Package 'borealis'

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Title Bisulfite-seq OutlieR mEthylation At singLe-sIte reSolution Version 1.12.0 **Depends** R (>= 4.2.0), Biobase **Imports** doParallel, snow, purrr, plyr, foreach, gamlss, gamlss.dist, bsseq, methods, DSS, R.utils, utils, stats, ggplot2, cowplot, dplyr, rlang, GenomicRanges **Description** Borealis is an R library performing outlier analysis for count-based bisulfite sequencing data. It detectes outlier methylated CpG sites from bisulfite sequencing (BS-seq). The core of Borealis is modeling Beta-Binomial distributions. This can be useful for rare disease diagnoses. License GPL-3 **Encoding UTF-8** Suggests BiocStyle, knitr, rmarkdown, RUnit, BiocGenerics, annotatr, tidyr, TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene, org.Hs.eg.db VignetteBuilder knitr biocViews Sequencing, Coverage, DNAMethylation, DifferentialMethylation git_url https://git.bioconductor.org/packages/borealis git_branch RELEASE_3_21 git_last_commit 35b22b9 git_last_commit_date 2025-04-15 **Repository** Bioconductor 3.21 **Date/Publication** 2025-07-23 **Author** Garrett Jenkinson [aut, cre] (ORCID: <https://orcid.org/0000-0003-2548-098X>) Maintainer Garrett Jenkinson <gargar934@gmail.com>

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Details

See packageDescription('borealis')

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plotCpGsite

Generate a plot of the model and raw data at one or more CpG sites

Description

Generate plots of model and results. The top panel of the plot will be the beta distribution in the beta-binomial model estimated for the cohort. The bottom panel will be the 95 percent confidence intervals around the percent methylation in each sample at that CpG site.

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Arguments

cpgSites A character vector of CpG sites specified as "chr1:71732" representing the chro-

mosome and start position of the CpG site. A separate plot will be generated for

each site specified.

sampleOfInterest

(optional) character(1) Name of sample of interest which will be colored differently than the rest of the samples in the cohort. If NA then all samples will be

plotted with same color.

modelFile character(1) The mode file (including full path if not current working direc-

tory) with beta-binomial parameter estimates produced by runBorealis.

methCountFile character(1) File name (including full path if not current working directory)

for the methylated count file produced by runBorealis.

totalCountFile character(1) File name (including full path if not current working directory)

for the total count file produced by runBorealis.

Value

Returns a list with each element indexed by the provided cpgSites and storing a ggplot/cowplot object.

Examples

runBorealis

Run the full borealis pipeline

Description

Run the full borealis pipeline. It will load in bismark data and save out to disk matrix-based methylation and total count files, then it will build the beta-binomial statistical models for the cohort at each CpG site and save the parameters of this model to disk, and finally provide outlier p-values and summary statistics for each sample in the cohort at each CpG site.

Usage

Arguments

inDir	character(1) Directory path to bismark results. NOTE: this assumes following pattern for full paths to bismark coverage gz files: \$\inDir\frac{1}{\sampleName}/\${\sampleName}\${\suffix}
suffix	(optional) character(1) File suffix for the bismark coverage files.
nThreads	(optional) numeric(1) Number of compute threads to be used in multithreading computations.
minDepth	(optional) numeric(1) The minimum depth of coverage for sample to go into modeling.
minSamps	(optional) numeric(1) The minimum number of samples with minDepth coverage required to build a model at a given CpG site.
timeout	(optional) numeric(1) The maximum time in seconds to spend trying to build a model at a given CpG site (if it takes longer, we skip the site).
laplaceSmooth	(optional) logical(1) Whether or not to do Laplace (i.e., add one) smoothing on the counts.
chrs	(optional) A character vector listing the chromosomes to be loaded.
outprefix	(optional) character(1) The sample output file prefix (can include a full file path if current working directory is not desired output location).
modelOutPrefix	(optional) character(1) The cohort modeling output file prefix (can include a full file path if current working directory is not desired output location).

Value

Returns an object of "BSseq" class with raw dataset loaded and used for modeling purposes.

Examples

runSingleNewSample Run a single new sample after modeling complete

Description

Run a single new sample after modeling using runBorealis has already been completed in a cohort of samples. It will not rebuild the models and only predict using previously estimated model specified by modelFile.

Usage

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runSingleNewSample(inFile, outFile, minObsDepth=10, modelFile="CpG_model.csv")
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Arguments

inFile	character(1) File name (including full path if not current working directory) to the bismark coverage file.
outFile	character(1) File name (including full path if not current working directory) for the sample's modeling outputs. If NULL is provided, no outputs will be written to disk.
minObsDepth	(optional) numeric(1) Minimum depth of coverage in this sample for a modeling output/p-value to be produced at a given CpG.
modelFile	(optional) character(1) File name (including full path if not current working directory) for the model files (built by running runBorealis function).

Value

Returns a GRanges object with modeling results.

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