

# Package ‘diffloop’

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addchr	<i>Add 'chr' to GRanges seqnames</i>
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## Description

addchr takes a loops object or GRanges object and simply adds 'chr' to seqnames

## Usage

```
addchr(dlo)

## S4 method for signature 'loops'
addchr(dlo)

## S4 method for signature 'GRanges'
addchr(dlo)
```

## Arguments

dlo            A loops object or GRanges object

## Details

Often times, performing functions on GRanges objects can go awry if the seqnames are systematically different. A common example of this is when some GRanges objects has the format of 'chr1' while the other has '1'. We can add 'chr' to the first object

## Value

An identical loops object or GRanges object 'chr' added

## Examples

```
library(GenomicRanges)
regA <- GRanges(c('1'), ranges=IRanges(c(36200000),c(36300000)))
addchr(regA)
regA
rmchr(regA)
regA
```

<code>annotateAnchors</code>	<i>Add meta data column to anchors based on .bed file</i>
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## Description

`annotateAnchors` adds a logical variable to meta data columns in the anchors based on a GRanges object of features' genomic coordinates

## Usage

```
annotateAnchors(dlo, features, featureName, maxgap)

## S4 method for signature 'loops,GRanges,character,missing'
annotateAnchors(dlo, features,
                featureName, maxgap = 1000)

## S4 method for signature 'loops,GRanges,character,numeric'
annotateAnchors(dlo, features,
                featureName, maxgap)
```

## Arguments

<code>dlo</code>	A loops object whose anchors will be annotated
<code>features</code>	A Granges object corresponding to locations of interest
<code>featureName</code>	A string that will be the mcol name in anchors
<code>maxgap</code>	A value of max permissible gap between a feature and anchor

## Details

This function adds column of TRUE/FALSE values on the loops object anchors whether a feature is observed nearby in features. The name of this column that will be in the anchors GRanges object is specified by a user defined string `featureName`. Gap tolerance between a feature and an anchor is specified by `maxgap`, where the default is 1,000bp.

## Value

A loops object with new meta data column in anchors

## Examples

```
# Annotate whether anchors are near a gene body; within 1kb
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='diffloop'), 'loops.small.rda', sep='/')
load(rda)
gb <-getHumanGenes()
loops.small <- annotateAnchors(loops.small,gb,'nearGeneBody')

# Adding close to gene bodies with no gap tolerance
```

```
loops.small <- annotateAnchors(loops.small,gb,'inGeneBody',0)
```

**annotateLoops***Annotate loops as Enhancer-Promoter or CTCF-CTCF***Description**

`annotateLoops` adds a column to the `rowData` slot of a `loops` object categorizing loops as either e-p (enhancer-promoter), ctcf (CTCF-CTCF) or none (no biological annotation). If both ctcf and e-p, then categorized as e-p.

**Usage**

```
annotateLoops(lto, ctcf, enhancer, promoter)

## S4 method for signature 'loops,GRanges,GRanges,GRanges'
annotateLoops(lto, ctcf, enhancer,
             promoter)
```

**Arguments**

<code>lto</code>	A <code>loops</code> object whose loops will be annotated
<code>ctcf</code>	<code>GRanges</code> object corresponding to locations of CTCF peaks
<code>enhancer</code>	<code>GRanges</code> object corresponding to locations of enhancer peaks
<code>promoter</code>	<code>GRanges</code> object corresponding to locations of promoter regions

**Details**

Function annotates loops where both anchors are near CTCF peaks or where one anchor is near an enhancer and the other near a promoter. Consider using functions `addchr`, `rmchr`, `bedToGRanges`, and `padGRanges` when setting up the 3 `GRanges` inputs. Provide a blank `GRanges` objects to ignore classification for one set.

**Value**

A `loops` object with an additional row 'loop.type' in the `rowData` slot

**Examples**

```
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='diffloop'), 'loops.small.rda', sep='/')
load(rda)
ctcf_j <- system.file('extdata','Jurkat_CTCF_chr1.narrowPeak',package='diffloop')
ctcf <- rmchr(padGRanges(bedToGRanges(ctcf_j), pad = 1000))
h3k27ac_j <- system.file('extdata','Jurkat_H3K27ac_chr1.narrowPeak',package='diffloop')
h3k27ac <- rmchr(padGRanges(bedToGRanges(h3k27ac_j), pad = 1000))
promoter <- padGRanges(getHumanTSS(c('1'))), pad = 1000)
jn <- loops.small[,c(1,2,5,6)]
```

```
assoc_jn <- quickAssoc(jn)
assoc_jn <- removeSelfLoops(assoc_jn)
annotated_jn <- annotateLoops(assoc_jn, ctcf, h3k27ac, promoter)
```

**bedToGRanges***Read a file and make a GRanges object***Description**

`bedToGRanges` takes a string corresponding to a file and creates a `GRanges` object, retaining meta-data

**Usage**

```
bedToGRanges(file)

## S4 method for signature 'character'
bedToGRanges(file)
```

**Arguments**

<code>file</code>	A string specifying .bed file location
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**Details**

Useful function to read in a .bed file to create a `GRanges` object where the meta-data is presevered.  
Useful for later functions like `annotateAnchors`

**Value**

A `GRanges` object

**Examples**

```
#Read in CTCF Jurkat peaks in
ctcf_j <- system.file('extdata','Jurkat_CTCF_chr1.narrowPeak',package = 'diffloop')
ctcf <- bedToGRanges(ctcf_j)
```

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calcLDSIZEFactors	<i>Compute normalizing factors for each sample</i>
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## Description

`calcLDSIZEFactors` takes a `loops` object computes size factors based for each sample

## Usage

```
calcLDSIZEFactors(dlo)

## S4 method for signature 'loops'
calcLDSIZEFactors(dlo)
```

## Arguments

`dlo` A `loops` object with unnormalized size factors

## Details

This function updates the `loops` object with new `sizeFactor` values for each sample in the `colData` slot using a method identical to that employed in `DESeq2`.

