

# Package ‘SynExtend’

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**Description** Shared order between genomic sequences provide a great deal of information. Synteny objects produced by the R package DECIPHER provides quantitative information about that shared order. SynExtend provides tools for extracting information from Synteny objects.

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ExactSelect

*Model for identifying erroneously linked pairs*


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### Description

Though the function PairSummaries provides an argument allowing users to ask for alignments, given the time consuming nature of that process on large data, models are provided which allow for the quick and efficient identification of pairs whose PID would likely fall within a random distribution of PIDs.

### Usage

```
data("ExactSelect")
```

### Format

The format is an object of class "glm".

### Details

A model for rejecting identified pairs whose link statistics indicate a likely exact PID that would fall within a random distribution in an amino acid alignment.

### Examples

```
data(ExactSelect)
```

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gffToDataFrame

*Generate a DataFrame of gene calls from a gff3 file*


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### Description

Generate a DataFrame of gene calls from a gff3 file

### Usage

```
gffToDataFrame(GFF,
               AdditionalAttrs = NULL,
               AdditionalTypes = NULL,
               RawTableOnly = FALSE,
               Verbose = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

GFF A url or filepath specifying a gff3 file to import

AdditionalAttrs

A vector of character strings to designate the attributes to pull. Default Attributes include: "ID", "Parent", "Name", "gbkey", "gene", "product", "protein\_id", "gene\_biotype", and "Note".

**AdditionalTypes**

A vector of character strings to query from the the "Types" column. Default types are limited to "Gene" and "Pseudogene", but any possible entry for "Type" in a gff3 format can be added, such as "rRNA", or "CRISPR\_REPEAT".

**RawTableOnly**

Logical specifying whether to return the raw imported GFF without complex parsing. Remains as a holdover from function construction and debugging. For simple gff3 import see `rtracklayer::import`.

**Verbose**

Logical specifying whether to print a progress bar and time difference.

**Details**

Import a gff file into a rectangular parsable object.

**Value**

A `DataFrame` with relevant information extracted from a GFF.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
ImportedGFF <- gffToDataFrame(GFF = system.file("extdata",
                                             "GCA_006740685.1_ASM674068v1_genomic.gff.gz",
                                             package = "SynExtend"),
                             Verbose = TRUE)
```

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GlobalSelect

*Model for identifying erroneously linked pairs*

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**Description**

Though the function `PairSummaries` provides an argument allowing users to ask for alignments, given the time consuming nature of that process on large data, models are provided which allow for the quick and efficient identification of pairs whose PID would likely fall within a random distribution of PIDs.

**Usage**

```
data("GlobalSelect")
```

**Format**

The format is an object of class "glm".

**Details**

A model for rejecting identified pairs whose link statistics indicate a likely global PID that would fall within a random distribution in an amino acid alignment.

**Examples**

```
data(GlobalSelect)
```

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 LinkedPairs

*Tables of where syntenic hits link pairs of genes*


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### Description

Syntenic blocks describe where order is shared between two sequences. These blocks are made up of exact match hits. These hits can be overlaid on the locations of sequence features to clearly illustrate where exact sequence similarity is shared between pairs of sequence features.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'LinkedPairs'
print(x,
      quote = FALSE,
      right = TRUE,
      ...)
```

### Arguments

x	An object of class <code>LinkedPairs</code> .
quote	Logical indicating whether to print the output surrounded by quotes.
right	Logical specifying whether to right align strings.
...	Other arguments for <code>print</code> .

### Details

Objects of class `LinkedPairs` are stored as square matrices of list elements with `dimnames` derived from the `dimnames` of the object of class `"Synteny"` from which it was created. The diagonal of the matrix is only filled if `OutputFormat "Comprehensive"` is selected in `NucleotideOverlap`, in which case it will be filled with the gene locations supplied to `GeneCalls`. The upper triangle is always filled, and contains location information in nucleotide space for all syntenic hits that link features between sequences in the form of an integer matrix with named columns. `"QueryGene"` and `"SubjectGene"` correspond to the integer rownames of the supplied gene calls. `"QueryIndex"` and `"SubjectIndex"` correspond to `"Index1"` and `"Index2"` columns of the source synteny object position. Remaining columns describe the exact positioning and size of extracted hits. The lower triangle is not filled if `OutputFormat "Sparse"` is selected and contains relative displacement positions for the 'left-most' and 'right-most' hit involved in linking the particular features indicated in the related line up the corresponding position in the upper triangle.

The object serves only as a simple package for input data to the `PairSummaries` function, and as such may not be entirely user friendly. However it has been left exposed to the user should they find this data interesting.

### Value

An object of class `"LinkedPairs"`.

### Author(s)

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LocalSelect

*Model for identifying erroneously linked pairs*

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### Description

Though the function `PairSummaries` provides an argument allowing users to ask for alignments, given the time consuming nature of that process on large data, models are provided which allow for the quick and efficient identification of pairs whose PID would likely fall within a random distribution of PIDs.

### Usage

