Package 'motifbreakR'

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Title A Package For Predicting The Disruptiveness Of Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms On Transcription Factor Binding Sites

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Description We introduce motifbreakR, which allows the biologist to judge in the first place whether the sequence surrounding the polymorphism is a good match, and in the second place how much information is gained or lost in one allele of the polymorphism relative to another. MotifbreakR is both flexible and extensible over previous offerings; giving a choice of algorithms for interrogation of genomes with motifs from public sources that users can choose from; these are 1) a weighted-sum probability matrix, 2) log-probabilities, and 3) weighted by relative entropy. MotifbreakR can predict effects for novel or previously described variants in public databases, making it suitable for tasks beyond the scope of its original design. Lastly, it can be used to interrogate any genome curated within Bioconductor (currently there are 32 species, a total of 109 versions).

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calculatePvalue	*Calculate the significance of the matches for the reference and alternate alleles for the for their PWM*

Description

Calculate the significance of the matches for the reference and alternate alleles for the for their PWM

Usage

```
calculatePvalue(
  results,
  background = c(A = 0.25, C = 0.25, G = 0.25, T = 0.25),
  granularity = NULL,
  BPPARAM = BiocParallel::SerialParam()
)
```

Arguments

results	The output of motifbreakR that was run with filterp=TRUE
background	Numeric Vector; the background probabilities of the nucleotides
granularity	Numeric Vector; the granularity to which to round the PWM, larger values compromise full accuracy for speed of calculation. A value of NULL does no rounding.
BPPARAM	a BiocParallel object see [register](#) and see getClass("BiocParallelParam") for additional parameter classes. Try BiocParallel::registered() to see what's available and for example BiocParallel::bpparam("SerialParam") would allow serial evaluation.

Details

This function is intended to be used on a selection of results produced by [motifbreakR](#), and this can be (although not always) a very memory and time intensive process if the algorithm doesn't converge rapidly.

Value

a GRanges object. The same Granges object that was input as results, but with Refpvalue and Altpvalue columns in the output modified from NA to the p-value calculated by [TFMsc2pv](#). Additionally a pvalueEffect column that indicates "strong" when the lower p-value (between ref and alt) is an order of magnitude or more different from the higher p-value, otherwise weak.

Source

H\'el\'ene Touzet and Jean-St\'ephane Varr\'e (2007) Efficient and accurate P-value computation for Position Weight Matrices. Algorithms for Molecular Biology, **2: 15**.

See Also

See [TFMsc2pv](#) from the **TFMPvalue** package for information about how the p-values are calculated.

Examples

```
data(example.results)
rs1006140 <- example.results[example.results$SNP_id %in% "rs1006140"]
# low granularity for speed; 1e-6 or 1e-7 recommended for accuracy
rs1006140 <- calculatePvalue(rs1006140, BPPARAM=BiocParallel::SerialParam(), granularity = 1e-4)
```

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encodemotif	*MotifDb object containing motif information from the known and discovered motifs for the ENCODE TF ChIP-seq datasets.*

Description

From the abstract: "Recent advances in technology have led to a dramatic increase in the number of available transcription factor ChIP-seq and ChIP-chip data sets. Understanding the motif content of these data sets is an important step in understanding the underlying mechanisms of regulation. Here we provide a systematic motif analysis for 427 human ChIP-seq data sets using motifs curated from the literature and also discovered de novo using five established motif discovery tools. We use a systematic pipeline for calculating motif enrichment in each data set, providing a principled way for choosing between motif variants found in the literature and for flagging potentially problematic data sets. Our analysis confirms the known specificity of 41 of the 56 analyzed factor groups and reveals motifs of potential cofactors. We also use cell type-specific binding to find factors active in specific conditions. The resource we provide is accessible both for browsing a small number of factors and for performing large-scale systematic analyses. We provide motif matrices, instances and enrichments in each of the ENCODE data sets. The motifs discovered here have been used in parallel studies to validate the specificity of antibodies, understand cooperativity between data sets and measure the variation of motif binding across individuals and species."

Usage

```
encodemotif
```

Format

MotifDb object of length 2064; to access metadata use mcols(encodemotif)

providerName Name provided by ENCODE

providerId Same as providerName

dataSource `"ENCODE-motif"`

geneSymbol Gene symbol for the transcription factor

geneId Entrez gene id for the transcription factor

geneIdType `"ENTREZ"`

proteinId UNIPROT id for the transcription factor

proteinIdType `"UNIPROT"`

organism `"Hsapiens"`

sequenceCount NA not available

bindingSequence Consensus sequence for the motif

bindingDomain NA incomplete

tfFamily NA incomplete

experimentType occurs in two forms:

For motifs that were discovered in this study, the format is `cellType_source-LabMetadata:MotifFinder#Locati` for example H1-hESC_encode-Myers_seq_hsa_v041610.2_r1:MEME#2#Intergenic.

