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## See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/lcolladotor/derfinder>
- Report bugs at <https://support.bioconductor.org/t/derfinder/>

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analyzeChr

*Run the derfinder analysis on a chromosome*


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## Description

This is a major wrapper for running several key functions from this package. It is meant to be used after [loadCoverage](#) has been used for a specific chromosome. The steps run include [makeModels](#), [preprocessCoverage](#), [calculateStats](#), [calculatePvalues](#) and annotating with [annotateTranscripts](#) and [matchGenes](#).

## Usage

```
analyzeChr(
  chr,
  coverageInfo,
  models,
  cutoffPre = 5,
  cutoffFstat = 1e-08,
  cutoffType = "theoretical",
  nPermute = 1,
  seeds = as.integer(gsub("-", "", Sys.Date())) + seq_len(nPermute),
  groupInfo,
  txdb = NULL,
  writeOutput = TRUE,
  runAnnotation = TRUE,
  lowMemDir = file.path(chr, "chunksDir"),
  smooth = FALSE,
  weights = NULL,
  smoothFunction = bumphunter::locfitByCluster,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

chr	Used for naming the output files when writeOutput=TRUE and the resulting GRanges object.
coverageInfo	A list containing a DataFrame <code>-\$coverage-</code> with the coverage data and a logical Rle <code>-\$position-</code> with the positions that passed the cutoff. This object is generated using <a href="#">loadCoverage</a> . You should have specified a cutoff value for <a href="#">loadCoverage</a> unless that you are using <code>colsubset</code> which will force a filtering step with <a href="#">filterData</a> when running <a href="#">preprocessCoverage</a> .
models	The output from <a href="#">makeModels</a> .
cutoffPre	This argument is passed to <a href="#">preprocessCoverage</a> (cutoff).
cutoffFstat	This is used to determine the cutoff argument of <a href="#">calculatePvalues</a> and it's behaviour is determined by cutoffType.

cutoffType	If set to <code>empirical</code> , the <code>cutoffFstat</code> (example: 0.99) quantile is used via <a href="#">quantile</a> . If set to <code>theoretical</code> , the theoretical <code>cutoffFstats</code> (example: 1e-08) is calculated via <a href="#">qf</a> . If set to <code>manual</code> , <code>cutoffFstats</code> is passed to <a href="#">calculatePvalues</a> without any other calculation.
nPermute	The number of permutations. Note that for a full chromosome, a small amount (10) of permutations is sufficient. If set to 0, no permutations are performed and thus no null regions are used, however, the <code>\$regions</code> component is created.
seeds	An integer vector of length <code>nPermute</code> specifying the seeds to be used for each permutation. If <code>NULL</code> no seeds are used.
groupInfo	A factor specifying the group membership of each sample that can later be used with the plotting functions in the <code>derfinderPlot</code> package.
txdb	This argument is passed to <a href="#">annotateTranscripts</a> . If <code>NULL</code> , <a href="#">TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene</a> is used.
writeOutput	If <code>TRUE</code> , output Rdata files are created at each step inside a directory with the chromosome name (example: 'chr21' if <code>chrnum='21'</code> ). One Rdata file is created for each component described in the return section.
runAnnotation	If <code>TRUE</code> <a href="#">annotateTranscripts</a> and <a href="#">matchGenes</a> are run. Otherwise these steps are skipped.
lowMemDir	If specified, each chunk is saved into a separate Rdata file under <code>lowMemDir</code> and later loaded in <a href="#">fstats.apply</a> when running <a href="#">calculateStats</a> and <a href="#">calculatePvalues</a> . Using this option helps reduce the memory load as each fork in <a href="#">bplapply</a> loads only the data needed for the chunk processing. The downside is a bit longer computation time due to input/output.
smooth	Whether to smooth the F-statistics ( <code>fstats</code> ) or not. This is by default <code>FALSE</code> . For RNA-seq data we recommend using <code>FALSE</code> .
weights	Weights used by the smoother as described in <a href="#">smoother</a> .
smoothFunction	A function to be used for smoothing the F-statistics. Two functions are provided by the <code>bumphunter</code> package: <a href="#">loessByCluster</a> and <a href="#">runmedByCluster</a> . If you are using your own custom function, it has to return a named list with an element called <code>\$fitted</code> that contains the smoothed F-statistics and an element called <code>\$smoothed</code> that is a logical vector indicating whether the F-statistics were smoothed or not. If they are not smoothed, the original values will be used.
...	Arguments passed to other methods and/or advanced arguments. Advanced arguments: <p><b>verbose</b> If <code>TRUE</code> basic status updates will be printed along the way. Default <code>TRUE</code>.</p> <p><b>scafac</b> This argument is passed to <a href="#">preprocessCoverage</a>.</p> <p><b>chunksize</b> This argument is passed to <a href="#">preprocessCoverage</a>.</p> <p><b>returnOutput</b> If <code>TRUE</code>, it returns a list with the results from each step. Otherwise, it returns <code>NULL</code>. Default: the opposite of <code>writeOutput</code>.</p> <p>Passed to <a href="#">extendedMapSeqlevels</a>, <a href="#">preprocessCoverage</a>, <a href="#">calculateStats</a>, <a href="#">calculatePvalues</a>, <a href="#">annotateTranscripts</a>, <a href="#">matchGenes</a>, and <a href="#">define_cluster</a>.</p>

## Details

If you are working with data from an organism different from 'Homo sapiens' specify so by setting the global 'species' and 'chrsStyle' options. For example: `options(species = 'arabidopsis_thaliana')`  
`options(chrsStyle = 'NCBI')`

## Value

If `returnOutput=TRUE`, a list with six components:

**timeinfo** The wallclock timing information for each step.

**optionsStats** The main options used when running this function.

**coveragePrep** The output from [preprocessCoverage](#).

**fstats** The output from [calculateStats](#).

**regions** The output from [calculatePvalues](#).

**annotation** The output from [matchGenes](#).

These are the same components that are written to Rdata files if `writeOutput=TRUE`.

## Author(s)

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## See Also

[makeModels](#), [preprocessCoverage](#), [calculateStats](#), [calculatePvalues](#), [annotateTranscripts](#), [matchGenes](#)

## Examples

```
## Collapse the coverage information
collapsedFull <- collapseFullCoverage(list(genomeData$coverage),
  verbose = TRUE
)

## Calculate library size adjustments
sampleDepths <- sampleDepth(collapsedFull,
  probs = c(0.5), nonzero = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE
)

## Build the models
groupInfo <- genomeInfo$pop
adjustvars <- data.frame(genomeInfo$gender)
models <- makeModels(sampleDepths, testvars = groupInfo, adjustvars = adjustvars)

## Analyze the chromosome
results <- analyzeChr(
  chr = "21", coverageInfo = genomeData, models = models,
  cutoffFstat = 1, cutoffType = "manual", groupInfo = groupInfo, mc.cores = 1,
  writeOutput = FALSE, returnOutput = TRUE, method = "regular",
```

```

    runAnnotation = FALSE
  )
  names(results)

```

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annotateRegions      *Assign genomic states to regions*

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### Description

This function takes the regions found in [calculatePvalues](#) and assigns them genomic states constructed with [makeGenomicState](#). The main workhorse functions are [countOverlaps](#) and [findOverlaps](#).

### Usage

```
annotateRegions(regions, genomicState, annotate = TRUE, ...)
```

### Arguments

regions	The \$regions output from <a href="#">calculatePvalues</a> .
genomicState	A GRanges object created with <a href="#">makeGenomicState</a> . It can be either the genomicState\$fullGenome or genomicState\$codingGenome component.
annotate	If TRUE then the regions are annotated by the genomic state. Otherwise, only the overlaps between the regions and the genomic states are computed.
...	Arguments passed to other methods and/or advanced arguments. Advanced arguments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>verbose</b> If TRUE basic status updates will be printed along the way.</li> <li><b>ignore.strand</b> Passed on to <a href="#">findOverlaps-methods</a> and <a href="#">countOverlaps</a>. Default: TRUE.</li> </ul> Passed to <a href="#">extendedMapSeqlevels</a> , <a href="#">countOverlaps</a> and <a href="#">findOverlaps-methods</a> .

### Details

You might want to specify arguments such as minoverlap to control how the overlaps are determined. See [findOverlaps](#) for further details.

### Value

A list with elements countTable and annotationList (only if annotate=TRUE).

**countTable** This is a data.frame with the number of overlaps from the regions vs the genomic states with one type per column. For example, if fullOrCoding='full' then the columns are exon, intergenic and intron.

**annotationList** This is a GRangesList with the genomic states that overlapped with the regions. The names of this GRangesList correspond to the region index in regions.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[makeGenomicState](#), [calculatePvalues](#)

**Examples**

```
## Annotate regions, first two only
annotatedRegions <- annotateRegions(
  regions = genomeRegions$regions[1:2],
  genomicState = genomicState$fullGenome, minoverlap = 1
)
annotatedRegions
```

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calculatePvalues

*Calculate p-values and identify regions*

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**Description**

First, this function finds the regions of interest according to specified cutoffs. Then it permutes the samples and re-calculates the F-statistics. The area of the statistics from these segments are then used to calculate p-values for the original regions.

**Usage**

