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`blockInfo` *Get sarks smoothed scores for input sequence*

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## Description

Returns a data.frame containing the smoothed scores (including spatially smoothed scores, if applicable) as well as other useful sarks parameters for one or more specified input sequences (blocks).

## Usage

```
blockInfo(sarks, block, filters, thresholds, kMax = 12L)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| sarks | Sarks object from which information will be derived. |
| block | character vector of names of sequence(s) for which results are desired |
| filters | output from sarksFilters function indicating what combinations of filter parameters halfWindow, spatialLength, and minGini were used. |
| thresholds | output from permutationThresholds specifying thresholds used for k-mer peak calling. |
| kMax | integer value indicating the maximum k-mer length to be reported. |

### Value

data.frame in same format as result of kmerPeaks giving detailed information about every spatial position within specified sequences/blocks.

### References

Wylie, D.C., Hofmann, H.A., and Zemelman, B.V. (2019) SArKS: de novo discovery of gene expression regulatory motif sites and domains by suffix array kernel smoothing, Bioinformatics, Vol. 35(20), 3944-3952

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### Examples

```
data(simulatedSeqs, simulatedScores)
sarks <- Sarks(simulatedSeqs, simulatedScores, 4, 0, 1)
filters <- sarksFilters(halfWindow=4, spatialLength=0, minGini=1.1)
permDist <- permutationDistribution(sarks, 250, filters, seed=123)
thresholds <- permutationThresholds(filters, permDist, nSigma=2.0)
bi24 <- blockInfo(sarks, '24', filters, thresholds)
```

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## blockScores *SArKS input scores*

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### Description

Extracts vector of input scores associated with input sequences from sarks object.

### Usage

```
blockScores(sarks)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| sarks | Sarks object from which information will be derived |

## Value

named numeric vector; names are the sequence names, values are the associated scores. Note: Sarks internally sorts input lexicographically by sequence name.

## Examples

```
data(simulatedSeqs, simulatedScores)
sarks <- Sarks(simulatedSeqs, simulatedScores, 4, 0, 1)
simulatedScores2 <- blockScores(sarks)
## simulatedScores2 will be in different order than simulatedScores,
## but contains same information.
```

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# clusterCounts *Count occurrences of k-mer clusters*

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## Description

Counts how often any k-mer from a cluster of k-mers (or list of clusters of k-mers) occurs in each element of a character vector.

## Usage

```
clusterCounts(kmers, seqs, directional = TRUE, overlap = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| kmers | character vector or XStringSet of k-mers composing cluster to search for, or a named list of such character vectors or XStringSet objects to count multiple clusters. |
| seqs | character vector or XStringSet of sequences in which to search for and count occurrences of kmers. |
| directional | logical value: if FALSE, counts occurrences of either cluster(s) of k-mers or their reverse-complements. Makes sense only if applying to DNA sequences! |
| overlap | logical value: should overlapping occurrences of k-mers be counted as multiple hits? |

## Value

if cluster is a single character vector or XStringSet (of any length), returns integer vector of counts; if cluster is a list of character vectors, returns matrix of counts: one row per sequence in seqs, one column per character vector/XStringSet in cluster

## Examples

```
seqs <- c(
    line1 = "My mind's got a mind of its own",
    line2 = "Takes me out to parties when I'd rather be alone",
    line3 = "Takes me out a-walkin' when I'd rather be at home"
)
clusters <- list(
    antisocial = c('alone', 'at home'),
    mind = 'mind'
)
clCounts <- clusterCounts(clusters, seqs)
```

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# clusterKmers *Cluster k-mers*

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## Description

Takes a set of k-mer sequences and returns a list of partitioning the input k-mers into clusters of more similar k-mers. Hierarchical clustering (average linkage) is performed based on Jaccard coefficient distance metric applied treating each k-mer as the set of all tetramers which can be found as substrings within it.

## Usage

```
clusterKmers(kmers, k = 4, nClusters = NULL, maxClusters = NULL,
    directional = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| kmers | character vector or XStringSet of k-mers to partition into clusters |
| k | length of sub-k-mers (default k=4 to use tetramers) with which to calculate Jaccard distances for clustering |
| nClusters | number of clusters to partition kmers into; if set to NULL (default value), selects number of clusters to maximize the average silhouette score (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Silhouette_(clustering)). |
| maxClusters | if nClusters not specified, can optionally set maximum number of clusters allowed in silhouette score optimization. |
| directional | logical value: if FALSE, considers each kmer as equivalent to its reverse-complement. Makes sense only if applying to DNA sequences! |

## Value

list of character vectors (or XStringSet objects as per the class of kmers argument) partitioning kmers into clusters: the character vector at the i-th element of the output list contains the elements from kmers assigned to cluster i.