For motifs that were "known" the format tends to be `TF_source_sourceId` for example `AP1_jaspar_MA0099.2`.

pubmedID `"24335146"` see Source for more details

Details

Load with `data(encodemotif)`

Value

[MotifList-class](#) object

Source

Pouya Kheradpour and Manolis Kellis (2013 December 13) Systematic discovery and characterization of regulatory motifs in ENCODE TF binding experiments. Nucleic Acids Research, doi:10.1093/nar/gkt1249

See Also

http://compbio.mit.edu/encode-motifs/

Examples

```
data(encodemotif)
encodemotif
```

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example.results	*Example Results from motifbreakR*

Description

This contains example results from motifbreaker for use in examples from the help docs

Usage

```
example.results
```

Format

[GRanges](#) output from motifbreakR

Value

[GRanges](#) object. See [motifbreakR](#) for information on it's structure.

Examples

```
data(example.results)
example.results
```

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exportMBbed   *Export motifbreakR variants to bed file*

Description

Export motifbreakR variants to bed file

Usage

```
exportMBbed(results, file, name = NULL, color = "effect_size")
```

Arguments

results   The output of `motifbreakR`

file   Character; the file name of the destination file

name   Character; name for the BED track, defaults to "motifbreakR results"

color   Character; one of ref_sig (Refpvalue), alt_sig (Altpvalue), best_sig (lowest
                 between Refpvalue and Altpvalue), (each of which require pre-computation
                 of p-values with `calculatePvalue`), or ref_score (pctRef), alt_score (pctAlt),
                 best_score (highest between pctRef and pctAlt), or the default value of ef-
                 fect_size (alleleDiff).

Value

exportMBbed produces an output BED file, with diverging color scale for effect_size (blue repre-
senting stronger binding in REF, red representing stronger binding in ALT), or a sequential color
scale otherwise (low values as purple, high values as yellow). The score column is either the ef-
fect_size (alleleDiff column), the -log10(p-value) (capped at 10), corresponding to Refpvalue,
Altpvalue, or the best match of the two, or the score pctRef, pctAlt, or the highest match of the
two. The name column is formatted SNP_id:REF/ALT:providerId. Additionally a color key is
returned indicating the range of values for each color output.

See Also

See `exportMBtable` for the function that exports the full motifbreakR results as a tab or comma
separated table file.

Examples

```
data(example.results)
example.results

exportMBbed(example.results, file = "mb_test_output.bed", color = "effect_size")
```

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exportMBtable   *Export motifbreakR results to csv or tsv*

Description

Export motifbreakR results to csv or tsv

Usage

```
exportMBtable(results, file, format = "tsv")
```

Arguments

results	The output of `motifbreakR`
file	Character; the file name of the destination file
format	Character; one of tsv (tab separated values) or csv (comma separated values)

Value

`exportMBtable` produces an output file containing the output of the `motifbreakR` function.

See Also

See exportMBbed for the function that exports the `motifbreakR` results as a BED file, colored by selected score.

Examples

```
data(example.results)
example.results

exportMBtable(example.results, file = "mb_test_output.tsv", format = "tsv")
```

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factorbook   *MotifDb object containing motif information from around the genomic regions bound by 119 human transcription factors in Factorbook.*

Description

From the abstract: "Chromatin immunoprecipitation coupled with high-throughput sequencing (ChIP-seq) has become the dominant technique for mapping transcription factor (TF) binding regions genome-wide. We performed an integrative analysis centered around 457 ChIP-seq data sets on 119 human TFs generated by the ENCODE Consortium. We identified highly enriched sequence motifs in most data sets, revealing new motifs and validating known ones. The motif sites (TF binding sites) are highly conserved evolutionarily and show distinct footprints upon DNase I digestion. We frequently detected secondary motifs in addition to the canonical motifs of the TFs, indicating tethered binding and cobinding between multiple TFs. We observed significant position and orientation preferences between many cobinding TFs. Genes specifically expressed in a cell line are often associated with a greater occurrence of nearby TF binding in that cell line. We observed

cell-line-specific secondary motifs that mediate the binding of the histone deacetylase HDAC2 and the enhancer-binding protein EP300. TF binding sites are located in GC-rich, nucleosome-depleted, and DNase I sensitive regions, flanked by well-positioned nucleosomes, and many of these features show cell type specificity. The GC-richness may be beneficial for regulating TF binding because, when unoccupied by a TF, these regions are occupied by nucleosomes in vivo. We present the results of our analysis in a TF-centric web repository Factorbook (<http://factorbook.org>) and will continually update this repository as more ENCODE data are generated."

