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alongChrom	<i>A function for plotting expression data from an ExpressionSet for a given chromosome.</i>
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### Description

Given a particular ExpressionSet object, a chromLocation object, and a chromosome name, will plot selected ExpressionSet data using various methods.

### Usage

```
alongChrom(eSet, chrom, specChrom, xlim, whichGenes,
plotFormat=c("cumulative", "local", "image"),
xloc=c("equispaced", "physical"),
scale=c("none", "zscale", "rankscale", "rangescale", "zrobustscale"),
geneSymbols=FALSE, byStrand=FALSE, colors="red", lty=1, type="S",
...)
```

### Arguments

eSet	The ExpressionSet object to be used.
chrom	The desired chromosome.
specChrom	An object of type chromLocation for the species being represented.
xlim	A pair of values - either character or integer, which will denote the range of genes to display (based on base pair: either directly in the case of integers, or using the locations of the named genes if character). If not supplied, the entire chromosome is used.
whichGenes	If supplied, will limit the displayed genes to the ones provided in this vector.
xloc	Determines whether the X axis points (gene names) will be displayed according to their relative position on the chromosome (physical), or spaced evenly (equispaced). Default is equispaced.
plotFormat	Determines the method which to plot the data.
scale	Determines what method of scaling will be applied to the data. Default is none.
geneSymbols	Notes whether to use Affy IDs or Gene Symbols, default is Affy IDs
byStrand	Determines whether to show the entire plot at once, or a split plot by strands. Default is a singular plot

lty	A vector of line types, which will be cycled.
type	Plot type, from par. Defaults to "S".
colors	A vector of colors for the plots, which will be cycled.
...	Any remaining graphics commands may be passed along as per plot()

### Details

The genes on the chromosome of interest are extracted from the `chromLocation` object passed in, which are then intersected with the genes listed in the `ExpressionSet`. These remaining genes will then be plotted according to the `plotFormat` argument. If `image` is specified, an image plot is created showing the expression levels of the samples by gene, using a colour map to denote the levels. If `cumulative` is chosen, the cumulative expression level is plotted against the genes for each sample. Likewise, if `local` is used, the raw data is plotted for each sample against the genes using a boxplot format.

Not all parameters are honored for all plotformats. `xloc`, `lty`, and `type` are only used with the `cumulative` plotformat.

### Author(s)

Jeff Gentry

### Examples

```
data(sample.ExpressionSet)
## A bit of a hack to not have a package dependency on hgu95av2
## but need to fiddle w/ the warn level to not fail the example anyways.
curWarn <- options(warn=0)
on.exit(options(curWarn), add=TRUE)
if (require("hgu95av2.db")) {
  z <- buildChromLocation("hgu95av2")
  lty <- c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5)
  cols <- c("red", "green", "blue", "orange", "magenta", "black")
  cols <- cols[sample.ExpressionSet$type]
  if (interactive()) {
    par(ask=TRUE)
  }

  ## Here we're using xlim to denote a physical region to display
  xlim <- c(87511280,127717880)
  for (xl in c("equispaced", "physical"))
    for (sc in c("none","rangescale"))
    {
      alongChrom(sample.ExpressionSet, "1", z, xlim=xlim, xloc=xl,
        plotFormat="cumulative", scale=sc,lty=lty, colors=cols)
    }

  ## Here we're looking for specific genes
  which <- c("31540_at","31583_at", "31508_at", "31529_at", "31439_f_at",
    "31729_at")
  ## Gene "31529_at" does not exist in the current set of genes,
  ## here it demonstrates how genes not available are dropped.
  for (xl in c("equispaced", "physical"))
    for (sc in c("none","rangescale"))
    {
      alongChrom(sample.ExpressionSet, "1", z, which=which, xloc=xl,
```

```
        plotFormat="cumulative", scale=sc,lty=lty, col=cols)
    }

    ## Do an image plot
    for (bs in c(TRUE,FALSE))
        alongChrom(sample.ExpressionSet, "1",z, xlim=xlim, plotFormat="image",
            scale="zscale", byStrand=bs)

    ## A boxplot
    for (st in c(TRUE,FALSE))
        alongChrom(sample.ExpressionSet, "1", z, plotFormat="local",
            colors=cols, byStrand=st)
} else print("Example can not be run without the hgu95av2 data package")
```

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amplicon.plot

*Create an amplicon plot*

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## Description

Given a two-sample test statistic and an ExpressionSet this function plots regions of the genome that are either highly expressed (in red) or have low expression (blue) differentially in the two groups.

