## Biostrings

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## AAString-class AAString objects

## Description

An AAString object allows efficient storage and manipulation of a long amino acid sequence.

## Details

The AAString class is a direct XString subclass (with no additional slot). Therefore all functions and methods described in the XString man page also work with an AAString object (inheritance).
Unlike the BString container that allows storage of any single string (based on a single-byte character set) the AAString container can only store a string based on the Amino Acid alphabet (see below).

## The Amino Acid alphabet

This alphabet contains all letters from the Single-Letter Amino Acid Code (see ?AMINO_ACID_CODE) + the stop $(" *$ "), the gap $("-")$ and the hard masking $("+")$ letters. It is stored in the AA_ALPHABET constant (character vector). The alphabet method also returns AA_ALPHABET when applied to an AAString object and is provided for convenience only.

## Constructor-like functions and generics

In the code snippet below, $x$ can be a single string (character vector of length 1 ) or a BString object.
AAString ( $x=$ "", start=1, nchar=NA): Tries to convert $x$ into an AAString object by reading nchar letters starting at position start in $x$.

## Accessor methods

In the code snippet below, x is an AAString object.
alphabet $(x)$ : If $x$ is an AAString object, then return the Amino Acid alphabet (see above). See the corresponding man pages when x is a BString, DNAString or RNAString object.

## Author(s)

H. Pages

## See Also

```
AMINO_ACID_CODE, letter, XString-class, alphabetFrequency
```


## Examples

```
AA_ALPHABET
a <- AAString("MARKSLEMSIR*")
length(a)
alphabet(a)
```


## AlignedXStringSet-class

AlignedXStringSet and QualityAlignedXStringSet objects

## Description

The AlignedXStringSet and QualityAlignedXStringSet classes are containers for storing an aligned XStringSet.

## Details

Before we define the notion of alignment, we introduce the notion of "filled-with-gaps subsequence". A "filled-with-gaps subsequence" of a string string1 is obtained by inserting 0 or any number of gaps in a subsequence of s1. For example L-A-ND and A-N-D are "filled-with-gaps subsequences" of LAND. An alignment between two strings string1 and string2 results in two strings (align1 and align2) that have the same length and are "filled-with-gaps subsequences" of string1 and string2.
For example, this is an alignment between LAND and LEAVES:

$$
L-A
$$

LEA

An alignment can be seen as a compact representation of one set of basic operations that transforms string1 into align1. There are 3 different kinds of basic operations: "insertions" (gaps in align1), "deletions" (gaps in align2), "replacements". The above alignment represents the following basic operations:

```
insert E at pos 2
insert V at pos 4
insert E at pos 5
replace by S at pos 6 (N is replaced by S)
delete at pos 7 (D is deleted)
```

Note that "insert X at pos i " means that all letters at a position $>=\mathrm{i}$ are moved 1 place to the right before X is actually inserted.
There are many possible alignments between two given strings string 1 and string 2 and a common problem is to find the one (or those ones) with the highest score, i.e. with the lower total cost in terms of basic operations.

## Accessor methods

In the code snippets below, $x$ is a AlignedXStringSet or QualityAlignedXStringSet object.
unaligned(x): The original string.
aligned ( $x$, degap $=$ FALSE) : If degap = FALSE, the "filled-with-gaps subsequence" representing the aligned substring. If degap $=$ TRUE, the "gap-less subsequence" representing the aligned substring.
start ( $x$ ): The start of the aligned substring.
end ( $x$ ): The end of the aligned substring.
width(x): The width of the aligned substring, ignoring gaps.
indel(x): The positions, in the form of an IRanges object, of the insertions or deletions (depending on what x represents).
nindel $(x)$ : A two-column matrix containing the length and sum of the widths for each of the elements returned by indel.
length ( $x$ ): The length of the aligned (x).
nchar (x): The nchar of the aligned (x).
alphabet (x): Equivalent to alphabet (unaligned(x)).
as.character(x): Converts aligned (x) to a character vector.
toString(x): Equivalent to toString(as.character(x))

## Subsetting methods

x[i]: Returns a new AlignedXStringSet or QualityAlignedXStringSet object made of the selected elements.
rep (x, times): Returns anew AlignedXStringSet or QualityAlignedXStringSet object made of the repeated elements.

## Author(s)

P. Aboyoun and H. Pages

## See Also

```
pairwiseAlignment,PairwiseAlignedXStringSet-class, XStringSet-class
```


## Examples

```
pattern <- AAString("LAND")
subject <- AAString("LEAVES")
nw1 <- pairwiseAlignment(pattern, subject, substitutionMatrix = "BLOSUM50", gapOpening
alignedPattern <- pattern(nw1)
unaligned(alignedPattern)
aligned(alignedPattern)
as.character(alignedPattern)
nchar(alignedPattern)
```

```
align-utils Utility functions related to sequence alignment
```


## Description

A variety of different functions used to deal with sequence alignments.

## Usage

```
    nedit(x) # also nmatch and nmismatch
    mismatchTable(x, shiftLeft=0L, shiftRight=0L, ...)
    mismatchSummary(x, ...)
    ## S4 method for signature 'AlignedXStringSet0':
coverage(x, start=NA, end=NA, shift=0L, width=NULL, weight=1L)
    ## S4 method for signature 'PairwiseAlignedFixedSubject':
coverage(x, start=NA, end=NA, shift=0L, width=NULL, weight=1L)
    compareStrings(pattern, subject)
    ## S4 method for signature 'PairwiseAlignedFixedSubject':
consensusMatrix(x,
as.prob=FALSE, freq=FALSE, shift=0L, width=NULL,
baseOnly=FALSE, gapCode="-", endgapCode="-")
```


## Arguments

x A character vector or matrix, XStringSet, XStringViews, PairwiseAlignedXStrin or list of FASTA records containing the equal-length strings.
shiftLeft, shiftRight
Non-positive and non-negative integers respectively that specify how many preceding and succeeding characters to and from the mismatch position to include in the mismatch substrings.
. . Further arguments to be passed to or from other methods.
start, end, shift, width
See ?coverage.
weight An integer vector specifying how much each element in $x$ counts.
pattern, subject
The strings to compare. Can be of type character, XString, XStringSet, AlignedXStringSet, or, in the case of pattern, PairwiseAlignedXStringSet. If pattern is a PairwiseAlignedXStringSet object, then subject must be missing.
as.prob If TRUE then probabilities are reported, otherwise counts (the default).
freq This argument is deprecated. Please use the as. prob argument instead.
baseOnly TRUE or FALSE. If TRUE, the returned vector only contains frequencies for the letters in the "base" alphabet i.e. "A", "C", "G", "T" if x is a "DNA input", and "A", "C", "G", "U" if $x$ is "RNA input". When $x$ is a BString object (or an XStringViews object with a BString subject, or a BStringSet object), then the baseOnly argument is ignored.
gapCode, endgapCode
The codes in the appropriate alphabet to use for the internal and end gaps.

## Details

mismatchTable: a data.frame containing the positions and substrings of the mismatches for the AlignedXStringSet or PairwiseAlignedXStringSet object.
mismatchSummary: a list of data.frame objects containing counts and frequencies of the mismatches for the AlignedXStringSet or PairwiseAlignedFixedSubject object.
compareStrings combines two equal-length strings that are assumed to be aligned into a single character string containing that replaces mismatches with "? ", insertions with "+", and deletions with " - ".

## See Also

pairwiseAlignment, consensusMatrix, XString-class, XStringSet-class, XStringViewsclass, AlignedXStringSet-class, PairwiseAlignedXStringSet-class, match-utils

## Examples

```
## Compare two globally aligned strings
string1 <- "ACTTCACCAGCTCCCTGGCGGTAAGTTGATC---AAAGG---AAACGCAAAGTTTTCAAG"
string2 <- "GTTTCACTACTTCCTTTCGGGTAAGTAAATATATAAATATATAAAAATATAATTTTCATC"
compareStrings(string1, string2)
    ## Create a consensus matrix
    nw1 <-
        pairwiseAlignment(AAStringSet(c("HLDNLKGTF", "HVDDMPNAL")), AAString("SMDDTEKMSMKL")
            substitutionMatrix = "BLOSUM50", gapOpening = -3, gapExtension = -1)
    consensusMatrix(nw1)
    ## Examine the consensus between the bacteriophage phi x174 genomes
    data(phix174Phage)
    phageConsmat <- consensusMatrix(phix174Phage, baseOnly = TRUE)
    phageDiffs <- which(apply(phageConsmat, 2, max) < length(phix174Phage))
    phageDiffs
    phageConsmat[,phageDiffs]
```

    AMINO_ACID_CODE The Single-Letter Amino Acid Code
    
## Description

Named character vector mapping single-letter amino acid representations to 3-letter amino acid representations.

## See Also

## Examples

```
## See all the 3-letter codes
AMINO_ACID_CODE
## Convert an AAString object to a vector of 3-letter amino acid codes
aa <- AAString("LANDEECQW")
AMINO_ACID_CODE[strsplit(as.character(aa), NULL)[[1]]]
```

```
basecontent Obtain the ATCG content of a gene
```


## Description

WARNING: Both basecontent and countbases have been deprecated in favor of alphabetFrequency.
These functions accept a character vector representing the nucleotide sequences and compute the frequencies of each base (A, C, G, T).

## Usage

basecontent (seq)
countbases(seq, dna = TRUE)

## Arguments

seq Character vector.
dna Logical value indicating whether the sequence is DNA (TRUE) or RNA (FALSE)

## Details

The base frequencies are calculated separately for each element of $x$. The elements of $x$ can be in upper case, lower case or mixed.

## Value

A matrix with 4 columns and length (x) rows. The columns are named $A, C, T, G$, and the values in each column are the counts of the corresponding bases in the elements of $x$. When dna=FALSE, the $T$ column is replaced with a $U$ column.

## Author(s)

R. Gentleman, W. Huber, S. Falcon

## See Also

alphabetFrequency, reverseComplement

## Examples

```
v<-c("AAACT", "GGGTT", "ggAtT")
## Do not use these functions anymore:
if (interactive()) {
        basecontent(v)
        countbases(v)
    }
## But use more efficient alphabetFrequency() instead:
v <- DNAStringSet(v)
alphabetFrequency(v, baseOnly=TRUE)
## Comparing efficiencies:
if (interactive()) {
    library(hgu95av2probe)
    system.time(y1 <- countbases(hgu95av2probe$sequence))
    x <- DNAStringSet(hgu95av2probe)
    system.time(y2 <- alphabetFrequency(x, baseOnly=TRUE))
}
```

```
BOC_SubjectString-class
    BOC_SubjectString and BOC2_SubjectString objects
```


## Description

The BOC\_SubjectString and BOC2\SubjectString classes are experimental and might not work properly.
Please DO NOT TRY TO USE them for now. Thanks for your comprehension!

## Author(s)

H. Pages

## chartr

Translating letters of a sequence

## Description

Translate letters of a sequence.

## Usage

```
    ## S4 method for signature 'ANY,ANY,XString':
    chartr(old, new, x)
```


## Arguments

old A character string specifying the characters to be translated.
new A character string specifying the translations.
x
The sequence or set of sequences to translate. If x is an XString, XStringSet, XStringViews or MaskedXString object, then the appropriate chartr method is called, otherwise the standard chartr R function is called.

## Details

See ?chartr for the details.
Note that, unlike the standard chartr R function, the methods for XString, XStringSet, XStringViews and MaskedXString objects do NOT support character ranges in the specifications.

## Value

An object of the same class and length as the original object.

## See Also

chartr, replaceLetterAt, XString-class, XStringSet-class, XStringViews-class, MaskedXStringclass, alphabetFrequency, matchPattern, reverseComplement

## Examples

```
x <- BString("MiXeD cAsE 123")
chartr("iXs", "why", x)
## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## TRANSFORMING DNA WITH BISULFITE (AND SEARCHING IT...)
## --------------------------------------------------------------------------------
library(BSgenome.Celegans.UCSC.ce2)
chrII <- Celegans[["chrII"]]
alphabetFrequency(chrII)
pattern <- DNAString("TGGGTGTATTTA")
## Transforming and searching the + strand
plus_strand <- chartr("C", "T", chrII)
alphabetFrequency(plus_strand)
matchPattern(pattern, plus_strand)
matchPattern(pattern, chrII)
## Transforming and searching the - strand
minus_strand <- chartr("G", "A", chrII)
alphabetFrequency(minus_strand)
matchPattern(reverseComplement(pattern), minus_strand)
matchPattern(reverseComplement(pattern), chrII)
```

```
complementSeq Complementary sequence.
```


## Description

WARNING: complementSeq has been deprecated in favor of complement.
Function to obtain the complementary sequence.

## Usage

```
complementSeq(seq, start=1, stop=0)
```


## Arguments

| seq | Character vector consisting of the letters A, C, G and T. |
| :--- | :--- |
| start | Numeric scalar: the sequence position at which to start complementing. If 1, <br> start from the beginning. |
| stop | Numeric scalar: the sequence position at which to stop complementing. If 0, go <br> until the end. |

## Details

The complemented sequence for each element of the input is computed and returned. The complement is given by the mapping: A -> T, C -> G, G $->\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{T}->\mathrm{A}$.
An important special case is start $=13$, stop=13: If seq is a vector of 25 mer sequences on an Affymetrix GeneChip, complementSeq (seq, start=13, stop=13) calculates the socalled mismatch sequences.
The function deals only with sequences that represent DNA. These can consist only of the letters A, C, T or G. Upper, lower or mixed case is allowed and honored.

## Value

A character vector of the same length as seq is returned. Each component represents the transformed sequence for the input value.

## Author(s)

R. Gentleman, W. Huber

## See Also

alphabetFrequency, reverseComplement

## Examples

```
## -----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## EXAMPLE 1
## ---------------------------------------------------------------------------
seq <- c("AAACT", "GGGTT")
## Don't do this anymore (deprecated):
```

```
if (interactive()) {
    complementSeq(seq) # inefficient on large vectors
}
## But do this instead:
complement(DNAStringSet(seq)) # more efficient
## -----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## EXAMPLE 2
## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
seq <- c("CGACTGAGACCAAGACCTACAACAG", "CCCGCATCATCTTTCCTGTGCTCTT")
## Don't do this anymore (deprecated):
if (interactive()) {
    complementSeq(seq, start=13, stop=13)
}
## But do this instead:
pm2mm <- function(probes)
{
        probes <- DNAStringSet(probes)
        subseq(probes, start=13, end=13) <- complement(subseq(probes, start=13, end=13))
        probes
}
pm2mm(seq)
## -----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## SPEED OF complementSeq() VS complement()
## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
if (interactive()) {
    library(hgu95av2probe)
    system.time(y1 <- complementSeq(hgu95av2probe$sequence))
    probes <- DNAStringSet(hgu95av2probe)
    system.time(y2 <- complement(probes))
}
```

dinucleotideFrequencyTest
Pearson's chi-squared Test and G-tests for String Position Dependence

## Description

Performs Person's chi-squared test, G-test, or William's corrected G-test to determine dependence between two nucleotide positions.

## Usage

dinucleotideFrequencyTest(x, i, j, test = c("chisq", "G", "adjG"), simulate.p.value $=$ FALSE, $B=2000$ )

## Arguments

$x \quad$ A DNAStringSet or RNAStringSet object.
i, $j \quad$ Single integer values for positions to test for dependence.
test One of "chisq" (Person’s chi-squared test), "G" (G-test), or "adjG" (William’s corrected G-test). See Details section.

```
simulate.p.value
    a logical indicating whether to compute p-values by Monte Carlo simulation.
B an integer specifying the number of replicates used in the Monte Carlo test.
```


## Details

The null and alternative hypotheses for this function are:
H0: positions $i$ and $j$ are independent
H1: otherwise
Let O and E be the observed and expected probabilities for base pair combinations at positions i and $j$ respectively. Then the test statistics are calculated as:

```
test="chisq": stat = sum(abs(O-E)^2/E)
test="G": stat =2* sum(O*\operatorname{log}(\textrm{O}/\textrm{E}))
test="adjG": stat =2* sum(O* log(O/E))/q, where q = 1 + ((df - 1)^2-1)/(6*length(x)*(df
    -2))
```

Under the null hypothesis, these test statistics are approximately distributed chi-squared $(\mathrm{df}=(($ distinct bases at i$)-1) *(($ distinct bases at j$)-1))$.

## Value

An htest object. See help(chisq.test) for more details.

## Author(s)

P. Aboyoun

## References

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## See Also

```
nucleotideFrequencyAt, XStringSet-class, chisq.test
```


## Examples

```
data(HNF4alpha)
dinucleotideFrequencyTest(HNF4alpha, 1, 2)
dinucleotideFrequencyTest(HNF4alpha, 1, 2, test = "G")
dinucleotideFrequencyTest(HNF4alpha, 1, 2, test = "adjG")
```


## DNAString-class DNAString objects

## Description

A DNAString object allows efficient storage and manipulation of a long DNA sequence.

## Details

The DNAString class is a direct XString subclass (with no additional slot). Therefore all functions and methods described in the XString man page also work with a DNAString object (inheritance).

Unlike the BString container that allows storage of any single string (based on a single-byte character set) the DNAString container can only store a string based on the DNA alphabet (see below). In addition, the letters stored in a DNAString object are encoded in a way that optimizes fast search algorithms.

## The DNA alphabet

This alphabet contains all letters from the IUPAC Extended Genetic Alphabet (see ?IUPAC_CODE_MAP) + the gap ("-") and the hard masking ("+") letters. It is stored in the DNA_ALPHABET constant (character vector). The alphabet method also returns DNA_ALPHABET when applied to a DNAString object and is provided for convenience only.

## Constructor-like functions and generics

In the code snippet below, $x$ can be a single string (character vector of length 1), a BString object or an RNAString object.

DNAString(x="", start=1, nchar=NA): Tries to convert $x$ into a DNAString object by reading nchar letters starting at position start in x .

## Accessor methods

In the code snippet below, x is a DNAString object.
alphabet ( $x$, baseOnly=FALSE): If $x$ is a DNAString object, then return the DNA alphabet (see above). See the corresponding man pages when x is a BString, RNAString or AAString object.

## Author(s)

H. Pages

## See Also

## Examples

```
DNA_BASES
DNA_ALPHABET
d <- DNAString("TTGAAAA-CTC-N")
length(d)
alphabet(d) # DNA_ALPHABET
alphabet(d, baseOnly=TRUE) # DNA_BASES
```

extractTranscripts Extract a set of transcripts

## Description

extractTranscripts allows the user to extract a set of transcripts specified by the starts and ends of their exons as well as the strand from which the transcript is coming.
transcriptWidths only returns the lengths of the transcripts (called the "widths" in this context) specified by the starts and ends of their exons.
transcriptLocs 2 refLocs converts transcript-based locations into reference-based locations.

## Usage

```
extractTranscripts(x, exonStarts=list(), exonEnds=list(),
    strand=character(0), reorder.exons.on.minus.strand=FALSE)
    transcriptWidths(exonStarts=list(), exonEnds=list())
    transcriptLocs2refLocs(tlocs, exonStarts=list(), exonEnds=list(),
    strand=character(0),
    reorder.exons.on.minus.strand=FALSE)
```


## Arguments

| x | A DNAString or MaskedDNAString object. |
| :--- | :--- |
| exonStarts, |  |
| exonEnds |  |
| The starts and ends of the exons, respectively. |  |
| Each argument can be a list of integer vectors, an IntegerList object, or a char- |  |
| acter vector where each element is a comma-separated list of integers. In ad- |  |
| dition, the lists represented by exonStarts and exonEnds must have the |  |
| same shape i.e. have the same lengths and have elements of the same lengths. |  |
| The length of exonStarts and exonEnds is the number of transcripts. |  |

## Details

extractTranscripts allows the user to extract a set of transcripts specified by the starts and ends of their exons as well as the strand from which the transcript is coming. See extract TranscriptsFromGenom in the GenomicFeatures package for extracting transcripts from a genome.

## Value

A DNAStringSet object for extractTranscripts.
An integer vector for transcriptWidths.
A list of integer vectors of the same shape as tlocs for transcriptLocs2refLocs.

## See Also

extractTranscriptsFromGenome, reverseComplement, DNAString-class, DNAStringSetclass

## Examples

```
## -----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## A. EXTRACTING WORM TRANSCRIPTS ZC101.3 AND F37B1.1
## ---------------------------------------------------------------------------
## Transcript zC101.3 (is on + strand):
## Exons starts/ends relative to transcript:
rstarts1 <- c(1, 488, 654, 996, 1365, 1712, 2163, 2453)
rends1 <- c(137, 578, 889, 1277, 1662, 1870, 2410, 2561)
## Exons starts/ends relative to chromosome:
starts1 <- 14678410 + rstarts1
ends1 <- 14678410 + rends1
## Transcript F37B1.1 (is on - strand):
## Exons starts/ends relative to transcript:
rstarts2 <- c(1, 325)
rends2 <- c(139, 815)
## Exons starts/ends relative to chromosome:
starts2 <- 13611188 - rends2
ends2 <- 13611188 - rstarts2
exon_starts <- list(as.integer(starts1), as.integer(starts2))
exon_ends <- list(as.integer(ends1), as.integer(ends2))
library(BSgenome.Celegans.UCSC.ce2)
## Both transcripts are on chrII:
chrII <- Celegans$chrII
transcripts <- extractTranscripts(chrII,
                                    exonStarts=exon_starts,
                                    exonEnds=exon_ends,
                                    strand=c("+","-"))
## Same as 'width(transcripts)':
transcriptWidths(exonStarts=exon_starts, exonEnds=exon_ends)
transcriptLocs2refLocs(list(c(1:6, 135:140, 1555:1560), c(1:6, 137:142, 625:630)),
    exonStarts=exon_starts,
    exonEnds=exon_ends,
```

```
    strand=c("+","-"))
## A sanity check:
ref_locs <- transcriptLocs2refLocs(list(1:1560, 1:630),
    exonStarts=exon_starts,
    exonEnds=exon_ends,
    strand=c("+","-"))
stopifnot(chrII[ref_locs[[1]]] == transcripts[[1]])
stopifnot(complement(chrII)[ref_locs[[2]]] == transcripts[[2]])
```

findPalindromes Searching a sequence for palindromes or complemented palindromes

## Description

The findPalindromes and findComplementedPalindromes functions can be used to find palindromic or complemented palindromic regions in a sequence.
palindromeArmLength, palindromeLeftArm, palindromeRightArm, complementedPalindromeA complementedPalindromeLeftArm and complementedPalindromeRightArm are utility functions for operating on palindromic or complemented palindromic sequences.

## Usage

```
findPalindromes(subject, min.armlength=4, max.looplength=1, min.looplength=0,
palindromeArmLength(x, max.mismatch=0, ...)
palindromeLeftArm(x, max.mismatch=0, ...)
palindromeRightArm(x, max.mismatch=0, ...)
findComplementedPalindromes(subject, min.armlength=4, max.looplength=1, min.lo
complementedPalindromeArmLength(x, max.mismatch=0, ...)
complementedPalindromeLeftArm(x, max.mismatch=0, ...)
complementedPalindromeRightArm(x, max.mismatch=0, ...)
```


## Arguments

subject An XString object containing the subject string, or an XStringViews object.
min.armlength
An integer giving the minimum length of the arms of the palindromes (or complemented palindromes) to search for.
max.looplength
An integer giving the maximum length of "the loop" (i.e the sequence separating the 2 arms ) of the palindromes (or complemented palindromes) to search for. Note that by default (max.looplength=1), findPalindromes will search for strict palindromes (or complemented palindromes) only. min.looplength

An integer giving the minimum length of "the loop" of the palindromes (or complemented palindromes) to search for.
max.mismatch The maximum number of mismatching letters allowed between the 2 arms of the palindromes (or complemented palindromes) to search for.

An XString object containing a 2-arm palindrome or complemented palindrome, or an XStringViews object containing a set of 2-arm palindromes or complemented palindromes.
. . . Additional arguments to be passed to or from methods.

## Details

The findPalindromes function finds palindromic substrings in a subject string. The palindromes that can be searched for are either strict palindromes or 2 -arm palindromes (the former being a particular case of the latter) i.e. palindromes where the 2 arms are separated by an arbitrary sequence called "the loop".
Use the findComplementedPalindromes function to find complemented palindromic substrings in a DNAString subject (in a complemented palindrome the 2 arms are reverse-complementary sequences).

## Value

findPalindromes and findComplementedPalindromes return an XStringViews object containing all palindromes (or complemented palindromes) found in subject (one view per palindromic substring found).
palindromeArmLength and complementedPalindromeArmLength return the arm length (integer) of the 2 -arm palindrome (or complemented palindrome) x . It will raise an error if x has no arms. Note that any sequence could be considered a 2 -arm palindrome if we were OK with arms of length 0 but we are not: $x$ must have arms of length greater or equal to 1 in order to be considered a 2 -arm palindrome. The same apply to 2 -arm complemented palindromes. When applied to an XStringViews object $x$, palindromeArmLength and complementedPalindromeArmLength behave in a vectorized fashion by returning an integer vector of the same length as $x$.
palindromeLeftArm and complementedPalindromeLeftArm return an object of the same class as the original object x and containing the left arm of x .
palindromeRightArm does the same as palindromeLeftArm but on the right arm of $x$.
Like palindromeArmLength, both palindromeLeftArm and palindromeRightArm will raise an error if $x$ has no arms. Also, when applied to an XStringViews object $x$, both behave in a vectorized fashion by returning an XStringViews object of the same length as $x$.

## Author(s)

H. Pages

## See Also

maskMotif, matchPattern, matchLRPatterns, matchProbePair, XStringViews-class, DNAString-class

## Examples

```
## Note that complemented palindromes (like palindromes) can be nested
findComplementedPalindromes(DNAString("ACGTTNAACGT-ACGTTNAACGT"))
## A real use case
library(BSgenome.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3)
chrX <- Dmelanogaster$chrX
chrX_pals <- findComplementedPalindromes(chrX, min.armlength=50, max.looplength=20)
```

```
complementedPalindromeArmLength(chrX_pals) # 251
## Of course, whitespaces matter
palindromeArmLength(BString("was it a car or a cat I saw"))
## Note that the 2 arms of a strict palindrome (or strict complemented
## palindrome) are equal to the full sequence.
palindromeLeftArm(BString("Delia saw I was aileD"))
complementedPalindromeLeftArm(DNAString("N-ACGTT-AACGT-N"))
palindromeLeftArm(DNAString("N-AAA-N-N-TTT-N"))
```

GENETIC_CODE The Standard Genetic Code

## Description

Two predefined objects (GENETIC_CODE and RNA_GENETIC_CODE) that represent The Standard Genetic Code.

## Usage

```
GENETIC_CODE
RNA_GENETIC_CODE
```


## Details

Formally, a genetic code is a mapping between tri-nucleotide sequences called codons, and amino acids.

The Standard Genetic Code (aka The Canonical Genetic Code, or simply The Genetic Code) is the particular mapping that encodes the vast majority of genes in nature.
GENETIC_CODE and RNA_GENETIC_CODE are predefined named character vectors that represent this mapping.