Usage

```
factorbook
```

Format

[MotifDb](#) object of length 79; to access metadata use mcols(factorbook)

providerName Name listed in meme output of 'Supp TableS2.pdf' for the citation indicated below

providerId Same as providerName

dataSource "FactorBook"

geneSymbol NA these motifs don't have a direct 1 to 1 relationship with a transcription factor

geneId NA

geneIdType NA

proteinId NA

proteinIdType NA

organism "Hsapiens"

sequenceCount NA

bindingSequence Consensus sequence for the motif

bindingDomain NA

tfFamily NA

experimentType NA

pubmedID "22955990" see Source for more details

Details

Load with data(factorbook)

Value

[MotifList-class](#) object

Source

J Wang, J Zhuang, S Iyer, XY Lin, et al. (2012) Sequence features and chromatin structure around the genomic regions bound by 119 human transcription factors. Genome Research, **22 (9)**, 1798-1812, doi:10.1101/gr.139105.112

See Also

<http://factorbook.org>

Examples

```
data(factorbook)
factorbook
```

```
findSupportingRemapPeaks
```
Find Corresponding TF Binding From The ReMap2022 Project

Description

Find Corresponding TF Binding From The ReMap2022 Project

Usage

```
findSupportingRemapPeaks(results, genome, TFClass = FALSE)
```

Arguments

results	The output of motifbreakR
genome	Character; one of: hg38 or hg19 for Homo sapiens, mm10 or mm39 for Mus musculus, dm6 for Drosophila melanogaster, TAIR10_TF or TAIR10_HISTONE for Arabidopsis thaliana
TFClass	Logical; The user may optionally query an expanded motif/transcription factor relationship encompassing the entire potential transcription factor family as implemented by MotifDb based on TFClass.

Details

TFClass argument works for objects loaded in from the MotifDb package. hg19 and mm39 are data from liftOver.

The ReMap catalogues (2022, 2020, 2018, 2015) are under CC BY-NC 4.0 international license, as described in ReMap.

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Value

the results GenomicRanges object output by motifbreakR containing with the additional columns:

matchingBindingEvent

The name of the transcription factor that binds over the motif, or NA if none

matchingCellType

A list corresponding in length to the number of transcription factors in matchingBindingEvent indicating the biotype/celltype that the transcription factor binding was found in.

See Also

associateTranscriptionFactors for information about TFClass. https://remap.univ-amu.fr/ for details about ReMap2022.

Examples

```
data(example.results)

example.results <- findSupportingRemapPeaks(example.results,
                                            genome = "hg19",
                                            TFClass = TRUE)
```

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hocomoco   *MotifDb object containing motif information from Homo Sapiens*
                                      Comprehensive Model Collection (HOCOMOCO) of transcription
                                      factor (TF) binding models

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Description

From the abstract: "We present the Homo sapiens comprehensive model collection (HOCOMOCO, http://autosome.ru/HOCOMOCO/, http://cbrc.kaust.edu.sa/hocomoco/) containing carefully hand-curated TFBS models constructed by integration of binding sequences obtained by both low-and high-throughput methods. To construct position weight matrices to represent these TFBS models, we used ChIPMunk software in four computational modes, including newly developed periodic positional prior mode associated with DNA helix pitch. We selected only one TFBS model per TF, unless there was a clear experimental evidence for two rather distinct TFBS models. We assigned a quality rating to each model. HOCOMOCO contains 426 systematically curated TFBS models for 401 human TFs, where 172 models are based on more than one data source."

Usage

```
hocomoco
```

Format

MotifDb object of length 426; to access metadata use mcols(hocomoco)

providerName Name provided by HOCOMOCO

providerId ID provided by HOCOMOCO including experiment type

dataSource "HOCOMOCO"

geneSymbol Gene symbol for the transcription factor

geneId Entrez gene id for the transcription factor

geneIdType "ENTREZ"

proteinId UNIPROT id for the transcription factor

proteinIdType "UNIPROT"

organism "Hsapiens"

sequenceCount Number of sequences evaluated for producing the PWM

bindingSequence Consensus sequence for the motif

bindingDomain NA incomplete

tfFamily NA incomplete

experimentType from <http://autosome.ru/HOCOMOCO/Details.php#200> quoted here:

"TFBS model identification modes

To construct TFBS models ChIPMunk was run four times: two times (f1) and (f2) with uniform model positional prior and two times (si) and (do) with informative model positional prior.

