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assign_peaks	Assign peak midpoints to defined gene loci.	
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# **Description**

Determine the midpoints of a set of input regions peaks and the overlap of the midpoints with a given locus definition locusdef. Also report the TSS that is nearest each region (peak) overlapping a defined locus and its distance.

#### Usage

```
assign_peaks(peaks, locusdef, tss, weighting = NULL)
```

# **Arguments**

peaks	A GRanges object representing regions to be used for enrichment.
locusdef	A locus definition object from chipenrich.data.
tss	A GRanges object representing the TSSs for the genome build. Includes mcols for Entrez Gene ID gene_id and gene symbol symbol.
weighting	A string defining what weighting option they want. Current options are 'multi-Assign', 'signal Value', and 'logSignal Value'. Default is NULL.

# **Details**

Typically, this function will not be used alone, but inside chipenrich().

#### Value

A data.frame with columns for peak\_id, chr, peak\_start, peak\_end, gene\_locus\_start, gene\_locus\_end, g The result is used in num\_peaks\_per\_gene().

# **Examples**

```
data('locusdef.hg19.nearest_tss', package = 'chipenrich.data')
data('tss.hg19', package = 'chipenrich.data')

file = system.file('extdata', 'test_assign.bed', package = 'chipenrich')
peaks = read_bed(file)

assigned_peaks = assign_peaks(
peaks = peaks,
locusdef = locusdef.hg19.nearest_tss,
tss = tss.hg19)
```

# **Description**

Determine all overlaps between the set of input regions peaks and the given locus definition locusdef. In addition, report where each overlap begins and ends, as well as the length of the overlap.

# Usage

```
assign_peak_segments(peaks, locusdef)
```

#### **Arguments**

peaks A GRanges object representing regions to be used for enrichment.

locusdef A locus definition object from chipenrich.data.

#### **Details**

Typically, this function will not be used alone, but inside chipenrich() with method = 'broadenrich'.

#### Value

A data.frame with columns for peak\_id, chr, peak\_start, peak\_end, gene\_locus\_start, gene\_locus\_end, g The result is used in num\_peaks\_per\_gene().

# Examples

```
data('locusdef.hg19.nearest_tss', package = 'chipenrich.data')
data('tss.hg19', package = 'chipenrich.data')
file = system.file('extdata', 'test_assign.bed', package = 'chipenrich')
peaks = read_bed(file)
assigned_peaks = assign_peak_segments(
peaks = peaks,
locusdef = locusdef.hg19.nearest_tss)
```

broadenrich

Run Broad-Enrich on broad genomic regions

# **Description**

Broad-Enrich is designed for use with broad peaks that may intersect multiple gene loci, and cumulatively cover greater than 5% of the genome. For example, ChIP-seq experiments for histone modifications. For more details, see the 'Broad-Enrich Method' section below. For help choosing a method, see the 'Choosing A Method' section below, or see the vignette.

#### **Usage**

```
broadenrich(peaks, out_name = "broadenrich", out_path = getwd(),
  genome = supported_genomes(), genesets = c("GOBP", "GOCC", "GOMF"),
  locusdef = "nearest_tss", mappability = NULL, qc_plots = TRUE,
  min_geneset_size = 15, max_geneset_size = 2000, randomization = NULL,
  n_cores = 1)
```

#### **Arguments**

peaks

Either a file path or a data. frame of peaks in BED-like format. If a file path, the following formats are fully supported via their file extensions: .bed, .broadPeak, .narrowPeak, .gff3, .gff2, .gff, and .bedGraph or .bdg. BED3 through BED6 files are supported under the .bed extension. Files without these extensions are supported under the conditions that the first 3 columns correspond to 'chr', 'start', and 'end' and that there is either no header column, or it is commented out. If a data.frame A BEDX+Y style data.frame. See GenomicRanges::makeGRangesFromDataFrame

for acceptable column names.

out\_name

Prefix string to use for naming output files. This should not contain any characters that would be illegal for the system being used (Unix, Windows, etc.) The default value is "broadenrich", and a file "broadenrich\_results.tab" is produced. If qc\_plots is set, then a file "broadenrich\_qcplots.pdf" is produced containing a number of quality control plots. If out\_name is set to NULL, no files are written, and results then must be retrieved from the list returned by broadenrich.

out\_path

Directory to which results files will be written out. Defaults to the current working directory as returned by getwd.

genome

One of the supported\_genomes().

genesets

A character vector of geneset databases to be tested for enrichment. See supported\_genesets(). Alternately, a file path to a a tab-delimited text file with header and first column being the geneset ID or name, and the second column being Entrez Gene IDs. For an example custom gene set file, see the vignette.

locusdef

One of: 'nearest\_tss', 'nearest\_gene', 'exon', 'intron', '1kb', '1kb\_outside', '1kb\_outside\_upstream', '5kb', '5kb\_outside', '5kb\_outside\_upstream', '10kb', '10kb\_outside', '10kb\_outside\_upstream'. For a description of each, see the vignette or supported\_locusdefs. Alternately, a file path for a custom locus definition. NOTE: Must be for a supported\_genome(), and must have columns 'chr', 'start', 'end', and 'gene\_id' or 'geneid'. For an example custom locus definition file, see the vignette.

mappability

One of NULL, a file path to a custom mappability file, or an integer for a valid read length given by supported\_read\_lengths. If a file, it should contain a header with two column named 'gene\_id' and 'mappa'. Gene IDs should be Entrez IDs, and mappability values should range from 0 and 1. For an example custom mappability file, see the vignette. Default value is NULL.

qc\_plots

A logical variable that enables the automatic generation of plots for quality control.

min\_geneset\_size

Sets the minimum number of genes a gene set may have to be considered for enrichment testing.

max\_geneset\_size

Sets the maximum number of genes a gene set may have to be considered for enrichment testing.

randomization One of NULL, 'complete', 'bylength', or 'bylocation'. See the Randomizations

section below.

The number of cores to use for enrichment testing. We recommend using only n\_cores

up to the maximum number of physical cores present, as virtual cores do not significantly decrease runtime. Default number of cores is set to 1. NOTE:

Windows does not support multicore enrichment.

#### Value

A list, containing the following items:

A data frame containing the arguments/values passed to broadenrich. opts

peaks A data frame containing peak assignments to genes. Peaks which do not overlap a gene locus are not included. Each peak that was assigned to a gene is listed, along with the peak midpoint or peak interval coordinates (depending on which was used), the gene to which the peak was assigned, the locus start and end

position of the gene, and the distance from the peak to the TSS.

The columns are:

**peak\_id** is an ID given to unique combinations of chromosome, peak start, and

**chr** is the chromosome the peak originated from.

**peak start** is start position of the peak.

**peak\_end** is end position of the peak.

**gene\_id** is the Entrez ID of the gene to which the peak was assigned.

**gene\_symbol** is the official gene symbol for the gene\_id (above).

gene\_locus\_start is the start position of the locus for the gene to which the peak was assigned (specified by the locus definition used.)

**gene\_locus\_end** is the end position of the locus for the gene to which the peak was assigned (specified by the locus definition used.)

**overlap\_start** the start position of the peak overlap with the gene locus.

**overlap\_end** the end position of the peak overlap with the gene locus.

**peak\_overlap** the base pair overlap of the peak with the gene locus.

peaks\_per\_gene

A data frame of the count of peaks per gene. The columns are:

gene\_id is the Entrez Gene ID.

length is the length of the gene's locus (depending on which locus definition you chose.)

**log10\_length** is the log10(locus length) for the gene.

num\_peaks is the number of peaks that were assigned to the gene, given the current locus definition.

peak is whether or not the gene is considered to have a peak, as defined by num\_peak\_threshold.

**peak\_overlap** is the number of base pairs of the gene covered by a peak.

ratio is the proportion of the gene covered by a peak.

A data frame of the results from performing the gene set enrichment test on each geneset that was requested (all genesets are merged into one final data frame.) The columns are:

results

**Geneset.ID** is the identifier for a given gene set from the selected database. For example, GO:0000003.

**Geneset.Type** specifies from which database the Geneset.ID originates. For example, "Gene Ontology Biological Process."

**Description** gives a definition of the geneset. For example, "reproduction."

**P.Value** is the probability of observing the degree of enrichment of the gene set given the null hypothesis that peaks are not associated with any gene sets.

**FDR** is the false discovery rate proposed by Bejamini \& Hochberg for adjusting the p-value to control for family-wise error rate.

**Odds.Ratio** is the estimated odds that peaks are associated with a given gene set compared to the odds that peaks are associated with other gene sets, after controlling for locus length and/or mappability. An odds ratio greater than 1 indicates enrichment, and less than 1 indicates depletion.

**N.Geneset.Genes** is the number of genes in the gene set.

**N.Geneset.Peak.Genes** is the number of genes in the genes set that were assigned at least one peak.

**Geneset.Avg.Gene.Length** is the average length of the genes in the gene set.

**Geneset.Avg.Gene.Coverage** is the mean proportion of the gene loci in the gene set covered by a peak.

**Geneset.Peak.Genes** is the list of genes from the gene set that had at least one peak assigned.

#### **Broad-Enrich Method**

The Broad-Enrich method uses the cumulative peak coverage of genes in its model for enrichment:  $60 \sim \text{ratio} + \text{s(log10\_length)}$ . Here, 60 = s a binary vector indicating whether a gene is in the gene set being tested, ratio is a numeric vector indicating the ratio of the gene covered by peaks, and  $\text{s(log10\_length)}$  is a binomial cubic smoothing spline which adjusts for the relationship between gene coverage and locus length.