## Value

GENETIC_CODE and RNA_GENETIC_CODE are both named character vectors of length 64 (the number of all possible tri-nucleotide sequences) where each element is a single letter representing either an amino acid or the stop codon " $*$ " (aka termination codon).
The names of the GENETIC_CODE vector are the DNA codons i.e. the tri-nucleotide sequences (directed 5' to 3') that are assumed to belong to the "coding DNA strand" (aka "sense DNA strand" or "non-template DNA strand") of the gene.
The names of the RNA_GENETIC_CODE are the RNA codons i.e. the tri-nucleotide sequences (directed 5 ' to 3 ') that are assumed to belong to the mRNA of the gene.
Note that the values in the GENETIC_CODE and RNA_GENETIC_CODE vectors are the same, only their names are different. The names of the latter are those of the former where all occurrences of T (thymine) have been replaced by U (uracil).

## Author(s)

H. Pages

## References

http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Utils/wprintgc.cgi

## See Also

AA_ALPHABET, AMINO_ACID_CODE, translate, trinucleotideFrequency, DNAString, RNAString, AAString

## Examples

```
GENETIC_CODE
GENETIC_CODE[["ATG"]] # codon ATG is translated into M (Methionine)
sort(table(GENETIC_CODE)) # the same amino acid can be encoded by 1
                                    # to 6 different codons
RNA_GENETIC_CODE
all(GENETIC_CODE == RNA_GENETIC_CODE) # TRUE
```

```
gregexpr2 A replacement for R standard gregexpr function
```


## Description

This is a replacement for the standard gregexpr function that does exact matching only. Standard gregexpr() misses matches when they are overlapping. The gregexpr2 function finds all matches but it only works in "fixed" mode i.e. for exact matching (regular expressions are not supported).

## Usage

```
gregexpr2(pattern, text)
```


## Arguments

pattern character string to be matched in the given character vector
text a character vector where matches are sought

## Value

A list of the same length as text each element of which is an integer vector as in gregexpr, except that the starting positions of all (even overlapping) matches are given. Note that, unlike gregexpr, gregexpr2 doesn't attach a "match.length" attribute to each element of the returned list because, since it only works in "fixed" mode, then all the matches have the length of the pattern. Another difference with gregexpr is that with gregexpr2, the pattern argument must be a single (non-NA, non-empty) string.

## Author(s)

H. Pages

## See Also

## Examples

```
gregexpr("aa", c("XaaaYaa", "a"), fixed=TRUE)
gregexpr2("aa", c("XaaaYaa", "a"))
```

HNF 4alpha Known HNF4alpha binding sequences

## Description

Seventy one known HNF4alpha binding sequences

## Details

A DNAStringSet containing 71 known binding sequences for HNF4alpha.

## Author(s)

P. Aboyoun

## References

Ellrott, K., Yang, C., Sladek, F.M., Jiang, T. (2002) "Identifying transcription factor binding sites through Markov chain optimations", Bioinformatics, 18 (Suppl. 2), S100-S109.

## Examples

data(HNF4alpha)
HNF 4 alpha

## InDel-class InDel objects

## Description

The InDel class is a container for storing insertion and deletion information.

## Details

This is a generic class that stores any insertion and deletion information.

## Accessor methods

In the code snippets below, x is a InDel object.
insertion(x): The insertion information.
deletion (x): The deletion information.

## Author(s)

P. Aboyoun

## See Also

pairwiseAlignment, PairwiseAlignedXStringSet-class
injectHardMask Injecting a hard mask in a sequence

## Description

injectHardMask allows the user to "fill" the masked regions of a sequence with an arbitrary letter (typically the "+" letter).

## Usage

injectHardMask(x, letter="+")

## Arguments

| x | A MaskedXString or XStringViews object. |
| :--- | :--- |
| letter | A single letter. |

## Details

The name of the injectHardMask function was chosen because of the primary use that it is intended for: converting a pile of active "soft masks" into a "hard mask". Here the pile of active "soft masks" refers to the active masks that have been put on top of a sequence. In Biostrings, the original sequence and the masks defined on top of it are bundled together in one of the dedicated containers for this: the MaskedBString, MaskedDNAString, MaskedRNAString and MaskedAAString containers (this is the MaskedXString family of containers). The original sequence is always stored unmodified in a MaskedXString object so no information is lost. This allows the user to activate/deactivate masks without having to worry about losing the letters that are in the regions that are masked/unmasked. Also this allows better memory management since the original sequence never needs to be copied, even when the set of active/inactive masks changes.

However, there are situations where the user might want to really get rid of the letters that are in some particular regions by replacing them with a junk letter (e.g. "+") that is guaranteed to not interfer with the analysis that $\mathrm{s} / \mathrm{he}$ is currently doing. For example, it's very likely that a set of motifs or short reads will not contain the " + " letter (this could easily be checked) so they will never hit the regions filled with " + ". In a way, it’s like the regions filled with "+" were masked but we call this kind of masking "hard masking".
Some important differences between "soft" and "hard" masking:
injectHardMask creates a (modified) copy of the original sequence. Using "soft masking" does not.

A function that is "mask aware" like alphabetFrequency or matchPattern will really skip the masked regions when "soft masking" is used i.e. they will not walk thru the regions that are under active masks. This might lead to some speed improvements when a high percentage of the original sequence is masked. With "hard masking", the entire sequence is walked thru.
Matches cannot span over masked regions with "soft masking". With "hard masking" they can.

## Value

An XString object of the same length as the orignal object x if x is a MaskedXString object, or of the same length as subject (x) if it's an XStringViews object.

## Author(s)

## H. Pages

## See Also

maskMotif, MaskedXString-class, replaceLetterAt, chartr, XString, XStringViews-class

## Examples

```
## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## A. WITH AN XStringViews OBJECT
## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------
v2 <- Views("abCDefgHIJK", start=c(8, 3), end=c(14, 4))
injectHardMask(v2)
injectHardMask(v2, letter="=")
## -----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## B. WITH A MaskedXString OBJECT
## ---------------------------------------------------------------------------
mask0 <- Mask(mask.width=29, start=c(3, 10, 25), width=c(6, 8, 5))
x <- DNAString("ACACAACTAGATAGNACTNNGAGAGACGC")
masks(x) <- mask0
x
subject <- injectHardMask(x)
## Matches can span over masked regions with "hard masking":
matchPattern("ACggggggA", subject, max.mismatch=6)
## but not with "soft masking":
matchPattern("ACggggggA", x, max.mismatch=6)
```

```
IUPAC_CODE_MAP The IUPAC Extended Genetic Alphabet
```


## Description

The IUPAC_CODE_MAP named character vector contains the mapping from the IUPAC nucleotide ambiguity codes to their meaning.
The mergeIUPACLetters function provides the reverse mapping.

## Usage

IUPAC_CODE_MAP
mergeIUPACLetters (x)

## Arguments

## Details

IUPAC nucleotide ambiguity codes are used for representing sequences of nucleotides where the exact nucleotides that occur at some given positions are not known with certainty.

## Value

IUPAC_CODE_MAP is a named character vector where the names are the IUPAC nucleotide ambiguity codes and the values are their corresponding meanings. The meaning of each code is described by a string that enumarates the base letters ("A", "C", "G" or "T") associated with the code.

The value returned by mergeIUPACLetters is an unnamed character vector of the same length as its argument x where each element is an IUPAC nucleotide ambiguity code.

## Author(s)

H. Pages

## References

http://www.chick.manchester.ac.uk/SiteSeer/IUPAC_codes.html
IUPAC-IUB SYMBOLS FOR NUCLEOTIDE NOMENCLATURE: Cornish-Bowden (1985) Nucl. Acids Res. 13: 3021-3030.

## See Also

DNAString, RNAString

## Examples

```
IUPAC_CODE_MAP
some_iupac_codes <- c("R", "M", "G", "N", "V")
IUPAC_CODE_MAP[some_iupac_codes]
mergeIUPACLetters(IUPAC_CODE_MAP[some_iupac_codes])
mergeIUPACLetters(c("Ca", "Acc", "aA", "MAAmC", "gM", "AB", "bS", "mk"))
```

letterFrequency Calculate the frequency of letters in a biological sequence, or the consensus matrix of a set of sequences

## Description

Given a biological sequence (or a set of biological sequences), the alphabetFrequency function computes the frequency of each letter in the (base) alphabet.
The letterFrequencyInSlidingView function is a more specialized version of alphabetFrequency that computes the frequencies of a set of letters in a view (or window) that is conceptually sliding along the input sequence.
The consensusMatrix function computes the consensus matrix of a set of sequences, and the consensusString function creates the consensus sequence based on a $50 \%+1$ vote from the consensus matrix (using the "?" letter to represent the lack of consensus).
In this man page we call "DNA input" (or "RNA input") an XString, XStringSet, XStringViews or MaskedXString object of base type DNA (or RNA).

## Usage

```
    alphabetFrequency(x, as.prob=FALSE, freq=FALSE, ...)
    hasOnlyBaseLetters(x)
    uniqueLetters(x)
    letterFrequencyInSlidingView(x, view.width, letters, OR="|")
    consensusMatrix(x, as.prob=FALSE, freq=FALSE, shift=0L, width=NULL, ...)
    ## S4 method for signature 'matrix':
consensusString(x, ambiguityMap="?", threshold=0.5)
    ## S4 method for signature 'DNAStringSet':
consensusString(x, ambiguityMap=IUPAC_CODE_MAP,
                                    threshold=0.25, shift=0L, width=NULL)
    ## S4 method for signature 'RNAStringSet':
consensusString(x,
    ambiguityMap=as.character(RNAStringSet(DNAStringSet(IUPAC_CODE_MAP))),
                                    threshold=0.25, shift=0L, width=NULL)
```


## Arguments

X
An XString, XStringSet, XStringViews or MaskedXString object for alphabetFrequency or uniqueLetters.
DNA or RNA input for hasOnlyBaseLetters.
An XString object for letterFrequencyInSlidingView.
A character vector, or an XStringSet or XStringViews object for consensusMatrix.
A consensus matrix (as returned by consensusMatrix), or an XStringSet or XStringViews object for consensusString.
as.prob If TRUE then probabilities are reported, otherwise counts (the default).
freq This argument is deprecated. Please use the as.prob argument instead.
view.width For letterFrequencyInSlidingView, the constant (e.g. 35, 48, 1000) size of the "window" to slide along x . The specified letters are tabulated in each window of length view.width. The rows of the result (see value) correspond to the various windows.
letters For letterFrequencyInSlidingView, a character vector (e.g. "C", "CG", c("C", "G")) giving the letters to tabulate. Except with $O R=0$, multi-character elements of letters ('nchar' $>1$ ) are taken as groupings of letters into subsets, to be tabulated in common ("or"'d), as if their alphabetFrequency's were added (Arithmetic). The columns of the result (see value) correspond to the individual and sets of letters which are counted separately. Unrelated (and, with some postprocessing, related) counts may of course be obtained in separate calls.
OR For letterFrequencyInSlidingView, the string (default \|) to use as a separator in forming names for the "grouped" columns, e.g. "ClG". The otherwise exceptional value 0 (zero) disables or'ing and is provided for convenience, allowing a single multi-character string (or several strings) of letters that should be counted separately. If some but not all letters are to be counted separately, they must reside in separate elements of letters (with 'nchar' 1 unless they are to be grouped with other letters), and OR cannot be 0 .
ambiguityMap Either a single character to use when agreement is not reached or a named character vector where the names are the ambiguity characters and the values are the combinations of letters that comprise the ambiguity (e.g. link \{IUPAC_CODE_MAP \}).
threshold The minimum probability threshold for an agreement to be declared. When ambiguityMap is a single character, threshold is a single number in $(0,1]$. When ambiguityMap is a named character vector (e.g. link \{IUPAC_CODE_MAP \}), threshold is a single number in ( $0,1 /$ sum(rowSums $(x)>0)$ ].
Further arguments to be passed to or from other methods.
For the XStringViews and XStringSet methods, the collapse argument is accepted.
For DNA or RNA input, the baseOnly argument is accepted. If baseOnly is TRUE, the returned vector (or matrix) only contains the frequencies of the letters that belong to the "base" alphabet of $x$ i.e. to the alphabet returned by alphabet ( $x$, baseOnly=TRUE).
shift An integer vector (recycled to the length of $x$ ) specifying how each sequence in $x$ should be (horizontally) shifted with respect to the first column of the consensus matrix to be returned. By default (shift $=0$ ), each sequence in $x$ has its first letter aligned with the first column of the matrix. A positive shift value means that the corresponding sequence must be shifted to the right, and a negative shift value that it must be shifted to the left. For example, a shift of 5 means that it must be shifted 5 positions to the right (i.e. the first letter in the sequence must be aligned with the 6th column of the matrix), and a shift of -3 means that it must be shifted 3 positions to the left (i.e. the 4th letter in the sequence must be aligned with the first column of the matrix).
width The number of columns of the returned matrix for the consensusMatrix method for XStringSet objects. When width=NULL (the default), then this method returns a matrix that has just enough columns to have its last column aligned with the rightmost letter of all the sequences in x after those sequences have been shifted (see the shift argument above). This ensures that any wider consensus matrix would be a "padded with zeros" version of the matrix returned when width=NULL.
The length of the returned sequence for the consensusString method for XStringSet objects.

## Details

alphabetFrequency and letterFrequencyInSlidingView are generic functions defined in the Biostrings package.
letterFrequencyInSlidingView is a much lighter alternative to alphabetFrequency, without collapse, of the hypothetical XStringViews object consisting of every interval of length view.width on $x$. If $x$ is masked (MaskedXString), it is treated as the XStringSet of its visible segments. To include the masked regions (as well as the intervals of length view.width-1 which immediately precede them), use unmasked (x) or DNAString (x) as the subject.

## Value

alphabetFrequency returns an integer vector when x is an XString or MaskedXString object. When x is an XStringSet or XStringViews object, then it returns an integer matrix with length $(x)$ rows where the $i$-th row contains the frequencies for $x[i]]$. If $x$ is a DNA or RNA input, then the returned vector is named with the letters in the alphabet. If the baseOnly argument is TRUE, then the returned vector has only 5 elements: 4 elements corresponding to the 4 nucleotides + the 'other' element.
letterFrequencyInSlidingView returns for each XString element of x , say s of length L, an integer matrix with L-view.width +1 rows, the i-th of which holds the various letter frequencies in the i-th "window along s", i.e. substring(s, i, i+view.width-1).
hasOnlyBaseLetters returns TRUE or FALSE indicating whether or not x contains only base letters (i.e. As, Cs, Gs and Ts for DNA input and As, Cs, Gs and Us for RNA input).
uniqueLetters returns a vector of 1-letter or empty strings. The empty string is used to represent the nul character if x happens to contain any. Note that this can only happen if the base class of $x$ is BString.

An integer matrix with letters as row names for consensusMatrix.
A standard character string for consensusString.

## Author(s)

H. Pages and P. Aboyoun; H. Jaffee for letterFrequencyInSlidingView

## See Also

alphabet, coverage, oligonucleotideFrequency, countPDict, XString-class, XStringSetclass, XStringViews-class, MaskedXString-class, strsplit

## Examples

```
## ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
## alphabetFrequency()
## -----------------------------------------------------------------------------
data(yeastSEQCHR1)
yeast1 <- DNAString(yeastSEQCHR1)
alphabetFrequency(yeast1)
alphabetFrequency(yeast1, baseOnly=TRUE)
hasOnlyBaseLetters(yeast1)
uniqueLetters(yeast1)
## With input made of multiple sequences:
library(drosophila2probe)
probes <- DNAStringSet(drosophila2probe)
alphabetFrequency(probes[1:50], baseOnly=TRUE)
alphabetFrequency(probes, baseOnly=TRUE, collapse=TRUE)
## -------------------------------------------------------------------------------
## letterFrequencyInSlidingView()
## -----------------------------------------------------------------------------
data(yeastSEQCHR1)
x <- DNAString(yeastSEQCHR1)
view.width <- 48
letters <- c("A", "CG")
two_columns <- letterFrequencyInSlidingView(x, view.width, letters)
head(two_columns)
tail(two_columns)
three_columns <- letterFrequencyInSlidingView(x, view.width, letters, OR=0)
head(three_columns)
tail(three_columns)
stopifnot(identical(two_columns[ , "C|G"],
    three_columns[ , "C"] + three_columns[ , "G"]))
## Note that, alternatively, 'three_columns' can also be obtained by
## creating the views on 'x' (as a Views object) and by calling
```

```
## alphabetFrequency() on it. But, of course, that is be *much* less
## efficient (both, in terms of memory and speed) than using
## letterFrequencyInSlidingView():
v <- Views(x, start=seq_len(length(x) - view.width + 1), width=view.width)
v
three_columns2 <- alphabetFrequency(v, baseOnly=TRUE)[ , c("A", "C", "G")]
stopifnot(identical(three_columns2, three_columns))
## Set the width of the view to length(x) to get the global frequencies:
letterFrequencyInSlidingView(x, letters="ACGTN", view.width=length(x), OR=0)
## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## consensus*()
## ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
## Read in ORF data:
file <- system.file("extdata", "someORF.fa", package="Biostrings")
orf <- read.DNAStringSet(file)
## To illustrate, the following example assumes the ORF data
## to be aligned for the first }10\mathrm{ positions (patently false):
orf10 <- DNAStringSet(orf, end=10)
consensusMatrix(orf10, baseOnly=TRUE)
## The following example assumes the first }10\mathrm{ positions to be aligned
## after some incremental shifting to the right (patently false):
consensusMatrix(orf10, baseOnly=TRUE, shift=0:6)
consensusMatrix(orf10, baseOnly=TRUE, shift=0:6, width=10)
## For the character matrix containing the "exploded" representation
## of the strings, do:
as.matrix(orf10, use.names=FALSE)
## consensusMatrix() can be used to just compute the alphabet frequency
## for each position in the input sequences:
consensusMatrix(probes, baseOnly=TRUE)
## After sorting, the first 5 probes might look similar (at least on
## their first bases):
consensusString(sort(probes) [1:5])
consensusString(sort(probes)[1:5], ambiguityMap = "N", threshold = 0.5)
## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## C. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN consensusMatrix() AND coverage()
## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## Applying colSums() on a consensus matrix gives the coverage that
## would be obtained by piling up (after shifting) the input sequences
## on top of an (imaginary) reference sequence:
cm <- consensusMatrix(orf10, shift=0:6, width=10)
colSums(cm)
## Note that this coverage can also be obtained with:
as.integer(coverage(IRanges(rep(1, length(orf)), width(orf)), shift=0:6, width=10))
```


## letter

## Subsetting a string

letter

## Description

Extract a substring from a string by picking up individual letters by their position.

## Usage

```
letter(x, i)
```


## Arguments

$x \quad$ A character vector, or an XString, XStringViews or MaskedXString object.
i An integer vector with no NAs.

## Details

Unlike with the substr or substring functions, i must contain valid positions.

## Value

A character vector of length 1 when x is an XString or MaskedXString object (the masks are ignored for the latter).

A character vector of the same length as x when x is a character vector or an XStringViews object.
Note that, because i must contain valid positions, all non-NA elements in the result are guaranteed to have exactly length (i) characters.

## See Also

```
subseq, XString-class, XStringViews-class, MaskedXString-class
```


## Examples

```
x <- c("abcd", "ABC")
i <- c(3, 1, 1, 2, 1)
## With a character vector:
letter(x[1], 3:1)
letter(x, 3)
letter(x, i)
#letter(x, 4) # Error!
## With a BString object:
letter(BString(x[1]), i) # returns a character vector
BString(x[1])[i] # returns a BString object
## With an XStringViews object:
x2 <- xStringViews(x, "BString")
letter(x2, i)
```

longestConsecutive Obtain the length of the longest substring containing only 'letter'

## Description

This function accepts a character vector and computes the length of the longest substring containing only letter for each element of x .

## Usage

```
longestConsecutive(seq, letter)
```


## Arguments

seq Character vector
letter $\quad$ Character vector of length 1, containing one single character.

## Details

The elements of x can be in upper case, lower case or mixed. NAs are handled.

## Value

An integer vector of the same length as x .

## Author(s)

W. Huber

## See Also

complementSeq,basecontent,reverseSeq

## Examples

```
v = c("AAACTGTGFG", "GGGAATT", "CCAAAAAAAAAATT")
longestConsecutive(v, "A")
```

lowlevel-matching Low-level matching functions

## Description

In this man page we define precisely and illustrate what a "match" of a pattern $P$ in a subject $S$ is in the context of the Biostrings package. This definition of a "match" is central to most pattern matching functions available in this package: unless specified otherwise, most of them will adhere to the definition provided here.
hasLetterAt checks whether a sequence or set of sequences has the specified letters at the specified positions.
neditAt, isMatchingAt and which.isMatchingAt are low-level matching functions that only look for matches at the specified positions in the subject.

## Usage

```
hasLetterAt(x, letter, at, fixed=TRUE)
## neditAt() and related utils:
neditAt(pattern, subject, at=1,
        with.indels=FALSE, fixed=TRUE)
neditStartingAt(pattern, subject, starting.at=1,
        with.indels=FALSE, fixed=TRUE)
neditEndingAt(pattern, subject, ending.at=1,
        with.indels=FALSE, fixed=TRUE)
## isMatchingAt() and related utils:
isMatchingAt(pattern, subject, at=1,
        max.mismatch=0, min.mismatch=0, with.indels=FALSE, fixed=TRUE)
isMatchingStartingAt(pattern, subject, starting.at=1,
        max.mismatch=0, min.mismatch=0, with.indels=FALSE, fixed=TRUE)
isMatchingEndingAt(pattern, subject, ending.at=1,
        max.mismatch=0, min.mismatch=0, with.indels=FALSE, fixed=TRUE)
## which.isMatchingAt() and related utils:
which.isMatchingAt(pattern, subject, at=1,
        max.mismatch=0, min.mismatch=0, with.indels=FALSE, fixed=TRUE,
        follow.index=FALSE)
which.isMatchingStartingAt(pattern, subject, starting.at=1,
        max.mismatch=0, min.mismatch=0, with.indels=FALSE, fixed=TRUE,
        follow.index=FALSE)
which.isMatchingEndingAt(pattern, subject, ending.at=1,
        max.mismatch=0, min.mismatch=0, with.indels=FALSE, fixed=TRUE,
        follow.index=FALSE)
```


## Arguments

## X

letter A character string or an XString object containing the letters to check.
at, starting.at, ending.at
An integer vector specifying the starting (for starting. at and at) or ending (for ending. at) positions of the pattern relatively to the subject.
For the hasLetterAt function, letter and at must have the same length.
pattern The pattern string.
subject A character vector, or an XString or XStringSet object containing the subject sequence(s).
max.mismatch, min.mismatch
Integer vectors of length $>=1$ recycled to the length of the at (or starting. at, or ending. at) argument. More details below.
with.indels See details below.
fixed Only with a DNAString or RNAString-based subject can a fixed value other than the default (TRUE) be used.
With fixed=FALSE, ambiguities (i.e. letters from the IUPAC Extended Genetic Alphabet (see IUPAC_CODE_MAP) that are not from the base alphabet)
in the pattern $\backslash$ and $\backslash \_$in the subject are interpreted as wildcards i.e. they match any letter that they stand for.
fixed can also be a character vector, a subset of c("pattern", "subject"). fixed=c ("pattern", "subject") is equivalent to fixed=TRUE (the default). An empty vector is equivalent to fixed=FALSE. With fixed="subject", ambiguities in the pattern only are interpreted as wildcards. With fixed="pattern", ambiguities in the subject only are interpreted as wildcards.
follow.index Whether the single integer returned by which.isMatchingAt (and related utils) should be the first *value* in at for which a match occurred, or its *index* in at (the default).

## Details

A "match" of pattern $P$ in subject $S$ is a substring $S$ ' of $S$ that is considered similar enough to $P$ according to some distance (or metric) specified by the user. 2 distances are supported by most pattern matching functions in the Biostrings package. The first (and simplest) one is the "number of mismatching letters". It is defined only when the 2 strings to compare have the same length, so when this distance is used, only matches that have the same number of letters as P are considered. The second one is the "edit distance" (aka Levenshtein distance): it's the minimum number of operations needed to transform P into S ', where an operation is an insertion, deletion, or substitution of a single letter. When this metric is used, matches can have a different number of letters than P .
The neditAt function implements these 2 distances. If with. indels is FALSE (the default), then the first distance is used i.e. neditAt returns the "number of mismatching letters" between the pattern $P$ and the substring $S$ ' of $S$ starting at the positions specified in at (note that neditAt is vectorized so a long vector of integers can be passed thru the at argument). If with.indels is TRUE, then the "edit distance" distance is used: for each position specified in at, P is compared to all the substrings $S$ ' of $S$ starting at this position and the smallest distance is returned. Note that this distance is guaranteed to be reached for a substrings of length $<2 *$ length $(\mathrm{P})$ so, of course, in practice, P only needs to be compared to a small number of substrings for every starting position.

## Value

hasLetterAt: A logical matrix with one row per element in x and one column per letter/position to check. When a specified position is invalid with respect to an element in x then the corresponding matrix element is set to NA.
neditAt: If subject is an XString object, then return an integer vector of the same length as at. If subject is an XStringSet object, then return the integer matrix with length (at) rows and length (subject) columns defined by:
sapply(unname(subject),
function(x) neditAt(pattern, x, ...))
neditStartingAt is identical to neditAt except that the at argument is now called starting.at. neditEndingAt is similar to neditAt except that the at argument is now called ending. at and must contain the ending positions of the pattern relatively to the subject.
isMatchingAt: If subject is an XString object, then return the logical vector defined by:

```
min.mismatch <= neditAt(...) <= max.mismatch
```

If subject is an XStringSet object, then return the logical matrix with length(at) rows and length (subject) columns defined by:

```
sapply(unname(subject),
    function(x) isMatchingAt(pattern, x, ...))
```

isMatchingStartingAt is identical to isMatchingAt except that the at argument is now called starting.at. isMatchingEndingAt is similar to isMatchingAt except that the at argument is now called ending. at and must contain the ending positions of the pattern relatively to the subject.
which.isMatchingAt: The default behaviour (follow.index=FALSE) is as follow. If sub ject is an XString object, then return the single integer defined by:

```
which(isMatchingAt(...)) [1]
```

If subject is an XStringSet object, then return the integer vector defined by:

```
sapply(unname(subject),
    function(x) which.isMatchingAt(pattern, x, ...))
```

If follow.index=TRUE, then the returned value is defined by:

```
at[which.isMatchingAt(..., follow.index=FALSE)]
```

which.isMatchingStartingAt is identical to which.isMatchingAt except that the at argument is now called starting.at. which.isMatchingEndingAt is similar to which.isMatchingAt except that the at argument is now called ending. at and must contain the ending positions of the pattern relatively to the subject.