```
calculatePvalues(
  coveragePrep,
  models,
  fstats,
  nPermute = 1L,
  seeds = as.integer(gsub("-", "", Sys.Date())) + seq_len(nPermute),
  chr,
  cutoff = quantile(fstats, 0.99, na.rm = TRUE),
  significantCut = c(0.05, 0.1),
  lowMemDir = NULL,
  smooth = FALSE,
  weights = NULL,
  smoothFunction = bumphunter::locfitByCluster,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

coveragePrep	A list with \$coverageProcessed, \$mcIapplyIndex, and \$position normally generated using <a href="#">preprocessCoverage</a> .
models	A list with \$mod and \$mod0 normally generated using <a href="#">makeModels</a> .
fstats	A numerical Rle with the F-statistics normally generated using <a href="#">calculateStats</a> .
nPermute	The number of permutations. Note that for a full chromosome, a small amount (10) of permutations is sufficient. If set to 0, no permutations are performed and thus no null regions are used, however, the \$regions component is created.
seeds	An integer vector of length nPermute specifying the seeds to be used for each permutation. If NULL no seeds are used.
chr	A single element character vector specifying the chromosome name. This argument is passed to <a href="#">findRegions</a> .
cutoff	F-statistic cutoff to use to determine segments.
significantCut	A vector of length two specifying the cutoffs used to determine significance. The first element is used to determine significance for the P-values, while the second element is used for the Q-values (FDR adjusted P-values).
lowMemDir	The directory where the processed chunks are saved when using <a href="#">preprocessCoverage</a> with a specified lowMemDir.
smooth	Whether to smooth the F-statistics (fstats) or not. This is by default FALSE. For RNA-seq data we recommend using FALSE.
weights	Weights used by the smoother as described in <a href="#">smoother</a> .
smoothFunction	A function to be used for smoothing the F-statistics. Two functions are provided by the <code>bumphunter</code> package: <a href="#">loessByCluster</a> and <a href="#">runmedByCluster</a> . If you are using your own custom function, it has to return a named list with an element called \$fitted that contains the smoothed F-statistics and an element called \$smoothed that is a logical vector indicating whether the F-statistics were smoothed or not. If they are not smoothed, the original values will be used.
...	Arguments passed to other methods and/or advanced arguments. Advanced arguments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>verbose</b> If TRUE basic status updates will be printed along the way.</li> <li><b>scalefac</b> This argument is passed to <a href="#">fstats.apply</a> and should be the same as the one used in <a href="#">preprocessCoverage</a>. Default: 32.</li> <li><b>method</b> Has to be either 'Matrix' (default), 'Rle' or 'regular'. See details in <a href="#">fstats.apply</a>.</li> <li><b>adjustF</b> A single value to adjust that is added in the denominator of the F-stat calculation. Useful when the Residual Sum of Squares of the alternative model is very small. Default: 0.</li> <li><b>writeOutput</b> If TRUE then the regions are saved before calculating q-values, and then overwritten once the q-values are written. This argument was introduced to save the results from the permutations (can take some time) to investigate the problem described at <a href="https://support.bioconductor.org/p/62026/">https://support.bioconductor.org/p/62026/</a></li> <li><b>maxRegionGap</b> Passed to internal functions of <a href="#">findRegions</a>. Default: 0. Passed to <a href="#">findRegions</a>, <a href="#">smoothFunction</a> and <a href="#">define_cluster</a>.</li> </ul>

**Value**

A list with four components:

**regions** is a GRanges with metadata columns given by [findRegions](#) with the additional metadata column pvalues: p-value of the region calculated via permutations of the samples; qvalues: the qvalues calculated using [qvalue](#); significant: whether the p-value is less than 0.05 (by default); significantQval: whether the q-value is less than 0.10 (by default). It also includes the mean coverage of the region (mean from the mean coverage at each base calculated in [preprocessCoverage](#)). Furthermore, if groupInfo was not NULL in [preprocessCoverage](#), then the group mean coverage is calculated as well as the log 2 fold change (using group 1 as the reference).

**nullStats** is a numeric Rle with the mean of the null statistics by segment.

**nullWidths** is a numeric Rle with the length of each of the segments in the null distribution. The area can be obtained by multiplying the absolute nullstats by the corresponding lengths.

**nullPermutation** is a Rle with the permutation number from which the null region originated from.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[findRegions](#), [fstats.apply](#), [qvalue](#)

**Examples**

```
## Collapse the coverage information
collapsedFull <- collapseFullCoverage(list(genomeData$coverage),
  verbose = TRUE
)

## Calculate library size adjustments
sampleDepths <- sampleDepth(collapsedFull, probs = c(0.5), verbose = TRUE)

## Build the models
group <- genomeInfo$pop
adjustvars <- data.frame(genomeInfo$gender)
models <- makeModels(sampleDepths, testvars = group, adjustvars = adjustvars)

## Preprocess the data
## Automatic chunksize used to then compare 1 vs 4 cores in the 'do not run'
## section
prep <- preprocessCoverage(genomeData,
  groupInfo = group, cutoff = 0,
  scalefac = 32, chunksize = NULL, colsubset = NULL, mc.cores = 4
)

## Get the F statistics
fstats <- genomeFstats
```

```

## We recommend determining the cutoff to use based on the F-distribution
## although you could also based it on the observed F-statistics.

## In this example we use a low cutoff used for illustrative purposes
cutoff <- 1

## Calculate the p-values and define the regions of interest.
regsWithP <- calculatePvalues(prepare, models, fstats,
  nPermute = 1, seeds = 1,
  chr = "chr21", cutoff = cutoff, mc.cores = 1, method = "regular"
)
regsWithP
## Not run:
## Calculate again, but with 10 permutations instead of just 1
regsWithP <- calculatePvalues(prepare, models, fstats,
  nPermute = 10, seeds = 1:10,
  chr = "chr21", cutoff = cutoff, mc.cores = 2, method = "regular"
)

## Check that they are the same as the previously calculated regions
library(testthat)
expect_that(regsWithP, equals(genomeRegions))

## Histogram of the theoretical p-values by region
hist(pf(regsWithP$regions$value, df1 - df0, n - df1), main = "Distribution
  original p-values by region", freq = FALSE)

## Histogram of the permuted p-values by region
hist(regsWithP$regions$pvalues, main = "Distribution permuted p-values by
  region", freq = FALSE)

## MA style plot
library("ggplot2")
ma <- data.frame(
  mean = regsWithP$regions$meanCoverage,
  log2FoldChange = regsWithP$regions$log2FoldChangeYRIVsCEU
)
ggplot(ma, aes(x = log2(mean), y = log2FoldChange)) +
  geom_point() +
  ylab("Fold Change (log2)") +
  xlab("Mean coverage (log2)") +
  labs(title = "MA style plot")

## Annotate the results
library("bumphunter")
genes <- annotateTranscripts(TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene::TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene)
annotation <- matchGenes(regsWithP$regions, genes)
head(annotation)

## End(Not run)

```

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calculateStats	<i>Calculate F-statistics at base pair resolution from a loaded BAM files</i>
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### Description

After defining the models of interest (see [makeModels](#)) and pre-processing the data (see [preprocessCoverage](#)), use [calculateStats](#) to calculate the F-statistics at base-pair resolution.

### Usage

```
calculateStats(coveragePrep, models, lowMemDir = NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

coveragePrep	A list with \$coverageProcessed, \$mclapplyIndex, and \$position normally generated using <a href="#">preprocessCoverage</a> .
models	A list with \$mod and \$mod0 normally generated using <a href="#">makeModels</a> .
lowMemDir	The directory where the processed chunks are saved when using <a href="#">preprocessCoverage</a> with a specified lowMemDir.
...	Arguments passed to other methods and/or advanced arguments. Advanced arguments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>verbose</b> If TRUE basic status updates will be printed along the way.</li> <li><b>scalefac</b> This argument is passed to <a href="#">fstats.apply</a> and should be the same as the one used in <a href="#">preprocessCoverage</a>. Default: 32.</li> <li><b>method</b> Has to be either 'Matrix' (default), 'Rle' or 'regular'. See details in <a href="#">fstats.apply</a>.</li> <li><b>adjustF</b> A single value to adjust that is added in the denominator of the F-stat calculation. Useful when the Residual Sum of Squares of the alternative model is very small. Default: 0.</li> </ul> Passed to <a href="#">define_cluster</a> .

### Value

A numeric Rle with the F-statistics per base pair that passed the cutoff.

### Author(s)

Leonardo Collado-Torres

### See Also

[makeModels](#), [preprocessCoverage](#)

**Examples**

```

## Collapse the coverage information
collapsedFull <- collapseFullCoverage(list(genomeData$coverage),
  verbose = TRUE
)

## Calculate library size adjustments
sampleDepths <- sampleDepth(collapsedFull, probs = c(0.5), verbose = TRUE)

## Build the models
group <- genomeInfo$pop
adjustvars <- data.frame(genomeInfo$gender)
models <- makeModels(sampleDepths, testvars = group, adjustvars = adjustvars)

## Preprocess the data
prep <- preprocessCoverage(genomeData,
  cutoff = 0, scalefac = 32,
  chunksize = 1e3, colsubset = NULL
)

## Run the function
fstats <- calculateStats(prepare, models, verbose = TRUE, method = "regular")
fstats
## Not run:
## Compare vs pre-packaged F-statistics
library("testthat")
expect_that(fstats, is_equivalent_to(genomeFstats))

## End(Not run)

```

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coerceGR

*Coerce the coverage to a GRanges object for a given sample*


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**Description**

Given the output of [fullCoverage](#), coerce the coverage to a [GRanges](#) object.

**Usage**

```
coerceGR(sample, fullCov, ...)
```

**Arguments**

sample	The name or integer index of the sample of interest to coerce to a GRanges object.
fullCov	A list where each element is the result from <a href="#">loadCoverage</a> used with returnCoverage = TRUE. Can be generated using <a href="#">fullCoverage</a> .

... Arguments passed to other methods and/or advanced arguments. Advanced arguments:

**verbose** If TRUE basic status updates will be printed along the way.

**seqlengths** A named vector with the sequence lengths of the chromosomes. This argument is passed to [GRanges](#). By default this is NULL and inferred from the data.

Passed to [define\\_cluster](#).

### Value

A [GRanges](#) object with score metadata vector containing the coverage information for the specified sample. The ranges reported are only those for regions of the genome with coverage greater than zero.

### Author(s)

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### See Also

[GRanges](#)

### Examples

```
## Create a small fullCov object with data only for chr21
fullCov <- list("chr21" = genomeDataRaw)

## Coerce to a GRanges the first sample
gr <- createBwSample("ERR009101",
  fullCov = fullCov,
  seqlengths = c("chr21" = 48129895)
)

## Explore the output
gr

## Coerces fullCoverage() output to GRanges for a given sample
```

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collapseFullCoverage *Collapse full coverage information for efficient quantile computations*

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### Description

For a given data set this function collapses the full coverage information for each sample from all the chromosomes. The resulting information per sample is the number of bases with coverage 0, 1, etc. It is similar to using `table()` on a regular vector. This information is then used by [sampleDepth](#) for calculating the sample depth adjustments. The data set can be loaded to R using (see [fullCoverage](#)) and optionally filtered using [filterData](#).

**Usage**

```
collapseFullCoverage(fullCov, colsubset = NULL, save = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

fullCov	A list where each element is the result from <a href="#">loadCoverage</a> used with cutoff=NULL. Can be generated using <a href="#">fullCoverage</a> .
colsubset	Which columns of coverageInfo\$coverage to use.
save	If TRUE, the result is saved as 'collapsedFull.Rdata'.
...	Arguments passed to other methods and/or advanced arguments. Advanced arguments: <b>verbose</b> If TRUE basic status updates will be printed along the way. Default: FALSE.

