

# Package ‘RaggedExperiment’

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RaggedExperiment-package

*RaggedExperiment: Range-based data representation package*

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Description

[RaggedExperiment](#) allows the user to represent, copy number, mutation, and other types of range-based data formats where optional information about samples can be provided. At the backbone of this package is the [GRangesList](#) class. The [RaggedExperiment](#) class uses this representation and presents the data in a couple of different ways:

- rowRanges
- colData

The [rowRanges](#) method will return the internal [GRangesList](#) representation of the dataset. A distinction between the [SummarizedExperiment](#) and the [RaggedExperiment](#) classes is that the [RaggedExperiment](#) class allows for ragged ranges, meaning that there may be a different number of ranges or rows per sample.

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## See Also

Useful links:

- <https://bioconductor.github.io/RaggedExperiment>
- <https://bioconductor.org/packages/RaggedExperiment>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/Bioconductor/RaggedExperiment/issues>

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assay-functions

*Create simplified representation of ragged assay data.*

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## Description

These methods transform `assay()` from the default (i.e., `sparseAssay()`) representation to various forms of more dense representation. `compactAssay()` collapses identical ranges across samples into a single row. `disjoinAssay()` creates disjoint (non-overlapping) regions, simplifies values within each sample in a user-specified manner, and returns a matrix of disjoint regions x samples.

This method transforms `assay()` from the default (i.e., `sparseAssay()`) representation to a reduced representation summarizing each original range overlapping ranges in query. Reduction in each cell can be tailored to individual needs using the `simplifyReduce` functional argument.

## Usage

```
sparseAssay(  
  x,  
  i = 1,  
  withDimnames = TRUE,  
  background = NA_integer_,  
  sparse = FALSE  
)  
  
compactAssay(  
  x,  
  i = 1,  
  withDimnames = TRUE,  
  background = NA_integer_,  
  sparse = FALSE  
)  
  
disjoinAssay(  
  x,  
  simplifyDisjoin,  
  i = 1,  
  withDimnames = TRUE,  
  background = NA_integer_  
)
```

```

qreduceAssay(
  x,
  query,
  simplifyReduce,
  i = 1,
  withDimnames = TRUE,
  background = NA_integer_
)

```

## Arguments

|                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>               | A <code>RaggedExperiment</code> object                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <code>i</code>               | <code>integer(1)</code> or <code>character(1)</code> name of assay to be transformed.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <code>withDimnames</code>    | <code>logical(1)</code> include dimnames on the returned matrix. When there are no explicit rownames, these are manufactured with <code>as.character(rowRanges(x))</code> ; rownames are always manufactured for <code>compactAssay()</code> and <code>disjoinAssay()</code> . |
| <code>background</code>      | A value (default NA) for the returned matrix after <code>*Assay</code> operations                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <code>sparse</code>          | <code>logical(1)</code> whether to return a <a href="#">sparseMatrix</a> representation                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <code>simplifyDisjoin</code> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

A function / functional operating on a `*List`, where the elements of the list are all within-sample assay values from ranges overlapping each disjoint range. For instance, to use the `simplifyDisjoin=mean` of overlapping ranges, where ranges are characterized by integer-valued scores, the entries are calculated as

```

              a
original: |-----|
              b
              |-----|

              a   a, b   b
disjoint: |----|-----|---|

values <- IntegerList(a, c(a, b), b)
simplifyDisjoin(values)

```

|                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>query</code>          | <code>GRanges</code> providing regions over which reduction is to occur.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <code>simplifyReduce</code> | <p>A function / functional accepting arguments <code>score</code>, <code>range</code>, and <code>qrange</code>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>score</code> A <code>*List</code>, where each list element corresponds to a cell in the matrix to be returned by <code>qreduceAssay</code>. Vector elements correspond to ranges overlapping query. The <code>*List</code> objects support many vectorized mathematical operations, so <code>simplifyReduce</code> can be implemented efficiently.</li> <li><code>range</code> A <code>GRangesList</code> instance, 'parallel' to <code>score</code>. Each element of the list corresponds to a cell in the matrix to be returned by <code>qreduceAssay</code>. Each range in the element corresponds to the range for which the score element applies.</li> <li><code>qrange</code> A <code>GRanges</code> instance with the same length as <code>unlist(score)</code>, providing the query range window to which the corresponding scores apply.</li> </ul> |