## See Also

nucleotideFrequencyAt, matchPattern, matchPDict, matchLRPatterns, trimLRPatterns, IUPAC_CODE_MAP, XString-class, align-utils

## Examples

```
## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## hasLetterAt ()
## -------------------------------------------------------------------------
x <- DNAStringSet(c("AAACGT", "AACGT", "ACGT", "TAGGA"))
hasLetterAt(x, "AAAAAA", 1:6)
## hasLetterAt() can be used to answer questions like: "which elements
## in 'x' have an A at position 2 and a G at position 4?'
q1 <- hasLetterAt (x, "AG", c(2, 4))
which(rowSums(q1) == 2)
## or "how many probes in the drosophila2 chip have T, G, T, A at
## position 2, 4, 13 and 20, respectively?"
library(drosophila2probe)
probes <- DNAStringSet(drosophila2probe)
q2 <- hasLetterAt (probes, "TGTA", c(2, 4, 13, 20))
sum(rowSums(q2) == 4)
```

```
## or "what's the probability to have an A at position 25 if there is
## one at position 13?"
q3 <- hasLetterAt(probes, "AACGT", c(13, 25, 25, 25, 25))
sum(q3[ , 1] & q3[ , 2]) / sum(q3[ , 1])
## Probabilities to have other bases at position 25 if there is an A
## at position 13:
sum(q3[ , 1] & q3[ , 3]) / sum(q3[ , 1]) # C
sum(q3[ , 1] & q3[ , 4]) / sum(q3[ , 1]) # G
sum(q3[ , 1] & q3[ , 5]) / sum(q3[ , 1]) # T
## See ?nucleotideFrequencyAt for another way to get those results.
## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## neditAt() / isMatchingAt() / which.isMatchingAt()
## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
subject <- DNAString("GTATA")
## Pattern "AT" matches subject "GTATA" at position 3 (exact match)
neditAt("AT", subject, at=3)
isMatchingAt("AT", subject, at=3)
## ... but not at position 1
neditAt("AT", subject)
isMatchingAt("AT", subject)
## ... unless we allow 1 mismatching letter (inexact match)
isMatchingAt("AT", subject, max.mismatch=1)
## Here we look at 6 different starting positions and find 3 matches if
## we allow 1 mismatching letter
isMatchingAt("AT", subject, at=0:5, max.mismatch=1)
## No match
neditAt("NT", subject, at=1:4)
isMatchingAt("NT", subject, at=1:4)
## 2 matches if N is interpreted as an ambiguity (fixed=FALSE)
neditAt("NT", subject, at=1:4, fixed=FALSE)
isMatchingAt("NT", subject, at=1:4, fixed=FALSE)
## max.mismatch != 0 and fixed=FALSE can be used together
neditAt("NCA", subject, at=0:5, fixed=FALSE)
isMatchingAt("NCA", subject, at=0:5, max.mismatch=1, fixed=FALSE)
some_starts <- c(10:-10, NA, 6)
subject <- DNAString("ACGTGCA")
is_matching <- isMatchingAt("CAT", subject, at=some_starts, max.mismatch=1)
some_starts[is_matching]
which.isMatchingAt("CAT", subject, at=some_starts, max.mismatch=1)
which.isMatchingAt("CAT", subject, at=some_starts, max.mismatch=1,
follow.index=TRUE)
```


## MaskedXString-class

MaskedXString objects

## Description

The MaskedBString, MaskedDNAString, MaskedRNAString and MaskedAAString classes are containers for storing masked sequences.
All those containers derive directly (and with no additional slots) from the MaskedXString virtual class.

## Details

In Biostrings, a pile of masks can be put on top of a sequence. A pile of masks is represented by a MaskCollection object and the sequence by an XString object. A MaskedXString object is the result of bundling them together in a single object.

Note that, no matter what masks are put on top of it, the original sequence is always stored unmodified in a MaskedXString object. This allows the user to activate/deactivate masks without having to worry about losing the information stored in the masked/unmasked regions. Also this allows efficient memory management since the original sequence never needs to be copied (modifying it would require to make a copy of it first - sequences cannot and should never be modified in place in Biostrings), even when the set of active/inactive masks changes.

## Accessor methods

In the code snippets below, $x$ is a MaskedXString object. For masks ( $x$ ) and masks ( $x$ ) <- $y$, it can also be an XString object and y must be NULL or a MaskCollection object.
unmasked ( x ) : Turns x into an XString object by dropping the masks.
masks ( x ): Turns x into a MaskCollection object by dropping the sequence.
masks ( $x$ ) <- $y$ : If $x$ is an XString object and $y$ is NULL, then this doesn't do anything.
If $x$ is an XString object and $y$ is a MaskCollection object, then this turns $x$ into a MaskedXString object by putting the masks in $y$ on top of it.
If $x$ is a MaskedXString object and $y$ is NULL, then this is equivalent to $x<-\quad$ unmasked ( $x$ ). If $x$ is a MaskedXString object and $y$ is a MaskCollection object, then this replaces the masks currently on top of $x$ by the masks in $y$.
alphabet (x): Equivalent to alphabet (unmasked(x)). See ?alphabet for more information.
length (x): Equivalent to length (unmasked (x)). See ¿length, XString-method' for more information.

## "maskedwidth" and related methods

In the code snippets below, x is a MaskedXString object.
maskedwidth (x): Get the number of masked letters in $x$. A letter is considered masked iff it's masked by at least one active mask.
maskedratio(x): Equivalent to maskedwidth(x) / length(x). nchar(x): Equivalent to length(x) - maskedwidth(x).

## Coercion

In the code snippets below, x is a MaskedXString object.
as (x, "XStringViews"): Turns x into an XStringViews object where the views are the unmasked regions of the original sequence ("unmasked" means not masked by at least one active mask).

## Other methods

In the code snippets below, x is a MaskedXString object.
collapse (x): Collapses the set of masks in $x$ into a single mask made of all active masks.
gaps $(\mathrm{x})$ : Reverses all the masks i.e. each mask is replaced by a mask where previously unmasked regions are now masked and previously masked regions are now unmasked.

## Author(s)

H. Pages

## See Also

maskMotif, injectHardMask, alphabetFrequency, reverse, MaskedXString-method, XString-class, MaskCollection-class, XStringViews-class, IRanges-utils

## Examples

```
#
## A. MASKING BY POSITION
## --------------------------------------------------------------------------
mask0 <- Mask(mask.width=29, start=c(3, 10, 25), width=c(6, 8, 5))
x <- DNAString("ACACAACTAGATAGNACTNNGAGAGACGC")
length(x) # same as width(mask0)
nchar(x) # same as length(x)
masks(x) <- mask0
x
length(x) # has not changed
nchar(x) # has changed
gaps(x)
## Prepare a MaskCollection object of 3 masks ('mymasks') by running the
## examples in the man page for these objects:
example(MaskCollection, package="IRanges")
## Put it on 'x':
masks(x) <- mymasks
x
alphabetFrequency(x)
## Deactivate all masks:
active(masks(x)) <- FALSE
x
## Activate mask "C":
active(masks(x))["C"] <- TRUE
x
## Turn MaskedXString object into an XStringViews object:
as(x, "XStringViews")
## Drop the masks:
masks(x) <- NULL
x
alphabetFrequency(x)
```

```
##
## B. MASKING BY CONTENT
## -----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## See ?maskMotif for masking by content
```

```
maskMotif Masking by content (or by position)
```


## Description

Functions for masking a sequence by content (or by position).

## Usage

```
maskMotif(x, motif, min.block.width=1)
mask(x, start=NA, end=NA, pattern)
```


## Arguments

| x | The sequence to mask. |
| :--- | :--- |
| motif | The motif to mask in the sequence. |
| min.block. width |  |
|  | The minimum width of the blocks to mask. |
| start | An integer vector containing the starting positions of the regions to mask. |
| end | An integer vector containing the ending positions of the regions to mask. |
| pattern | The motif to mask in the sequence. |

## Value

A MaskedXString object for maskMotif and an XStringViews object for mask.

## Author(s)

H. Pages

## See Also

read.Mask, XString-class, MaskedXString-class, XStringViews-class, MaskCollection-class

## Examples

```
## -----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## EXAMPLE 1
## ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
    maskMotif(BString("AbcbbcbEEE"), "bcb")
    maskMotif(BString("AbcbcbEEE"), "bcb")
    ## maskMotif() can be used in an incremental way to mask more than 1
    ## motif. Note that maskMotif() does not try to mask again what's
    ## already masked (i.e. the new mask will never overlaps with the
```

```
## previous masks) so the order in which the motifs are masked actually
## matters as it will affect the total set of masked positions.
x0 <- BString("AbcbEEEEEbcbbEEEcbbcbc")
1 <- maskMotif(x0, "E")
x1
x2 <- maskMotif(x1, "bcb")
x2
x3 <- maskMotif(x2, "b")
x3
## Note that inverting the order in which "b" and "bcb" are masked would
## lead to a different final set of masked positions.
## Also note that the order doesn't matter if the motifs to mask don't
## overlap (we assume that the motifs are unique) i.e. if the prefix of
## each motif is not the suffix of any other motif. This is of course
## the case when all the motifs have only 1 letter.
##
## EXAMPLE 2
## ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
x <- DNAString("ACACAACTAGATAGNACTNNGAGAGACGC")
## Mask the N-blocks
x1 <- maskMotif(x, "N")
x1
as(x1, "XStringViews")
gaps(x1)
as(gaps(x1), "XStringViews")
## Mask the AC-blocks
x2 <- maskMotif(x1, "AC")
x2
gaps(x2)
## Mask the GA-blocks
x3 <- maskMotif(x2, "GA", min.block.width=5)
x3 # masks 2 and 3 overlap
gaps(x3)
## -----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## EXAMPLE 3
## -----------------------------------------------------------------------------------
library(BSgenome.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3)
chrU <- Dmelanogaster$chrU
chru
alphabetFrequency(chrU)
chrU <- maskMotif(chrU, "N")
chrU
alphabetFrequency (chrU)
as(chrU, "XStringViews")
as(gaps(chrU), "XStringViews")
mask2 <- Mask(mask.width=length(chrU), start=c(50000, 350000, 543900), width=25000)
names(mask2) <- "some ugly regions"
masks(chrU) <- append(masks(chrU), mask2)
chrU
```

```
as(chrU, "XStringViews")
as(gaps(chrU), "XStringViews")
## -------------------------------------------------------------------------------
## EXAMPLE 4
## -----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## Note that unlike maskMotif(), mask() returns an XStringViews object!
## masking "by position"
mask("AxyxyxBC", 2, 6)
## masking "by content"
mask("AxyxyxBC", "xyx")
noN_chrU <- mask(chrU, "N")
noN_chrU
alphabetFrequency(noN_chrU, collapse=TRUE)
```

matchLRPatterns

Find paired matches in a sequence

## Description

The matchLRPatterns function finds paired matches in a sequence i.e. matches specified by a left pattern, a right pattern and a maximum distance between the left pattern and the right pattern.

## Usage

```
matchLRPatterns(Lpattern, Rpattern, max.ngaps, subject,
    max.Lmismatch=0, max.Rmismatch=0,
    with.Lindels=FALSE, with.Rindels=FALSE,
    Lfixed=TRUE, Rfixed=TRUE)
```


## Arguments

Lpattern The left part of the pattern.
Rpattern The right part of the pattern.
max.ngaps The max number of gaps in the middle i.e the max distance between the left and right parts of the pattern.
subject An XString, XStringViews or MaskedXString object containing the target sequence.
max.Lmismatch
The maximum number of mismatching letters allowed in the left part of the pattern. If non-zero, an inexact matching algorithm is used (see the mat chP attern function for more information).
max.Rmismatch
Same as max.Lmismatch but for the right part of the pattern.
with.Lindels If TRUE then indels are allowed in the left part of the pattern. In that case max.Lmismatch is interpreted as the maximum "edit distance" allowed in the left part of the pattern.
See the with.indels argument of the matchPattern function for more information.
with.Rindels Same as with. Lindels but for the right part of the pattern.
Lfixed Only with a DNAString or RNAString subject can a Lfixed value other than the default (TRUE) be used.
With Lfixed=FALSE, ambiguities (i.e. letters from the IUPAC Extended Genetic Alphabet (see IUPAC_CODE_MAP) that are not from the base alphabet) in the left pattern $\backslash$ and $\backslash$ in the subject are interpreted as wildcards i.e. they match any letter that they stand for.
Lfixed can also be a character vector, a subset of c("pattern", "subject"). Lfixed=c ("pattern", "subject") is equivalent to Lfixed=TRUE (the default). An empty vector is equivalent to Lfixed=FALSE. With Lfixed="subject ", ambiguities in the pattern only are interpreted as wildcards. With Lfixed="pattern", ambiguities in the subject only are interpreted as wildcards.

Rfixed Same as Lfixed but for the right part of the pattern.

## Value

An XStringViews object containing all the matches, even when they are overlapping (see the examples below), and where the matches are ordered from left to right (i.e. by ascending starting position).

## Author(s)

H. Pages

## See Also

matchPattern, matchProbePair, trimLRPatterns, findPalindromes, reverseComplement, XString-class, XStringViews-class, MaskedXString-class

## Examples

```
library(BSgenome.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3)
subject <- Dmelanogaster$chr3R
Lpattern <- "AGCTCCGAG"
Rpattern <- "TTGTTCACA"
matchLRPatterns(Lpattern, Rpattern, 500, subject) # 1 match
## Note that matchLRPatterns() will return all matches, even when they are
## overlapping:
subject <- DNAString("AAATTAACCCTT")
matchLRPatterns("AA", "TT", 0, subject) # 1 match
matchLRPatterns("AA", "TT", 1, subject) # 2 matches
matchLRPatterns("AA", "TT", 3, subject) # 3 matches
matchLRPatterns("AA", "TT", 7, subject) # 4 matches
```

```
matchPattern String searching functions
```


## Description

A set of functions for finding all the occurrences (aka "matches" or "hits") of a given pattern (typically short) in a (typically long) reference sequence or set of reference sequences (aka the subject)

## Usage

```
matchPattern(pattern, subject, algorithm="auto",
    max.mismatch=0, min.mismatch=0, with.indels=FALSE, fixed=TRUE)
countPattern(pattern, subject, algorithm="auto",
    max.mismatch=0, min.mismatch=0, with.indels=FALSE, fixed=TRUE)
vmatchPattern(pattern, subject, algorithm="auto",
    max.mismatch=0, min.mismatch=0, with.indels=FALSE, fixed=TRUE,
    ...)
vcountPattern(pattern, subject, algorithm="auto",
    max.mismatch=0, min.mismatch=0, with.indels=FALSE, fixed=TRUE,
    ...)
```


## Arguments

| pattern | The pattern string. |
| :--- | :--- |
| subject | An XString, XStringViews or MaskedXString object for matchPattern and <br> countPattern. |

An XStringSet or XStringViews object for vmat chPattern and vcountPattern.
algorithm One of the following: "auto", "naive-exact", "naive-inexact", "boyer-moore", "shift-or" or "indels".
max.mismatch, min.mismatch
The maximum and minimum number of mismatching letters allowed (see ¿lowlevelmatching' for the details). If non-zero, an inexact matching algorithm is used.
with.indels If TRUE then indels are allowed. In that case, min.mismatch must be 0 and max.mismatch is interpreted as the maximum "edit distance" allowed between the pattern and a match. Note that in order to avoid pollution by redundant matches, only the "best local matches" are returned. Roughly speaking, a "best local match" is a match that is locally both the closest (to the pattern P) and the shortest. More precisely, a substring S' of the subject $S$ is a "best local match" iff:

```
(a) nedit(P, S') <= max.mismatch
(b) for every substring S1 of S':
    nedit(P, S1) > nedit(P, S')
(c) for every substring S2 of S that contains S':
    nedit(P, S2) >= nedit(P, S')
```

One nice property of "best local matches" is that their first and last letters are guaranteed to be aligned with letters in P (i.e. they match letters in P).
fixed If FALSE then IUPAC extended letters are interpreted as ambiguities (see ¿lowlevelmatching ` for the details).
. . . Additional arguments for methods.

## Details

Available algorithms are: "naive exact", "naive inexact", "Boyer-Moore-like", "shift-or" and "indels". Not all of them can be used in all situations: restrictions depend on the length of the pattern, the class of the subject, and the values of max.mismatch, min.mismatch, with.indels and fixed. All those parameters form the "search criteria".

Note that the choice of an algorithm is not part of the search criteria. This is because algorithms are interchangeable, that is, if 2 different algorithms are compatible with a given search criteria, then choosing one over the other will not affect the result (but will most likely affect the performance). So there is no "wrong choice" of algorithm (strictly speaking).
Using algorithm="auto" is recommended because then the fastest algorithm will automatically be picked up among the set of compatible algorithms (if there is more than one).

## Value

An XStringViews object for mat chPattern.
A single integer for countPattern.
An MIndex object for vmatchPattern.
An integer vector for vcountPattern, with each element in the vector corresponding to the number of matches in the corresponding element of sub ject.

## Note

Use matchPDict if you need to match a (big) set of patterns against a reference sequence.
Use pairwiseAlignment if you need to solve a (Needleman-Wunsch) global alignment, a (Smith-Waterman) local alignment, or an (ends-free) overlap alignment problem.

## See Also

lowlevel-matching, matchPDict, pairwiseAlignment, mismatch, matchLRPatterns, matchProbePair, maskMotif, alphabetFrequency, XStringViews-class, MIndex-class

## Examples

```
## -------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
## A. matchPattern()/countPattern()
## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## A simple inexact matching example with a short subject:
x <- DNAString("AAGCGCGATATG")
m1 <- matchPattern("GCNNNAT", x)
m1
m2 <- matchPattern("GCNNNAT", x, fixed=FALSE)
m2
as.matrix(m2)
## With DNA sequence of yeast chromosome number 1:
data(yeastSEQCHR1)
yeast1 <- DNAString(yeastSEQCHR1)
PpiI <- "GAACNNNNNCTC" # a restriction enzyme pattern
match1.PpiI <- matchPattern(PpiI, yeast1, fixed=FALSE)
match2.PpiI <- matchPattern(PpiI, yeast1, max.mismatch=1, fixed=FALSE)
## With a genome containing isolated Ns:
library(BSgenome.Celegans.UCSC.ce2)
chrII <- Celegans[["chrII"]]
alphabetFrequency(chrII)
matchPattern("N", chrII)
matchPattern("TGGGTGTCTTT", chrII) # no match
matchPattern("TGGGTGTCTTT", chrII, fixed=FALSE) # 1 match
```

```
## Using wildcards ("N") in the pattern on a genome containing N-blocks:
library(BSgenome.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3)
chrX <- maskMotif(Dmelanogaster$chrX, "N")
as(chrX, "XStringViews") # 4 non masked regions
matchPattern("TTTATGNTTGGTA", chrX, fixed=FALSE)
## Can also be achieved with no mask:
masks(chrX) <- NULL
matchPattern("TTTATGNTTGGTA", chrX, fixed="subject")
## -----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## B. vmatchPattern()/vcountPattern()
## ------------------------------------------------------------------------------
Ebox <- DNAString("CANNTG")
subject <- Celegans$upstream5000
mindex <- vmatchPattern(Ebox, subject, fixed=FALSE)
count_index <- countIndex(mindex) # Get the number of matches per
    # subject element.
sum(count_index) # Total number of matches.
table(count_index)
iO <- which(count_index == max(count_index))
subject[i0] # The subject element with most matches.
## The matches in 'subject[i0]' as an IRanges object:
mindex[[i0]]
## The matches in 'subject[i0]' as an XStringViews object:
Views(subject[[i0]], mindex[[i0]])
```

```
##
```


## 

## C. WITH INDELS

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library(BSgenome.Celegans.UCSC.ce2)
library(BSgenome.Celegans.UCSC.ce2)
pattern <- DNAString("ACGGACCTAATGTTATC")
pattern <- DNAString("ACGGACCTAATGTTATC")
subject <- Celegans$chrI
subject <- Celegans$chrI

# Allowing up to 2 mismatching letters doesn't give any match:

# Allowing up to 2 mismatching letters doesn't give any match:

matchPattern(pattern, subject, max.mismatch=2)
matchPattern(pattern, subject, max.mismatch=2)

## But allowing up to 2 edit operations gives 3 matches:

## But allowing up to 2 edit operations gives 3 matches:

system.time(m <- matchPattern(pattern, subject, max.mismatch=2, with.indels=TRUE))
system.time(m <- matchPattern(pattern, subject, max.mismatch=2, with.indels=TRUE))
m
m

## pairwiseAlignment() returns the (first) best match only:

## pairwiseAlignment() returns the (first) best match only:

if (interactive()) {
if (interactive()) {
mat <- nucleotideSubstitutionMatrix(match=1, mismatch=0, baseOnly=TRUE)
mat <- nucleotideSubstitutionMatrix(match=1, mismatch=0, baseOnly=TRUE)
\#\# Note that this call to pairwiseAlignment() will need to
\#\# Note that this call to pairwiseAlignment() will need to
\#\# allocate 733.5 Mb of memory (i.e. length(pattern) * length(subject)
\#\# allocate 733.5 Mb of memory (i.e. length(pattern) * length(subject)
\#\# * 3 bytes).
\#\# * 3 bytes).
system.time(pwa <- pairwiseAlignment(pattern, subject, type="local",
system.time(pwa <- pairwiseAlignment(pattern, subject, type="local",
substitutionMatrix=mat,
substitutionMatrix=mat,
gapOpening=0, gapExtension=1))
gapOpening=0, gapExtension=1))
pwa
pwa
}
}

## Only "best local matches" are reported:

## Only "best local matches" are reported:

    ## - with deletions in the subject
    ```
    ## - with deletions in the subject
```

```
subject <- BString("ACDEFxxxCDEFxxxABCE")
matchPattern("ABCDEF", subject, max.mismatch=2, with.indels=TRUE)
matchPattern("ABCDEF", subject, max.mismatch=2)
    ## - with insertions in the subject
subject <- BString("AiBCDiEFxxxABCDiiFxxxAiBCDEFxxxABCiDEF")
matchPattern("ABCDEF", subject, max.mismatch=2, with.indels=TRUE)
matchPattern("ABCDEF", subject, max.mismatch=2)
    ## - with substitutions (note that the "best local matches" can introduce
    ## indels and therefore be shorter than 6)
subject <- BString("AsCDEFxxxABDCEFxxxBACDEFxxxABCEDF")
matchPattern("ABCDEF", subject, max.mismatch=2, with.indels=TRUE)
matchPattern("ABCDEF", subject, max.mismatch=2)
```

matchPDict Searching a sequence for patterns stored in a preprocessed dictionary

## Description

A set of functions for finding all the occurrences (aka "matches" or "hits") of a set of patterns (aka the dictionary) in a reference sequence or set of reference sequences (aka the subject)

The following functions differ in what they return: matchPDict returns the "where" information i.e. the positions in the subject of all the occurrences of every pattern; countPDict returns the "how many times" information i.e. the number of occurrences for each pattern; and whichPDict returns the "who" information i.e. which patterns in the preprocessed dictionary have at least one match.
vcountPDict and vwhichPDict are vectorized versions of countPDict and whichPDict, respectively, that is, they work on a set of reference sequences in a vectorized fashion.

This man page shows how to use these functions (aka the $\star$ PDict functions) for exact matching of a constant width dictionary i.e. a dictionary where all the patterns have the same length (same number of nucleotides).

See ¿matchPDict-inexact ' for how to use these functions for inexact matching or when the original dictionary has a variable width.

## Usage

```
matchPDict(pdict, subject, algorithm="auto",
    max.mismatch=0, min.mismatch=0, fixed=TRUE, verbose=FALSE)
countPDict(pdict, subject, algorithm="auto",
    max.mismatch=0, min.mismatch=0, fixed=TRUE, verbose=FALSE)
whichPDict(pdict, subject, algorithm="auto",
    max.mismatch=0, min.mismatch=0, fixed=TRUE, verbose=FALSE)
vcountPDict(pdict, subject, algorithm="auto",
    max.mismatch=0, min.mismatch=0, fixed=TRUE,
    collapse=FALSE, weight=1L, verbose=FALSE)
vwhichPDict(pdict, subject, algorithm="auto",
    max.mismatch=0, min.mismatch=0, fixed=TRUE, verbose=FALSE)
```


## Arguments

| pdict | A PDict object containing the preprocessed dictionary. |
| :---: | :---: |
| subject | An XString or MaskedXString object containing the subject sequence for mat chPDict, countPDict and whichPDict. <br> An XStringSet object containing the subject sequences for vcountPDict and vwhichPDict. <br> For now, only subjects of base class DNAString are supported. |
| algorithm | Not supported yet. |
|  | min.mismatch <br> The maximum and minimum number of mismatching letters allowed (see ?isMat ching for the details). This man page focuses on exact matching of a constant width dictionary so max.mismatch=0 in the examples below. See ¿matchPDictinexact ' for inexact matching. |
| fixed | If FALSE then IUPAC extended letters are interpreted as ambiguities (see ?isMat ching for the details). This man page focuses on exact matching of a constant width dictionary so fixed=TRUE in the examples below. See ¿matchPDictinexact ' for inexact matching. |
| verbose TRUE or FALSE. collapse,weight |  |
|  | collapse must be FALSE, 1, or 2. |
|  | If collapse=FALSE (the default), then weight is ignored and vcountPDict returns the full matrix of counts (M0). If collapse=1, then M0 is collapsed "horizontally" i.e. it is turned into a vector with length equal to length (pdict). If weight=1L (the default), then this vector is defined by rowSums (M0). If collapse=2, then MO is collapsed "vertically" i.e. it is turned into a vector with length equal to length (subject). If weight=1L (the default), then this vector is defined by colsums (M0). |
|  | If collapse=1 or collapse=2, then the elements in subject (collapse=1) or in pdict (collapse=2) can be weighted thru the weight argument. In that case, the returned vector is defined by M0 \% *\% rep (weight, length. out $=1$ and rep (weight, length. out=length (pdict)) $\% * \% \mathrm{MO}$, respectively. |

## Details

In this man page, we assume that you know how to preprocess a dictionary of DNA patterns that can then be used with any of the $*$ PDict functions described here. Please see ?PDict if you don't.
When using the $*$ PDict functions for exact matching of a constant width dictionary, the standard way to preprocess the original dictionary is by calling the PDict constructor on it with no extra arguments. This returns the preprocessed dictionary in a PDict object that can be used with any of the $*$ PDict functions.

## Value

If M denotes the number of patterns in the pdict argument ( M <- length (pdict) ), then matchPDict returns an MIndex object of length $M$, and countPDict an integer vector of length M.
whichPDict returns an integer vector made of the indices of the patterns in the pdict argument that have at least one match.

If $N$ denotes the number of sequences in the subject argument ( $N$ <- length (subject)), then vcountPDict returns an integer matrix with $M$ rows and $N$ columns, unless the collapse argument is used. In that case, depending on the type of weight, an integer or numeric vector is returned (see above for the details).
vwhichPDict returns a list of N integer vectors.

## Author(s)

H. Pages

## References

Aho, Alfred V.; Margaret J. Corasick (June 1975). "Efficient string matching: An aid to bibliographic search". Communications of the ACM 18 (6): 333-340.

## See Also

PDict-class, MIndex-class, matchPDict-inexact, isMatching, coverage, MIndex-method, matchPattern, alphabetFrequency, DNAString-class, DNAStringSet-class, XStringViewsclass, MaskedDNAString-class

## Examples