The min-to-max (f1) model length estimation mode was used with the min length of 7 bp and increasing it by 1 bp until the default max length of 25 bp was reached following the optimal length selection procedure as in Kulakovskiy and Makeev, Biophysics, 2009. For max-to-min (f2) model length estimation mode we started from 25 bp and searched for the best alignment decreasing the length by 1 bp until the minimal length of 7 bp. We also used the single (si) and double box (do) model positional priors in order to simulate DNA helix turn. For a single box, the positional weights are to be distributed as cos2(pi n / T), where T=10.5 is the DNA helix pitch, n is the coordinate within the alignment, and the center of the alignment of the length L is at n=0. During the internal cycle of PWM optimization the PWM column scores are multiplied by prior values so the columns closer to the center of the alignment (n=0) receive no score penalty while the columns around (n = 5,6,-5,-6) contribute much less to the score of the PWM under optimization. The single box model prior was used along with the min-to-max length estimation mode (si). We also used the double box model prior with a shape prior equal to sin2(pin / T), which was used to search for possibly longer double box models in the max-to-min length estimation mode (do).

Model quality assignment

The resulting models were rated (from A to F) according to their quality. Model quality rates from A-to-D were assigned to proteins known to be TFs, including those listed in Schaefer et al., Nucleic Acids Research, 2011 with addition of a number of proteins having relevant models and sufficient evidence to be TFs. The ratings were assigned by human curation according to the following criteria:

Relevant distribution of position-specific information content over alignment columns, which means a model LOGO representation displaying well formed core positions with a high information content surrounded by flanking letters with lower information content; the information content at flanking positions decreasing with the distance from the model core.

"Stability", which means that in more than one of the ChIPMunk modes we obtained models with a similar length, consensus, and comparable number of aligned binding sites, along with a similar shape of model LOGO representation. "Similarity" of the model to the binding sequence consensus for this TF given in the UniProt or other databases, which means similarity of the shape of the model LOGO and TFBS lengths to those of other TFs from the same TF family. "A total number of binding sites" was also considered as a quality measure, as a large set of binding regions (mostly but not limited to ChIP-Seq and parallel SELEX) implies that there are many observations of each letter in any position of the alignment, particularly many observations of non-consensus letters in core positions. In positions with low information content, where there is no strong consensus, all variants have many observations, and thus the observed letter frequencies are less dependent on statistical fluctuations.

Quality A was assigned to high confidence models complying with all four criteria listed in the section above. Quality B was assigned to models built from large sequence sets that failed no more than one out of the three remaining criteria. Quality C was assigned to models built from small sequence sets but (with a number of specifically marked exceptions) complying with the three remaining criteria. Quality D models missed part of the known consensus sequence or had no clearly significant core positions in the TFBS model. Quality E (error) was assigned to models for proteins not convincingly shown to be TFs or to models exhibiting an irrelevant

LOGO shape or a wrong consensus sequence. Quality F (failure) was assigned to TFs for which there was no reliable model identified."

pubmedID `"23175603"` see Source for more details

Details

Load with `data(hocomoco)`

Value

[MotifList-class](#) object

Source

Kulakovskiy,I.V., Medvedeva,Y.A., Schaefer,U., Kasianov,A.S., Vorontsov,I.E., Bajic,V.B. and Makeev,V.J. (2013) HOCOMOCO: a comprehensive collection of human transcription factor binding sites models. Nucleic Acids Research, **41**, D195–D202.

See Also

http://autosome.ru/HOCOMOCO/ http://cbrc.kaust.edu.sa/hocomoco/

Examples

```
data(hocomoco)
hocomoco
```

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homer	*MotifDb object containing motif information from motif databases included in HOMER.*

Description

From the website: "Homer includes several motif databases that are used to help annotate results and conduct searches for known motifs. HOMER contains a custom motif database based on independent analysis of mostly ChIP-Seq data sets which is heavily utilized in the software." See http://homer.salk.edu/homer/motif/motifDatabase.html for more information on how these files were generated, and Homer's sources.