**Value**

`sparseAssay()`: A `matrix()` with dimensions `dim(x)`. Elements contain the assay value for the *i*th range and *j*th sample. Use `'sparse=TRUE'` to obtain a [sparseMatrix](#) assay representation.

`compactAssay()`: Samples with identical range are placed in the same row. Non-disjoint ranges are NOT collapsed. Use `'sparse=TRUE'` to obtain a [sparseMatrix](#) assay representation.

`disjoinAssay()`: A matrix with number of rows equal to number of disjoint ranges across all samples. Elements of the matrix are summarized by applying `simplifyDisjoin()` to assay values of overlapping ranges

`qreduceAssay()`: A `matrix()` with dimensions `length(query) x ncol(x)`. Elements contain assay values for the *i*th query range and *j*th sample, summarized according to the function `simplifyReduce`.

**Examples**

```
re4 <- RaggedExperiment(GRangesList(
  GRanges(c(A = "chr1:1-10:-", B = "chr1:8-14:-", C = "chr2:15-18:+"),
    score = 3:5),
  GRanges(c(D = "chr1:1-10:-", E = "chr2:11-18:+"), score = 1:2)
), colData = DataFrame(id = 1:2))

query <- GRanges(c("chr1:1-14:-", "chr2:11-18:+"))

weightedmean <- function(scores, ranges, qranges)
{
  ## weighted average score per query range
  ## the weight corresponds to the size of the overlap of each
  ## overlapping subject range with the corresponding query range
  isects <- pintersect(ranges, qranges)
  sum(scores * width(isects)) / sum(width(isects))
}

qreduceAssay(re4, query, weightedmean)

## Not run:
## Extended example: non-silent mutations, summarized by genic
## region
suppressPackageStartupMessages({
  library(TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene)
  library(org.Hs.eg.db)
  library(GenomeInfoDb)
  library(MultiAssayExperiment)
  library(curatedTCGAData)
  library(TCGAutils)
})

## TCGA MultiAssayExperiment with RaggedExperiment data
mae <- curatedTCGAData("ACC", c("RNASeq2GeneNorm", "CNASNP", "Mutation"),
  version = "1.1.38", dry.run = FALSE)

## genomic coordinates
gn <- genes(TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene)
```

```

gn <- keepStandardChromosomes(granges(gn), pruning.mode="coarse")
seqlevelsStyle(gn) <- "NCBI"
genome(gn)
gn <- unstrand(gn)

## reduce mutations, marking any genomic range with non-silent
## mutation as FALSE
nonsilent <- function(scores, ranges, qranges)
  any(scores != "Silent")
mre <- mae[["ACC_Mutation-20160128"]]
seqlevelsStyle(rowRanges(mre)) <- "NCBI"
## hack to make genomes match
genome(mre) <- paste0(correctBuild(unique(genome(mre)), "NCBI"), ".p13")
mutations <- qreduceAssay(mre, gn, nonsilent, "Variant_Classification")
genome(mre) <- correctBuild(unique(genome(mre)), "NCBI")

## reduce copy number
re <- mae[["ACC_CNASNP-20160128"]]
class(re)
## [1] "RaggedExperiment"
seqlevelsStyle(re) <- "NCBI"
genome(re) <- "GRCh37.p13"
cn <- qreduceAssay(re, gn, weightedmean, "Segment_Mean")
genome(re) <- "GRCh37"

## ALTERNATIVE
##
## TCGAutils helper function to convert RaggedExperiment objects to
## RangedSummarizedExperiment based on annotated gene ranges
mae2 <- mae
mae2[[1L]] <- re
mae2[[2L]] <- mre
qreduceTCGA(mae2)

## End(Not run)

```

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RaggedExperiment-class

*RaggedExperiment objects*


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## Description

The `RaggedExperiment` class is a container for storing range-based data, including but not limited to copy number data, and mutation data. It can store a collection of `GRanges` objects, as it is derived from the `GenomicRangesList`.

