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correct_gc_bias	<i>correct_gc_bias: Estimate and correct GC bias in coverage</i>
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Description

This generic function is used to run to calculate and correct GC-content-based coverage bias

This function optionally estimates and then corrects the GC bias based on a GC-content factor file that is either generated or provided by the user using a sliding window approach. It creates a GC factor file and a corrected coverage file, both of which are placed in the output directory under '/gc'.

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Usage

```
correct_gc_bias(obj, ...)

## Default S3 method:
correct_gc_bias(
  obj = NULL,
  df = NULL,
  sample.names = NULL,
  ano.file,
  out.dir = NULL,
  ncpus = 1,
  file.raw.coverage = NULL,
  file.corrected.coverage = NULL,
  file.gc.factor = NULL,
  win.size = 75,
  gc.step = 0.01,
  estimate_gc = TRUE,
  verbose = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'RCNA_object'
correct_gc_bias(obj, verbose = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

obj	A RCNA_object type object - parameters will be pulled from the object instead, specifically from the 'gcParams' slot.
...	Additional arguments (unused)
df	Path to the config file, or a 'data.frame' object containing the valid parameters. Valid column names are 'file.raw.coverage', 'file.gc.factor', 'file.corrected.coverage', and 'sample.names'. Additional columns will be ignored.
sample.names	Character vector of sample names. Alternatively can be specified in 'df'.
ano.file	Location of the annotation file. This file must be in CSV format and contain the following information (with column headers as specified): "feature,chromosome,start,end".
out.dir	Output directory for results. A subdirectory for results will be created under this + '/nkr/'.
ncpus	Integer number of CPUs to use. Specifying more than one allows this function to be parallelized by feature.
file.raw.coverage	Character vector listing the raw input coverage files. Must be the same length as 'sample.names'. Alternatively can be specified in 'df'.
file.corrected.coverage	Character vector listing the corrected input coverage files. If not specified new names will be generated based on the raw coverage files.
file.gc.factor	Character vector listing the GC factor files used to correct coverage. If 'estimate_gc=FALSE' then this must be provided. Otherwise it is ignored.
win.size	Size in base pairs of the sliding window used to estimate and correct the GC bias.
gc.step	Bin size for GC bias in the GC factor file. If the GC factor file is provided then the file must have corresponding bin sizes.
estimate_gc	Logical determining if GC content estimation should be performed. If set to 'FALSE' then a factor file must be provided via 'file.gc.factor' or in 'df'.
verbose	If set to TRUE will display more detail

Details

This function can be run as a stand-alone or as part of [run_RCNA](#)

The 'df' argument corresponds to the 'gcParams' matrix on [RCNA_object](#). Valid column names are 'sample.names', 'file.raw.coverage', 'file.corrected.coverage', and 'file.gc.factor'. The 'file.gc.factor' column is not required if 'estimate_gc=TRUE'. Additional columns will be ignored.

For more parameter information, see [estimate_nkr.default](#).

Value

A [RCNA_analysis](#) class object that describes the input parameters and output files generated by this step of the workflow.

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See Also

[RCNA_object](#), [RCNA_analysis](#), [run_RCNA](#)

Examples

```
## Run GC-bias estimation and correction on example object
# See \link{example_obj} for more information on example
example_obj@ano.file <- system.file("examples" , "annotations-example.csv",
  package = "RCNA")
raw.cov <- system.file("examples", "coverage",
  paste0(example_obj@sample.names, ".txt.gz"), package = "RCNA")
example_obj@gcParams$file.raw.coverage <- raw.cov
example_obj
# Create output directory
dir.create(file.path("output", "gc"), recursive = TRUE)
# Estimate and correct GC bias, append results
correct_gc_analysisObj <- correct_gc_bias(example_obj)
example_obj@commands <- c(example_obj@commands, correct_gc_analysisObj)
```

create_RCNA_object *RCNA_object constructor*

Description

An S4 class used to specify parameters for an analysis run

Usage