**Value**

A list with one element per sample. Then per sample, a list with two vector elements: values and weights. The first one is the coverage value and the second one is the number of bases with that value.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[fullCoverage](#), [sampleDepth](#)

**Examples**

```
## Collapse the coverage information for the filtered data
collapsedFull <- collapseFullCoverage(list(genomeData),
  verbose = TRUE
)
collapsedFull
## Not run:
## You can also collapse the raw data
collapsedFullRaw <- collapseFullCoverage(list(genomeDataRaw), verbose = TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

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coverageToExon      *Extract coverage information for exons*

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### Description

This function extracts the coverage information calculated by [fullCoverage](#) for a set of exons determined by [makeGenomicState](#). The underlying code is similar to [getRegionCoverage](#) with additional tweaks for calculating RPKM values.

### Usage

```
coverageToExon(
  fullCov = NULL,
  genomicState,
  L = NULL,
  returnType = "raw",
  files = NULL,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

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|--------------|---|
| fullCov      | A list where each element is the result from <a href="#">loadCoverage</a> used with <code>returnCoverage = TRUE</code> . Can be generated using <a href="#">fullCoverage</a> . Alternatively, specify files to extract the coverage information from the regions of interest. This can be helpful if you do not wish to store fullCov for memory reasons.   |
| genomicState | A GRanges object created with <a href="#">makeGenomicState</a> . It can be either the <code>genomicState\$fullGenome</code> or <code>genomicState\$codingGenome</code> component.   |
| L            | The width of the reads used. Either a vector of length 1 or length equal to the number of samples.  |
| returnType   | If <code>raw</code> , then the raw coverage information per exon is returned. If <code>rpkm</code> , RPKM values are calculated for each exon.  |
| files        | A character vector with the full path to the sample BAM files (or BigWig files). The names are used for the column names of the DataFrame. Check <a href="#">rawFiles</a> for constructing files. <code>files</code> can also be a <a href="#">BamFileList</a> object created with <a href="#">BamFileList</a> or a <a href="#">BigWigFileList</a> object created with <a href="#">BigWigFileList</a> .   |
| ...          | Arguments passed to other methods and/or advanced arguments. Advanced arguments:<br><br><b>verbose</b> If <code>TRUE</code> basic status updates will be printed along the way.<br><b>BPPARAM.strandStep</b> A BPPARAM object to use for the strand step. If not specified, then <code>strandCores</code> specifies the number of cores to use for the strand step. The actual number of cores used is the minimum of <code>strandCores</code> , <code>mc.cores</code> and the number of strands in the data. |

**BPPARAM.chrStep** A BPPARAM object to use for the chr step. If not specified, then `mc.cores` specifies the number of cores to use for the chr step. The actual number of cores used is the minimum of `mc.cores` and the number of samples.

Passed to [extendedMapSeqlevels](#) and [define\\_cluster](#).

## Details

Parallelization is used twice. First, it is used by strand. Second, for processing the exons by chromosome. So there is no gain in using `mc.cores` greater than the maximum of the number of strands and number of chromosomes.

If `fullCov` is NULL and `files` is specified, this function will attempt to read the coverage from the files. Note that if you used 'totalMapped' and 'targetSize' before, you will have to specify them again to get the same results.

## Value

A matrix (nrow = number of exons in `genomicState` corresponding to the chromosomes in `fullCov`, ncol = number of samples) with the number of reads (or RPKM) per exon. The row names correspond to the row indexes of `genomicState$fullGenome` (if `fullOrCoding='full'`) or `genomicState$codingGenome` (if `fullOrCoding='coding'`).

## Author(s)

Andrew Jaffe, Leonardo Collado-Torres

## See Also

[fullCoverage](#), [getRegionCoverage](#)

## Examples

```
## Obtain fullCov object
fullCov <- list("21" = genomeDataRaw$coverage)

## Use only the first two exons
smallGenomicState <- genomicState
smallGenomicState$fullGenome <- smallGenomicState$fullGenome[
  which(smallGenomicState$fullGenome$theRegion == "exon")[1:2]
]

## Finally, get the coverage information for each exon
exonCov <- coverageToExon(
  fullCov = fullCov,
  genomicState = smallGenomicState$fullGenome, L = 36
)
```

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createBw *Export coverage to BigWig files*

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### Description

Using output from [fullCoverage](#), export the coverage from all the samples to BigWig files using [createBwSample](#).

### Usage

```
createBw(fullCov, path = ".", keepGR = TRUE, ...)
```

### Arguments

fullCov	A list where each element is the result from <a href="#">loadCoverage</a> used with returnCoverage = TRUE. Can be generated using <a href="#">fullCoverage</a> .
path	The path where the BigWig files will be created.
keepGR	If TRUE, the <a href="#">GRanges</a> objects created by <a href="#">coerceGR</a> grouped into a <a href="#">GRangesList</a> are returned. Otherwise they are discarded.
...	Arguments passed to <a href="#">createBwSample</a> .

### Details

Use at most one core per chromosome.

### Value

If keepGR = TRUE, then a [GRangesList](#) with the output for [coerceGR](#) for each of the samples.

### Author(s)

Leonardo Collado-Torres

### See Also

[GRangesList](#), [export.bw](#), [createBwSample](#), [coerceGR](#)

### Examples

```
## Create a small fullCov object with data only for chr21
fullCov <- list("chr21" = genomeDataRaw)

## Keep only 2 samples
fullCov$chr21$coverage <- fullCov$chr21$coverage[c(1, 31)]

## Create the BigWig files for all samples in a test dir
dir.create("createBw-example")
bws <- createBw(fullCov, "createBw-example")
```

```

## Explore the output
bws

## First sample
bws[[1]]

## Note that if a sample has no bases with coverage > 0, the GRanges object
## is empty and no BigWig file is created for that sample.
bws[[2]]

## Exports fullCoverage() output to BigWig files

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createBwSample	<i>Create a BigWig file with the coverage information for a given sample</i>
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## Description

Given the output of `fullCoverage`, this function coerces the coverage to a `GRanges` object using `coerceGR` and then exports the coverage to a BigWig file using `export.bw`.

## Usage

```
createBwSample(sample, path = ".", fullCov, keepGR = TRUE, ...)
```

## Arguments

sample	The name or integer index of the sample of interest to coerce to a <code>GRanges</code> object.
path	The path where the BigWig file will be created.
fullCov	A list where each element is the result from <code>loadCoverage</code> used with <code>returnCoverage = TRUE</code> . Can be generated using <code>fullCoverage</code> .
keepGR	If <code>TRUE</code> , the <code>GRanges</code> object created by <code>coerceGR</code> is returned. Otherwise it is discarded.
...	Arguments passed to other methods and/or advanced arguments. Advanced arguments: <b>verbose</b> If <code>TRUE</code> basic status updates will be printed along the way. Passed to <code>coerceGR</code> .

## Value

Creates a BigWig file with the coverage information (regions with coverage greater than zero) for a given sample. If `keepGR` it returns the output from `coerceGR`.

## Author(s)

Leonardo Collado-Torres

**See Also**

[GRanges](#), [export.bw](#), [linkcoerceGR](#)

**Examples**

```
## Create a small fullCov object with data only for chr21
fullCov <- list("chr21" = genomeDataRaw)

## Create a BigWig for the first sample in a test directory
dir.create("createBwSample-example")
bw <- createBwSample("ERR009101", "createBwSample-example",
  fullCov = fullCov, seqlengths = c("chr21" = 48129895)
)

## Explore the output
bw

## Exports a single sample to a BigWig file
```

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define_cluster	<i>Define a cluster to use.</i>
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**Description**

Define a cluster to use.

**Usage**

```
define_cluster(cores = "mc.cores", ...)
```

**Arguments**

cores	The argument to use to define the number of cores. This is useful for cases with nested parallelizations.
...	Advanced arguments are: <b>mc.cores</b> If 1 (default), then <a href="#">SerialParam</a> will be used. If greater than 1, then it specifies the number of workers for <a href="#">SnowParam</a> . <b>mc.log</b> Passed to log when using <a href="#">SnowParam</a> . <b>BPPARAM.custom</b> If specified, that's the BPPARAM that will be used.

**Details**

This function is used internally in many functions.

**Value**

A BiocParallel \*Param object

**Author(s)**

Leonardo Collado-Torres

**Examples**

```
## Use SerialParam()
define_cluster(mc.cores = 1)

## Note that BPPARAM.custom takes precedence
define_cluster(mc.cores = 2, BPPARAM.custom = BiocParallel::SerialParam())
```

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derfinder-deprecated *Deprecated functions in package 'derfinder'*

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**Description**

These functions are provided for compatibility with older version of 'derfinder' only and will be defunct at the next release.

**Usage**

```
advancedArg(fun, package = "derfinder", browse = interactive())
```

**Arguments**

fun	The name of a function(s) that has advanced arguments in package.
package	The name of the package where the function is stored. Only 'derfinder', 'derfinderPlot', and 'regionReport' are accepted.
browse	Whether to open the URLs in a browser.

**Details**

The following functions are deprecated and will be made defunct.

- advancedArg Not needed now that the advanced arguments are documented on the help pages of each function.

**Value**

A vector of URLs with the GitHub search queries.

**Examples**

```
## Open the advanced argument docs for loadCoverage()
if (interactive()) {
  advancedArg("loadCoverage")
} else {
  (advancedArg("loadCoverage", browse = FALSE))
}
```

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extendedMapSeqlevels *Change naming style for a set of sequence names*

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### Description

If available, use the information from GenomeInfoDb for your species of interest to map the sequence names from the style currently used to another valid style. For example, for Homo sapiens map '2' (NCBI style) to 'chr2' (UCSC style). If the information from GenomeInfoDb is not available, the original sequence names will be returned. To disable this functionality specify set chrsStyle to NULL.

### Usage

```
extendedMapSeqlevels(
  seqnames,
  style = getOption("chrsStyle", "UCSC"),
  species = getOption("species", "homo_sapiens"),
  currentStyle = NULL,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

seqnames	A character vector with the sequence names.
style	A single character vector specifying the naming style to use for renaming the sequence names.
species	A single character vector with the species of interest: it has to match the valid species names supported in GenomeInfoDb. See names(GenomeInfoDb::genomeStyles()). If species = NULL, a guess will be made using the available information in GenomeInfoDb.
currentStyle	A single character vector with the currently used naming style. If NULL, a guess will be made from the naming styles supported by species.
...	Arguments passed to other methods and/or advanced arguments. Advanced arguments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>verbose</b> If TRUE basic status updates will be printed along the way.</li> <li><b>chrsStyle</b> The naming style of the chromosomes. By default, UCSC. See <a href="#">seqlevelsStyle</a>. Set to NULL to disable this function. This is used when style is missing, which is normally the case when extendedMapSeqlevels is called by other functions.</li> </ul>

### Details

This function is inspired from [mapSeqlevels](#) with the difference that it will return the original sequence names if the species, current naming style or target naming style are not supported in GenomeInfoDb.

If you want to disable this function, set `chrsStyle` to `NULL`. From other functions in `derfinder` that pass the `...` argument to this function, use `chrsStyle = NULL`. This can be useful when working with organisms that are absent from `GenomeInfoDb` as documented in <https://support.bioconductor.org/p/95521/>.