## Value

A `loops` object with new size factors in `colData`

## Examples

```
# Computing normalizing factors from the full ChIA-PET Data
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='diffloop'), 'loops.small.rda', sep='/')
load(rda)
loops.small <- calcLDSIZEFactors(loops.small)
```

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diffloop	<i>diffloop: A package for differential DNA loop calling from ChIA-PET data</i>
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## Description

The `diffloop` package contains a suite of tools and S4 data objects to efficiently facilitate the analysis of ChIA-PET datasets. Key features include differential loop calling, visualization of looping in regions, quality-control metrics, and principal component analysis across experiments.

## **diffloop classes**

Three classes mostly comprise the methodology in diffloop. First, loops is a basic structure that contains one or more ChIA-PET experiments, loopfit links an edgeR fit to a loops and currently has little functionality except for generating another loops object where per-loop summary statistics are added.

dim, loops-method	<i>See dimensions of loops object</i>
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### **Description**

See dimensions of loops object

### **Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'loops'
dim(x)
```

### **Arguments**

x	A loops object
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### **Value**

A data.frame of dimensions of the loops object, including number of anchors, interactions, samples, and column data attributes

featureTest	<i>Combined association test for all loops in a defined region</i>
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### **Description**

featureTest takes a loops and genomic coordinates of regions and computes combined significance metrics for each region using the Simes procedure

### **Usage**

```
featureTest(x, features)

## S4 method for signature 'loops,GRanges'
featureTest(x, features)
```

### **Arguments**

x	A loops object
features	A GRanges object defining regions for a combined test

## Details

This function returns a data.frame sorted by FDR of each region. Assumes the region name is specified in the GRanges object with id column. Each feature is a one row in the GRanges object. The combined significance measure per feature is computed via the Simes method for intrachromosomal loops where at least one anchor from the loop overlaps with the region of interest.

## Value

A data.frame sorted by FDR

## Examples

```
# Human genes chromosome 1 regional association
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='diffloop'), 'loops.small.rda', sep='/')
load(rda)
jpn_loopfit <- loopFit(loops.small)
# Differential loop calling between naive and jurkat
assoc_jn <- loopTest(jpn_loopfit, coef = 2)
# Gene based association
sw_jn <- featureTest(assoc_jn, getHumanGenes(c('1')))
```

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filterLoops

*Filter loops*

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## Description

filterLoops filters out loops that aren't wide, aren't prevalent within samples or prevalent between samples

## Usage

```
filterLoops(dlo, width = 0, nreplicates = 0, nsamples = 1)

## S4 method for signature 'ANY'
filterLoops(dlo, width = 0, nreplicates = 0, nsamples = 1)
```

## Arguments

dlo	A loops object
width	Minimum loop width
nreplicates	Minimum number of counts per loop
nsamples	Minimum number of samples per loop per counts

## Details

Function that restricts loops in a loops object. `width` specifies the minimum width between anchors. Default is zero. `nreplicates` restricts loops to at least this specified amount of counts is present in at least one sample. Instead of `nreplicates` being present in only one sample, `nsamples` specifies how many individual samples that a loop must have `nreplicates` in to be included after filtering.

## Value

A loops object

## Examples

```
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='diffloop'), 'loops.small.rda', sep='/')
load(rda)
# Restrict loops to > 5kb width
filtered.jpn1 <- filterLoops(loops.small, 5000, 0, 0)
# Restrict loops to > 5kb width and have >= 3 replicates in >= 1 sample
filtered.jpn2 <- filterLoops(loops.small, 5000, 3, 1)
# Restrict loops to > 10kb width and have >= 3 replicates in >= 2 samples
filtered.jpn3 <- filterLoops(loops.small, 10000, 3, 2)
```

*geneinfo*

*Human/mouse exon locations*

## Description

A dataframe used for plotting annotation for human and mouse. Each loaded .rda has the same variable called "geneinfo" (so don't co-load these), but the files differ by an m or h

## Usage

`geneinfo`

## Format

A GRanges object

**chrom** Chromosomes without "chr"  
**start** exon start location  
**stop** exon end location  
**gene** Gene Name  
**score** dummy column there for sushi  
**strand** +1 or -1 to indicate side of DNA ...

## Value

A data.frame

**Source**

biomaRt July 2015 stable build

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getHumanGenes	<i>Get protein coding gene regions</i>
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**Description**

getHumanGenes returns a GRanges object of all protein coding genes genome-wide or within specified chromosomes

**Usage**

```
getHumanGenes(chr, cache = TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'missing'
getHumanGenes(chr, cache = TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'character'
getHumanGenes(chr, cache = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

chr	A vector of chromosomes
cache	logic variable (default = TRUE) to use genes from July.2015 freeze

**Details**

This function returns a GRanges object with the coordinates and gene IDs of all protein coding genes either genome-wide (by default) or specified within a particular chromosome.