```
create_RCNA_object(
  sample.names,
  ano.file,
  ncpu = 1,
  out.dir = tempdir(),
  file.coverage = NULL,
  gcParams = NULL,
  win.size = 75,
  gc.step = 0.01,
```

```

file.raw.coverage = NULL,
file.corrected.coverage = NULL,
file.gc.factor = NULL,
estimate_gc = TRUE,
nkrParams = NULL,
file.nkr.coverage = NULL,
nkr = 0.9,
x.norm = NULL,
norm.cov.matrix = NULL,
scoreParams = NULL,
file.score.coverage = NULL,
score.cutoff = 0.5,
low.score.cutoff = NULL,
high.score.cutoff = NULL,
commands = list(),
verbose = FALSE
)

```

Arguments

sample.names	Character vector containing names of subjects
ano.file	Character single file path detailing a feature-wise annotation file
ncpu	Numeric value specifying number of cores to use for analysis. Multiple cores will lead to parallel execution.
out.dir	Character vector containing the name of each subject's output directory
file.coverage	Character vector containing the path to the input coverage files for NKR and CNA score estimation.
gcParams	Data Frame storing all run parameters for the correct_gc_bias function. Can be specified by a file path to a CSV file, 'data.frame', or (if not specified) will be generated by other arguments.
win.size	Numeric value detailing the size of the sliding window used to calculate and detect correct GC-content correction.
gc.step	Numeric value detailing the size of each GC-content bin. If providing pre-calculated GC factor file this must match the bins in that file.
file.raw.coverage	Character vector containing the filename of the raw coverage files for GC-content correction. Must be used in combination with 'estimate_gc' set to TRUE.
file.corrected.coverage	Character vector containing the filename of the corrected coverage files.
file.gc.factor	Character vector containing the filename of GC factor files. Used if and only if 'estimate_gc' is set to FALSE.
estimate_gc	Logical that determines if GC bias factor is calculated. If set to TRUE then GC factor files will be generated for each sample. If set to FALSE then GC factor files must be supplied via 'file.gc.factor'.

nrParams	Data Frame storing all run parameters for the estimate_nkr function. Can be specified by a file path to a CSV file, 'data.frame', or (if not specified) will be generated by other arguments.
file.nkr.coverage	Character vector containing the filename of the input coverage file for NKR estimation. Defaults to 'file.coverage' if not specified.
nkr	Numeric between 0 and 1 which specifies the coverage quantile that should be considered a "normal" karyotype range for each position. Lowering this value may increase sensitivity but also Type I error.
x.norm	Logical vector with length equal to the length of 'sample.names', denoting whether each subject has to be X-normalized. Subjects with an XX karyotype should be set to TRUE to avoid double-counting the coverage on the X chromosome. Set to FALSE if chrX coverage is already normalized.
norm.cov.matrix	Character containing the directory or file name of the normalized coverage matrix. Generated by estimate_nkr if file doesn't exist.
scoreParams	Data Frame storing all run parameters for the estimate_feature_score function. Can be specified by a file path to a CSV file, 'data.frame', or (if not specified) will be generated by other arguments.
file.score.coverage	Character vector containing the input coverage file for the scoring function. Defaults to 'file.coverage' if not specified.
score.cutoff	Numeric between 0 and 1 which specifies the score filter on the results file. This parameter creates a symmetrical cutoff around 0, filtering all results whose absolute value is less than the specified value. Non-symmetrical cutoffs can be specified using 'low.score.cutoff' and 'high.score.cutoff'.
low.score.cutoff	Numeric between 0 and 1 which specifies the lower score cutoff. Defaults to 'score.cutoff' if not specified.
high.score.cutoff	Numeric between 0 and 1 which specifies the upper score cutoff. Defaults to 'score.cutoff' if not specified.
commands	RCNA_analysis object storing commands and parameters from previous function runs on this object. For more information, see RCNA_analysis .
verbose	Show more messages and warnings. Useful for debugging.

Value

A [RCNA_object](#) class object with the specified parameters.

See Also

[RCNA_analysis](#), [run_RCNA](#)

Examples