## Usage

```
amplicon.plot(ESET, FUN, genome)
```

## Arguments

ESET	an object of class ExpressionSet
FUN	A two sample test function suitable for <a href="#">esApply</a> .
genome	A character string of the base name for the annotation.

## Details

In some genetic studies we are interested in finding regions of the genome where there are a set of highly expressed genes in some subgroup of the population. This set of highly (or lowly) expressed genes is often of great interest. For example in breast cancer the HER-2 gene is on an amplicon. In some patients approximately 5 genes located near HER-2 are all amplified.

These plot should help in the search for such regions.

## Value

No value is returned. This function is executed purely for side effect.

## Author(s)

Robert Gentleman

## See Also

[esApply](#), [make.chromOrd](#)

## Examples

```
##none yet; takes too long
```

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cColor

*A function for marking specific probes on a cPlot.*

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## Description

Given a set of probes, will highlight them in the color desired on a plot which has already been created via the function `cPlot()`.

## Usage

```
cColor(probes, color, plotChroms, scale=c("relative","max"), glen=0.4,  
      ...)
```

## Arguments

probes	The probes that are being highlighted.
color	A vector of colors, recycled as necessary, to highlight the probes.
plotChroms	An object of type <code>chromLocation</code> which contains all the gene information to be plotted.
scale	Whether to plot the graph scaled absolutely or relative by chromosome. Default is absolute.
glen	The length of the gene line plotted.
...	Additional graphics arguments, passed to <code>segments</code> , which is used to draw the vertical ticks.

## Details

It is important to call the function `cPlot()` first. This function will then search for the specific locations of the probes desired, which are contained within the `plotChroms` instance of a `chromLocation` class. It will then pass these on to the plotting routine to highlight the desired locations. NOTE: It is important that `plotChroms`, `scale` and `glen` parameters are the same as used for `cPlot()`.

## Author(s)

Jeff Gentry

## See Also

[cPlot](#), [chromLocation-class](#)

## Examples

```

if (require("hgu95av2.db")) {
  z <- buildChromLocation("hgu95av2")
  cPlot(z)
  probes <- c("266_s_at", "31411_at", "610_at", "failExample")
  cColor(probes, "red", z)
  probes2 <- c("960_g_at", "41807_at", "931_at", "39032_at")
  cColor(probes2, "blue", z)
} else
  print("Need hgu95av2.db data package for the example")

```

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cPlot

*A plotting function for chromosomes.*

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## Description

Given a chromLocation object, will plot all the gene locations from that object.

## Usage

```

cPlot(plotChroms, useChroms=chromNames(plotChroms),
      scale=c("relative", "max"), fg="white", bg="lightgrey",
      glen=0.4, xlab="", ylab="Chromosome",
      main = organism(plotChroms), ...)

```

## Arguments

plotChroms	An object of type chromLocation which contains all the gene information to be plotted.
useChroms	A vector of chromosome names to be used in the plot. Default is to use all the chromosomes from the plotChroms object.
scale	Passed on to cScale as it's scale argument. Determines whether the graph is scaled on a relative or absolute basis.
fg	The colour to be used for the genes. Default is white.
bg	The colour to be used for the background of the plot. Defaults to lightgrey.
glen	A scaling factor applied to the plotted length of each gene. Defaults to 0.4 - it is recommended that this not be set larger than 0.5 as it will cause overlap between chromosomes.
xlab	A label for the x axis.
ylab	A label for the y axis.
main	A main label for the plot.
...	Additional graphics arguments, passed to segments, which is used to draw the vertical ticks.

## Details

This function will first use the lengths of the chromosomes, stored in the object to create scaling factors for the X axis. Once the scaling factors are determined, the chromLocation object which is passed in is used to determine all the gene locations/strand information/etc, which is then plotted for the user.