Usage

```
homer
```

Format

[MotifDb](#) object of length 247; to access metadata use mcols(homer)

providerName Name provided HOMER

providerId Factor Name provided by HOMER

dataSource `"HOMER"`

geneSymbol Symbol provided by HOMER

geneId Entrez gene id for the transcription factor

geneIdType `"ENTREZ"`

proteinId UNIPROT id for the transcription factor

proteinIdType `"UNIPROT"`

organism `"Hsapiens"`

sequenceCount `NA`

bindingSequence Consensus sequence for the motif

bindingDomain DBD provided by HOMER

tfFamily `NA`

experimentType The Celltype, IP, Assay, and GEO id if applicable for the motif

pubmedID `"20513432"` see `Source` for more details

Details

Load with `data(homer)`

Value

[`MotifList-class`](#) object

Source

Heinz S, Benner C, Spann N, Bertolino E et al. (2010 May 28) Simple Combinations of Lineage-Determining Transcription Factors Prime cis-Regulatory Elements Required for Macrophage and B Cell Identities. Mol Cell, **38(4):576-589**. PMID: 20513432

See Also

http://homer.salk.edu/homer/index.html http://homer.salk.edu/homer/motif/motifDatabase.html http://homer.salk.edu/homer/motif/HomerMotifDB/homerResults.html

Examples

```
data(homer)
homer
```

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motifbreakR	*Predict The Disruptiveness Of Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms On Transcription Factor Binding Sites.*

Description

Predict The Disruptiveness Of Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms On Transcription Factor Binding Sites.

Usage

```
motifbreakR(
  snpList,
  pwmList,
  threshold = 0.85,
  filterp = FALSE,
  method = "default",
  show.neutral = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  bkg = c(A = 0.25, C = 0.25, G = 0.25, T = 0.25),
  BPPARAM = bpparam()
)
```

Arguments

snpList	The output of snps.from.rsid or snps.from.file
pwmList	An object of class MotifList containing the motifs that you wish to interrogate
threshold	Numeric; the maximum p-value for a match to be called or a minimum score threshold
filterp	Logical; filter by p-value instead of by pct score.
method	Character; one of default, log, ic, or notrans; see details.
show.neutral	Logical; include neutral changes in the output
verbose	Logical; if running serially, show verbose messages
bkg	Numeric Vector; the background probabilites of the nucleotides used with method=log method=ic
BPPARAM	a BiocParallel object see [register](#) and see getClass("BiocParallelParam") for additional parameter classes. Try BiocParallel::registered() to see what's availible and for example BiocParallel::bpparam("SerialParam") would allow serial evaluation.

Details

motifbreakR works with position probability matrices (PPM). PPM are derived as the fractional occurrence of nucleotides A,C,G, and T at each position of a position frequency matrix (PFM). PFM are simply the tally of each nucleotide at each position across a set of aligned sequences. With a PPM, one can generate probabilities based on the genome, or more practically, create any number of position specific scoring matrices (PSSM) based on the principle that the PPM contains information about the likelihood of observing a particular nucleotide at a particular position of a true transcription factor binding site. What follows is a discussion of the three different algorithms that may be employed in calls to the **motifbreakR** function via the method argument.

Suppose we have a frequency matrix M of width n (*i.e.* a PPM as described above). Furthermore, we have a sequence s also of length n, such that $s_i \in \{A, T, C, G\}, i = 1, \ldots n$. Each column of M contains the frequencies of each letter in each position.

Commonly in the literature sequences are scored as the sum of log probabilities:

Equation 1

$$F(s, M) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log(\frac{M_{s_i,i}}{b_{s_i}})$$

where b_{s_i} is the background frequency of letter s_i in the genome of interest. This method can be specified by the user as `method='log'`.

As an alternative to this method, we introduced a scoring method to directly weight the score by the importance of the position within the match sequence. This method of weighting is accessed by specifying `method='ic'` (information content). A general representation of this scoring method is given by:

Equation 2

$$F(s, M) = p_s \cdot \omega_M$$

where p_s is the scoring vector derived from sequence s and matrix M, and w_M is a weight vector derived from M. First, we compute the scoring vector of position scores p

Equation 3

$$p_s = (M_{s_i,i}) \quad \text{where} \quad \frac{i = 1, \ldots n}{s_i \in \{A, C, G, T\}}$$

and second, for each M a constant vector of weights $\omega_M = (\omega_1, \omega_2, \ldots, \omega_n)$.