## Value

A vector of sequence names using the specified naming style.

## Author(s)

L. Collado-Torres

## Examples

```
## Without guessing any information
extendedMapSeqlevels("2", "UCSC", "Homo sapiens", "NCBI")

## Guessing the current naming style
extendedMapSeqlevels("2", "UCSC", "Homo sapiens")

## Guess species and current style
extendedMapSeqlevels("2", "NCBI")

## Guess species while supplying the current style.
## Probably an uncommon use-case
extendedMapSeqlevels("2", "NCBI", currentStyle = "TAIR10")

## Sequence names are unchanged when using an unsupported species
extendedMapSeqlevels("seq2", "NCBI", "toyOrganism")

## Disable extendedMapSeqlevels. This can be useful when working with
## organisms that are not supported by GenomeInfoDb
chrs <- c(
  "I", "II", "III", "IV", "IX", "V", "VI", "VII", "VIII", "X",
  "XI", "XII", "XIII", "XIV", "XV", "XVI", "XVII"
)
extendedMapSeqlevels(chrs, chrsStyle = NULL)
## Not run:
## Set global species and style option
options("chrsStyle" = "UCSC")
options("species" = "homo_sapiens")

## Run using global options
extendedMapSeqlevels("2")

## End(Not run)
```

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filterData	<i>Filter the positions of interest</i>
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### Description

For a group of samples this function reads the coverage information for a specific chromosome directly from the BAM files. It then merges them into a DataFrame and removes the bases that do not pass the cutoff. This is a helper function for [loadCoverage](#) and [preprocessCoverage](#).

### Usage

```
filterData(
  data,
  cutoff = NULL,
  index = NULL,
  filter = "one",
  totalMapped = NULL,
  targetSize = 8e+07,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

data	Either a list of Rle objects or a DataFrame with the coverage information.
cutoff	The base-pair level cutoff to use. It's behavior is controlled by filter.
index	A logical Rle with the positions of the chromosome that passed the cutoff. If NULL it is assumed that this is the first time using <a href="#">filterData</a> and thus no previous index exists.
filter	Has to be either 'one' (default) or 'mean'. In the first case, at least one sample has to have coverage above cutoff. In the second case, the mean coverage has to be greater than cutoff.
totalMapped	A vector with the total number of reads mapped for each sample. The vector should be in the same order as the samples in data. Providing this data adjusts the coverage to reads in targetSize library prior to filtering. See <a href="#">getTotalMapped</a> for calculating this vector.
targetSize	The target library size to adjust the coverage to. Used only when totalMapped is specified. By default, it adjusts to libraries with 80 million reads.
...	Arguments passed to other methods and/or advanced arguments. Advanced arguments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>verbose</b> If TRUE basic status updates will be printed along the way.</li> <li><b>returnMean</b> If TRUE the mean coverage is included in the result. FALSE by default.</li> <li><b>returnCoverage</b> If TRUE, the coverage DataFrame is returned. TRUE by default.</li> </ul>

## Details

If cutoff is NULL then the data is grouped into DataFrame without applying any cutoffs. This can be useful if you want to use [loadCoverage](#) to build the coverage DataFrame without applying any cutoffs for other downstream purposes like plotting the coverage values of a given region. You can always specify the colsubset argument in [preprocessCoverage](#) to filter the data before calculating the F statistics.

## Value

A list with up to three components.

**coverage** is a DataFrame object where each column represents a sample. The number of rows depends on the number of base pairs that passed the cutoff and the information stored is the coverage at that given base. Included only when returnCoverage = TRUE.

**position** is a logical Rle with the positions of the chromosome that passed the cutoff.

**meanCoverage** is a numeric Rle with the mean coverage at each base. Included only when returnMean = TRUE.

**colnames** Specifies the column names to be used for the results DataFrame. If NULL, names from data are used.

**smoothMean** Whether to smooth the mean. Used only when filter = 'mean'. This option is used internally by [regionMatrix](#).

Passed to the internal function .smootherFstats, see [findRegions](#).

## Author(s)

Leonardo Collado-Torres

## See Also

[loadCoverage](#), [preprocessCoverage](#), [getTotalMapped](#)

## Examples

```
## Construct some toy data
library("IRanges")
x <- Rle(round(runif(1e4, max = 10)))
y <- Rle(round(runif(1e4, max = 10)))
z <- Rle(round(runif(1e4, max = 10)))
DF <- DataFrame(x, y, z)

## Filter the data
filt1 <- filterData(DF, 5)
filt1

## Filter again but only using the first two samples
filt2 <- filterData(filt1$coverage[, 1:2], 5, index = filt1$position)
filt2
```

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 findRegions

*Find non-zero regions in a Rle*


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## Description

Find genomic regions for which a numeric vector is above (or below) predefined thresholds. In other words, this function finds the candidate Differentially Expressed Regions (candidate DERs). This is similar to [regionFinder](#) and is a helper function for [calculatePvalues](#).

## Usage

```
findRegions(
  position = NULL,
  fstats,
  chr,
  oneTable = TRUE,
  maxClusterGap = 300L,
  cutoff = quantile(fstats, 0.99, na.rm = TRUE),
  segmentIR = NULL,
  smooth = FALSE,
  weights = NULL,
  smoothFunction = bumhunter::locfitByCluster,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

position	A logical Rle of genomic positions. This is generated in <a href="#">loadCoverage</a> . Note that it gets updated in <a href="#">preprocessCoverage</a> if colsubset is not NULL.
fstats	A numeric Rle with the F-statistics. Usually obtained using <a href="#">calculateStats</a> .
chr	A single element character vector specifying the chromosome name.
oneTable	If TRUE only one GRanges is returned. Otherwise, a GRangesList with two components is returned: one for the regions with positive values and one for the negative values.
maxClusterGap	This determines the maximum gap between candidate DERs. It should be greater than maxRegionGap (0 by default).
cutoff	Threshold applied to the fstats used to determine the regions.
segmentIR	An IRanges object with the genomic positions that are potentials DERs. This is used in <a href="#">calculatePvalues</a> to speed up permutation calculations.
smooth	Whether to smooth the F-statistics (fstats) or not. This is by default FALSE. For RNA-seq data we recommend using FALSE.
weights	Weights used by the smoother as described in <a href="#">smoother</a> .

**smoothFunction** A function to be used for smoothing the F-statistics. Two functions are provided by the `bumphunter` package: `loessByCluster` and `runmedByCluster`. If you are using your own custom function, it has to return a named list with an element called `$fitted` that contains the smoothed F-statistics and an element called `$smoothed` that is a logical vector indicating whether the F-statistics were smoothed or not. If they are not smoothed, the original values will be used.

**...** Arguments passed to other methods and/or advanced arguments. Advanced arguments:

**verbose** If TRUE basic status updates will be printed along the way.

**basic** If TRUE a `DataFrame` is returned that has only basic information on the candidate DERs. This is used in `calculatePvalues` to speed up permutation calculations. Default: FALSE.

**maxRegionGap** This determines the maximum number of gaps between two genomic positions to be considered part of the same candidate region. The default is 0L.

Passed to `extendedMapSeqlevels` and the internal function `.getSegmentsRle` that has by default `verbose = FALSE`.

When `smooth = TRUE`, `...` is passed to the internal function `.smootherFstats`. This internal function has the advanced argument `maxClusterGap` (same as above) and passes `...` to `define_cluster` and the formal arguments of `smoothFun`.

## Details

`regionFinder` adapted to Rle world.

## Value

Either a `GRanges` or a `GRangesList` as determined by `oneTable`. Each of them has the following metadata variables.

**value** The mean of the values of `y` for the given region.

**area** The absolute value of the sum of the values of `y` for the given region.

**indexStart** The start position of the region in terms of the index for `y`.

**indexEnd** The end position of the region in terms of the index for `y`.

**cluster** The cluster ID.

**clusterL** The total length of the cluster.

## Author(s)

Leonardo Collado-Torres

## References

Rafael A. Irizarry, Martin Aryee, Hector Corrada Bravo, Kasper D. Hansen and Harris A. Jaffee. `bumphunter`: Bump Hunter. R package version 1.1.10.

**See Also**

[calculatePvalues](#)

**Examples**

```
## Preprocess the data
prep <- preprocessCoverage(genomeData,
  cutoff = 0, scalefac = 32, chunksize = 1e3,
  colsubset = NULL
)

## Get the F statistics
fstats <- genomeFstats

## Find the regions
regs <- findRegions(prepposition, fstats, "chr21", verbose = TRUE)
regs
## Not run:
## Once you have the regions you can proceed to annotate them
library("bumphunter")
genes <- annotateTranscripts(TxDB.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene::TxDB.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene)
annotation <- matchGenes(regs, genes)
annotation

## End(Not run)

# Find regions with smoothing the F-statistics by bumphunter::runmedByCluster
regs_smooth <- findRegions(prepposition, fstats, "chr21",
  verbose = TRUE,
  smoothFunction = bumphunter::runmedByCluster
)
## Compare against the object regs obtained earlier
regs_smooth
```

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fullCoverage	<i>Load the unfiltered coverage information from a group of BAM files and a list of chromosomes</i>
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**Description**

For a group of samples this function reads the coverage information for several chromosomes directly from the BAM files. Per chromosome, it merges the unfiltered coverage by sample into a DataFrame. The end result is a list with one such DataFrame objects per chromosome.

**Usage**

```
fullCoverage(
  files,
  chrs,
```

```

    bai = NULL,
    chlens = NULL,
    outputs = NULL,
    cutoff = NULL,
    ...
)

```

## Arguments

files	A character vector with the full path to the sample BAM files (or BigWig files). The names are used for the column names of the DataFrame. Check <a href="#">rawFiles</a> for constructing files. files can also be a BamFileList object created with <a href="#">BamFileList</a> or a BigWigFileList object created with <a href="#">BigWigFileList</a> .
chrs	The chromosome of the files to read. The format has to match the one used in the input files.
bai	The full path to the BAM index files. If NULL it is assumed that the BAM index files are in the same location as the BAM files and that they have the .bai extension. Ignored if files is a BamFileList object.
chlens	The chromosome lengths in base pairs. If it's NULL, the chromosome length is extracted from the BAM files. Otherwise, it should have the same length as chrs.
outputs	This argument is passed to the output argument of <a href="#">loadCoverage</a> . If NULL or 'auto' it is then recycled.
cutoff	This argument is passed to <a href="#">filterData</a> .
...	Arguments passed to other methods and/or advanced arguments. Advanced arguments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>verbose</b> If TRUE basic status updates will be printed along the way.</li> <li><b>mc.cores</b> How many cores to use for reading the chromosome information. There's no benefit of using a number greater than the number of chromosomes. Also note that your harddisk speed will limit how much you get from using a higher mc.cores value.</li> <li><b>mc.cores.load</b> Controls the number of cores to be used per chr for loading the data which is only useful in the scenario that you are loading in genome tiles. If not supplied, it uses mc.cores for <a href="#">loadCoverage</a>. Default: 1. If you are using genome tiles, the total number of cores you'll use will be mc.cores times mc.cores.load.</li> </ul> Passed to <a href="#">loadCoverage</a> , <a href="#">define_cluster</a> and <a href="#">extendedMapSeqlevels</a> . Note that <a href="#">filterData</a> is used internally by <a href="#">loadCoverage</a> (and hence <a href="#">fullCoverage</a> ) and has the important arguments totalMapped and targetSize which can be used to normalize the coverage by library size. See <a href="#">getTotalMapped</a> for calculating totalMapped.