**Author(s)**

Jeff Gentry

**See Also**[cScale](#), [cColor](#), [chromLocation-class](#)**Examples**

```
## A bit of a hack to not have a package dependency on hgu95av2
## but need to fiddle w/ the warn level to not fail the example anyways.

curWarn <- options(warn=0)
on.exit(options(curWarn), add=TRUE)
if (require("hgu95av2.db")) {
  z <- buildChromLocation("hgu95av2")

  if (interactive()) {
    curPar <- par(ask=TRUE)
    on.exit(par(curPar), add=TRUE)
  }

  for (sc in c("max", "relative"))
    cPlot(z, c("1", "5", "10", "X", "Y"), sc)
} else print("This example can not be run without hgu95av2 data package")
```

cScale

*A function for mapping chromosome length to a number of points.***Description**

Given a number of points (generally representing the number of points on a plot's axis), and a vector of chromosome lengths - will generate a vector of the same length as the one passed in containing scaling factors for each chromosome.

**Usage**

```
cScale(points, cLengths, method=c("max", "relative"), chrom)
```

**Arguments**

points	The number of points to scale the chromosome length to.
cLengths	A vector of chromosome lengths.
method	Determines whether to use relative or absolute scaling. Default is "max" (absolute).
chrom	Which chrom to determine the scale for

**Details**

The scale factor is calculated in a manner based on the method argument. If method is max, the factor is derived by dividing the points argument by each chromosome's length (in base pairs). If the method chosen is relative, then the scale is determined by dividing the points argument by the maximum chromosome length, and applying that value to each chromosome.

**Author(s)**

Jeff Gentry

**See Also**[cPlot](#)**Examples**

```
## A bit of a hack to not have a package dependency on hgu95av2
## but need to fiddle w/ the warn level to not fail the example anyways.
curWarn <- options(warn=0)
on.exit(options(warn), add=TRUE)
if (require("hgu95av2.db")) {
  z <- buildChromLocation("hgu95av2")

  for (sc in c("max","relative"))
    scale <- cScale(1000, chromLengths(z),sc,"Y")
} else print("This example needs the hgu95av2 data package")
```

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expressionSet133a      *A small dataset for testing*

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**Description**

An artificial Affymetrix hgu133a dataset, with one covariate 'cov1'.

**Usage**

```
data(expressionSet133a)
```

**Format**

The data are artificial. There are 6 cases labeled 1 to 6 and 22283 genes as in an Affymetrix U133a chips. There is one covariate (factor) whose values are "type 1" for the first 3 samples and "type 2" for the last 3 samples.

**Examples**

```
data(expressionSet133a)
```

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GetColor

*A function to get the Red-Blue color scheme used by dChip*

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### Description

A simple, vectorized function that computes a Red/Blue color for plotting microarray expression data.

### Usage

```
GetColor(value, GreenRed=FALSE, DisplayRange=3)
dChip.colors(n)
greenred.colors(n)
```

### Arguments

value	The vector of expression values.
GreenRed	If TRUE the Green-Red colors are produced, otherwise Red-Blue are produced.
DisplayRange	A parameter controlling the range of value's that will be plotted.
n	An integer saying how many colors to be in the palette.

### Details

GetColor is a simple mapping into RGB land provided by Cheng Li. `dChip.colors` provides functionality similar to that of `topo.colors` for the red-blue colors used for genome plots. `greenred.colors` does the same for the green-black-red gradient.

### Value

A vector of RGB colors suitable for plotting in R.

### Author(s)

R. Gentleman, based on an original by C. Li.

### Examples

```
set.seed(10)
x <- rnorm(10)
GetColor(x)
dChip.colors(10)
```

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groupedHeatmap                      *Heatmap of a matrix with grouped rows and columns*

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### Description

The function uses `grid.rect` and `grid.rect` to draw a heatmap with grouped rows and columns.

### Usage

```
groupedHeatmap(z, frow, fcol,
  fillcolours = c("#2166ac", "#4393c3", "#92c5de", "#d1e5f0", "#fefefe", "#fddbc7", "#f4a582", "#d6604d",
  bordercolour = "#e0e0e0",
  zlim = range(z, na.rm=TRUE))
```

### Arguments

<code>z</code>	A matrix with row and column names.
<code>frow</code>	A factor of length <code>nrow(z)</code> indicating the row grouping.
<code>fcol</code>	A factor of length <code>ncol(z)</code> indicating the column grouping.
<code>fillcolours</code>	A character vector of colours from which the colour map is obtained through interpolation.
<code>bordercolour</code>	Either a character vector of length 1, specifying the border colour of the heatmap tiles, or NULL or NA, which indicates that the border colour should match the fill colour.
<code>zlim</code>	Lower and upper limit of <code>z</code> values represented in the colour map.

