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APABox	<i>APABox, APA RED Box plotting</i>
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## Description

APA RED Box plotting

## Usage

```
APABox (df, xlab = "APAre", ylab = "RED",
        plot_title = NULL)
```

## Arguments

df	a dataframe of APAdiff output
xlab	lable of x-axis, default is 'APAre'
ylab	lable of y-axis, default is 'RED'
plot_title	Main title of plot

## Value

The function APABox return a Box plot.

## Author(s)

Ruijia Wang

**Examples**

```

library("TBX20BamSubset")
library("Rsamtools")
flsall = getBamFileList()
extpath = system.file("extdata",
"mm9_TBX20.APAout.RData", package="APALyzer")
load(extpath)
sampleTable1 = data.frame(samplename = c(names(flsall)),
condition = c(rep("NT",3),rep("KD",3)))
sampleTable2 = data.frame(samplename = c("SRR316184","SRR316187"),
condition = c("NT","KD"))
## 3'UTR APA plot
test_3UTRmuti=APAdiff(sampleTable1,DFUTRraw,
conKET='NT',trtKEY='KD',PAS='3UTR',CUTreads=0)
UTR_APA_PLOTBOX=APABox(test_3UTRmuti, plot_title='3UTR APA')

## IPA plot
test_IPAmuti=APAdiff(sampleTable1,IPA_OUTraw,
conKET='NT',trtKEY='KD',PAS='IPA',CUTreads=0)
IPA_PLOTBOX=APABox(test_IPAmuti, plot_title='IPA')

```

APAdiff

*APAdiff, calculate delta relative expression (RED) and statistics significance between two sample groups*

**Description**

Calculate delta relative expression (RED) and statistics significance between two sample groups.

**Usage**

```

APAdiff(sampleTable,mutiraw, conKET='NT',
trtKEY='KD', PAS='3UTR', CUTreads=0, p_adjust_methods="fdr", MultiTest='unpaired t-test')

```

**Arguments**

sampleTable	a dataframe of sample table containing 8 columns for Intronic PASs: 'sample-name','condition'
mutiraw	a dataframe output obtained using either PASEXP_3UTR or PASEXP_IPA
conKET	the name of control in the sampletable, default is 'NT'
trtKEY	the name of control in the sampletable, default is 'KD'
PAS	type of PAS analyzed, either '3UTR' or 'IPA', default is '3UTR'
CUTreads	reads cutoff used for the analysis, default is 0

`p_adjust_methods` p value correction method, the method can be "holm", "hochberg", "hommel", "bonferroni", "BH", "BY", "fdr", "none", default is "fdr"

`MultiTest` statistics testing method for muti-replicates designs, the method can be "unpaired t-test", "paired t-test", "ANOVA", default is "unpaired t-test"

### Value

The function `APAdiff` return a dataframe containing RED, pvalue and regulation pattern (UP, DN or NC) for either each gene (3'UTR APA) or each PAS (IPA).

### Author(s)

Ruijia Wang

### Examples

```
library("TBX20BamSubset")
library("Rsamtools")
flsall = getBamFileList()
extpath = system.file("extdata",
  "mm9_TBX20.APAout.RData", package="APALyzer")
load(extpath)
sampleTable1 = data.frame(samplename = c(names(flsall)),
  condition = c(rep("NT",3),rep("KD",3)))
sampleTable2 = data.frame(samplename = c("SRR316184","SRR316187"),
  condition = c("NT","KD"))
## Analysis 3'UTR APA between KD and NT group using muti-replicates
test_3UTRmuti=APAdiff(sampleTable1,DFUTRaw,
conKET='NT',trtKEY='KD',PAS='3UTR',CUTreads=0,p_adjust_methods="fdr",MultiTest='unpaired t-test')

## Analysis 3'UTR APA between KD and NT group without replicates
test_3UTRsing=APAdiff(sampleTable2,DFUTRaw,
conKET='NT',trtKEY='KD',PAS='3UTR',CUTreads=0,p_adjust_methods="fdr")

## Analysis IPA between KD and NT group
test_IPAmuti=APAdiff(sampleTable1,IPA_OUTraw,
conKET='NT',trtKEY='KD',PAS='IPA',CUTreads=0,p_adjust_methods="fdr",MultiTest='unpaired t-test')

## Analysis IPA between KD and NT group without replicates
test_IPAsing=APAdiff(sampleTable2,IPA_OUTraw,
conKET='NT',trtKEY='KD',PAS='IPA',CUTreads=0,p_adjust_methods="fdr")
```

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APAVolcano

*APAVolcano, APA Volcano plotting*

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### Description

APA Volcano plotting

**Usage**

```
APAVolcano (df, Pcol = "pvalue", PAS='3UTR',
            top = -1, markergenes = NULL,
            y_cutoff = 0.05, xlab = "RED", ylab = "-Log10(P-value)",
            PAScolor = c("gray80", "red", "blue"),
            alpha = 0.75, plot_title = NULL,
            width = 4, height = 2.5)
```