```
## -----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## A. A SIMPLE EXAMPLE OF EXACT MATCHING
## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## Creating the pattern dictionary:
library(drosophila2probe)
dict0 <- DNAStringSet(drosophila2probe)
dict0 # The original dictionary.
length(dict0) # Hundreds of thousands of patterns.
pdict0 <- PDict(dict0) # Store the original dictionary in
    # a PDict object (preprocessing).
## Using the pattern dictionary on chromosome 3R:
library(BSgenome.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3)
chr3R <- Dmelanogaster$chr3R # Load chromosome 3R
chr3R
mi0 <- matchPDict(pdict0, chr3R) # Search...
## Looking at the matches:
start_index <- startIndex(mi0) # Get the start index.
length(start_index) # Same as the original dictionary.
start_index[[8220]] # Starts of the 8220th pattern.
end_index <- endIndex(mi0) # Get the end index.
end_index[[8220]] # Ends of the 8220th pattern.
count_index <- countIndex(mi0) # Get the number of matches per pattern.
count_index[[8220]]
mi0[[8220]] # Get the matches for the 8220th pattern.
start(mi0[[8220]]) # Equivalent to startIndex(mi0)[[8220]].
sum(count_index) # Total number of matches.
table(count_index)
i0 <- which(count_index == max(count_index))
pdict0[[iO]] # The pattern with most occurrences.
miO[[iO]] # Its matches as an IRanges object.
```

```
Views(chr3R, miO[[i0]]) # And as an XStringViews object.
## Get the coverage of the original subject:
cov3R <- as.integer(coverage(mi0, width=length(chr3R)))
max (cov3R)
mean (cov3R)
sum(cov3R != 0) / length(cov3R) # Only 2.44% of chr3R is covered.
if (interactive()) {
    plotCoverage <- function(cx, start, end)
    {
        plot.new()
        plot.window(c(start, end), c(0, 20))
        axis(1)
        axis(2)
        axis(4)
        lines(start:end, cx[start:end], type="l")
    }
    plotCoverage(cov3R, 27600000, 27900000)
}
##
## B. NAMING THE PATTERNS
## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## The names of the original patterns, if any, are propagated to the
## PDict and MIndex objects:
names(dict0) <- mkAllStrings(letters, 4)[seq_len(length(dict0))]
dict0
dict0[["abcd"]]
pdict0n <- PDict(dict0)
names(pdict0n) [1:30]
pdict0n[["abcd"]]
mi0n <- matchPDict(pdict0n, chr3R)
names(mi0n) [1:30]
mi0n[["abcd"]]
## This is particularly useful when unlisting an MIndex object:
unlist(mi0) [1:10]
unlist(miOn)[1:10] # keep track of where the matches are coming from
#
## C. PERFORMANCE
## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------
## If getting the number of matches is what matters only (without
## regarding their positions), then countPDict() will be faster,
## especially when there is a high number of matches:
count_index0 <- countPDict(pdict0, chr3R)
stopifnot(identical(count_index0, count_index))
if (interactive()) {
    ## What's the impact of the dictionary width on performance?
    ## Below is some code that can be used to figure out (will take a long
    ## time to run). For different widths of the original dictionary, we
    ## look at:
    ## o pptime: preprocessing time (in sec.) i.e. time needed for
```

```
    ##
    ##
    ## O nnodes: nb of nodes in the resulting Aho-Corasick tree;
    ## O nupatt: nb of unique truncated input sequences;
    ## O matchtime: time (in sec.) needed to find all the matches;
    ## o totalcount: total number of matches.
    getPDictStats <- function(dict, subject)
    {
        ans_width <- width(dict[1])
        ans_pptime <- system.time(pdict <- PDict(dict))[["elapsed"]]
        pptb <- pdict@threeparts@pptb
        ans_nnodes <- nnodes(pptb)
        ans_nupatt <- sum(!duplicated(pdict))
        ans_matchtime <- system.time(
                        miO <- matchPDict(pdict, subject)
                    ) [["elapsed"]]
        ans_totalcount <- sum(countIndex(mi0))
        list(
            width=ans_width,
            pptime=ans_pptime,
            nnodes=ans_nnodes,
            nupatt=ans_nupatt,
            matchtime=ans_matchtime,
            totalcount=ans_totalcount
        )
    }
    stats <- lapply(8:25,
                function(width)
                    getPDictStats(DNAStringSet(dict0, end=width), chr3R))
    stats <- data.frame(do.call(rbind, stats))
    stats
}
## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------
## D. vcountPDict()
## -----------------------------------------------------------------------------
subject <- Dmelanogaster$upstream1000[1:200]
subject
mat1 <- vcountPDict(pdict0, subject)
dim(mat1) # length(pdict0) x length(subject)
nhit_per_probe <- rowSums(mat1)
table(nhit_per_probe)
## Without vcountPDict(), 'matl' could have been computed with:
mat2 <- sapply(unname(subject), function(x) countPDict(pdict0, x))
stopifnot(identical(mat1, mat2))
## but using vcountPDict() is faster (10x or more, depending of the
## average length of the sequences in 'subject').
if (interactive()) {
    ## This will fail (with message "allocMatrix: too many elements
    ## specified") because, on most platforms, vectors and matrices in R
    ## are limited to 2^31 elements:
    subject <- Dmelanogaster$upstream1000
    vcountPDict(pdict0, subject)
    length(pdict0) * length(Dmelanogaster$upstream1000)
    1 * length(pdict0) * length(Dmelanogaster$upstream1000) # > 2^31
```

```
    ## But this will work:
    nhit_per_seq <- vcountPDict(pdict0, subject, collapse=2)
    sum(nhit_per_seq >= 1) # nb of subject sequences with at least 1 hit
    table(nhit_per_seq)
    which(nhit_per_seq == 37) # 603
    sum(countPDict(pdict0, subject[[603]])) # 37
}
##
## E. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN vcountPDict(), countPDict() AND
## vcountPattern()
## ---------------------------------------------------------------------------
dict3 <- DNAStringSet(mkAllStrings(DNA_BASES, 3)) # all trinucleotides
dict3
pdict3 <- PDict(dict3)
subject <- Dmelanogaster$upstream1000
subject
## The 3 following calls are equivalent (from faster to slower):
mat3a <- vcountPDict(pdict3, subject)
mat3b <- sapply(dict3, function(pattern) vcountPattern(pattern, subject))
mat 3c <- sapply(unname(subject), function(x) countPDict(pdict3, x))
stopifnot(identical(mat3a, t(mat3b)))
stopifnot(identical(mat3a, mat3c))
## The 2 following calls are equivalent (from faster to slower):
nhitpp3a <- vcountPDict(pdict3, subject, collapse=1) # rowSums(mat3a)
nhitpp3b <- sapply(dict3, function(pattern) sum(vcountPattern(pattern, subject)))
stopifnot(identical(nhitpp3a, nhitpp3b))
## The 2 following calls are equivalent (from faster to slower):
nhitps3a <- vcountPDict(pdict3, subject, collapse=2) # colSums(mat3a)
nhitps3b <- sapply(unname(subject), function(x) sum(countPDict(pdict3, x)))
stopifnot(identical(nhitps3a, nhitps3b))
##
## F. vwhichPDict()
## ---
## The 3 following calls are equivalent (from faster to slower):
vwp3a <- vwhichPDict(pdict3, subject)
vwp3b <- lapply(seq_len(ncol(mat3a)), function(j) which(mat3a[ , j] != 0L))
vwp3c <- lapply(unname(subject), function(x) whichPDict(pdict3, x))
stopifnot(identical(vwp3a, vwp3b))
stopifnot(identical(vwp3a, vwp3c))
table(sapply(vwp3a, length))
which.min(sapply(vwp3a, length))
## Get the trinucleotides not represented in reference sequence 9181:
dict3[-vwp3a[[9181]]] # 21 trinucleotides
##
## G. MAPPING PROBE SET IDS BETWEEN CHIPS WITH vwhichPDict()
## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## Here we show a simple (and very naive) algorithm for mapping probe
## set IDs between the hgu95av2 and hgu133a chips (Affymetrix).
## 2 probe set IDs are considered mapped iff they share at least one
## probe.
```

```
## WARNING: This example takes about 25 minutes to run.
if (interactive()) {
    library(hgu95av2probe)
    library(hgu133aprobe)
    probes1 <- DNAStringSet(hgu95av2probe)
    probes2 <- DNAStringSet(hgu133aprobe)
    pdict2 <- PDict(probes2)
    ## Get the mapping from probes1 to probes2 (based on exact matching):
    map1to2 <- vwhichPDict(pdict2, probes1) # takes about 10 minutes
    ## The following helper function uses the probe level mapping to induce
    ## the mapping at the probe set IDs level (from hgu95av2 to hgul33a).
    ## To keep things simple, 2 probe set IDs are considered mapped iff
    ## each of them contains at least one probe mapped to one probe of
    ## the other:
    mapProbeSetIDs1to2 <- function(psID)
    unique (hgu133aprobe$Probe.Set.Name[unlist(
        map1to2[hgu95av2probe$Probe.Set.Name == psID]
    )] )
    ## Use the helper function to build the complete mapping:
    psIDs1 <- unique(hgu95av2probe$Probe.Set.Name)
    mapPSIDs1to2 <- lapply(psIDs1, mapProbeSetIDs1to2) # about 3 min.
    names(mapPSIDs1to2) <- psIDs1
    ## Do some basic stats:
    table(sapply(mapPSIDs1to2, length))
    ## [ADVANCED USERS ONLY]
    ## An alternative that is slightly faster is to put all the probes
    ## (hgu95av2 + hgu133a) in a single PDict object and then query its
    ## 'dups0' slot directly. This slot is a Dups object containing the
    ## mapping between duplicated patterns
    ## Note that we can do this only because all the probes have the
    ## same length (25) and because we are doing exact matching:
    probes12 <- DNAStringSet(c(hgu95av2probe$sequence, hgu133aprobe$sequence))
    pdict12 <- PDict(probes12)
    dups0 <- pdict12@dups0
    mapProbeSetIDs1to2alt <- function(psID)
    {
        ii1 <- unique(togroup(dups0, which(hgu95av2probe$Probe.Set.Name == psID)))
        ii2 <- members(dups0, ii1) - length(probes1)
        ii2 <- ii2[ii2 >= 1L]
        unique(hgu133aprobe$Probe.Set.Name[ii2])
    }
    mapPSIDs1to2alt <- lapply(psIDs1, mapProbeSetIDs1to2alt) # about 10 min.
    names(mapPSIDs1to2alt) <- psIDs1
    ## 'mapPSIDs1to2alt' and 'mapPSIDs1to2' contain the same mapping:
    stopifnot(identical(lapply(mapPSIDs1to2alt, sort), lapply(mapPSIDs1to2, sort)))
}
```

matchPDict-inexact Inexact matching with matchPDict()/countPDict()/whichPDict()

## Description

The matchPDict, countPDict and whichPDict functions efficiently find the occurrences in a text (the subject) of all patterns stored in a preprocessed dictionary.

This man page shows how to use these functions for inexact matching or when the original dictionary has a variable width.

See ?matchPDict for how to use these functions for exact matching of a constant width dictionary i.e. a dictionary where all the patterns have the same length (same number of nucleotides).

## Details

In this man page, we assume that you know how to preprocess a dictionary of DNA patterns that can then be used with matchPDict, countPDict or whichPDict. Please see ?PDict if you don't.

When using matchPDict, countPDict or whichPDict for inexact matching or when the original dictionary has a variable width, a Trusted Band must be defined during the preprocessing step. This is done thru the tb. start, tb. end and tb. width arguments of the PDict constructor (see ?PDict for the details).

Then matchPDict/countPDict/whichPDict can be called with a null or non-null max.mismatch value and the search for exact or inexact matches happens in 2 steps: (1) find all the exact matches of all the elements in the Trusted Band; then (2) for each element in the Trusted Band that has at least one exact match, compare the head and the tail of this element with the flanking sequences of the matches found in (1).
Note that the number of exact matches found in (1) will decrease exponentially with the width of the Trusted Band. Here is a simple guideline in order to get reasonably good performance: if TBW is the width of the Trusted Band (TBW <- tb. width (pdict)) and L the number of letters in the subject ( $L$ <- nchar (subject) ), then L / (4^TBW) should be kept as small as possible, typically $<10$ or 20.
In addition, when a Trusted Band has been defined during preprocessing, then matchPDict/countPDict/whichPDi can be called with fixed=FALSE. In this case, IUPAC extended letters in the head or the tail of the PDict object are treated as ambiguities.

## Author(s)

H. Pages

## References

Aho, Alfred V.; Margaret J. Corasick (June 1975). "Efficient string matching: An aid to bibliographic search". Communications of the ACM 18 (6): 333-340.

## See Also

PDict-class, MIndex-class, matchPDict

## Examples

```
## -----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## A. USING AN EXPLICIT TRUSTED BAND FOR EXACT OR INEXACT MATCHING
##
library(drosophila2probe)
dict0 <- DNAStringSet(drosophila2probe)
dict0 # the original dictionary
## Preprocess the original dictionary by defining a Trusted Band that
## spans nucleotides 1 to 9 of each pattern.
pdict9 <- PDict(dict0, tb.end=9)
pdict9
tail(pdict9)
sum(duplicated(pdict9))
table(patternFrequency(pdict9))
library(BSgenome.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3)
chr3R <- Dmelanogaster$chr3R
chr3R
table(countPDict(pdict9, chr3R, max.mismatch=1))
table(countPDict(pdict9, chr3R, max.mismatch=3))
table(countPDict(pdict9, chr3R, max.mismatch=5))
##
## B. COMPARISON WITH EXACT MATCHING
## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## When the original dictionary is of constant width, exact matching
## (i.e. 'max.mismatch=0' and 'fixed=TRUE) will be more efficient with
## a full-width Trusted Band (i.e. a Trusted Band that covers the entire
## dictionary) than with a Trusted Band of width < width(dict0).
pdict0 <- PDict(dict0)
count0 <- countPDict(pdict0, chr3R)
count0b <- countPDict(pdict9, chr3R, max.mismatch=0)
identical(count0b, count0) # TRUE
## ---------------------------------------------------------------------------
## C. USING AN EXPLICIT TRUSTED BAND TO HANDLE A VARIABLE WIDTH
## DICTIONARY
## ---------------------------------------------------------------------------
## Here is a small variable width dictionary that contains IUPAC
## ambiguities (pattern 1 and 3 contain an N):
dict0 <- DNAStringSet(c("TACCNG", "TAGT", "CGGNT", "AGTAG", "TAGT"))
## (Note that pattern 2 and 5 are identical.)
## If we only want to do exact matching, then it is recommended to use
## the widest possible Trusted Band i.e. to set its width to
## 'min(width(dict0))' because this is what will give the best
## performance. However, when 'dict0' contains IUPAC ambiguities (like
## in our case), it could be that one of them is falling into the
## Trusted Band so we get an error (only base letters can go in the
## Trusted Band for now):
## Not run:
    PDict(dict0, tb.end=min(width(dict0))) # Error!
```

```
## End(Not run)
    ## In our case, the Trusted Band cannot be wider than 3:
    pdict <- PDict(dict0, tb.end=3)
    tail(pdict)
    subject <- DNAString("TAGTACCAGTTTCGGG")
    m <- matchPDict(pdict, subject)
    countIndex(m) # pattern 2 and 5 have 1 exact match
    m[[2]]
    ## We can take advantage of the fact that our Trusted Band doesn't cover
    ## the entire dictionary to allow inexact matching on the uncovered parts
    ## (the tail in our case):
    ## WARNING: Support for 'fixed=FALSE' is currently broken (FIXME)
    ## Not run:
    m <- matchPDict(pdict, subject, fixed=FALSE)
    countIndex(m) # now pattern 1 has 1 match too
    m[[1]]
## End(Not run)
    m <- matchPDict(pdict, subject, max.mismatch=1)
    countIndex(m) # now pattern 4 has 1 match too
    m[[4]]
    ## WARNING: Support for 'fixed=FALSE' is currently broken (FIXME)
    ## Not run:
    m <- matchPDict(pdict, subject, max.mismatch=1, fixed=FALSE)
    countIndex(m) # now pattern 3 has 1 match too
    m[[3]] # note that this match is "out of limit"
    Views(subject, m[[3]])
## End(Not run)
    m <- matchPDict(pdict, subject, max.mismatch=2)
    countIndex(m) # pattern 4 gets 1 additional match
    m[[4]]
    ## Unlist all matches:
    unlist(m)
```

matchProbePair Find "theoretical amplicons" mapped to a probe pair

## Description

In the context of a computer-simulated PCR experiment, one wants to find the amplicons mapped to a given primer pair. The matchProbePair function can be used for this: given a forward and a reverse probe (i.e. the chromosome-specific sequences of the forward and reverse primers used for the experiment) and a target sequence (generally a chromosome sequence), the mat chProbePair function will return all the "theoretical amplicons" mapped to this probe pair.

## Usage

```
matchProbePair(Fprobe, Rprobe, subject, algorithm="auto", logfile=NULL, verbos
```


## Arguments

```
Fprobe The forward probe.
Rprobe The reverse probe.
subject A DNAString object (or an XStringViews object with a DNAString sub-
                                ject) containing the target sequence.
algorithm One of the following: "auto", "naive-exact", "naive-inexact",
        "boyer-moore" or "shift-or". See matchPattern for more infor-
        mation.
\(\operatorname{logfile} \quad\) A file used for logging.
verbose TRUE or FALSE.
```


## Details

The matchProbePair function does the following: (1) find all the "plus hits" i.e. the Fprobe and Rprobe matches on the "plus" strand, (2) find all the "minus hits" i.e. the Fprobe and Rprobe matches on the "minus" strand and (3) from the set of all (plus $\backslash$ hit, minus $\backslash$ hit) pairs, extract and return the subset of "reduced matches" i.e. the (plus $\backslash$ hit, minus $\backslash$ hit) pairs such that (a) plus $\_$hit $<=$ minus $\_$hit and (b) there are no hits (plus or minus) between plus $\backslash$ hit and minus $\backslash$ hit. This set of "reduced matches" is the set of "theoretical amplicons".

## Value

An XStringViews object containing the set of "theoretical amplicons".

## Author(s)

H. Pages

## See Also

matchPattern, matchLRPatterns, findPalindromes, reverseComplement, XStringViews

## Examples

```
library(BSgenome.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3)
subject <- Dmelanogaster$chr3R
## With 20-nucleotide forward and reverse probes:
Fprobe <- "AGCTCCGAGTTCCTGCAATA"
Rprobe <- "CGTTGTTCACAAATATGCGG"
matchProbePair(Fprobe, Rprobe, subject) # 1 "theoretical amplicon"
## With shorter forward and reverse probes, the risk of having multiple
## "theoretical amplicons" increases:
Fprobe <- "AGCTCCGAGTTCC"
Rprobe <- "CGTTGTTCACAA"
matchProbePair(Fprobe, Rprobe, subject) # 2 "theoretical amplicons"
Fprobe <- "AGCTCCGAGTT"
Rprobe <- "CGTTGTTCACA"
matchProbePair(Fprobe, Rprobe, subject) # 9 "theoretical amplicons"
```

```
matchprobes
A function to match a query sequence to the sequences of a set of
probes.
```


## Description

The query sequence, a character string (probably representing a transcript of interest), is scanned for the presence of exact matches to the sequences in the character vector records. The indices of the set of matches are returned.
The function is inefficient: it works on R's character vectors, and the actual matching algorithm is of time complexity length (query) times length (records)!

See matchPattern, vmatchPattern and matchPDict for more efficient sequence matching functions.

## Usage

```
matchprobes(query, records, probepos=FALSE)
```


## Arguments

query A character vector. For example, each element may represent a gene (transcript) of interest. See Details.
records A character vector. For example, each element may represent the probes on a DNA array.
probepos A logical value. If TRUE, return also the start positions of the matches in the query sequence.

## Details

toupper is applied to the arguments query and records before matching. The intention of this is to make the matching case-insensitive. The function is embarrassingly naive. The matching is done using the C library function strstr.

## Value

A list. Its first element is a list of the same length as the input vector. Each element of the list is a numeric vector containing the indices of the probes that have a perfect match in the query sequence.
If probepos is TRUE, the returned list has a second element: it is of the same shape as described above, and gives the respective positions of the matches.

## Author(s)

R. Gentleman, Laurent Gautier, Wolfgang Huber

## See Also

matchPattern, vmatchPattern, matchPDict

## Examples

```
if(require("hgu95av2probe")) {
    data("hgu95av2probe")
    seq <- hgu95av2probe$sequence[1:20]
    target <- paste(seq, collapse="")
    matchprobes(target, seq, probepos=TRUE)
}
```

matchPWM $\quad P W M$ creating, matching, and related utilities

## Description

Position Weight Matrix (PWM) creating, matching, and related utilities for DNA data. (PWM for amino acid sequences are not supported.)

## Usage

```
    PWM(x, type = c("log2probratio", "prob"),
        prior.params = c("A"=0.25, "C"=0.25, "G"=0.25, "T"=0.25))
    matchPWM(pwm, subject, min.score="80%", ...)
    countPWM(pwm, subject, min.score="80%", ....)
    PWMscoreStartingAt(pwm, subject, starting.at=1)
    ## Utility functions for basic manipulation of the Position Weight Matrix
    maxWeights(x)
    minWeights(x)
    maxScore(x)
    minScore(x)
    unitScale(x)
    ## S4 method for signature 'matrix':
reverseComplement(x, ...)
```


## Arguments

x
For PWM a character string or DNAStringSet whose elements all have the same number of characters.

For maxWeights, minWeights, maxScore, minScore, unitscale, and reverseComplement a numeric matrix with row names A, C, G and T representing a Position Weight Matrix.
type The type of position weight matrix, either "log2probratio" or "prob". See Details section for more information.
prior. params A positive numeric vector, which represents the parameters of the Dirichlet conjugate prior, with names $A, C, G$, and T. See Details section for more information.
pwm A numeric matrix with row names A, C, G and T representing a Position Weight Matrix.

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\text { subject } & \begin{array}{l}
\text { An DNAString, XStringViews or MaskedDNAString object for mat chPWM and } \\
\text { countPWM. } \\
\text { A DNAString object containing the subject sequence. }
\end{array} \\
\text { min.score } \quad \begin{array}{l}
\text { The minimum score for counting a match. Can be given as a character string } \\
\text { containing a percentage (e.g. "85\%") of the highest possible score or as a single } \\
\text { number. }
\end{array} \\
\text { starting.at } & \begin{array}{l}
\text { An integer vector specifying the starting positions of the Position Weight Matrix } \\
\text { relatively to the subject. }
\end{array} \\
\text {... } & \begin{array}{l}
\text { Additional arguments for methods. }
\end{array}
\end{array}
$$

## Details

The PWM function uses a multinomial model with a Dirichlet conjugate prior to calculate the estimated probability of base $b$ at position i. As mentioned in the Arguments section, prior. params supplies the parameters for the DNA bases A, C, G, and T in the Dirichlet prior. These values result in a position independent initial estimate of the probabilities for the bases to be priorProbs $=$ prior. params/sum(prior. params) and the posterior (data infused) estimate for the probabilities for the bases in each of the positions to be postProbs $=$ (consensusMatrix (x) + prior.params)/(length(x) + sum(prior.params)). Whentype = "log2probratio", the PWM = unitScale(log2(postProbs/priorProbs)). When type = "prob", the PWM = unitScale (postProbs).

## Value

A numeric matrix representing the Position Weight Matrix for PWM.
A numeric vector containing the Position Weight Matrix-based scores for PWMscoreSt art ingAt.
An XStringViews object for mat chPWM.
A single integer for count PWM.
A vector containing the max weight for each position in pwm for maxWeights.
A vector containing the min weight for each position in pwm for minWeights.
The highest possible score for a given Position Weight Matrix for maxScore.
The lowest possible score for a given Position Weight Matrix for maxScore.
The modified numeric matrix given by ( $x-\operatorname{minScore}(x) / n c o l(x)) /(\operatorname{maxScore}(x)-$ minScore (x) ) for unitScale.

A PWM obtained by reverting the column order in PWM x and by reassigning each row to its complementary nucleotide for reverseComplement.

## Author(s)

H. Pages and P. Aboyoun

## References

Wasserman, WW, Sandelin, A., (2004) Applied bioinformatics for the identification of regulatory elements, Nat Rev Genet., 5(4):276-87.

## See Also

matchPattern, reverseComplement, DNAString-class, XStringViews-class

## Examples

```
## Data setup
data(HNF4alpha)
library(BSgenome.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3)
chr3R <- Dmelanogaster$chr3R
chr3R
## Create a PWM and perform some general routines
pwm <- PWM(HNF4alpha)
round(pwm, 2)
maxWeights(pwm)
maxScore(pwm)
reverseComplement (pwm)
## Score the first 5 positions
PWMscoreStartingAt(pwm, unmasked(chr3R), starting.at=1:5)
## Match the plus strand
matchPWM(pwm, chr3R)
countPWM(pwm, chr3R)
## Match the minus strand
matchPWM(reverseComplement(pwm), chr3R)
```

```
match-utils Utility functions operating on the matches returned by a high-level
``` matching function

\section*{Description}

Miscellaneous utility functions operating on the matches returned by a high-level matching function like matchPattern, matchPDict, etc...

\section*{Usage}
```

    mismatch(pattern, x, fixed=TRUE)
    nmatch(pattern, x, fixed=TRUE)
    nmismatch(pattern, x, fixed=TRUE)
    ## S4 method for signature 'MIndex':
    coverage(x, start=NA, end=NA, shift=0L, width=NULL, weight=1L)
\#\# S4 method for signature 'MaskedXString':
coverage(x, start=NA, end=NA, shift=0L, width=NULL, weight=1L)

```

\section*{Arguments}
pattern The pattern string.
x
An XStringViews object for mismat ch (typically, one returned by matchPattern (pattern, subject)).
An MIndex object for coverage, or any object for which a coverage method is defined. See ?coverage.
fixed
See ¿lowlevel-matching \({ }^{\prime}\).
```

start, end, shift, width
See ?coverage.
weight An integer vector specifying how much each element in x counts.

```

\section*{Details}

The mismatch function gives the positions of the mismatching letters of a given pattern relatively to its matches in a given subject.

The nmatch and nmismatch functions give the number of matching and mismatching letters produced by the mismatch function.
The coverage function computes the "coverage" of a subject by a given pattern or set of patterns.

\section*{Value}
mismatch: a list of integer vectors.
nmismatch: an integer vector containing the length of the vectors produced by mismatch.
coverage: an Rle object indicating the coverage of \(x\). See ?coverage for the details. If \(x\) is an MIndex object, the coverage of a given position in the underlying sequence (typically the subject used during the search that returned \(x\) ) is the number of matches (or hits) it belongs to.

\section*{See Also}
lowlevel-matching, mat chPattern, matchPDict, XString-class, XStringViews-class, MIndexclass, coverage, align-utils

\section*{Examples}
```