### Details

The function can be called within other drawing operations from the `grid` package, e.g. within a viewport.

### Value

The function is called for its side effect, drawing text and rectangles on the current viewport.

### Author(s)

Wolfgang Huber <http://www.ebi.ac.uk/huber>

### See Also

[grid.text](#), [grid.rect](#)

### Examples

```
data("mtcars")

groupedHeatmap(
  scale(mtcars),
  frow = factor(sapply(strsplit(rownames(mtcars), " "), "[", 1)),
  fcol = factor(round(seq_len(ncol(mtcars))/3)))
```

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histStack	<i>Stacked histogram</i>
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## Description

Stacked histogram

## Usage

```
histStack(x, breaks, breaksFun=paste, ylab="frequency", ...)
```

## Arguments

x	A list of numeric vectors.
breaks	Histogram breaks, as in <a href="#">hist</a>
breaksFun	Function, can be used to control the formatting of the bin labels. See example.
ylab	Label for the Y-axis on the plot
...	Further arguments that get passed to <a href="#">barplot</a>

## Details

The function calls [hist](#) for each element of x and plots the frequencies as a stacked barplot using [barplot](#) with `beside=FALSE`.

## Value

The function is called for its side effect, producing a barplot on the active graphics device. It returns the result of the call to [barplot](#).

## Author(s)

Wolfgang Huber <http://www.ebi.ac.uk/huber>

## Examples

```
x <- list(rnorm(42), rnorm(42)+2)
br <- seq(-3, 5, length=13)
cols <- c("#1D267B", "#ceffc0")
histStack(x, breaks=br, col=cols)

histStack(x, breaks=br, col=cols,
          breaksFun=function(z) paste(signif(z, 3)))
```

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 imageMap-methods

 Write an HTML IMG tag together with a MAP image map.
 

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### Description

Write an HTML IMG tag together with a MAP image map.

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'matrix,connection,list,character'
imageMap(object, con, tags, imgname)
```

### Arguments

object	Matrix with 4 columns, specifying the coordinates of the mouse-sensitive region . Each row specifies the corners of a rectangle within the image, in the following order: (left x, lower y, right x, upper y). Note that the point (x=0, y=0) is at the left upper side of the image.
con	Connection to which the image map is written.
tags	Named list whose elements are named character vectors. Names must correspond to node names in object. See details.
imgname	Character. Name of the image file (for example PNG file) that contains the plot.

### Details

The most important tags are TITLE, HREF, and TARGET. If the list tags contains an element with name TITLE, then this must be a named character vector containing the tooltips that are to be displayed when the mouse moves over a node. The names of the nodes are specified in the names attribute of the character vector and must match those of object.

Similarly, HREF may be used to specify hyperlinks that the browser can follow when the mouse clicks on a node, and TARGET to specify the target browser window.

Currently, only rectangular regions are implemented; the actual shape of the nodes as specified in object is ignored. Also, tags for edges of the graph are currently not supported.

This function is typically used with the following sequence of steps:

1. generate your graphic and save it as a bitmap file, e.g. using the jpeg, png, or bitmap device. At this stage, you also need to figure out the pixel coordinates of the interesting regions within your graphic. Since the mapping between device coordinates and pixel coordinates is not obvious, this may be a little tricky. See the examples below, and for a more complex example, see the source code of the function [plotPlate](#).
2. open an HTML page for writing and write HTML header, e.g. using the [openHtmlPage](#) function.
3. Call the [imageMap](#) function.
4. Optionally, write further text into the HTML connection.
5. Close HTML file, e.g. using the [closeHtmlPage](#) function.

### Value

The function is called for its side effect, which is writing text into the connection con.

**Author(s)**

Wolfgang Huber <http://www.dkfz.de/abt0840/whuber>

**See Also**

[plotPlate](#), [writeLines](#)

**Examples**

