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**Description** The MADSEQ package provides a group of hierarchical Bayesian models for the detection of mosaic aneuploidy, the inference of the type of aneuploidy and also for the quantification of the fraction of aneuploid cells in the sample.

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MADSEQ-package	<i>Mosaic Aneuploidy Detection using Massive Parallel Sequencing Data (MADSEQ)</i>
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**Description**

The MADSEQ package provides a group of hierarchical Bayesian models for the detection and quantification of mosaic aneuploidy using massive parallele sequencing data.

**Details**

MADSEQ is a group of hierarchical Bayesian models used for the detection and quantification of mosaic aneuploidy. The package takes bam file and vcf file as input. There are functions for the calculation of the coverage for the sequencing data; the normalization of the coverage to correct GC bias; the detection and quantification of mosaic aneuploidy and the inference of the type of aneuploidy (monosomy, mitotic trisomy, meiotic trisomy, loss of heterozygosity). The package also includes function to visualize the estimated distribution for detected mosaic aneuploidy. To fully understand how to use the MADSEQ package, please check the documentation. The manual explains what data do you need, and how to process the data to be ready for the model, what steps to follow and how to interpret the output from our model.

**Author(s)**

Yu Kong

## References

Martyn Plummer (2016). rjags: Bayesian Graphical Models using MCMC. R package version 4-6. <http://CRAN.R-project.org/package=rjags>  
 C. Alkan, J. Kidd, T. Marques-Bonet et al (2009). Personalized copy number and segmental duplication maps using next-generation sequencing. Nature Genetics, 41(10):1061-7.

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aneuploidy_chr18	<i>An S4 class MadSeq object</i>
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## Description

An MadSeq object returned by the function `runMadSeq`, the object contains the posterior distribution and deltaBIC value of a trisomy chromosome 18

## Usage

```
aneuploidy_chr18
```

## Format

An MadSeq object

## Value

MadSeq object returned from `runMadSeq` function, mitotic trisomy has been detected for the chromosome18

## Examples

```
## to load the data
data(aneuploidy_chr18)
## check statistics of the data
summary(aneuploidy_chr18)
```

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deltaBIC	<i>Accessing delta BIC of MadSeq object</i>
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## Description

An S4 method to access the delta BIC values of `MadSeq` object

## Usage

```
deltaBIC(object)

## S4 method for signature 'MadSeq'
deltaBIC(object)
```

**Arguments**

object                    A MadSeq object returned by [runMadSeq](#) function

**Value**

A numeric vector containing deltaBIC values between selected model and other models

**Author(s)**

Yu Kong

**See Also**

[MadSeq](#), [runMadSeq](#)

**Examples**

```
## load the example MadSeq object come with the package
data("aneuploidy_chr18")

## access deltaBIC
deltaBIC(aneuploidy_chr18)
```

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MadSeq-class

*The MadSeq class*

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**Description**

An S4 class contains estimated result returned from [runMadSeq](#) function

**Slots**

posterior A matrix contains the posterior distribution from the selected model

deltaBIC A numeric vector contains the deltaBIC value between selected model and other models. The deltaBIC between models indicate the confidence level that selected model against other models: deltaBIC ~ [0,2]: Not worth more than a bare mention deltaBIC ~ [2,6]: Positive deltaBIC ~ [6,10]: Strong deltaBIC >10: Very Strong

**Accessors**

In the code below, x is a MadSeq object.

posterior(x): Get the matrix containing posterior distribution of selected model.

deltaBIC(x): Get the deltaBIC between selected model and other models

**Summary**

In the code below, x is a MadSeq object.

summary(x): summarize the posterior distribution

**MadSeq Methods**

In the code below, x is a MadSeq object.

plotMadSeq(x): Plot the posterior distribution of all parameters in selected model.

plotFraction(x): Plot the estimated distribution of the fraction of aneuploid sample.

plotMixture(x): Plot the distribution of AAF estimated from the selected model.