```
data("LocalSelect")
```

### Format

The format is an object of class "glm".

### Details

A model for rejecting identified pairs whose link statistics indicate a likely local PID that would fall within a random distribution in an amino acid alignment.

### Examples

```
data(LocalSelect)
```

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NucleotideOverlap

*Tabulating Pairs of Genomic Sequences*

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### Description

A function for concisely tabulating where genomic features are connected by syntenic hits.

### Usage

```
NucleotideOverlap(SyntenyObject,  
                  GeneCalls,  
                  LimitIndex = FALSE,  
                  OutputFormat = "Normal",  
                  Verbose = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

SyntenObject	An object of class “Synteny” built from the FindSynteny in the package DECIPHER.
GeneCalls	A named list of objects of class “DFrame” built from gffToDataFrame, objects of class “GRanges” imported from rtracklayer::import, or objects of class “Genes” created from the DECIPHER function FindGenes. “DFrame”s built by “gffToDataFrame” can be used directly, while “GRanges” objects may also be used with limited functionality. Using a “GRanges” object will force all alignments to nucleotide alignments. Objects of class “Genes” generated by FindGenes function equivalently to those produced by gffToDataFrame. Using a “GRanges” object will force LimitIndex to FALSE.
LimitIndex	Logical indicating whether to limit which indices in a synteny object to query. FALSE by default, when TRUE only the first sequence in all selected identifiers will be used. LimitIndex can be used to skip analysis of plasmids, or solely query a single chromosome.
OutputFormat	Character string to designate how much information to return. "Sparse" returns only a filled upper triangle of exactly matched positions. "Normal" returns a matrix with associated match information in both the upper and lower triangle of the returned matrix, while "Comprehensive" will return GeneCalls used in construction in the diagonal.
Verbose	Logical indicating whether or not to display a progress bar and print the time difference upon completion.

**Details**

Builds a matrix of lists that contain information about linked pairs of genomic features.

**Value**

An object of class “LinkedPairs”.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[FindSynteny](#), [Synteny-class](#)