**Arguments**

<code>df</code>	a dataframe of APAdiff output
<code>Pcol</code>	p-value column used to for y-axis of volcano plot, default is 'pvalue'
<code>top</code>	number of genes/IPA to label in the plot, default is -1, which don't lable top genes, user can set it >0, e.g., top = 5
<code>markergenes</code>	a set of genes to label in the plot
<code>PAS</code>	type of PAS analyzed, either '3UTR' or 'IPA', default is '3UTR'
<code>y_cutoff</code>	y cutoff line, default is 0.05
<code>xlab</code>	lable of x-axis, default is 'RED'
<code>ylab</code>	lable of y-axis, default is '-Log10(P-value)'
<code>PAScolor</code>	dot color for 'NC', 'UP' and 'DN' gene/IPAs, default is "gray80", "red", and "blue"
<code>alpha</code>	alpha of the dot, default is 0.75
<code>plot_title</code>	Main title of plot
<code>width</code>	width of the dot, default is 4
<code>height</code>	height of the dot, default is 2.5

**Value**

The function APAVolcano return a Volcano plot.

**Author(s)**

Ruijia Wang

**Examples**

```
library("TBX20BamSubset")
library("Rsamtools")
flsall = getBamFileList()
extpath = system.file("extdata",
                      "mm9_TBX20.APAout.RData", package="APALyzer")
load(extpath)
sampleTable1 = data.frame(samplename = c(names(flsall)),
                          condition = c(rep("NT",3),rep("KD",3)))
sampleTable2 = data.frame(samplename = c("SRR316184","SRR316187"),
                          condition = c("NT","KD"))
```

```
## 3'UTR APA plot
test_3UTRmuti=APAdiff(sampleTable1,DFUTRraw,
conKET='NT',trtKEY='KD',PAS='3UTR',CUTreads=0)
UTR_APA_PLOT=APAVolcano(test_3UTRmuti, PAS='3UTR', Pcol = "pvalue", top=5, plot_title='3UTR APA')

## IPA plot
test_IPAmuti=APAdiff(sampleTable1,IPA_OUTraw,
conKET='NT',trtKEY='KD',PAS='IPA',CUTreads=0)
IPA_PLOT=APAVolcano(test_IPAmuti, PAS='IPA', Pcol = "pvalue", top=5, plot_title='IPA')
```

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download\_testbam

*download\_testbam, download bam files of mouse testis and heart*

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## Description

download bam files of mouse testis and heart

## Usage

```
download_testbam()
```

## Arguments

None.

## Value

The function download\_testbam download test data bam files.

## Author(s)

Ruijia Wang

## Examples

```
download_testbam()
```

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GENEXP_CDS	<i>GENEXP_CDS, count reads mapped to CDS regions and calculate TPM for coding gene</i>
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### Description

Map reads to CDS regions and calculate TPM for each gene.

### Usage

```
GENEXP_CDS(CDSbygene, fls, Strandtype="NONE")
```

### Arguments

CDSbygene	a genomic ranges of CDS regions for each coding gene
fls	bamfile lists containing the file and path of bam files
Strandtype	strand type of the bam file; "forward" is forward sequencing, "invert" is reverse sequencing and "NONE" is non-strand specific, Default is "NONE".

### Value

The function GENEXP\_CDS() return a dataframe containing reads count, TPM for each gene

### Author(s)

Ruijia Wang

### Examples

```
## count reads mapped to CDS regions and calculate TPM for each gene
## using forward sequencing
library("TBX20BamSubset")
library("Rsamtools")
library("GenomicAlignments")
library("GenomicFeatures")
library("org.Mm.eg.db")
flsall = getBamFileList()
extpath = system.file("extdata", "mm9.chr19.refGene.R.DB", package="APalyzer")
txdb = loadDb(extpath, packageName='GenomicFeatures')
IDDB = org.Mm.eg.db
CDSdbraw = REFCDS(txdb, IDDB)
DFGENErw = GENEXP_CDS(CDSdbraw, flsall, Strandtype="forward")
```

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 PAS2GEF

*PAS2GEF, build reference regions for 3'UTR PASs*


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### Description

Build 3'UTR PAS and IPA (IPA and LE) Reference using GTF file.

### Usage

```
PAS2GEF(GTFfile, AnnoMethod="V2")
```

### Arguments

GTFfile	GTF file of gene annotation
AnnoMethod	annotation method used to build PAS reference, either 'legacy' or 'V2', default is 'V2'

### Value

The function PAS2GEF() returns 3 input tables of PAS references: PASREF\$refUTRraw is for 3'UTR PAS, PASREF\$dfIPA and PASREF\$dfLE are for IPA references.

