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Description

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See Also

- Useful links:
- <https://github.com/gkanogiannis/fastreeR>
 - <https://github.com/gkanogiannis/BioInfoJava-Utils>
 - Report bugs at <https://github.com/gkanogiannis/fastreeR/issues>

dist2clusters	<i>Perform Hierarchical Clustering and tree pruning on a distance matrix</i>
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Description

Performs Hierarchical Clustering on a distance matrix (i.e. calculated with [vcf2dist](#) or [fasta2dist](#)) and generates a phylogenetic tree (complete linkage by default; single, complete, and average linkage are supported by the Java backend), as in [dist2tree](#). The phylogenetic tree is then pruned with [cutreeDynamic](#) to get clusters (as in [tree2clusters](#)).

Usage

```
dist2clusters(
  inputDist,
  cutHeight = NULL,
  minClusterSize = 1,
  extra = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

inputDist	Input distances file location (generated with vcf2dist or fasta2dist). File can be gzip compressed. Or a dist distances object.
cutHeight	Define at which height to cut tree. Default automatically defined.
minClusterSize	Minimum size of clusters. Default 1.
extra	Boolean whether to use extra parameters for the cutreeDynamic .
verbose	Logical. If TRUE, enables verbose output from the Java backend.

Value

A list of :

- [character](#) vector of the generated phylogenetic tree in Newick format
- [character](#) vector of the clusters. Each row contains data for a cluster, separated by space. The id of the cluster, the size of the cluster (number of elements) and the names of its elements, Cluster id 0 contains all the objects not assigned to a cluster (singletons). Example clusters output :

```
0 3 Sample1 Sample2 Sample3
1 3 Sample4 Sample5 Sample6
2 2 Sample7 Sample8
3 2 Sample9 Sample0
```

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References

Java implementation: <https://github.com/gkanogiannis/BioInfoJava-Utils>

Examples

```
my.clust <- dist2clusters(  
  inputDist =  
    system.file("extdata", "samples.vcf.dist.gz", package = "fastreeR"),  
  verbose = TRUE  
)
```

dist2tree

Generate phylogenetic tree from samples of a distance matrix

Description

Performs Hierarchical Clustering on a distance matrix (i.e. calculated with [vcf2dist](#) or [fasta2dist](#)) and generates a phylogenetic tree (complete linkage by default; single, complete, and average linkage are supported by the Java backend).

Usage

```
dist2tree(inputDist, verbose = FALSE)
```

Arguments

inputDist	Input distances file location (generated with vcf2dist or fasta2dist). File can be gzip compressed. Or a dist distances object.
verbose	Logical. If TRUE, enables verbose output from the Java backend.

Value

A [character](#) vector of the generated phylogenetic tree in Newick format.

Author(s)

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References

Java implementation: <https://github.com/gkanogiannis/BioInfoJava-Utils>

Examples

```
my.tree <- dist2tree(
  inputDist =
    system.file("extdata", "samples.vcf.dist.gz", package = "fastreeR"),
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

fasta2dist

Calculate distances between sequences of a FASTA file

Description

This function calculates a d2_S type dissimilarity measurement between the n sequences (which can represent samples) of a FASTA file. See [doi:10.1186/s1285901611863](https://doi.org/10.1186/s1285901611863) for more details.

Usage

```
fasta2dist(
  ...,
  outputFile = NULL,
  threads = 2,
  kmer = 6,
  normalize = FALSE,
  compress = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

...	Input fasta files locations (uncompressed or gzip compressed).
outputFile	Output distances file location.
threads	Number of java threads to use.
kmer	Kmer length to use for analyzing fasta sequences.
normalize	Normalize on sequences length.
compress	Compress output (adds .gz extension).
verbose	Logical. If TRUE, enables verbose output from the Java backend.

Value

A `dist` distances object of the calculation.

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References

Java implementation: <https://github.com/gkanogiannis/BioInfoJava-Utills>

Examples

```
my.dist <- fasta2dist(
  inputfile = system.file("extdata", "samples.fasta.gz",
    package = "fastreeR"
  )
)
```

tree2clusters	<i>Perform Hierarchical Clustering and tree pruning on a phylogenetic tree</i>
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Description

The phylogenetic tree is pruned with [cutreeDynamic](#) to get clusters.

Usage