## Value

A list with one element per chromosome.

Each element is a DataFrame with the coverage information produced by [loadCoverage](#).

**Author(s)**

Leonardo Collado-Torres

**See Also**[loadCoverage](#), [filterData](#), [getTotalMapped](#)**Examples**

```

datadir <- system.file("extdata", "genomeData", package = "derfinder")
files <- rawFiles(
  datadir = datadir, samplepatt = "*accepted_hits.bam$",
  fileterm = NULL
)
## Shorten the column names
names(files) <- gsub("_accepted_hits.bam", "", names(files))

## Read and filter the data, only for 1 file
fullCov <- fullCoverage(files = files[1], chrs = c("21", "22"))
fullCov
## Not run:
## You can then use filterData() to filter the data if you want to.
## Use bplapply() if you want to do so with multiple cores as shown below.
library("BiocParallel")
p <- SnowParam(2L)
bplapply(fullCov, function(x) {
  library("derfinder")
  filterData(x, cutoff = 0)
}, BPPARAM = p)

## End(Not run)

```

genomeData

*Genome samples processed data***Description**

10kb region from chr21 processed for 31 RNA-seq samples described in [genomeInfo](#). The TopHat BAM files are included in the package and this is the output of [loadCoverage](#) applied to it. For more information check the example of [loadCoverage](#).

**Format**

A list with two components.

**coverage** is a DataFrame object where each column represents a sample.

**position** is a logical Rle with the positions of the chromosome that passed a cutoff of 0.

## References

1. Pickrell JK, Marioni JC, Pai AA, Degner JF, Engelhardt BE, Nkadori E, Veyrieras J-B, Stephens M, Gilad Y, Pritchard JK. Understanding mechanisms underlying human gene expression variation with RNA sequencing. *Nature* 2010 Apr.
2. Montgomery SB, Sammeth M, Gutierrez-Arcelus M, Lach RP, Ingle C, Nisbett J, Guigo R, Dermitzakis ET. Transcriptome genetics using second generation sequencing in a Caucasian population. *Nature* 2010 Mar.

## See Also

[loadCoverage](#), [genomeInfo](#)

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genomeDataRaw

*Genome samples processed data*

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## Description

10kb region from chr21 processed for 31 RNA-seq samples described in [genomeInfo](#). The TopHat BAM files are included in the package and this is the output of [loadCoverage](#) applied to it with `cutoff=NULL`. For more information check the example of [loadCoverage](#).

## Format

A list with two components.

**coverage** is a DataFrame object where each column represents a sample.

**position** is NULL because no bases were filtered.

## References

1. Pickrell JK, Marioni JC, Pai AA, Degner JF, Engelhardt BE, Nkadori E, Veyrieras J-B, Stephens M, Gilad Y, Pritchard JK. Understanding mechanisms underlying human gene expression variation with RNA sequencing. *Nature* 2010 Apr.
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## See Also

[loadCoverage](#), [genomeInfo](#)

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genomeFstats	<i>F-statistics for the example data</i>
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### Description

Calculated F-statistics for a 10kb region from chr21 processed for 31 RNA-seq samples described in [genomeInfo](#). For more information check the example of [calculateStats](#).

### Format

A numeric Rle of length 1434 with the calculated F-statistics as exemplified in [calculateStats](#).

### See Also

[calculateStats](#)

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genomeInfo	<i>Genome samples information</i>
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### Description

Information for the 31 samples downloaded from the Short Read Archive from studies comparing CEU and YRI populations. This data is used to specify the adjustment variables in [calculateStats](#). The data is sorted according to the BAM files identifiers. Reads were 36bp long.

### Format

A data.frame with 5 columns:

**run** The short name used to identify the sample BAM file.

**library.layout** Whether it was a single-end library or a paired-end library.

**hapmap.id** The HapMap identifier of the person sequenced. Note that some were sequenced more than once.

**gender** Whether the person sequence is a female or a male.

**pop** The population the person belongs to.

### Details

The samples are from:

**10** unrelated females from the YRI population.

**5** unrelated females from the CEU population.

**5** unrelated males (unrelated to the females too) from the CEU population.

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## See Also

[genomeData](#), [calculateStats](#)

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genomeRegions

*Candidate DERs for example data*

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## Description

Candidate Differentially Expressed Regions (DERs) for the example data. For more information check [calculatePvalues](#).

## Format

A list with four components.

**regions** a GRanges object with the candidate DERs.

**nullStats** a numeric Rle with the mean F-statistics for the null DERs found from the permutations.

**nullWidths** an integer Rle with the width of each null candidate DER.

**nullPermutation** an integer Rle with the permutation number for each candidate DER. It identifies which permutation cycle created the null candidate DER.

## See Also

[calculatePvalues](#)

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genomicState	<i>Genomic State for Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene</i>
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### Description

Pre-computed genomic state for Hsapiens UCSC hg19 knownGene annotation built using [makeGenomicState](#) for TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene version 2.14.0. The object has been subset for chr21 only.

### Format

A GRangesList with two components.

**fullGenome** classifies each region as either being exon, intron or intergenic.

**codingGenome** classifies the regions as being promoter, exon, intro, 5UTR, 3UTR or intergenic.

### See Also

[makeGenomicState](#)

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getRegionCoverage	<i>Extract coverage information for a set of regions</i>
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### Description

This function extracts the raw coverage information calculated by [fullCoverage](#) at each base for a set of regions found with [calculatePvalues](#). It can further calculate the mean coverage per sample for each region.

### Usage

```
getRegionCoverage(
  fullCov = NULL,
  regions,
  totalMapped = NULL,
  targetSize = 8e+07,
  files = NULL,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

fullCov	A list where each element is the result from <a href="#">loadCoverage</a> used with returnCoverage = TRUE. Can be generated using <a href="#">fullCoverage</a> . Alternatively, specify files to extract the coverage information from the regions of interest. This can be helpful if you do not wish to store fullCov for memory reasons.
regions	The \$regions output from <a href="#">calculatePvalues</a> . It is important that the seqlengths information is provided.
totalMapped	The total number of reads mapped for each sample. Providing this data adjusts the coverage to reads in targetSize library. By default, to reads per 80 million reads.
targetSize	The target library size to adjust the coverage to. Used only when totalMapped is specified.
files	A character vector with the full path to the sample BAM files (or BigWig files). The names are used for the column names of the DataFrame. Check <a href="#">rawFiles</a> for constructing files. files can also be a BamFileList object created with <a href="#">BamFileList</a> or a BigWigFileList object created with <a href="#">BigWigFileList</a> .
...	Arguments passed to other methods and/or advanced arguments. Advanced arguments: <b>verbose</b> If TRUE basic status updates will be printed along the way. Passed to <a href="#">extendedMapSeqlevels</a> and <a href="#">define_cluster</a> . When fullCov is NULL, ... has the advanced argument protectWhich (default 30000) from <a href="#">loadCoverage</a> . Also ... is passed to <a href="#">fullCoverage</a> for loading the data on the fly. This can be useful for loading the data from a specific region (or small sets of regions) without having to load in memory the output the coverage information from all the genome.

**Details**

When fullCov is the output of [loadCoverage](#) with cutoff non-NULL, [getRegionCoverage](#) assumes that the regions come from the same data. Meaning that [filterData](#) was not used again. This ensures that the regions are a subset of the data available in fullCov.

If fullCov is NULL and files is specified, this function will attempt to read the coverage from the files. Note that if you used 'totalMapped' and 'targetSize' before, you will have to specify them again to get the same results.

You should use at most one core per chromosome.

**Value**

a list of data.frame where each data.frame has the coverage information (nrow = width of region, ncol = number of samples) for a given region. The names of the list correspond to the region indexes in regions

**Author(s)**

Andrew Jaffe, Leonardo Collado-Torres

**See Also**

[fullCoverage](#), [calculatePvalues](#)

**Examples**

```
## Obtain fullCov object
fullCov <- list("21" = genomeDataRaw$coverage)

## Assign chr lengths using hg19 information, use only first two regions
library("GenomicRanges")
regions <- genomeRegions$regions[1:2]
seqlengths(regions) <- seqlengths(getChromInfoFromUCSC("hg19",
  as.Seqinfo = TRUE
)) [
  mapSeqlevels(names(seqlengths(regions)), "UCSC")
]

## Finally, get the region coverage
regionCov <- getRegionCoverage(fullCov = fullCov, regions = regions)
```

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getTotalMapped

*Calculate the total number of mapped reads*

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**Description**

For a given BAM calculate the total number of mapped reads and for a BigWig file calculate the area under the curve (AUC), which is related to the number of mapped reads: the exact relationship depends on whether the aligner soft clips reads and/or if the length of the reads is the same. If you use the 'chrs' argument you can choose to only consider the information for your chromosomes of interest. For example, you can exclude the mitochondrial chromosome.

**Usage**

```
getTotalMapped(rawFile, chrs = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

rawFile	Either a BAM file or a BigWig file.
chrs	If NULL, all the chromosomes will be used. Otherwise, only those in chrs will be used.

**Value**

The total number of mapped reads for a BAM file or the AUC for a BigWig file in a single element vector.

**Author(s)**

Leonardo Collado-Torres

**Examples**

```
## Get the total number of mapped reads for an example BAM file:
bam <- system.file("extdata", "genomeData", "ERR009102_accepted_hits.bam",
  package = "derfinder", mustWork = TRUE
)
getTotalMapped(bam)
```

loadCoverage

*Load the coverage information from a group of BAM files***Description**

For a group of samples this function reads the coverage information for a specific chromosome directly from the BAM files. It then merges them into a DataFrame and removes the bases that do not pass the cutoff.