```
f1 = paste(tempfile(), ".html", sep="")
f2 = paste(tempfile(), ".html", sep="")
fpng = tempfile()

if(capabilities()["png"]) {
  ## create the image
  colors = c("#E41A1C", "#377EB8", "#4DAF4A", "#984EA3", "#FF7F00", "#FFFF33", "#A65628", "#F781BF", "#999999")
  width = 512
  height = 256
  png(fpng, width=width, height=height)
  par(mai=rep(0,4))
  plot(0,xlim=c(0,width-1),ylim=c(0,height-1),xaxs="i",yaxs="i",type="n",bty="n")
  cx=floor(runif(100)*(width-1))
  cy=floor(runif(100)*(height-1))
  coord=cbind(cx, cy, cx+10, cy+10)
  rect(coord[,1], height-coord[,2], coord[,3], height-coord[,4],
        col=sample(colors, 100, replace=TRUE))
  text(width/2, height-3, "Klick me!", adj=c(0.5, 1), font=2)
  dev.off()

  ## create the frame set
  cat("<html><head><title>Hello world</title></head>\n",
      "<frameset rows=\"280,*\" border=\"0\">\n",
      "<frame name=\"banner\" src=\"file://\", f2, \">\n",
      "<frame name=\"main\" scrolling=\"auto\">\n",
      "</frameset>", sep="", file=f1)

  ## create the image map
  href =sample(c("www.bioconductor.org", "www.r-project.org"),nrow(coord),replace=TRUE)
  title =sample(as.character(packageDescription("genepLOTter")),nrow(coord),replace=TRUE)
  con = file(f2, open="w")
  imageMap(coord, con,
            list(HREF=paste("http://", href, sep=""),
                 TITLE=title, TARGET=rep("main", nrow(coord))), fpng)
  close(con)

  cat("Now have a look at file ", f1, " with your browser.\n", sep="")
}
```

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make.chromOrd

*Make a chromOrd object*

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**Description**

This function makes a chromOrd object.

**Usage**

```
make.chromOrd(genome, gnames)
```

**Arguments**

genome	A character string.
gnames	A character vector of the genes to be selected.

**Details**

This function reads in a lot of annotation data and creates a list with one element for each chromosome. The elements of this list are indices indicating the order of the genes that are on that chromosome (and in the annotation data set being used).

**Value**

A list of chromOrd type. One element for each chromosome. Suitable for reordering other values according to the chromosomal location.

**Author(s)**

Robert Gentleman

**See Also**

[amplicon.plot](#)

**Examples**

```
data(sample.ExpressionSet)
make.chromOrd("hgu95A", featureNames(sample.ExpressionSet))
```

---

Makesense

*Produce Smoothed Sense/Anti-sense For All Chromosomes*

---

**Description**

'Makesense' takes either an ExpressionSet object or a matrix of gene expressions and will produce a smoothed positive and negative strands for all chromosomes.

**Usage**

```
Makesense(expr, lib, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>expr</code>	Either an <code>ExpressionSet</code> or a matrix of gene expressions with genes as rows and columns as samples.
<code>lib</code>	The name of the Bioconductor annotation data package that will be used to provide mappings from probes to chromosomal locations, such as <code>hgu95av2.db</code> or <code>hgu133a.db</code> . If <code>expr</code> is an <code>ExpressionSet</code> , the argument defaults to the annotation slot of the <code>ExpressionSet</code> .
<code>...</code>	Currently, the only optional argument is <code>f</code> , the smoother span to be passed to <code>'lowess'</code> . Its value should be in the interval of (0,1). This gives the proportion of points in the plot which influence the smooth at each value. Larger values give more smoothness. The default value for this argument is 1/10.

**Details**

The `expr` argument can either be of class `ExpressionSet` or `matrix`, where the latter represents the matrix of gene expressions.

If the `expr` argument is an `ExpressionSet`, the `lib` argument will use the annotation slot. Users can override this behaviour and supply their own `lib` argument if they wish. If the `ExpressionSet` has no value associated with the annotation slot (which should not happen, but is possible) then the user must supply the `lib` argument manually or the function will throw an error.