## Usage

```
RaggedExperiment(..., colData = DataFrame(), metadata = list())
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'RaggedExperiment'
seqinfo(x)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'RaggedExperiment'
seqinfo(x, new2old = NULL, pruning.mode = c("error", "coarse", "fine", "tidy")) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'RaggedExperiment'
rowRanges(x, ...)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'RaggedExperiment,GRanges'
rowRanges(x, ...) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'RaggedExperiment'
mcols(x, use.names = FALSE, ...)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'RaggedExperiment'
mcols(x, ...) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'RaggedExperiment'
rowData(x, use.names = TRUE, ...)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'RaggedExperiment'
rowData(x, ...) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'RaggedExperiment'
dim(x)

## S4 method for signature 'RaggedExperiment'
dimnames(x)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'RaggedExperiment,list'
dimnames(x) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'RaggedExperiment,ANY'
dimnames(x) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'RaggedExperiment'
length(x)

## S4 method for signature 'RaggedExperiment'
colData(x, ...)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'RaggedExperiment,DataFrame'
colData(x) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'RaggedExperiment,missing'
assay(x, i, withDimnames = TRUE, ...)
```

```

## S4 method for signature 'RaggedExperiment,ANY'
assay(x, i, withDimnames = TRUE, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'RaggedExperiment'
assays(x, withDimnames = TRUE, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'RaggedExperiment'
assayNames(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'RaggedExperiment'
show(object)

## S4 method for signature 'RaggedExperiment'
as.list(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'RaggedExperiment'
as.data.frame(x, row.names = NULL, optional = FALSE, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'RaggedExperiment'
x$name

## S4 method for signature 'RaggedExperiment,ANY,ANY,ANY'
x[i, j, ..., drop = TRUE]

## S4 method for signature 'RaggedExperiment,Vector'
overlapsAny(
  query,
  subject,
  maxgap = 0L,
  minoverlap = 1L,
  type = c("any", "start", "end", "within", "equal"),
  ...
)

## S4 method for signature 'RaggedExperiment,Vector'
subsetByOverlaps(
  x,
  ranges,
  maxgap = -1L,
  minoverlap = 0L,
  type = c("any", "start", "end", "within", "equal"),
  invert = FALSE,
  ...
)

## S4 method for signature 'RaggedExperiment'
subset(x, subset, select, ...)

```

**Arguments**

|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ...      | Constructor: GRanges, list of GRanges, or GRangesList OR assay: Additional arguments for assay. See details for more information.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| colData  | A <a href="#">DataFrame</a> describing samples. Length of rowRanges must equal the number of rows in colData                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| metadata | A list to include in the metadata. Any metadata included in the input objects are lost.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| x        | A RaggedExperiment object.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| new2old  | <p>The new2old argument allows the user to rename, drop, add and/or reorder the "sequence levels" in x.</p> <p>new2old can be NULL or an integer vector with one element per entry in <a href="#">Seqinfo</a> object value (i.e. new2old and value must have the same length) describing how the "new" sequence levels should be mapped to the "old" sequence levels, that is, how the entries in value should be mapped to the entries in seqinfo(x). The values in new2old must be <math>\geq 1</math> and <math>\leq \text{length}(\text{seqinfo}(x))</math>. NAs are allowed and indicate sequence levels that are being added. Old sequence levels that are not represented in new2old will be dropped, but this will fail if those levels are in use (e.g. if x is a <a href="#">GRanges</a> object with ranges defined on those sequence levels) unless a pruning mode is specified via the pruning.mode argument (see below).</p> <p>If new2old=NULL, then sequence levels can only be added to the existing ones, that is, value must have at least as many entries as seqinfo(x) (i.e. <math>\text{length}(\text{value}) \geq \text{length}(\text{seqinfo}(x))</math>) and also <math>\text{seqlevels}(\text{value})[\text{seq\_len}(\text{length}(\text{seqlevels}(x)))]</math> must be identical to seqlevels(x).</p> |