### **Choosing A Method**

The following guidelines are intended to help select an enrichment function:

**broadenrich():** is designed for use with broad peaks that may intersect multiple gene loci, and cumulatively cover greater than 5% of the genome. For example, ChIP-seq experiments for histone modifications.

**chipenrich():** is designed for use with 1,000s or 10,000s of narrow peaks which results in fewer gene loci containing a peak overall. For example, ChIP-seq experiments for transcription factors.

**polyenrich():** is also designed for narrow peaks, but where there are 100,000s of peaks which results in nearly every gene locus containing a peak. For example, ChIP-seq experiments for transcription factors.

**hybridenrich():** is a combination of chipenrich and polyenrich, to be used when one is unsure which is the optimal method.

#### Randomizations

Randomization of locus definitions allows for the assessment of Type I Error under the null hypothesis. The randomization codes are:

NULL: No randomizations, the default.

- 'complete': Shuffle the gene\_id and symbol columns of the locusdef together, without regard for the chromosome location, or locus length. The null hypothesis is that there is no true gene set enrichment.
- 'bylength': Shuffle the gene\_id and symbol columns of the locusdef together within bins of 100 genes sorted by locus length. The null hypothesis is that there is no true gene set enrichment, but with preserved locus length relationship.
- 'bylocation': Shuffle the gene\_id and symbol columns of the locusdef together within bins of 50 genes sorted by genomic location. The null hypothesis is that there is no true gene set enrichment, but with preserved genomic location.

The return value with a selected randomization is the same list as without. To assess the Type I error, the alpha level for the particular data set can be calculated by dividing the total number of gene sets with p-value < alpha by the total number of tests. Users may want to perform multiple randomizations for a set of peaks and take the median of the alpha values.

#### See Also

Other enrichment functions: chipenrich, polyenrich

#### **Examples**

```
# Run Broad-Enrich using an example dataset, assigning peaks to the nearest TSS,
# and on a small custom geneset
data(peaks_H3K4me3_GM12878, package = 'chipenrich.data')
peaks_H3K4me3_GM12878 = subset(peaks_H3K4me3_GM12878,
peaks_H3K4me3_GM12878$chrom == 'chr1')
gs_path = system.file('extdata','vignette_genesets.txt', package='chipenrich')
results = broadenrich(peaks_H3K4me3_GM12878, locusdef='nearest_tss',
genome = 'hg19', genesets=gs_path, out_name=NULL)

# Get the list of peaks that were assigned to genes.
assigned_peaks = results$peaks

# Get the results of enrichment testing.
enrich = results$results
```

```
calc_peak_gene_overlap
```

Add peak overlap and ratio to result of num\_peaks\_per\_gene()

#### **Description**

In particular, for method = 'broadenrich' in chipenrich(), when using assign\_peak\_segments(). This function will add aggregated peak\_overlap (in base pairs) and ratio (relative to length) columns to the result of num\_peaks\_per\_gene() so the right data is present for the method = 'broadenrich' model.

#### Usage

```
calc_peak_gene_overlap(assigned_peaks, ppg)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
assigned_peaks A data.frame resulting from assign_peak_segments().

ppg The aggregated peak assignments over gene_id from num_peaks_per_gene().
```

#### **Details**

Typically, this function will not be used alone, but inside chipenrich() with method = 'broadenrich'.

#### Value

A data.frame with columns gene\_id, length, log10\_length, num\_peaks, peak, peak\_overlap, ratio. The result is used directly in the gene set enrichment tests in chipenrich() when method = 'broadenrich'.

#### **Examples**

```
data('locusdef.hg19.nearest_tss', package = 'chipenrich.data')
data('tss.hg19', package = 'chipenrich.data')

file = system.file('extdata', 'test_assign.bed', package = 'chipenrich')
peaks = read_bed(file)

assigned_peaks = assign_peak_segments(
peaks = peaks,
locusdef = locusdef.hg19.nearest_tss)

ppg = num_peaks_per_gene(
assigned_peaks = assigned_peaks,
locusdef = locusdef.hg19.nearest_tss,
mappa = NULL)

ppg = calc_peak_gene_overlap(
assigned_peaks = assigned_peaks,
ppg = ppg)
```

chipenrich

Run ChIP-Enrich on narrow genomic regions

# Description

ChIP-Enrich is designed for use with 1,000s or 10,000s of narrow peaks which results in fewer gene loci containing a peak overall. For example, ChIP-seq experiments for transcription factors. For more details, see the 'ChIP-Enrich Method' section below. For help choosing a method, see the 'Choosing A Method' section below, or see the vignette.

#### Usage

```
chipenrich(peaks, out_name = "chipenrich", out_path = getwd(),
  genome = supported_genomes(), genesets = c("GOBP", "GOCC", "GOMF"),
  locusdef = "nearest_tss", method = "chipenrich", mappability = NULL,
  fisher_alt = "two.sided", qc_plots = TRUE, min_geneset_size = 15,
  max_geneset_size = 2000, num_peak_threshold = 1, randomization = NULL,
  n_cores = 1)
```

#### **Arguments**

Either a file path or a data. frame of peaks in BED-like format. If a file path, the peaks

> following formats are fully supported via their file extensions: .bed, .broadPeak, .narrowPeak, .gff3, .gff2, .gff, and .bedGraph or .bdg. BED3 through BED6 files are supported under the .bed extension. Files without these extensions are supported under the conditions that the first 3 columns correspond to 'chr', 'start', and 'end' and that there is either no header column, or it is commented out. If a

data.frame A BEDX+Y style data.frame. See GenomicRanges::makeGRangesFromDataFrame

for acceptable column names.

Prefix string to use for naming output files. This should not contain any characout\_name

> ters that would be illegal for the system being used (Unix, Windows, etc.) The default value is "chipenrich", and a file "chipenrich\_results.tab" is produced. If qc\_plots is set, then a file "chipenrich\_qcplots.pdf" is produced containing a number of quality control plots. If out\_name is set to NULL, no files are written,

and results then must be retrieved from the list returned by chipenrich.

Directory to which results files will be written out. Defaults to the current workout\_path

ing directory as returned by getwd.

One of the supported\_genomes(). genome

genesets A character vector of geneset databases to be tested for enrichment. See supported\_genesets().

> Alternately, a file path to a a tab-delimited text file with header and first column being the geneset ID or name, and the second column being Entrez Gene IDs.

For an example custom gene set file, see the vignette.

locusdef One of: 'nearest tss', 'nearest gene', 'exon', 'intron', '1kb', '1kb outside',

> '1kb\_outside\_upstream', '5kb', '5kb\_outside', '5kb\_outside\_upstream', '10kb', '10kb\_outside', '10kb\_outside\_upstream'. For a description of each, see the vignette or supported\_locusdefs. Alternately, a file path for a custom locus definition. NOTE: Must be for a supported\_genome(), and must have columns 'chr', 'start', 'end', and 'gene\_id' or 'geneid'. For an example custom locus

definition file, see the vignette.

A character string specifying the method to use for enrichment testing. Must be

one of ChIP-Enrich ('chipenrich') (default), or Fisher's exact test ('fet').

One of NULL, a file path to a custom mappability file, or an integer for a valid mappability

> read length given by supported\_read\_lengths. If a file, it should contain a header with two column named 'gene\_id' and 'mappa'. Gene IDs should be Entrez IDs, and mappability values should range from 0 and 1. For an example

custom mappability file, see the vignette. Default value is NULL.

fisher\_alt If method is 'fet', this option indicates the alternative for Fisher's exact test, and

must be one of 'two-sided' (default), 'greater', or 'less'.

A logical variable that enables the automatic generation of plots for quality conqc\_plots

min\_geneset\_size

Sets the minimum number of genes a gene set may have to be considered for enrichment testing.

max\_geneset\_size

Sets the maximum number of genes a gene set may have to be considered for enrichment testing.

num\_peak\_threshold

Sets the threshold for how many peaks a gene must have to be considered as having a peak. Defaults to 1. Only relevant for Fisher's exact test and ChIP-Enrich methods.

method

randomization One of NULL, 'complete', 'bylength', or 'bylocation'. See the Randomizations

section below.

n\_cores The number of cores to use for enrichment testing. We recommend using only

up to the maximum number of *physical* cores present, as virtual cores do not significantly decrease runtime. Default number of cores is set to 1. NOTE:

Windows does not support multicore enrichment.

#### Value

A list, containing the following items:

opts A data frame containing the arguments/values passed to chippenrich.

A data frame containing peak assignments to genes. Peaks which do not overlap a gene locus are not included. Each peak that was assigned to a gene is listed, along with the peak midpoint or peak interval coordinates (depending on which

was used), the gene to which the peak was assigned, the locus start and end position of the gene, and the distance from the peak to the TSS.

The columns are:

**peak\_id** is an ID given to unique combinations of chromosome, peak start, and peak end.

**chr** is the chromosome the peak originated from.

**peak\_start** is start position of the peak.

peak\_end is end position of the peak.