**Value**

A GRanges object

**Examples**

```
# Grab all protein coding gene locations genome-wide
pc.genes <- getHumanGenes()
# Grab all protein coding gene locations on chromosome 1
chr1 <- getHumanGenes(c('1'))
```

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**getHumanTSS***Get Human Transcription Start Sites*

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## Description

`getHumanTSS` returns a GRanges object of all transcription start sites for humans

## Usage

```
getHumanTSS(chr, cache = TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'missing'
getHumanTSS(chr, cache = TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'character'
getHumanTSS(chr, cache = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

<code>chr</code>	Specifies what chromosomes are desired for the TSS
<code>cache</code>	logic variable (default = TRUE) to use TSS from July.2015 freeze

## Details

This function returns a GRanges object with the coordinates and gene TSS. The start and end of the IRanges slot will be the same number, so consider using the padGRanges function after calling this function.

## Value

A GRanges object

## Examples

```
# Grab all transition start sites genome-wide
human.TSS <- getHumanTSS()
```

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**head, loops-method**      *Extract first part of loops object*

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**Description**

Extract first part of loops object

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'loops'  
head(x, n = 6, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	A loops object
n	Number of lines to view
...	Other non-essential params

**Value**

A loops object

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**human.genes**      *Human protein coding genes*

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**Description**

A GRanges object with the human protein-coding genes

**Usage**

```
human.genes
```

**Format**

A GRanges object

**seqnames** Chromosomes without "chr"

**ranges** start/end loci

**strand** not specified ('\*' everywhere)

**id** Gene Name ...

**Value**

A GRanges object

**Source**

biomaRt July 2015 stable build

human.TSS

*Human 60k+ transcription start sites*

**Description**

A GRanges object with all loci of transcription start sites

**Usage**

```
human.TSS
```

**Format**

A GRanges object

**seqnames** Chromosomes without "chr"

**ranges** start/end loci are same

**strand** not specified ('\*' everywhere)

**id** Gene Name ...

**Value**

A GRanges object

**Source**

biomaRt July 2015 stable build

interchromosomal

*Loops between chromosomes*

**Description**

interchromosomal restricts loops to those where anchors are observed on different chromosomes

**Usage**

```
interchromosomal(dlo)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'loops'  
interchromosomal(dlo)
```

**Arguments**

dlo	A loops object
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**Details**

This function subsets the loops object into only those loops that have anchors on different chromosomes

**Value**

A loops object with all loops on different chromosomes

**Examples**

```
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='diffloop'), 'loops.small.rda', sep='/')
load(rda)

# Compute number of interactions on same chromosome
dim(intrachromosomal(loops.small))
samechromo <- intrachromosomal(loops.small)

# Compute number of interactions on same chromosome
# dim(interchromosomal(loops.small))
# This will throw an error since the toy only has intrachromosomal loops
```

intrachromosomal	<i>Loops within chromosomes</i>
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**Description**

intrachromosomal restricts interactions to those where anchors are observed on the same chromosomes

**Usage**

```
intrachromosomal(dlo)

## S4 method for signature 'loops'
intrachromosomal(dlo)
```

**Arguments**

dlo	A loops object
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**Details**

This function subsets the loops object into only those interactions that have both anchors on the same chromosome

**Value**

A loops object where all loops are on the same chromosome.

**Examples**

```
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='diffloop'), 'loops.small.rda', sep='/')
load(rda)

# Compute number of interactions on same chromosome
dim(intrachromosomal(loops.small))
samechromo <- intrachromosomal(loops.small)
```

**loopFit**

*Fit model for association testing*

**Description**

`loopFit` takes a loops object and prepares it for the `loopTest` function.

**Usage**

```
loopFit(y, design, method = "QLF")

## S4 method for signature 'loops,missing,missing'
loopFit(y, design, method = "QLF")

## S4 method for signature 'loops,matrix,missing'
loopFit(y, design, method = "QLF")
```

**Arguments**

<code>y</code>	A loops object for association
<code>design</code>	A design matrix (optional)
<code>method</code>	Specifies association; currently only 'QLF' is supported

**Details**

This function returns a `loopfit` object, which combines the `loops` object in the input with a `DGEGLM` object that is the normal output of an edgeR `glmQLFit`. To set up a different design matrix, pass that parameter through the function. Otherwise, the default is to generate a new matrix from `loops@colData$groups`. Currently, 'QLF' is the only supported method, but new association tests may be added in later developments

**Value**

A `loopfit` object

## Examples

```
# Differential loop fit
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='diffloop'), 'loops.small.rda',sep='/')
load(rda)
jpn_loopfit <- loopFit(loops.small)
# Differential loop calling between naive and jurkat
assoc_jn <- loopTest(jpn_loopfit, coef = 2)
```

## loopfit-class

*A class to represent ChIA-PET interaction data and an edgeR fit.*

## Description

A class to represent ChIA-PET interaction data and an edgeR fit.

## Slots

loops A loops object with anchors, interactions, counts, colData, and rowData  
 fit An edgeR fit from running the loopFit function

## loopGenes

*Determine genes contained within loops*

## Description

loopGenes determines all gene bodies partially or fully contained in a loop.

## Usage

```
loopGenes(dlo, genesGR)