### Author(s)

Ruijia Wang

### Examples

```
## build Reference ranges for 3'UTR PASs in mouse
download.file(url='ftp://ftp.ensembl.org/pub/release-99/gtf/mus_musculus/Mus_musculus.GRCm38.99.gtf.gz',
             destfile='Mus_musculus.GRCm38.99.gtf.gz')
GTFfile="Mus_musculus.GRCm38.99.gtf.gz"

PASREF=PAS2GEF(GTFfile, AnnoMethod="V2")
refUTRraw=PASREF$refUTRraw
dfIPA=PASREF$dfIPA
dfLE=PASREF$dfLE
```

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PASEXP_3UTR	<i>PASEXP_3UTR, calculate relative expression of aUTR and cUTR regions</i>
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### Description

Map reads to 3'UTR APA regions and calculate relative expression of aUTR and cUTR regions.

### Usage

```
PASEXP_3UTR(UTRdb, fls, Strandtype="NONE")
```

### Arguments

UTRdb	a genomic ranges of aUTR(pPAS to dPAS) and cUTR(cdsend to pPAS) regions for each gene
fls	bamfile lists containing the file and path of bam files
Strandtype	strand type of the bam file; "forward" is forward sequencing, "invert" is reverse sequencing and "NONE" is non-strand specific, Default is "NONE".

### Value

The function PASEXP\_3UTR() return a dataframe containing reads count, RPKM and relative expression of aUTR and cUTR for each gene

### Author(s)

Ruijia Wang

### Examples

```
## count reads mapped to 3'UTR APA regions and
## calculate relative expression of aUTR and cUTR regions
## using forward sequencing
library("TBX20BamSubset")
library("Rsamtools")
library("GenomicAlignments")
library("repmis")
flsall = getBamFileList()
URL="https://github.com/RJWANGbioinfo/PAS_reference_RData/blob/master/"
file="mm9_REF.RData"
source_data(paste0(URL,file,"?raw=True"))
refUTRraw = refUTRraw[which(refUTRraw$Chrom=='chr19'),]
UTRdbraw = REF3UTR(refUTRraw)
DFUTRraw = PASEXP_3UTR(UTRdbraw, flsall, Strandtype="forward")
```

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PASEXP_IPA	<i>PASEXP_IPA, calculate relative expression of IPA regions</i>
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### Description

Map reads to IPA regions and calculate relative expression of aUTR and cUTR regions.

### Usage

```
PASEXP_IPA(dfIPArw, dfLEraw, f1s, Strandtype="NONE", nts=1, minMQS=0, SeqType = "SingleEnd")
```

### Arguments

dfIPArw	a dataframe containing 8 columns for Intronic PASs: 'PASid', 'gene_symbol', 'Chrom', 'Strand', 'Pos', 'upstreamSS', 'downstreamSS'. 'upstreamSS' means closest 5'/3' splice site to IPA, 'downstreamSS' means closest 3' splice site
dfLEraw	a dataframe containing 5 columns for 3' last exon: 'gene_symbol', 'Chrom', 'Strand', 'LEstart', 'TES'. 'LEstart' means the start position of last 3' exon.
f1s	bamfile lists containing the file and path of bam files
Strandtype	strand type of the bam file; "forward" is forward sequencing, "invert" is reverse sequencing and "NONE" is non-strand specific, Default is "NONE".
nts	number of threads used for computing, parameter used by <a href="#">featureCounts</a> , nthread option, Default is 1
minMQS	minimum mapping quality score of counted reads, parameter used by <a href="#">featureCounts</a> , minMQS option, Default is 0
SeqType	set the sequencing type of reads in bam files can be either 'SingleEnd' (default) or 'ThreeMostPairEnd'.

### Value

The function PASEXP\_IPA() return a dataframe containing reads count, RPKM and relative expression of aUTR and cUTR for each gene

### Author(s)

Ruijia Wang

### Examples

```
## count reads mapped to IPA regions and
## calculate relative expression of aUTR and cUTR regions
## using forward sequencing
library("TBX20BamSubset")
library("Rsamtools")
library("GenomicAlignments")
library("repmis")
```

```

flsall = getBamFileList()
URL="https://github.com/RJWANGbioinfo/PAS_reference_RData/blob/master/"
file="mm9_REF.RData"
source_data(paste0(URL,file,"?raw=True"))
IPA_OUTraw=PASEXP_IPA(dfIPA, dfLE, flsall, Strandtype="forward", nts=1)

```

REF3UTR

*REF3UTR, build reference regions for 3'UTR PASs***Description**

Build 3'UTR PAS Reference for distal and proximal PAS.