**Author(s)**

Yu Kong

**See Also**

[runMadSeq](#), [plotMadSeq](#)

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normalizeCoverage	<i>correct coverage bias due to GC content</i>
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**Description**

function to normalize coverage by GC content and quantile normalization

**Usage**

```
normalizeCoverage(object, ..., control = NULL, writeToFile = TRUE,
  destination = NULL, plot = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

object	A GRanges object returned from <a href="#">prepareCoverageGC</a> function.
...	additional GRanges object to pass. <b>Note1:</b> If there is only one Granges object given, then coverage will be corrected by GC content. If there are more than one GRanges object from multiple samples are given, the function will first quantile normalize coverage across samples, then correct coverage by GC content in each sample. <b>Note2:</b> If more than one GRanges object provided, make sure they are different samples sequenced by the same protocol, which means the targeted region is the same <b>Note3:</b> If your input samples contain female and male, we suggest you separate them to get a more accurate normalization.

control	A GRanges object returned from <a href="#">prepareCoverageGC</a> function. <b>Default value:</b> <b>NULL</b> . If you have a control normal sample, then put it here
writeToFile	Boolean Default: TRUE. If TRUE, normalized coverage table for each sample provided will be written to destination specified, the file will be named as "sample_normed_depth.txt". If set to FALSE, a <a href="#">GRangesList</a> object will be returned
destination	A character, specify the path to the location where the normalized coverage table will be written. Default: NULL, the file will be written to current working directory
plot	Boolean Default: TRUE. If TRUE, the coverage vs. GC content plot before and after normalization will be plotted And the average coverage for each chromosome before and after normalization will be plotted

### Value

If writeToFile is set to TRUE, normalized coverage will be written to the destination. Otherwise, a [GRangesList](#) object containing each of input sample will be returned.

### Note

The normalize function works better when you have multiple samples sequenced using the same protocol, namely have the same targeted regions. And if you have female sample and male sample, the best way is to normalize them separately.

### Author(s)

Yu Kong

### References

C. Alkan, J. Kidd, T. Marques-Bonet et al (2009). Personalized copy number and segmental duplication maps using next-generation sequencing. Nature Genetics, 41(10):1061-7.

### See Also

[prepareCoverageGC](#)

### Examples

```
##-----
##if you deal with single sample
##-----
## 1. prepare coverage and gc
## specify the path to the location of bed file
target = system.file("extdata","target.bed",package="MADSEQ")

## specify the path to the bam file
aneuploidy_bam = system.file("extdata","aneuploidy.bam",package="MADSEQ")

## prepare coverage data for the aneuploidy sample
```

```

aneuploidy_cov_gc = prepareCoverageGC(target,aneuploidy_bam,"hg19")

## normalize the coverage
##---- if not write to file ----
aneuploidy_norm = normalizeCoverage(aneuploidy_cov_gc,writeToFile=FALSE)
## check the GRangesList and subset your sample
aneuploidy_norm
names(aneuploidy_norm)
aneuploidy_norm["aneuploidy_cov_gc"]

##---- if write to file ----
normalizeCoverage(aneuploidy_cov_gc,writeToFile=TRUE,destination=".")

##-----
##if you deal with multiple samples without normal control
##-----
## specify the path to the location of bed file
target = system.file("extdata","target.bed",package="MADSEQ")

## specify the path to the bam file
aneuploidy_bam = system.file("extdata","aneuploidy.bam",package="MADSEQ")
normal_bam = system.file("extdata","normal.bam",package="MADSEQ")

## prepare coverage data for the samples
aneuploidy_cov_gc = prepareCoverageGC(target,aneuploidy_bam,"hg19")
normal_cov_gc = prepareCoverageGC(target,normal_bam,"hg19")

## normalize the coverage
normed=normalizeCoverage(aneuploidy_cov_gc,normal_cov_gc,writeToFile=FALSE)
names(normed)
normed["aneuploidy_cov_gc"]
normed["normal_cov_gc"]
## or
normalizeCoverage(aneuploidy_cov_gc,normal_cov_gc,
                  writeToFile=TRUE,destination=".")