**Examples**

```
DBPATH <- system.file("extdata",
                      "VignetteSeqs.sqlite",
                      package = "SynExtend")

# Alternatively, to build a database using DECIPHER:
# DBPATH <- tempfile()
# FNAs <- c("ftp://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genomes/all/GCA/006/740/685/GCA_006740685.1_ASM674068v1/GCA_006740685.1",
#          "ftp://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genomes/all/GCA/000/956/175/GCA_000956175.1_ASM95617v1/GCA_000956175.1",
#          "ftp://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genomes/all/GCA/000/875/775/GCA_000875775.1_ASM87577v1/GCA_000875775.1")
# for (m1 in seq_along(FNAs)) {
#   X <- readDNASTringSet(filepath = FNAs[m1])
#   X <- X[order(width(X),
#                 decreasing = TRUE)]
```

```

#
# Seqs2DB(seqs = X,
#         type = "XStringSet",
#         dbFile = DBPATH,
#         identifier = as.character(m1),
#         verbose = TRUE)
# }

Syn <- FindSynteny(dbFile = DBPATH)

GeneCalls <- vector(mode = "list",
                   length = ncol(Syn))

GeneCalls[[1L]] <- gffToDataFrame(GFF = system.file("extdata",
                                                  "GCA_006740685.1_ASM674068v1_genomic.gff.gz",
                                                  package = "SynExtend"),
                               Verbose = TRUE)
GeneCalls[[2L]] <- gffToDataFrame(GFF = system.file("extdata",
                                                  "GCA_000956175.1_ASM95617v1_genomic.gff.gz",
                                                  package = "SynExtend"),
                               Verbose = TRUE)
GeneCalls[[3L]] <- gffToDataFrame(GFF = system.file("extdata",
                                                  "GCA_000875775.1_ASM87577v1_genomic.gff.gz",
                                                  package = "SynExtend"),
                               Verbose = TRUE)

# Alternatively:
# GeneCalls <- vector(mode = "list",
#                   length = ncol(Syn))
# GeneCalls[[1L]] <- rtracklayer::import(system.file("extdata",
#                                                  "GCA_006740685.1_ASM674068v1_genomic.gff.gz",
#                                                  package = "SynExtend"))
# GeneCalls[[2L]] <- rtracklayer::import(system.file("extdata",
#                                                  "GCA_000956175.1_ASM95617v1_genomic.gff.gz",
#                                                  package = "SynExtend"))
# GeneCalls[[3L]] <- rtracklayer::import(system.file("extdata",
#                                                  "GCA_000875775.1_ASM87577v1_genomic.gff.gz",
#                                                  package = "SynExtend"))

names(GeneCalls) <- seq(length(GeneCalls))

Links <- NucleotideOverlap(SyntenyObject = Syn,
                          GeneCalls = GeneCalls,
                          LimitIndex = FALSE,
                          Verbose = TRUE)

```

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PairSummaries

*Summarize connected pairs in a LinkedPairs object*


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## Description

Takes in a `LinkedPairs` object and gene calls, and returns a pairs list.

**Usage**

```
PairSummaries(Syntenylinks,
              GeneCalls,
              DBPATH,
              PIDs = TRUE,
              IgnoreDefaultStringSet = FALSE,
              Verbose = TRUE,
              GapPenalty = TRUE,
              TerminalPenalty = TRUE,
              Model = "Global",
              Correction = "none")
```

**Arguments**

Syntenylinks	A PairedLinks object.
GeneCalls	A named list of objects of class "DFrame" built from <code>gffToDataFrame</code> , objects of class "GRanges" imported from <code>rtracklayer::import</code> , or objects of class "Genes" created from the DECIPHER function <code>FindGenes</code> . "DFrame"s built by "gffToDataFrame" can be used directly, while "GRanges" objects may also be used with limited functionality. Using a "GRanges" object will force all alignments to nucleotide alignments. Objects of class "Genes" generated by <code>FindGenes</code> function equivalently to those produced by <code>gffToDataFrame</code> . Using a "GRanges" object will force <code>IgnoreDefaultStringSet</code> to TRUE.
DBPATH	A SQLite connection object or a character string specifying the path to the database file. Constructed from DECIPHER's <code>Seqs2DB</code> function.
PIDs	Logical indicating whether to perform pairwise alignments. If TRUE (the default) all pairs will be aligned using DECIPHER's <code>AlignSeqs</code> , or <code>AlignTranslation</code> function. This step can be time consuming, especially for large numbers of pairs.
IgnoreDefaultStringSet	Logical indicating alignment type preferences. If FALSE (the default) pairs that can be aligned in amino acid space will be aligned as an <code>AAStringSet</code> . If TRUE all pairs will be aligned in nucleotide space.
Verbose	Logical indicating whether or not to display a progress bar and print the time difference upon completion.
GapPenalty	Argument passed to <code>AlignTranslation</code>
TerminalPenalty	Argument passed to <code>AlignTranslation</code>
Model	A character string specifying a model to use to identify pairs that are unlikely to be good orthologs. By default this is "Global", but two other models are included; "Local" and "Exact", which have minor differences in performance. Alternatively, a user generated model can be used.
Correction	Argument to be passed to <code>DistanceMatrix</code> , currently only "none" and "Jukes-Cantor" are supported options. Will only be applied to nucleotide alignments.