**Usage**

```
loadCoverage(
  files,
  chr,
  cutoff = NULL,
  filter = "one",
  chrLen = NULL,
  output = NULL,
  bai = NULL,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

files	A character vector with the full path to the sample BAM files (or BigWig files). The names are used for the column names of the DataFrame. Check <a href="#">rawFiles</a> for constructing files. files can also be a <a href="#">BamFileList</a> , <a href="#">BamFile</a> , <a href="#">BigWigFileList</a> , or <a href="#">BigWigFile</a> object.
chr	Chromosome to read. Should be in the format matching the one used in the raw data.
cutoff	This argument is passed to <a href="#">filterData</a> .
filter	Has to be either 'one' (default) or 'mean'. In the first case, at least one sample has to have coverage above cutoff. In the second case, the mean coverage has to be greater than cutoff.
chrLen	The chromosome length in base pairs. If it's NULL, the chromosome length is extracted from the BAM files.
output	If NULL then no output is saved in disk. If auto then an automatic name is constructed using UCSC names (chrXCovInfo.Rdata for example). If another character is specified, then that name is used for the output file.

**bai** The full path to the BAM index files. If NULL it is assumed that the BAM index files are in the same location as the BAM files and that they have the .bai extension. Ignored if files is a BamFileList object or if inputType=='BigWig'.

**...** Arguments passed to other methods and/or advanced arguments. Advanced arguments:

**verbose** If TRUE basic status updates will be printed along the way.

**inputType** Has to be either bam or BigWig. It specifies the format of the raw data files. By default it's set to bam before trying to guess it from the file names.

**tilewidth** When specified, [tileGenome](#) is used to break up the chromosome into chunks. We don't recommend this for BAM files as the coverage in the borders of the chunks might be slightly off.

**which** NULL by default. When a GRanges is specified, this specific region of the genome is loaded instead of the full chromosome.

**fileStyle** The naming style of the chromosomes in the input files. If the global option chrsStyle is not set, the naming style won't be changed. This option is useful when you want to use a specific naming style but the raw files use another style.

**protectWhich** When not NULL and which is specified, this argument specifies by how much the ranges in which will be expanded. This helps get the same base level coverage you would get from reading the coverage for a full chromosome from BAM files. Otherwise some reads might be excluded and thus the base level coverage will be lower. NULL by default.

**drop.D** Whether to drop the bases with 'D' in the CIGAR strings or to include them. Only used with BAM files. FALSE by default.

**sampleNames** Column names to be used the samples. By default it's names(files). Passed to [extendedMapSeqlevels](#), [define\\_cluster](#), [scanBamFlag](#) and [filterData](#). Note that [filterData](#) is used internally by [loadCoverage](#) and has the important arguments totalMapped and targetSize which can be used to normalize the coverage by library size. See [getTotalMapped](#) for calculating totalMapped.

## Details

The ... argument can be used to control which alignments to consider when reading from BAM files. See [scanBamFlag](#).

Parallelization for loading the data in chunks is used only used when tilewidth is specified. You may use up to one core per tile.

If you set the advanced argument drop.D = TRUE, bases with CIGAR string "D" (deletion from reference) will be excluded from the base-level coverage calculation.

If you are working with data from an organism different from 'Homo sapiens' specify so by setting the global 'species' and 'chrsStyle' options. For example: options(species = 'arabidopsis\_thaliana') options(chrsStyle = 'NCBI')

## Value

A list with two components.

**coverage** is a DataFrame object where each column represents a sample. The number of rows depends on the number of base pairs that passed the cutoff and the information stored is the coverage at that given base.

**position** is a logical Rle with the positions of the chromosome that passed the cutoff.

### Author(s)

Leonardo Collado-Torres, Andrew Jaffe

### See Also

[fullCoverage](#), [getTotalMapped](#)

### Examples

```
datadir <- system.file("extdata", "genomeData", package = "derfinder")
files <- rawFiles(
  datadir = datadir, samplepatt = "*accepted_hits.bam$",
  fileterm = NULL
)
## Shorten the column names
names(files) <- gsub("_accepted_hits.bam", "", names(files))

## Read and filter the data, only for 2 files
dataSmall <- loadCoverage(files = files[1:2], chr = "21", cutoff = 0)
## Not run:
## Export to BigWig files
createBw(list("chr21" = dataSmall))

## Load data from BigWig files
dataSmall.bw <- loadCoverage(c(
  ERR009101 = "ERR009101.bw", ERR009102 =
  "ERR009102.bw"
), chr = "chr21")

## Compare them
mapply(function(x, y) {
  x - y
}, dataSmall$coverage, dataSmall.bw$coverage)

## Note that the only difference is the type of Rle (integer vs numeric) used
## to store the data.

## End(Not run)
```

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makeGenomicState	<i>Obtain the genomic state per region from annotation</i>
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## Description

This function summarizes the annotation contained in a [TxDb](#) at each given base of the genome based on annotated transcripts. It groups contiguous base pairs classified as the same type into regions.

## Usage

```
makeGenomicState(txdb, chrs = c(seq_len(22), "X", "Y"), ...)
```

## Arguments

txdb	A <a href="#">TxDb</a> object with chromosome lengths (check <code>seqlengths(txdb)</code> ). If you are using a <a href="#">TxDb</a> object created from a GFF/GTF file, you will find this <a href="https://support.bioconductor.org/p/93235/">https://support.bioconductor.org/p/93235/</a> useful.
chrs	The names of the chromosomes to use as denoted in the txdb object. Check <a href="#">isActiveSeq</a> .
...	Arguments passed to <a href="#">extendedMapSeqlevels</a> .

## Value

A `GRangesList` object with two elements: `fullGenome` and `codingGenome`. Both have metadata information for the type of region (`theRegion`), transcript IDs (`tx_id`), transcript name (`tx_name`), and gene ID (`gene_id`). `fullGenome` classifies each region as either being exon, intron or intergenic. `codingGenome` classifies the regions as being promoter, exon, intro, 5UTR, 3UTR or intergenic.

## Author(s)

Andrew Jaffe, Leonardo Collado-Torres

## See Also

[TxDb](#)

## Examples

```
## Load the example data base from the GenomicFeatures vignette
library("GenomicFeatures")
samplefile <- system.file("extdata", "hg19_knownGene_sample.sqlite",
  package = "GenomicFeatures"
)
txdb <- loadDb(samplefile)

## Generate genomic state object, only for chr6
sampleGenomicState <- makeGenomicState(txdb, chrs = "chr6")
```

```

#
## Not run:
## Create the GenomicState object for Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene
txdb <- TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene::TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene

## Creating this GenomicState object takes around 8 min for all chrs and
## around 30 secs for chr21
GenomicState.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene.chr21 <-
  makeGenomicState(txdb = txdb, chrs = "chr21")

## For convinience, this object is already included in derfinder
library("testthat")
expect_that(
  GenomicState.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene.chr21,
  is_equivalent_to(genomicState)
)

## Hsapiens ENSEMBL GRCh37
library("GenomicFeatures")
## Can take several minutes and speed will depend on your internet speed
xx <- makeTxDbPackageFromBiomart(
  version = "0.99", maintainer = "Your Name",
  author = "Your Name"
)
txdb <- loadDb(file.path(
  "TxDb.Hsapiens.BioMart.ensembl.GRCh37.p11", "inst",
  "extdata", "TxDb.Hsapiens.BioMart.ensembl.GRCh37.p11.sqlite"
))

## Creating this GenomicState object takes around 13 min
GenomicState.Hsapiens.ensembl.GRCh37.p11 <- makeGenomicState(
  txdb = txdb,
  chrs = c(1:22, "X", "Y")
)

## Save for later use
save(GenomicState.Hsapiens.ensembl.GRCh37.p11,
  file = "GenomicState.Hsapiens.ensembl.GRCh37.p11.Rdata"
)

## End(Not run)

```

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makeModels

*Build model matrices for differential expression*


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## Description

Builds the model matrices for testing for differential expression by comparing a model with a grouping factor versus one without it. It adjusts for the confounders specified and the median coverage of each sample. The resulting models can be used in [calculateStats](#).

**Usage**

```
makeModels(sampleDepths, testvars, adjustvars = NULL, testIntercept = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

**sampleDepths** Per sample library size adjustments calculated with [sampleDepth](#).

**testvars** A vector or matrix specifying the variables to test. For example, a factor with the group memberships when testing for differences across groups. It's length should match the number of columns used from `coverageInfo$coverage`.

**adjustvars** Optional matrix of adjustment variables (e.g. measured confounders, output from SVA, etc.) to use in fitting linear models to each nucleotide. These variables have to be specified by sample and the number of rows must match the number of columns used. It will also work if it is a vector of the correct length.

**testIntercept** If TRUE then `testvars` is ignored and `mod0` will contain the column medians and any adjusting variables specified, but no intercept.

**Value**

A list with two components.

**mod** The alternative model matrix.

**mod0** The null model matrix.

**Author(s)**

Leonardo Collado-Torres

**See Also**

[sampleDepth](#), [calculateStats](#)

**Examples**

```
## Collapse the coverage information
collapsedFull <- collapseFullCoverage(list(genomeData$coverage),
  verbose = TRUE
)

## Calculate library size adjustments
sampleDepths <- sampleDepth(collapsedFull,
  probs = c(0.5), nonzero = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE
)

## Build the models
group <- genomeInfo$pop
adjustvars <- data.frame(genomeInfo$gender)
models <- makeModels(sampleDepths, testvars = group, adjustvars = adjustvars)
names(models)
models
```

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mergeResults	<i>Merge results from different chromosomes</i>
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### Description

This function merges the results from running [analyzeChr](#) on several chromosomes and assigns genomic states using [annotateRegions](#). It re-calculates the p-values and q-values using the pooled areas from the null regions from all chromosomes. Once the results have been merged, `derfinderReport::generateReport` can be used to generate an HTML report of the results. The `derfinderReport` package is available at <https://github.com/lcolladotor/derfinderReport>.