```
# Create an example object - see \link{example_obj} for more information.
samples <- c("ex-sample-1", "ex-sample-2", "ex-sample-3")
ex.obj <- create_RCNA_object(sample.names = samples,
                             ano.file = system.file("examples", "annotations-example.csv", package = "RCNA"),
                             out.dir = "output",
                             file.raw.coverage = system.file("examples", "coverage",
                                                               paste0(samples, ".txt.gz"), package = "RCNA"),
                             norm.cov.matrix = file.path("output", "norm-cov-matrix.csv.gz"),
                             nkr = 0.9,
                             x.norm = "FALSE",
                             low.score.cutoff = -0.35,
                             high.score.cutoff = 0.35,
                             ncpu = 1)

class(ex.obj)
```

estimate_feature_score

estimate_feature_score: Estimate CNV score for each gene in the annotation file

Description

This function estimates the the CNA score for each feature in the annotation file. It creates two flat file text tables with a row for each feature, which is placed in the output directory under ‘/score’ - one with the score filter applied and one with all score results reported.

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Usage

```
estimate_feature_score(obj, ...)
```

```
## Default S3 method:
estimate_feature_score(
  obj = NULL,
  df = NULL,
  sample.names = NULL,
  ano.file,
  out.dir = NULL,
  ncpus = 1,
  file.score.coverage = NULL,
  score.cutoff = 0.5,
  low.score.cutoff = NULL,
  high.score.cutoff = NULL,
```

```

    verbose = FALSE,
    ...
)

## S3 method for class 'RCNA_object'
estimate_feature_score(obj, verbose = FALSE, ...)

```

Arguments

obj	A RCNA_object type object - parameters will be pulled from the object instead, specifically from the 'scoreParams' slot.
...	Additional arguments (unused)
df	Path to the config file, or a 'data.frame' object containing the valid parameters. Valid column names are 'file.score.coverage' and 'sample.names'. Additional columns will be ignored.
sample.names	Character vector of sample names. Alternatively can be specified in 'df'.
ano.file	Location of the annotation file. This file must be in CSV format and contain the following information (with column headers as specified): "feature,chromosome,start,end".
out.dir	Output directory for results. A subdirectory for results will be created under this + '/nkr/'.
ncpus	Integer number of CPUs to use. Specifying more than one allows this function to be parallelized by feature.
file.score.coverage	Character vector listing the input coverage files. Must be the same length as 'sample.names'. Alternatively can be specified in 'df'.
score.cutoff	Numeric between 0 and 1 which specifies the score filter on the results file. This parameter creates a symmetrical cutoff around 0, filtering all results whose absolute value is less than the specified value. Non-symmetrical cutoffs can be specified using 'low.score.cutoff' and 'high.score.cutoff'.
low.score.cutoff	Numeric between 0 and 1 which specifies the lower score cutoff. Defaults to 'score.cutoff' if not specified.
high.score.cutoff	Numeric between 0 and 1 which specifies the upper score cutoff. Defaults to 'score.cutoff' if not specified.
verbose	If set to TRUE will display more detail

Details

This function can be run as a stand-alone or as part of [run_RCNA](#).

The 'df' argument corresponds to the 'scoreParams' matrix on [RCNA_object](#). Valid column names are 'sample.names' and 'file.score.coverage'. Additional columns will be ignored.

For more parameter information, see [estimate_feature_score.default](#).

Value

A [RCNA_analysis](#) class object that describes the input parameters and output files generated by this step of the workflow.

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See Also

[RCNA_object](#), [RCNA_analysis](#), [run_RCNA](#)

Examples

