

# Package ‘cleanUpdTSeq’

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**Title** cleanUpdTSeq cleans up artifacts from polyadenylation sites from oligo(dT)-mediated 3' end RNA sequencing data

**Description** This package implements a Naive Bayes classifier for accurately differentiating true polyadenylation sites (pA sites) from oligo(dT)-mediated 3' end sequencing such as PAS-Seq, PolyA-Seq and RNA-Seq by filtering out false polyadenylation sites, mainly due to oligo(dT)-mediated internal priming during reverse transcription. The classifier is highly accurate and outperforms other heuristic methods.

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BED6WithSeq2GRangesSeq

*Covert (extended) BED6 file to a GRanges object*

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### Description

Convert to a GRanges object from a (extended) BED6 file with at least six columns: chrom, chromStart, strEnd, name, score and strand, and optional upstream sequences (including pA sites) and downstream sequences of pA sites

### Usage

```
BED6WithSeq2GRangesSeq(
  file,
  skip = 1L,
  withSeq = TRUE,
  upstream.seq.ind = 7L,
  downstream.seq.ind = 8L
)
```

### Arguments

file	A character(1) vector, representing a path to a extended BED file containing at least six columns in the order of chrom, chromStart, strEnd, name, score and strand. The strand information must be designated as "+", or "-". Optional fields—upstream sequences (including pA sites) and downstream sequences of pA sites—are allowed. For more details about the BED format, see <a href="https://genome.ucsc.edu/FAQ/FAQ">https://genome.ucsc.edu/FAQ/FAQ</a>
skip	A integer(1) vector, indicating how many rows (header lines) to skip when the BED file is read into R.
withSeq	A logical(1) vector, indicating that upstream and downstream sequences flanking pA sites are included in the file
upstream.seq.ind	An integer(1),vector delineating the column location of upstream sequences of the putative pA site

```
downstream.seq.ind
      An integer(1),vector delineating the column location of downstream sequences
      of the putative pA site
```

**Value**

An object of GRanges

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
testFile <- system.file("extdata", "test.bed",
                        package = "cleanUpdTSeq")
peaks <- BED6WithSeq2GRangesSeq(file = testFile,
                                skip = 1L, withSeq = TRUE)
```

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<code>buildClassifier</code>	<i>Build a Naive Bayes Classifier</i>
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**Description**

Computes the conditional a-posterior probabilities of a categorical class variable given independent predictor variables using the Bayes rule.

**Usage**

```
buildClassifier(
  Ndata.NaiveBayes,
  Pdata.NaiveBayes,
  upstream = 40L,
  downstream = 30L,
  wordSize = 6L,
  alphabet = c("ACGT")
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>Ndata.NaiveBayes</code>	A data.frame, containing features for the negative training data, described further in <a href="#">data.NaiveBayes</a> .
<code>Pdata.NaiveBayes</code>	A data.frame, containing features for the positive training data, described further in <a href="#">data.NaiveBayes</a> .
<code>upstream</code>	An integer(1) vector, length of upstream sequence to retrieve.
<code>downstream</code>	An integer(1) vector, length of downstream sequence to retrieve.
<code>wordSize</code>	An integer(1) vector, size of the kmer feature for the upstream sequence. wordSize = 6 should always be used.
<code>alphabet</code>	A character(1) vector, a string containing DNA bases. By default, "ACTG".

**Value**

An object of class "naiveBayes".

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[naiveBayes](#)

**Examples**

```
if (interactive()){
  data(data.NaiveBayes)
  classifier <- buildClassifier(data.NaiveBayes$Negative,
                              data.NaiveBayes$Positive)
}
```

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buildFeatureVector      *build Feature Vector\_2*

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**Description**

This function creates a data frame. Fields include peak name, upstream sequence, downstream sequence, and features to be used in classifying the putative polyadenylation site.

**Usage**

```
buildFeatureVector(
  peaks,
  genome = Drerio,
  upstream = 40L,
  downstream = 30L,
  wordSize = 6L,
  alphabet = "ACGT",
  sampleType = c("TP", "TN", "unknown"),
  replaceNAdistance = 30L,
  method = c("NaiveBayes", "SVM"),
  fetchSeq = FALSE,
  return_sequences = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

peaks	An object of GRanges that may contain the upstream and downstream sequence information. This item is created by the function <a href="#">BED6WithSeq2GRangesSeq</a> .
genome	Name of the genome to get sequences from. To find out a list of available genomes, please type <code>BSgenome::available.genomes()</code> in R.
upstream	An integer(1) vector, length of upstream sequence to retrieve.