##-----
##if you deal with multiple samples with a normal control
##-----
## specify the path to the location of bed file
target = system.file("extdata","target.bed",package="MADSEQ")

## specify the path to the bam file
aneuploidy_bam = system.file("extdata","aneuploidy.bam",package="MADSEQ")
normal_bam = system.file("extdata","normal.bam",package="MADSEQ")

## prepare coverage data for the samples
aneuploidy_cov_gc = prepareCoverageGC(target,aneuploidy_bam,"hg19")
normal_cov_gc = prepareCoverageGC(target,normal_bam,"hg19")

## normalize the coverage
normed = normalizeCoverage(aneuploidy_cov_gc,
                          control=normal_cov_gc,writeToFile=FALSE)

```

```
## or
normalizeCoverage(aneuploidy_cov_gc, control=normal_cov_gc,
                  writeToFile=TRUE, destination=".")
```

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plotFraction	<i>histogram for the fraction of aneuploid cells estimated by MadSeq model</i>
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### Description

histogram of the posterior distribution of the fraction of aneuploid cells estimated by the selected model.

### Usage

```
plotFraction(object, prob = 0.95)

## S4 method for signature 'MadSeq'
plotFraction(object, prob = 0.95)
```

### Arguments

object	A <a href="#">MadSeq</a> object returned by <a href="#">runMadSeq</a> function.
prob	A numeric value between 0~1 specify the highest posterior interval (similar to credible interval) for the distribution. Default: 0.95.

### Value

the histogram of posterior distribution of the fraction

### Note

If normal model has been selected by [runMadSeq](#) function, no fraction plot will be produced by this function.

### Author(s)

Yu Kong  
Yu Kong

### See Also

[runMadSeq](#), [plotMadSeq](#), [plotMixture](#)



### Examples

```
## load the example MadSeq object come with the package
data("aneuploidy_chr18")

## plot estimated fraction of aneuploid cells
plotFraction(aneuploidy_chr18)
```

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plotMadSeq	<i>density plot for posterior distribution of selected model</i>
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### Description

plot the density plot for each of the parameters in the posterior distribution from selected model

### Usage

```
plotMadSeq(object)

## S4 method for signature 'MadSeq'
plotMadSeq(object)
```

### Arguments

object            A [MadSeq](#) object returned by [runMadSeq](#) function.

### Value

the density plot for parameters in the posterior distribution of selected model.

### Author(s)

Yu Kong  
Yu Kong

### See Also

[runMadSeq](#), [plotFraction](#), [plotMixture](#)

### Examples

```
## load the example MadSeq object come with the package
data("aneuploidy_chr18")

## plot the posterior distribution
plotMadSeq(aneuploidy_chr18)
```

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plotMixture	<i>density plot for the posterior distribution of alternative allele frequency estimated from the selected model</i>
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## Description

density plot presents the posterior distribution of alternative allele frequency (AAF) estimated from selected model

## Usage

```
plotMixture(object)

## S4 method for signature 'MadSeq'
plotMixture(object)
```

## Arguments

object            A [MadSeq](#) object returned by [runMadSeq](#) function.

## Value

density plot for the posterior distribution of AAF

## Author(s)

Yu Kong  
Yu Kong

## See Also

[runMadSeq](#), [plotMadSeq](#), [plotFraction](#)

## Examples

```
## load the example MadSeq object come with the package
data("aneuploidy_chr18")

## plot the distribution of estimated AAF
plotMixture(aneuploidy_chr18)
```

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posterior	<i>Accessing posterior distribution of MadSeq object</i>
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**Description**

An S4 method to access the posterior distribution of [MadSeq](#) object

**Usage**

```
posterior(object)

## S4 method for signature 'MadSeq'
posterior(object)
```

**Arguments**

object            A MadSeq object returned by [runMadSeq](#) function

**Value**

A matrix containing posterior distribution of selected model

**Author(s)**

Yu Kong  
Yu Kong

**See Also**

[MadSeq](#), [runMadSeq](#)

**Examples**

```
## load the example MadSeq object come with the package
data("aneuploidy_chr18")

## access posterior distribution
posterior(aneuploidy_chr18)
```

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prepareCoverageGC	<i>get sequencing coverage and GC content for targeted regions</i>
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### Description

Given a bam file and a bed file containing targeted regions, return sequencing coverage and GC content for each targeted region

### Usage