## Examples

```
kmers <- c(
    'CAGCCTGG', 'CCTGGAA', 'CAGCCTG', 'CCTGGAAC', 'CTGGAACT',
    'ACCTGC', 'CACCTGC', 'TGGCCTG', 'CACCTG', 'TCCAGC',
    'CTGGAAC', 'CACCTGG', 'CTGGTCTA', 'GTCCTG', 'CTGGAAG', 'TTCCAGC'
)
clusterKmers(kmers, directional=FALSE)
```

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`estimateFalsePositiveRate` *Estimating SArKS false positive rate*

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## Description

Run second permutation test using the specified number of repetitions, keeping track of maximum observed windowed and spatially-windowed smoothed scores for each combination of filter parameters for each permutation, and comparing these values to thresholds determined by first round of permutation testing.

## Usage

```
estimateFalsePositiveRate(sarks, reps, filters, thresholds, seed = NULL,
    conf.level = 0.95)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `sarks` | Sarks object to test. |
| `reps` | integer specifying how many repetitions to test. |
| `filters` | output from sarksFilters function indicating what combinations of filter parameters halfWindow, spatialLength, and minGini to use. |
| `thresholds` | output from permutationThresholds specifying thresholds for k-mer peak calling. |
| `seed` | optional seed for random number generator (use in case reproducibility of output is desired).<br>NOTE: do not use the same seed passed to initial permutationDistribution call used to set thresholds. |
| `conf.level` | level of confidence to be used in the false positive rate confidence interval. |

## Value

named list with three elements: 'permutation' containing the output from permutationDistribution run.

## References

Wylie, D.C., Hofmann, H.A., and Zemelman, B.V. (2019) SArKS: de novo discovery of gene expression regulatory motif sites and domains by suffix array kernel smoothing, Bioinformatics, Vol. 35(20), 3944-3952

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## Examples

```
data(simulatedSeqs, simulatedScores)
sarks <- Sarks(simulatedSeqs, simulatedScores, 4, 0, 1)
filters <- sarksFilters(halfWindow=4, spatialLength=0, minGini=1.1)
permDist <- permutationDistribution(sarks, 250, filters, seed=123)
thresholds <- permutationThresholds(filters, permDist, nSigma=2.0)
fpr <- estimateFalsePositiveRate(
        sarks, 250, filters, thresholds, seed=123456)
```

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# extendKmers *Extend k-mers in length where possible*

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## Description

Extend k-mers when adding flanking characters from region in input sequence from which they are derived would result in another reported l-mer string (l > k).

## Usage

```
extendKmers(sarks, sarksTable)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| sarks | Sarks object used to obtain k-mer peak call set. |
| sarksTable | data.frame containing called k-mer peaks information (format as output from kmerPeaks function). |

## Value

modified data.frame containing called k-mer peaks information (format as output from kmerPeaks function).

## References

Wylie, D.C., Hofmann, H.A., and Zemelman, B.V. (2019) SArKS: de novo discovery of gene expression regulatory motif sites and domains by suffix array kernel smoothing, Bioinformatics, Vol. 35(20), 3944-3952

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## Examples

```
data(simulatedSeqs, simulatedScores)
sarks <- Sarks(simulatedSeqs, simulatedScores, 4, 0, 1)
filters <- sarksFilters(halfWindow=4, spatialLength=0, minGini=1.1)
permDist <- permutationDistribution(sarks, 250, filters, seed=123)
thresholds <- permutationThresholds(filters, permDist, nSigma=2.0)
peaks <- kmerPeaks(sarks, filters, thresholds)
prunedPeaks <- pruneIntervals(peaks)
extendedPeaks <- extendKmers(sarks, prunedPeaks)
```

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# kmerCounts *Count occurrences of k-mer*

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## Description

Counts how often a k-mer (or vector of k-mers) occurs in each element of a character vector.