## --------------------------------------------------------------------------

## mismatch() / nmismatch()

## ---------------------------------------------------------------------------

subject <- DNAString("ACGTGCA")
m <- matchPattern("NCA", subject, max.mismatch=1, fixed=FALSE)
mismatch("NCA", m)
nmismatch("NCA", m)
\#\# ---------------------------------------------------------------------------
\#\# coverage()
\#\# -----------------------------------------------------------------------------
coverage (m)
\#\# See ?matchPDict for examples of using coverage() on an MIndex object...

```
```

mat chWCP A simple WCP matching function and related utilities

```

\section*{Description}

A function implementing a simple algorithm for matching a set of patterns represented by Weighted Clustered Positions (WCP) to an XString sequence.

\section*{Usage}
```

matchWCP(wcp, subject, min.score="80%")
countWCP(wcp, subject, min.score="80%")
WCPscoreStartingAt(wcp, subject, starting.at=1)

```

\section*{Arguments}
\begin{tabular}{ll} 
wcp & A WCP object. \\
subject & \begin{tabular}{l} 
An XString, XStringViews or MaskedXString object for mat chWCP and countWCP. \\
A XString object for WCP scoreStartingAt.
\end{tabular} \\
min.score \(\quad\)\begin{tabular}{l} 
The minimum score for counting a match. Can be given as a character string \\
containing a percentage (e.g. "85\%") of the highest possible score or as a single \\
number.
\end{tabular} \\
starting.at & \begin{tabular}{l} 
An integer vector specifying the starting positions of the Weighted Clustered \\
Positions relatively to the subject.
\end{tabular}
\end{tabular}

\section*{Value}

An XStringViews object for mat chWCP.
A single integer for countWCP.
A numeric vector containing the Weighted Clustered Positions-based scores for WCP scoreStart ingAt.

\section*{Author(s)}
P. Aboyoun

\section*{See Also}
matchPWM, matchPattern, WCP-class, XString-class, XStringViews-class
\[
\text { MIndex-class } \quad \text { MIndex objects }
\]

\section*{Description}

The MIndex class is the basic container for storing the matches of a set of patterns in a subject sequence.

\section*{Details}

An MIndex object contains the matches (start/end locations) of a set of patterns found in an XString object called "the subject string" or "the subject sequence" or simply "the subject".
matchPDict function returns an MIndex object.

\section*{Accessor methods}

In the code snippets below, x is an MIndex object.
length (x): The number of patterns that matches are stored for. names \((x)\) : The names of the patterns that matches are stored for
start Index (x): A list containing the starting positions of the matches for each pattern. endIndex (x): A list containing the ending positions of the matches for each pattern. count Index (x): An integer vector containing the number of matches for each pattern.

\section*{Subsetting methods}

In the code snippets below, x is an MIndex object.
\(x[\) [i] ]: Extract the matches for the i-th pattern as an IRanges object.

\section*{Coercion}

In the code snippets below, x is an MIndex object.
as(x, "CompressedIRangesList"): Turns x into an CompressedIRangesList object. This coercion changes \(x\) from one RangesList subtype to another with the underlying Ranges values remaining unchanged.

\section*{Other utility methods and functions}

In the code snippets below, \(x\) and mindex are MIndex objects and sub ject is the XString object containing the sequence in which the matches were found.
unlist(x, recursive=TRUE, use.names=TRUE): Return all the matches in a single IRanges object. recursive and use. names are ignored.
extractAllMatches (subject, mindex): Return all the matches in a single XStringViews object.

\section*{Author(s)}
H. Pages

\section*{See Also}
matchPDict, PDict-class, IRanges-class, XStringViews-class

\section*{Examples}
\#\# See ?matchPDict and ?`matchPDict-inexact` for some examples.
misc

\section*{Description}

Some miscellaneous stuff.

\section*{Usage}

N50(csizes)

\section*{Arguments}
csizes A vector containing the contig sizes.

\section*{Value}

N50: The N50 value as an integer.

\section*{The N50 contig size}

Definition The N50 contig size of an assembly (aka the N50 value) is the size of the largest contig such that the contigs larger than that have at least \(50 \%\) the bases of the assembly.

How is it calculated? It is calculated by adding the sizes of the biggest contigs until you reach half the total size of the contigs. The N50 value is then the size of the contig that was added last (i.e. the smallest of the big contigs covering \(50 \%\) of the genome).

What for? The N50 value is a standard measure of the quality of a de novo assembly.

\section*{Author(s)}

Nicolas Delhomme <delhomme@embl.de>

\section*{See Also}

XStringSet-class

\section*{Examples}
```


## -----------------------------------------------------------------------------

## A. The N50 contig size

## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------

# generate 10 random contigs of sizes comprised between 100 and 10000

my.contig <- DNAStringSet(
sapply(
sample(c(100:10000), 10),
function(size)
paste(sample(DNA_BASES, size, replace=TRUE), collapse="")
)
)

# get their sizes

my.size <- width(my.contig)

```
```


# calculate the N50 value of this set of contigs

my.contig.N50 <- N50(my.size)

```
needwunsQS (Deprecated) Needleman-Wunsch Global Alignment

\section*{Description}

Simple gap implementation of Needleman-Wunsch global alignment algorithm.

\section*{Usage}
needwunsQS(s1, s2, substmat, gappen = 8)

\section*{Arguments}
\begin{tabular}{ll} 
s1, s2 & an R character vector of length 1 or an XString object. \\
substmat & matrix of alignment score values. \\
gappen & penalty for introducing a gap in the alignment.
\end{tabular}

\section*{Details}

Follows specification of Durbin, Eddy, Krogh, Mitchison (1998). This function has been deprecated and is being replaced by pairwiseAlignment.

\section*{Value}

An instance of class "PairwiseAlignedXStringSet".

\section*{Author(s)}

Vince Carey (<stvjc@channing.harvard.edu>) (original author) and H. Pages (current maintainer).

\section*{References}
R. Durbin, S. Eddy, A. Krogh, G. Mitchison, Biological Sequence Analysis, Cambridge UP 1998, \(\sec 2.3\).

\section*{See Also}
pairwiseAlignment, PairwiseAlignedXStringSet-class, substitution.matrices

\section*{Examples}
```


## Not run:

    ## This function has been deprecated
    ## Use 'pairwiseAlignment' instead.
    ## nucleotide alignment
    mat <- matrix(-5L, nrow = 4, ncol = 4)
    for (i in seq_len(4)) mat[i, i] <- OL
    rownames(mat) <- colnames(mat) <- DNA_ALPHABET[1:4]
    s1 <- DNAString(paste(sample(DNA_ALPHABET[1:4], 1000, replace=TRUE), collapse=""))
    s2 <- DNAString(paste(sample(DNA_ALPHABET[1:4], 1000, replace=TRUE), collapse=""))
    nw0 <- needwunsQS(s1, s2, mat, gappen = 0)
    nw1 <- needwunsQS(s1, s2, mat, gappen = 1)
    nw5 <- needwunsQS(s1, s2, mat, gappen = 5)
    ## amino acid alignment
    needwunsQS("PAWHEAE", "HEAGAWGHEE", substmat = "BLOSUM50")
    
## End(Not run)

```
```

nucleotideFrequency

```

Calculate the frequency of oligonucleotides in a DNA or RNA sequence (and other related functions)

\section*{Description}

Given a DNA or RNA sequence (or a set of DNA or RNA sequences), the oligonucleotideFrequency function computes the frequency of all possible oligonucleotides of a given length (called the "width" in this particular context).
The dinucleotideFrequency and trinucleotideFrequency functions are convenient wrappers for calling oligonucleotideFrequency with width=2 and width=3, respectively.
The nucleotideFrequencyAt function computes the frequency of the short sequences formed by extracting the nucleotides found at some fixed positions from each sequence of a set of DNA or RNA sequences.

In this man page we call "DNA input" (or "RNA input") an XString, XStringSet, XStringViews or MaskedXString object of base type DNA (or RNA).

\section*{Usage}
```

    oligonucleotideFrequency(x, width, as.prob=FALSE, freq=FALSE, as.array=FALSE,
                                    fast.moving.side="right", with.labels=TRUE, ...)
    ## S4 method for signature 'XStringSet':
    oligonucleotideFrequency(x,
width, as.prob=FALSE, freq=FALSE, as.array=FALSE,
fast.moving.side="right", with.labels=TRUE, simplify.as="matrix")
dinucleotideFrequency(x, as.prob=FALSE, freq=FALSE, as.matrix=FALSE,
fast.moving.side="right", with.labels=TRUE, ...)

```
```

trinucleotideFrequency(x, as.prob=FALSE, freq=FALSE, as.array=FALSE,
fast.moving.side="right", with.labels=TRUE, ...)
nucleotideFrequencyAt(x, at, as.prob=FALSE, freq=FALSE, as.array=TRUE,
fast.moving.side="right", with.labels=TRUE, ...)

## Some related functions:

oligonucleotideTransitions(x, left=1, right=1, as.prob=FALSE, freq=FALSE)
mkAllStrings(alphabet, width, fast.moving.side="right")

```

\section*{Arguments}
\(x \quad\) Any DNA or RNA input for the \(*\) Frequency andoligonucleotideTransitions functions.

An XStringSet or XStringViews object of base type DNA or RNA for nucleotideFrequencyAt
width The number of nucleotides per oligonucleotide for oligonucleotideFrequency.
The number of letters per string for mkAllStrings.
at An integer vector containing the positions to look at in each element of x .
as.prob If TRUE then probabilities are reported, otherwise counts (the default).
freq This argument is deprecated. Please use the as.prob argument instead.
as.array, as.matrix
Controls the "shape" of the returned object. If TRUE (the default for nucleotideFrequencyAt) then it's a numeric matrix (or array), otherwise it's just a "flat" numeric vector i.e. a vector with no dim attribute (the default for the \(*\) Frequency functions).
fast.moving.side
Which side of the strings should move fastest? Note that, when as. array is TRUE, then the supplied value is ignored and the effective value is "left".
with.labels If TRUE then the returned object is named.
. . Further arguments to be passed to or from other methods.
simplify.as Together with the as.array and as.matrix arguments, controls the "shape" of the returned object when the input \(x\) is an XStringSet or XStringViews object. Supported simplify.as values are "matrix" (the default), "list" and "collapsed". If simplify.as is "matrix", the returned object is a matrix with length \((x)\) rows where the i-th row contains the frequencies for \(x[\) [i]]. If simplify.as is "list", the returned object is a list of the same length as length (x) where the i-th element contains the frequencies for \(x[[i]]\). If simplify.as is "collapsed", then the the frequencies are computed for the entire object \(x\) as a whole (i.e. frequencies cumulated across all sequences in \(x\) ).
left, right The number of nucleotides per oligonucleotide for the rows and columns respectively in the transition matrix created by oligonucleotideTransitions.
alphabet The alphabet to use to make the strings.

\section*{Value}

If \(x\) is an XString or MaskedXString object, the \(\star\) Frequency functions return a numeric vector of length \(4^{\wedge}\) width. If as.array (or as.matrix) is TRUE, then this vector is formatted as an array (or matrix). If \(x\) is an XStringSet or XStringViews object, the returned object has the shape specified by the simplify. as argument.

\section*{Author(s)}
H. Pages and P. Aboyoun

\section*{See Also}
alphabetFrequency, alphabet, hasLetterAt, XString-class, XStringSet-class, XStringViewsclass, MaskedXString-class, GENETIC_CODE, AMINO_ACID_CODE, reverse, XString-method, rev

\section*{Examples}
```


## ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

## A. BASIC *Frequency() EXAMPLES

## ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

data(yeastSEQCHR1)
yeast1 <- DNAString(yeastSEQCHR1)
dinucleotideFrequency(yeast1)
trinucleotideFrequency(yeast1)
oligonucleotideFrequency(yeast1, 4)

## Get the less and most represented 6-mers:

f6 <- oligonucleotideFrequency(yeast1, 6)
f6[f6 == min(f6)]
f6[f6 == max(f6)]

## Get the result as an array:

tri <- trinucleotideFrequency(yeast1, as.array=TRUE)
tri["A", "A", "C"] \# == trinucleotideFrequency(yeast1)["AAC"]
tri["T", , ] \# frequencies of trinucleotides starting with a "T"

## With input made of multiple sequences:

library(drosophila2probe)
probes <- DNAStringSet(drosophila2probe)
dfmat <- dinucleotideFrequency(probes) \# a big matrix
dinucleotideFrequency(probes, simplify.as="collapsed")
dinucleotideFrequency(probes, simplify.as="collapsed", as.matrix=TRUE)

## -------------------------------------------------------------------------------

## B. nucleotideFrequencyAt()

## -----------------------------------------------------------------------------

nucleotideFrequencyAt(probes, 13)
nucleotideFrequencyAt(probes, c(13, 20))
nucleotideFrequencyAt(probes, c(13, 20), as.array=FALSE)

## nucleotideFrequencyAt() can be used to answer questions like: "how

## many probes in the drosophila2 chip have T, G, T, A at position

## 2, 4, 13 and 20, respectively?"

nucleotideFrequencyAt(probes, c(2, 4, 13, 20))["T", "G", "T", "A"]

## or "what's the probability to have an A at position 25 if there is

## one at position 13?"

nf <- nucleotideFrequencyAt(probes, c(13, 25))
sum(nf["A", "A"]) / sum(nf["A", ])

## Probabilities to have other bases at position 25 if there is an A

## at position 13:

sum(nf["A", "C"]) / sum(nf["A", ]) \# C

```
```

sum(nf["A", "G"]) / sum(nf["A", ]) \# G
sum(nf["A", "T"]) / sum(nf["A", ]) \# T

## See ?hasLetterAt for another way to get those results.

## -----------------------------------------------------------------------------

## C. oligonucleotideTransitions()

## ------------------------------------------------------------------------------

## Get nucleotide transition matrices for yeast1

oligonucleotideTransitions(yeast1)
oligonucleotideTransitions(yeast1, 2, as.prob=TRUE)

## -----------------------------------------------------------------------------

## D. ADVANCED *Frequency() EXAMPLES

## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------

## Note that when dropping the dimensions of the 'tri' array, elements

## in the resulting vector are ordered as if they were obtained with

## 'fast.moving.side="left"':

triL <- trinucleotideFrequency(yeast1, fast.moving.side="left")
all(as.vector(tri) == triL) \# TRUE

## Convert the trinucleotide frequency into the amino acid frequency

## based on translation:

tril <- trinucleotideFrequency(yeast1)
names(tri1) <- GENETIC_CODE[names(tril)]
sapply(split(tril, names(tril)), sum) \# 12512 occurrences of the stop codon

## When the returned vector is very long (e.g. width >= 10), using

## 'with.labels=FALSE' can improve performance significantly

## Here for example, the observed speed up is between 25x and 500x:

f12 <- oligonucleotideFrequency(yeast1, 12, with.labels=FALSE) \# very fast!

## Spome related functions:

dict1 <- mkAllStrings(LETTERS[1:3], 4)
dict2 <- mkAllStrings(LETTERS[1:3], 4, fast.moving.side="left")
identical(reverse(dict1), dict2) \# TRUE

```

PairwiseAlignedXStringSet-class
PairwiseAlignedXStringSet, PairwiseAlignedFixedSubject, and PairwiseAlignedFixedSubjectSummary objects

\section*{Description}

The PairwiseAlignedXStringSet class is a container for storing an elementwise pairwise alignment. The PairwiseAlignedFixedSubject class is a container for storing a pairwise alignment with a single subject. The PairwiseAlignedFixedSubjectSummary class is a container for storing the summary of an alignment.

\section*{Usage}
\#\# Constructors:
\#\# When subject is missing, pattern must be of length 2
\#\# S4 method for signature 'XString,XString':
```

PairwiseAlignedXStringSet(pattern, subject,
type = "global", substitutionMatrix = NULL, gapOpening = 0, gapExtension =
\#\# S4 method for signature 'XStringSet,missing':
PairwiseAlignedXStringSet(pattern, subject,
type = "global", substitutionMatrix = NULL, gapOpening = 0, gapExtension =
\#\# S4 method for signature 'character,character':
PairwiseAlignedXStringSet(pattern, subject,
type = "global", substitutionMatrix = NULL, gapOpening = 0, gapExtension =
baseClass = "BString")
\#\# S4 method for signature 'character,missing':
PairwiseAlignedXStringSet(pattern, subject,
type = "global", substitutionMatrix = NULL, gapOpening = 0, gapExtension =
baseClass = "BString")

```

\section*{Arguments}
pattern a character vector of length 1 or 2, an XString, or an XStringSet object of length 1 or 2.
subject a character vector of length 1 or an XString object.
type type of alignment. One of "global", "local", "overlap", "globallocal", and "local-global" where "global" = align whole strings with end gap penalties, "local" = align string fragments, "overlap" = align whole strings without end gap penalties, "global-local" = align whole strings with end gap penalties on pattern and without end gap penalties on subject. "local-global" = align whole strings without end gap penalties on pattern and with end gap penalties on subject.
substitutionMatrix
substitution matrix for the alignment. If NULL, the diagonal values and offdiagonal values are set to 0 and 1 respectively.
gapOpening the cost for opening a gap in the alignment.
gapExtension the incremental cost incurred along the length of the gap in the alignment.
baseClass the base XString class to use in the alignment.

\section*{Details}

Before we define the notion of alignment, we introduce the notion of "filled-with-gaps subsequence". A "filled-with-gaps subsequence" of a string string1 is obtained by inserting 0 or any number of gaps in a subsequence of s1. For example L-A-ND and A-N-D are "filled-with-gaps subsequences" of LAND. An alignment between two strings string1 and string2 results in two strings (align1 and align2) that have the same length and are "filled-with-gaps subsequences" of string1 and string2.
For example, this is an alignment between LAND and LEAVES:
\[
\begin{aligned}
& \text { L-A } \\
& \text { LEA }
\end{aligned}
\]

An alignment can be seen as a compact representation of one set of basic operations that transforms string1 into align1. There are 3 different kinds of basic operations: "insertions" (gaps in align1), "deletions" (gaps in align2), "replacements". The above alignment represents the following basic operations:
```

insert E at pos 2
insert V at pos 4
insert E at pos 5
replace by }S\mathrm{ at pos 6 (N is replaced by S)
delete at pos 7 (D is deleted)

```

Note that "insert X at pos i " means that all letters at a position >= i are moved 1 place to the right before X is actually inserted.

There are many possible alignments between two given strings string 1 and string 2 and a common problem is to find the one (or those ones) with the highest score, i.e. with the lower total cost in terms of basic operations.

\section*{Object extraction methods}

In the code snippets below, x is a PairwiseAlignedXStringSet object, except otherwise noted.
```

pattern(x): The AlignedXStringSet object for the pattern.
subject(x): The AlignedXStringSet object for the subject.
summary(object, ...): Generates a summary for the PairwiseAlignedXStringSet.

```

\section*{General information methods}

In the code snippets below, x is a PairwiseAlignedXStringSet object, except otherwise noted.
```

alphabet(x): Equivalent to alphabet (unaligned(subject(x))).

```
length(x): The length of the aligned(pattern(x)) and aligned(subject(x)).
    There is a method for PairwiseAlignedFixedSubjectSummary as well.
type (x): The type of the alignment ("global", "local", "overlap", "global-local",
    or "local-global"). There is a method for PairwiseAlignedFixedSubjectSummary
    as well.

\section*{Aligned sequence methods}

In the code snippets below, x is a PairwiseAlignedFixedSub ject object, except otherwise noted.
```

aligned(x, degap = FALSE, gapCode="-", endgapCode="-"):If degap = FALSE,
"align" the alignments by returning an XStringSet object containing the aligned patterns
without insertions. If degap = TRUE,returns aligned(pattern(x), degap=TRUE).
The gapCode and endgapCode arguments denote the code in the appropriate alphabet
to use for the internal and end gaps.
as.character(x): Converts aligned(x) to a character vector.
as.matrix(x): Returns an "exploded" character matrix representation of aligned(x).
toString(x): Equivalent to toString(as.character(x)).

```

\section*{Subject position methods}

In the code snippets below, x is a PairwiseAlignedFixedSubject object, except otherwise noted.
```

consensusMatrix(x, as.prob=FALSE, baseOnly=FALSE, gapCode="-", endgapCode="-
") See 'consensusMatrix' for more information.
consensusString(x) See 'consensusString' for more information.
coverage(x, start=NA, end=NA, shift=0L, width=NULL, weight=1L) See
'coverage,PairwiseAlignedFixedSubject-method` for more information.
Views(subject, start=NULL, end=NULL, width=NULL, names=NULL):The XStringViews
object that represents the pairwise alignments along unaligned (subject (subject)).
The start and end arguments must be either NULL/NA or an integer vector of length 1 that
denotes the offset from start(subject(subject)).

```

\section*{Numeric summary methods}

In the code snippets below, x is a PairwiseAlignedXStringSet object, except otherwise noted.
nchar(x): The nchar of the aligned (pattern(x)) and aligned (subject(x)). There is a method for PairwiseAlignedFixedSubjectSummary as well.
insertion(x): An CompressedIRangesList object containing the locations of the insertions from the perspective of the pattern.
deletion(x): An CompressedIRangesList object containing the locations of the deletions from the perspective of the pattern.
indel (x): An InDel object containing the locations of the insertions and deletions from the perspective of the pattern. nindel (x): An InDel object containing the number of insertions and deletions.
score (x): The score of the alignment. There is a method for PairwiseAlignedFixedSubjectSummary as well.

\section*{Subsetting methods}
x[i]: Returns a new PairwiseAlignedXStringSet object made of the selected elements.
rep(x, times): Returns a new PairwiseAlignedXStringSet object made of the repeated elements.

\section*{Author(s)}
P. Aboyoun

\section*{See Also}
pairwiseAlignment, AlignedXStringSet-class, XString-class, XStringViewsclass, align-utils, pid

\section*{Examples}
```

PairwiseAlignedXStringSet("-PA--W-HEAE", "HEAGAWGHE-E")
pattern <- AAStringSet(c("HLDNLKGTF", "HVDDMPNAL"))
subject <- AAString("SMDDTEKMSMKL")
nw1 <- pairwiseAlignment(pattern, subject, substitutionMatrix = "BLOSUM50",
gapOpening = -3, gapExtension = -1)
pattern(nw1)
subject(nw1)
aligned(nw1)
as.character(nw1)
as.matrix(nw1)
nchar(nw1)
score(nw1)
nw1

```

\section*{pairwiseAlignment Optimal Pairwise Alignment}

\section*{Description}

Solves (Needleman-Wunsch) global alignment, (Smith-Waterman) local alignment, and (ends-free) overlap alignment problems.

\section*{Usage}
```

pairwiseAlignment(pattern, subject, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'XStringSet,XStringSet':

pairwiseAlignment(pattern, subject,
patternQuality = PhredQuality(22L), subjectQuality = PhredQual
type = "global", substitutionMatrix = NULL, fuzzyMatrix = NULI
gapOpening = -10, gapExtension = -4, scoreOnly = FALSE)

## S4 method for signature 'QualityScaledXStringSet,QualityScaledXStringSet':

pairwiseAlignment(pattern, subject,
type = "global", substitutionMatrix = NULL, fuzzyMatrix = NULI
gapOpening = -10, gapExtension = -4, scoreOnly = FALSE)

```

\section*{Arguments}
pattern a character vector of any length, an XString, or an XStringSet object.
subject a character vector of length 1 or an XString object.
patternQuality, subjectQuality
objects of class XStringQuality representing the respective quality scores for pattern and subject that are used in a quality-based method for generating a substitution matrix. These two arguments are ignored if !is.null (substitutionMatr or if its respective string set (pattern, subject) is of class QualityScaledXStringSet.
type type of alignment. One of "global", "local", "overlap", "globallocal", and "local-global" where "global" = align whole strings with end gap penalties, "local" = align string fragments, "overlap" = align whole strings without end gap penalties, "global-local" = align whole strings with end gap penalties on pattern and without end gap penalties on subject "local-global" = align whole strings without end gap penalties on pattern and with end gap penalties on subject.
substitutionMatrix
substitution matrix representing the fixed substitution scores for an alignment. It cannot be used in conjunction with patternQuality and subjectQuality arguments.
fuzzyMatrix fuzzy match matrix for quality-based alignments. It takes values between 0 and 1 ; where 0 is an unambiguous mismatch, 1 is an unambiguous match, and values in between represent a fraction of "matchiness". (See details section below.)
gapOpening the cost for opening a gap in the alignment.
gapExtension the incremental cost incurred along the length of the gap in the alignment.
scoreOnly logical to denote whether or not to return just the scores of the optimal pairwise alignment.
. . . optional arguments to generic function to support additional methods.

\section*{Details}

Quality-based alignments are based on the paper the Bioinformatics article by Ketil Malde listed in the Reference section below. Let \(\epsilon_{i}\) be the probability of an error in the base read. For "Phred" quality measures \(Q\) in [0, 99], these error probabilities are given by \(\epsilon_{i}=10^{-Q / 10}\). For "Solexa" quality measures \(Q\) in \([-5,99]\), they are given by \(\epsilon_{i}=1-1 /\left(1+10^{-Q / 10}\right)\). Assuming independence within and between base reads, the combined error probability of a mismatch when the underlying bases do match is \(\epsilon_{c}=\epsilon_{1}+\epsilon_{2}-(n /(n-1)) * \epsilon_{1} * \epsilon_{2}\), where \(n\) is the number of letters in the underlying alphabet. Using \(\epsilon_{c}\), the substitution score is given by when two bases match is given by \(b * \log _{2}\left(\gamma_{x, y} *\left(1-\epsilon_{c}\right) * n+\left(1-\gamma_{x, y}\right) * \epsilon_{c} *(n /(n-1))\right)\), where \(b\) is the bit-scaling for the scoring and \(\gamma_{x, y}\) is the probability that characters \(x\) and \(y\) represents the same underlying information (e.g. using IUPAC, \(\gamma_{A, A}=1\) and \(\gamma_{A, N}=1 / 4\). In the arguments listed above fuzzyMatch represents \(\gamma_{x, y}\) and patternQuality and subjectQuality represents \(\epsilon_{1}\) and \(\epsilon_{2}\) respectively.
If scoreOnly \(==\) FALSE, the pairwise alignment with the maximum alignment score is returned. If more than one pairwise alignment has the maximum alignment score exists, the first alignment along the subject is returned. If there are multiple pairwise alignments with the maximum alignment score at the chosen subject location, then at each location along the alignment mismatches are given preference to insertions/deletions. For example, pattern: [1] ATTA; subject: [1] AT-A is chosen above pattern: [1] ATTA; subject: [1] A\(T A\) if they both have the maximum alignment score.

\section*{Value}

If scoreOnly == FALSE, an instance of class PairwiseAlignedXStringSet or PairwiseAlignedFixed is returned. If scoreOnly \(==\) TRUE, a numeric vector containing the scores for the optimal pairwise alignments is returned.

\section*{Note}

Use matchPattern or vmatchPattern if you need to find all the occurrences (eventually with indels) of a given pattern in a reference sequence or set of sequences.

Use matchPDict if you need to match a (big) set of patterns against a reference sequence.

\section*{Author(s)}
P. Aboyoun and H. Pages

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B. Haubold, T. Wiehe, Introduction to Computational Biology, Birkhauser Verlag 2006, Chapter 2.
K. Malde, The effect of sequence quality on sequence alignment, Bioinformatics 2008 24(7):897900.

\section*{See Also}
stringDist, PairwiseAlignedXStringSet-class, XStringQuality-class, substitution.matrices, matchPattern

\section*{Examples}
```