```
tree2clusters(
  treeStr,
  treeDistances = NULL,
  treeLabels = NULL,
  cutHeight = NULL,
  minClusterSize = 1,
  extra = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

treeStr	A character vector of a phylogenetic tree in Newick format
treeDistances	numeric matrix of distances, that were used to generate the tree. If NULL, it will be inferred from tree branch lengths.
treeLabels	A character vector of tree leaf labels.
cutHeight	Define at which height to cut tree. Default automatically defined.
minClusterSize	Minimum size of clusters. Default 1.
extra	Boolean whether to use extra parameters for the cutreeDynamic .
verbose	Logical. If TRUE, enables verbose output from the Java backend.

Value

- **character** vector of the clusters. Each row contains data for a cluster, separated by space. The id of the cluster, the size of the cluster (number of elements) and the names of its elements, Cluster id 0 contains all the objects not assigned to a cluster (singletons). Example clusters output :

```
0 3 Sample1 Sample2 Sample3
1 3 Sample4 Sample5 Sample6
2 2 Sample7 Sample8
3 2 Sample9 Sample0
```

Author(s)

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References

Java implementation: <https://github.com/gkanogiannis/BioInfoJava-Utills>

Examples

```
my.clust <- tree2clusters(  
  treeStr = dist2tree(  
    inputDist = system.file("extdata", "samples.vcf.dist.gz",  
      package = "fasttreeR"  
  )  
)  
verbose = TRUE  
)
```

vcf2clusters	<i>Perform Hierarchical Clustering and tree pruning on samples of VCF file</i>
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Description

Performs Hierarchical Clustering on a distance matrix calculated as in [vcf2dist](#) and generates a phylogenetic tree (complete linkage by default; single, complete, and average linkage are supported by the Java backend), as in [dist2tree](#). The phylogenetic tree is then pruned with [cutreeDynamic](#) to get clusters (as in [tree2clusters](#)).

Usage

```
vcf2clusters(
  inputFile,
  threads = 2,
  cutHeight = NULL,
  minClusterSize = 1,
  extra = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

<code>inputFile</code>	Input vcf file location (uncompressed or gzip compressed).
<code>threads</code>	Number of java threads to use.
<code>cutHeight</code>	Define at which height to cut tree. Default automatically defined.
<code>minClusterSize</code>	Minimum size of clusters. Default 1.
<code>extra</code>	Boolean whether to use extra parameters for the cutreeDynamic .
<code>verbose</code>	Logical. If TRUE, enables verbose output from the Java backend.

Details

Biallelic or multiallelic (maximum 7 alternate alleles) SNP and/or INDEL variants are considered, phased or not. Some VCF encoding examples are:

- heterozygous variants : 1/0 or 0/1 or 0/2 or 1|0 or 0|1 or 0|2
- homozygous to the reference allele variants : 0/0 or 0|0
- homozygous to the first alternate allele variants : 1/1 or 1|1

If there are n samples and m variants, an $n \times n$ zero-diagonal symmetric distance matrix is calculated. The calculated cosine type distance $(1 - \text{cosine_similarity})/2$ is in the range $[0,1]$ where value 0 means completely identical samples (cosine is 1), value 0.5 means perpendicular samples (cosine is 0) and value 1 means completely opposite samples (cosine is -1).

The calculation is performed by a Java back-end implementation, that supports multi-core CPU utilization and can be demanding in terms of memory resources. By default a JVM is launched with a maximum memory allocation of 512 MB. When this amount is not sufficient, the user needs to reserve additional memory resources, before loading the package, by updating the value of the `java.parameters` option. For example in order to allocate 4GB of RAM, the user needs to issue `options(java.parameters="-Xmx4g")` before `library(fastreeR)`.

Value

A list of :

- [dist](#) distances object.
- [character](#) vector of the generated phylogenetic tree in Newick format

- **character** vector of the clusters. Each row contains data for a cluster, separated by space. The id of the cluster, the size of the cluster (number of elements) and the names of its elements. Cluster id 0 contains all the objects not assigned to a cluster (singletons). Example clusters output :

```

0  3  Sample1  Sample2  Sample3
1  3  Sample4  Sample5  Sample6
2  2  Sample7  Sample8
3  2  Sample9  Sample0

```

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References

Java implementation: <https://github.com/gkanogiannis/BioInfoJava-Utils>

Examples