## S4 method for signature 'loops,GRanges'
loopGenes(dlo, genesGR)
```

## Arguments

dlo	A loops object
genesGR	A GRanges object of genes with mcol 'id'

## Details

Function that annotates all loops. 'NA' if looping between chromosomes. Otherwise, all gene names that are contained within a loop. 'None' if no genes are in the loop body. If there are multiple, the function returns a comma separated list. The length of the object returned by this function should be the same length as the number of rows in the loops slot.

**Value**

A matrix of comma separated gene names

**Examples**

```
# Determine the genes housed in the loops from our example
genes <- getHumanGenes()
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='diffloop'), 'loops.small.rda', sep='/')
load(rda)
loops.small <- loopGenes(loops.small,genes)
```

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loopMetrics	<i>Types of loops</i>
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**Description**

loopMetrics counts number of loops for each sample and returns whether they are single, self, unique, or none

**Usage**

```
loopMetrics(dlo)

## S4 method for signature 'loops'
loopMetrics(dlo)
```

**Arguments**

dlo                  A loops object

**Details**

This function shows the number of loops for each sample based on four types. Single refers to having only one anchor for a the loop whereas none has no unique anchors. If using the loopsMake pipeline, only self and unique loops will be observed when running this function

**Value**

A data.frame

**Examples**

```
# Return loop metrics for number of each type for each sample
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='diffloop'), 'loops.small.rda', sep='/')
load(rda)
loopMetrics(loops.small)
```

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loopPlot	<i>Visualize looping</i>
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## Description

loopPlot takes a loops object and a GRanges object and shows all loops in region (where both anchors are present)

## Usage

```
loopPlot(x, y, organism = "h", geneinfo = "NA", colorLoops = FALSE,
         cache = TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'loops,GRanges'
loopPlot(x, y, organism = "h", geneinfo = "NA",
          colorLoops = FALSE, cache = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

x	A loops object
y	A GRanges object containing region of interest
organism	'h' for human or 'm' for mouse supported
geneinfo	A data.frame manually specifying annotation (see Examples)
colorLoops	Differentiates loops based on loop.type in loops object
cache	logic variable (default = TRUE) to use gene annotation from July.2015 freeze

## Details

Basic plot function shows the looping in each sample. The intensity of the color is proportional to the number of counts observed for the particular loop relative to the other loops in the entire plot. If colorLoops is specified at TRUE, then the x object must be loops and it must have a loop.type column which can be generated from the annotateLoops function. Blue loops are CTCF loops; black are none; red are enhancer-promoter loops.

## Value

A plot object

## Examples

```
# Print loops in region chr1:36000000-36300000
library(GenomicRanges)
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='diffloop'), 'loops.small.rda', sep='/')
load(rda)
regA <- GRanges(c('1'),IRanges(start=c(36000000),end=c(36300000)))
plot1 <- subsetRegion(loops.small, regA)
#Example of \code{geneinfo} table
```

```
geneinfo <- data.frame(1,359345,359681,'RP5-8572K21.15','.',-1)
names(geneinfo) <- c('chrom','start','stop','gene','strand')
```

**loops-class***A class to represent ChIA-PET interaction data and annotations***Description**

A class to represent ChIA-PET interaction data and annotations

**Slots**

**anchors** A GRanges object describing loop anchor locations  
**interactions** A matrix. Each row is an interaction between two anchors  
**counts** A matrix with the number paired-end reads per loop per sample  
**colData** A data.frame with features (columns) for each sample (rows)  
**rowData** A data.frame with features (columns) for each loop (rows)

**loops.small***chr1:36000000-36300000 loops***Description**

A loops object containing unique 108 loops with 27 anchors for 6 samples and corresponding colData/rowData

**Usage**

```
loops.small
```

**Format**

A small loops object

**anchors** GRanges object of anchor locations  
**loops** indexes of interactions  
**samples** Two replicates each of jurkat, naive, and primed cells  
**colData** Groups identifying cell type and unnormalized sizeFactors  
**rowData** Base initialization with only loopWidth values ...

**Value**

A loops object

**Source**

```
subsetRegion(loops,GRanges(c('1'),IRanges(c(36000000),c(36300000))))
```

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loopsMake	<i>Read preprocessed ChIA-PET data</i>
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## Description

loopsMake reads in a data directory created by the dnaloop preprocessing pipeline and returns a loops object

## Usage

```
loopsMake(beddir, samples = NA, mergegap = 0, type = "all")

## S4 method for signature 'ANY'
loopsMake(beddir, samples = NA, mergegap = 0,
          type = "all")
```

## Arguments

beddir	A string. The preprocessed data directory
samples	A character vector. Optional list of samples to read in
mergegap	An integer value of the radius to merge anchors; default 0
type	Specifies 'intra', 'inter', or 'all' looping. Default 'all'

## Details

This function reads in preprocessed ChIA-PET data produced by the dnaloop preprocessing pipeline. The preprocessed directory contains one subdirectory per sample. The samples argument specifies which samples are read. if samples is not specified all samples will be read. type restricts loops whether they are on the same 'inter' or different 'intra' chromosome. Default is 'all'

## Value

A loops object

## Examples

```
# Reading in all samples, no mergegap, all loops
bd<- system.file('extdata', 'esc_jurkat', package='diffloopdata')
# loops <- loopsMake(bd) #standard call

# Reading in a subset of samples, 1kb mergegap, only intrachromosomal
# looping
samples <- c('naive_esc_1', 'naive_esc_2')
naive.intra <- loopsMake(bd, samples, 1000, 'intra')
```

<b>loopsSubset</b>	<i>Subset two difloop objects</i>
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## Description

`loopsSubset` takes the interactions and anchors present in `dlo1` and uses the counts and samples from `dlo2`.