## Nucleotide global, local, and overlap alignments

s1 <-
DNAString("ACTTCACCAGCTCCCTGGCGGTAAGTTGATCAAAGGAAACGCAAAGTTTTCAAG")
s2 <-
DNAString("GTTTCACTACTTCCTTTCGGGTAAGTAAATATATAAATATATAAAAATATAATTTTCATC")

# First use a fixed substitution matrix

mat <- nucleotideSubstitutionMatrix(match = 1, mismatch = - 3, baseOnly = TRUE)
globalAlign <-
pairwiseAlignment(s1, s2, substitutionMatrix = mat, gapOpening = -5, gapExtension =
localAlign <-
pairwiseAlignment(s1, s2, type = "local", substitutionMatrix = mat, gapOpening = -5,
overlapAlign <-
pairwiseAlignment(s1, s2, type = "overlap", substitutionMatrix = mat, gapOpening = -

# Then use quality-based method for generating a substitution matrix

pairwiseAlignment(s1, s2,
patternQuality = SolexaQuality(rep(c(22L, 12L), times = c(36, 18))),
subjectQuality = SolexaQuality(rep(c(22L, 12L), times = c(40, 20))),
scoreOnly = TRUE)

# Now assume can't distinguish between C/T and G/A

pairwiseAlignment(s1, s2,
patternQuality = SolexaQuality(rep(c(22L, 12L), times = c(36, 18))),
subjectQuality = SolexaQuality(rep(c(22L, 12L), times = c(40, 20))),
type = "local")
mapping <- diag(4)
dimnames(mapping) <- list(DNA_BASES, DNA_BASES)
mapping["C", "T"] <- mapping["T", "C"] <- 1
mapping["G", "A"] <- mapping["A", "G"] <- 1
pairwiseAlignment(s1, s2,
patternQuality = SolexaQuality(rep(c(22L, 12L), times = c(36, 18))),
subjectQuality = SolexaQuality(rep(c(22L, 12L), times = c(40, 20))),
fuzzyMatrix = mapping,
type = "local")

## Amino acid global alignment

pairwiseAlignment(AAString("PAWHEAE"), AAString("HEAGAWGHEE"), substitutionMatrix = "BI
gapOpening = 0, gapExtension = -8)

```

\section*{PDict-class PDictobjects}

\section*{Description}

The PDict class is a container for storing a preprocessed dictionary of DNA patterns that can later be passed to the matchPDict function for fast matching against a reference sequence (the subject). PDict is the constructor function for creating new PDict objects.

\section*{Usage}

PDict(x, max.mismatch=NA, tb.start=NA, tb.end=NA, tb.width=NA, algorithm="ACtree2", skip.invalid.patterns=FALSE)

\section*{Arguments}
\(x \quad\) A character vector, a DNAStringSet object or an XStringViews object with a DNAString subject.
max.mismatch A single non-negative integer or NA. See the "Allowing a small number of mismatching letters" section below.
tb.start,tb.end,tb.width
A single integer or NA. See the "Trusted Band" section below.
algorithm "ACtree2" (the default), "ACtree" or "Twobit".
skip.invalid.patterns
This argument is not supported yet (and might in fact be replaced by the filter argument very soon).

\section*{Details}

\section*{THIS IS STILL WORK IN PROGRESS!}

If the original dictionary x is a character vector or an XStringViews object with a DNAString subject, then the PDict constructor will first try to turn it into a DNAStringSet object.
By default (i.e. if PDict is called with max.mismatch=NA, tb. start=NA, tb.end=NA and t.b. width=NA) the following limitations apply: (1) the original dictionary can only contain base letters (i.e. only As, Cs, Gs and Ts), therefore IUPAC extended letters are not allowed; (2) all the patterns in the dictionary must have the same length ("constant width" dictionary); and (3) later matchPdict can only be used with max.mismatch=0.
A Trusted Band can be used in order to relax these limitations (see the "Trusted Band" section below).
If you are planning to use the resulting PDict object in order to do inexact matching where valid hits are allowed to have a small number of mismatching letters, then see the "Allowing a small number of mismatching letters" section below.
Three preprocessing algorithms are currently supported: algorithm="ACtree2" (the default), algorithm="ACtree" and algorithm="Twobit". With the "ACtree2" and "ACtree" algorithms, all the oligonucleotides in the Trusted Band are stored in a 4-ary Aho-Corasick tree. With the "Twobit" algorithm, the 2-bit-per-letter signatures of all the oligonucleotides in the Trusted Band are computed and the mapping from these signatures to the 1-based position of the corresponding oligonucleotide in the Trusted Band is stored in a way that allows very fast lookup.

Only with PDict objects obtained with the "ACtree2" or "ACtree" algos can matchPdict then be called with fixed="pattern" (instead of fixed=TRUE, the default) so that IUPAC extended letters in the subject are treated as ambiguities. PDict objects obtained with the "Twobit" algo don't allow this.

\section*{Trusted Band}

\section*{What's a Trusted Band?}

A Trusted Band is a region defined in the original dictionary where the limitations described above will apply.
Why use a Trusted Band?
Because the limitations described above will apply to the Trusted Band only! For example the Trusted Band cannot contain IUPAC extended letters but the "head" and the "tail" can (see below for what those are). Also with a Trusted Band, if matchPdict is called with a non-null max.mismatch value then mismatching letters will be allowed in the head and the tail. Or, if matchPdict is called with fixed="subject", then IUPAC extended letters in the head and the tail will be treated as ambiguities.

How to specify a Trusted Band?
Use the tb. start, tb.end and tb.width arguments of the PDict constructor in order to specify a Trusted Band. This will divide each pattern in the original dictionary into three parts: a left part, a middle part and a right part. The middle part is defined by its starting and ending nucleotide positions given relatively to each pattern thru the t.b. start, tb. end and t.b.width arguments. It must have the same length for all patterns (this common length is called the width of the Trusted Band). The left and right parts are defined implicitely: they are the parts that remain before (prefix) and after (suffix) the middle part, respectively. Therefore three DNAStringSet objects result from this division: the first one is made of all the left parts and forms the head of the PDict object, the second one is made of all the middle parts and forms the Trusted Band of the PDict object, and the third one is made of all the right parts and forms the tail of the PDict object.
In other words you can think of the process of specifying a Trusted Band as drawing 2 vertical lines on the original dictionary (note that these 2 lines are not necessarily straight lines but the horizontal space between them must be constant). When doing this, you are dividing the dictionary into three regions (from left to right): the head, the Trusted Band and the tail. Each of them is a DNAStringSet object with the same number of elements than the original dictionary and the original dictionary could easily be reconstructed from those three regions.

The width of the Trusted Band must be \(>=1\) because Trusted Bands of width 0 are not supported.
Finally note that calling PDict with tb. start=NA, tb. end=NA and tb.width=NA (the default) is equivalent to calling it with tb.start=1, tb.end=-1 and tb.width=NA, which results in a full-width Trusted Band i.e. a Trusted Band that covers the entire dictionary (no head and no tail).

\section*{Allowing a small number of mismatching letters}

TODO

\section*{Accessor methods}

In the code snippets below, x is a PDict object.
length \((x)\) : The number of patterns in \(x\).
width(x): A vector of non-negative integers containing the number of letters for each pattern in x .
names \((x)\) : The names of the patterns in \(x\).
head ( \(x\) ): The head of \(x\) or NULL if \(x\) has no head.
\(t b(x)\) : The Trusted Band defined on \(x\).
tb. width (x) : The width of the Trusted Band defined on x . Note that, unlike width (tb (x) ), this is a single integer. And because the Trusted Band has a constant width, tb. width (x) is in fact equivalent to unique (width (tb \((x))\) ), or to width (tb \((x)\) ) [1].
tail ( \(x\) ) : The tail of \(x\) or NULL if \(x\) has no tail.

\section*{Subsetting methods}

In the code snippets below, \(x\) is a PDict object.
\(x[\) [i] ]: Extract the i-th pattern from x as a DNAString object.

\section*{Other methods}

In the code snippet below, x is a PDict object.
```

duplicated(x):[TODO]
patternFrequency(x):[TODO]

```

\section*{Author(s)}
H. Pages

\section*{References}

Aho, Alfred V.; Margaret J. Corasick (June 1975). "Efficient string matching: An aid to bibliographic search". Communications of the ACM 18 (6): 333-340.

\section*{See Also}
matchPDict, DNA_ALPHABET, DNAStringSet-class, XStringViews-class

\section*{Examples}
```


## -------------------------------------------------------------------------------

## A. NO HEAD AND NO TAIL (THE DEFAULT)

## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------

library(drosophila2probe)
dict0 <- DNAStringSet(drosophila2probe)
dict0 \# The original dictionary.
length(dict0) \# Hundreds of thousands of patterns.
unique(nchar(dict0)) \# Patterns are 25-mers.
pdict0 <- PDict(dict0) \# Store the original dictionary in
\# a PDict object (preprocessing).
pdict0
class(pdict0)
length(pdict0) \# Same as length(dict0).
tb.width(pdict0) \# The width of the (implicit)
\# Trusted Band.
sum(duplicated(pdict0))
table(patternFrequency(pdict0)) \# 9 patterns are repeated 3 times.

```
```

pdict0[[1]]
pdict0[[5]]

## -----------------------------------------------------------------------------

## B. NO HEAD AND A TAIL

## ---------------------------------------------------------------------------------

dict1 <- c("ACNG", "GT", "CGT", "AC")
pdict1 <- PDict(dict1, tb.end=2)
pdict1
class(pdict1)
length(pdict1)
width(pdict1)
head(pdict1)
tb(pdict1)
tb.width(pdict1)
width(tb (pdict1))
tail(pdict1)
pdict1[[3]]

```
phiX174Phage \(\quad\)\begin{tabular}{l} 
Versions of bacteriophage phiX174 complete genome and sample \\
short reads
\end{tabular}

\section*{Description}

Six versions of the complete genome for bacteriophage \(\phi \mathrm{X} 174\) as well as a small number of Solexa short reads, qualities associated with those short reads, and counts for the number times those short reads occurred.

\section*{Details}

The phiX174Phage object is a DNAStringSet containing the following six naturally occurring versions of the bacteriophage \(\phi\) X174 genome cited in Smith et al.:

Genbank: The version of the genome from GenBank (NC\_001422.1, GI:9626372).
RF70s: A preparation of \(\phi \mathrm{X}\) double-stranded replicative form (RF) of DNA by Clyde A. Hutchison III from the late 1970s.

SS78: A preparation of \(\phi\) X virion single-stranded DNA from 1978.
Bull: The sequence of wild-type \(\phi \mathrm{X}\) used by Bull et al.
G'97: The \(\phi\) X replicative form (RF) of DNA from Bull et al.
NEB'03: A \(\phi\) X replicative form (RF) of DNA from New England BioLabs (NEB).

The srPhiX174 object is a DNAStringSet containing short reads from a Solexa machine.
The quPhiX174 object is a BStringSet containing Solexa quality scores associated with srPhiX174.
The wtPhix174 object is an integer vector containing counts associated with srPhix174.

\section*{References}
http://www.genome.jp/dbget-bin/www_bget?refseq+NC_001422
Bull, J. J., Badgett, M. R., Wichman, H. A., Huelsenbeck, Hillis, D. M., Gulati, A., Ho, C. \& Molineux, J. (1997) Genetics 147, 1497-1507.

Smith, Hamilton O.; Clyde A. Hutchison, Cynthia Pfannkoch, J. Craig Venter (2003-12-23). "Generating a synthetic genome by whole genome assembly: \{phi\}X174 bacteriophage from synthetic oligonucleotides". Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences 100 (26): 15440-15445. doi:10.1073/pnas. 2237126100.

\section*{Examples}
```

data(phiX174Phage)
nchar(phiX174Phage)
genBankPhage <- phiX174Phage[[1]]
genBankSubstring <- substring(genBankPhage, 2793-34, 2811+34)
data(srPhiX174)
srPhiX174
quPhiX174
summary(wtPhiX174)
alignPhiX174 <-
pairwiseAlignment(srPhiX174, genBankSubstring,
patternQuality = SolexaQuality(quPhiX174),
subjectQuality = SolexaQuality(99L),
type = "global-local")
summary(alignPhiX174, weight = wtPhiX174)

```
```

pid Percent Sequence Identity

```

\section*{Description}

Calculates the percent sequence identity for a pairwise sequence alignment.

\section*{Usage}
```

pid(x, type="PID1")

```

\section*{Arguments}
x
a PairwiseAlignedXStringSet object.
type one of percent sequence identity. One of "PID1", "PID2", "PID3", and "PID4". See Details for more information.

\section*{Details}

Since there is no universal definition of percent sequence identity, the pid function calculates this statistic in the following types:
"PID1": 100 * (identical positions) / (aligned positions + internal gap positions)
"PID2": 100 * (identical positions) / (aligned positions)
"PID3": 100 * (identical positions) / (length shorter sequence)
"PID4": 100* (identical positions) / (average length of the two sequences)

\section*{Value}

A numeric vector containing the specified sequence identity measures.

\section*{Author(s)}
P. Aboyoun

\section*{References}
A. May, Percent Sequence Identity: The Need to Be Explicit, Structure 2004, 12(5):737.
G. Raghava and G. Barton, Quantification of the variation in percentage identity for protein sequence alignments, BMC Bioinformatics 2006, 7:415.

\section*{See Also}
pairwiseAlignment, PairwiseAlignedXStringSet-class, match-utils

\section*{Examples}
```

s1 <- DNAString("AGTATAGATGATAGAT")
s2 <- DNAString("AGTAGATAGATGGATGATAGATA")
palign1 <- pairwiseAlignment(s1, s2)
palign1
pid(palign1)
palign2 <-
pairwiseAlignment(s1, s2,
substitutionMatrix =
nucleotideSubstitutionMatrix(match = 2, mismatch = 10, baseOnly = TRUE))
palign2
pid(palign2, type = "PID4")

```
```

pmatchPattern Longest Common Prefix/Suffix/Substring searching functions

```

\section*{Description}

Functions for searching the Longest Common Prefix/Suffix/Substring of two strings.
WARNING: These functions are experimental and might not work properly! Full documentation will come later.

Please send questions/comments to hpages@fhcrc.org
Thanks for your comprehension!

\section*{Usage}
```

lcprefix(s1, s2)
lcsuffix(s1, s2)
lcsubstr(s1, s2)
pmatchPattern(pattern, subject, maxlength.out=1L)

```

\section*{Arguments}
\begin{tabular}{ll} 
s1 & 1st string, a character string or an XString object. \\
s2 & 2nd string, a character string or an XString object. \\
pattern & The pattern string. \\
subject & An XString object containing the subject string. \\
maxlength. out
\end{tabular}

The maximum length of the output i.e. the maximum number of views in the returned object.

\section*{See Also}
matchPattern, XStringViews-class, XString-class
```

QualityScaledXStringSet-class
QualityScaledBStringSet,QualityScaledDNAStringSet,QualityScale-
dRNAStringSet and QualityScaledAAStringSet objects

```

\section*{Description}

The QualityScaledBStringSet class is a container for storing a BStringSet object with an XStringQuality object.
Similarly, the QualityScaledDNAStringSet (or QualityScaledRNAStringSet, or QualityScaledAAStringSet) class is a container for storing a DNAStringSet (or RNAStringSet, or AAStringSet) objects with an XStringQuality object.

\section*{Usage}
```


## Constructors:

QualityScaledBStringSet(x, quality)
QualityScaledDNAStringSet(x, quality)
QualityScaledRNAStringSet(x, quality)
QualityScaledAAStringSet(x, quality)

```

\section*{Arguments}
x
Either a character vector, or an XString, XStringSet or XStringViews object.
quality
An XStringQuality object.

\section*{Details}

The QualityScaledBStringSet, QualityScaledDNAStringSet, QualityScaledRNAStringSet and QualityScaledAAStringSet functions are constructors that can be used to "naturally" turn x into an QualityScaledXStringSet object of the desired base type.

\section*{Accessor methods}

The QualityScaledXStringSet class derives from the XStringSet class hence all the accessor methods defined for an XStringSet object can also be used on an QualityScaledXStringSet object. Common methods include (in the code snippets below, x is an QualityScaledXStringSet object):
length \((x)\) : The number of sequences in \(x\).
width(x): A vector of non-negative integers containing the number of letters for each element in x .
nchar (x): The same as width (x).
names \((x)\) : NULL or a character vector of the same length as \(x\) containing a short user-provided description or comment for each element in x .
quality \((x)\) : The quality of the strings.

\section*{Subsetting and appending}

In the code snippets below, \(x\) and values are XStringSet objects, and \(i\) should be an index specifying the elements to extract.
x[i]: Return a new QualityScaledXStringSet object made of the selected elements.

\section*{Author(s)}
P. Aboyoun

\section*{See Also}

BStringSet-class, DNAStringSet-class, RNAStringSet-class, AAStringSet-class, XStringQualityclass

\section*{Examples}
```

x1 <- DNAStringSet(c("TTGA", "CTCN"))
q1 <- PhredQuality(c("*+,-", "6789"))
qx1 <- QualityScaledDNAStringSet(x1, q1)
qx1

```
```

readFASTA Functions to read/write FASTA formatted files

```

\section*{Description}
readFASTA and writeFASTA read from and write to a FASTA file. Note that the object returned by readFASTA or passed to writeFASTA is a standard list. For faster and more memory efficient alternatives that return/accept an XStringSet object, see the read. DNAStringSet function and family.

\section*{Usage}
```

readFASTA(file, checkComments=TRUE, strip.descs=TRUE)
writeFASTA(x, file="", append=FALSE, width=80)

```

\section*{Arguments}
```

file Either a character string naming a file or a connection. If "" (the default for
writeFASTA), then the function writes to the standard output connection (the
console) unless redirected by sink.
checkComments
Whether or not comments, lines beginning with a semi-colon should be found
and removed.
strip.descs Whether or not the ">" marking the beginning of the description lines should
be removed. Note that this argument is new in Biostrings >=2.8. In previous
versions readFASTA was keeping the ">".
x A list as one returned by readFASTA.
append TRUE or FALSE. If TRUE output will be appended to file; otherwise, it will
overwrite the contents of file. See ?cat for the details.
width The maximum number of letters per line of sequence.

```

\section*{Details}

FASTA is a simple file format for biological sequence data. A file may contain one or more sequences, for each sequence there is a description line which begins with a \(>\).
FASTA is a widely used format in biology. It is a relatively simple markup. I am not aware of a standard. It might be nice to check to see if the data that were parsed are sequences of some appropriate type, but without a standard that does not seem possible.
There are many other packages that provide similar, but different capabilities. The one in the package seqinr seems most similar but they separate the biological sequence into single character strings, which is too inefficient for large problems.

\section*{Value}

For readFASTA: A list with one element per FASTA record in the file. Each element is in two parts, one is the description of the record and the second a character string of the biological sequence.

\section*{Author(s)}
R. Gentleman, H. Pages

\section*{See Also}
```

read.DNAStringSet,fasta.info,write.XStringSet,read.table, scan,write.table

```

\section*{Examples}
```

f1 <- system.file("extdata", "someORF.fa", package="Biostrings")
ff <- readFASTA(f1, strip.descs=TRUE)
desc <- sapply(ff, function(x) x\$desc)

## Keep the "reverse complement" sequences only

ff2 <- ff[grep("reverse complement", desc, fixed=TRUE)]
writeFASTA(ff2, file.path(tempdir(), "someORF2.fa"))

```

\section*{replaceLetterAt Replacing letters in a sequence (or set of sequences) at some specified locations}

\section*{Description}
replaceLetterAt first makes a copy of a sequence (or set of sequences) and then replaces some of the original letters by new letters at the specified locations.
.inplaceReplaceLetterAt is the IN PLACE version of replaceLetterAt: it will modify the original sequence in place i.e. without copying it first. Note that in place modification of a sequence is fundamentally dangerous because it alters all objects defined in your session that make reference to the modified sequence. NEVER use .inplaceReplaceLetterAt, unless you know what you are doing!

\section*{Usage}
replaceLetterAt(x, at, letter, if.not.extending="replace", verbose=FALSE)
\#\# NEVER USE THIS FUNCTION!
.inplaceReplaceLetterAt(x, at, letter)

\section*{Arguments}
\(x \quad\) A DNAString or rectangular DNAStringSet object.
at The locations where the replacements must occur.
If \(x\) is a DNAString object, then at is typically an integer vector with no NAs but a logical vector or Rle object is valid too. Locations can be repeated and in this case the last replacement to occur at a given location prevails.
If \(x\) is a rectangular DNAStringSet object, then at must be a matrix of logicals with the same dimensions as \(x\).
letter The new letters.
If \(x\) is a DNAString object, then letter must be a DNAString object or a character vector (with no NAs) with a total number of letters (sum (nchar (letter))) equal to the number of locations specified in at.
If x is a rectangular DNAStringSet object, then letter must be a DNAStringSet object or a character vector of the same length as x . In addition, the number of letters in each element of letter must match the number of locations specified in the corresponding row of at (all(width(letter) == rowSums (at))).
if.not.extending
What to do if the new letter is not "extending" the old letter? The new letter "extends" the old letter if both are IUPAC letters and the new letter is as specific or less specific than the old one (e.g. M extends A, Y extends Y, but Y doesn't extend S). Possible values are "replace" (the default) for replacing in all cases, "skip" for not replacing when the new letter does not extend the old letter, "merge" for merging the new IUPAC letter with the old one, and "error" for raising an error.
Note that the gap ("-") and hard masking ("+") letters are not extending or extended by any other letter.

\begin{abstract}
Also note that "merge" is the only value for the if. not. extending argument that guarantees the final result to be independent on the order the replacement is performed (although this is only relevant when at contains duplicated locations, otherwise the result is of course always independent on the order, whatever the value of if.not.extending is).
\end{abstract}
verbose When TRUE, a warning will report the number of skipped or merged letters.

\section*{Details}
.inplaceReplaceLetterAt semantic is equivalent to calling replaceLetterAt with if.not.extending and verbose=FALSE.

Never use .inplaceReplaceLetterAt! It is used by the injectSNPs function in the BSgenome package, as part of the "lazy sequence loading" mechanism, for altering the original sequences of a BSgenome object at "sequence-load time". This alteration consists in injecting the IUPAC ambiguity letters representing the SNPs into the just loaded sequence, which is the only time where in place modification of the external data of an XString object is safe.

\section*{Value}

A DNAString or DNAStringSet object of the same shape (i.e. length and width) as the orignal object x for replaceLetterAt.

\section*{Author(s)}
H. Pages

\section*{See Also}

IUPAC_CODE_MAP, chartr, injectHardMask, DNAString, DNAStringSet, injectSNPs, BSgenome

\section*{Examples}
```


## Replace letters of a DNAString object:

replaceLetterAt(DNAString("AAMAA"), c(5, 1, 3, 1), "TYNC")
replaceLetterAt(DNAString("AAMAA"), c(5, 1, 3, 1), "TYNC", if.not.extending="merge")

## Replace letters of a DNAStringSet object (sorry for the totally

## artificial example with absolutely no biological meaning):

library(drosophila2probe)
probes <- DNAStringSet(drosophila2probe)
at <- matrix(c(TRUE, TRUE, FALSE, FALSE, FALSE, TRUE, FALSE, FALSE)
nrow=length(probes), ncol=width(probes)[1],
byrow=TRUE)
letter_subject <- DNAString(paste(rep.int("-", width(probes)[1]), collapse=""))
letter <- as(Views(letter_subject, start=1, end=rowSums(at)), "XStringSet")
replaceLetterAt(probes, at, letter)

```
```

reverseComplement Sequence reversing and complementing

```

\section*{Description}

Use these functions for reversing sequences and/or complementing DNA or RNA sequences.

\section*{Usage}
```

    ## S4 method for signature 'character':
    reverse(x, ...)
\#\# S4 method for signature 'XString':
reverse(x, ...)
complement(x, ...)
reverseComplement(x, ...)

```

\section*{Arguments}

X
A character vector, or an XString, XStringSet, XStringViews or MaskedXString object for reverse.

A DNAString, RNAString, DNAStringSet, RNAStringSet, XStringViews (with DNAString or RNAString subject), MaskedDNAString or MaskedRNAString object for complement and reverseComplement.
. . . Additional arguments to be passed to or from methods.

\section*{Details}

Given an XString object \(x\), reverse ( \(x\) ) returns an object of the same XString base type as \(x\) where letters in \(x\) have been reordered in the reverse order.

If \(x\) is a DNAString or RNAString object, complement \((x)\) returns an object where each base in x is "complemented" i.e. A, C, G, T in a DNAString object are replaced by T, G, C, A respectively and \(\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{G}, \mathrm{U}\) in a RNAString object are replaced by \(\mathrm{U}, \mathrm{G}, \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{A}\) respectively.

Letters belonging to the "IUPAC extended genetic alphabet" are also replaced by their complement ( M <-> K, R <-> Y, S <-> S, V <-> B, W <-> W, H <-> D, N <-> N) and the gap (" -") and hard masking ("+") letters are unchanged.
reverseComplement (x) is equivalent to reverse (complement(x)) but is faster and more memory efficient.

\section*{Value}

An object of the same class and length as the original object.

\section*{See Also}

DNAString-class, RNAString-class, DNAStringSet-class, RNAStringSet-class, XStringViews-class, MaskedXString-class, chartr, findPalindromes

\section*{Examples}
```


## --------------------------------------------------------------------------------

## A. SOME SIMPLE EXAMPLES

## -----------------------------------------------------------------------------

x <- DNAString("ACGT-YN-")
reverseComplement(x)
library(drosophila2probe)
probes <- DNAStringSet(drosophila2probe)
probes
alphabetFrequency(probes, collapse=TRUE)
rcprobes <- reverseComplement(probes)
rcprobes
alphabetFrequency(rcprobes, collapse=TRUE)

## ---------------------------------------------------------------------------

## B. OBTAINING THE MISMATCH PROBES OF A CHIP

## 

pm2mm <- function(probes)
{
probes <- DNAStringSet(probes)
subseq(probes, start=13, end=13) <- complement(subseq(probes, start=13, end=13))
probes
}
mmprobes <- pm2mm(probes)
mmprobes
alphabetFrequency(mmprobes, collapse=TRUE)

```

```


## C. SEARCHING THE MINUS STRAND OF A CHROMOSOME

## -----------------------------------------------------------------------------

## Applying reverseComplement() to the pattern before calling

## matchPattern() is the recommended way of searching hits on the

## minus strand of a chromosome.

library(BSgenome.Dmelanogaster.UCSC.dm3)
chrX <- Dmelanogaster\$chrX
pattern <- DNAString("ACCAACNNGGTTG")
matchPattern(pattern, chrX, fixed=FALSE) \# 3 hits on strand +
rcpattern <- reverseComplement(pattern)
rcpattern
m0 <- matchPattern(rcpattern, chrX, fixed=FALSE)
m0 \# 5 hits on strand -

## Applying reverseComplement() to the subject instead of the pattern is not

## a good idea for 2 reasons:

## (1) Chromosome sequences are generally big and sometimes very big

## so computing the reverse complement of the positive strand will

## take time and memory proportional to its length.

chrXminus <- reverseComplement(chrX) \# needs to allocate 22M of memory!
chrXminus

## (2) Chromosome locations are generally given relatively to the positive

## strand, even for features located in the negative strand, so after

## doing this:

```
```

m1 <- matchPattern(pattern, chrXminus, fixed=FALSE)

## the start/end of the matches are now relative to the negative strand.

## You need to apply reverseComplement() again on the result if you want

## them to be relative to the positive strand:

m2 <- reverseComplement(m1) \# allocates 22M of memory, again!