```
## Estimate feature scores on example object
# See \link{example_obj} for more information on example
example_obj@ano.file <- system.file("examples", "annotations-example.csv", package = "RCNA")
example_obj
# Create output directories
dir.create(file.path("output", "score"), recursive = TRUE)
# Copy example GC-corrected coverage files
cov.corrected <- system.file("examples", "gc", package = "RCNA")
file.copy(from = cov.corrected, to = "output", recursive = TRUE)
# Copy example NKR results for "feature_a"
nkr.res <- system.file("examples", "nkr", package = "RCNA")
file.copy(from = nkr.res, to = "output", recursive = TRUE)
# Run score estimation for "feature_a" and append results
estimate_feature_score_analysisObj <- estimate_feature_score(example_obj)
example_obj@commands <- c(example_obj@commands, estimate_feature_score_analysisObj)
```

estimate_nkr

estimate_nkr: Estimate CNA "normal" karyotype ranges

Description

This generic function is used to run normal karyotype range estimation.

This function estimates the normal karyotype range for each feature in the annotation file. It creates an `.RData` object for each feature, which is placed in the output directory under `'/nkr'`. This intermediate output is used in [estimate_feature_score](#).

This function estimates the normal karyotype range for each feature in the annotation file. It creates an `.RData` object for each feature, which is placed in the output directory under `'/nkr'`. This intermediate output is used in [estimate_feature_score](#).

Usage

```
estimate_nkr(obj, ...)

## Default S3 method:
estimate_nkr(
  obj = NULL,
  df = NULL,
  sample.names = NULL,
  ano.file,
  out.dir = NULL,
  ncpus = 1,
  file.ci.coverage = NULL,
  nkr = 0.9,
  x.norm = NULL,
  norm.cov.matrix = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'RCNA_object'
estimate_nkr(obj, verbose = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

obj	A RCNA_object type object - parameters will be pulled from the object instead, specifically from the 'nkrParams' slot.
...	Additional arguments (unused)
df	Path to the config file, or a 'data.frame' object containing the valid parameters. Valid column names are 'file.nkr.coverage', 'x.norm', and 'sample.names'. Additional columns will be ignored.
sample.names	Character vector of sample names. Alternatively can be specified in 'df'.
ano.file	Location of the annotation file. This file must be in CSV format and contain the following information (with column headers as specified): "feature,chromosome,start,end".
out.dir	Output directory for results. A subdirectory for results will be created under this + '/nkr/'.
ncpus	Integer number of CPUs to use. Specifying more than one allows this function to be parallelized by feature.
file.ci.coverage	Character vector listing the input coverage files. Must be the same length as 'sample.names'. Alternatively can be specified in 'df'.
nkr	Numeric between 0 and 1 which specifies the coverage quantile that should be considered a "normal" karyotype range for each position. Lowering this value may increase sensitivity but also Type I error.
x.norm	Whether or not to perform normalization for normal female/XX karyotype (default = FALSE). Can be specified for each sample separately via 'df' column labeled 'x.norm'.

norm.cov.matrix	Character file path detailing the location of the normalized coverage matrix generated by this function. Re-using this file between runs can cut down on runtime significantly for large sample sizes. If the file doesn't exist yet it will be created at this location. If this file name ends in ".gz" then the output will be compressed using gzip.
verbose	If set to TRUE will display more detail

Details

This function can be run as a stand-alone or as part of [run_RCNA](#)

The 'df' argument corresponds to the 'nkrParams' matrix on [RCNA_object](#). Valid column names are 'sample.names', 'file.ci.coverage', and 'x.norm'. Additional columns will be ignored.

For more parameter information, see [estimate_nkr.default](#).

Value

A [RCNA_analysis](#) class object that describes the input parameters and output files generated by this step of the workflow.

A [RCNA_analysis](#) class object that describes the input parameters and output files generated by this step of the workflow.

A [RCNA_analysis](#) class object that describes the input parameters and output files generated by this step of the workflow.