**peak\_midpoint** is the midpoint of the peak.

**gene\_id** is the Entrez ID of the gene to which the peak was assigned.

**gene\_symbol** is the official gene symbol for the gene\_id (above).

**gene\_locus\_start** is the start position of the locus for the gene to which the peak was assigned (specified by the locus definition used.)

**gene\_locus\_end** is the end position of the locus for the gene to which the peak was assigned (specified by the locus definition used.)

**nearest\_tss** is the closest TSS to this peak (for any gene, not necessarily the gene this peak was assigned to.)

**nearest\_tss\_gene** is the gene having the closest TSS to the peak (should be the same as gene\_id when using the nearest TSS locus definition.)

**nearest\_tss\_gene\_strand** is the strand of the gene with the closest TSS.

peaks\_per\_gene

A data frame of the count of peaks per gene. The columns are:

gene id is the Entrez Gene ID.

**length** is the length of the gene's locus (depending on which locus definition you chose.)

**log10\_length** is the log10(locus length) for the gene.

**num\_peaks** is the number of peaks that were assigned to the gene, given the current locus definition.

**peak** is whether or not the gene is considered to have a peak, as defined by num\_peak\_threshold.

results

A data frame of the results from performing the gene set enrichment test on each geneset that was requested (all genesets are merged into one final data frame.) The columns are:

**Geneset.ID** is the identifier for a given gene set from the selected database. For example, GO:0000003.

**Geneset.Type** specifies from which database the Geneset.ID originates. For example, "Gene Ontology Biological Process."

**Description** gives a definition of the geneset. For example, "reproduction."

**P.Value** is the probability of observing the degree of enrichment of the gene set given the null hypothesis that peaks are not associated with any gene sets.

**FDR** is the false discovery rate proposed by Bejamini \& Hochberg for adjusting the p-value to control for family-wise error rate.

**Odds.Ratio** is the estimated odds that peaks are associated with a given gene set compared to the odds that peaks are associated with other gene sets, after controlling for locus length and/or mappability. An odds ratio greater than 1 indicates enrichment, and less than 1 indicates depletion.

**N.Geneset.Genes** is the number of genes in the gene set.

**N.Geneset.Peak.Genes** is the number of genes in the genes set that were assigned at least one peak.

Geneset.Avg.Gene.Length is the average length of the genes in the gene set.

**Geneset.Peak.Genes** is the list of genes from the gene set that had at least one peak assigned.

#### **ChIP-Enrich Method**

The ChIP-Enrich method uses the presence of a peak in its model for enrichment: peak ~ G0 + s(log10\_length). Here, G0 is a binary vector indicating whether a gene is in the gene set being tested, peak is a binary vector indicating the presence of a peak in a gene, and s(log10\_length) is a binomial cubic smoothing spline which adjusts for the relationship between the presence of a peak and locus length.

# **Choosing A Method**

The following guidelines are intended to help select an enrichment function:

**broadenrich**(): is designed for use with broad peaks that may intersect multiple gene loci, and cumulatively cover greater than 5% of the genome. For example, ChIP-seq experiments for histone modifications.

**chipenrich():** is designed for use with 1,000s or 10,000s of narrow peaks which results in fewer gene loci containing a peak overall. For example, ChIP-seq experiments for transcription factors.

**polyenrich():** is also designed for narrow peaks, but where there are 100,000s of peaks which results in nearly every gene locus containing a peak. For example, ChIP-seq experiments for transcription factors.

**hybridenrich():** is a combination of chipenrich and polyenrich, to be used when one is unsure which is the optimal method.

# Randomizations

Randomization of locus definitions allows for the assessment of Type I Error under the null hypothesis. The randomization codes are:

NULL: No randomizations, the default.

'complete': Shuffle the gene\_id and symbol columns of the locusdef together, without regard for the chromosome location, or locus length. The null hypothesis is that there is no true gene set enrichment.

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'bylength': Shuffle the gene\_id and symbol columns of the locusdef together within bins of 100 genes sorted by locus length. The null hypothesis is that there is no true gene set enrichment, but with preserved locus length relationship.

'bylocation': Shuffle the gene\_id and symbol columns of the locusdef together within bins of 50 genes sorted by genomic location. The null hypothesis is that there is no true gene set enrichment, but with preserved genomic location.

The return value with a selected randomization is the same list as without. To assess the Type I error, the alpha level for the particular data set can be calculated by dividing the total number of gene sets with p-value < alpha by the total number of tests. Users may want to perform multiple randomizations for a set of peaks and take the median of the alpha values.

#### See Also

Other enrichment functions: broadenrich, polyenrich

#### **Examples**

```
# Run ChipEnrich using an example dataset, assigning peaks to the nearest TSS,
# and on a small custom geneset
data(peaks_E2F4, package = 'chipenrich.data')
peaks_E2F4 = subset(peaks_E2F4, peaks_E2F4$chrom == 'chr1')
gs_path = system.file('extdata','vignette_genesets.txt', package='chipenrich')
results = chipenrich(peaks_E2F4, method='chipenrich', locusdef='nearest_tss',
genome = 'hg19', genesets=gs_path, out_name=NULL)

# Get the list of peaks that were assigned to genes.
assigned_peaks = results$peaks

# Get the results of enrichment testing.
enrich = results$results
```

chipenrich\_package

chipenrich: Gene Set Enrichment For ChIP-seq Peak Data and Other Genomic Regions

# Description

The chipenrich package includes three classes of methods that adjust for potential confounders of gene set enrichment testing (locus length and mappability of the sequence reads). The first, chipenrich, is designed for use with transcription-factor (TF) based ChIP-seq experiments and other DNA sequencing experiments with narrow genomic regions. The second, polyenrich, is similarly designed for TF based ChIP-seq, but where the number of peaks present in gene loci may be important. The third, broadenrich, is designed for use with histone modification based ChIP-seq experiments and other DNA sequencing experiments with broad genomic regions.

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filter\_genesets

Function to filter genesets by locus definition and size

#### **Description**

This function filters gene sets based on the genes that are present in a particular locus definition. After determining which genes are present in both the GeneSet, gs\_obj, and the LocusDefinition ldef\_obj, gene sets are filtered by size with min\_geneset\_size and max\_geneset\_size.

#### Usage

```
filter_genesets(gs_obj, ldef_obj, min_geneset_size = 15,
   max_geneset_size = 2000)
```

#### Arguments

gs\_obj A valid GeneSet object
ldef\_obj A valid LocusDefinition object

min\_geneset\_size

An integer indicating the floor for genes in a geneset. Default 15.

max\_geneset\_size

An integer indicating the ceiling for genes in a geneset. Default 2000.

#### Value

An altered gs\_obj with changed set.gene and all.genes slots reflecting min\_geneset\_size and max\_geneset\_size after intersecting with the genes present in the particular locus definition.

genome\_to\_organism

Get the correct organism code based on genome

# **Description**

Data from chipenrich.data uses three letter organism codes for the GeneSet objects. This function ensures the correct objects are loaded.

#### Usage

```
genome_to_organism(genome = supported_genomes())
```

# **Arguments**

genome

One of the supported\_genomes().

#### Value

A string for the three letter organism code. Convention is first letter of the first word in the binomial name, and first two letters of the second word in the binomial name. 'Homo sapiens' is then 'hsa', for example.

genome\_to\_orgdb

genome\_to\_orgdb

Get Entrez ID to gene symbol mappings for custom locus definitions

# Description

If a custom locus definition is one of the supported\_genomes(), then the gene symbol column of the custom locus definition is populated using the appropriate orgDb package.

# Usage

```
genome_to_orgdb(genome = supported_genomes())
```

# **Arguments**

genome

One of the supported\_genomes().

#### Value

A data.frame with gene\_id and symbol columns.

get\_test\_method

Get the test function name from the method name

# **Description**

The method comes from what is used in chipenrich() or in polyenrich().

# Usage

```
get_test_method(method)
```

# **Arguments**

method

A character for the method used. One of the supported\_methods or one of the HIDDEN\_METHODS in constants.R.

# Value

A singleton named character vector with value of the test function and name of the method.

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hybridenrich

Running Hybrid test, either from scratch or using two results files

#### **Description**

Hybrid test is designed for people unsure of which test between ChIP-Enrich and Poly-Enrich to use, so it takes information of both and gives adjusted P-values. For more about ChIP- and Poly-Enrich, consult their corresponding documentation.

