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`CexoR-package` *An R package to uncover high-resolution protein-DNA interactions in ChIP-exo replicates*

Description

Strand specific peak-pair calling in ChIP-exo replicates. The cumulative Skellam distribution function (package 'skellam') is used to detect significant normalised count differences of opposed sign at each DNA strand (peak-pairs). Irreproducible discovery rate for overlapping peak-pairs across biological replicates is estimated using the package 'idr'.

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References

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Li Q, Brown J, Huang H, Bickel P (2011) Measuring reproducibility of high-throughput experiments. Ann Appl Stat 5: 1752-1779.
Rhee HS, Pugh BF (2011) Comprehensive genome-wide protein-DNA interactions detected at single-nucleotide resolution. Cell 147: 1408-1419.

Examples

```
## hg19. chr2:1-1,000,000. CTCF data from Rhee and Pugh (2011)
owd <- setwd( tempdir() )

rep1 <- "CTCF_rep1_chr2_1-1e6.bam"
rep2 <- "CTCF_rep2_chr2_1-1e6.bam"
rep3 <- "CTCF_rep3_chr2_1-1e6.bam"
r1 <- system.file( "extdata", rep1, package="CexoR",mustWork = TRUE )
r2 <- system.file( "extdata", rep2, package="CexoR",mustWork = TRUE )
r3 <- system.file( "extdata", rep3, package="CexoR",mustWork = TRUE )

chipexo <- cexor( bam=c(r1,r2,r3), chrN="chr2", chrL=1e6, idr=0.01, p=1e-12, N=3e4 )

plotcexor( bam=c(r1,r2,r3), peaks=chipexo, EXT=500 )

setwd( owd )
```

`cexor` *ChIP-exo peak-pair calling with replicates*

Description

ChIP-exo peak-pair calling with replicates.

Usage

```
cexor(bam, chrN, chrL, p=1e-9, dpeaks=c(0,150), dpairs=100, idr=0.01,
N=5e6, bedfile=TRUE, mu=2.6, sigma=1.3, rho=0.8, prop=0.7)
```

Arguments

`bam`	BAM alignment files of biological replicates.
`chrN`	Vector of chromosome names.
`chrL`	Vector of chromosome sizes (bp).
`p`	P-value cutoff (should be relaxed, e.g. 1e-3, to allow the correct estimation of the irreproducible discovery rate (idr). However, this depends on the sequencing depth. For datasets with high number of tag counts, 1e-9 can be appropriate. See the vignette for more information.)
`dpeaks`	Min. and max. allowed distance between peak pairs located at opposed strands in a replicate (bp).
`dpairs`	Max. allowable distance between peak-pair centres across replicates (bp).
`idr`	Irreproducible discovery rate cutoff [0-1].
`N`	Genome is divided in blocks of N bp. for processing. N must be not higher than the size of the smallest chromosome.
`bedfile`	Generate BED files of ChIP-exo reproducible peak pairs.

mu	A starting value for the mean of the reproducible component (see 'idr' package).
sigma	A starting value for the standard deviation of the reproducible component (see 'idr' package).
rho	A starting value for the correlation coefficient of the reproducible component (see 'idr' package).
prop	A starting value for the proportion of reproducible component (see 'idr' package).

Details

Strand specific peak-pair calling in ChIP-exo replicates. The cumulative Skellam distribution function (package 'skellam') is used to detect significant normalized count differences of opposed sign at each DNA strand (peak-pairs). Irreproducible discovery rate for overlapping peak-pairs across biological replicates is estimated using the package 'idr'. The internal functions `pskellam` and `pskellam.sp` from the Jerry W. Lewis' 'skellam' R package (version 0.0-8-7) are used to calculate the cumulative Skellam distribution (see LICENSE file).

Value

A list containing the following elements:

bindingEvents	A GRanges object with reproducible peak pair locations. The metadata 'value' indicates the Irreproducible discovery rate (IDR) estimated at this region, while 'repI.neg.log10pvalue' indicates -log10(p-value) for the replicate I. 'Stouffer.pvalue' and 'Fisher.pvalue' report the combined p-value considering they come from from independent significance tests.
bindingCentres	A GRanges object with centre position of reproducible peak pair locations. The metadata 'value' indicates the Irreproducible discovery rate (IDR) estimated at this region, while 'repI.neg.log10pvalue' indicates -log10(p-value) for the replicate I. 'Stouffer.pvalue' and 'Fisher.pvalue' report the combined p-value considering they come from from independent significance tests.
pairedPeaksRepl	A GRangesList object with the location of peak pairs retrieved at each replicate. The metadata 'score' indicates -log10(p-value).

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See Also

CexoR-package

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plotcexor(bam=c(r1,r2,r3), peaks=chipexo, EXT=500)

setwd(owd)
```

`plotcexor` *Visualization of ChIP-exo peak-pair calling with replicates*

Description

Visualization of ChIP-exo peak-pair calling with replicates.

Usage

```
plotcexor(bam, peaks, EXT=500)
```

Arguments

`bam`	BAM alignment files of biological replicates.
`peaks`	Object (list) output of the function 'cexor'.
`EXT`	Extension (bp) upstream and downstream the central position of reproducible peak pair locations for visulization purposes.

Details

Visualization of ChIP-exo peak-pair calling with replicates.

Value

R plot.

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r2 <- system.file("extdata", rep2, package="CexoR",mustWork = TRUE)
r3 <- system.file("extdata", rep3, package="CexoR",mustWork = TRUE)

chipexo <- cexor(bam=c(r1,r2,r3), chrN="chr2", chrL=1e6, idr=0.01, p=1e-12, N=3e4)

plotcexor(bam=c(r1,r2,r3), peaks=chipexo, EXT=500)

setwd(owd)
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