```
prepareCoverageGC(target_bed, bam, genome_assembly = "hg19")
```

### Arguments

target_bed	A character, specify the path to the location of bed file containing targeted regions.
bam	character, path to the bam file. Please make sure that bam file is sorted, and the index bam is present
genome_assembly	A character, indicating the assembly number of your genome. Default:"hg19". To see available genome_assembly, use <a href="#">available.genomes</a> from <a href="#">BSgenome</a> package

### Value

a GRanges object with at least two mcols: depth and GC, each range indicating a targeted region

### Note

The bam file should be sorted and indexed.

### Author(s)

Yu Kong

### See Also

[normalizeCoverage](#)

### Examples

```
## specify the path to the location of bed file
target = system.file("extdata", "target.bed", package="MADSEQ")

## specify the path to the bam file
aneuploidy_bam = system.file("extdata", "aneuploidy.bam", package="MADSEQ")
normal_bam = system.file("extdata", "normal.bam", package="MADSEQ")
```

```
## prepare coverage data for the samples
aneuploidy_cov_gc = prepareCoverageGC(target,aneuploidy_bam,"hg19")
normal_cov_gc = prepareCoverageGC(target,normal_bam,"hg19")
```

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```
prepareHetero
```

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```
prepare heterozygous sites for aneuploidy detection
```

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## Description

given the vcf file and bed file containing targeted region, generate processed heterozygous sites for further analysis

## Usage

```
prepareHetero(vcffile, target_bed, genome = "hg19", writeToFile = TRUE,
  destination = NULL, plot = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

vcffile	A character, specify the path to the location of the vcf.gz file of your sample. <b>Note:</b> the vcf file need to be compressed by bgzip. The tool is part of tabix package, can be download from <a href="http://www.htslib.org/">http://www.htslib.org/</a>
target_bed	A character, specify the path to the location of bed file containing targeted regions.
genome	A character, specify the assembly of your genome. Default: hg19. To see available genome assembly, use <a href="#">available.genomes</a> from <a href="#">BSgenome</a> package
writeToFile	Boolean Default: TRUE. If TRUE, processed table containing heterozygous sites will be written to destination specified, the file will be named as "sample_filtered_heterozygous.txt". If set to FALSE, a <a href="#">GRanges</a> object containing processed heterozygous sites will be returned
destination	A character, specify the path to the location where the processed heterozygous sites table will be written. Default: NULL, the file will be written to current working directory
plot	A Boolean Default: FALSE. If TRUE, A plot showing AAF before and after filtering for problematic regions will be generated

## Value

If writeToFile is set to TRUE, processed table will be written to the destination. Otherwise, a [GRanges](#) object containing each of input sample will be returned.

## Note

1. The vcf file you provided need to be compressed by bgzip
2. The vcf file should contain depth and allelic depth for variants in the FORMAT field

**Author(s)**

Yu Kong

**See Also**[runMadSeq](#)**Examples**

```
## specify the path to the vcf.gz file for the aneuploidy sample
aneuploidy_vcf=system.file("extdata","aneuploidy.vcf.gz",package="MADSEQ")
target = system.file("extdata","target.bed",package="MADSEQ")
##----- if not write to file -----
aneuploidy_hetero=prepareHetero(aneuploidy_vcf,target,writeToFile=FALSE)

##----- if write to file -----
prepareHetero(aneuploidy_vcf, target,writeToFile=TRUE, destination=".")
```

runMadSeq

*Model to detect and quantify mosaic aneuploidy***Description**

Take in the heterozygous sites and coverage information, use different models (normal, monosomy, mitotic trisomy, meiotic trisomy, loss of heterozygosity) to fit the data, and select the model fit the data best according to BIC value and return estimation of the fraction of aneuploid cells.