#### Usage

```
hybridenrich(peaks, out_name = "hybridenrich", out_path = getwd(),
  genome = supported_genomes(), genesets = c("GOBP", "GOCC", "GOMF"),
  locusdef = "nearest_tss", methods = c("chipenrich", "polyenrich"),
  weighting = NULL, mappability = NULL, qc_plots = TRUE,
  min_geneset_size = 15, max_geneset_size = 2000, num_peak_threshold = 1,
  randomization = NULL, n_cores = 1)
```

# **Arguments**

peaks

Either a file path or a data. frame of peaks in BED-like format. If a file path, the following formats are fully supported via their file extensions: .bed, .broadPeak, .narrowPeak, .gff3, .gff2, .gff, and .bedGraph or .bdg. BED3 through BED6 files are supported under the .bed extension. Files without these extensions are supported under the conditions that the first 3 columns correspond to 'chr', 'start', and 'end' and that there is either no header column, or it is commented out. If a data.frame A BEDX+Y style data.frame. See GenomicRanges::makeGRangesFromDataFrame for acceptable column names.

out\_name

Prefix string to use for naming output files. This should not contain any characters that would be illegal for the system being used (Unix, Windows, etc.) The default value is "chipenrich", and a file "chipenrich\_results.tab" is produced. If qc\_plots is set, then a file "chipenrich\_qcplots.pdf" is produced containing a number of quality control plots. If out\_name is set to NULL, no files are written, and results then must be retrieved from the list returned by chipenrich.

out\_path

Directory to which results files will be written out. Defaults to the current working directory as returned by getwd.

genome

One of the supported\_genomes().

genesets

A character vector of geneset databases to be tested for enrichment. See supported\_genesets(). Alternately, a file path to a a tab-delimited text file with header and first column being the geneset ID or name, and the second column being Entrez Gene IDs. For an example custom gene set file, see the vignette.

locusdef

One of: 'nearest\_tss', 'nearest\_gene', 'exon', 'intron', '1kb', '1kb\_outside', '1kb\_outside\_upstream', '5kb', '5kb\_outside', '5kb\_outside\_upstream', '10kb', '10kb\_outside', '10kb\_outside\_upstream'. For a description of each, see the vignette or supported\_locusdefs. Alternately, a file path for a custom locus definition. NOTE: Must be for a supported\_genome(), and must have columns 'chr', 'start', 'end', and 'gene\_id' or 'geneid'. For an example custom locus definition file, see the vignette.

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methods A character string array specifying the method to use for enrichment testing.

Currently actually unused as the methods are forced to be one chipenrich and

one polyenrich.

weighting A character string specifying the weighting method. Method name will auto-

matically be "polyenrich\_weighted" if given weight options. Current options

are: 'signalValue', 'logsignalValue', and 'multiAssign'.

mappability One of NULL, a file path to a custom mappability file, or an integer for a valid

read length given by supported\_read\_lengths. If a file, it should contain a header with two column named 'gene\_id' and 'mappa'. Gene IDs should be Entrez IDs, and mappability values should range from 0 and 1. For an example

custom mappability file, see the vignette. Default value is NULL.

qc\_plots A logical variable that enables the automatic generation of plots for quality con-

trol.

min\_geneset\_size

Sets the minimum number of genes a gene set may have to be considered for enrichment testing.

max\_geneset\_size

Sets the maximum number of genes a gene set may have to be considered for enrichment testing.

num\_peak\_threshold

Sets the threshold for how many peaks a gene must have to be considered as having a peak. Defaults to 1. Only relevant for Fisher's exact test and ChIP-

Enrich methods.

randomization One of NULL, 'complete', 'bylength', or 'bylocation'. See the Randomizations

section below.

n\_cores The number of cores to use for enrichment testing. We recommend using only

up to the maximum number of *physical* cores present, as virtual cores do not significantly decrease runtime. Default number of cores is set to 1. NOTE:

Windows does not support multicore enrichment.

#### Value

A data.frame containing:

results

A data frame of the results from performing the gene set enrichment test on each geneset that was requested (all genesets are merged into one final data frame.) The columns are:

**Geneset.ID** is the identifier for a given gene set from the selected database. For example, GO:0000003.

**P.Value.x** is the probability of observing the degree of enrichment of the gene set given the null hypothesis that peaks are not associated with any gene sets, for the first test.

**P.Value.y** is the same as above except for the second test.

**P.Value.Hybrid** The calculated Hybrid p-value from the two tests

**FDR.Hybrid** is the false discovery rate proposed by Bejamini & Hochberg for adjusting the p-value to control for family-wise error rate. Other variables given will also be included, see the corresponding methods' documentation for their details.

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#### Hybrid p-values

Given n tests that test for the same hypothesis, same Type I error rate, and converted to p-values:  $p_1, \ldots, p_n$ , the Hybrid p-value is computed as:  $n \neq min(p_1, \ldots, p_n)$ . This hybrid test will have at most the same Type I error as any individual test, and if any of the tests have 100% power as sample size goes to infinity, then so will the hybrid test.

# **Function inputs**

Every input in hybridenrich is the same as in chipenrich and polyenrich. Inputs unique to chipenrich are: num\_peak\_threshold; and inputs unique to polyenrich are: weighting. Currently the test only supports running chipenrich and polyenrich, but future plans will allow you to run any number of different support tests.

# Joining two results files

Combines two existing results files and returns one results file with hybrid p-values and FDR included. Current allowed inputs are objects from any of the supplied enrichment tests or a dataframe with at least the following columns: P.value, Geneset.ID. Optional columns include: Status. Currently we only allow for joining two results files, but future plans will allow you to join any number of results files.

load\_peaks

Convert a BEDX+Y data.frame and into GRanges

# Description

Given a data.frame in BEDX+Y format, use the built-in function GenomicRanges::makeGRangesFromDataFrame() to convert to GRanges.

### Usage

load\_peaks(dframe, keep.extra.columns = TRUE)

#### **Arguments**

dframe

 $A\ BEDX+Y\ style\ data.\ frame.\ See\ Genomic Ranges:: make GRanges From Data Frame for acceptable\ column\ names\ for\ appropriate\ conversion\ to\ GRanges.$ 

keep.extra.columns

Keep extra columns parameter from GenomicRanges::makeGRangesFromDataFrame().

#### **Details**

Typically, this function will not be used alone, but inside chipenrich().

### Value

A GRanges that may or may not keep.extra.columns, and that may or may not be stranded, depending on whether there is strand column in the dframe.

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#### **Examples**

```
# Example with just chr, start, end
peaks_df = data.frame(
chr = c('chr1','chr2','chr3'),
start = c(35,74,235),
end = c(46,83,421),
stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
peaks = load_peaks(peaks_df)
# Example with extra columns
peaks_df = data.frame(
chr = c('chr1','chr2','chr3'),
start = c(35,74,235),
end = c(46,83,421),
strand = c('+', '-', '+'),
score = c(36, 747, 13),
stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
peaks = load_peaks(peaks_df, keep.extra.columns = TRUE)
```

num\_peaks\_per\_gene

Aggregate peak assignments over the gene\_id column

# **Description**

For each gene\_id, determine the locus length and the number of peaks.

# Usage

```
num_peaks_per_gene(assigned_peaks, locusdef, mappa = NULL)
```

# Arguments

```
assigned\_peaks \quad A \; data. \\ frame \; resulting \; from \; assign\_peaks \textit{()} \; or \; assign\_peak\_segments \textit{()}.
```

 $\label{eq:locusdef} \mbox{A locus definition object from chipenrich.data}.$ 

mappa A mappability object from chipenrich.data.

#### **Details**

Typically, this function will not be used alone, but inside chipenrich().

# Value

A data.frame with columns gene\_id, length, log10\_length, num\_peaks, peak. The result is used directly in the gene set enrichment tests in chipenrich().

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#### **Examples**

```
data('locusdef.hg19.nearest_tss', package = 'chipenrich.data')
data('tss.hg19', package = 'chipenrich.data')

file = system.file('extdata', 'test_assign.bed', package = 'chipenrich')
peaks = read_bed(file)

assigned_peaks = assign_peaks(
peaks = peaks,
locusdef = locusdef.hg19.nearest_tss,
tss = tss.hg19)

ppg = num_peaks_per_gene(
assigned_peaks = assigned_peaks,
locusdef = locusdef.hg19.nearest_tss,
mappa = NULL)
```

peaks2genes

Run the test process up to, but not including the enrichment tests.

# **Description**

This function is used to create the \*\_peaks and \*\_peaks-per-gene files in case only the enrichment step has a problem. This way one does not need to rerun the making of these files whenever one just wants to test a new enrichment method.