There are two methods for producing ω_M. The first, which we call weighted sum, is the difference in the probabilities for the two letters of the polymorphism (or variant), *i.e.* Δp_{s_i}, or the difference of the maximum and minimum values for each column of M:

Equation 4.1

$$\omega_i = \max\{M_i\} - \min\{M_i\} \quad \text{where} \quad i = 1, \ldots n$$

The second variation of this theme is to weight by relative entropy. Thus the relative entropy weight for each column i of the matrix is given by:

Equation 4.2

$$\omega_i = \sum_{j \in \{A,C,G,T\}} M_{j,i} \log_2(\frac{M_{j,i}}{b_i}) \quad \text{where} \quad i = 1, \ldots n$$

where b_i is again the background frequency of the letter i.

Thus, there are 3 possible algorithms to apply via the `method` argument. The first is the standard summation of log probabilities (`method='log'`). The second and third are the weighted sum and information content methods (`method='default'` and `method='ic'`) specified by equations 4.1 and 4.2, respectively. **motifbreakR** assumes a uniform background nucleotide distribution (b) in equations 1 and 4.2 unless otherwise specified by the user. Since we are primarily interested in the difference between alleles, background frequency is not a major factor, although it can change the results. Additionally, inclusion of background frequency introduces potential bias when collections of motifs are employed, since motifs are themselves unbalanced with respect to nucleotide composition. With these cautions in mind, users may override the uniform distribution if so desired. For all three methods, **motifbreakR** scores and reports the reference and alternate alleles of the sequence ($F(s_{\text{REF}}, M)$ and $F(s_{\text{ALT}}, M)$), and provides the matrix scores $p_{s_{\text{REF}}}$ and $p_{s_{\text{ALT}}}$ of the SNP (or variant). The scores are scaled as a fraction of scoring range 0-1 of the motif matrix, M. If either of $F(s_{\text{REF}}, M)$ and $F(s_{\text{ALT}}, M)$ is greater than a user-specified threshold (default value of 0.85) the SNP is reported. By default **motifbreakR** does not display neutral effects, ($\Delta p_i < 0.4$) but this behaviour can be overridden.

Additionally, now, with the use of `TFMPvalue-package`, we may filter by p-value of the match. This is unfortunately a two step process. First, by invoking `filterp=TRUE` and setting a threshold

at a desired p-value e.g 1e-4, we perform a rough filter on the results by rounding all values in the PWM to two decimal place, and calculating a scoring threshold based upon that. The second step is to use the function [calculatePvalue]() on a selection of results which will change the Refpvalue and Altpvalue columns in the output from NA to the p-value calculated by [TFMsc2pv]. This can be (although not always) a very memory and time intensive process if the algorithm doesn't converge rapidly.

Value

a GRanges object containing:

REF	the reference allele for the variant
ALT	the alternate allele for the variant
snpPos	the coordinates of the variant
motifPos	The position of the motif relative the the variant
geneSymbol	the geneSymbol corresponding to the TF of the TF binding motif
dataSource	the source of the TF binding motif
providerName, providerId	
	the name and id provided by the source
seqMatch	the sequence on the 5' -> 3' direction of the "+" strand that corresponds to DNA at the position that the TF binding motif was found.
pctRef	The score as determined by the scoring method, when the sequence contains the reference variant allele, normalized to a scale from 0 - 1. If filterp = FALSE, this is the value that is thresholded.
pctAlt	The score as determined by the scoring method, when the sequence contains the alternate variant allele, normalized to a scale from 0 - 1. If filterp = FALSE, this is the value that is thresholded.
scoreRef	The score as determined by the scoring method, when the sequence contains the reference variant allele
scoreAlt	The score as determined by the scoring method, when the sequence contains the alternate variant allele
Refpvalue	p-value for the match for the pctRef score, initially set to NA. see [calculatePvalue] for more information
Altpvalue	p-value for the match for the pctAlt score, initially set to NA. see [calculatePvalue] for more information
altPos	the position, relative to the reference allele, of the alternate allele
alleleDiff	The difference between the score on the reference allele and the score on the alternate allele
alleleEffectSize	
	The ratio of the alleleDiff and the maximal score of a sequence under the PWM
effect	one of weak, strong, or neutral indicating the strength of the effect.

each SNP in this object may be plotted with [plotMB]

See Also

See [snps.from.rsid] and [snps.from.file] for information about how to generate the input to this function and [plotMB] for information on how to visualize it's output

Examples

```
library(BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19)
# prepare variants
load(system.file("extdata",
                 "pca.enhancer.snps.rda",
                 package = "motifbreakR")) # loads snps.mb
pca.enhancer.snps <- sample(snps.mb, 20)
# Get motifs to interrogate
data(hocomoco)
motifs <- sample(hocomoco, 50)
# run motifbreakR
results <- motifbreakR(pca.enhancer.snps,
                       motifs, threshold = 0.85,
                       method = "ic",
                       BPPARAM=BiocParallel::SerialParam())
```

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motifbreakR_motif	*MotifDb object containing motif information from the motif databases of HOCOMOCO, Homer, FactorBook and ENCODE*

Description

This object contains all the `MotifList-class` objects that were generated for this package. See the individual help sections for `hocomoco`, `homer`, `factorbook`, and `encodemotif`, for how the data is formatted.