## Usage

```
loopsSubset(dlo1, dlo2)

## S4 method for signature 'loops,loops'
loopsSubset(dlo1, dlo2)
```

## Arguments

dlo1	A loops object
dlo2	A loops object

## Details

This function plays nice with `union` to ensure counts are correct after taking the union of two loops objects. The `subset` function simply returns the anchors and interactions of `dlo1` and the counts and `colData` of `dlo2`.

## Value

A loops obect

## Examples

```
# divide and recombine samples
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='difloop'), 'loops.small.rda', sep='/')
load(rda)
naive <- loops.small[,1:2]
primed <- loops.small[,3:4]
np <- union(naive, primed)
# Subset from full to get correct counts
c.np <- loopsSubset(np, loops.small)
```

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**loopTest***Differential Loop Calling*

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**Description**

loopTest takes a loopfit object from the loopFit function and creates a loops object with additional columns in the rowData

**Usage**

```
loopTest(y, coef = 2, contrast, method = "QLF")

## S4 method for signature 'loopfit,missing,missing,missing'
loopTest(y, coef = 2, contrast,
         method = "QLF")

## S4 method for signature 'loopfit,numeric,missing,missing'
loopTest(y, coef = 2, contrast,
         method = "QLF")

## S4 method for signature 'loopfit,missing,numeric,missing'
loopTest(y, coef = 2, contrast,
         method = "QLF")
```

**Arguments**

y	A loopfit object for association
coef	Specifies coefficient of design matrix
contrast	Specifies comparison of groups from design matrix
method	Specifies association method; only QLF is currently supported

**Details**

This function returns a loops object, which contains the results from an association in the rowData slot. The default association is using coefficient 2 from the model matrix (e.g. good for pair comparisons) but the user may specify a different coefficient. Currently, 'QLF' is the only supported method, but new features may be added in later developments. Users may also specify the contrast between the columns in the design matrix as used in edgeR.

**Value**

A loops object with additional columns in rowData

## Examples

```
# Differential loop fit
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='diffloop'), 'loops.small.rda', sep='/')
load(rda)
jpn_loopfit <- loopFit(loops.small)
# Differential loop calling between naive and jurkat
assoc_jn <- loopTest(jpn_loopfit, coef = 2)
```

**loopWidth**

*Loop widths*

## Description

`loopWidth` returns the width of a loop, which is defined as the distance between the anchors containing a loop

## Usage

```
loopWidth(dlo)

## S4 method for signature 'loops'
loopWidth(dlo)
```

## Arguments

dlo	A loops object
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## Details

This function returns a positive integer value of the number of basepairs that separate two loops. If they are on separate chromosomes, it still returns a value, but it will be non-sensical, so consider subsetting to only intrachromosomal loops. Also, self-loops will return a positive number that is the inter-anchor width. These loops should be handled using the `removeSelfLoops()` function.

## Value

An integer vector

## Examples

```
# Return the width for loops
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='diffloop'), 'loops.small.rda', sep='/')
load(rda)
w <- loopWidth(loops.small)
```

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mergeAnchors	<i>Combine nearby anchors into one peak</i>
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## Description

mergeAnchors combines anchors that are within a user-defined radius

## Usage

```
mergeAnchors(dlo, mergegap, selfloops = FALSE)

## S4 method for signature 'loops,numeric,missing'
mergeAnchors(dlo, mergegap,
             selfloops = FALSE)

## S4 method for signature 'loops,numeric,logical'
mergeAnchors(dlo, mergegap,
             selfloops = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

dlo	A loops object whose anchors will be merged
mergegap	An integer value of the bp between anchors to be merged
selfloops	A logical value to either retain (T) or remove (F) resulting self-loops after merging anchors

## Details

This function takes a loops object and combines nearby anchors, up to a distance specified by the mergegap. This likely will cause self loops to form (loop where the left and right anchor are the same), which can either be removed (by default) or retained with selfloops

## Value

A loops object

## Examples

```
# Merge anchors within 1kb of each other, keeping self loops
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='diffloop'),'loops.small.rda',sep='/')
load(rda)
m1kb <- mergeAnchors(loops.small, 1000, FALSE)

# Merge anchors within 1kb of each other, removing self loops by default
m1kb_unique <- mergeAnchors(loops.small, 1000)
```

numAnchors

*Get number of anchors in each sample***Description**

`numAnchors` takes a `loops` object and summarizes the number of anchors that support all the interactions (count  $\geq 1$ ) in the object

**Usage**

```
numAnchors(x)

## S4 method for signature 'loops'
numAnchors(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	A loops object to be summarized
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**Details**

This function returns a `data.frame` where the column names specify the sample in the original `loops` object and the only row shows the number of anchors used to support that sample

**Value**

A `data.frame` of each sample and the number of anchors

**Examples**

```
# Show number of anchors each sample is supported by
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='diffloop'), 'loops.small.rda', sep='/')
load(rda)
numAnchors(loops.small)
```

numLoops

*Per-sample loop quantities***Description**

`numLoops` counts number of loops for each sample based on the index of `nloops` and returns a `data.frame`

**Usage**

```
numLoops(dlo, nloops = 1:10)

## S4 method for signature 'loops,numeric'
numLoops(dlo, nloops = 1:10)

## S4 method for signature 'loops,missing'
numLoops(dlo, nloops = 1:10)
```