#### Usage

```
peaks2genes(peaks, out_name = "readyToEnrich", out_path = getwd(),
  genome = supported_genomes(), locusdef = "nearest_tss",
  weighting = NULL, mappability = NULL, qc_plots = TRUE,
  num_peak_threshold = 1, randomization = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

peaks

Either a file path or a data. frame of peaks in BED-like format. If a file path, the following formats are fully supported via their file extensions: .bed, .broadPeak, .narrowPeak, .gff3, .gff2, .gff, and .bedGraph or .bdg. BED3 through BED6 files are supported under the .bed extension. Files without these extensions are supported under the conditions that the first 3 columns correspond to 'chr', 'start', and 'end' and that there is either no header column, or it is commented out. If a data. frame A BEDX+Y style data. frame. See GenomicRanges::makeGRangesFromDataFrame for acceptable column names.

out\_name

Prefix string to use for naming output files. This should not contain any characters that would be illegal for the system being used (Unix, Windows, etc.) The default value is "polyenrich", and a file "polyenrich\_results.tab" is produced. If qc\_plots is set, then a file "polyenrich\_qcplots.pdf" is produced containing a number of quality control plots. If out\_name is set to NULL, no files are written, and results then must be retrieved from the list returned by polyenrich.

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out\_path Directory to which results files will be written out. Defaults to the current work-

ing directory as returned by getwd.

genome One of the supported\_genomes().

locusdef One of: 'nearest\_tss', 'nearest\_gene', 'exon', 'intron', '1kb', '1kb\_outside',

'1kb\_outside\_upstream', '5kb', '5kb\_outside', '5kb\_outside\_upstream', '10kb', '10kb\_outside', '10kb\_outside\_upstream'. For a description of each, see the vignette or supported\_locusdefs. Alternately, a file path for a custom locus definition. NOTE: Must be for a supported\_genome(), and must have columns 'chr', 'start', 'end', and 'gene\_id' or 'geneid'. For an example custom locus

definition file, see the vignette.

weighting (Poly-Enrich only) character string specifying the weighting method if method is

chosen to be 'polyenrich\_weighted'. Current options are: 'signalValue', 'logsig-

nalValue', and 'multiAssign'.

mappability One of NULL, a file path to a custom mappability file, or an integer for a valid

read length given by supported\_read\_lengths. If a file, it should contain a header with two column named 'gene\_id' and 'mappa'. Gene IDs should be Entrez IDs, and mappability values should range from 0 and 1. For an example

custom mappability file, see the vignette. Default value is NULL.

qc\_plots A logical variable that enables the automatic generation of plots for quality con-

uoi.

num\_peak\_threshold

(ChIP-Enrich only) Sets the threshold for how many peaks a gene must have to be considered as having a peak. Defaults to 1. Only relevant for Fisher's exact

test and ChIP-Enrich methods.

randomization One of NULL, 'complete', 'bylength', or 'bylocation'. See the Randomizations

section below.

# Value

A list, containing the following items:

opts A data frame containing the arguments/values passed to polyenrich.

peaks A data frame containing peak assignments to genes. Peaks which do not overlap a gene locus are not included. Each peak that was assigned to a gene is listed,

a gene locus are not included. Each peak that was assigned to a gene is listed, along with the peak midpoint or peak interval coordinates (depending on which was used), the gene to which the peak was assigned, the locus start and end

position of the gene, and the distance from the peak to the TSS.

The columns are:

**peak\_id** is an ID given to unique combinations of chromosome, peak start, and peak end.

**chr** is the chromosome the peak originated from.

**peak** start is start position of the peak.

**peak\_end** is end position of the peak.

**peak\_midpoint** is the midpoint of the peak.

**gene\_id** is the Entrez ID of the gene to which the peak was assigned.

**gene\_symbol** is the official gene symbol for the gene\_id (above).

**gene\_locus\_start** is the start position of the locus for the gene to which the peak was assigned (specified by the locus definition used.)

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**gene\_locus\_end** is the end position of the locus for the gene to which the peak was assigned (specified by the locus definition used.)

**nearest\_tss** is the closest TSS to this peak (for any gene, not necessarily the gene this peak was assigned to.)

**nearest\_tss\_gene** is the gene having the closest TSS to the peak (should be the same as gene\_id when using the nearest TSS locus definition.)

**nearest\_tss\_gene\_strand** is the strand of the gene with the closest TSS.

peaks\_per\_gene

A data frame of the count of peaks per gene. The columns are:

gene\_id is the Entrez Gene ID.

**length** is the length of the gene's locus (depending on which locus definition you chose.)

log10\_length is the log10(locus length) for the gene.

num\_peaks is the number of peaks that were assigned to the gene, given the current locus definition.

peak is whether or not the gene has a peak.

#### **Randomizations**

Randomization of locus definitions allows for the assessment of Type I Error under the null hypothesis. The randomization codes are:

NULL: No randomizations, the default.

'complete': Shuffle the gene\_id and symbol columns of the locusdef together, without regard for the chromosome location, or locus length. The null hypothesis is that there is no true gene set enrichment.

'bylength': Shuffle the gene\_id and symbol columns of the locusdef together within bins of 100 genes sorted by locus length. The null hypothesis is that there is no true gene set enrichment, but with preserved locus length relationship.

**'bylocation':** Shuffle the gene\_id and symbol columns of the locusdef together within bins of 50 genes sorted by genomic location. The null hypothesis is that there is no true gene set enrichment, but with preserved genomic location.

The return value with a selected randomization is the same list as without. To assess the Type I error, the alpha level for the particular data set can be calculated by dividing the total number of gene sets with p-value < alpha by the total number of tests. Users may want to perform multiple randomizations for a set of peaks and take the median of the alpha values.

#### **Poly-Enrich Weighting Options**

Poly-Enrich also allows weighting of individual peaks. Currently the options are:

'signal Value:' weighs each peak based on the Signal Value given in the narrowPeak format or a user-supplied column, normalized to have mean 1.

'logsignalValue:' weighs each peak based on the log Signal Value given in the narrowPeak format or a user-supplied column, normalized to have mean 1.

'multiAssign:' weighs each peak by the inverse of the number of genes it is assigned to.

#### **Examples**

```
# Run peaks2genes using an example dataset, assigning peaks to the nearest TSS
data(peaks_E2F4, package = 'chipenrich.data')
peaks_E2F4 = subset(peaks_E2F4, peaks_E2F4$chrom == 'chr1')
gs_path = system.file('extdata', package='chipenrich')
results = peaks2genes(peaks_E2F4, locusdef='nearest_tss',
genome = 'hg19', out_name=NULL)
# Get the list of peaks that were assigned to genes.
assigned_peaks = results$peaks
```

```
plot_chipenrich_spline
```

QC plot for ChIP-Enrich

# Description

A plot showing an approximation of the empirical spline used to model the relationship between a gene having a peak and the locus length. For visual clarity, genes are binned into groups of 25 after sorting by locus length. Expected fits assuming independence of locus length and presence of a peak, and assuming proportionality of locus length and presence of a peak are given to demonstrate deviation from either for the dataset.

#### Usage

```
plot_chipenrich_spline(peaks, locusdef = "nearest_tss",
  genome = supported_genomes(), mappability = NULL, legend = TRUE,
  xlim = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

peaks

Either a file path or a data. frame of peaks in BED-like format. If a file path, the following formats are fully supported via their file extensions: .bed, .broadPeak, .narrowPeak, .gff3, .gff2, .gff, and .bedGraph or .bdg. BED3 through BED6 files are supported under the .bed extension. Files without these extensions are supported under the conditions that the first 3 columns correspond to 'chr', 'start', and 'end' and that there is either no header column, or it is commented out. If a data.frame A BEDX+Y style data.frame. See GenomicRanges::makeGRangesFromDataFrame for acceptable column names.

locusdef

One of: 'nearest\_tss', 'nearest\_gene', 'exon', 'intron', '1kb', '1kb\_outside', '1kb\_outside\_upstream', '5kb', '5kb\_outside', '5kb\_outside\_upstream', '10kb', '10kb\_outside', '10kb\_outside\_upstream'. For a description of each, see the vignette or supported\_locusdefs. Alternately, a file path for a custom locus definition. NOTE: Must be for a supported\_genome(), and must have columns 'chr', 'start', 'end', and 'gene\_id' or 'geneid'. For an example custom locus definition file, see the vignette.

genome

One of the supported\_genomes().

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mappability One of NULL, a file path to a custom mappability file, or an integer for a valid

read length given by supported\_read\_lengths. If a file, it should contain a header with two column named 'gene\_id' and 'mappa'. Gene IDs should be Entrez IDs, and mappability values should range from 0 and 1. For an example

custom mappability file, see the vignette. Default value is NULL.

legend If true, a legend will be drawn on the plot.

xlim Set the x-axis limit. NULL means select x-lim automatically.

#### Value

A trellis plot object.

# **Examples**

```
# Spline plot for E2F4 example peak dataset.
data(peaks_E2F4, package = 'chipenrich.data')

# Create the plot for a different locus definition
# to compare the effect.
plot_chipenrich_spline(peaks_E2F4, locusdef = 'nearest_gene', genome = 'hg19')
```

plot\_dist\_to\_tss

Plot histogram of distance from peak to nearest TSS

# Description

Create a histogram of the distance from each peak to the nearest transcription start site (TSS) of any gene.

# Usage

```
plot_dist_to_tss(peaks, genome = supported_genomes())
```

#### **Arguments**

peaks Either a file path or a data. frame of peaks in BED-like format. If a file path, the

following formats are fully supported via their file extensions: .bed, .broadPeak, .narrowPeak, .gff3, .gff2, .gff, and .bedGraph or .bdg. BED3 through BED6 files are supported under the .bed extension. Files without these extensions are supported under the conditions that the first 3 columns correspond to 'chr', 'start', and 'end' and that there is either no header column, or it is commented out. If a

 $\verb| data.frame ABEDX+Y style data.frame. See Genomic Ranges:: make GRanges From Data Frame ABEDX+Y style data.frame ABED$ 

for acceptable column names.

genome One of the supported\_genomes().

# Value

A trellis plot object.

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#### **Examples**

```
# Create histogram of distance from peaks to nearest TSS.
data(peaks_E2F4, package = 'chipenrich.data')
peaks_E2F4 = subset(peaks_E2F4, peaks_E2F4$chrom == 'chr1')
plot_dist_to_tss(peaks_E2F4, genome = 'hg19')
```

plot\_gene\_coverage

QC plot for Broad-Enrich

### **Description**

Create a plot showing the relationship between locus length and the proportion of gene loci covered by peaks.

