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Description The main functionality of the this package is to detect DNA sequence patterns that are likely to fold into an intramolecular G-quadruplex (G4). Unlike many other approaches, this package is able to detect sequences responsible for G4s folded from imperfect G-runs containing bulges or mismatches and as such is more sensitive than competing algorithms.

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as.character,PQSViews-method

Coerce to character vector

Description

Coerce to character vector

Usage

## S4 method for signature 'PQSViews'
as.character(x)

Arguments

x

PQSViews object.

Value

Character vector representing PQS.

density,PQSViews-method

Get density vector

Description

Density vector represents numbers of PQS (potential quadruplex forming sequences) overlapping at each position in input sequence.

Usage

## S4 method for signature 'PQSViews'
density(x)

Arguments

x

PQSViews object

Value

Density vector

Examples

pqs <- pqsfinder(DNAString("CCCCCCGGGTGGGTGGGTGGGAAAA"))
density(pqs)
Identificate potential quadruplex forming sequences.

Description

Function for identification of all potential intramolecular quadruplex patterns (PQS) in DNA sequence.

Usage

```r
pqsfinder(subject, strand = "*", max_len = 50L, min_score = 42L,
run_min_len = 3L, run_max_len = 11L, loop_min_len = 1L,
loop_max_len = 30L, max_bulges = 3L, max_mismatches = 2L,
max_defects = 3L, tetrad_bonus = 45L, bulge_penalty = 20L,
mismatch_penalty = 31L, loop_mean_factor = 1, loop_sd_factor = 1,
run_re = "G\{1,10\}.\{0,9\}G\{1,10\}\", custom_scoring_fn = NULL,
use_default_scoring = TRUE, verbose = FALSE)
```

Arguments

- **subject**: DNAString object.
- **strand**: Strand specification. Allowed values are "+", "," or "*", where the last one represents both strands. Implicitly, the input DNAString object is assumed to encode the "+" strand.
- **max_len**: Maximal length of PQS.
- **min_score**: Minimal PQS score.
- **run_min_len**: Minimal length of quadruplex run.
- **run_max_len**: Maximal length of quadruplex run.
- **loop_min_len**: Minimal length of quadruplex loop.
- **loop_max_len**: Maximal length of quadruplex loop.
- **max_bulges**: Maximal number of runs with bulge.
- **max_mismatches**: Maximal number of runs with mismatch.
- **max_defects**: Maximum number of defects in total (max_bulges + max_mismatches).
- **tetrad_bonus**: Score bonus for one complete G tetrad.
- **bulge_penalty**: Penalization for a bulge in quadruplex run.
- **mismatch_penalty**: Penalization for a mismatch in tetrad.
- **loop_mean_factor**: Penalization factor of loop lengths mean.
- **loop_sd_factor**: Penalization factor of loop lengths standard deviation.
- **run_re**: Regular expression specifying one run of quadruplex.
- **custom_scoring_fn**: Custom quadruplex scoring function. It takes the following 10 arguments: subject - Input DNAString object, score - implicit PQS score, start - PQS start position, width - PQS width, loop_1 - start pos. of loop #1, run_2 - start pos. of run #2, loop_2 - start pos. of loop #2, run_3 - start pos. of run #3, loop_3 -
start pos. of loop #3, run_4 - start pos. of run #4. Return value of the function has to be new score represented as a single integer value. Please note that if use_default_scoring is enabled, the custom scoring function is evaluated AFTER the default scoring system but ONLY IF the default scoring system resulted in non-zero score (for performance reasons). On the other hand, when use_default_scoring is disabled, custom scoring function is evaluated on every PQS.

use_default_scoring

Enables default internal scoring system. This option is particularly useful in case you intend to radically change the default behavior and specify your own scoring function. By disabling the default scoring you will get a full control above the underlying detection algorithm.

verbose

Enables detailed output. Turn it on if you want to see all possible PQS found at each positions and not just the best one. It is highly recommended to use this option for debugging custom quadruplex scoring function. Each PQS is reported on separate row in the following format: start cnt pqs_sequence score, where start is the PQS starting position, pqs_sequence shows the PQS sequence structure with each run surrounded by square brackets and score is the score assigned to the particular PQS by all applied scoring functions.

Value

PQSViews object

Examples

pv <- pqsfinder(DNAString("CCCCCCGGGTGGGTGGGAAAA"))

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PQSViews

PQSViews class constructor.

Description

User friendly constructor for PQSViews class representing potential quadruplex forming sequences (PQS). PQSViews is a subclass of XStringViews class and adds one more slot to store PQS density.

Usage

PQSViews(subject, start, width, strand, score, density)

Arguments

subject DNAString object.
start Vector of PQS start positions.
width Vector of PQS lengths.
strand Vector of PQS strand specifications.
score Vector of PQS scores.
density Numbers of PQS overlapping at each position in subject.
**PQSViews-class**

Value

PQSViews object

Examples

```r
pv <- PQSViews(DNAString("CGGGCGGGGC"), 1:2, 2:3, "+", 10:11, 1:10)
start(pv)
width(pv)
strand(pv)
score(pv)
density(pv)
```

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**PQSViews-class**  
*An S4 class to represent potential quadruplex forming sequences.*

Description

Represents potential quadruplex forming sequences found by `pqsfinder` function. This is a sub-class of `XStringViews-class` class and adds one more slot.

Slots

density  
Numbers of PQS (potential quadruplex forming sequences) overlapping at each position in input sequence.

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**score,PQSViews-method**  
*Get PQS score vector*

Description

Get PQS score vector

Usage

```r
## S4 method for signature 'PQSViews'
score(x)
```

Arguments

- `x`  
PQSViews object

Value

Score vector

Examples

```r
pqs <- pqsfinder(DNAString("CCCCCCGGGTGCTGTGGGTGGGAAAA"))
score(pqs)
```
show,PQSV es-method  Show method

Description
Show method

Usage
## S4 method for signature 'PQSV es'
show(object)

Arguments

object PQSV es object.

Value
PQSV es object printed.

strand,PQSV es-method
Get PQS strand vector

Description
Get PQS strand vector

Usage
## S4 method for signature 'PQSV es'
strand(x)

Arguments

x PQSV es object

Value
Strand vector

Examples
pqs <- pqsfinder(DNAString("CCCCCCGGGTGGGTGGGTGGGA AAA"))
strand(pqs)
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