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Description This tool is extended from methods in Bio.SeqUtils.MeltingTemp of python. The melting temperature of nucleic acid sequences can be calculated in three method, the Wallace rule (Thein & Wallace (1986) <doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(86)90739-7>), empirical formulas based on G and C content (Marmur J. (1962) <doi:10.1016/S0022-2836(62)80066-7>, Schildkraut C. (2010) <doi:10.1002/bip.360030207>, Wetmur J G (1991) <doi:10.3109/10409239109114069>, Untergasser, A. (2012) <doi:10.1093/nar/gks596>, von Ahlsen N (2001) <doi:10.1093/clinchem/47.11.1956>) and nearest neighbor thermodynamics (Breslauer K J (1986) <doi:10.1073/pnas.83.11.3746>, Sugimoto N (1996) <doi:10.1093/nar/24.22.4501>, Allawi H (1998) <doi:10.1093/nar/26.11.2694>, Santalucia J (2004) <doi:10.1146/annurev.biophys.32.110601.141800>, Freier S (1986) <doi:10.1073/pnas.83.24.9373>, Xia T (1996) <doi:10.1093/nar/24.22.4501>, Turner D H (2010) <doi:10.1093/nar/gkp892>, Sugimoto N (1995) <doi:10.1016/S0048-9697(98)00088-6>, Allawi H T (1997) <doi:10.1021/bi962590c>, Santalucia N (2005) <doi:10.1093/nar/gki918>), and it can also be corrected with salt ions and chemical compound (SantaLucia J (1996) <doi:10.1021/bi951907q>, SantaLucia J (1998) <doi:10.1073/pnas.95.4.1460>, Owczarzy R (2004) <doi:10.1021/bi034621r>, Owczarzy R (2008) <doi:10.1021/bi034621r>).

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Description

The melting temperature of nucleic acid sequences can be calculated in three method, the Wallace rule, empirical formulas based on G and C content and nearest neighbor thermodynamics, and it can also be corrected with salt ions and chemical compound.

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`c2s`*convert a vector of characters into a string*

Description

Simply convert a vector of characters such as `c("H","e","l","l","o","W","o","r","l","d")` into a single string such as `"HelloWorld"`.

Usage

```
c2s(characters)
```

Arguments

`characters` A vector of characters

Value

Return a strings

Author(s)

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References

```
citation("TmCalculator")
```

See Also

[s2c](#)

Examples

```
c2s(c("H","e","l","l","o","W","o","r","l","d"))
```

check_filter	<i>Check and filter valid base of nucleotide sequences</i>
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Description

In general, whitespaces and non-base characters are removed and characters are converted to uppercase in given method.

Usage

```
check_filter(ntseq, method)
```

Arguments

ntseq	The primer/probe sequence as string or vector of characters
method	TM_Wallace: check and return "A","B","C","D","G","H","I","K","M","N","R","S","T","V","W" and "Y" TM_GC: check and return "A","B","C","D","G","H","I","K","M","N","R","S","T","V","W", "X" and "Y" TM_NN: check and return "A","C","G","I" and "T"

Value

Return a sequence which fulfills the requirements of the given method.

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Examples

```
ntseq <- c("ATCGBDHKMNRVWSqq")
check_filter(ntseq,method='Tm_Wallace')
check_filter(ntseq,method='Tm_NN')
```

chem_correction	<i>Correct melting temperature with chemical substances</i>
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Description

Correct a given melting temperature with DMSO and formamide, and these corrections are rough approximations.

Usage

```
chem_correction(Tm, DMSO = 0, fmd = 0, DMSOfactor = 0.75,
fmdfactor = 0.65, fmdmethod = "concentration", ptGC = NULL)
```

Arguments

Tm	Melting temperature
DMSO	Percent DMSO
fmd	Formamide concentration in percentage (fmdmethod="concentration") or molar (fmdmethod="molar").
DMSOfactor	Coefficient of Tm decreases per percent DMSO. Default=0.75 von Ahsen N (2001) <PMID:11673362>. Other published values are 0.5, 0.6 and 0.675.
fmdfactor	Coefficient of Tm decrease per percent formamide. Default=0.65. Several papers report factors between 0.6 and 0.72.
fmdmethod	"concentration" method for formamide concentration in percentage and "molar" for formamide concentration in molar.
ptGC	Content of GC

Details

fmdmethod = "concentration" $T_m = T_m - \text{factor} \times \text{percentage_of_formamide}$

fmdmethod = "molar" $T_m = T_m + (0.453(f(\text{GC})) - 2.88) \times [\text{formamide}]$

Author(s)

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References

von Ahsen N, Wittwer CT, Schutz E, et al. Oligonucleotide melting temperatures under PCR conditions: deoxynucleotide Triphosphate and Dimethyl sulfoxide concentrations with comparison to alternative empirical formulas. Clin Chem 2001, 47:1956-C1961.