**Value**

A list of 2 components:

<code>ans2</code>	a <code>list</code> , whose components correspond to samples in the same order as appearing in the columns of <code>'expr'</code> . Each component is also a <code>list</code> , named by chromosomes "1"- "22", "X" and "Y". Each named component is again a <code>list</code> with two elements named "posS" and "negS", corresponding to the positive and negative strands of a chromosome, each of which is an object returned by <code>'lowess'</code> .
<code>lib</code>	A string giving the name of the annotation data package to use. Optional if <code>expr</code> is an <code>ExpressionSet</code> .

**Author(s)**

Robert Gentleman and Xiaochun Li

**See Also**

[plotChr](#)

**Examples**

```
if (require("hgu133a.db")) {
  data(expressionSet133a)
  esetobj <- Makesense(exprs(expressionSet133a), "hgu133a")
  esetobj2 <- Makesense(expressionSet133a[1:200, ])
}
```

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multiecdf	<i>Multiple empirical cumulative distribution functions (ecdf) and densities</i>
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## Description

Plot multiple empirical cumulative distribution functions (ecdf) and densities with a user interface similar to that of [boxplot](#). The usefulness of `multiecdf` is variable, depending on the data and the smoothing kernel. `multiecdf` will in many cases be preferable. Please see [Details](#).

## Usage

```

multiecdf(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'formula'
multiecdf(formula, data = NULL, xlab, na.action = NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'matrix'
multiecdf(x, xlab, ...)
## S3 method for class 'list'
multiecdf(x,
  xlim,
  col = brewer.pal(9, "Set1"),
  main = "ecdf",
  xlab,
  do.points = FALSE,
  subsample = 1000L,
  legend = list(
    x = "right",
    legend = if(is.null(names(x))) paste(seq(along=x)) else names(x),
    fill = col),
  ...)

multidensity(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'formula'
multidensity(formula, data = NULL, xlab, na.action = NULL, ...)
## S3 method for class 'matrix'
multidensity(x, xlab, ...)
## S3 method for class 'list'
multidensity(x,
  bw = "nrd0",
  xlim,
  ylim,
  col = brewer.pal(9, "Set1"),
  main = if(length(x)==1) "density" else "densities",
  xlab,
  lty = 1L,
  legend = list(
    x = "topright",
    legend = if(is.null(names(x))) paste(seq(along=x)) else names(x),
    fill = col),
  density = NULL,
  ...)

```

**Arguments**

formula	a formula, such as $y \sim \text{grp}$ , where $y$ is a numeric vector of data values to be split into groups according to the grouping variable <code>grp</code> (usually a factor).
data	a <code>data.frame</code> (or list) from which the variables in <code>formula</code> should be taken.
na.action	a function which indicates what should happen when the data contain NAs. The default is to ignore missing values in either the response or the group.
x	methods exist for: <code>formula</code> , <code>matrix</code> , <code>data.frame</code> , list of numeric vectors.
bw	the smoothing bandwidth, see the manual page for <a href="#">density</a> . The length of <code>bw</code> needs to be either 1 (in which case the same is used for all groups) or the same as the number of groups in <code>x</code> (in which case the corresponding value of <code>bw</code> is used for each group).
xlim	Range of the x axis. If missing, the data range is used.
ylim	Range of the y axis. If missing, the range of the density estimates is used.
col, lty	Line colors and line type.
main	Plot title.
xlab	x-axis label.
do.points	logical; if TRUE, also draw points at the knot locations.
subsample	numeric or logical of length 1. If numeric, and larger than 0, subsamples of that size are used to compute and plot the ecdf for those elements of <code>x</code> with more than that number of observations. If logical and TRUE, a value of 1000 is used for the subsample size.
legend	a list of arguments that is passed to the function <a href="#">legend</a> .
density	a list of arguments that is passed to the function <a href="#">density</a> .
...	Further arguments that get passed to the plot functions.

**Details**

*Density estimates:* `multidensity` uses the function [density](#). If the density of the data-generating process is smooth on the real axis, then the output from this function tends to produce results that are good approximations of the true density. If, however, the true density has steps (this is in particular the case for quantities such as p-values and correlation coefficients, or for some distributions that have weight only on the positive numbers, or only on integer numbers), then the output of this function tends to be misleading. In that case, please either use `multiecdf` or histograms, or try to improve the density estimate by setting the `density` argument (`from`, `to`, `kernel`).