See Also

[RCNA_object](#), [RCNA_analysis](#), [run_RCNA](#)

Examples

```
## Run NKR estimation on example object
# See \link{example_obj} for more information on example
example_obj@ano.file <- system.file("examples", "annotations-example.csv", package = "RCNA")
example_obj
# Create output directory
dir.create(file.path("output", "nkr"), recursive = TRUE)
# Copy example GC-corrected coverage files
cov.corrected <- system.file("examples", "gc", package = "RCNA")
file.copy(from = cov.corrected, to = "output", recursive = TRUE)
# Run NKR estimation, append results
estimate_nkr_analysisObj <- estimate_nkr(example_obj)
example_obj@commands <- c(example_obj@commands, estimate_nkr_analysisObj)
```

 example_obj

Example RCNA_object

Description

An example RCNA object used to run examples and demonstrate the structure of the custom S4 object provided in this package. This example uses a dummy feature ("feature_a") and three coverage files which were subset to the length of the dummy feature to be concise and quick to run. An annotation file has been included in the 'inst/' directory along with the coverage files. This object is compiled in the 'create_RCNA_object' function's documentation. In order to use this example, you should make the following replacements: `example_obj@ano.file <- system.file("examples", "annotations-example.csv", package = "RCNA")` `raw.cov <- system.file("examples", "coverage", paste0(samples, ".txt.gz"), package = "RCNA")` `example_obj@gcParams$file.raw.coverage <- raw.cov`

Usage

```
example_obj
```

Format

An RCNA object created using `create_RCNA_object()`. See [create_RCNA_object](#) for more details on the slots of this object.

Details

This will set the location of the example annotation file and the example raw coverage files to the flat files included with the package.

 RCNA_analysis-class

RCNA_analysis constructor

Description

An S4 class used to track parameters from a specific RCNA function execution.

Slots

`call` A character vector detailing the function call that ('correct_gc_bias', 'estimate_nkr', 'estimate_feature_score') was performed to produce this S4 object.

`params` A list corresponding to the parameters that were submitted with the associated function call

`res.files` A list containing the names of the flat files that were created by the documented function call.

RCNA_object-class	<i>RCNA.object definition</i>
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Description

An S4 class used to specify parameters for an analysis run

Slots

`sample.names` Required. Character vector containing names of subjects

`ano.file` Required. Character single file path detailing a feature-wise annotation file

`out.dir` Required. Character vector containing the name of each subject's output directory

`gcParams` Data Frame storing all run parameters for the `correct_gc_bias` function

`nkrParams` Data Frame storing all run parameters for the `estimate_nkr` function

`scoreParams` Data Frame storing all run parameters for the `estimate_feature_score` function

`commands` RCNA_analysis object storing commands and parameters from previous function runs on this object

See Also

[run_RCNA](#) [RCNA_analysis](#),

<code>run_RCNA</code>	<i>run_RCNA: Perform RCNA copy number detection workflow</i>
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Description

'`run_RCNA`' will execute [correct_gc_bias](#), [estimate_nkr](#), and [estimate_feature_score](#) in that specific order. For more information, see each of those functions' individual documentation.

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'`run_RCNA`' will execute [correct_gc_bias](#), [estimate_nkr](#), and [estimate_feature_score](#) in that specific order. For more information, see each of those functions' individual documentation.