#### Usage

```
plot_gene_coverage(peaks, locusdef = "nearest_tss",
  genome = supported_genomes(), mappability = NULL, legend = TRUE,
  xlim = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

peaks

Either a file path or a data. frame of peaks in BED-like format. If a file path, the following formats are fully supported via their file extensions: .bed, .broadPeak, .narrowPeak, .gff3, .gff2, .gff, and .bedGraph or .bdg. BED3 through BED6 files are supported under the .bed extension. Files without these extensions are supported under the conditions that the first 3 columns correspond to 'chr', 'start', and 'end' and that there is either no header column, or it is commented out. If a

 $\texttt{data.frame} \ A \ BEDX+Y \ style \ \texttt{data.frame}. \ See \ \texttt{GenomicRanges::makeGRangesFromDataFrame}$ 

for acceptable column names.

locusdef

One of: 'nearest\_tss', 'nearest\_gene', 'exon', 'intron', '1kb', '1kb\_outside', '1kb\_outside\_upstream', '5kb', '5kb\_outside', '5kb\_outside\_upstream', '10kb', '10kb\_outside', '10kb\_outside\_upstream'. For a description of each, see the vignette or supported\_locusdefs. Alternately, a file path for a custom locus definition. NOTE: Must be for a supported\_genome(), and must have columns 'chr', 'start', 'end', and 'gene\_id' or 'geneid'. For an example custom locus

definition file, see the vignette.

genome One of the supported\_genomes().

mappability One of NULL, a file path to a custom mappability file, or an integer for a valid

read length given by supported\_read\_lengths. If a file, it should contain a header with two column named 'gene\_id' and 'mappa'. Gene IDs should be Entrez IDs, and mappability values should range from 0 and 1. For an example

custom mappability file, see the vignette. Default value is NULL.

legend If true, a legend will be drawn on the plot.

xlim Set the x-axis limit. NULL means select x-lim automatically.

#### Value

A trellis plot object.

#### **Examples**

```
# Spline plot for E2F4 example peak dataset.
data(peaks_H3K4me3_GM12878, package = 'chipenrich.data')

# Create the plot for a different locus definition
# to compare the effect.
plot_gene_coverage(peaks_H3K4me3_GM12878, locusdef = 'nearest_gene', genome = 'hg19')
```

plot\_polyenrich\_spline

QC plot for Poly-Enrich

#### **Description**

Create a plot the relationship between number of peaks assigned to a gene and locus length. The plot shows an empirical fit to the data using a binomial smoothing spline.

#### Usage

```
plot_polyenrich_spline(peaks, locusdef = "nearest_tss",
  genome = supported_genomes(), mappability = NULL, legend = TRUE,
  xlim = NULL, ylim = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

peaks

Either a file path or a data. frame of peaks in BED-like format. If a file path, the following formats are fully supported via their file extensions: .bed, .broadPeak, .narrowPeak, .gff3, .gff2, .gff, and .bedGraph or .bdg. BED3 through BED6 files are supported under the .bed extension. Files without these extensions are supported under the conditions that the first 3 columns correspond to 'chr', 'start', and 'end' and that there is either no header column, or it is commented out. If a

data.frame A BEDX+Y style data.frame. See GenomicRanges::makeGRangesFromDataFrame

for acceptable column names.

locusdef

One of: 'nearest\_tss', 'nearest\_gene', 'exon', 'intron', '1kb', '1kb\_outside', '1kb\_outside\_upstream', '5kb', '5kb\_outside', '5kb\_outside\_upstream', '10kb', '10kb\_outside', '10kb\_outside\_upstream'. For a description of each, see the vignette or supported\_locusdefs. Alternately, a file path for a custom locus definition. NOTE: Must be for a supported\_genome(), and must have columns 'chr', 'start', 'end', and 'gene\_id' or 'geneid'. For an example custom locus

definition file, see the vignette.

genome One of the supported\_genomes().

mappability One of NULL, a file path to a custom mappability file, or an integer for a valid

read length given by supported\_read\_lengths. If a file, it should contain a header with two column named 'gene\_id' and 'mappa'. Gene IDs should be Entrez IDs, and mappability values should range from 0 and 1. For an example

custom mappability file, see the vignette. Default value is NULL.

legend If true, a legend will be drawn on the plot.

xlim Set the x-axis limit. NULL means select x-lim automatically. ylim Set the y-axis limit. NULL means select y-lim automatically.

#### Value

A trellis plot object.

#### **Examples**

```
# Spline plot for E2F4 example peak dataset.
data(peaks_E2F4, package = 'chipenrich.data')

# Create the plot for a different locus definition
# to compare the effect.
plot_polyenrich_spline(peaks_E2F4, locusdef = 'nearest_gene', genome = 'hg19')
```

polyenrich

Run Poly-Enrich on narrow genomic regions

#### **Description**

Poly-Enrich is designed for narrow peaks, but where there are 100,000s of peaks which results in nearly every gene locus containing a peak. For example, ChIP-seq experiments for transcription factors. For more details, see the 'Poly-Enrich Method' section below. For help choosing a method, see the 'Choosing A Method' section below, or see the vignette.

# Usage

```
polyenrich(peaks, out_name = "polyenrich", out_path = getwd(),
  genome = supported_genomes(), genesets = c("GOBP", "GOCC", "GOMF"),
  locusdef = "nearest_tss", method = "polyenrich", weighting = NULL,
  mappability = NULL, qc_plots = TRUE, min_geneset_size = 15,
  max_geneset_size = 2000, randomization = NULL, n_cores = 1)
```

# Arguments

peaks

Either a file path or a data. frame of peaks in BED-like format. If a file path, the following formats are fully supported via their file extensions: .bed, .broadPeak, .narrowPeak, .gff3, .gff2, .gff, and .bedGraph or .bdg. BED3 through BED6 files are supported under the .bed extension. Files without these extensions are supported under the conditions that the first 3 columns correspond to 'chr', 'start', and 'end' and that there is either no header column, or it is commented out. If a data.frame ABEDX+Y style data.frame. See GenomicRanges::makeGRangesFromDataFrame

for acceptable column names.

out\_name

Prefix string to use for naming output files. This should not contain any characters that would be illegal for the system being used (Unix, Windows, etc.) The default value is "polyenrich", and a file "polyenrich\_results.tab" is produced. If qc\_plots is set, then a file "polyenrich\_qcplots.pdf" is produced containing a number of quality control plots. If out\_name is set to NULL, no files are written, and results then must be retrieved from the list returned by polyenrich.

out\_path

Directory to which results files will be written out. Defaults to the current work-

ing directory as returned by getwd.

genome

One of the supported\_genomes().

genesets A character vector of geneset databases to be tested for enrichment. See supported\_genesets().

Alternately, a file path to a a tab-delimited text file with header and first column being the geneset ID or name, and the second column being Entrez Gene IDs.

For an example custom gene set file, see the vignette.

locusdef One of: 'nearest\_tss', 'nearest\_gene', 'exon', 'intron', '1kb', '1kb\_outside',

'1kb\_outside\_upstream', '5kb', '5kb\_outside', '5kb\_outside\_upstream', '10kb', '10kb\_outside', '10kb\_outside\_upstream'. For a description of each, see the vignette or supported\_locusdefs. Alternately, a file path for a custom locus definition. NOTE: Must be for a supported\_genome(), and must have columns 'chr', 'start', 'end', and 'gene\_id' or 'geneid'. For an example custom locus

definition file, see the vignette.

method A character string specifying the method to use for enrichment testing. Current

options are polyenrich and polyenrich\_weighted.

weighting A character string specifying the weighting method if method is chosen to be

'polyenrich\_weighted'. Current options are: 'signalValue', 'logsignalValue',

and 'multiAssign'.

mappability One of NULL, a file path to a custom mappability file, or an integer for a valid

read length given by supported\_read\_lengths. If a file, it should contain a header with two column named 'gene\_id' and 'mappa'. Gene IDs should be Entrez IDs, and mappability values should range from 0 and 1. For an example

custom mappability file, see the vignette. Default value is NULL.

qc\_plots A logical variable that enables the automatic generation of plots for quality con-

trol.

min\_geneset\_size

Sets the minimum number of genes a gene set may have to be considered for

enrichment testing.

max\_geneset\_size

Sets the maximum number of genes a gene set may have to be considered for

enrichment testing.

randomization One of NULL, 'complete', 'bylength', or 'bylocation'. See the Randomizations

section below.

n\_cores The number of cores to use for enrichment testing. We recommend using only

up to the maximum number of *physical* cores present, as virtual cores do not significantly decrease runtime. Default number of cores is set to 1. NOTE:

Windows does not support multicore enrichment.

#### Value

A list, containing the following items:

opts A data frame containing the arguments/values passed to polyenrich.

peaks A data frame containing peak assignments to genes. Peaks which do not overlap

a gene locus are not included. Each peak that was assigned to a gene is listed, along with the peak midpoint or peak interval coordinates (depending on which was used), the gene to which the peak was assigned, the locus start and end

position of the gene, and the distance from the peak to the TSS.

The columns are:

peak\_id is an ID given to unique combinations of chromosome, peak start, and peak end.