## Usage

```
kmerCounts(kmer, seqs, directional = TRUE, overlap = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| kmer | character vector or XStringSet of k-mers to search for. |
| seqs | character vector or XStringSet of sequences in which to search for and count occurrences of kmer. |
| directional | logical value: if FALSE, counts occurrences of either kmer or its reverse-complement. Makes sense only if applying to DNA sequences! |
| overlap | logical value: should overlapping occurrences of kmer be counted as multiple hits? |

## Value

if length(kmer) is one, returns integer vector of counts; if length(kmer) is more than one, returns matrix of counts: one row per sequence in seqs, one column per expression in regex

## Examples

```
data(simulatedSeqs)
motifCounts <- kmerCounts('CATACTGAGA', simulatedSeqs)
otherCounts <- kmerCounts(
    c('AAAAA', 'CG'),
    simulatedSeqs,
    directional = FALSE
)
```

kmerPeaks *Call k-mer peaks*

## Description

SArKS identifies sets of short subsequences (k-mers) whose presence as substrings of sequences from the input sequence set tends to be associated with elevated sequence scores. Such k-mers are identified as "peaks" where kernel-smoothed scores exceed specified thresholds (generally set by permutation method).

## Usage

```
kmerPeaks(sarks, filters, thresholds, peakify = TRUE, kMax = 12L)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| sarks | Sarks object to use for k-mer peak calling. |
| filters | output from sarksFilters function indicating what combinations of filter parameters halfWindow, spatialLength, and minGini to use. |
| thresholds | output from permutationThresholds specifying thresholds for k-mer peak calling. |
| peakify | logical value specifying whether to restrict output to only spatial positions at which the smoothed score is at least as high as either neighboring position or not. |
| kMax | integer value indicating the maximum k-mer length to be reported. |

## Value

data.frame containing called k-mer peak information.

## References

Wylie, D.C., Hofmann, H.A., and Zemelman, B.V. (2019) SArKS: de novo discovery of gene expression regulatory motif sites and domains by suffix array kernel smoothing, Bioinformatics, Vol. 35(20), 3944-3952

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## Examples

```
data(simulatedSeqs, simulatedScores)
sarks <- Sarks(simulatedSeqs, simulatedScores, 4, 0, 1)
filters <- sarksFilters(halfWindow=4, spatialLength=0, minGini=1.1)
permDist <- permutationDistribution(sarks, 250, filters, seed=123)
thresholds <- permutationThresholds(filters, permDist, nSigma=2.0)
peaks <- kmerPeaks(sarks, filters, thresholds)
```

`locateClusters` *Locate occurrences of specified clusters of k-mers*

## Description

Find locations of matches of list of character vectors of k-mers in each element of a named character vector. Not case sensitive.

## Usage

```
locateClusters(clusters, seqs, directional = TRUE, showMatch = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `clusters` | list of character vectors or XStringSet objects of k-mers to search for |
| `seqs` | character vector or XStringSet of sequences in which to locate kmer |
| `directional` | logical value: if FALSE, counts occurrences of either k-mers within each cluster or their reverse-complements. Makes sense only if applying to DNA sequences! |
| `showMatch` | logical value; if true add additional column to output indicating what the exact regex match for each occurrence (can be slow) |

## Value

data.frame with three columns: 'seqid' containing the name of the sequence from seqs in which the match was found; 'cluster' indicating the cluster from wich a k-mer was located; and 'location' giving the 1-based position at which the match was found.

## Examples

```
seqs <- c(
    line1 = "My mind's got a mind of its own",
    line2 = "Takes me out to parties when I'd rather be alone",
    line3 = "Takes me out a-walkin' when I'd rather be at home"
)
clusters <- list(
    antisocial = c('alone', 'at home'),
    mind = 'mind'
)
clusterLoci <- locateClusters(clusters, seqs)
```

## locateKmers *Locate occurrences of specified k-mers*

### Description

Find locations of matches of vector of k-mers in each element of a named character vector. Not case sensitive.

### Usage

```
locateKmers(kmers, seqs, directional = TRUE, showMatch = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| kmers | character vector or XStringSet of k-mers to search for |
| seqs | named character vector or XStringSet of sequences in which to locate kmer |
| directional | logical value: if FALSE, counts occurrences of either kmers or their reverse-complements. Makes sense only if applying to DNA sequences! |
| showMatch | logical value; if true add additional column to output indicating what the exact regex match for each occurrence (can be slow) |

### Value

data.frame with three columns: 'seqid' containing the name of the sequence from seqs in which the k-mer was found; 'kmer' indicating the k-mer located; and 'location' giving the 1-based position at which the match was found.