Usage

```
motifbreakR_motif
```

Format

`MotifDb` object of length 2816; to access metadata use mcols(motifbreakR_motif)

Details

Load with data(motifbreakR_motif)

Value

`MotifList-class` object

Source

Kulakovskiy,I.V., Medvedeva,Y.A., Schaefer,U., Kasianov,A.S., Vorontsov,I.E., Bajic,V.B. and Makeev,V.J. (2013) HOCOMOCO: a comprehensive collection of human transcription factor binding sites models. Nucleic Acids Research, **41**, D195–D202.

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J Wang, J Zhuang, S Iyer, XY Lin, et al. (2012) Sequence features and chromatin structure around the genomic regions bound by 119 human transcription factors. Genome Research, **22 (9)**, 1798-1812, doi:10.1101/gr.139105.112

Pouya Kheradpour and Manolis Kellis (2013 December 13) Systematic discovery and characterization of regulatory motifs in ENCODE TF binding experiments. Nucleic Acids Research, doi:10.1093/nar/gkt1249

See Also

[hocomoco](), [homer](), [factorbook](), and [encodemotif]()

Examples

```
data(motifbreakR_motif)
motifbreakR_motif
```

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plotMB	*Plot a genomic region surrounding a genomic variant, and potentially disrupted motifs*

Description

Plot a genomic region surrounding a genomic variant, and potentially disrupted motifs

Usage

```
plotMB(
  results,
  rsid,
  reverseMotif = TRUE,
  effect = c("strong", "weak"),
  altAllele = NULL
)
```

Arguments

results	The output of `motifbreakR`
rsid	Character; the identifier of the variant to be visualized
reverseMotif	Logical; if the motif is on the "-" strand show the the motifs as reversed `FALSE` or reverse complement `TRUE`
effect	Character; show motifs that are strongly effected `c("strong")`, weakly effected `c("weak")`, or both `c("strong", "weak")`
altAllele	Character; The default value of `NULL` uses the first (or only) alternative allele for the SNP to be plotted.

Details

`plotMB` produces output showing the location of the SNP on the chromosome, the surrounding sequence of the + strand, the footprint of any motif that is disrupted by the SNP or SNV, and the DNA sequence motif(s). The `altAllele` argument is included for variants like rs1006140 where multiple alternate alleles exist, the reference allele is A, and the alternate can be G,T, or C. `plotMB` only plots one alternate allele at a time.

Value

plots a figure representing the results of motifbreakR at the location of a single SNP, returns invisible NULL.

See Also

See motifbreakR for the function that produces output to be visualized here, also snps.from.rsid and snps.from.file for information about how to generate the input to motifbreakR function.

Examples

```
data(example.results)
example.results

library(BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19)
plotMB(results = example.results, rsid = "rs1006140", effect = "strong", altAllele = "C")
```

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shiny_motifbreakR   *Run Shiny version of the motifbreakR package.*

Description

Run Shiny version of the motifbreakR package.

Usage

```
shiny_motifbreakR()
```

Value

returns a shinyAppDir that launches the shiny app when printed.

Examples

```
library(motifbreakR)

app <- shiny_motifbreakR()

if (interactive()) {
  shiny::runApp(app)
}
```

| snps.from.file | *Import SNPs from a BED file or VCF file for use in motifbreakR* |

Description

Import SNPs from a BED file or VCF file for use in motifbreakR

Usage

```
snps.from.file(
  file = NULL,
  dbSNP = NULL,
  search.genome = NULL,
  format = "bed",
  indels = FALSE,
  biomart.dataset = NULL,
  check.unnamed.for.rsid = FALSE
)

variants.from.file(
  file = NULL,
  dbSNP = NULL,
  search.genome = NULL,
  biomart.dataset = NULL,
  format = "bed"
)
```