**Arguments**

dlo	A loops object
nloops	A numeric vector of counts to be considered

**Details**

This function shows the number of unique loops with at least `nloops` in counts. Can be used to quickly visualize relative sequencing depth between samples

**Value**

A `data.frame`

**Examples**

```
# Determine what samples have loops with 1-20 counts
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='diffloop'),'loops.small.rda',sep='/')
load(rda)
nLoops <- numLoops(loops.small, 1:20)

# Determine what samples loops with 1-10 counts by default
nLoops <- numLoops(loops.small)
```

`padGRanges`

*Pad a GRanges object*

**Description**

`padGRanges` takes a `GRanges` object and adds or subtracts distance based on user-defined input. Upstream and downstream consider strand information when available. Specify only either `pad` or `upstream/downstream` when using

**Usage**

```
padGRanges(gro, upstream = 0, downstream = 0, pad = 0)

## S4 method for signature 'GRanges'
padGRanges(gro, upstream = 0, downstream = 0, pad = 0)
```

**Arguments**

<code>gro</code>	A granges object
<code>upstream</code>	Distance in BP added upstream
<code>downstream</code>	Distance in BP added downstream
<code>pad</code>	Distance in BP added

**Value**

A GRanges object with adjusted start and end values

**Examples**

```
#Read in CTCF Jurkat peaks in
ctcf_j <- system.file('extdata','Jurkat_CTCF_chr1.narrowPeak',package = 'diffloop')
ctcf <- bedToGRanges(ctcf_j)
ctcf.pad <- padGRanges(ctcf, pad = 1000)
```

**pcaPlot**

*Visualize sample relationships*

**Description**

`pcaPlot` takes a `loops` object plots the individual samples based on the principal components of the loop counts matrix

**Usage**

```
pcaPlot(dlo)

## S4 method for signature 'loops'
pcaPlot(dlo)
```

**Arguments**

<code>dlo</code>	A <code>loops</code> object
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**Details**

Groups for the principal component plots are derived from `colData` and the normalizing factors are also taken from `colData`. While some `loops` objects may have non-informative groups or size factors, they should always be present.

**Value**

A `ggplot2` plot

## Examples

```
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='diffloop'), 'loops.small.rda', sep='/')
load(rda)
p1 <- pcaPlot(loops.small)
```

`plotTopLoops`

*Plot the most significant loops*

## Description

`plotTopLoops` takes a `loops` object and creates a time-stamped .pdf file with loop plots (one per page) of the top loops.

## Usage

```
plotTopLoops(lto, n = 0, PValue = 1, FDR = 1, organism = "h",
             colorLoops = FALSE)

## S4 method for signature 'loops'
plotTopLoops(lto, n = 0, PValue = 1, FDR = 1,
             organism = "h", colorLoops = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

<code>lto</code>	loops object
<code>n</code>	number of loops to print (can remain 0 to specify from other parameters) determined by <code>PValue</code>
<code>PValue</code>	Maximum pvalue threshold for loop inclusion when printing loop plot
<code>FDR</code>	False discovery rate threshold for inclusion
<code>organism</code>	Either ' <code>m</code> ' for mouse or ' <code>h</code> ' for human.
<code>colorLoops</code>	Default <code>FALSE</code> ; specify <code>true</code> if <code>rowData</code> slot contains <code>loop.type</code> from <code>annotateLoops</code> to visualize plots with varying colors for CTCF looping and enhancer-promoter looping

## Details

Each plot will show the region +/- 1 loopwidth of the loop with annotation specified for either human or mouse. Assumes columns `Pvalue` and `FDR` are specified in the `loops` object. We recommend removing self loops before using this function (and in reality, before any association testing was called.)

## Value

Prints a time stamped .pdf file of top loops

## Examples

```
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='diffloop'), 'loops.small.rda', sep='/')
load(rda)
jpn.u <- removeSelfLoops(loops.small)
jpn_loopfit <- loopFit(jpn.u)
assoc_jn <- loopTest(jpn_loopfit, coef = 2)
plotTopLoops(assoc_jn, n=2)
```

**quickAssoc**

*Perform quick differential loop calling*

## Description

`quickAssoc` takes a `loops` object and performs a basic `edgeR` association on the counts matrix and groups from `colData`

## Usage

```
quickAssoc(y)

## S4 method for signature 'loops'
quickAssoc(y)
```

## Arguments

`y` A `loops` object for association

## Details

This function returns the output of fitting an `edgeR` model using the groups defined in `colData` for the specific `loops` object. The factor normalization is based on the `edgeR` model. For quick association, the number of groups is restricted to two. If a more complex group structure exists, consider using the `loopFit` and `loopTest` functions

## Value

A `loops` object

## Examples

```
# Differential loop calling between naive and primed
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='diffloop'), 'loops.small.rda', sep='/')
load(rda)
np <- loops.small[,1:4]
assoc_np <- quickAssoc(np)
```

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removeSelfLoops	<i>Remove selfloops</i>
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## Description

removeSelfLoops removes instances where a loop is observed between the same anchor

## Usage

```
removeSelfLoops(dlo)

## S4 method for signature 'loops'
removeSelfLoops(dlo)
```

## Arguments

dlo                  A loops object

## Details

This function removes loops from the `interactions` slot that reference the same index of the `anchors` slot.

## Value

A loops object

## Examples