*Bandwidths:* the choice of the smoothing bandwidths in `multidensity` can be problematic, in particular, if the different groups vary with respect to range and/or number of data points. If curves look excessively wiggly or overly smooth, try varying the arguments `xlim` and `bw`; note that the argument `bw` can be a vector, in which case it is expected to align with the groups.

**Value**

For the `multidensity` functions, a list of [density](#) objects.

**Author(s)**

Wolfgang Huber

**See Also**

[boxplot](#), [ecdf](#), [density](#)

**Examples**

```
words = strsplit(packageDescription("geneplotter")$Description, " ")[[1]]
factr = factor(sample(words, 2000, replace = TRUE))
x = rnorm(length(factr), mean=as.integer(factr))

multiecdf(x ~ factr)
multidensity(x ~ factr)
```

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openHtmlPage

*Open and close an HTML file for writing.*

---

**Description**

Open and close an HTML file for writing..

**Usage**

```
openHtmlPage(name, title="")
closeHtmlPage(con)
```

**Arguments**

name	Character. File name ( <i>without</i> the extension '.html').
title	Character. Value of the title tag in the HTML header.
con	Connection.

**Details**

See example.

**Value**

For openHtmlPage, a [connections](#).

**Author(s)**

Wolfgang Huber <http://www.dkfz.de/abt0840/whuber>

**Examples**

```
fn <- tempfile()
con <- openHtmlPage(fn, "My page")
writeLines("Hello world", con)
closeHtmlPage(con)
readLines(paste(fn, ".html", sep=""))
```

plotChr

*Plot Smoothed Sense/Anti-sense of Specified Chromosomes***Description**

For a given chromosome, plot the smooths of the sense and the anti-sense from 5' to 3' (left to right on x-axis).

**Usage**

```
plotChr(chrN, senseObj, cols = rep("black", length(senseObj[[1]])), log = FALSE, xloc = c("equispaced", "physical"))
```

**Arguments**

chrN	The desired chromosome, e.g. for humans it would be a character string in the set of c(1:22, "X", "Y").
senseObj	The result of Makesense.
cols	A vector of colors for the lines in the plot, typically specified according to a certain phenotype of samples.
log	Logical, whether log-transformation should be taken on the smoothed expressions.
xloc	Determines whether the "Representative Genes" will be displayed according to their relative positions on the chromosome (physical), or spaced evenly (equispaced). Default is equispaced.
geneSymbols	Logical, whether to use Affy IDs or Gene Symbols for "Representative Genes", default is Affy IDs.
ngenes	Desired number of "Representative Genes". The number of actual displayed genes may differ.
lines.at	A vector of Affy IDs. Vertical lines will be drawn at specified genes.
lines.col	A vector of colors associated with lines.at.

**Author(s)**

Robert Gentleman and Xiaochun Li

**See Also**

[Makesense](#)

**Examples**

```
example(Makesense)

if (interactive())
  op <- par(ask=TRUE)

cols <- ifelse(expressionSet133a$cov1=="test 1", "red", "green")
plotChr("21", esetobj, cols)

# plot on log-scale:
```

```

plotChr("21", esetobj, cols, log=TRUE)

# genesymbol instead of probe names:

plotChr("21", esetobj, cols, log=TRUE, geneSymbols=TRUE)

# add vertical lines at genes of interest:

gs <- c("220372_at", "35776_at", "200943_at")
plotChr("21", esetobj, cols, log=TRUE, geneSymbols=FALSE, lines.at=gs)

# add vertical lines at genes of interest
# with specified colors:

gs <- c("220372_at", "35776_at", "200943_at")
cc <- c("blue", "cyan", "magenta")
plotChr("21", esetobj, cols, log=TRUE, geneSymbols=FALSE, lines.at=gs,
lines.col=cc)
if (interactive())
  par(op)

```

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plotExpressionGraph    *A function to plot a graph colored by expression data*

---

## Description

Given a graph and expression data for one entity, will plot the graph with the nodes colored according to the expression levels provided.