Note that most of the times it's easier to proceed in 2 steps:

1. First align the seqlevels on the left (seqlevels(x)) with the seqlevels on the right.
2. Then call seqinfo(x) <- value. Because seqlevels(x) and seqlevels(value) now are identical, there's no need to specify new2old.

This 2-step approach will typically look like this:

```
seqlevels(x) <- seqlevels(value) # align seqlevels
seqinfo(x) <- seqinfo(value)    # guaranteed to work
```

Or, if x has seqlevels not in value, it will look like this:

```
seqlevels(x, pruning.mode="coarse") <- seqlevels(value)
seqinfo(x) <- seqinfo(value)    # guaranteed to work
```

The pruning.mode argument will control what happens to x when some of its seqlevels get dropped. See below for more information.

|              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| pruning.mode | <p>When some of the seqlevels to drop from x are in use (i.e. have ranges on them), the ranges on these sequences need to be removed before the seqlevels can be dropped. We call this <i>pruning</i>. The pruning.mode argument controls how to <i>prune</i> x. Four pruning modes are currently defined: "error", "coarse", "fine", and "tidy". "error" is the default. In this mode, no pruning is done and an error is raised. The other pruning modes do the following:</p> |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

- "coarse": Remove the elements in `x` where the `seqlevels` to drop are in use. Typically reduces the length of `x`. Note that if `x` is a list-like object (e.g. `GRangesList`, `GAlignmentPairs`, or `GAlignmentsList`), then any list element in `x` where at least one of the sequence levels to drop is in use is *fully* removed. In other words, when `pruning.mode="coarse"`, the `seqlevels` setter will keep or remove *full list elements* and not try to change their content. This guarantees that the exact ranges (and their order) inside the individual list elements are preserved. This can be a desirable property when the list elements represent compound features like exons grouped by transcript (stored in a `GRangesList` object as returned by `exonsBy( , by="tx")`), or paired-end or fusion reads, etc...
- "fine": Supported on list-like objects only. Removes the ranges that are on the sequences to drop. This removal is done within each list element of the original object `x` and doesn't affect its length or the order of its list elements. In other words, the pruned object is guaranteed to be *parallel* to the original object.
- "tidy": Like the "fine" pruning above but also removes the list elements that become empty as the result of the pruning. Note that this pruning mode is particularly well suited on a `GRangesList` object that contains transcripts grouped by gene, as returned by `transcriptsBy( , by="gene")`. Finally note that, as a convenience, this pruning mode is supported on non list-like objects (e.g. `GRanges` or `GAlignments` objects) and, in this case, is equivalent to the "coarse" mode.

See the "B. DROP SEQLEVELS FROM A LIST-LIKE OBJECT" section in the examples below for an extensive illustration of these pruning modes.