### Usage

```
mergeResults(
  chrs = c(seq_len(22), "X", "Y"),
  prefix = ".",
  significantCut = c(0.05, 0.1),
  genomicState,
  minoverlap = 20,
  mergePrep = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

chrs	The chromosomes of the files to be merged.
prefix	The main data directory path, which can be useful if <a href="#">analyzeChr</a> is used for several parameters and the results are saved in different directories.
significantCut	A vector of length two specifying the cutoffs used to determine significance. The first element is used to determine significance for the P-values and FWER adjusted P-values, while the second element is used for the Q-values (FDR adjusted P-values) similar to <a href="#">calculatePvalues</a> .
genomicState	A GRanges object created with <a href="#">makeGenomicState</a> . It can be either the <code>genomicState\$fullGenome</code> or <code>genomicState\$codingGenome</code> component.
minoverlap	Determines the minimum overlap needed when annotating regions with <a href="#">annotateRegions</a> .
mergePrep	If TRUE the output from <a href="#">preprocessCoverage</a> is merged.
...	Arguments passed to other methods and/or advanced arguments. Advanced arguments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>verbose</b> If TRUE basic status updates will be printed along the way.</li> <li><b>optionsStats</b> The options used in <a href="#">analyzeChr</a>. By default NULL and will be inferred from the output files.</li> <li><b>cutoffFstatUsed</b> The actual F-statistic cutoff used. This can be obtained from the logs or from the output of <a href="#">analyzeChr</a>. If NULL then this function will attempt to re-calculate it.</li> </ul> Passed to <a href="#">annotateRegions</a> and <a href="#">extendedMapSeqlevels</a> .

**Details**

If you want to calculate the FWER adjusted P-values, supply `optionsStats` which is produced by [analyzeChr](#).

**Value**

Seven Rdata files.

**fullFstats.Rdata** Full F-statistics from all chromosomes in a list of Rle objects.

**fullTime.Rdata** Timing information from all chromosomes.

**fullNullSummary.Rdata** A DataFrame with the null region information: statistic, width, chromosome and permutation identifier. It's ordered by the statistics

**fullRegions.Rdata** GRanges object with regions found and with full annotation from [matchGenes](#). Note that the column `strand` from [matchGenes](#) is renamed to `annoStrand` to comply with GRanges specifications.

**fullCoveragePrep.Rdata** A list with the pre-processed coverage data from all chromosomes.

**fullAnnotatedRegions.Rdata** A list as constructed in [annotateRegions](#) with the assigned genomic states.

**optionsMerge.Rdata** A list with the options used when merging the results. Used in `derfinderReport::generateReport`.

**Author(s)**

Leonardo Collado-Torres

**See Also**

[analyzeChr](#), [calculatePvalues](#), [annotateRegions](#)

**Examples**

```
## The output will be saved in the 'generateReport-example' directory
dir.create("generateReport-example", showWarnings = FALSE, recursive = TRUE)

## For convenience, the derfinder output has been pre-computed
file.copy(system.file(file.path("extdata", "chr21"),
  package = "derfinder",
  mustWork = TRUE
), "generateReport-example", recursive = TRUE)

## Merge the results from the different chromosomes. In this case, there's
## only one: chr21
mergeResults(
  chrs = "21", prefix = "generateReport-example",
  genomicState = genomicState$fullGenome
)
## Not run:
## You can then explore the wallclock time spent on each step
load(file.path("generateReport-example", "fullRegions.Rdata"))
```

```

## Process the time info
time <- lapply(fullTime, function(x) data.frame(diff(x)))
time <- do.call(rbind, time)
colnames(time) <- "sec"
time$sec <- as.integer(round(time$sec))
time$min <- time$sec / 60
time$chr <- paste0("chr", gsub("\\.*", "", rownames(time)))
time$step <- gsub(".*\\.\"", "", rownames(time))
rownames(time) <- seq_len(nrow(time))

## Make plot
library("ggplot2")
ggplot(time, aes(x = step, y = min, colour = chr)) +
  geom_point() +
  labs(title = "Wallclock time by step") +
  scale_colour_discrete(limits = chrs) +
  scale_x_discrete(limits = names(fullTime[[1]])[-1]) +
  ylab("Time (min)") +
  xlab("Step")

## End(Not run)

```

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```
preprocessCoverage    Transform and split the data
```

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## Description

This function takes the coverage data from [loadCoverage](#), scales the data, does the log2 transformation, and splits it into appropriate chunks for using [calculateStats](#).

## Usage

```

preprocessCoverage(
  coverageInfo,
  groupInfo = NULL,
  cutoff = 5,
  colsubset = NULL,
  lowMemDir = NULL,
  ...
)

```

## Arguments

**coverageInfo** A list containing a `DataFrame` `-$coverage-` with the coverage data and a logical `Rle` `-$position-` with the positions that passed the cutoff. This object is generated using [loadCoverage](#). You should have specified a cutoff value for [loadCoverage](#) unless that you are using `colsubset` which will force a filtering step with [filterData](#) when running [preprocessCoverage](#).

groupInfo	A factor specifying the group membership of each sample. If NULL no group mean coverages are calculated. If the factor has more than one level, the first one will be used to calculate the log2 fold change in <code>calculatePvalues</code> .
cutoff	The base-pair level cutoff to use. It's behavior is controlled by <code>filter</code> .
colsubset	Optional vector of column indices of <code>coverageInfo\$coverage</code> that denote samples you wish to include in analysis.
lowMemDir	If specified, each chunk is saved into a separate Rdata file under <code>lowMemDir</code> and later loaded in <code>fstats.apply</code> when running <code>calculateStats</code> and <code>calculatePvalues</code> . Using this option helps reduce the memory load as each fork in <code>bplapply</code> loads only the data needed for the chunk processing. The downside is a bit longer computation time due to input/output.
...	Arguments passed to other methods and/or advanced arguments. Advanced arguments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>verbose</b> If TRUE basic status updates will be printed along the way. Default: FALSE.</li> <li><b>toMatrix</b> Determines whether the data in the chunk should already be saved as a Matrix object, which can be useful to reduce the computation time of the F-statistics. Only used when <code>lowMemDir</code> is not NULL and by in that case set to TRUE by default.</li> <li><b>mc.cores</b> Number of cores you will use for calculating the statistics.</li> <li><b>scalefac</b> A log 2 transformation is used on the count tables, so zero counts present a problem. What number should we add to the entire matrix? Default: 32.</li> <li><b>chunksize</b> How many rows of <code>coverageInfo\$coverage</code> should be processed at a time? Default: 5 million. Reduce this number if you have hundreds of samples to reduce the memory burden while sacrificing some speed.</li> </ul>

## Details

If `chunksize` is NULL, then `mc.cores` is used to determine the `chunksize`. This is useful if you want to split the data so each core gets the same amount of data (up to rounding).

Computing the indexes and using those for `mclapply` reduces memory copying as described by Ryan Thompson and illustrated in approach #4 at <http://lcolladotor.github.io/2013/11/14/Reducing-memory-overhead-when-using-mclapply>

If `lowMemDir` is specified then `$coverageProcessed` is NULL and `$mclapplyIndex` is a vector with the chunk identifiers.

## Value

A list with five components.

**coverageProcessed** contains the processed coverage information in a DataFrame object. Each column represents a sample and the coverage information is scaled and log2 transformed. Note that if `colsubset` is not NULL the number of columns will be less than those in `coverageInfo$coverage`. The total number of rows depends on the number of base pairs that passed the `cutoff` and the information stored is the coverage at that given base. Further note that `filterData` is re-applied if `colsubset` is not NULL and could thus lead to fewer rows compared to `coverageInfo$coverage`.

**mclapplyIndex** is a list of logical Rle objects. They contain the partitioning information according to chunksize.

**position** is a logical Rle with the positions of the chromosome that passed the cutoff.

**meanCoverage** is a numeric Rle with the mean coverage at each filtered base.

**groupMeans** is a list of Rle objects containing the mean coverage at each filtered base calculated by group. This list has length 0 if groupInfo=NULL.

Passed to [filterData](#) when colsubset is specified.

### Author(s)

Leonardo Collado-Torres

### See Also

[filterData](#), [loadCoverage](#), [calculateStats](#)

### Examples

```
## Split the data and transform appropriately before using calculateStats()
dataReady <- preprocessCoverage(genomeData,
  cutoff = 0, scalefac = 32,
  chunksize = 1e3, colsubset = NULL, verbose = TRUE
)
names(dataReady)
dataReady
```

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railMatrix	<i>Identify regions data by a coverage filter and get a count matrix from BigWig files</i>
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### Description

Rail (available at <http://rail.bio>) generates coverage BigWig files. These files are faster to load in R and to process. Rail creates an un-adjusted coverage BigWig file per sample and an adjusted summary coverage BigWig file by chromosome (median or mean). [railMatrix](#) reads in the mean (or median) coverage BigWig file and applies a threshold cutoff to identify expressed regions (ERs). Then it goes back to the sample coverage BigWig files and extracts the base level coverage for each sample. Finally it summarizes this information in a matrix with one row per ERs and one column per sample. This function is similar to [regionMatrix](#) but is faster thanks to the advantages presented by BigWig files.

**Usage**

```

railMatrix(
  chrs,
  summaryFiles,
  sampleFiles,
  L,
  cutoff = NULL,
  maxClusterGap = 300L,
  totalMapped = NULL,
  targetSize = 4e+07,
  file.cores = 1L,
  chrlens = NULL,
  ...
)

```

**Arguments**

chrs	A character vector with the names of the chromosomes.
summaryFiles	A character vector (or <code>BigWigFileList</code> ) with the paths to the summary BigWig files created by Rail. Either mean or median files. These are library size adjusted by default in Rail. The order of the files in this vector must match the order in chrs.
sampleFiles	A character vector with the paths to the BigWig files by sample. These files are unadjusted for library size.
L	The width of the reads used. Either a vector of length 1 or length equal to the number of samples.
cutoff	The base-pair level cutoff to use. It's behavior is controlled by <code>filter</code> .
maxClusterGap	This determines the maximum gap between candidate ERs.
totalMapped	A vector with the total number of reads mapped for each sample. The vector should be in the same order as the samples in data. Providing this data adjusts the coverage to reads in <code>targetSize</code> library prior to filtering. See <a href="#">get-TotalMapped</a> for calculating this vector.
targetSize	The target library size to adjust the coverage to. Used only when <code>totalMapped</code> is specified. By default, it adjusts to libraries with 40 million reads, which matches the default used in Rail.
file.cores	Number of cores used for loading the BigWig files per chr.
chrlens	The chromosome lengths in base pairs. If it's <code>NULL</code> , the chromosome length is extracted from the BAM files. Otherwise, it should have the same length as chrs.
...	Arguments passed to other methods and/or advanced arguments. Advanced arguments: <b>verbose</b> If <code>TRUE</code> basic status updates will be printed along the way. Default: <code>TRUE</code> . <b>verbose.load</b> If <code>TRUE</code> basic status updates will be printed along the way when loading data. Default: <code>TRUE</code> .

**BPPARAM.railChr** A BPPARAM object to use for the chr step. Set to [SerialParam](#) when `file.cores = 1` and [SnowParam](#) otherwise.

**chunksize** Chunksize to use. Default: 1000.

Passed to [filterData](#), [findRegions](#) and [define\\_cluster](#).

## Details

Given a set of un-filtered coverage data (see [fullCoverage](#)), create candidate regions by applying a cutoff on the coverage values, and obtain a count matrix where the number of rows corresponds to the number of candidate regions and the number of columns corresponds to the number of samples. The values are the mean coverage for a given sample for a given region.

This function uses several other [derfinder-package](#) functions. Inspect the code if interested.

