

# Package ‘beachmat’

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**Title** Compiling Bioconductor to Handle Each Matrix Type

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rhdf5, methods

**Suggests** testthat, BiocStyle, knitr, Matrix

**biocViews** DataRepresentation, DataImport, Infrastructure

**Description** Provides a consistent C++ class interface for a variety of  
commonly used matrix types, including sparse and HDF5-backed  
matrices.

**License** GPL-3

**NeedsCompilation** yes

**VignetteBuilder** knitr

**SystemRequirements** C++11

**LinkingTo** Rcpp, Rhdf5lib

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getBestChunkDims	<i>Get best chunk dimensions</i>
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## Description

Computes the optimal chunk dimensions for consecutive row/column access from a HDF5Matrix.

## Usage

```
getBestChunkDims(dims)
```

## Arguments

dims	An integer vector of length 2 containing the dimensions of a HDF5Matrix object.
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## Details

Consider a HDF5Matrix where access to consecutive rows or columns is requested. The optimal chunk dimensions ensure that the number of disk reads required is the same as that of a file layout with pure row or column chunks. This exploits the HDF5 chunk cache to store data from neighbouring rows/columns, avoiding the need to reread or rewrite the entire chunk for the next row/column. Obviously, this is not relevant to situations involving random row or column access.

## Value

An integer vector of length 2, containing the dimensions of each chunk in the HDF5 file.

## Author(s)

Aaron Lun

## Examples

```
getBestChunkDims(c(10340, 234))
getBestChunkDims(c(13400, 2068))
```

pkgconfig	<i>Compiler configuration arguments for use of beachmat</i>
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## Description

This function returns values for PKG\_LIBS and PKG\_CPPFLAGS variables for use in Makevars files. See vignette("beachmat", "beachmat") for details. Only PKG\_LIBS should be needed in most cases. The environment variable RBEACHMAT\_RPATH can be used to over-ride the inferred location of the installed package.

## Usage

```
pkgconfig(opt = c("PKG_LIBS", "PKG_CPPFLAGS"))
```

**Arguments**

opt A string specifying the compilation flags to print.

**Value**

Returns NULL and prints the corresponding value to stdout.

**Author(s)**

Aaron Lun

**Examples**

```
pkgconfig("PKG_LIBS")
pkgconfig("PKG_CPPFLAGS")
```

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rechunkByMargins      *Rechunk by margins*

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**Description**

Convert an existing HDF5Matrix into a pure column- or row-based chunk layout.

**Usage**

```
rechunkByMargins(x, size=5000, outfile=NULL, outname=NULL,
outlevel=NULL, byrow=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

x	A HDF5Matrix object.
size	An integer scalar specifying the number of elements in each chunk.
outfile	A string containing the name for the output HDF5 file, chosen by <a href="#">getHDF5DumpFile</a> if not specified.
outname	A string containing the name for the output HDF5 data set, chosen by <a href="#">getHDF5DumpName</a> if not specified.
outlevel	An integer scalar specifying the compression level, chosen by <a href="#">getHDF5DumpCompressionLevel</a> if not specified.
byrow	A logical scalar indicating if the output file should be row-chunked (default) or column-chunked.

**Details**

Pure column- or row-based chunk layouts are optimal for random column and row access, respectively, from a HDF5 file. This function can be used to convert a file into a pure row/column layout prior to calling other functions. In many cases, a small investment in rechunking time is repaid by a reduction in access times in downstream procedures.

**Value**

A HDF5Matrix object pointing to the HDF5 file containing the data from `x` but with the new chunk layout.

**Author(s)**

Aaron Lun

**Examples**

```
A <- as(matrix(runif(5000), nrow=100, ncol=50), "HDF5Array")
byrow <- rechunkByMargins(A, byrow=TRUE)
bycol <- rechunkByMargins(A, byrow=FALSE)
```

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