**Usage**

```
runMadSeq(hetero, coverage, target_chr, adapt = 10000, burnin = 10000,
  nChain = 2, nStep = 10000, thinSteps = 2, checkConvergence = FALSE,
  plot = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

hetero	A character specify the location of processed heterozygous table returned by <a href="#">prepareHetero</a> function, or A GRanges object returned by <a href="#">prepareHetero</a> function
coverage	A character specify the location of normalized coverage table returned by <a href="#">normalizeCoverage</a> function, or A GRanges object from the GRangesList returned by <a href="#">normalizeCoverage</a> function. Look up your sample by names(GRangesList), and subset your the normalized coverage for your sample by GRangesList["sample_name"]. For more details, please check the example.
target_chr	A character specify the chromosome number you want to detect. <b>Note:</b> Please check your assembly, use contig name "chr1" or "1" accordingly.
adapt	A integer indicate the adaption steps for the MCMC sampling. Default: 10000

burnin	A integer indicate burnin steps for the MCMC sampling. Default: 10000. If the posterior distribution is not converged, increasing burnin steps can be helpful.
nChain	A integer indicate the number of chains for the MCMC sampling. Default: 2. <b>Note:</b> More than 1 chain is required if checkConvergence is set to TRUE.
nStep	A integer indicate the number of steps to be recorded for the MCMC sampling. Default: 10000. Generally, the more steps you record, the more accurate the estimation is.
thinSteps	A integer indicate the number of steps to "thin" (thinSteps=1) means save everystep. Default: 2.
checkConvergence	A Boolean indicate whether to check the convergence of independent MCMC chains. If your data is not converged, you may increase adaption step and burnin step. Default: FALSE
plot	A Boolean. If TRUE, the alternative allele frequency (AAF) for each heterozygous site along the target chromosome will be plotted.

**Value**

An S4 object of class MadSeq containing the posterior distribution for the selected model, and deltaBIC between five models.

**Note**

- 1.If you didn't write normalized coverage into file, please subset the normalized coverage GRanges object from the GRangesList object returned from the [normalizeCoverage](#) function.
2. When specify target\_chr, please make sure it consist with the contig names in your sequencing data, example: "chr1" and "1".
3. If checkConvergence set to TRUE, the nChain has to be >2
4. If it shows that your chains are not converged, helpful options are increasing the adapt and burnin steps.
5. Because the model is an MCMC sampling process, it can take a very long time to finish. Running in the background or HPC is recommended.

**Author(s)**

Yu Kong

**References**

Martyn Plummer (2016). rjags: Bayesian Graphical Models using MCMC. R package version 4-6.  
<https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=rjags>

**See Also**

[MadSeq](#), [plotMadSeq](#), [plotFraction](#), [plotMixture](#)

## Examples

```
## -----
## The following example is for the case that normalized coverage and
## processed heterozygous sites have not been written to files. For more
## examples, please check the documentation.
## -----
##-----Prepare Heterozygous Sites
## specify the path to the vcf.gz file for the aneuploidy sample
aneuploidy_vcf = system.file("extdata","aneuploidy.vcf.gz",package="MADSEQ")
## specify the path to the bed file containing targeted region
target = system.file("extdata","target.bed",package="MADSEQ")
## prepare heterozygous sites
aneuploidy_hetero = prepareHetero(aneuploidy_vcf,target, writeToFile=FALSE)

##-----Prepare Normalized Coverage
## specify the path to the bam file
aneuploidy_bam = system.file("extdata","aneuploidy.bam",package="MADSEQ")
normal_bam = system.file("extdata","normal.bam",package="MADSEQ")

## prepare coverage data for the samples
aneuploidy_cov_gc = prepareCoverageGC(target,aneuploidy_bam,"hg19")
normal_cov_gc = prepareCoverageGC(target,normal_bam,"hg19")

## normalize the coverage
normed = normalizeCoverage(aneuploidy_cov_gc,
                           control=normal_cov_gc,writeToFile=FALSE)

##-----subset normalized coverage GRanges object
aneuploidy_normed_cov = normed[["aneuploidy_cov_gc"]]
## check chromosome18
## (to speed up the example, we only run one chain and less steps here,
## but default settings are recommended in real case)
aneuploidy_chr18 = runMadSeq(aneuploidy_hetero, aneuploidy_normed_cov,
                             target_chr="chr18", adapt=100, burnin=200,
                             nChain =1, nStep = 1000, thinSteps=1)
```

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summary,MadSeq-method *Summarize statistics of the MadSeq object*

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## Description

An S4 method to summarize statistics for [MadSeq](#) object

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'MadSeq'
summary(object)
```



### **Arguments**

object                    A MadSeq object returned by [runMadSeq](#) function

### **Value**

a table containing statistics for each parameters in the selected model

### **Author(s)**

Yu Kong

### **Examples**

```
## load the example MadSeq object come with the package
data("aneuploidy_chr18")

## show statistics
summary(aneuploidy_chr18)
```

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