```

upstream = 40L,
downstream = 30L,
wordSize = 6L,
alphabet = "ACGT",
sampleType = "unknown",
replaceNAdistance = 30,
method = "NaiveBayes",
fetchSeq = TRUE,
return_sequences = TRUE)

```

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classifier	<i>NaiveBayes classifier</i>
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### Description

An object of class "naiveBayes" generated from data.NaiveBayes

### Usage

```
classifier
```

### Format

An object of class "[PASclassifier](#)" including components:

### Examples

```

data(classifier)
names(classifier)

```

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cleanUpdTSeq	<i>This package classifies putative polyadenylation sites.</i>
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### Description

3'ends of transcripts have generally been poorly annotated. With the advent of deep sequencing, many methods have been developed to identify 3'ends. The majority of these methods use an oligodT primer which can bind to internal adenine-rich sequences, and lead to artifactual identification of polyadenylation sites. Heuristic filtering methods rely on a certain number of As downstream of a putative polyadenylation site to classify the site as true or oligodT primed. This package provides a robust method to classify putative polyadenylation sites using a Naive Bayes classifier.

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data.NaiveBayes	<i>Training Data</i>
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### Description

A RData containing negative and positive training data

### Usage

```
data.NaiveBayes
```

### Format

A list with 2 data frame, "Negative" and "Positive". Negative has 9219 observations on the following 4120 variables. And Positive is a data frame with 22770 observations on the following 4120 variables. The format is:

**list("Negative")** 'data.frame': 9219 obs. of 4120 variables:

**list("Positive")** 'data.frame': 22770 obs. of 4120 variables:

Both of them have same structure.

**list("y")** a numeric vector

**list("n.A.Downstream")** a numeric vector

**list("n.C.Downstream")** a numeric vector

**list("n.T.Downstream")** a numeric vector

**list("n.G.Downstream")** a numeric vector

**list("avg.distanceA2PeakEnd")** a numeric vector

**list("dimer")** a numeric vector

**: such as AA, AC, AG, AT, CA, ... etc.** a numeric vector

**list("heximer")** a factor with levels 0 1

**: such as AAAAAA, ACGTAC, ... etc.** a factor with levels 0 1

**list("upstream.seq")** a vector of sequence string

**list("downstream.seq")** a vector of sequence string

### Examples

```
library(BSgenome.Drerio.UCSC.danRer7)
data(data.NaiveBayes)
head(str(data.NaiveBayes$Negative))
head(str(data.NaiveBayes$Positive))
```

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featureVector-class    *Class "featureVector"*

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### Description

An object of class "featureVector" represents the output of `buildFeatureVector`

### Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("featureVector", data, info)`.

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getContextSequences    *Retrieve upstream and downstream sequences*

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### Description

Retrieve upstream and downstream sequences of pA sites from a BSgenome object based on a GRanges object

### Usage

```
getContextSequences(peaks, upstream = 40L, downstream = 30L, genome)
```

### Arguments

peaks	An object of GRanges representing pA sites
upstream	An integer(1) vector, length of upstream sequence of pA sites, including pA site.
downstream	An integer(1) vector, length of downstream sequences of pA sites
genome	An object of BSgenome.

### Value

A data.frame containing sequences upstream and downstream pA sites:

**upstream.seq** sequence upstream pA site, including pA site

**downstream.seq** sequence downstream pA site

### Author(s)

Haibo Liu

### Examples

```
library(BSgenome.Drerio.UCSC.danRer7)
testFile <- system.file("extdata", "test.bed",
                        package = "cleanUpdTSeq")
peaks <- BED6WithSeq2GRangesSeq(file = testFile,
                                skip = 1L, withSeq = FALSE)
peaks_seq <- getContextSequences(peaks,
                                upstream = 40L,
                                downstream = 30L,
                                genome = Drerio)
```

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modelInfo-class	Class "modelInfo"
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**Description**

An object of class "modelInfo" represents the information of sequence to use in the analysis

**Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("modelInfo", upstream, downstream, wordSize, alphabet)`.

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naiveBayes-class	Class "naiveBayes"
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**Description**

An object of class "naiveBayes" represents the conditional a-posterior probabilities of a categorical class variable given independent predictor variables using the Bayes rule.

**Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("naiveBayes", apriori, tables, levels, call)`.

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PASclassifier-class	Class "PASclassifier"
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**Description**

An object of class "PASclassifier" represents the output of `buildClassifier`

**Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("PASclassifier", classifier, info)`.

**Examples**