### Examples

```
data(simulatedSeqs)
kmerLoci <- locateKmers(c('AAAAA', 'CATACTGAGA'), simulatedSeqs)
```

## mergedKmerSubPeaks *Identify and merge k-mer sub-peaks within multi-motif domains*

### Description

When spatials smoothing is employed, SArKS identifies spatial windows containing elevated spatially-averaged sequence-smoothed scores (multi-motif domains, or MMDs). This function finds k-mers within these MMDs whose sequence-smoothed scores are above the threshold used for MMD calling and merges such k-mers when their spatial positions overlap.

## Usage

```
mergedKmerSubPeaks(sarks, filters, thresholds, peakify = TRUE,
    kMax = 12L)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| sarks | Sarks object to use for k-mer peak calling. |
| filters | output from sarksFilters function indicating what combinations of filter parameters halfWindow, spatialLength, and minGini to use. |
| thresholds | output from permutationThresholds specifying thresholds for k-mer peak calling. |
| peakify | logical value specifying whether to restrict initial k-mer peak calling to only spatial positions at which the smoothed score is at least as high as either neighboring position (or not). |
| kMax | integer value indicating the maximum k-mer length for initial k-mer peak calling. |

## Value

data.frame containing called k-mer peak information.

## References

Wylie, D.C., Hofmann, H.A., and Zemelman, B.V. (2019) SArKS: de novo discovery of gene expression regulatory motif sites and domains by suffix array kernel smoothing, Bioinformatics, Vol. 35(20), 3944-3952

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## Examples

```
data(simulatedSeqs, simulatedScores)
sarks <- Sarks(simulatedSeqs, simulatedScores, 4, 3, 1)
filters <- sarksFilters(halfWindow=4, spatialLength=3, minGini=1.1)
permDist <- permutationDistribution(sarks, 250, filters, seed=123)
thresholds <- permutationThresholds(filters, permDist, nSigma=4.0)
mergedSubPeaks <- mergedKmerSubPeaks(sarks, filters, thresholds)
```

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# permutationDistribution

*Estimating distribution of maximum smoothed sequence scores under permutation*

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## Description

Run permutation test using the specified number of repetitions, keeping track of maximum observed windowed and spatially-windowed smoothed scores for each combination of filter parameters for each permutation.

## Usage

```
permutationDistribution(sarks, reps, filters, seed = NULL)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| sarks | Sarks object to test. |
| reps | integer specifying how many repetitions to test. |
| filters | output from sarksFilters function indicating what combinations of filter parameters halfWindow, spatialLength, and minGini to use. |
| seed | optional seed for random number generator (use in case reproducibility of output is desired). |

## Value

named list with three elements: 'windowed' containing a data.frame with the maximum smoothed scores for each permutation at each combination of filter parameter values, 'spatial' containing a data.frame with the maximum spatially-smoothed scores for each permutation and each filter parameter specification, and '.java' containing the R representation of the java object encoding this information.

## References

Wylie, D.C., Hofmann, H.A., and Zemelman, B.V. (2019) SArKS: de novo discovery of gene expression regulatory motif sites and domains by suffix array kernel smoothing, Bioinformatics, Vol. 35(20), 3944-3952

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## Examples

```
data(simulatedSeqs, simulatedScores)
sarks <- Sarks(simulatedSeqs, simulatedScores, 4, 0, 1)
filters <- sarksFilters(halfWindow=4, spatialLength=0, minGini=1.1)
permDist <- permutationDistribution(sarks, 250, filters, seed=123)
```

`permutationThresholds` *Set smoothed score thresholds based on permutation distribution*

## Description

Calculate thresholds for SArKS k-mer calling from permutation distribution.