```

my.clust <- vcf2clusters(
  inputFile = system.file("extdata", "samples.vcf.gz",
    package = "fastreeR"
  )
)

```

vcf2dist

Calculate distances between samples of a VCF file

Description

This function calculates a cosine type dissimilarity measurement between the n samples of a VCF file.

Usage

```

vcf2dist(
  inputFile,
  outputFile = NULL,
  threads = 2,
  compress = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  windowBp = NULL,
  windowVariants = NULL,
  windowStep = NULL,
  windowMinVariants = 1L,
  longFormat = FALSE
)

```

Arguments

inputFile	Input vcf file location (uncompressed or gzip compressed).
outputFile	Output distances file location.
threads	Number of java threads to use.
compress	Compress output (adds .gz extension).
verbose	Logical. If TRUE, enables verbose output from the Java backend.
windowBp	Optional positive integer. Emit one matrix per window of N base pairs. Mutually exclusive with windowVariants.
windowVariants	Optional positive integer. Emit one matrix per N consecutive variants. Mutually exclusive with windowBp.
windowStep	Optional positive integer. Window step (defaults to window size, i.e. tiled). Sliding windows are not yet implemented and will be rejected by the Java backend.
windowMinVariants	Minimum number of variants required to emit a window (default 1; smaller windows are skipped silently).
longFormat	Logical. In windowed mode, return a long-form data.frame instead of a list of dist objects.

Details

Biallelic or multiallelic (maximum 7 alternate alleles) SNP and/or INDEL variants are considered, phased or not. Some VCF encoding examples are:

- heterozygous variants : 1/0 or 0/1 or 0/2 or 1|0 or 0|1 or 0|2
- homozygous to the reference allele variants : 0/0 or 0|0
- homozygous to the first alternate allele variants : 1/1 or 1|1

If there are n samples and m variants, an $n \times n$ zero-diagonal symmetric distance matrix is calculated. The calculated cosine type distance $(1 - \text{cosine_similarity})/2$ is in the range $[0,1]$ where value 0 means completely identical samples (cosine is 1), value 0.5 means perpendicular samples (cosine is 0) and value 1 means completely opposite samples (cosine is -1).

The calculation is performed by a Java backend implementation, that supports multi-core CPU utilization and can be demanding in terms of memory resources. By default a JVM is launched with a maximum memory allocation of 512 MB. When this amount is not sufficient, the user needs to reserve additional memory resources, before loading the package, by updating the value of the `java.parameters` option. For example in order to allocate 4GB of RAM, the user needs to issue `options(java.parameters="-Xmx4g")` before `library(fastreeR)`.

Output file, if provided, will contain $n+1$ lines. The first line contains the number n of samples and number m of variants, separated by space. Each of the subsequent n lines contains $n+1$ values, separated by space. The first value of each line is a sample name and the rest n values are the calculated distances of this sample to all the samples. Example output file of the distances of 3 samples calculated from 1000 variants:

```

3 1000
Sample1  0.0  0.5  0.2
Sample2  0.5  0.0  0.9
Sample3  0.2  0.9  0.0

```

Windowed mode. Setting `windowBp` or `windowVariants` (mutually exclusive) instructs the Java backend to emit one distance matrix per genomic window. Windows never straddle chromosomes. The return value changes accordingly:

- `longFormat = FALSE` (default): a named list of `dist` objects, one per window. List names follow the format "chrom:start-end".
- `longFormat = TRUE`: a single `data.frame` with columns `chrom`, `start`, `end`, `sample_i`, `sample_j`, `dist`.

Value

In non-windowed mode, a `dist` distances object. In windowed mode, either a named list of `dist` objects (default) or a long-form `data.frame` (when `longFormat = TRUE`).

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References

Java implementation: <https://github.com/gkanogiannis/BioInfoJava-Utils>

Examples