## Usage

```
plotExpressionGraph(graph, nodeEGmap, exprs, ENTREZIDenvir, mapFun, log = FALSE, nodeAttrs = list())
```

## Arguments

graph	The graph to plot
nodeEGmap	A list with element names being node names and the elements being EntrezLink IDs corresponding to those node names.
exprs	A vector of expression data, with names being Affymetrix IDs and values being the expression level.
ENTREZIDenvir	An environment mapping Affymetrix IDs to EntrezLink IDs, such as the ones provided in the xxx2ENTREZID environments from the Bioconductor data packages (where xxx) is a data package).
mapFun	A function to map expression levels to colors.
log	Whether or not the expression data.
nodeAttrs	A list of node attributes, as per plot.graph.
...	Any extra arguments to be passed to plot.graph.



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plotMA-methods      *Generate an MA plot*

---

### Description

Generate a plot of log fold change versus mean expression (MA plot)

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'data.frame'
plotMA( object, ylim = NULL,
        colNonSig = "gray32", colSig = "red3", colline = "#ff000080",
        log = "x", cex=0.45, xlab="mean expression", ylab="log fold change", ... )
```

### Arguments

object	A data.frame with (at least) three columns, the first containing the mean expression values (for the x-axis), the second the logarithmic fold change (for the y-axis) and the third a logical vector indicating significance (for the colouring of the dots).
ylim	The limits for the y-axis. If missing, an attempt is made to choose a sensible value. Dots exceeding the limits will be displayed as triangles at the limits, pointing outwards.
colNonSig	colour to use for non-significant data points.
colSig	colour to use for significant data points.
colline	colour to use for the horizontal (y=0) line.
log	which axis/axes should be logarithmic; will be passed to <a href="#">plot</a> .
cex	The cex parameter for <a href="#">plot</a> .
xlab	The x-axis label.
ylab	The y-axis label.
...	Further parameters to be passed through to <a href="#">plot</a> .

### Examples

```
plotMA(
  data.frame(
    `M` = exp(rexp(1000)),
    `A` = rnorm(1000) -> tmp,
    `isde` = abs(tmp)>2)
)
```

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`savepng`*Save the contents of the current graphics device to a file*

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### Description

Save the contents of the current graphics device to file

### Usage

```
savepdf(fn, dir, width=6, asp=1)
saveeps(fn, dir, width=6, asp=1)
savepng(fn, dir, width=480, asp=1)
savetiff(fn, dir, density=360, keeppdf=TRUE, ...)
```

### Arguments

<code>fn</code>	character: name of the output file (without extension). An extension <code>.pdf</code> , <code>.eps</code> , <code>.png</code> , or <code>.tiff</code> will be added automatically.
<code>dir</code>	character: directory to which the file should be written.
<code>width</code>	numeric: width of the image in pixels (png) or inches (pdf, eps).
<code>asp</code>	numeric: aspect ratio; <code>height=width*asp</code> .
<code>density</code>	pixels per inch (see Details).
<code>keeppdf</code>	Should the intermediate PDF file (see Details) be kept? If <code>FALSE</code> , it is deleted before the function returns.
<code>...</code>	Further arguments that are passed on to <code>savepdf</code> (see Details).

### Details

The functions are called for their side effect, writing a graphics file.

`savepdf`, `savepng`, and `saveeps` use the devices `pdf`, `png`, and `postscript`, respectively.

There is currently no TIFF device for R, so `savetiff` works differently. It relies on the external tool `convert` from the ImageMagick software package. First, `savetiff` produces a PDF files with `savepdf`, then uses `system` to invoke `convert` with the parameter `density`. `savetiff` does **not** check for the existence of `convert` or the success of the system call, and returns silently no matter what.

### Value

Character: name of the file that was written.

### Author(s)

Wolfgang Huber <http://www.dkfz.de/abt0840/whuber>

### See Also

[dev.copy](#), [pdf](#), [png](#), [postscript](#)

**Examples**

```
x = seq(0, 20*pi, len=1000)
plot(x*sin(x), x*cos(x), type="l")

try({ ## on some machines, some of the devices may not be available
  c(
    savepdf("spiral", dir=tempdir()),
    savepng("spiral", dir=tempdir()),
    saveeps("spiral", dir=tempdir()),
    savetiff("spiral", dir=tempdir())
  )
})
```

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