Package ‘primirTSS’

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**Description**

Search for putative TSSs of miRNA, together with integrating available data such as H3K4me3 data, Pol II data, miRNA expression data, and protein-coding gene data, as well as provide the transcriptional regulation relationship between TF and miRNA.

**Usage**

```r
find_tss(
  bed_merged,
  expressed_mir = "all",
  flanking_num = 1000,
  threshold = 0.7,
  ignore_DHS_check = TRUE,
  DHS,
  allmirdhs_byforce = TRUE,
  expressed_gene = "all",
  allmirgene_byforce = TRUE,
  seek_tf = FALSE,
  tf_n = 1000,
  min.score = 0.8
)
```
**find_tss**

**Arguments**

- **bed_merged**: Peaks from ChIP-seq data to be provided for analysis can be H3K4me3 peaks, Pol II peaks or both. Notice that peaks are supposed to be merged (see also `peak_merge`) before `find_TSS` if using only one kind of peak data, while peaks should be firstly merged and then join together (see also `peak_join`) if both H3K4me3 data and Pol II are input.

- **expressed_mir**: This parameter allows users to specify certain miRNAs, the TSSs of which they want to search for by providing a list of miRNAs (e.g., expressed miRNAs in a certain cell-line). If `expressed_mir` is not specified, the default value of the parameter is "all" and the function will acquiescently employ all the miRNAs currently listed on "miRbase" database.

- **flanking_num**: A parameter in Eponine model to detect TSSs. It is concluded that a peak signal with flanking regions of C-G enrichment are important to mark TSSs. The default value is 1000.

- **threshold**: The threshold for candidate TSSs scored with Eponine method. The default value is 0.7.

- **ignore_DHS_check**: The process of DHS_check further assists to filter putative TSSs. When there is a DHS peak that locates within 1 kb upstream of a putative TSS, this predicted TSS will be retained for its character is consistent with that of an authentic TSS. Or the TSSs with no DHSs locating within 1 kb upstream of them would be discarded.

- **DHS**: ChIP-seq data of DNase I hypersensitive sites (DHSs).

- **allmirdhs_byforce**: When we use DHS data to check the validity of TSSs, there is a possibility where no DHSs locates within 1 kb upstream of all putative TSSs and all these putative TSSs might be filtered out by our method resulting no outputs. While "allmirdhs_byforce = TRUE", it ensures to output at least 1 most possible TSS even if the nearest DHS signal locates more than 1 kb upstream of this TSS.

- **expressed_gene**: Users can specify genes expressed in certain cell-lines that are analyzed. Or the default value is "all", which means all the expressed genes annotated on Ensemble will be employed.

- **allmirgene_byforce**: While integrating expressed_gene data to improve prediction, there might be a circumstance where all the putative TSS are discarded. To prevent this condition, users are allowed to use "allmirgene_byforce = TRUE" to ensure at least 1 putative TSS for each miRNA will be output.

- **seek_tf**: With the result of predicted TSSs, seek_tf provides users with an option to predict related TFs for miRNA. The data of transcription factors refer to JASPAR2018 database.

- **tf_n**: TFBS locates on the upstream of the TSS of a certain TF, which is considered as the promoter region. `tf_n` set the length of promoter region for predicting transcription regulation between miRNAs and TFs.

- **min.score**: The threshold for scoring transcription factor binding sites. A single absolute value between 0 and 1.
Value

The first part of the result returns details of predicted TSSs, composed of seven columns: mir_name, chrom, stem_loop_p1, stem_loop_p2, strand mir_context, tss_type gene and predicted_tss:

mir_name: Name of miRNA.
chrom: Chromosome.
stem_loop_p1: The start site of a stem-loop.
stem_loop_p2: The end site of a stem-loop.
strand: Polynucleotide strands. (+/-)
mir_context: The relative position relationship between stem-loop and protein-coding gene. (intra/inter)
tss_type: Four types of predicted TSSs. See the section below TSS types for details. (host_TSS/intra_TSS/overlap_inter_TSS/inter_TSS)
gene: Ensembl gene ID
predicted_tss: Predicted transcription start sites(TSSs).
pri_tss_distance: The distance between a predicted TSS and the start site of the stem-loop.