**Details**

The `LinkedPairs` object generated by `NucleotideOverlap` is a container for raw data that describes possible orthologous relationships, however ultimate assignment of orthology is up to user discretion. `PairSummaries` generates a clear table with relevant statistics for a user to work with as they choose. The option to align all pairs, though onerous can allow users to apply a hard threshold to predictions by PID, while built in models can allow a more succinct and expedient thresholding.



**Value**

A data.frame with rownames indicating orthologous pairs.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[FindSynteny](#), [Synteny-class](#)

**Examples**

```
DBPATH <- system.file("extdata",
                      "VignetteSeqs.sqlite",
                      package = "SynExtend")

# Alternatively, to build a database using DECIPHER:
# DBPATH <- tempfile()
# FNAs <- c("ftp://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genomes/all/GCA/006/740/685/GCA_006740685.1_ASM674068v1/GCA_006740685.1",
#          "ftp://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genomes/all/GCA/000/956/175/GCA_000956175.1_ASM95617v1/GCA_000956175.1",
#          "ftp://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genomes/all/GCA/000/875/775/GCA_000875775.1_ASM87577v1/GCA_000875775.1")
# for (m1 in seq_along(FNAs)) {
#   X <- readDNASTringSet(filepath = FNAs[m1])
#   X <- X[order(width(X),
#                 decreasing = TRUE)]
#   #
#   Seqs2DB(seqs = X,
#            type = "XStringSet",
#            dbFile = DBPATH,
#            identifier = as.character(m1),
#            verbose = TRUE)
# }

Syn <- FindSynteny(dbFile = DBPATH)

GeneCalls <- vector(mode = "list",
                    length = ncol(Syn))

GeneCalls[[1L]] <- gffToDataFrame(GFF = system.file("extdata",
                                                  "GCA_006740685.1_ASM674068v1_genomic.gff.gz",
                                                  package = "SynExtend"),
                               Verbose = TRUE)
GeneCalls[[2L]] <- gffToDataFrame(GFF = system.file("extdata",
                                                  "GCA_000956175.1_ASM95617v1_genomic.gff.gz",
                                                  package = "SynExtend"),
                               Verbose = TRUE)
GeneCalls[[3L]] <- gffToDataFrame(GFF = system.file("extdata",
                                                  "GCA_000875775.1_ASM87577v1_genomic.gff.gz",
                                                  package = "SynExtend"),
                               Verbose = TRUE)

# Alternatively:
# GeneCalls <- vector(mode = "list",
#                     length = ncol(Syn))
# GeneCalls[[1L]] <- rtracklayer::import(system.file("extdata",
```

```
# "GCA_006740685.1_ASM674068v1_genomic.gff.gz",
# package = "SynExtend"))
# GeneCalls[[2L]] <- rtracklayer::import(system.file("extdata",
# "GCA_000956175.1_ASM95617v1_genomic.gff.gz",
# package = "SynExtend"))
# GeneCalls[[3L]] <- rtracklayer::import(system.file("extdata",
# "GCA_000875775.1_ASM87577v1_genomic.gff.gz",
# package = "SynExtend"))

names(GeneCalls) <- seq(length(GeneCalls))

Links <- NucleotideOverlap(SyntenyObject = Syn,
  GeneCalls = GeneCalls,
  LimitIndex = FALSE,
  Verbose = TRUE)

PredictedPairs <- PairSummaries(SyntenyLinks = Links,
  GeneCalls = GeneCalls,
  DBPATH = DBPATH,
  PIDs = FALSE,
  Verbose = TRUE,
  Model = "Global",
  Correction = "none")
```

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