
ComplexHeatmap::oncoPrint
```

Examples

generateGDS

Produce CNV-GDS for the phenotyped samples

Description

Function to produce the GDS file in a probe-wise fashion for CNV genotypes. The GDS file which is produced also incorporates one phenotype to be analyzed. If several phenotypes are enclosed in the 'phen.info' object, the user may specify the phenotype to be analyzed with the 'lo.phe' parameter. Only diploid chromosomes should be included.

Usage

```
generateGDS(
  phen.info,
  freq.cn = 0.01,
  snp.matrix = FALSE,
  lo.phe = 1,
  chr.code.name = NULL,
  genotype.nodes = c("CNVGenotype", "CNVgenotypeSNPlike"),
  coding.translate = NULL,
  n.cor = 1
)
```

```
phen.info Returned by setupCnvGWAS freq.cn Minimum frequency. Default is 0.01 (i.e. 1%)
```

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Only FALSE implemented. If TRUE, B allele frequencies (BAF) and SNP genotypes would be used to reconstruct CNV-SNP genotypes - under development

10.phe The phenotype to be analyzed in the PhenInfo\$phenotypesSam dataframe

chr.code.name A data-frame with the integer name in the first column and the original name in the second for each chromosome previously converted to numeric

genotype.nodes Nodes with CNV genotypes to be produced in the gds file. Use 'CNVGenotype' for dosage-like genotypes (i.e. from 0 to Inf). Use 'CNVgenotypeSNPlike' alongside for SNP-like CNV genotype in a separated node (i.e. '0, 1, 2, 3, 4' as '0/0, 0/1, 1/1, 1/2, 2/2').

coding.translate

For 'CNVgenotypeSNPlike'. If NULL or unrecognized string use only biallelic

CNVs. If 'all' code multiallelic CNVs as 0 for loss; 1 for 2n and 2 for gain.

Number of cores

n.cor

probes.cnv.gr Object with information about all probes to be used in the downstream CNV-GWAS. Only numeric chromosomes

Author(s)

Value

Vinicius Henrique da Silva

```
# Load phenotype-CNV information
data.dir <- system.file("extdata", package="CNVRanger")

phen.loc <- file.path(data.dir, "Pheno.txt")
cnv.out.loc <- file.path(data.dir, "CNVOut.txt")
map.loc <- file.path(data.dir, "MapPenn.txt")

phen.info <- setupCnvGWAS('Example', phen.loc, cnv.out.loc, map.loc)

# Construct the data-frame with integer and original chromosome names

# Define chr correspondence to numeric, if necessary
df <- '16 1A
25 4A
29 25LG1
30 25LG2
31 LGE22'

chr.code.name <- read.table(text=df, header=FALSE)
probes.cnv.gr <- generateGDS(phen.info, chr.code.name=chr.code.name)</pre>
```

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importLrrBaf

Import LRR and BAF from text files used in the CNV analysis

Description

This function imports the LRR/BAF values and create a node for each one in the GDS file at the working folder 'Inputs' created by the setupCnvGWAS function. Once imported, the LRR values can be used to perform a GWAS directly as an alternative to copy number dosage

Usage

```
importLrrBaf(
  all.paths,
  path.files,
  list.of.files,
  gds.file = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

all.paths	Object returned from CreateFolderTree function with the working folder tree
path.files	Folder containing the input CNV files used for the CNV calling (i.e. one text file with 5 collumns for each sample). Columns should contain (i) probe name, (ii) Chromosome, (iii) Position, (iv) LRR, and (v) BAF.
list.of.files	Data-frame with two columns where the (i) is the file name with signals and (ii) is the correspondent name of the sample in the gds file
gds.file	Path to the GDS file which contains nodes harboring respective LRR and BAF values. The 'snp.rs.id', 'sample.id', 'LRR' and 'BAF' nodes are mandatory. Both the SNPs and samples should follow the order and length in the CNV.gds (located at all.paths["Inputs"] folder). 'path.files' and 'list.of.files' will be ignored if 'gds.file' is not NULL
verbose	Print the samples while importing

Value

Writes to the specified GDS file by side effect.