**chr** is the chromosome the peak originated from.

**peak\_start** is start position of the peak.

**peak\_end** is end position of the peak.

**peak\_midpoint** is the midpoint of the peak.

gene id is the Entrez ID of the gene to which the peak was assigned.

**gene\_symbol** is the official gene symbol for the gene\_id (above).

**gene\_locus\_start** is the start position of the locus for the gene to which the peak was assigned (specified by the locus definition used.)

**gene\_locus\_end** is the end position of the locus for the gene to which the peak was assigned (specified by the locus definition used.)

**nearest\_tss** is the closest TSS to this peak (for any gene, not necessarily the gene this peak was assigned to.)

**nearest\_tss\_gene** is the gene having the closest TSS to the peak (should be the same as gene\_id when using the nearest TSS locus definition.)

nearest\_tss\_gene\_strand is the strand of the gene with the closest TSS.

peaks\_per\_gene

A data frame of the count of peaks per gene. The columns are:

gene\_id is the Entrez Gene ID.

**length** is the length of the gene's locus (depending on which locus definition you chose.)

**log10\_length** is the log10(locus length) for the gene.

**num\_peaks** is the number of peaks that were assigned to the gene, given the current locus definition.

**peak** is whether or not the gene has a peak.

results

A data frame of the results from performing the gene set enrichment test on each geneset that was requested (all genesets are merged into one final data frame.) The columns are:

**Geneset.ID** is the identifier for a given gene set from the selected database. For example, GO:0000003.

**Geneset.Type** specifies from which database the Geneset.ID originates. For example, "Gene Ontology Biological Process."

**Description** gives a definition of the geneset. For example, "reproduction."

**P.Value** is the probability of observing the degree of enrichment of the gene set given the null hypothesis that peaks are not associated with any gene sets.

**FDR** is the false discovery rate proposed by Bejamini \& Hochberg for adjusting the p-value to control for family-wise error rate.

**Odds.Ratio** is the estimated odds that peaks are associated with a given gene set compared to the odds that peaks are associated with other gene sets, after controlling for locus length and/or mappability. An odds ratio greater than 1 indicates enrichment, and less than 1 indicates depletion.

**N.Geneset.Genes** is the number of genes in the gene set.

**N.Geneset.Peak.Genes** is the number of genes in the genes set that were assigned at least one peak.

Geneset.Avg.Gene.Length is the average length of the genes in the gene set.

**Geneset.Peak.Genes** is the list of genes from the gene set that had at least one peak assigned.

#### **Poly-Enrich Method**

The Poly-Enrich method uses the number of peaks in genes in its model for enrichment: num\_peaks ~ GO + s(log10\_le Here, GO is a binary vector indicating whether a gene is in the gene set being tested, num\_peaks is a numeric vector indicating the number of peaks in each gene, and s(log10\_length) is a negative binomial cubic smoothing spline which adjusts for the relationship between the number of peaks in a gene and locus length.

#### **Poly-Enrich Weighting Options**

Poly-Enrich also allows weighting of individual peaks. Currently the options are:

'signalValue:' weighs each peak based on the Signal Value given in the narrowPeak format or a user-supplied column, normalized to have mean 1.

'logsignalValue:' weighs each peak based on the log Signal Value given in the narrowPeak format or a user-supplied column, normalized to have mean 1.

'multiAssign:' weighs each peak by the inverse of the number of genes it is assigned to.

#### **Choosing A Method**

The following guidelines are intended to help select an enrichment function:

**broadenrich():** is designed for use with broad peaks that may intersect multiple gene loci, and cumulatively cover greater than 5% of the genome. For example, ChIP-seq experiments for histone modifications.

**chipenrich():** is designed for use with 1,000s or 10,000s of narrow peaks which results in fewer gene loci containing a peak overall. For example, ChIP-seq experiments for transcription factors

**polyenrich():** is also designed for narrow peaks, but where there are 100,000s of peaks which results in nearly every gene locus containing a peak. For example, ChIP-seq experiments for transcription factors. Generally works better for experiments with more than 40,000 peaks.

**hybridenrich():** is a combination of chipenrich and polyenrich, to be used when one is unsure which is the optimal method.

### **Randomizations**

Randomization of locus definitions allows for the assessment of Type I Error under the null hypothesis. The randomization codes are:

NULL: No randomizations, the default.

'complete': Shuffle the gene\_id and symbol columns of the locusdef together, without regard for the chromosome location, or locus length. The null hypothesis is that there is no true gene set enrichment.

'bylength': Shuffle the gene\_id and symbol columns of the locusdef together within bins of 100 genes sorted by locus length. The null hypothesis is that there is no true gene set enrichment, but with preserved locus length relationship.

'bylocation': Shuffle the gene\_id and symbol columns of the locusdef together within bins of 50 genes sorted by genomic location. The null hypothesis is that there is no true gene set enrichment, but with preserved genomic location.

The return value with a selected randomization is the same list as without. To assess the Type I error, the alpha level for the particular data set can be calculated by dividing the total number of gene sets with p-value < alpha by the total number of tests. Users may want to perform multiple randomizations for a set of peaks and take the median of the alpha values.

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#### See Also

Other enrichment functions: broadenrich, chipenrich

#### **Examples**

```
# Run Poly-Enrich using an example dataset, assigning peaks to the nearest TSS,
# and on a small custom geneset
data(peaks_E2F4, package = 'chipenrich.data')
peaks_E2F4 = subset(peaks_E2F4, peaks_E2F4$chrom == 'chr1')
gs_path = system.file('extdata','vignette_genesets.txt', package='chipenrich')
results = polyenrich(peaks_E2F4, method='polyenrich', locusdef='nearest_tss',
genome = 'hg19', genesets=gs_path, out_name=NULL)

# Get the list of peaks that were assigned to genes.
assigned_peaks = results$peaks

# Get the results of enrichment testing.
enrich = results$results
```

postprocess\_peak\_grs A helper function to post-process peak GRanges

# **Description**

Check for overlapping input regions, sort peaks, and force peak names

# Usage

```
postprocess_peak_grs(gr)
```

## **Arguments**

gr

A GRanges of input peaks.

#### Value

A GRanges that is sorted if the seqinfo is set, and has named peaks.

```
post_process_enrichments
```

Post process the data. frame of enrichment results

# **Description**

Post process the data. frame of enrichment results

#### Usage

```
post_process_enrichments(enrich)
```

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#### **Arguments**

enrich

A data.frame of the enrichment results from broadenrich(), chipenrich(), or polyenrich() created by rbinding the list of enrichment results for each of the genesets.

#### Value

A reformatted data. frame with columns in a specific order, filtered of enrichment tests that failed, and ordered first by enrichment 'Status' (if present) and then 'P.value'.

read\_bed

Read files containing peaks or genomic regions

# **Description**

The following formats are fully supported via their file extensions: .bed, .broadPeak, .narrowPeak, .gff3, .gff2, .gff, and .bedGraph or .bdg. BED3 through BED6 files are supported under the .bed extension. Files without these extensions are supported under the conditions that the first 3 columns correspond to chr, start, and end and that there is either no header column, or it is commented out. Files may be compressed with gzip, and so might end in .narrowPeak.gz, for example. For files with extension support, the rtracklayer::import() function is used to read peaks, so adherence to the mentioned file formats is necessary.

## Usage

```
read_bed(file_path)
```

#### **Arguments**

file\_path

A path to a file with input peaks/regions. See extended description above for details about file support.

#### **Details**

NOTE: Header rows must be commented with # to be ignored. Otherwise, an error may result.

NOTE: A warning is given if any input regions overlap. In the case of enrichment testing with method = 'broadenrich', regions should be disjoint.

Typically, this function will not be used alone, but inside chipenrich().

# Value

A GRanges with mools matching any extra columns.

# **Examples**

```
# Example of generic .txt file with peaks
file = system.file('extdata', 'test_header.txt', package = 'chipenrich')
peaks = read_bed(file)
# Example of BED3
```

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```
file = system.file('extdata', 'test_assign.bed', package = 'chipenrich')
peaks = read_bed(file)

# Example of narrowPeak
file = system.file('extdata', 'test.narrowPeak', package = 'chipenrich')
peaks = read_bed(file)

# Example of gzipped broadPeak
file = system.file('extdata', 'test.broadPeak.gz', package = 'chipenrich')
peaks = read_bed(file)

# Example of gzipped gff3 Fly peaks
file = system.file('extdata', 'test.gff3.gz', package = 'chipenrich')
peaks = read_bed(file)
```

read\_geneset

Function to read custom gene sets from file

#### **Description**

This function reads a two-columned tab-delimited text file (with header). Column names are ignored, but the first column should be geneset names or IDs and the second column should be Entrez Gene IDs.

#### Usage

```
read_geneset(file_path)
```

# Arguments

file\_path A file path for the custom gene set.

#### Value

A GeneSet class object.

read\_ldef

Function to read custom locus definition from file

#### **Description**

This function reads a tab-delimited text (with a header) file that should have columns 'chr', 'start', 'end', and a column named 'gene\_id' (or 'geneid') with the Entrez Gene ID. If a supported\_genomes() is given, then a column of gene symbols named 'symbol', will be added. If an unsupported genome is used there are two options: 1) Have a column named 'symbols' with the gene symbols in the custom locus definition, and leave genome = NA, or 2) leave genome = NA, do not provide gene symbols, and NAs will be used.

#### Usage