|                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| value                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <code>dimnames</code>: A list of dimension names</li> <li>• <code>mcols</code>: A <code>DataFrame</code> representing the assays</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <code>use.names</code>    | (logical default FALSE) whether to propagate rownames from the object to rownames of metadata <code>DataFrame</code>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <code>i</code>            | logical(1), integer(1), or character(1) indicating the assay to be reported. For [, <code>i</code> can be any supported Vector object, e.g., <code>GRanges</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <code>withDimnames</code> | logical (default TRUE) whether to use dimension names in the resulting object                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| object                    | A <code>RaggedExperiment</code> object.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <code>row.names</code>    | NULL or a character vector giving the row names for the data frame. Missing values are not allowed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| optional                  | logical. If TRUE, setting row names and converting column names (to syntactic names: see <code>make.names</code> ) is optional. Note that all of R's <code>base</code> package <code>as.data.frame()</code> methods use <code>optional</code> only for column names treatment, basically with the meaning of <code>data.frame(*, check.names = !optional)</code> . See also the <code>make.names</code> argument of the <code>matrix</code> method. |
| name                      | a literal character string or a <code>name</code> (possibly <code>backtick</code> quoted). For extraction, this is normally (see under 'Environments') partially matched to the <code>names</code> of the object.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <code>j</code>            | integer(), character(), or logical() index selecting columns from <code>RaggedExperiment</code>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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| drop            | logical (default TRUE) whether to drop empty samples                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| query           | A RaggedExperiment instance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| subject, ranges | <p>Each of them can be an <a href="#">IntegerRanges</a> (e.g. <a href="#">IRanges</a>, <a href="#">Views</a>) or <a href="#">IntegerRangesList</a> (e.g. <a href="#">IRangesList</a>, <a href="#">ViewsList</a>) derivative. In addition, if subject or ranges is an <a href="#">IntegerRanges</a> object, query or x can be an integer vector to be converted to length-one ranges.</p> <p>If query (or x) is an <a href="#">IntegerRangesList</a> object, then subject (or ranges) must also be an <a href="#">IntegerRangesList</a> object.</p> <p>If both arguments are list-like objects with names, each list element from the 2nd argument is paired with the list element from the 1st argument with the matching name, if any. Otherwise, list elements are paired by position. The overlap is then computed between the pairs as described below.</p> <p>If subject is omitted, query is queried against itself. In this case, and only this case, the <code>drop.self</code> and <code>drop.redundant</code> arguments are allowed. By default, the result will contain hits for each range against itself, and if there is a hit from A to B, there is also a hit for B to A. If <code>drop.self</code> is TRUE, all self matches are dropped. If <code>drop.redundant</code> is TRUE, only one of A-&gt;B and B-&gt;A is returned.</p> |
| maxgap          | <p>A single integer <math>\geq -1</math>.</p> <p>If type is set to "any", maxgap is interpreted as the maximum <i>gap</i> that is allowed between 2 ranges for the ranges to be considered as overlapping. The <i>gap</i> between 2 ranges is the number of positions that separate them. The <i>gap</i> between 2 adjacent ranges is 0. By convention when one range has its start or end strictly inside the other (i.e. non-disjoint ranges), the <i>gap</i> is considered to be -1.</p> <p>If type is set to anything else, maxgap has a special meaning that depends on the particular type. See type below for more information.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| minoverlap      | <p>A single non-negative integer.</p> <p>Only ranges with a minimum of minoverlap overlapping positions are considered to be overlapping.</p> <p>When type is "any", at least one of maxgap and minoverlap must be set to its default value.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| type            | <p>By default, any overlap is accepted. By specifying the type parameter, one can select for specific types of overlap. The types correspond to operations in Allen's Interval Algebra (see references). If type is <code>start</code> or <code>end</code>, the intervals are required to have matching starts or ends, respectively. Specifying <code>equal</code> as the type returns the intersection of the <code>start</code> and <code>end</code> matches. If type is <code>within</code>, the query interval must be wholly contained within the subject interval. Note that all matches must additionally satisfy the minoverlap constraint described above.</p> <p>The maxgap parameter has special meaning with the special overlap types. For <code>start</code>, <code>end</code>, and <code>equal</code>, it specifies the maximum difference in the starts, ends or both, respectively. For <code>within</code>, it is the maximum amount by which the subject may be wider than the query. If maxgap is set to -1 (the default), it's replaced internally by 0.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| invert          | If TRUE, keep only the ranges in x that do <i>not</i> overlap ranges.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| subset | logical expression indicating elements or rows to keep: missing values are taken as false.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| select | <p>If query is an <a href="#">IntegerRanges</a> derivative: When select is "all" (the default), the results are returned as a <a href="#">Hits</a> object. Otherwise the returned value is an integer vector <i>parallel</i> to query (i.e. same length) containing the first, last, or arbitrary overlapping interval in subject, with NA indicating intervals that did not overlap any intervals in subject.</p> <p>If query is an <a href="#">IntegerRangesList</a> derivative: When select is "all" (the default), the results are returned as a <a href="#">HitsList</a> object. Otherwise the returned value depends on the drop argument. When select != "all" &amp;&amp; !drop, an <a href="#">IntegerList</a> is returned, where each element of the result corresponds to a space in query. When select != "all" &amp;&amp; drop, an integer vector is returned containing indices that are offset to align with the unlisted query.</p> |