Author(s)

Vinicius Henrique da Silva

```
# Load phenotype-CNV information
data.dir <- system.file("extdata", package="CNVRanger")
phen.loc <- file.path(data.dir, "Pheno.txt")
cnv.out.loc <- file.path(data.dir, "CNVOut.txt")
map.loc <- file.path(data.dir, "MapPenn.txt")</pre>
```

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```
phen.info <- setupCnvGWAS('Example', phen.loc, cnv.out.loc, map.loc)

# Extract path names
all.paths <- phen.info$all.paths

# List files to import LRR/BAF
list.of.files <- list.files(path=data.dir, pattern="cnv.txt.adjusted$")
list.of.files <- as.data.frame(list.of.files)
colnames(list.of.files)[1] <- "file.names"
list.of.files$sample.names <- sub(".cnv.txt.adjusted$", "", list.of.files$file.names)

# All missing samples will have LRR = '0' and BAF = '0.5' in all SNPs listed in the GDS file importLrrBaf(all.paths, data.dir, list.of.files)

# Read the GDS to check if the LRR/BAF nodes were added cnv.gds <- file.path(all.paths["Inputs"], 'CNV.gds')
genofile <- SNPRelate::snpgdsOpen(cnv.gds, allow.fork=TRUE, readonly=FALSE)
SNPRelate::snpgdsClose(genofile)</pre>
```

plotEQTL

Plot EQTL region

Description

Illustrates differential expression of genes in the neighborhood of a CNV.

Usage

```
plotEQTL(cnvr, genes, genome, cn = "CN1", cex = 0.8)
```

Arguments

cnvr	A GRanges of length 1, containing the genomic coordinates of the CNV region of interest.
genes	GRanges containing genes in the neighborhood of the CNV region of interest.
genome	Character. A valid UCSC genome assembly ID such as 'hg19' or 'bosTau6'.
cn	Character. Copy number state of interest.
cex	A numerical value giving the amount by which gene names should be magnified. Default is 0.8. Use smaller values to decrease font size.

Value

None. Plots to a graphics device.

Author(s)

Ludwig Geistlinger

See Also

Gviz::plotTracks

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Examples

```
# CNV region of interest
cnvr <- GRanges("chr1:7908902-8336254")

# Two genes in the neighborhood
genes <- c("chr1:8021714-8045342:+", "chr1:8412464-8877699:-")
names(genes) <- c("PARK7", "RERE")
genes <- GRanges(genes)

# Annotate differential expression for 1-copy loss
genes$logFC.CN1 <- c(-0.635, -0.728)
genes$AdjPValue <- c(8.29e-09, 1.76e-08)

# plot
plotEQTL(cnvr, genes, genome="hg19", cn="CN1")</pre>
```

plotManhattan

Manhattan Plot

Description

Manhattan plot for p-values of a CNV-GWAS

Usage

```
plotManhattan(all.paths, regions, chr.size.order, plot.pdf = FALSE)
```

Arguments

all.paths Object returned from CreateFolderTree function with the working folder tree

regions GRanges as returned by cnvGWAS

chr.size.order data.frame with two columns: (i) 'chr': chromosome names (character), and

(ii) 'size': length of the chromosomes in bp (integer). A GRanges containing one chromosome per range can be used instead (the chromosomes should be in

the expected order).

plot.pdf Logical plot a to pdf file

Value

Plots to graphics device.

Author(s)

Vinicius Henrique da Silva

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Examples