```
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='diffloop'), 'loops.small.rda', sep='/')
load(rda)
jpn_unique <- removeSelfLoops(loops.small)
```

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rmchr	<i>Remove 'chr' from GRanges seqnames</i>
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## Description

rmchr takes a loops object or GRanges object and simply removes the 'chr' from seqnames, if is present

**Usage**

```
rmchr(dlo)

## S4 method for signature 'loops'
rmchr(dlo)

## S4 method for signature 'GRanges'
rmchr(dlo)
```

**Arguments**

dlo A loops object or GRanges object

**Details**

Often times, performing functions on GRanges objects can go awry if the seqnames are systematically different. A common example of this is when some GRanges objects has the format of 'chr1' while the other has '1'. We can remove 'chr' from the first object

**Value**

An identical loops/GRanges object except 'chr' removed

**Examples**

```
library(GenomicRanges)
regA <- GRanges(c('1'), IRanges(c(36200000), c(36300000)))
addchr(regA)
regA
rmchr(regA)
regA
```

## sampleNames,loops-method

*Grab/Update Sample Names*

**Description**

sampleNames takes a loops object returns the names of the samples in the structure. One can also update the names using set replace.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'loops'
sampleNames(object)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'loops,ANY'
sampleNames(object) <- value
```

**Arguments**

object	A loops object
value	New names when using set replace

**Details**

The examples show both accession and updating sample names.

**Value**

Vector of sample names

**Examples**

```
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='diffloop'), 'loops.small.rda', sep='/')
load(rda)
sampleNames(loops.small)
nnames <- c('one', 'two', 'three', 'four', 'five', 'six')
sampleNames(loops.small) <- nnames
```

slidingWindowTest      *Combined association test for all loops in a defined region*

**Description**

slidingWindowTest takes a loops object and integer values of the association window and the distance between consecutive windows.

**Usage**

```
slidingWindowTest(x, window, step)

## S4 method for signature 'loops,numeric,numeric'
slidingWindowTest(x, window, step)
```

**Arguments**

x	A loops object with PValue column (from association testing)
window	The length a window will be for combined association
step	The size that the window will shift for each association

**Details**

This function returns a data.frame sorted by FDR of each region. The engine loops over each chromosome and defines the first window at the left-most loop and slides the window right until no more loops are present in x. Each region is determined from a sliding window of fixed length. The combined significance measure per feature is computed via the Simes method for intrachromosomal loops where at least one anchor from the loop overlaps with the region. Requires PValue column in the rowData slot.

**Value**

A data.frame sorted by FDR

**Examples**

```
# Sliding window test 100kb at a time between naive and jurkat
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='diffloop'), 'loops.small.rda', sep='/')
load(rda)
jpn_loopfit <- loopFit(loops.small)
# Differential loop calling between naive and jurkat
assoc_jn <- loopTest(jpn_loopfit, coef = 2)
sw_jn <- slidingWindowTest(assoc_jn, 100000, 100000)
```

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**splitSamples**

*Split samples into their own loops object*

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**Description**

`splitSamples` takes a loops object and returns a list of loops objects where each sample populates its own loops object

**Usage**

```
splitSamples(dlo)

## S4 method for signature 'loops'
splitSamples(dlo)
```

**Arguments**

dlo            A loops object

**Details**

This function splits the colData and counts slots for each sample but makes copies of the anchors, interactions, and rowdata

**Value**

A list of loops objects w

**Examples**

```
# Updating groups from all 'group1' to meaningful designations
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='diffloop'), 'loops.small.rda', sep='/')
load(rda)
split <- splitSamples(loops.small)
```

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subsetLoops	<i>Subset loops</i>
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## Description

subsetLoops restricts the loops and counts matrix to only those specified by `idxa`, either numerically or logically

## Usage

```
subsetLoops(dlo, idxa)

## S4 method for signature 'loops,logical'
subsetLoops(dlo, idxa)

## S4 method for signature 'loops,numeric'
subsetLoops(dlo, idxa)
```

## Arguments

<code>dlo</code>	A loops object
<code>idxa</code>	A numeric vector or logical vector

## Details

This function returns a loops object where the loops are retained only if they meet a logical criteria or are included in the numeric vector of `idxa`. Only the anchors that reference a loop in the subsetted loops object are retained.

## Value

A loops object

## Examples

```
# Return the first 10 loops
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='diffloop'), 'loops.small.rda', sep='/')
load(rda)
#' ten <- subsetLoops(loops.small, 1:10)

# Subset loops with widths greater than 10000
big <- subsetLoops(loops.small, loopWidth(loops.small) >= 10000)
```

<code>subsetRegion</code>	<i>Extract region from loops object</i>
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## Description

`subsetRegion` takes a `loops` object and a `GRanges` object and returns a `loops` object where both anchors map inside the `GRanges` coordinates by default. One can specify where only one anchor is in the region instead.

## Usage

```
subsetRegion(dlo, region, nanchors)

## S4 method for signature 'loops,GRanges,numeric'
subsetRegion(dlo, region, nanchors)

## S4 method for signature 'loops,GRanges,missing'
subsetRegion(dlo, region, nanchors)
```

## Arguments

<code>dlo</code>	A <code>loops</code> object to be subsetted
<code>region</code>	A <code>GRanges</code> object containing region of interest
<code>nanchors</code>	Number of anchors to be contained in <code>GRanges</code> object. Default 2

## Details

By default, `nanchors = 2`, meaning both anchors need to be in the region for the loop to be preserved when extracting. However, by specifying a numeric 1, interactions with either the left or right anchor will be extracted. Loops with both anchors in the region will be excluded (exclusive or). To get an inclusive or, take the union of subsetting both with 1 and 2.