## Value

constructor returns a `RaggedExperiment` object

'rowRanges' returns a [GRanges](#) object summarizing ranges corresponding to assay() rows.

'rowRanges<-' returns a [RaggedExperiment](#) object with replaced ranges

'mcols' returns a [DataFrame](#) object of the metadata columns

'assays' returns a [SimpleList](#)

'overlapsAny' returns a logical vector of length equal to the number of rows in the query; TRUE when the copy number region overlaps the subject.

'subsetByOverlaps' returns a `RaggedExperiment` containing only copy number regions overlapping subject.

## Methods (by generic)

- `seqinfo(RaggedExperiment)`: seqinfo accessor
- `seqinfo(RaggedExperiment) <- value`: Replace seqinfo metadata of the ranges
- `rowRanges(RaggedExperiment)`: rowRanges accessor
- `rowRanges(x = RaggedExperiment) <- value`: rowRanges replacement
- `mcols(RaggedExperiment)`: get the metadata columns of the ranges, rectangular representation of the 'assays'
- `mcols(RaggedExperiment) <- value`: set the metadata columns of the ranges corresponding to the assays
- `rowData(RaggedExperiment)`: get the rowData or metadata for the ranges
- `rowData(RaggedExperiment) <- value`: set the rowData or metadata for the ranges
- `dim(RaggedExperiment)`: get dimensions (number of sample-specific row ranges by number of samples)
- `dimnames(RaggedExperiment)`: get row (sample-specific) range names and sample names
- `dimnames(x = RaggedExperiment) <- value`: set row (sample-specific) range names and sample names

- `dimnames(x = RaggedExperiment) <- value`: set row range names and sample names to NULL
- `length(RaggedExperiment)`: get the length of row vectors in the object, similar to [SummarizedExperiment](#)
- `colData(RaggedExperiment)`: get column data
- `colData(x = RaggedExperiment) <- value`: change the colData
- `assay(x = RaggedExperiment, i = missing)`: assay missing method uses first metadata column
- `assay(x = RaggedExperiment, i = ANY)`: assay numeric method.
- `assays(RaggedExperiment)`: assays
- `assayNames(RaggedExperiment)`: names in each assay
- `show(RaggedExperiment)`: show method
- `as.list(RaggedExperiment)`: Allow extraction of metadata columns as a plain list
- `as.data.frame(RaggedExperiment)`: Allow conversion to plain data.frame
- `$`: Easily access the colData columns with the dollar sign operator
- `x[i]`: Subset a RaggedExperiment object
- `overlapsAny(query = RaggedExperiment, subject = Vector)`: Determine whether copy number ranges defined by query overlap ranges of subject.
- `subsetByOverlaps(x = RaggedExperiment, ranges = Vector)`: Subset the RaggedExperiment to contain only copy number ranges overlapping ranges of subject.
- `subset(RaggedExperiment)`: subset helper function for dividing by rowData and / or colData values

## Constructors

`RaggedExperiment(..., colData=DataFrame())`: Creates a `RaggedExperiment` object using multiple `GRanges` objects or a list of `GRanges` objects. Additional column data may be provided as a `DataFrame` object.