**Usage**

```
REF3UTR(refUTR)
```

**Arguments**

refUTR            a dataframe containing 6 columns for 3'UTR PASs: 'gene\_symbol', 'Chrom', 'Strand', 'Proximal', 'Distal', 'cdsend'

**Value**

The function REF3UTR() returns a genomic ranges of aUTR(pPAS to dPAS) and cUTR(cdsend to pPAS) regions for each gene

**Author(s)**

Ruijia Wang

**Examples**

```

## build Reference ranges for 3'UTR PASs in mouse
library(repmis)
URL="https://github.com/RJWANGbioinfo/PAS_reference_RData/blob/master/"
file="mm9_REF.RData"
source_data(paste0(URL,file,"?raw=True"))
refUTRraw=refUTRraw[which(refUTRraw$Chrom=='chr19'),]
UTRdbraw=REF3UTR(refUTRraw)

```

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REF4PAS	<i>REF4PAS, build reference regions for 3'UTR and Intronic PAS using dataframe formatted input</i>
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### Description

build reference regions for 3'UTR and Intronic PAS using dataframe formatted input

### Usage

```
REF4PAS(refUTRraw, dfIPArw, dfLEraw)
```

### Arguments

refUTRraw	a dataframe containing 6 columns for 3'UTR PASs: 'gene_symbol', 'Chrom', 'Strand', 'Proximal', 'Distal', 'cdsend'
dfIPArw	a dataframe containing 8 columns for Intronic PASs: 'PASid', 'gene_symbol', 'Chrom', 'Strand', 'Pos', 'upstreamSS', 'downstreamSS'. 'upstreamSS' means closest 5'/3' splice site to IPA, 'downstreamSS' means closest 3' splice site
dfLEraw	a dataframe containing 5 columns for 3' least exon: 'gene_symbol', 'Chrom', 'Strand', 'LEstart', 'TES'. 'LEstart' means the start position of last 3' exon.

### Value

The function REF4PAS() returns list a genomic ranges of 3'UTR, Intronic PAS and last 3'exon regions for each gene

### Author(s)

Ruijia Wang

### Examples

```
## build Reference ranges for 3'UTR and Intronic PAS in mouse (mm9)
library(repmis)
URL="https://github.com/RJWANGbioinfo/PAS_reference_RData/blob/master/"
file="mm9_REF.RData"
source_data(paste0(URL,file,"?raw=True"))
refUTRraw=refUTRraw[which(refUTRraw$Chrom=='chr19'),]
dfIPArw=dfIPA[which(dfIPA$Chrom=='chr19'),]
dfLEraw=dfLE[which(dfLE$Chrom=='chr19'),]
PASREF=REF4PAS(refUTRraw,dfIPArw,dfLEraw)
UTRdbraw=PASREF$UTRdbraw
dfIPA=PASREF$dfIPA
dfLE=PASREF$dfLE
```

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REFCDS	<i>REFCDS, build reference regions for CDS of protein coding genes</i>
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**Description**

Build CDS reference for protein coding genes.

**Usage**

```
REFCDS(txdb, IDDB)
```

**Arguments**

txdb	a TranscriptDb generate using GenomicFeatures
IDDB	Genome annotation of the corresponding species, e.g., "org.Hs.eg.db"

**Value**

The function REFCDS() returns a genomic ranges of CDS regions for each coding gene

**Author(s)**

Ruijia Wang

**Examples**

```
## build Reference ranges for CDS in mouse coding genes
library("GenomicFeatures")
library("org.Mm.eg.db")
extpath = system.file("extdata", "mm9.chr19.refGene.R.DB", package="APalyzer")
txdb = loadDb(extpath, packageName='GenomicFeatures')
IDDB = org.Mm.eg.db
CDSdbraw = REFCDS(txdb, IDDB)
```

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ThreeMostPairBam	<i>ThreeMostPairBam, extract 3 prime most alignment of a paired-end bam file</i>
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**Description**

extract 3 prime most alignment of a paired-end bam file and saved into a new bam file.

**Usage**

```
ThreeMostPairBam(BamfilePath, OutDirPath, StrandType="NONE")
```

**Arguments**

BamfilePath	file path of a bam file
OutDirPath	output folder path
StrandType	strand type of the bam file; "forward-reverse": read 1 forward but read 2 is reverse sequencing, "reverse-forward": read 2 forward but read 1 is reverse sequencing, and "NONE" is non-strand specific, Default is "NONE".

**Value**

The function `ThreeMostPairBam()` return a single-end bam file containing 3 prime most alignment of the input paired-end file

**Author(s)**

Ruijia Wang

**Examples**

```
## Extract 3 prime most alignment of a paired-end
## bam file and saved into a new bam file
library("pasillaBamSubset")

ThreeMostPairBam (BamfilePath=untreated3_chr4(),
  OutDirPath=getwd(),
  StrandType='forward-reverse')
```

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