```
# Load phenotype-CNV information
data.dir <- system.file("extdata", package="CNVRanger")</pre>
phen.loc <- file.path(data.dir, "Pheno.txt")</pre>
cnv.out.loc <- file.path(data.dir, "CNVOut.txt")</pre>
map.loc <- file.path(data.dir, "MapPenn.txt")</pre>
phen.info <- setupCnvGWAS('Example', phen.loc, cnv.out.loc, map.loc)</pre>
all.paths <- phen.info$all.paths
segs.pvalue.gr <- cnvGWAS(phen.info)</pre>
# Define the chromosome order in the plot
order.chrs <- c(1:24, "25LG1", "25LG2", 27:28, "LGE22", "1A", "4A")
# Chromosome sizes
chr.size.file <- file.path(data.dir, "Parus_major_chr_sizes.txt")</pre>
chr.sizes <- scan(chr.size.file)</pre>
chr.size.order <- data.frame(chr=order.chrs, sizes=chr.sizes, stringsAsFactors=FALSE)</pre>
# Plot Manhatthan to a pdf within the 'Results' workfolder
plotManhattan(all.paths, segs.pvalue.gr, chr.size.order)
```

plotRecurrentRegions Plot recurrent CNV regions

Description

Illustrates summarized CNV regions along a chromosome.

Usage

```
plotRecurrentRegions(regs, genome, chr, pthresh = 0.05)
```

Arguments

regs A GRanges. Typically the result of populationRanges with est.recur=TRUE. genome Character. A valid UCSC genome assembly ID such as 'hg19' or 'bosTau6'. chr Character. A UCSC-style chromosome name such as 'chr1'.

pthresh Numeric. Significance threshold for recurrence. Defaults to 0.05.

Value

None. Plots to a graphics device.

Author(s)

Ludwig Geistlinger

See Also

Gviz::plotTracks

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Examples

populationRanges

Summarizing CNV ranges across a population

Description

In CNV analysis, it is often of interest to summarize individual calls across the population, (i.e. to define CNV regions), for subsequent association analysis with e.g. phenotype data.

Usage

```
populationRanges(
   grl,
   mode = c("density", "RO"),
   density = 0.1,
   ro.thresh = 0.5,
   multi.assign = FALSE,
   verbose = FALSE,
   min.size = 2,
   classify.ranges = TRUE,
   type.thresh = 0.1,
   est.recur = FALSE
)
```

grl	A GRangesList.
mode	Character. Should population ranges be computed based on regional density ("density") or reciprocal overlap ("RO"). See Details.
density	Numeric. Defaults to 0.1.
ro.thresh	Numeric. Threshold for reciprocal overlap required for merging two overlapping regions. Defaults to 0.5.
multi.assign	Logical. Allow regions to be assigned to several region clusters? Defaults to FALSE.

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verbose Logical. Report progress messages? Defaults to FALSE.

min.size Numeric. Minimum size of a summarized region to be included. Defaults to 2

bp.

classify.ranges

Logical. Should CNV frequency (number of samples overlapping the region)

and CNV type (gain, loss, or both) be annotated? Defaults to TRUE.

type.thresh Numeric. Required minimum relative frequency of each CNV type (gain / loss)

to be taken into account when assigning CNV type to a region. Defaults to 0.1. That means for a region overlapped by individual gain and loss calls that both types must be present in >10 in order to be typed as 'both'. If gain or loss calls

are present below the threshold they are ignored.

est.recur Logical. Should recurrence of regions be assessed via a permutation test? De-

faults to FALSE. See Details.

Details

• CNVRuler procedure that trims region margins based on regional density

Trims low-density areas (usually <10% of the total contributing individual calls within a summarized region).

An illustration of the concept can be found here: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22539667 (Figure 1)

• Reciprocal overlap (RO) approach (e.g. Conrad et al., Nature, 2010)

Reciprocal overlap of 0.51 between two genomic regions A and B:

requires that B overlaps at least 51% of A, *and* that A also overlaps at least 51% of B Approach:

At the top level of the hierarchy, all contiguous bases overlapping at least 1bp of individual calls are merged into one region. Within each region, we further define reciprocally overlapping regions with the following algorithm:

- Calculate reciprocal overlap (RO) between all remaining calls.
- Identify pair of calls with greatest RO. If RO > threshold, merge and create a new CNV.
 If not, exit.
- Continue adding unclustered calls to the region, in order of best overlap. In order to add
 a call, the new call must have > threshold to all calls within the region to be added. When
 no additional calls may be added, move to next step.
- If calls remain, return to 1. Otherwise exit.
- GISTIC procedure (Beroukhim et al., PNAS, 2007) to identify recurrent CNV regions GISTIC scores each CNV region with a G-score that is proportional to the total magnitude of CNV calls in each CNV region. In addition, by permuting the locations in each sample, GISTIC determines the frequency with which a given score would be attained if the events were due to chance and therefore randomly distributed. A significance threshold can then be used to determine scores / regions that are unlikely to occur by chance alone.

Value

A GRanges object containing the summarized CNV ranges.

Author(s)

Ludwig Geistlinger, Martin Morgan

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References

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Conrad et al. (2010) Origins and functional impact of copy number variation in the human genome. Nature, 464(7289):704-12.

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See Also

findOverlaps

Examples