Arguments

file	Character; a character containing the path to a bed file or a vcf file see Details for a description of the required format
dbSNP	OPTIONAL; an object of class SNPlocs to lookup rsids; see `availible.SNPs` in [injectSNPs](#) to check for availible SNPlocs
search.genome	an object of class BSgenome for the species you are interrogating; see [available.genomes](#) for a list of species
format	Character; one of bed or vcf
indels	Logical; allow the import of indels.
biomart.dataset	
	a Mart object from [useEnsembl](#) specifying the snps biomart, which dataset i.e., hsapiens_snp, and which version i.e., 111 or GRCm39. This will override SNPlocs and must be compatible with search.genome selection, and will query from biomaRt, which may be considerably faster than a lookup from a SNPlocs object.
check.unnamed.for.rsid	
	Logical; check snps in the form chr:pos:ref:alt for corresponding rsid, lookup may be slow, requires either param dbSNP or biomart.dataset.

Details

snps.from.file takes a character vector describing the file path to a bed file that contains the necissary information to generate the input for motifbreakR see http://www.genome.ucsc.edu/FAQ/FAQformat.html#format1 for a complete description of the BED format. Our convention deviates in that there is a required format for the name field. name is defined as chromosome:start:REF:ALT or the rsid from dbSNP (if you've included the optional SNPlocs argument). For example if you were to include rs123 in it's alternate format it would be entered as chr7:24966446:C:A

Value

a GRanges object containing:

SNP_id	The rsid of the snp with the "rs" portion stripped
alleles_as_ambig	
	THE IUPAC ambiguity code between the reference and alternate allele for this SNP
REF	The reference allele for the SNP
ALT	The alternate allele for the SNP

Functions

- variants.from.file(): Allows the use of indels by default

See Also

See [motifbreakR](#) for analysis; See [snps.from.rsid](#) for an alternate method for generating a list of variants.

Examples

```
library(BSgenome.Drerio.UCSC.danRer7)
library(SNPlocs.Hsapiens.dbSNP155.GRCh37)
snps.bed.file <- system.file("extdata", "danRer.bed", package = "motifbreakR")
# see the contents
read.table(snps.bed.file, header = FALSE)
#import the BED file
snps.mb <- snps.from.file(snps.bed.file,
                          search.genome = BSgenome.Drerio.UCSC.danRer7,
                          format = "bed")
```

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snps.from.rsid *Import SNPs from rsid for use in motifbreakR*

Description

Import SNPs from rsid for use in motifbreakR

Usage

```
snps.from.rsid(
  rsid = NULL,
  dbSNP = NULL,
  search.genome = NULL,
  biomart.dataset = NULL
)
```

Arguments

rsid	Character; a character vector of rsid values from dbSNP
dbSNP	an object of class SNPlocs to lookup rsids; see availible.SNPs in [injectSNPs](#) to check for availible SNPlocs
search.genome	an object of class BSgenome for the species you are interrogating; see [available.genomes](#) for a list of species.
biomart.dataset	
	a Mart object from [useEnsembl](#) specifying the snps biomart, which dataset i.e., hsapiens_snp, and which version i.e., 111 or GRCm39. This will override SNPlocs and must be compatible with search.genome selection, and will query from biomaRt, which may be considerably faster than a lookup from a SNPlocs object.

Details

snps.from.rsid take an rsid, or character vector of rsids and generates the required object to input into motifbreakR

Value

a GRanges object containing:

SNP_id	The rsid of the snp with the "rs" portion stripped
alleles_as_ambig	
	THE IUPAC ambiguity code between the reference and alternate allele for this SNP
REF	The reference allele for the SNP
ALT	The alternate allele for the SNP

See Also

See [motifbreakR](#) for analysis; See [snps.from.file](#) for an alternate method for generating a list of variants.

Examples

```
library(BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19)
library(SNPlocs.Hsapiens.dbSNP155.GRCh37)
snps.file <- system.file("extdata", "pca.enhancer.snps", package = "motifbreakR")
snps <- as.character(read.table(snps.file)[,1])
snps.mb <- snps.from.rsid(snps[1],
                          dbSNP = SNPlocs.Hsapiens.dbSNP155.GRCh37,
                          search.genome = BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19)
```

```
## alternatively using biomaRt

library(biomaRt)
library(BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38)
ensembl_snp <- useEnsembl(biomart = "snps",
                          dataset = "hsapiens_snp",
                          version = "112")
snps.mb <- snps.from.rsid(snps,
                          biomart.dataset = ensembl_snp,
                          search.genome = BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38)
```

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