## Usage

```
permutationThresholds(filters, permDist, nSigma = 4)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `filters` | output from sarksFilters function indicating what combinations of filter parameters halfWindow, spatialLength, and minGini to use. |
| `permDist` | output from permutationDistribution function. |
| `nSigma` | number of standard deviations above mean of permutation distribution at which to set threshold for either windowed or spatially-windowed score. |

## Value

named list with two elements: 'theta' containing a data.frame with the threshold information and '.java' containing an R representation of the java object with this information.

## References

Wylie, D.C., Hofmann, H.A., and Zemelman, B.V. (2019) SArKS: de novo discovery of gene expression regulatory motif sites and domains by suffix array kernel smoothing, Bioinformatics, Vol. 35(20), 3944-3952

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## Examples

```
data(simulatedSeqs, simulatedScores)
sarks <- Sarks(simulatedSeqs, simulatedScores, 4, 0, 1)
filters <- sarksFilters(halfWindow=4, spatialLength=0, minGini=1.1)
permDist <- permutationDistribution(sarks, 250, filters, seed=123)
thresholds <- permutationThresholds(filters, permDist, nSigma=2.0)
```

pruneIntervals *Prune nested k-mer intervals from called k-mer peak set.*

## Description

Every k-mer identified by SArKS is derived as a substring defined by the interval running position i to position i+k-1 of the concatenation of all input sequences. In some cases a j-mer (with j < k) may be separately identified as a peak by SArKS for which the j-mer interval is entirely contained within [i, i+k-1]; this function removes such nested intervals from the reported collection of peaks.

## Usage

```
pruneIntervals(intervals, start = "s", end = NULL)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| intervals | data.frame containing called k-mer peaks information (format as output from kmerPeaks function). |
| start | name of column in intervals data.frame containing interval start coordinates |
| end | name of column in interval data.frame containing interval end coordinates; if no such column present, default NULL value indicates that end coordinates should be obtained by adding nchar(intervals$kmer) to the start coordinates to obtain end coordinates. |

## Value

modified data.frame containing called k-mer peaks information (format as output from kmerPeaks function).

## References

Wylie, D.C., Hofmann, H.A., and Zemelman, B.V. (2019) SArKS: de novo discovery of gene expression regulatory motif sites and domains by suffix array kernel smoothing, Bioinformatics, Vol. 35(20), 3944-3952

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## Examples

```
data(simulatedSeqs, simulatedScores)
sarks <- Sarks(simulatedSeqs, simulatedScores, 4, 0, 1)
filters <- sarksFilters(halfWindow=4, spatialLength=0, minGini=1.1)
permDist <- permutationDistribution(sarks, 250, filters, seed=123)
thresholds <- permutationThresholds(filters, permDist, nSigma=2.0)
peaks <- kmerPeaks(sarks, filters, thresholds)
prunedPeaks <- pruneIntervals(peaks)
```

## regexCounts *Count occurrences of regular expression*

### Description

Counts how often a regular expression (or vector of regular expressions) occurs in each element of a character vector.

### Usage

```
regexCounts(regex, seqs, overlap = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| regex | character vector of regular expressions to search for |
| seqs | character vector or XStringSet of sequences in which to search for and count occurrences of regex |
| overlap | logical value: should overlapping occurrences of regex be counted as multiple hits? |

### Value

if length(regex) is one, returns integer vector of counts; if length(regex) is more than one, returns matrix of counts: one row per sequence in seqs, one column per expression in regex

### Examples

```
data(simulatedSeqs)
reCounts1 <- regexCounts('AAAAA|TTTTT', simulatedSeqs)
reCounts2 <- regexCounts(c('AAAAA|TTTTT', 'CG'), simulatedSeqs)
```

## regexLocate *Locate occurrences of regular expression*

### Description

Find locations of matches of a regular expression (or vector of regular expressions) in each element of a named character vector. Not case sensitive.

### Usage

```
regexLocate(regex, seqs, showMatch = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| regex | character vector or XStringSet of regular expressions to search for |
| seqs | named character vector or XStringSet of sequences in which to locate regex |
| showMatch | logical value; if true add additional column to output indicating what the exact regex match for each occurrence (can be slow) |

### Value

If only a single regex is searched for: data.frame with two columns: 'seqid' containing the name of the sequence from seqs in which the regex was found and 'location' giving the 1-based position at which the regex was found. If length(regex) greater than one, adds additional column 'regex' indicating the name of the regex located.

### Examples

```
data(simulatedSeqs)
reLoci <- regexLocate('AAAAA|TTTTT', simulatedSeqs)
```

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## Sarks *Suffix Array Kernel Smoothing*

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### Description

Sarks class implements suffix array kernel smoothing for de novo correlative motif discovery.