```
grl <- GRangesList(
    sample1 = GRanges( c("chr1:1-10", "chr2:15-18", "chr2:25-34") ),
    sample2 = GRanges( c("chr1:1-10", "chr2:11-18", "chr2:25-36") ),
    sample3 = GRanges( c("chr1:2-11", "chr2:14-18", "chr2:26-36") ),
    sample4 = GRanges( c("chr1:1-12", "chr2:18-35") ),
    sample5 = GRanges( c("chr1:1-12", "chr2:11-17", "chr2:26-34") ),
    sample6 = GRanges( c("chr1:1-12", "chr2:11-17", "chr2:25-35") )
)

# default as chosen in the original CNVRuler procedure
populationRanges(grl, density=0.1, classify.ranges=FALSE)

# density = 0 merges all overlapping regions,
# equivalent to: reduce(unlist(grl))
populationRanges(grl, density=0, classify.ranges=FALSE)

# density = 1 disjoins all overlapping regions,
# equivalent to: disjoin(unlist(grl))
populationRanges(grl, density=1, classify.ranges=FALSE)

# RO procedure
populationRanges(grl, mode="RO", ro.thresh=0.5, classify.ranges=FALSE)</pre>
```

setupCnvGWAS

Setup the folders and files to run CNV-GWAS analysis

Description

This function creates the (i) necessary folders in disk to perform downstream analysis on CNV genome-wide association and (ii) import the necessary input files (i.e. phenotypes, probe map and CNV list) from other locations in disk.

Usage

```
setupCnvGWAS(
  name,
  phen.loc,
```

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```
cnv.out.loc,
map.loc = NULL,
folder = NULL,
pops.names = NULL,
n.cor = 1
)
```

Arguments

name	String with a project code or name (e.g. 'Project1')
phen.loc	Path/paths to the tab separated text file containing phenotype and sample info. When using more than one population, for populations without phenotypes include the string 'INEXISTENT' instead the path for a file.
cnv.out.loc	Path(s) to the CNV analysis output (i.e. PennCNV output, SNP-chip general format or sequencing general format). It is also possible to use a RaggedExperiment or a GRangesList object instead if the run includes only one population.
map.loc	Path to the probe map (e.g. used in PennCNV analysis). Column names containing probe name, chromosome and coordinate must be named as: Name, Chr and Position. Tab delimited. If NULL, artificial probes will be generated based on the CNV breakpoints.
folder	Choose manually the project folder (i.e. path as the root folder). Otherwise, user-specific data dir will be used automatically.
pops.names	Indicate the name of the populations, if using more than one.
n.cor	Number of cores

Details

The user can import several phenotypes at once. All information will be stored in the list returned by this function. The user should be aware although several phenotypes can be imported, the cnvGWAS or generateGDS functions will handle only one phenotype per run.

Value

List 'phen.info' with 'samplesPhen', 'phenotypes', 'phenotypesdf', 'phenotypesSam', 'FamID', 'SexIds', 'pops.names' (if more than one population) and 'all.paths'

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```
data.dir <- system.file("extdata", package="CNVRanger")
phen.loc <- file.path(data.dir, "Pheno.txt")
cnv.out.loc <- file.path(data.dir, "CNVOut.txt")
map.loc <- file.path(data.dir, "MapPenn.txt")
phen.info <- setupCnvGWAS('Example', phen.loc, cnv.out.loc, map.loc)</pre>
```

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