TSS types

TSSs are catalogued into 4 types as below.

host_TSS The TSSs of miRNA that are close to the TSS of protein-coding gene implying they may share the same TSS, on the condition where mir_context is "intra". (See above: Value-mir_context)
intra_TSS The TSSs of miRNA that are NOT close to the TSS of the protein-coding gene, on the condition where mir_context is "intra".
overlap_inter_TSS The TSSs of miRNA are catalogued as "overlap_inter_TSS" when the primiRNA gene overlaps with Ensembl gene, on the condition where "mir_context" is "inter".
inter_inter_TSS The TSSs of miRNA are catalogued as "inter_inter_TSS" when the miRNA gene does NOT overlap with Ensembl gene, on the condition where "mir_context" is "inter".
(See Xu HUA et al 2016 for more details)

Log

The second part of the result returns logs during the process of prediction: find_nearest_peak_log
If no peaks locate in the upstream of a stem-loop to help determine putative TSSs of miRNA, we will fail to find the nearest peak and this miRNA will be logged in find_nearest_peak_log.
eponine_score_log For a certain miRNA, if none of the candidate TSSs scored with Eponine method meet the threshold we set, we will fail to get an eponine score and this miRNA will be logged in eponine_score_log.
DHS_check_log For a certain miRNA, if no DHS signals locate within 1 kb upstream of each putative TSSs, these putative TSSs will be filtered out and this miRNA will be logged in DHS_check_log.
gene_filter_log For a certain miRNA, when integrating expressed_gene data to improve prediction, if no putative TSSs are confirmed after considering the relative position relationship among TSSs, stem-loops and expressed genes, this miRNA will be filtered out and logged in gene_filter_log.
peak_join

Reference


Examples

```r
bed_merged <- data.frame(
  chrom = c("chr1", "chr1", "chr1", "chr1", "chr2"),
  start = c(9910686, 9942202, 9996940, 10032962, 9830615),
  end = c(9911113, 9944469, 9998065, 10035458, 9917994),
  stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
bed_merged <- as(bed_merged, "GRanges")

## Not run:
ownmiRNA <- find_tss(bed_merged, expressed_mir = "hsa-mir-5697",
  ignore_DHS_check = TRUE,
  expressed_gene = "all",
  allmirgene_byforce = TRUE)
## End(Not run)
```

Description

Integrate peaks from H3K4me3 and Pol II data. To conduct the overlapped ranges for the further analysis by imposing H3K4me3 peaks on Pol II peaks, if both of these two different kinds of ChIP-seq data are available.

Usage

```r
peak_join(peak1, peak2)
```

Arguments

- `peak1`: H3K4me3 peaks. Merged peak data as GRanges object by function peak_merge
- `peak2`: Pol II peaks. Merged peak data as GRanges object by function peak_merge

Value

A GRanges object. The joined peaks for the following analysis to search for TSSs.

Detail

Peak1 and peak2 are signals separately from the ChIP-seq data of H3K4me3 and Pol II data that to be integrated. The data is GRanges object containing three columns Chrom, Ranges, Strand. And the order of these two kinds of data when input as peak1 and peak2 can be swapped.
Examples

```r
peak_df1 <- data.frame(chrom = c("chr1", "chr1", "chr1", "chr2"),
                        start = c(100, 460, 600, 70),
                        end = c(200, 500, 630, 100),
                        stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
peak1 <- as(peak_df1, "GRanges")

peak_df2 <- data.frame(chrom = c("chr1", "chr1", "chr1", "chr2"),
                        start = c(160, 470, 640, 71),
                        end = c(210, 480, 700, 90),
                        stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
peak2 <- as(peak_df2, "GRanges")

peak_join(peak1, peak2)
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**peak_merge**

*Merge adjacent peaks within H3K4me3 or Pol II data.*

**Description**

Merge the adjacent segments provided as `GRanges` object from original data. This function will merge adjacent peaks the distance between which is less than `n` base pairs apart and then return the merged segments.

**Usage**

```r
peak_merge(peak, n = 250)
```

**Arguments**

- `peak` A `GRanges` object. The peaks to be merged from one certain ChIP-seq data, such as H3K4me3 data or Pol II data.
- `n` A number. `n` stipulates the distance(bp, base pair) between two separate peaks within which they should be merged.

**Value**

A `GRanges` object. The merged peaks for the following analysis to search for TSSs.

**Examples**

```r
peak_df <- data.frame(chrom = c("chr1", "chr2", "chr1"),
                       chromStart = c(450, 460, 680),
                       chromEnd = c(470, 480, 710),
                       stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
peak <- as(peak_df, "GRanges")

peak_merge(peak, n = 250)
```
**plot_primiRNA**  

Plot the result of prediction for miRNA

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**Description**

For each miRNA, plot the position of TSS, pri-miRNA, related Ensemble gene, eponine score and conservation score according to the result of prediction using primiTSS.

**Usage**