### Usage

```
Sarks(fasta, scores, halfWindow, spatialLength = 0L, nThreads = 1L)
```

### Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| fasta | specification of fasta file containing sequences to be analyzed; may also be a *named* character vector or XStringSet whose elements are sequences to be analyzed. |
| scores | specification of scores associated with sequences in fasta argument; can be provided as two column tab-delimited file (should have header, first column should provide sequence names identical to those in fasta argument, second column should have numeric scores) or may be a named numeric vector. |
| halfWindow | half-width of smoothing window (integer). |
| spatialLength | full length of spatial smoothing window (integer); use 0 to disable spatial smoothing. |
| nThreads | number of threads to use for computing permutation distributions. |

## Value

R representation of java Sarks object.

## References

Wylie, D.C., Hofmann, H.A., and Zemelman, B.V. (2019) SArKS: de novo discovery of gene expression regulatory motif sites and domains by suffix array kernel smoothing, Bioinformatics, Vol. 35(20), 3944-3952

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## Examples

```
data(simulatedSeqs, simulatedScores)
sarks <- Sarks(simulatedSeqs, simulatedScores, 4, 0, 1)
```

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# sarksFilters *Smoothing window and Gini impurity filter settings*

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## Description

Sarks methodology involves testing a range of different filter parameter values; sarksFilters builds set of filters with all combinations of desired halfWindow, spatialLength, and minGini values.

## Usage

```
sarksFilters(halfWindow, spatialLength, minGini = 1.1)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| halfWindow | integer vector of halfWindow values to test. |
| spatialLength | integer vector of spatialLength values to test; use a single 0 value to disable spatial smoothing. |
| minGini | numeric vector giving minimum Gini impurity value(s) for suffix position to be analyzed; use a value above 1 to calculate minimum Gini impurity based on median of observed Gini impurities so as to constrain variance under permutation testing to less than minGini multiples of median variance. |

## Value

R representation of java object containing specified combinations of filter parameters for running permutation tests.

## References

Wylie, D.C., Hofmann, H.A., and Zemelman, B.V. (2019) SArKS: de novo discovery of gene expression regulatory motif sites and domains by suffix array kernel smoothing, Bioinformatics, Vol. 35(20), 3944-3952

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## Examples

```
data(simulatedSeqs, simulatedScores)
sarks <- Sarks(simulatedSeqs, simulatedScores, 4, 0, 1)
filters <- sarksFilters(
        halfWindow=c(4, 8), spatialLength=c(0, 5), minGini=1.1)
```

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# simulatedScores *Scores associated with simulated sequences from SArKS paper.*

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## Description

Scores associated with simulated DNA sequences used to illustrate suffix array kernel smoothing method in https://academic.oup.com/bioinformatics/article-abstract/35/20/3944/5418797 (first 20 sequences assigned score of 0.0, last 10 assigned score of 1.0).

## Usage

```
simulatedScores
```

## Format

Named numeric vector.

## Source

https://github.com/denniscwylie/sarks/tree/master/examples/simulated_scores.tsv

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# simulatedSeqs *Simulated sequences from SArKS paper.*

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## Description

Simulated DNA sequences used to illustrate suffix array kernel smoothing method in https://academic.oup.com/bioinformatics/article-abstract/35/20/3944/5418797.

## Usage

```
simulatedSeqs
```

## Format

Named character vector.

## Source

https://github.com/denniscwylie/sarks/tree/master/examples/simulated_seqs.fa

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`sourceBlock` *Identify associated input sequence for given position(s) in suffix array*

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## Description

Any positiion in a suffix array for SArKS concatenated sequence can be identified either via its position i in lexicographically sorted list of suffixes or by its spatial position s in the concatenated sequence. This function indicates which input sequence contributed the block of the concatenated sequence within which the specified position(s) can be found.

## Usage

```
sourceBlock(sarks, s = NULL, i = NULL)
```

## Arguments

| | |
|---|---|
| `sarks` | Sarks object from which information will be derived |
| `s` | the spatial position(s) to query; use NULL (default value) if you instead want to specify sorted suffix position i |
| `i` | the position(s) in the sorted suffix list to query |

## Value

character vector containing name(s) of corresponding input sequence(s)

## Examples

```
data(simulatedSeqs, simulatedScores)
sarks <- Sarks(simulatedSeqs, simulatedScores, 4, 0, 1)
blocks <- sarks$sourceBlock(i=2253:2261)
```

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