## Value

A `loops` object

## Examples

```
# Grab region chr1:36000000-36100000
library(GenomicRanges)
regA <- GRanges(c('1'), IRanges(c(36000000), c(36100000)))
rda<-paste(system.file('rda', package='diffloop'), 'loops.small.rda', sep='/')
load(rda)
# Both anchors in region
loops.small.two <- subsetRegion(loops.small, regA)
#Only one anchor in region
loops.small.one <- subsetRegion(loops.small, regA, 1)
#Either one or two anchors in region
loops.small.both <- union(loops.small.one, loops.small.two)
```

`summary.loops-method` *Link the anchors and interactions back together*

## Description

`summary` takes a `loops` object and breaks the loop data structure resulting in a `data.frame`.

## Usage

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

## Arguments

object	A loops object to be summarized
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## Details

This function returns a `data.frame` where the left and right anchors are visualized together along with the loop width, individual counts, and any anchor meta-data that has been annotated into the anchors `GRanges` object as well as any `rowData` variable

## Value

A `data.frame`

## Examples

```
# Summarizing the first ten loops in \code{loops.small}
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='diffloop'),'loops.small.rda',sep='/')
load(rda)
summarydf <- summary(loops.small[1:10,])
# Summarizing the loops and significance results between naive and primed
summarylt <- summary(quickAssoc(loops.small[,1:4])[1:10,])
```

`tail.loops-method` *Extract last part of loops object*

## Description

Extract last part of loops object

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'loops'
tail(x, n = 6, ...)
```

**Arguments**

- x A loops object
- n Number of lines to view
- ... Other non-essential params

**Value**

A loops object

---

**topLoops**

*Grab top loops*

---

**Description**

`topLoops` takes a `loops` object and performs basic filtering for FDR or PValue

**Usage**

```
topLoops(dlo, FDR, PValue)

## S4 method for signature 'loops,numeric,numeric'
topLoops(dlo, FDR, PValue)

## S4 method for signature 'loops,numeric,missing'
topLoops(dlo, FDR, PValue)

## S4 method for signature 'loops,missing,numeric'
topLoops(dlo, FDR, PValue)
```

**Arguments**

- dlo A loops object
- FDR Maximum threshold for False Discovery Rate; default = 1
- PValue Maximum threshold for P-value; default = 1

**Details**

This function returns a subsetted `loops` object where all loops meet the significance threshold specified by the parameters in the function call

**Value**

A loops object subsetted by specified parameters

## Examples

```
# Differential loop calling between naive and primed
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='diffloop'), 'loops.small.rda',sep='/')
load(rda)
np <- loops.small[,1:4]
assoc_np <- quickAssoc(np)
top_np <- topLoops(assoc_np, FDR = 0.3)
```

### union,loops,loops-method

*Combine two loops objects*

## Description

union combines two loops objects' interactions and anchors and populates the colData matrix where available

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'loops,loops'
union(x, y)
```

## Arguments

- |   |                |
|---|----------------|
| x | A loops object |
| y | A loops object |

## Details

This function returns a single loops object that has all the anchors and interactions contained in the two loops objects that were part of the input. However, when the two objects have different samples, the counts matrix will contain missing values (e.g. when loop counts in x are not in y, those values are unknown). While the number of interactions, colData, and anchors should be correct, we need to correct the counts using a subsetting function. The row data gets re-initialized here to only the loop widths

## Value

A loops object

## Examples

```
# divide and recombine samples
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='diffloop'), 'loops.small.rda',sep='/')
load(rda)
naive <- loops.small[,1:2]
primed <- loops.small[,3:4]
np <- union(naive, primed)
```

```
# Subset from full to get correct counts
c.np <- loopsSubset(np, loops.small)
```

**updateLDGroups***Update groups in colData for loops object***Description**

`updateLDGroups` changes the `groups` column in `colData` for a `loops` object

**Usage**

```
updateLDGroups(dlo, groups)

## S4 method for signature 'loops'
updateLDGroups(dlo, groups)
```

**Arguments**

<code>dlo</code>	A <code>loops</code> object
<code>groups</code>	A character vector. Lists the groups each sample belongs in

**Details**

This function updates the `groups` column in `colData` for a `loops` object. Make sure that the length of `groups` the number of samples in `colData`!

**Value**

A `loops` object with new groups in `colData`

**Examples**

```
# Updating groups from all 'group1' to meaningful designations
rda<-paste(system.file('rda',package='diffloop'), 'loops.small.rda', sep='/')
load(rda)
celltypes <- c('naive1','naive1','primed2','primed2','jurkat3','jurkat3')
loops.small <- updateLDGroups(loops.small, celltypes)
```

---

[,loops,numeric,numeric,missing-method  
Extract parts of a loops object

---

## Description

Extract parts of a loops object

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'loops,numeric,numeric,missing'  
x[i, j, drop]  
  
## S4 method for signature 'loops,missing,numeric,missing'  
x[i, j, drop]  
  
## S4 method for signature 'loops,numeric,missing,missing'  
x[i, j, drop]
```

## Arguments

x	A loops object for subsetting
i	Loops to be subsetted
j	Samples to be subsetted
drop	Other non-essential parameters needed for sub

## Value

A loops object

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