## Accessors

In the following, 'x' represents a `RaggedExperiment` object:

`rowRanges(x)`:

Get the ranged data. Value is a `GenomicRanges` object.

`assays(x)`:

Get the assays. Value is a [SimpleList](#).

`assay(x, i)`:

An alternative to `assays(x)[[i]]` to get the *i*th (default first) assay element.

`mcols(x), mcols(x) <- value`:

Get or set the metadata columns. For `RaggedExperiment`, the columns correspond to the assay *i*th elements.

`rowData(x), rowData(x) <- value:`

Get or set the row data. Value is a [DataFrame](#) object. Also corresponds to the `mcols` data.

**Note** for advanced users and developers. Both `mcols` and `rowData` setters may reduce the size of the internal `RaggedExperiment` data representation. Particularly after subsetting, the internal row index is modified and such setter operations will use the index to subset the data and reduce the "rows" of the internal data representation.

## Subsetting

`x[i, j]`: Get ranges or elements (*i* and *j*, respectively) with optional metadata columns where *i* or *j* can be missing, an NA-free logical, numeric, or character vector.

## Coercion

In the following, 'object' represents a `RaggedExperiment` object:

`as(object, "GRangesList"):`

Creates a [GRangesList](#) object from a `RaggedExperiment`.

`as(from, "RaggedExperiment"):`

Creates a `RaggedExperiment` object from a [GRangesList](#), or [GRanges](#) object.

## Examples

```
## Create an empty RaggedExperiment instance
re0 <- RaggedExperiment()
re0

## Create a couple of GRanges objects with row ranges names
sample1 <- GRanges(
  c(a = "chr1:1-10:-", b = "chr1:11-18:+"),
  score = 1:2)
sample2 <- GRanges(
  c(c = "chr2:1-10:-", d = "chr2:11-18:+"),
  score = 3:4)

## Include column data
colDat <- DataFrame(id = 1:2)

## Create a RaggedExperiment object from a couple of GRanges
re1 <- RaggedExperiment(sample1=sample1, sample2=sample2, colData = colDat)
re1

## With list of GRanges
lgr <- list(sample1 = sample1, sample2 = sample2)

## Create a RaggedExperiment from a list of GRanges
re2 <- RaggedExperiment(lgr, colData = colDat)

grl <- GRangesList(sample1 = sample1, sample2 = sample2)

## Create a RaggedExperiment from a GRangesList
```

```
re3 <- RaggedExperiment(gr1, colData = colDat)

## Subset a RaggedExperiment
assay(re3[c(1, 3),])
subsetByOverlaps(re3, GRanges("chr1:1-5")) # by ranges
```

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sparseSummarizedExperiment

*Create SummarizedExperiment representations by transforming ragged assays to rectangular form.*

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## Description

These methods transform `RaggedExperiment` objects to similar `SummarizedExperiment` objects. They do so by transforming assay data to more rectangular representations, following the rules outlined for similarly named transformations `sparseAssay()`, `compactAssay()`, `disjoinAssay()`, and `qreduceAssay()`. Because of the complexity of the transformation, it usually only makes sense to transform `RaggedExperiment` objects with a single assay; this is currently enforced at time of coercion.