Usage

```
run_RCNA(obj, ...)

## Default S3 method:
run_RCNA(
  obj = NULL,
  sample.names,
  ano.file,
  out.dir = tempdir(),
  gcParams = NULL,
  win.size = 75,
  gc.step = 0.01,
  file.raw.coverage = NULL,
  file.corrected.coverage = NULL,
  file.gc.factor = NULL,
  estimate_gc = TRUE,
  nkrParams,
  file.nkr.coverage = NULL,
  ncpu = 1,
  nkr = 0.9,
  x.norm = NULL,
  scoreParams,
  score.cutoff = 0.5,
  low.score.cutoff = NULL,
  high.score.cutoff = NULL,
  commands = c(),
  verbose = FALSE,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'RCNA_object'
run_RCNA(obj, estimate_gc = TRUE, verbose = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

obj	An 'RCNA_object' type created by create_RCNA_object .
...	Additional arguments (unused).
sample.names	Character vector containing names of subjects
ano.file	Character single file path detailing a feature-wise annotation file
out.dir	Character vector containing the name of each subject's output directory
gcParams	Data Frame storing all run parameters for the <code>correct_gc_bias</code> function. Can be specified by a file path to a CSV file, 'data.frame', or (if not specified) will be generated by other arguments.
win.size	Numeric value detailing the size of the sliding window used to calculate and detect correct GC-content correction.
gc.step	Numeric value detailing the size of each GC-content bin. If providing pre-calculated GC factor file this must match the bins in that file.

file.raw.coverage	Character vector containing the filename of the raw coverage files for GC-content correction. Must be used in combination with 'estimate_gc' set to TRUE.
file.corrected.coverage	Character vector containing the filename of the corrected coverage files.
file.gc.factor	Character vector containing the filename of GC factor files. Used if and only if 'estimate_gc' is set to FALSE.
estimate_gc	A logical which determines if GC estimation should be performed. For more information, see correct_gc_bias .
nkrParams	Data Frame storing all run parameters for the estimate_nkr function. Can be specified by a file path to a CSV file, 'data.frame', or (if not specified) will be generated by other arguments.
file.nkr.coverage	Character vector containing the filename of the input coverage file for NKR estimation. Defaults to 'file.coverage' if not specified.
ncpu	Numeric value specifying number of cores to use for analysis. Multiple cores will lead to parallel execution.
nkr	Numeric between 0 and 1 which specifies the coverage quantile that should be considered a "normal" karyotype range for each position. Lowering this value may increase sensitivity but also Type I error.
x.norm	Logical vector with length equal to the length of 'sample.names', denoting whether each subject has to be X-normalized. Subjects with an XX karyotype should be set to TRUE to avoid double-counting the coverage on the X chromosome. Set to FALSE if chrX coverage is already normalized.
scoreParams	Data Frame storing all run parameters for the estimate_feature_score function. Can be specified by a file path to a CSV file, 'data.frame', or (if not specified) will be generated by other arguments.
score.cutoff	Numeric between 0 and 1 which specifies the score filter on the results file. This parameter creates a symmetrical cutoff around 0, filtering all results whose absolute value is less than the specified value. Non-symmetrical cutoffs can be specified using 'low.score.cutoff' and 'high.score.cutoff'.
low.score.cutoff	Numeric between 0 and 1 which specifies the lower score cutoff. Defaults to 'score.cutoff' if not specified.
high.score.cutoff	Numeric between 0 and 1 which specifies the upper score cutoff. Defaults to 'score.cutoff' if not specified.
commands	RCNA_analysis object storing commands and parameters from previous function runs on this object. For more information, see RCNA_analysis .
verbose	If set to TRUE will display more detailed error messages.

Value

A [RCNA_object](#) class object that was used during the workflow, with [RCNA_analysis](#) objects in the 'commands' slot that describes the run parameters and results of each step in the workflow.

A [RCNA_object](#) class object that was used during the workflow, with [RCNA_analysis](#) objects in the 'commands' slot that describes the run parameters and results of each step in the workflow. For more details on outputs, see [estimate_nkr](#), [correct_gc_bias](#), and [estimate_feature_score](#).

A [RCNA_object](#) class object that was used during the workflow, with [RCNA_analysis](#) objects in the 'commands' slot that describes the run parameters and results of each step in the workflow. For more details on outputs, see [estimate_nkr](#), [correct_gc_bias](#), and [estimate_feature_score](#).

See Also

[RCNA_object](#), [RCNA_analysis](#), [correct_gc_bias](#), [run_RCNA](#), [estimate_feature_score](#)

Examples

```
## Run RCNA workflow on example object
# See ?example_obj for more information on example
example_obj@ano.file <- system.file("examples", "annotations-example.csv", package = "RCNA")
raw.cov <- system.file("examples", "coverage",
                      paste0(example_obj@sample.names, ".txt.gz"), package = "RCNA")
example_obj@gcParams$file.raw.coverage <- raw.cov
example_obj
# Run RCNA workflow
result_obj <- run_RCNA(example_obj)
```


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