```
data(classifier)
classifier$info$upstream
classifier$info$wordSize
classifier$info$alphabet
```

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predictTestSet	<i>predict authenticity of putative pA sites</i>
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### Description

classify putative pA sites into true and false bins.

### Usage

```
predictTestSet(
  Ndata.NaiveBayes = NULL,
  Pdata.NaiveBayes = NULL,
  testSet.NaiveBayes,
  classifier = NULL,
  outputFile = "test-predNaiveBayes.tsv",
  assignmentCutoff = 0.5,
  return_sequences = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

**Ndata.NaiveBayes**  
A data.frame, containing features for the negative training data, which is built using the function [buildFeatureVector](#). It is described further in [data.NaiveBayes](#).

**Pdata.NaiveBayes**  
A data.frame, containing features for the positive training data, which is built using the function [buildFeatureVector](#). It is described further in [data.NaiveBayes](#).

**testSet.NaiveBayes**  
An object of [featureVector](#) for test data built for Naive Bayes analysis using the function [buildFeatureVector](#).

**classifier**  
An object of class [PASclassifier](#).

**outputFile**  
A character(1) vector, file name for outputting prediction results. The prediction output is written to the file, tab separated.

**assignmentCutoff**  
A numeric(1) vector, specifying the cutoff for classifying a putative pA site into a true or false pA class. It should be any number between 0 and 1. For example, assignmentCutoff = 0.5 will assign an putative pA site with prob\_true\_pA > 0.5 to the True class (1), and any putative pA site with prob\_true\_pA < = 0.5 as False (0).

**return\_sequences**  
A logical(1) vector, indicating whether upstream and downstream sequences should be included in the output

### Value

A data.frame including all info as described below. The upstream and downstream sequence used in assessing the putative pA site might be included when return\_sequences = TRUE.

peak_name	the name of the putative pA site (originally from the 4th field in the bed file).
prob_fake_pA	the probability that the putative pA site is false

prob\_true\_pA    the probability that the putative pA site is true  
 pred\_class      the predicted class of the putative pA site, based on the assignment cutoff. 0 =  
                   Falsee/oligo(dT) internally primed, 1 = True  
 upstream\_seq    the upstream sequence of the putative pA site used in the analysis  
 downstream\_seq the downstream sequence of the putative pA site used in the analysis.

### Author(s)

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### References

Sheppard S, Lawson ND, Zhu LJ. Accurate identification of polyadenylation sites from 3' end deep sequencing using a naive Bayes classifier. *Bioinformatics*. 2013;29(20):2564-2571.

### Examples

```

library(BSgenome.Drerio.UCSC.danRer7)
testFile <- system.file("extdata", "test.bed",
                        package = "cleanUpdTSeq")
## convert the test set to GRanges without upstream and downstream sequence
## information
peaks <- BED6WithSeq2GRangesSeq(file = testFile,
                                skip = 1L, withSeq = TRUE)
## build the feature vector for the test set without sequence information
testSet.NaiveBayes = buildFeatureVector(peaks,
                                       genome = Drerio,
                                       upstream = 40L,
                                       downstream = 30L,
                                       wordSize = 6L,
                                       alphabet = c("ACGT"),
                                       sampleType = "unknown",
                                       replaceNAdistance = 30,
                                       method = "NaiveBayes",
                                       fetchSeq = TRUE,
                                       return_sequences = TRUE)

data(data.NaiveBayes)
## sample the test data for code testing, DO NOT do this for real data
samp <- c(1:22, sample(23:4118, 50), 4119, 4120)
Ndata.NaiveBayes <- data.NaiveBayes$Negative[, samp]
Pdata.NaiveBayes <- data.NaiveBayes$Positive[, samp]
testSet.NaiveBayes@data <- testSet.NaiveBayes@data[, samp[-1]-1]

test_out <- predictTestSet(Ndata.NaiveBayes,
                           Pdata.NaiveBayes,
                           testSet.NaiveBayes,
                           outputFile = tempfile(),
                           assignmentCutoff = 0.5)

```

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