```
read_ldef(file_path, genome = NA)
```

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### **Arguments**

file\_path A file path for the custom locus definition.

genome A genome from supported\_genomes(), default NA.

#### Value

A LocusDefinition class object with slots dframe, granges, genome.build, and organism.

read\_mappa

Function to read custom mappability files

# **Description**

This function reads a two-columned tab-delimited text file (with header). Expected column names are 'mappa' and 'gene\_id'. Each line is for a unique 'gene\_id' and contains the mappability (between 0 and 1) for that gene.

# Usage

```
read_mappa(file_path)
```

# **Arguments**

file\_path A file path for the custom mappability.

### Value

A data.frame containing gene\_id and mappa columns.

recode\_peaks

Recode a vector of number of peaks to binary based on threshold

# **Description**

Recode a vector of number of peaks to binary based on threshold

# Usage

```
recode_peaks(num_peaks, threshold = 1)
```

### **Arguments**

num\_peaks An integer vector representing numbers of peaks per gene.

threshold An integer specifying the minimum number of peaks required to code as 1.

### Value

An binary vector where an entry is 1 if the corresponding entry of num\_peaks is  $\geq$ = threshold and is otherwise 0.

reset\_ncores\_for\_windows

Reset n\_cores for Windows

# **Description**

We use parallel::mclapply for multicore geneset enrichment testing, but this function supports more than one core if the OS is not Windows. If the OS is windows, the number of cores (mc.cores) must be set to 1.

# Usage

```
reset_ncores_for_windows(n_cores)
```

#### **Arguments**

n\_cores

An integer passed to broadenrich(), chipenrich(), or polyenrich() indicating the number of cores to use for enrichment testing.

#### Value

Either the original n\_cores if the OS is not Windows, or 1 if the OS is Windows.

setup\_genesets

Function to setup genesets

# **Description**

Function to setup genesets

#### Usage

```
setup_genesets(gs_codes, ldef_obj, genome, min_geneset_size, max_geneset_size)
```

# **Arguments**

gs\_codes

 $A\,character\,vector\,of\,geneset\,databases\,to\,be\,tested\,for\,enrichment.\,\,See\,supported\_genesets().$ 

Alternately, a file path to a a tab-delimited text file with header and first column being the geneset ID or name, and the second column being Entrez Gene IDs.

ldef\_obj

A LocusDefinition object to use for filtering gene sets based on which genes

are defined in the locus defintion.

genome

One of the supported\_genomes().

 $min\_geneset\_size$ 

Sets the minimum number of genes a gene set may have to be considered for enrichment testing.

max\_geneset\_size

Sets the maximum number of genes a gene set may have to be considered for enrichment testing.

setup\_mappa

#### Value

A list with components consisting of GeneSet objects for each of the elements of genesets. NOTE: Custom genesets must be run separately from built in gene sets.

setup\_locusdef

Function to setup locus definitions

# Description

Function to setup locus definitions

### Usage

```
setup_locusdef(ldef_code, genome, randomization = NULL)
```

# **Arguments**

ldef\_code

One of 'nearest\_tss', 'nearest\_gene', 'exon', 'intron', '1kb', '1kb\_outside', '1kb\_outside\_upstream', '5kb', '5kb\_outside', '5kb\_outside\_upstream', '10kb', '10kb\_outside', '10kb\_outside\_upstream'.

Alternately, a file path for a custom locus definition. NOTE: Must be for a supported\_genome(), and must have columns 'chr', 'start', 'end', and 'gene\_id',

or 'geneid'.

genome

One of the supported\_genomes().

randomization

One of NULL, 'complete', 'bylength', or 'bylocation'. See the Randomizations

section in ?chipenrich. Default NULL.

### Value

A list with components 1def and tss.

setup\_mappa

Function to setup mappability

# **Description**

Function to setup mappability

# Usage

```
setup_mappa(mappa_code, genome, ldef_code, ldef_obj)
```

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#### **Arguments**

mappa\_code One of NULL, a file path to a custom mappability file, or an integer for a valid

read length given by supported\_read\_lengths. If a file, it should contain a header with two column named 'gene\_id' and 'mappa'. Gene IDs should be Entrez IDs, and mappability values should range from 0 and 1. Default value is

NULL.

genome One of the supported\_genomes().

ldef\_code One of 'nearest\_tss', 'nearest\_gene', 'exon', 'intron', '1kb', '1kb\_outside', '1kb\_outside\_upstream',

'5kb', '5kb\_outside', '5kb\_outside\_upstream', '10kb', '10kb\_outside', '10kb\_outside\_upstream'.

Alternately, a file path for a custom locus definition. NOTE: Must be for a supported\_genome(), and must have columns 'chr', 'start', 'end', and 'gene\_id',

or 'geneid'.

ldef\_obj A LocusDefinition object.

#### Value

A data.frame with columns gene\_id and mappa.

supported\_genesets

Display supported genesets for gene set enrichment.

# Description

Display supported genesets for gene set enrichment.

# Usage

```
supported_genesets()
```

# Value

A data.frame with columns geneset, organism.

# Examples

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supported\_genomes

Display supported genomes.

### **Description**

Display supported genomes.

#### Usage

supported\_genomes()

#### Value

A vector indicating supported genomes.

#### **Examples**

supported\_genomes()

supported\_locusdefs

Display supported locus definitions

# **Description**

The locus definitions are defined as below. For advice on selecting a locus definition, see the 'Selecting A Locus Definition' section below.

**nearest\_tss:** The locus is the region spanning the midpoints between the TSSs of adjacent genes.

- **nearest\_gene:** The locus is the region spanning the midpoints between the boundaries of each gene, where a gene is defined as the region between the furthest upstream TSS and furthest downstream TES for that gene. If two gene loci overlap each other, we take the midpoint of the overlap as the boundary between the two loci. When a gene locus is completely nested within another, we create a disjoint set of 3 intervals, where the outermost gene is separated into 2 intervals broken apart at the endpoints of the nested gene.
- **1kb:** The locus is the region within 1kb of any of the TSSs belonging to a gene. If TSSs from two adjacent genes are within 2 kb of each other, we use the midpoint between the two TSSs as the boundary for the locus for each gene.
- **1kb\_outside\_upstream:** The locus is the region more than 1kb upstream from a TSS to the midpoint between the adjacent TSS.
- **1kb\_outside:** The locus is the region more than 1kb upstream or downstream from a TSS to the midpoint between the adjacent TSS.
- **5kb:** The locus is the region within 5kb of any of the TSSs belonging to a gene. If TSSs from two adjacent genes are within 10 kb of each other, we use the midpoint between the two TSSs as the boundary for the locus for each gene.
- **5kb\_outside\_upstream:** The locus is the region more than 5kb upstream from a TSS to the midpoint between the adjacent TSS.

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**5kb\_outside:** The locus is the region more than 5kb upstream or downstream from a TSS to the midpoint between the adjacent TSS.

**10kb:** The locus is the region within 10kb of any of the TSSs belonging to a gene. If TSSs from two adjacent genes are within 20 kb of each other, we use the midpoint between the two TSSs as the boundary for the locus for each gene.

**10kb\_outside\_upstream:** The locus is the region more than 10kb upstream from a TSS to the midpoint between the adjacent TSS.

**10kb\_outside:** The locus is the region more than 10kb upstream or downstream from a TSS to the midpoint between the adjacent TSS.

**exon:** Each gene has multiple loci corresponding to its exons. Overlaps between different genes are allowed.

**intron:** Each gene has multiple loci corresponding to its introns. Overlaps between different genes are allowed.

### Usage

```
supported_locusdefs()
```

### Value

A data.frame with columns genome, locusdef.

#### **Selecting A Locus Definition**

For a transcription factor ChIP-seq experiment, selecting a particular locus definition for use in enrichment testing can have implications relating to how the TF regulates genes. For example, selecting the '1kb' locus definition will imply that the biological processes found enriched are a result of TF regulation near the promoter. In contrast, selecting the '5kb\_outside' locus definition will imply that the biological processes found enriched are a result of TF regulation distal from the promoter.

Selecting a locus definition can also help reduce the noise in the enrichment tests. For example, if a TF is known to primarily regulate genes by binding around the promoter, then selecting the '1kb' locus definition can help to reduce the noise from TSS-distal peaks in the enrichment testing.

The plot\_dist\_to\_tss QC plot displays where genomic regions fall relative to TSSs genomewide, and can help inform the choice of locus definition. For example, if many peaks fall far from the TSS, the 'nearest\_tss' locus definition may be a good choice because it will capture all input genomic regions, whereas the '1kb' locus definition may not capture many of the input genomic regions and adversely affect the enrichment testing.

# **Examples**

```
supported_locusdefs()
```

 $supported\_methods$ 

Display supported gene set enrichment methods.

# Description

Display supported gene set enrichment methods.

# Usage

```
supported_methods()
```

# Value

A vector indicating supported methods for gene set enrichment.

# **Examples**

```
supported_methods()
```

```
supported_read_lengths
```

Display supported read lengths for mappability

# Description

Display supported read lengths for mappability

# Usage

```
supported_read_lengths()
```

# Value

A data.frame with columns genome, locusdef, read\_length.

# **Examples**

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