## and finally to apply rev() to sort the matches from left to right

## (5'3' direction) like in m0:

m3 <- rev(m2) \# same as m0, finally!

## WARNING: Before you try the example below on human chromosome 1, be aware

## that it will require the allocation of about 500Mb of memory!

if (interactive()) {
library(BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg18)
chr1 <- Hsapiens\$chr1
matchPattern(pattern, reverseComplement(chrl)) \# DON'T DO THIS!
matchPattern(reverseComplement(pattern), chrl) \# DO THIS INSTEAD
}

```
reverseSeq Reverse Sequence

\section*{Description}

WARNING: The functions described in this man page have been deprecated in favor of reverse, XStringmethod and reverseComplement.

Functions to obtain the reverse and reverse complement of a sequence

\section*{Usage}
```

reverseSeq(seq)

```
revcompDNA (seq)
revcompRNA (seq)

\section*{Arguments}
seq Character vector. For revcompRNA and revcompDNA the sequence should consist of appropriate letter codes: [ACGUN] and ACGTN, respectively.

\section*{Details}

The function reverses the order of the constituent character strings of its argument.

\section*{Value}

A character vector of the same length as seq.

\section*{Author(s)}
R. Gentleman, W. Huber, S. Falcon

\section*{See Also}
alphabetFrequency, reverseComplement

\section*{Examples}
```

w <- c("hey there", "you silly fool")
if (interactive()) {
reverseSeq(w) \# deprecated (inefficient on large vectors)
}
reverse(BStringSet(w)) \# more efficient
w <- "able was I ere I saw Elba"
if (interactive()) {
reverseSeq(w) \# deprecated (inefficient on large vectors)
}
reverse(BStringSet(w)) \# more efficient
rnal <- "UGCA"
if (interactive()) {
revcompRNA(rna1) \# deprecated (inefficient on large vectors)
}
reverseComplement(RNAString(rna1)) \# more efficient
dna1 <- "TGCA"
if (interactive()) {
revcompDNA(dna1) \# deprecated (inefficient on large vectors)
}
reverseComplement(DNAString(dna1)) \# more efficient

## Comparing efficiencies:

if (interactive()) {
library(hgu95av2probe)
system.time(y1 <- reverseSeq(hgu95av2probe$sequence))
    x <- DNAStringSet(hgu95av2probe)
    system.time(y2 <- reverse(x))
    system.time(y3 <- revcompDNA(hgu95av2probe$sequence))
system.time(y4 <- reverseComplement(x))
}

```

\section*{RNAString-class RNAString objects}

\section*{Description}

An RNAString object allows efficient storage and manipulation of a long RNA sequence.

\section*{Details}

The RNAString class is a direct XString subclass (with no additional slot). Therefore all functions and methods described in the XString man page also work with an RNAString object (inheritance).

Unlike the BString container that allows storage of any single string (based on a single-byte character set) the RNAString container can only store a string based on the RNA alphabet (see below). In addition, the letters stored in an RNAString object are encoded in a way that optimizes fast search algorithms.

\section*{The RNA alphabet}

This alphabet contains all letters from the IUPAC Extended Genetic Alphabet (see ? IUPAC_CODE_MAP) where " \(T\) " is replaced by " U " + the gap ( \("-\) ") and the hard masking ( \("+\) ") letters. It is stored in the RNA_ALPHABET constant (character vector). The alphabet method also returns RNA_ALPHABET when applied to an RNAString object and is provided for convenience only.

\section*{Constructor-like functions and generics}

In the code snippet below, x can be a single string (character vector of length 1 ), a BString object or a DNAString object.

RNAString( \(x="\) ", start=1, nchar=NA): Tries to convert x into an RNAString object by reading nchar letters starting at position start in x .

\section*{Accessor methods}

In the code snippet below, x is an RNAString object.
alphabet ( \(x\), baseOnly=FALSE): If \(x\) is an RNAString object, then return the RNA alphabet (see above). See the corresponding man pages when x is a BString, DNAString or AAString object.

\section*{Author(s)}
H. Pages

\section*{See Also}

IUPAC_CODE_MAP, letter, XString-class, DNAString-class, reverseComplement, alphabetFrequency

\section*{Examples}
```

RNA_BASES
RNA_ALPHABET
d <- DNAString("TTGAAAA-CTC-N")
r <- RNAString(d)
r
alphabet(r) \# RNA_ALPHABET
alphabet(r, baseOnly=TRUE) \# RNA_BASES

## When comparing an RNAString object with a DNAString object,

## U and T are considered equals:

r == d \# TRUE

```
```

stringDist String Distance/Alignment Score Matrix

```

\section*{Description}

Computes the Levenshtein edit distance or pairwise alignment score matrix for a set of strings.

\section*{Usage}
```

stringDist(x, method = "levenshtein", ignoreCase = FALSE, diag = FALSE, upper =

## S4 method for signature 'XStringSet':

stringDist(x, method = "levenshtein", ignoreCase = FALSE, diag = FALSE,
upper = FALSE, type = "global", quality = PhredQuality(22L),
substitutionMatrix = NULL, fuzzyMatrix = NULL, gapOpening = 0
gapExtension = -1)

## S4 method for signature 'QualityScaledXStringSet':

stringDist(x, method = "quality", ignoreCase = FALSE,
diag = FALSE, upper = FALSE, type = "global", substitutionMat
fuzzyMatrix = NULL, gapOpening = 0, gapExtension = -1)

```

\section*{Arguments}


\section*{Details}

Uses the underlying pairwiseAlignment code to compute the distance/alignment score matrix.

\section*{Value}

Returns an object of class "dist".

\section*{Author(s)}
P. Aboyoun

\section*{See Also}
dist, agrep, pairwiseAlignment, substitution.matrices

\section*{Examples}
```

stringDist(c("lazy", "HaZy", "crAzY"))
stringDist(c("lazy", "HaZy", "crAzY"), ignoreCase = TRUE)
data(phiX174Phage)
plot(hclust(stringDist(phiX174Phage), method = "single"))
data(srPhiX174)
stringDist(srPhiX174[1:4])
stringDist(srPhiX174[1:4], method = "quality",
quality = SolexaQuality(quPhiX174[1:4]),
gapOpening = -10, gapExtension = -4)

```
```

substitution.matrices
Scoring matrices

```

\section*{Description}

Predefined substitution matrices for nucleotide and amino acid alignments.

\section*{Usage}
```

data(BLOSUM45)
data(BLOSUM50)
data(BLOSUM62)
data(BLOSUM80)
data(BLOSUM100)
data(PAM30)
data(PAM40)
data(PAM70)
data(PAM120)
data(PAM250)
nucleotideSubstitutionMatrix(match = 1, mismatch = 0, baseOnly = FALSE, type
qualitySubstitutionMatrices(fuzzyMatch = c(0, 1), alphabetLength = 4L, quality
errorSubstitutionMatrices(errorProbability, fuzzyMatch = c(0, 1), alphabetLeng

```

\section*{Arguments}
match the scoring for a nucleotide match.
mismatch the scoring for a nucleotide mismatch.
baseOnly TRUE or FALSE. If TRUE, only uses the letters in the "base" alphabet i.e. "A", "C", "G", "T".
\begin{tabular}{|c|c|}
\hline type & either "DNA" or "RNA". \\
\hline \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{\multirow[t]{2}{*}{errorProbability}} \\
\hline & \\
\hline & a named or unnamed numeric vector representing the error probability. \\
\hline \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{alphabetLength} \\
\hline & an integer representing the number of letters in the underlying string alphabet. For DNA and RNA, this would be 4L. For Amino Acids, this could be 20L. \\
\hline qualityclass & a character string of either "PhredQuality" or "SolexaQuality". \\
\hline bitScale & a numeric value to scale the quality-based substitution matrices. By default, this is 1 , representing bit-scale scoring. \\
\hline
\end{tabular}

\section*{Format}

The BLOSUM and PAM matrices are square symmetric matrices with integer coefficients, whose row and column names are identical and unique: each name is a single letter representing a nucleotide or an amino acid.
nucleotideSubstitutionMatrix produces a substitution matrix for all IUPAC nucleic acid codes based upon match and mismatch parameters.
errorSubstitutionMatrices produces a two element list of numeric square symmetric matrices, one for matches and one for mismatches.
qualitySubstitutionMatrices produces the substitution matrices for Phred or Solexa quality-based reads.

\section*{Details}

The BLOSUM and PAM matrices are not unique. For example, the definition of the widely used BLOSUM62 matrix varies depending on the source, and even a given source can provide different versions of "BLOSUM62" without keeping track of the changes over time. NCBI provides many matrices here ftp://ftp.ncbi.nih.gov/blast/matrices/ but their definitions don't match those of the matrices bundled with their stand-alone BLAST software available here ftp://ftp.ncbi.nih.gov/blast/
The BLOSUM45, BLOSUM62, BLOSUM80, PAM30 and PAM70 matrices were taken from NCBI stand-alone BLAST software.

The BLOSUM50, BLOSUM100, PAM40, PAM120 and PAM250 matrices were taken from ftp://ftp.ncbi.nih.gov/blast/m
The quality matrices computed in qualitySubstitutionMatrices are based on the paper by Ketil Malde. Let \(\epsilon_{i}\) be the probability of an error in the base read. For "Phred" quality measures \(Q\) in \([0,99]\), these error probabilities are given by \(\epsilon_{i}=10^{-Q / 10}\). For "Solexa" quality measures \(Q\) in \([-5,99]\), they are given by \(\epsilon_{i}=1-1 /\left(1+10^{-Q / 10}\right)\). Assuming independence within and between base reads, the combined error probability of a mismatch when the underlying bases do match is \(\epsilon_{c}=\epsilon_{1}+\epsilon_{2}-(n /(n-1)) * \epsilon_{1} * \epsilon_{2}\), where \(n\) is the number of letters in the underlying alphabet. Using \(\epsilon_{c}\), the substitution score is given by when two bases match is given by \(b * \log _{2}\left(\gamma_{x, y} *\left(1-\epsilon_{c}\right) * n+\left(1-\gamma_{x, y}\right) * \epsilon_{c} *(n /(n-1))\right)\), where \(b\) is the bit-scaling for the scoring and \(\gamma_{x, y}\) is the probability that characters \(x\) and \(y\) represents the same underlying information (e.g. using IUPAC, \(\gamma_{A, A}=1\) and \(\gamma_{A, N}=1 / 4\). In the arguments listed above fuzzyMatch represents \(\gamma_{x, y}\) and errorProbability represents \(\epsilon_{i}\).

\section*{Author(s)}
H. Pages and P. Aboyoun

\section*{References}
K. Malde, The effect of sequence quality on sequence alignment, Bioinformatics, Feb 23, 2008.

\section*{See Also}
pairwiseAlignment, PairwiseAlignedXStringSet-class, DNAString-class, AAString-class, PhredQualityclass, SolexaQuality-class

\section*{Examples}
```

s1 <-
DNAString("ACTTCACCAGCTCCCTGGCGGTAAGTTGATCAAAGGAAACGCAAAGTTTTCAAG")
s2 <-
DNAString("GTTTCACTACTTCCTTTCGGGTAAGTAAATATATAAATATATAAAAATATAATTTTCATC")

## Fit a global pairwise alignment using edit distance scoring

pairwiseAlignment(s1, s2,
substitutionMatrix = nucleotideSubstitutionMatrix(0, -1, TRUE),
gapOpening = 0, gapExtension = -1)

## Examine quality-based match and mismatch bit scores for DNA/RNA

## strings in pairwiseAlignment.

## By default patternQuality and subjectQuality are PhredQuality(22L).

qualityMatrices <- qualitySubstitutionMatrices()
qualityMatrices["22", "22", "1"]
qualityMatrices["22", "22", "0"]
pairwiseAlignment(s1, s2)

## Get the substitution scores when the error probability is 0.1

subscores <- errorSubstitutionMatrices(errorProbability = 0.1)
submat <- matrix(subscores[,,"0"], 4, 4)
diag(submat) <- subscores[,,"1"]
dimnames(submat) <- list(DNA_ALPHABET[1:4], DNA_ALPHABET[1:4])
submat
pairwiseAlignment(s1, s2, substitutionMatrix = submat)

## Align two amino acid sequences with the BLOSUM62 matrix

aa1 <- AAString("HXBLVYMGCHFDCXVBEHIKQZ")
aa2 <- AAString("QRNYMYCFQCISGNEYKQN")
pairwiseAlignment(aa1, aa2, substitutionMatrix = "BLOSUM62", gapOpening = -3, gapExtens

## See how the gap penalty influences the alignment

pairwiseAlignment(aa1, aa2, substitutionMatrix = "BLOSUM62", gapOpening = -6, gapExtens

## See how the substitution matrix influences the alignment

pairwiseAlignment(aa1, aa2, substitutionMatrix = "BLOSUM50", gapOpening = -3, gapExtens
if (interactive()) {
\#\# Compare our BLOSUM62 with BLOSUM62 from ftp://ftp.ncbi.nih.gov/blast/matrices/
data(BLOSUM62)
BLOSUM62["Q", "Z"]
file <- "ftp://ftp.ncbi.nih.gov/blast/matrices/BLOSUM62"
b62 <- as.matrix(read.table(file, check.names=FALSE))
b62["Q", "Z"]
}

```

\section*{subXString \\ Fast substring extraction}

\section*{Description}

Functions for fast substring extraction.

\section*{Usage}
```

    subXString(x, start=NA, end=NA, length=NA)
    ## S4 method for signature 'XString':
    substr(x, start=NA, stop=NA)
\#\# S4 method for signature 'XString':
substring(text, first=NA, last=NA)

```

\section*{Arguments}
\begin{tabular}{ll}
x & \begin{tabular}{l} 
An XString object for subXString. A character vector, an XStringViews, \\
XString, or MaskedXString object for substr or substring.
\end{tabular} \\
start & A numeric vector. \\
end & A numeric vector. \\
length & A numeric vector. \\
stop & A numeric vector. \\
text & A character vector, an XStringViews or an XString object. \\
first & A numeric vector. \\
last & A numeric vector.
\end{tabular}

\section*{Details}
> subXString is deprecated in favor of subseq.

\section*{Value}

An XString object of the same base type as x for subXString.
A character vector for substr and substring.

\section*{See Also}
subseq, letter, XString-class, XStringViews-class
```

    toComplex Turning a DNA sequence into a vector of complex numbers
    ```

\section*{Description}

The toComplex utility function turns a DNAString object into a complex vector.

\section*{Usage}
```

toComplex(x, baseValues)

```

\section*{Arguments}

X
baseValues A named complex vector containing the values associated to each base e.g. \(c(A=1+0 i, \quad G=0+1 i, \quad T=-1+0 i, \quad C=0-1 i)\)

\section*{Value}

A complex vector of the same length as x .

\section*{Author(s)}
H. Pages

\section*{See Also}

DNAString

\section*{Examples}
```

seq <- DNAString("accacctgaccattgtcct")
baseValues1 <- c(A=1+0i, G=0+1i, T=-1+0i, C=0-1i)
toComplex(seq, baseValues1)
\#\# GC content:
baseValues2 <- c(A=0, C=1, G=1, T=0)
sum(as.integer(toComplex(seq, baseValues2)))
\#\# Note that there are better ways to do this (see ?alphabetFrequency)

```
    translate

\section*{Description}

Functions for transcription and/or translation of DNA or RNA sequences, and related utilities.
```

Usage
\#\# Transcription:
transcribe(x)
cDNA(x)
\#\# Translation:
codons(x)
translate(x)
\#\# Related utilities:
dna2rna(x)
rna2dna(x)

```

\section*{Arguments}
x
A DNAString object for transcribe and dna2rna.
An RNAString object for CDNA and rna2dna.
A DNAString, RNAString, MaskedDNAString or MaskedRNAString object for codons.
A DNAString, RNAString, DNAStringSet, RNAStringSet, MaskedDNAString or MaskedRNAString object for translate.

\section*{Details}
transcribe reproduces the biological process of DNA transcription that occurs in the cell. It takes the naive approach to treat the whole sequence x as if it was a single exon. See extract Transcripts for a more powerful version that allows the user to extract a set of transcripts specified by the starts and ends of their exons as well as the strand from which the transcript is coming.

CDNA reproduces the process of synthesizing complementary DNA from a mature mRNA template.
translate reproduces the biological process of RNA translation that occurs in the cell. The input of the function can be either RNA or coding DNA. The Standard Genetic Code (see ?GENETIC_CODE) is used to translate codons into amino acids. codons is a utility for extracting the codons involved in this translation without translating them.
dna2rna and rna2dna are low-level utilities for converting sequences from DNA to RNA and vice-versa. All what this converstion does is to replace each occurrence of \(T\) by a \(U\) and vice-versa.

\section*{Value}

An RNAString object for transcribe and dna2rna.
A DNAString object for CDNA and rna2dna.
Note that if the sequence passed to transcribe or cDNA is considered to be oriented \(5^{\prime}-3^{\prime}\), then the returned sequence is oriented \(3^{\prime}-5\) '.
An XStringViews object with 1 view per codon for codons. When x is a MaskedDNAString or MaskedRNAString object, its masked parts are interpreted as introns and filled with the + letter in the returned object. Therefore codons that span across masked regions are represented by views that have a width \(>3\) and contain the + letter. Note that each view is guaranteed to contain exactly 3 base letters.

An AAString object for translate.

\section*{See Also}
reverseComplement, GENETIC_CODE, DNAString-class, RNAString-class, AAString-class, XStringSet-class, XStringViews-class, MaskedXString-class

\section*{Examples}
```

file <- system.file("extdata", "someORF.fa", package="Biostrings")
x <- read.DNAStringSet(file)
x

## The first and last 1000 nucleotides are not part of the ORFs:

x <- DNAStringSet(x, start=1001, end=-1001)

## Before calling translate() on an ORF, we need to mask the introns

## if any. We can get this information fron the SGD database

## (http://www.yeastgenome.org/).

## According to SGD, the 1st ORF (YAL001C) has an intron at 71..160

## (see http://db.yeastgenome.org/cgi-bin/locus.pl?locus=YAL001C)

y1 <- x[[1]]
mask1 <- Mask(length(y1), start=71, end=160)
masks(y1) <- mask1
y1
translate(y1)

## Codons

codons(y1)
which(width(codons(y1)) != 3)
codons(y1) [20:28]

```
trimLRPatterns Trim Flanking Patterns from Sequences

\section*{Description}

The trimLRPatterns function trims left and/or right flanking patterns from sequences.

\section*{Usage}
```

trimLRPatterns(Lpattern = "", Rpattern = "", subject,
max.Lmismatch = 0, max.Rmismatch = 0,
with.Lindels = FALSE, with.Rindels = FALSE,
Lfixed = TRUE, Rfixed = TRUE, ranges = FALSE)

```

\section*{Arguments}

Lpattern The left pattern.
Rpattern The right pattern.
subject An XString object, XStringSet object, or character vector containing the target sequence(s).
```

max.Lmismatch
Either an integer vector of length nLp = nchar (Lpattern) whose elements max.Lmismatch[i] represent the maximum number of acceptable mismatching letters when aligning substring (Lpattern, nLp - i + $1, n L p$ ) with substring (subject, 1, i) or a single numeric value in $(0,1)$ that represents a constant maximum mismatch rate for each of the $n L$ alignments. Negative numbers in integer vector inputs are used to prevent trimming at the i-th location. If an integer vector input has length (max. Lmismatch) < nLp, then max. Lmismatch will be augmented with enough -1 's at the beginning of the vector to bring it up to length nLp.
If non-zero, an inexact matching algorithm is used (see the matchPattern function for more information).

```
```

max.Rmismatch

```
max.Rmismatch
Either an integer vector of length \(n R p=\) nchar (Rpattern) whose elements max.Rmismatch[i] represent the maximum number of acceptable mismatching letters when aligning substring (Rpattern, 1, i) with substring(subject, \(n S-i+1, n S)\), where \(n S=\) nchar (subject), or a single numeric value in \((0,1)\) that represents a constant maximum mismatch rate for each of the \(n R\) alignments. Negative numbers in integer vector inputs are used to prevent trimming at the i-th location. If an integer vector input has length (max.Rmismatch) < nRp, then max. Rmismatch will be augmented with enough -1 's at the beginning of the vector to bring it up to length nRp .
If non-zero, an inexact matching algorithm is used (see the matchPattern function for more information).
with. Lindels If TRUE then indels are allowed in the left pattern. In that case max. Lmismatch is interpreted as the maximum "edit distance" allowed in the left pattern.
See the with.indels argument of the matchPattern function for more information.
with.Rindels Same as with. Lindels but for the right pattern.
Lfixed, Rfixed
Whether IUPAC extended letters in the left or right pattern should be interpreted as ambiguities (see ¿lowlevel-matching ` for the details).
ranges If TRUE, then return the ranges to use to trim subject. If FALSE, then returned the trimmed subject.
```


## Value

A new XString object, XStringSet object, or character vector with the flanking patterns within the specified edit distances removed.

## Author(s)

P. Aboyoun

## See Also

## Examples

```
Lpattern <- "TTCTGCTTG"
Rpattern <- "GATCGGAAG"
subject <- DNAString("TTCTGCTTGACGTGATCGGA")
subjectSet <- DNAStringSet(c("TGCTTGACGGCAGATCGG", "TTCTGCTTGGATCGGAAG"))
## Only allow for perfect matches on the flanks
trimLRPatterns(Lpattern = Lpattern, subject = subject)
trimLRPatterns(Rpattern = Rpattern, subject = subject)
trimLRPatterns(Lpattern = Lpattern, Rpattern = Rpattern, subject = subjectSet)
## Allow for perfect matches on the flanking overlaps
trimLRPatterns(Lpattern = Lpattern, Rpattern = Rpattern, subject = subjectSet,
    max.Lmismatch = rep(0, 9), max.Rmismatch = rep(0, 9))
## Allow for mismatches on the flanks
trimLRPatterns(Lpattern = Lpattern, Rpattern = Rpattern, subject = subject,
    max.Lmismatch = 0.2, max.Rmismatch = 0.2)
maxMismatches <- as.integer(0.2 * 1:9)
maxMismatches
trimLRPatterns(Lpattern = Lpattern, Rpattern = Rpattern, subject = subjectSet,
    max.Lmismatch = maxMismatches, max.Rmismatch = maxMismatches)
## Produce ranges that can be an input into other functions
trimLRPatterns(Lpattern = Lpattern, Rpattern = Rpattern, subject = subjectSet,
    max.Lmismatch = rep(0, 9), max.Rmismatch = rep(0, 9),
    ranges = TRUE)
trimLRPatterns(Lpattern = Lpattern, Rpattern = Rpattern, subject = subject,
    max.Lmismatch = 0.2, max.Rmismatch = 0.2, ranges = TRUE)
```

WCP

Weighted Clustered Positions (WCP) objects

## Description

The WCP class is a container for storing weighted clustered positions within XString-based strings.

## Author(s)

P. Aboyoun

## See Also

mat chWCP, XString-class

XKeySortedDataList List of Data Dictionaries with XString-based Keys

## Description

The XKeySortedDataList class is a container for storing a list of dictionaries with XString-based keys and DataFrame (an IRanges class) values.

## Author(s)

P. Aboyoun

## See Also

XKeySortedData-class, SimpleList-class

## XKeySortedData Data Dictionaries with XString-based Keys

## Description

The XKeySortedData class is a container for storing a dictionary with XString-based keys and DataFrame (an IRanges class) values.

## Author(s)

P. Aboyoun

## See Also

XStringSet-class, DataFrame-class

xscat | Concatenate sequences contained in XString, XStringSet and/or |
| :--- |
| XStringViews objects |

## Description

This function mimics the semantic of paste (..., sep="") but accepts XString, XStringSet or XStringViews arguments and returns an XString or XStringSet object.

## Usage

```
xscat(...)
```


## Arguments

One or more character vectors (with no NAs), XString, XStringSet or XStringViews objects.

## Value

An XString object if all the arguments are either XString objects or character strings. An XStringSet object otherwise.

## Author(s)

H. Pages

## See Also

XString-class, XStringSet-class, XStringViews-class, paste

## Examples

```
## Return a BString object:
xscat(BString("abc"), BString("EF"))
xscat(BString("abc"), "EF")
xscat("abc", "EF")
## Return a BStringSet object:
xscat(BStringSet("abc"), "EF")
## Return a DNAStringSet object:
xscat(c("t", "a"), DNAString("N"))
## Arguments are recycled to the length of the longest argument:
xscat("x", LETTERS, c("3", "44", "555"))
## Concatenating big XStringSet objects:
library(drosophila2probe)
probes <- DNAStringSet(drosophila2probe)
mm <- complement (narrow(probes, start=13, end=13))
left <- narrow(probes, end=12)
right <- narrow(probes, start=14)
xscat(left, mm, right)
## Collapsing an XStringSet (or XStringViews) object with a small
## number of elements:
probes1000 <- as.list(probes[1:1000])
y1 <- do.call(xscat, probesl000)
y2 <- do.call(c, probesl000) # slightly faster than the above
y1 == y2 # TRUE
## Note that this method won't be efficient when the number of
## elements to collapse is big (> 10000) so we need to provide a
## collapse() (or xscollapse()) function in Biostrings that will
## be efficient at doing this. Please complain on the Bioconductor
## mailing list (http://bioconductor.org/docs/mailList.html) if you
## need this.
```


## Description

The BString class is a general container for storing a big string (a long sequence of characters) and for making its manipulation easy and efficient.

The DNAString, RNAString and AAString classes are similar containers but with the more biologyoriented purpose of storing a DNA sequence (DNAString), an RNA sequence (RNAString), or a sequence of amino acids (AAString).

All those containers derive directly (and with no additional slots) from the XString virtual class.

## Details

The 2 main differences between an XString object and a standard character vector are: (1) the data stored in an XString object are not copied on object duplication and (2) an XString object can only store a single string (see the XStringSet container for an efficient way to store a big collection of strings in a single object).

Unlike the DNAString, RNAString and AAString containers that accept only a predefined set of letters (the alphabet), a BString object can be used for storing any single string based on a singlebyte character set

## Constructor-like functions and generics

In the code snippet below, x can be a single string (character vector of length 1) or an XString object.

BString ( $x=$ "", start=1, nchar=NA): Tries to convert $x$ into a BString object by reading nchar letters starting at position start in x .

## Accessor methods

In the code snippets below, x is an XString object.
alphabet (x): NULL for a BString object. See the corresponding man pages when x is a DNAString, RNAString or AAString object.
length (x) or nchar (x) : Get the length of an XString object, i.e., its number of letters.

## Coercion

In the code snippets below, x is an XString object.