```r
plot_primiRNA(
  expressed_mir,
  bed_merged,
  flanking_num = 1000,
  threshold = 0.7,
  ignore_DHS_check = TRUE,
  DHS,
  allmirdhs_byforce = TRUE,
  expressed_gene = "all",
  allmirgene_byforce = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

- **expressed_mir**  
  This parameter allows users to specify certain miRNAs, the TSSs of which they want to search for by providing a list of miRNAs(e.g. expressed miRNAs in a certain cell-line). If `expressed_mir` is not specified, the default value of the parameter is "all" and the function will acquiescently employ all the miRNAs currently listed on "miRbase" database.

- **bed_merged**  
  Peaks from ChIP-seq data to be provided for analysis can be H3K4me3 peaks, Pol II peaks or both. Notice that peaks are supposed to be merged(see also `peak_merge`) before `find_TSS` if using only one kind of peak data, while peaks should be firstly merged and then join together(see also `peak_join`) if both H3K4me3 data and Pol II are input.

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expressed_gene
Users can specify genes expressed in certain cell-lines that is analyzed. Or the default value is "all", which means all the expressed genes annotated on Ensemble will be employed.

allmirgene_byforce
While integrating expressed_gene data to improve prediction, there might be a circumstance where all the putative TSS are discarded. To prevent this condition, users are allowed to use "allmirgene_byforce = TRUE" to ensure at least 1 putative TSS for each miRNA will be output.

Details
NOTICE that this function is used for visualizing the predicted result of ONLY ONE specific miRNA every single time.

Value
There will be six tracks plotted as return:
Chrom: Position of miRNA on the chromosome.
hg38: Reference genome coordinate in hg38.
prī-miRNA: Position of pri-miRNA.
eponine score: Score of best putative TSS conducted by eponine method.
conservation score: Conservation score should be integrated with eponine score to find out putative TSSs.

Examples

```r
expressed_mir <- "hsa-mir-5697"
bed_merged <- data.frame(
    chrom = c("chr1", "chr1", "chr1", "chr1", "chr2"),
    start = c(9180799, 9201483, 9234339, 9942202, 9830615),
    end = c(9183889, 9202580, 9235853, 9944469, 9917994),
    stringsAsFactors = FALSE
)
bed_merged <- as(bed_merged, "GRanges")
## Not run:
plot_primiRNA(expressed_mir, bed_merged)
## End(Not run)
```
**primiTSS**

*primiTSS: Search for putative TSSs of miRNA*

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**Description**

A fast, convenient tool to identify the TSSs of miRNAs by integrating the data of H3K4me3 and Pol II as well as combining the conservation level and sequence feature, provided within both command-line and graphical interfaces, which achieves a better performance than the previous non-cell-specific methods on miRNA TSSs.

**Detail**

See `find_tss` for detailed instruction to predict TSSs of miRNA; See `run_primirTSSapp` to predict TSSs of miRNA using graphical web interface.

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**See Also**

Useful links: Xu HUA et al

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**run_primirTSSapp**

*Predict TSSs of miRNA using a graphical web interface.*

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**Description**

A graphical web interface is provided for users to achieve the functions of `find_tss` and `plot_primiRNA` to intuitively and conveniently predict putative TSSs of miRNA.

**Usage**

`run_primirTSSapp()`

**Details**

Users can refer documents of the two functions mentioned ABOVE for details.

**Value**

A graphical interface.
trans_cor

Examples

## Not run:
run_primirTSSapp()

## End(Not run)

trans_cor transform one hg coordinates to another

Description

Convert coordinates between different genomes when necessary.

Usage

trans_cor(peak, hg_from, hg_to)

Arguments

peak A GRanges object. The genome, the coordinates of which need to be converted.

hg_from The genome are converting from. This parameter can be "hg18", "hg19" or "hg38", etc.

hg_to Which type the genome is converting to. This parameter can be "hg18", "hg19" or "hg38", etc. NOTICE hg_from and hg_to should be different from each other.

Value

A GRanges object.

Examples

peak_df <- data.frame(chrom = c("chr7", "chr7", "chr7"),
  chromStart = c(128043988, 128045075, 128046242),
  chromEnd = c(128045074, 128046241, 128047408),
  stringsAsFactors = FALSE)

peak <- as(peak_df, "GRanges")

trans_cor(peak, "hg19", "hg38")
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