```

my.dist <- vcf2dist(
  inputFile = system.file("extdata", "samples.vcf.gz",
    package = "fastreeR"
  )
)

```

vcf2istats

Calculate various per sample statistics from a VCF file

Description

Only biallelic SNPs are considered. For each sample, the following statistics are calculated :

- `INDIV` : Sample name
- `N_SITES` : Total number of SNPs
- `N_HET` : Number of SNPs with heterozygous call (0/1 or 0|1 or 1/0 or 1|0)
- `N_ALT` : Number of SNPs with alternate homozygous call (1/1 or 1|1)

- N_REF : Number of SNPs with reference homozygous call (0/0 or 0|0)
- N_MISS : Number of SNPs with missing call (. / . or . | .)
- P_HET : Percentage of heterozygous calls
- P_ALT : Percentage of alternate homozygous calls
- P_REF : Percentage of reference homozygous calls
- P_MISS : Percentage of missing calls (missing rate)

Usage

```
vcf2istats(inputFile, outputFile = NULL)
```

Arguments

inputFile	Input vcf file location (uncompressed or gzip compressed).
outputFile	Output samples statistics file location.

Value

A [data.frame](#) of sample statistics.

Author(s)

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References

Java implementation: <https://github.com/gkanogiannis/BioInfoJava-Utils>

Examples

```
my.istats <- vcf2istats(
  inputFile =
    system.file("extdata", "samples.vcf.gz", package = "fasttreeR")
)
```

vcf2tree

Generate phylogenetic tree from samples of a VCF file

Description

This function calculates a distance matrix between the samples of a VCF file as in [vcf2dist](#) and performs Hierarchical Clustering on this distance matrix as in [dist2tree](#). A phylogenetic tree is calculated by hierarchical clustering of the distance matrix (complete linkage by default; single, complete, and average linkage are supported by the Java backend).

Usage

```
vcf2tree(
  inputFile,
  threads = 1,
  verbose = FALSE,
  bootstrap = 0,
  windowBp = NULL,
  windowVariants = NULL,
  windowStep = NULL,
  windowMinVariants = 1L
)
```

Arguments

<code>inputFile</code>	Input vcf file location (uncompressed or gzip compressed).
<code>threads</code>	Number of java threads to use (default 1).
<code>verbose</code>	Logical. If TRUE, enables verbose output from the Java backend.
<code>bootstrap</code>	Number of bootstrap replicates to perform (default 0, no bootstrapping).
<code>windowBp</code>	Optional positive integer. Emit one tree per window of N base pairs. Mutually exclusive with <code>windowVariants</code> .
<code>windowVariants</code>	Optional positive integer. Emit one tree per N consecutive variants. Mutually exclusive with <code>windowBp</code> .
<code>windowStep</code>	Optional positive integer. Window step (defaults to window size, i.e. tiled). Sliding windows are not yet implemented and will be rejected by the Java backend.
<code>windowMinVariants</code>	Minimum number of variants required to emit a window (default 1; smaller windows are skipped silently).

Details

If the `bootstrap` parameter is set to a positive integer, the Java backend performs streaming bootstrap sampling of variants for the requested number of replicates. Bootstrap support values are encoded in the returned Newick string at internal nodes (percent support across replicates). Note that enabling bootstrapping increases runtime and memory usage proportionally to the number of replicates.

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- homozygous to the reference allele variants : 0/0 or 0|0
- homozygous to the first alternate allele variants : 1/1 or 1|1

If there are n samples and m variants, an $n \times n$ zero-diagonal symmetric distance matrix is calculated. The calculated cosine type distance $(1 - \text{cosine_similarity})/2$ is in the range $[0,1]$ where value 0 means

completely identical samples (cosine is 1), value 0.5 means perpendicular samples (cosine is 0) and value 1 means completely opposite samples (cosine is -1).

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Windowed mode. Setting `windowBp` or `windowVariants` (mutually exclusive) instructs the Java backend to emit one Newick tree per genomic window. Windows never straddle chromosomes. Bootstrap is not supported in windowed mode and will raise an error. The return value becomes a `data.frame` with one row per window and columns `chrom`, `start`, `end`, `nvariants`, `newick`.

Value

In non-windowed mode, a `character` vector of the generated phylogenetic tree in Newick format. In windowed mode, a `data.frame` with columns `chrom`, `start`, `end`, `nvariants`, `newick` (one row per window).

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References

Java implementation: <https://github.com/gkanogiannis/BioInfoJava-Utils>

Examples

```
my.tree <- vcf2tree(  
  inputFile = system.file("extdata", "samples.vcf.gz",  
    package = "fastreeR"  
  )  
)
```

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