## Usage

```
sparseSummarizedExperiment(x, i = 1, withDimnames = TRUE, sparse = FALSE)

compactSummarizedExperiment(x, i = 1L, withDimnames = TRUE, sparse = FALSE)

disjoinSummarizedExperiment(x, simplifyDisjoin, i = 1L, withDimnames = TRUE)

qreduceSummarizedExperiment(
  x,
  query,
  simplifyReduce,
  i = 1L,
  withDimnames = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

|                              |                                                                                                                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>               | <code>RaggedExperiment</code>                                                                                          |
| <code>i</code>               | <code>integer(1)</code> , <code>character(1)</code> , or <code>logical()</code> selecting the assay to be transformed. |
| <code>withDimnames</code>    | <code>logical(1)</code> default <code>TRUE</code> . propagate dimnames to <code>SummarizedExperiment</code> .          |
| <code>sparse</code>          | <code>logical(1)</code> whether to return a <a href="#">sparseMatrix</a> representation                                |
| <code>simplifyDisjoin</code> | function of 1 argument, used to transform assays. See <a href="#">assay-functions</a> .                                |
| <code>query</code>           | <code>GRanges</code> providing regions over which reduction is to occur.                                               |
| <code>simplifyReduce</code>  | function of 3 arguments used to transform assays. See <a href="#">assay-functions</a> .                                |

**Value**

All functions return `RangedSummarizedExperiment`.

`sparseSummarizedExperiment` has `rowRanges()` identical to the row ranges of `x`, and `assay()` data as `sparseAssay()`. This is very space-inefficient representation of ragged data. Use `'sparse=TRUE'` to obtain a [sparseMatrix](#) assay representation.

`compactSummarizedExperiment` has `rowRanges()` identical to the row ranges of `x`, and `assay()` data as `compactAssay()`. This is space-inefficient representation of ragged data when samples are primarily composed of different ranges. Use `'sparse=TRUE'` to obtain a [sparseMatrix](#) assay representation.

`disjoinSummarizedExperiment` has `rowRanges()` identical to the disjoint row ranges of `x`, `disjoint(rowRanges(x))`, and `assay()` data as `disjoinAssay()`.

`qreduceSummarizedExperiment` has `rowRanges()` identical to query, and `assay()` data as `qreduceAssay()`.

**sparseMatrix**

Convert a `dgCMatrx` to a `RaggedExperiment` given that the rownames are coercible to `GRanges`.

In the following example, `x` is a `dgCMatrx` from the `Matrix` package.

```
`as(x, "RaggedExperiment")`
```

**Examples**

```
x <- RaggedExperiment(GRangesList(
  GRanges(c("A:1-5", "A:4-6", "A:10-15"), score=1:3),
  GRanges(c("A:1-5", "B:1-3"), score=4:5)
))
```

```
## sparseSummarizedExperiment
```

```
sse <- sparseSummarizedExperiment(x)
assay(sse)
rowRanges(sse)
```

```
## compactSummarizedExperiment
```

```
cse <- compactSummarizedExperiment(x)
assay(cse)
rowRanges(cse)
```

```
## disjoinSummarizedExperiment
```

```
disjoinAssay(x, lengths)
dse <- disjoinSummarizedExperiment(x, lengths)
assay(dse)
rowRanges(dse)
```

```
## qreduceSummarizedExperiment
```

```
x <- RaggedExperiment(GRangesList(
```

```

      GRanges(c("A:1-3", "A:4-5", "A:10-15"), score=1:3),
      GRanges(c("A:4-5", "B:1-3"), score=4:5)
    ))
query <- GRanges(c("A:1-2", "A:4-5", "B:1-5"))

weightedmean <- function(scores, ranges, qranges)
{
  ## weighted average score per query range
  ## the weight corresponds to the size of the overlap of each
  ## overlapping subject range with the corresponding query range
  isects <- pintersect(ranges, qranges)
  sum(scores * width(isects)) / sum(width(isects))
}

qreduceAssay(x, query, weightedmean)
qse <- qreduceSummarizedExperiment(x, query, weightedmean)
assay(qse)
rowRanges(qse)

sm <- Matrix::sparseMatrix(
  i = c(2, 3, 4, 3, 4, 3, 4),
  j = c(1, 1, 1, 3, 3, 4, 4),
  x = c(2L, 4L, 2L, 2L, 2L, 4L, 2L),
  dims = c(4, 4),
  dimnames = list(
    c("chr2:1-10", "chr2:2-10", "chr2:3-10", "chr2:4-10"),
    LETTERS[1:4]
  )
)

as(sm, "RaggedExperiment")

```

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