```
as.character (x): Converts x to a character string.
```

toString(x): Equivalent to as.character(x).

## Subsetting

In the code snippets below, x is an XString object.
x [i]: Return a new XString object made of the selected letters (subscript i must be an NA-free numeric vector specifying the positions of the letters to select). The returned object belongs to the same class as x .
Note that, unlike subseq, x[i] does copy the sequence data and therefore will be very inefficient for extracting a big number of letters (e.g. when i contains millions of positions).

## Equality

In the code snippets below, e1 and e 2 are XString objects.
e1 == e2: TRUE if e1 is equal to e2. FALSE otherwise.
Comparison between two XString objects of different base types (e.g. a BString object and a
DNAString object) is not supported with one exception: a DNAString object and an RNAString object can be compared (see RNAString-class for more details about this).
Comparison between a BString object and a character string is also supported (see examples below).

```
e1 != e2: Equivalent to !(e1 == e2).
```


## Author(s)

## H. Pages

## See Also

subseq, letter, DNAString-class, RNAString-class, AAString-class, XStringSet-class, XStringViewsclass, reverse, XString-method

## Examples

```
b <- BString("I am a BString object")
b
length(b)
## Extracting a linear subsequence
subseq(b)
subseq(b, start=3)
subseq(b, start=-3)
subseq(b, end=-3)
subseq(b, end=-3, width=5)
## Subsetting
b2 <- b[length(b):1] # better done with reverse(b)
as.character(b2)
b2 == b # FALSE
b2 == as.character(b2) # TRUE
## b[1:length(b)] is equal but not identical to b!
b == b[1:length(b)] # TRUE
identical(b, 1:length(b)) # FALSE
## This is because subsetting an XString object with [ makes a copy
## of part or all its sequence data. Hence, for the resulting object,
## the internal slot containing the memory address of the sequence
## data differs from the original. This is enough for identical() to
## see the 2 objects as different.
```

```
XStringPartialMatches-class
```

XStringPartialMatches objects

## Description

WARNING: This class is currently under development and might not work properly! Full documentation will come later.
Please DO NOT TRY TO USE it for now. Thanks for your comprehension!

## Accessor methods

In the code snippets below, x is an XStringPartialMatches object.
subpatterns (x) : Not ready yet.
pattern(x): Not ready yet.

## Standard generic methods

In the code snippets below, x is an XStringPartialMatches objects, and $i$ can be a numeric or logical vector.
x [i]: Return a new XStringPartialMatches object made of the selected views. i can be a numeric vector, a logical vector, NULL or missing. The returned object has the same subject as x .

## Author(s)

H. Pages

## See Also

XStringViews-class, XString-class, letter

```
XStringQuality-class
                            PhredQuality and SolexaQuality objects
```


## Description

Objects for storing string quality measures.

## Usage

```
## Constructors:
PhredQuality(x)
SolexaQuality(x)
```


## Arguments

X
Either a character vector, BString, BStringSet, integer vector, or number vector of error probabilities.

## Details

PhredQuality objects store characters that are interpreted as [0-99] quality measures by subtracting 33 from their ASCII decimal representation (e.g. $!=0, "=1, \backslash \#=2, \ldots$ ).
SolexaQuality objects store characters are interpreted as [-5-99] quality measures by subtracting 64 from their ASCII decimal representation (e.g. ; $=-5,<=-4,==-3, \ldots$ ).

## Author(s)

P. Aboyoun

## See Also

pairwiseAlignment, PairwiseAlignedXStringSet-class, DNAString-class, BStringSet-class

## Examples

```
PhredQuality (0:40)
```

SolexaQuality (0:40)
PhredQuality (seq (1e-4, 0.5, length=10))
SolexaQuality (seq (1e-4, 0.5, length=10))

## XStringSet-class XStringSet objects

## Description

The BStringSet class is a container for storing a set of BString objects and for making its manipulation easy and efficient.
Similarly, the DNAStringSet (or RNAStringSet, or AAStringSet) class is a container for storing a set of DNAString (or RNAString, or AAString) objects.
All those containers derive directly (and with no additional slots) from the XStringSet virtual class.

```
Usage
    ## Constructors:
    BStringSet(x=character(), start=NA, end=NA, width=NA, use.names=TRUE)
    DNAStringSet(x=character(), start=NA, end=NA, width=NA, use.names=TRUE)
    RNAStringSet(x=character(), start=NA, end=NA, width=NA, use.names=TRUE)
    AAStringSet(x=character(), start=NA, end=NA, width=NA, use.names=TRUE)
    ## Accessor-like methods:
    ## S4 method for signature 'character':
width(x)
    ## S4 method for signature 'XStringSet':
nchar(x, type="chars", allowNA=FALSE)
```

```
## ... and more (see below)
```


## Arguments

X
Either a character vector (with no NAs), or an XString, XStringSet or XStringViews object.
start,end,width
Either NA, a single integer, or an integer vector of the same length as x specifying how x should be "narrowed" (see ?narrow for the details).
use. names TRUE or FALSE. Should names be preserved?
type, allowNA Ignored.

## Details

The BStringSet, DNAStringSet, RNAStringSet and AAStringSet functions are constructors that can be used to "naturally" turn x into an XStringSet object of the desired base type.
They also allow the user to "narrow" the sequences contained in x via proper use of the start, end and/or width arguments. In this context, "narrowing" means dropping a prefix or/and a suffix of each sequence in $x$. The "narrowing" capabilities of these constructors can be illustrated by the following property: if x is a character vector (with no NAs), or an XStringSet (or XStringViews) object, then the 3 following transformations are equivalent:

```
BStringSet(x, start=mystart, end=myend, width=mywidth)
subseq(BStringSet(x), start=mystart, end=myend, width=mywidth)
BStringSet(subseq(x, start=mystart, end=myend, width=mywidth))
```

Note that, besides being more convenient, the first form is also more efficient on character vectors.

## Accessor-like methods

In the code snippets below, x is an XStringSet object.
length ( $x$ ): The number of sequences in $x$.
width(x): A vector of non-negative integers containing the number of letters for each element in $x$. Note that width $(x)$ is also defined for a character vector with no NAs and is equivalent to nchar ( x , type="bytes").
names ( $x$ ): NULL or a character vector of the same length as $x$ containing a short user-provided description or comment for each element in x . These are the only data in an XStringSet object that can safely be changed by the user. All the other data are immutable! As a general recommendation, the user should never try to modify an object by accessing its slots directly.
alphabet ( x ) : Return NULL, DNA_ALPHABET, RNA_ALPHABET or AA_ALPHABET depending on whether $x$ is a BStringSet, DNAStringSet, RNAStringSet or AAStringSet object.
nchar ( x ) : The same as width ( x ).

## Subsequence extraction and related transformations

In the code snippets below, x is a character vector (with no NAs), or an XStringSet (or XStringViews) object.
subseq ( $x$, start=NA, end=NA, width=NA) : Applies subseq on each element in $x$. See ?subseq for the details.
Note that this is similar to what substr does on a character vector. However there are some noticeable differences:
(1) the arguments are start and stop for substr;
(2) the SEW interface (start/end/width) interface of subseq is richer (e.g. support for negative start or end values); and (3) subseq checks that the specified start/end/width values are valid i.e., unlike substr, it throws an error if they define "out of limits" subsequences or subsequences with a negative width.
narrow(x, start=NA, end=NA, width=NA, use.names=TRUE): Same as subseq. The only differences are: (1) narrow has a use.names argument; and (2) all the things narrow and subseq work on (IRanges, XStringSet or XStringViews objects for narrow, XVector or XStringSet objects for subseq). But they both work and do the same thing on an XStringSet object.
threebands (x, start=NA, end=NA, width=NA): Like the method for IRanges objects, the threebands methods for character vectors and XStringSet objects extend the capability of narrow by returning the 3 set of subsequences (the left, middle and right subsequences) associated to the narrowing operation. See ?threebands in the IRanges package for the details.
subseq(x, start=NA, end=NA, width=NA) <- value: A vectorized version of the subseq<- method for XVector objects. See ¿subseq<- ' for the details.

## Compacting

In the code snippets below, x is an XStringSet object.
compact ( x , basetype=NULL) : Makes a deep copy of x that reduces its memory footprint. Typically used before saving x to a file (serialization).

## Subsetting and appending

In the code snippets below, x and values are XStringSet objects, and i should be an index specifying the elements to extract.
$\mathrm{x}[\mathrm{i}]$ : Return a new XStringSet object made of the selected elements.
x[[i]]: Extract the i-th XString object from x. append (x, values, after=length(x)): Add sequences in values to $x$.

## Ordering and related methods

In the code snippets below, x is an XStringSet object.
is.unsorted( $x$, strictly=FALSE): Return a logical values specifying if $x$ is unsorted.
The strictly argument takes logical value indicating if the check should be for _strictly_ increasing values. order (x): Return a permutation which rearranges $x$ into ascending or descending order. sort (x): Sort $x$ into ascending order (equivalent to $x[o r d e r(x)]$ ). rank (x): Rank $x$ in ascending order.

## Duplicated and unique methods

In the code snippets below, x is an XStringSet object.
duplicated (x): Return a logical vector whose elements denotes duplicates in x .
unique (x): Return an XStringSet containing the unique values in x .

## Set operations

In the code snippets below, x and y are XStringSet objects

```
union(x, y):Union of x and y.
```

intersect $(x, y)$ : Intersection of $x$ and $y$.
setdiff $(x, y)$ : Asymmetric set difference of $x$ and $y$.
setequal $(x, y)$ : Set equality of $x$ to $y$.

## Identical value matching

In the code snippets below, x is a character vector, XString, or XStringSet object and table is an XStringSet object.
$x$ \%in\% table: Returns a logical vector indicating which elements in $x$ match identically with an element in table.
match(x, table, nomatch = NA_integer_, incomparables = NULL):Returns an integer vector containing the first positions of an identical match in table for the elements in x .

## Other methods

In the code snippets below, x is an XStringSet object.
unlist (x): Turns $x$ into an XString object by combining the sequences in $x$ together. Fast equivalent to do.call(c, as.list(x)).
as.character ( $x$, use. names): Convert $x$ to a character vector of the same length as $x$. use. names controls whether or not names (x) should be used to set the names of the returned vector (default is TRUE).
as.matrix (x, use.names) : Return a character matrix containing the "exploded" representation of the strings. This can only be used on an XStringSet object with equal-width strings. use. names controls whether or not names ( $x$ ) should be used to set the row names of the returned matrix (default is TRUE).
toString (x): Equivalent to toString(as.character(x)).

## Author(s)

H. Pages

## See Also

## Examples

```
## -------------------------------------------------------------------------------
## A. USING THE XStringSet CONSTRUCTORS ON A CHARACTER VECTOR
## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## Note that there is no XStringSet() constructor, but an XStringSet
## family of constructors: BStringSet(), DNAStringSet(), RNAStringSet(),
## etc...
x0 <- c("#CTC-NACCAGTAT", "#TTGA", "TACCTAGAG")
width(x0)
x1 <- BStringSet(x0)
x1
## 3 equivalent ways to obtain the same BStringSet object:
BStringSet(x0, start=4, end=-3)
subseq(x1, start=4, end=-3)
BStringSet(subseq(x0, start=4, end=-3))
dna0 <- DNAStringSet(x0, start=4, end=-3)
dna0
names(dna0)
names(dna0)[2] <- "seqB"
dna0
## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## B. USING THE XStringSet CONSTRUCTORS ON AN XStringSet OBJECT
## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
library(drosophila2probe)
probes <- DNAStringSet(drosophila2probe)
probes
RNAStringSet(probes, start=2, end=-5) # does NOT copy the sequence data!
## -----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## C. USING subseq() ON AN XStringSet OBJECT
## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
subseq(probes, start=2, end=-5)
subseq(probes, start=13, end=13) <- "N"
probes
## Add/remove a prefix:
subseq(probes, start=1, end=0) <- "--"
probes
subseq(probes, end=2) <- ""
probes
## Do more complicated things:
subseq(probes, start=4:7, end=7) <- c("YYYY", "YYY", "YY", "Y")
subseq(probes, start=4, end=6) <- subseq(probes, start=-2:-5)
probes
## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## D. COMPACTING AN XStringSet OBJECT
## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## Compacting is done typically before serialization.
library(drosophila2probe)
```

```
probes <- DNAStringSet(drosophila2probe)
object.size(probes)
y1 <- subseq(probes[1:12], start=5)
object.size(y1)
file1 <- file.path(tempdir(), "y1.rda")
save(yl, file=file1)
file.info(file1)$size
y2 <- compact(y1)
object.size(y2) # much smaller!
file2 <- file.path(tempdir(), "y2.rda")
save(y2, file=file2)
file.info(file2)$size
## -----------------------------------------------------------------------------
## E. UNLISTING AN XStringSet OBJECT
## ------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
library(drosophila2probe)
probes <- DNAStringSet(drosophila2probe)
unlist(probes)
```

XStringSet-io Read/write an XStringSet or XStringViews object from/to a file

## Description

Functions to read/write an XStringSet or XStringViews object from/to a file.

## Usage

```
## Read FASTA (or FASTQ) files in an XStringSet object:
read.BStringSet(filepath, format="fasta")
read.DNAStringSet(filepath, format="fasta")
read.RNAStringSet(filepath, format="fasta")
read.AAStringSet(filepath, format="fasta")
## Extract basic information about FASTA (or FASTQ) files
## without loading them:
fasta.info(filepath, use.descs=TRUE)
fastq.geometry(filepath)
## Write an XStringSet object to a FASTA (or FASTQ) file:
write.XStringSet(x, file="", append=FALSE, format="fasta", width=80)
## Serialize an XStringSet object:
save.XStringSet(x, objname, dirpath=".", save.dups=FALSE, verbose=TRUE)
## Some legacy stuff:
read.XStringViews(filepath, format="fasta", subjectClass, collapse="")
write.XStringViews(x, file="", append=FALSE, format="fasta", width=80)
FASTArecordsToCharacter(FASTArecs, use.names=TRUE)
CharacterToFASTArecords(x)
FASTArecordsToXStringViews(FASTArecs, subjectClass, collapse="")
XStringSetToFASTArecords(x)
```


## Arguments

$\left.\begin{array}{ll}\text { filepath } & \begin{array}{l}\text { A character vector containing the paths to the input files. } \\ \text { format }\end{array} \\ \text { Use.descs } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Either "fasta" (the default) or "fastq". Note that write. XStringSet } \\ \text { and write.XStringViews only support "fasta" for now. }\end{array} \\ \text { x } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Should the returned vector be named with the description lines found in the } \\ \text { FASTA records? }\end{array} \\ \text { For write.XStringSet and write. XStringViews, the object to write } \\ \text { to file. For CharacterToFASTArecords, the (possibly named) char- } \\ \text { acter vector to be converted to a list of FASTA records as one returned by } \\ \text { readFASTA. For XStringSet ToFASTArecords, the XStringSet object } \\ \text { to be converted to a list of FASTA records as one returned by readFASTA. }\end{array}\right\}$

## Details

Only FASTA and FASTQ files are supported for now. The identifiers and qualities stored in the FASTQ records are ignored (only the sequences are returned).

Reading functions read.BStringSet, read.DNAStringSet, read.RNAStringSet, read.AAStringSet and read. XStringViews load sequences from an input file (or set of input files) into an XStringSet or XStringViews object. (Note that for now read.XStringViews can only read 1 FASTA file at a time but this will be addressed ASAP). When multiple input files are specified, they are read in the corresponding order and their data are stored in the returned object in that order. Note that when multiple input FASTQ files are specified, they must all have the same "width" (i.e. all their sequences must have the same length).
The fasta. info utility returns an integer vector with one element per FASTA record in the input files. Each element is the length of the sequence found in the corresponding record. If use. descs is TRUE (the default) then the returned vector is named with the description lines found in the FASTA records.

The fastq. geometry utility returns an integer vector describing the "geometry" of the FASTQ files i.e. a vector of length 2 where the first element is the total number of FASTQ records in the files and the second element the common "width" of these files (this width is NA if the files contain no FASTQ records or records with different "widths").
Writing functions write.XStringSet and write.XStringViews write an XStringSet or XStringViews object to a file or connection. They only support the FASTA format for now.
Serializing an XStringSet object with save.XStringSet is equivalent to using the standard save mechanism. But it will try to reduce the size of $x$ in memory first before calling save. Most of the times this leads to a much reduced size on disk.

FASTArecordsToCharacter, CharacterToFASTArecords, FASTArecordsToXStringViews and XStringSet ToFASTArecords are helper functions used internally by write. XStringSet and read.XStringViews for switching between different representations of the same object.

## See Also

readFASTA, writeFASTA, XStringSet-class, XStringViews-class, BString-class, DNAStringclass, RNAString-class, AAString-class

## Examples

```
##
## A. READ/WRITE FASTA FILES
## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------
filepath <- system.file("extdata", "someORF.fa", package="Biostrings")
fasta.info(filepath)
x <- read.DNAStringSet(filepath)
x
write.XStringSet(x) # writes to the console
##
## B. READ FASTQ FILES
##
filepath <- system.file("extdata", "s_1_sequence.txt", package="Biostrings")
fastq.geometry(filepath)
## Only the FASTQ sequences are returned (identifiers and qualities
## are dropped):
read.DNAStringSet(filepath, format="fastq")
## ------------------
## ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------
library(BSgenome.Celegans.UCSC.ce2)
## Create a "sliding window" on chr I:
sw_start <- seq.int(1, length(Celegans$chrI)-50, by=50)
sw <- Views(Celegans$chrI, start=sw_start, width=10)
my_fake_shortreads <- as(sw, "XStringSet")
save.XStringSet(my_fake_shortreads, "my_fake_shortreads", dirpath=tempdir())
##
## D. SOME RELATED HELPER FUNCTIONS
##
## Converting 'x'...
## ... to a list of FASTA records (as one returned by the "readFASTA" function)
x1 <- XStringSetToFASTArecords(x)
## ... to a named character vector
```

```
x2 <- FASTArecordsToCharacter(x1) # same as 'as.character(x)'
```

```
XStringSetList-class
```

XStringSetList objects

## Description

The XStringSetList class is a virtual container for storing a list of XStringSet objects.

## Details

Concrete flavors of the XStringSetList container are the BStringSetList, DNAStringSetList, RNAStringSetList and AAStringSetList containers for storing a list of BStringSet, DNAStringSet, RNAStringSet and AAStringSet objects, respectively. These four containers are direct subclasses of XStringSetList with no additional slots.

## Methods

## TODO

## Author(s)

H. Pages

## See Also

XStringSet-class, Grouping-class, Sequence-class

## Examples

```
unlisted <- DNAStringSet(c("AAA", "AC", "GGATA"))
partitioning <- PartitioningByEnd(c(0, 2, 2, 3))
x <- new("DNAStringSetList",
        unlisted=unlisted,
        partitioning=partitioning)
x
length(x)
unlist(x)
x[[1]]
x[[2]]
as.list(x)
names(x) <- LETTERS[1:4]
x[["A"]]
x[["B"]]
as.list(x) # named list
## Using the Grouping core API on 'partitioning(x)':
partitioning(x)
length(partitioning(x))
nobj(partitioning(x))
grouplength(partitioning(x)) # same as 'unname(sapply(x, length))'
```

```
## Using the Ranges core API on 'partitioning(x)':
start(partitioning(x))
end(partitioning(x))
width(partitioning(x)) # same as 'grouplength(partitioning(x))'
```

```
XStringViews-class The XStringViews class
```


## Description

The XStringViews class is the basic container for storing a set of views (start/end locations) on the same sequence (an XString object).

## Details

An XStringViews object contains a set of views (start/end locations) on the same XString object called "the subject string" or "the subject sequence" or simply "the subject". Each view is defined by its start and end locations: both are integers such that start <= end. An XStringViews object is in fact a particular case of an Views object (the XStringViews class contains the Views class) so it can be manipulated in a similar manner: see ?Views for more information. Note that two views can overlap and that a view can be "out of limits" i.e. it can start before the first letter of the subject or/and end after its last letter.

## Constructor

```
Views(subject, start=NULL, end=NULL, width=NULL, names=NULL):See ?Views
``` in the IRanges package for the details.

\section*{Accessor-like methods}

All the accessor-like methods defined for Views objects work on XStringViews objects. In addition, the following accessors are defined for XStringViews objects:
nchar (x): A vector of non-negative integers containing the number of letters in each view. Values in nchar ( x ) coincide with values in width ( x ) except for "out of limits" views where they are lower.

\section*{Other methods}

In the code snippets below, \(x\), object, e1 and e2 are XStringViews objects, and \(i\) can be a numeric or logical vector.
e1 ==e2: A vector of logicals indicating the result of the view by view comparison. The views in the shorter of the two XStringViews object being compared are recycled as necessary.
Like for comparison between XString objects, comparison between two XStringViews objects with subjects of different classes is not supported with one exception: when the subjects are DNAString and RNAString instances.
Also, like with XString objects, comparison between an XStringViews object with a BString subject and a character vector is supported (see examples below).
e1 ! = e2: Equivalent to ! (e1 == e2).
as.character(x, use.names, check.limits): Convert \(x\) to a character vector of the same length as \(x\). use. names controls whether or not names ( \(x\) ) should be used to set the names of the returned vector (default is TRUE). check. limits controls whether or not an error should be raised if \(x\) contains "out of limit" views (default is TRUE). With check.limits=FALSE then "out of limit" views are padded with spaces.
as.matrix(x, mode, use.names, check.limits): Depending on what mode is chosen ("integer" or "character"), return either a 2-column integer matrix containing start ( \(x\) ) and end ( \(x\) ) or a character matrix containing the "exploded" representation of the views. mode="character" can only be used on an XStringViews object with equal-width views. Arguments use. names and check. limits are ignored with mode="integer". With mode="character", use.names controls whether or not names (x) should be used to set the row names of the returned matrix (default is TRUE), and check.limits controls whether or not an error should be raised if \(x\) contains "out of limit" views (default is TRUE). With check.limits=FALSE then "out of limit" views are padded with spaces.
```

toString(x): Equivalent to toString(as.character(x)).

```

\section*{Author(s)}

\section*{H. Pages}

\section*{See Also}

Views-class, gaps, XStringViews-constructors, XString-class, XStringSet-class, letter, MIndexclass

\section*{Examples}
```


## One standard way to create an XStringViews object is to use

## the Views() constructor.

## Views on a DNAString object:

s <- DNAString("-CTC-N")
v4 <- Views(s, start=3:0, end=5:8)
v4
subject(v4)
length(v4)
start(v4)
end(v4)
width(v4)

## Attach a comment to views \#3 and \#4:

names(v4)[3:4] <- "out of limits"
names(v4)

## A more programatical way to "tag" the "out of limits" views:

names(v4)[start(v4) < 1 | nchar(subject(v4)) < end(v4)] <- "out of limits"

## or just:

names(v4)[nchar(v4) < width(v4)] <- "out of limits"

## Two equivalent ways to extract a view as an XString object:

s2a <- v4[[2]]
s2b <- subseq(subject(v4), start=start(v4)[2], end=end(v4)[2])
identical(s2a, s2b) \# TRUE

## It is an error to try to extract an "out of limits" view:

```
```

\#v4[[3]] \# Error!
v12 <- Views(DNAString("TAATAATG"), start=-2:9, end=0:11)
v12 == DNAString("TAA")
v12[v12 == v12[4]]
v12[v12 == v12[1]]
v12[3] == Views(RNAString("AU"), start=0, end=2)

## Here the first view doesn't even overlap with the subject:

Views(BString("aaa--b"), start=-3:4, end=-3:4 + c(3:6, 6:3))

## 'start' and 'end' are recycled:

subject <- "abcdefghij"
Views(subject, start=2:1, end=4)
Views(subject, start=5:7, end=nchar(subject))
Views(subject, start=1, end=5:7)

## Applying gaps() to an XStringViews object:

v2 <- Views("abCDefgHIJK", start=c(8, 3), end=c(14, 4))
gaps(v2)

## Coercion:

as(v12, "XStringSet") \# same as 'as(v12, "DNAStringSet")'
as(v12, "RNAStringSet")

```
XStringViews-constructors

\section*{Basic functions for creating or modifying XStringViews objects}

\section*{Description}

A set of basic functions for creating or modifying XStringViews objects.

\section*{Usage}
```

adjacentViews(subject, width, gapwidth=0)
XStringViews(x, subjectClass, collapse="")

```

\section*{Arguments}
subject An XString object or a single string.
width An integer vector containing the widths of the views.
gapwidth An integer vector containing the widths of the gaps between the views.
x
An XString object or a character vector for XStringViews.
subjectClass The class to be given to the subject of the XStringViews object created and returned by the function. Must be the name of one of the direct XString subclasses i.e. "BString", "DNAString", "RNAString" or "AAString".
collapse An optional character string to be inserted between the views of the XStringViews object created and returned by the function.

\section*{Details}

The adjacentViews function returns an XStringViews object containing views on subject with widths given in the width vector and separated by gaps of width gapwidth. The first view starts at position 1.
The XStringViews constructor will try to create an XStringViews object from the value passed to its x argument. If x itself is an XStringViews object, the returned object is obtained by coercing its subject to the class specified by subjectClass. If \(x\) is an XString object, the returned object is made of a single view that starts at the first letter and ends at the last letter of \(x\) (in addition \(x\) itself is coerced to the class specified by subjectClass when specified). If \(x\) is a character vector, the returned object has one view per character string in x (and its subject is an instance of the class specified by subjectClass).

\section*{Value}

These functions return an XStringViews object \(y\). length \((y)\) (the number of views in \(y\) ) is length (width) for the adjacentViews function. For the XStringViews constructor, length ( \(y\) ) is 1 when \(x\) is an XString object and length ( \(x\) ) otherwise.

\section*{See Also}

XStringViews-class, XString-class

\section*{Examples}
```

adjacentViews("abcdefghij", 4:2, gapwidth=1)
v12 <- Views(DNAString("TAATAATG"), start=-2:9, end=0:11)
XStringViews(v12, subjectClass="RNAString")
XStringViews(AAString("MARKSLEMSIR*"))
XStringViews("abcdefghij", subjectClass="BString")

```
```

yeastSEQCHR1 An annotation data file for CHR1 in the yeastSEQ package

```

\section*{Description}

This is a single character string containing DNA sequence of yeast chromosome number 1. The data were obtained from the Saccharomyces Genome Database (ftp://genome-ftp. stanford. edu/pub/yeast/data_download/sequence/genomic_sequence/chromosomes/ fasta/).

\section*{Details}

Annotation based on data provided by Yeast Genome project.
Source data built:Yeast Genome data are built at various time intervals. Sources used were downloaded Fri Nov 21 14:00:47 2003 Package built: Fri Nov 21 14:00:47 2003

\section*{References}
http://www.yeastgenome.org/DownloadContents.shtml

\section*{Examples}
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data(yeastSEQCHR1)
nchar(yeastSEQCHR1)

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