You should use at most one core per chromosome.

## Value

A list with one entry per chromosome. Then per chromosome, a list with two components.

**regions** A set of regions based on the coverage filter cutoff as returned by [findRegions](#).

**coverageMatrix** A matrix with the mean coverage by sample for each candidate region.

## Author(s)

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## Examples

```
## BigWig files are not supported in Windows
if (.Platform$OS.type != "windows") {
  ## Get data
  library("derfinderData")

  ## Identify sample files
  sampleFiles <- rawFiles(system.file("extdata", "AMY",
    package = "derfinderData"
  ), samplepatt = "bw", fileterm = NULL)
  names(sampleFiles) <- gsub(".bw", "", names(sampleFiles))

  ## Create the mean bigwig file. This file is normally created by Rail
  ## but in this example we'll create it manually.
  library("GenomicRanges")
  fullCov <- fullCoverage(files = sampleFiles, chrs = "chr21")
  meanCov <- Reduce("+", fullCov$chr21) / ncol(fullCov$chr21)
  createBw(list("chr21" = DataFrame("meanChr21" = meanCov)),
    keepGR = FALSE
  )

  summaryFile <- "meanChr21.bw"
```

```

## Get the regions
regionMat <- railMatrix(
  chrs = "chr21", summaryFiles = summaryFile,
  sampleFiles = sampleFiles, L = 76, cutoff = 5.1,
  maxClusterGap = 3000L
)

## Explore results
names(regionMat$chr21)
regionMat$chr21$regions
dim(regionMat$chr21$coverageMatrix)
}

```

---

rawFiles

*Construct full paths to a group of raw input files*


---

### Description

For a group of samples this function creates the list of paths to the raw input files which can then be used in [loadCoverage](#). The raw input files are either BAM files or BigWig files.

### Usage

```

rawFiles(
  datadir = NULL,
  sampledirs = NULL,
  samplepatt = NULL,
  fileterm = "accepted_hits.bam"
)

```

### Arguments

datadir	The main directory where each of the sampledirs is a sub-directory of datadir.
sampledirs	A character vector with the names of the sample directories. If datadir is NULL it is then assumed that sampledirs specifies the full path to each sample.
samplepatt	If specified and sampledirs is set to NULL, then the directories matching this pattern in datadir (set to . if it's set to NULL) are used as the sample directories.
fileterm	Name of the BAM or BigWig file used in each sample. By default it is set to accepted_hits.bam since that is the automatic name generated when aligning with TopHat. If NULL it is then ignored when reading the rawfiles. This can be useful if all the raw files are stored in a single directory.

### Details

This function can also be used to identify a set of BigWig files.

**Value**

A vector with the full paths to the raw files and sample names stored as the vector names.

**Author(s)**

Leonardo Collado-Torres

**See Also**

[loadCoverage](#)

**Examples**

```
## Get list of BAM files included in derfinder
datadir <- system.file("extdata", "genomeData", package = "derfinder")
files <- rawFiles(
  datadir = datadir, samplepatt = "*accepted_hits.bam$",
  fileterm = NULL
)
files
```

---

regionMatrix

*Identify regions data by a coverage filter and get a count matrix*

---

**Description**

Given a set of un-filtered coverage data (see [fullCoverage](#)), create candidate regions by applying a cutoff on the coverage values, and obtain a count matrix where the number of rows corresponds to the number of candidate regions and the number of columns corresponds to the number of samples. The values are the mean coverage for a given sample for a given region.

**Usage**

```
regionMatrix(
  fullCov,
  cutoff = 5,
  L,
  totalMapped = 8e+07,
  targetSize = 8e+07,
  runFilter = TRUE,
  returnBP = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

fullCov	A list where each element is the result from <a href="#">loadCoverage</a> used with returnCoverage = TRUE. Can be generated using <a href="#">fullCoverage</a> . If runFilter = FALSE, then returnMean = TRUE must have been used.
cutoff	The base-pair level cutoff to use. It's behavior is controlled by filter.
L	The width of the reads used. Either a vector of length 1 or length equal to the number of samples.
totalMapped	A vector with the total number of reads mapped for each sample. The vector should be in the same order as the samples in fullCov. Providing this argument adjusts the coverage to reads in targetSize library prior to filtering. See <a href="#">getTotalMapped</a> for calculating this vector.
targetSize	The target library size to adjust the coverage to. Used only when totalMapped is specified. By default, it adjusts to libraries with 80 million reads.
runFilter	This controls whether to run <a href="#">filterData</a> or not. If set to FALSE then returnMean = TRUE must have been used to create each element of fullCov and the data must have been normalized (totalMapped equal to targetSize).
returnBP	If TRUE, returns \$bpCoverage explained below.
...	Arguments passed to other methods and/or advanced arguments. Advanced arguments: <b>verbose</b> If TRUE basic status updates will be printed along the way. <b>chrsStyle</b> Default: UCSC. Passed to <a href="#">extendedMapSeqlevels</a> via <a href="#">getRegionCoverage</a> . <b>species</b> Default: homo_sapiens. Passed to <a href="#">extendedMapSeqlevels</a> via <a href="#">getRegionCoverage</a> . <b>currentStyle</b> Default: NULL. Passed to <a href="#">extendedMapSeqlevels</a> via <a href="#">getRegionCoverage</a> . Passed to <a href="#">filterData</a> , <a href="#">findRegions</a> and <a href="#">define_cluster</a> . Note that <a href="#">filterData</a> is used internally by <a href="#">loadCoverage</a> (and hence fullCoverage) and has the important arguments totalMapped and targetSize which can be used to normalize the coverage by library size. If you already used these arguments when creating the fullCov object, then don't specify them a second time in <a href="#">regionMatrix</a> . If you have not used these arguments, we recommend using them to normalize the mean coverage.

**Details**

This function uses several other [derfinder-package](#) functions. Inspect the code if interested.

You should use at most one core per chromosome.

**Value**

A list with one entry per chromosome. Then per chromosome, a list with three components.

**regions** A set of regions based on the coverage filter cutoff as returned by [findRegions](#).

**bpCoverage** A list with one element per region. Each element is a matrix with numbers of rows equal to the number of base pairs in the region and number of columns equal to the number of samples. It contains the base-level coverage information for the regions. Only returned when `returnBP = TRUE`.

**coverageMatrix** A matrix with the mean coverage by sample for each candidate region.

### Author(s)

Leonardo Collado-Torres

### Examples

```
## Create some toy data
library("IRanges")
x <- Rle(round(runif(1e4, max = 10)))
y <- Rle(round(runif(1e4, max = 10)))
z <- Rle(round(runif(1e4, max = 10)))
fullCov <- list("chr21" = DataFrame(x, y, z))

## Calculate a proxy of library size
libSize <- sapply(fullCov$chr21, sum)

## Run region matrix normalizing the coverage
regionMat <- regionMatrix(
  fullCov = fullCov, maxRegionGap = 10L,
  maxClusterGap = 300L, L = 36, totalMapped = libSize, targetSize = 4e4
)
## Not run:
## You can alternatively use filterData() on fullCov to reduce the required
## memory before using regionMatrix(). This can be useful when mc.cores > 1
filteredCov <- lapply(fullCov, filterData,
  returnMean = TRUE, filter = "mean",
  cutoff = 5, totalMapped = libSize, targetSize = 4e4
)
regionMat2 <- regionMatrix(filteredCov,
  maxRegionGap = 10L,
  maxClusterGap = 300L, L = 36, runFilter = FALSE
)

## End(Not run)

## regionMatrix() can work with multiple chrs as shown below.
fullCov2 <- list("chr21" = DataFrame(x, y, z), "chr22" = DataFrame(x, y, z))
regionMat2 <- regionMatrix(
  fullCov = fullCov2, maxRegionGap = 10L,
  maxClusterGap = 300L, L = 36, totalMapped = libSize, targetSize = 4e4
)

## Combine results from multiple chromosomes
library("GenomicRanges")

## First extract the data
```

```

regs <- unlist(GRangesList(lapply(regionMat2, "[[", "regions")))
covMat <- do.call(rbind, lapply(regionMat2, "[[", "coverageMatrix"))
covBp <- do.call(c, lapply(regionMat2, "[[", "bpCoverage"))
## Force the names to match
names(regs) <- rownames(covMat) <- names(covBp) <- seq_len(length(regs))
## Combine into a list (not really needed)
mergedRegionMat <- list(
  "regions" = regs, "coverageMatrix" = covMat,
  "bpCoverage" = covBp
)

```

---

sampleDepth

*Calculate adjustments for library size*

---

### Description

For a given data set calculate the per-sample coverage adjustments. Hector Corrada's group proposed calculating the sum of the coverage for genes below a given sample quantile. In this function, we calculate the sample quantiles of interest by sample, and then the sum of the coverage for bases below or equal to quantiles of interest. The resulting values are transformed  $\log_2(x$

- scalefac)

to avoid very large numbers that could potentially affect the stability of the F-statistics calculation. The sample coverage adjustments are then used in [makeModels](#) for constructing the null and alternative models.

### Usage

```
sampleDepth(collapsedFull, probs = c(0.5, 1), scalefac = 32, ...)
```

### Arguments

collapsedFull	The full coverage data collapsed by sample as produced by <a href="#">collapseFullCoverage</a> .
probs	Number(s) between 0 and 1 representing the quantile(s) of interest. For example, 0.5 is the median.
scalefac	Number added to the sample coverage adjustments before the $\log_2$ transformation.
...	Arguments passed to other methods and/or advanced arguments. Advanced arguments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>verbose</b> If TRUE basic status updates will be printed along the way.</li> <li><b>nonzero</b> If TRUE only the nonzero counts are used to calculate the library size adjustment. Default: TRUE.</li> <li><b>center</b> If TRUE the sample coverage adjustments are centered. In some cases, this could be helpful for interpretation purposes. Default: FALSE.</li> </ul>

**Value**

A matrix (vector of `length(probs) == 1`) with the library size depth adjustments per sample to be used in [makeModels](#). The number of rows corresponds to the number of quantiles used for the sample adjustments.

**Author(s)**

Leonardo Collado-Torres

**References**

Paulson, J. N., Stine, O. C., Bravo, H. C. & Pop, M. Differential abundance analysis for microbial marker-gene surveys. *Nat. Methods* (2013). doi:10.1038/nmeth.2658

**See Also**

[collapseFullCoverage](#), [makeModels](#)

**Examples**

```
## Collapse the coverage information
collapsedFull <- collapseFullCoverage(list(genomeData$coverage),
  verbose = TRUE
)

## Calculate library size adjustments
sampleDepths <- sampleDepth(collapsedFull, probs = c(0.5, 1), verbose = TRUE)
sampleDepths
```

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