Examples

```
chem_correction(70, DMSO=3) #67.75
chem_correction(70, fmd=5) #66.75
chem_correction(70, fmdmethod="molar", fmd=1.25, ptGC=50) #66.68
```

complement

reverse complement and complement base of nucleotide sequences

Description

get reverse complement and complement nucleotide sequences

Usage

```
complement(ntseq, reverse = FALSE)
```

Arguments

ntseq	The primer/probe sequence as string or vector of characters
reverse	Get reverse complement sequence or not

Value

nucleotide sequences

Author(s)

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Examples

```
complement("ATCGYCGYsWwsaVv")
complement("ATCGYCGYsWwsaVv", reverse=TRUE)
```

GC	<i>Calculate G and C content of nucleotide sequences</i>
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Description

Calculate G and C content of nucleotide sequences. The number of G and C in sequence is divided by length of sequence (when totalnt is TRUE) or the number of all A, T, C, G and ambiguous base.

Usage

```
GC(ntseq, ambiguous = FALSE, totalnt = FALSE)
```

Arguments

ntseq	The primer/probe sequence as string or vector of characters
ambiguous	Ambiguous bases are taken into account to compute the G and C content when ambiguous is TRUE.
totalnt	Sum of 'G' and 'C' bases divided by the length of the sequence when totalnt is TRUE

Value

Content of G and C (range from 0 to 100)

Author(s)

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Examples

```
GC(c("a", "t", "c", "t", "g", "g", "g", "c", "c", "a", "g", "t", "a"))#53.84615
GC("GCATSWSYK", ambiguous = TRUE)#55.55556
```

s2c	<i>convert a string into a vector of characters</i>
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Description

Simply convert a single string such as "HelloWorld" into a vector of characters such as c("H","e","l","l","o","W","o","r","l","d")

Usage

```
s2c(strings)
```

Arguments

strings	A single string such as "HelloWorld"
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Value

Retrun a vector of characters

Author(s)

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References

```
citation("TmCalculator")
```

See Also

[c2s](#)

Examples

```
s2c(c("HelloWorld"))
```

salt_correction	<i>Calculate the corrected melting temperature with salt ions</i>
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Description

It will correct melting temperature or entropy based different operations

Usage

```
salt_correction(Na = 0, K = 0, Tris = 0, Mg = 0, dNTPs = 0,  
method = 1, ntseq = NULL, ambiguous = FALSE)
```


Arguments

Na	Millimolar concentration of Na
K	Millimolar concentration of K
Tris	Millimolar concentration of Tris
Mg	Millimolar concentration of Mg
dNTPs	Millimolar concentration of dNTPs
method	Which method to be applied. Methods 1-4 correct T_m , method 5 corrects ΔS , methods 6 and 7 correct $1/T_m$.
ntseq	The primer/probe sequence as string or vector of characters
ambiguous	Ambiguous bases are taken into account to compute the G and C content when ambiguous is TRUE.

Details

methods 1-4: $T_m(\text{new}) = T_m(\text{old}) + \text{corr}$

method 5: $\Delta S(\text{new}) = \Delta S(\text{old}) + \text{corr}$

methods 6+7: $T_m(\text{new}) = 1/(1/T_m(\text{old}) + \text{corr})$

The methods are:

1 Schildkraut C (2010) <doi:10.1002/bip.360030207>

2 Wetmur J G (1991) <doi:10.3109/10409239109114069>

3 SantaLucia J (1996) <doi:10.1021/bi951907q>

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Owczarzy R , Moreira B G , You Y , et al. Predicting Stability of DNA Duplexes in Solutions Containing Magnesium and Monovalent Cations[J]. Biochemistry, 2008, 47(19):5336-5353.

Examples

```
ntseq <- c("acgtTGCAATGCCGTAWSDBSYXX")
salt_correction(Na=390, K=20, Tris=0, Mg=10, dNTPs=25, method=7, ntseq)
mySeq <- c("A", "C", "G", "T", "T", "G", "C", "A", "A", "T", "G",
"C", "C", "G", "T", "A", "W", "S", "D", "B", "S", "Y", "X", "X")
salt_correction(Na=390, K=20, Tris=0, Mg=10, dNTPs=25, method=7, mySeq)
```

Tm_GC	<i>Calculate the melting temperature using empirical formulas based on GC content</i>
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Description

Calculate the melting temperature using empirical formulas based on GC content with different rules

Usage

```
Tm_GC(ntseq, ambiguous = FALSE, userset = NULL, variant = "Primer3Plus",
Na = 50, K = 0, Tris = 0, Mg = 0, dNTPs = 0, saltcorr = 0, mismatch = TRUE)
```

Arguments

ntseq	The primer/probe sequence as string or vector of characters
ambiguous	Ambiguous bases are taken into account to compute the G and C content when ambiguous is TRUE.
userset	A vector of four coefficient values. Usersets override valuesets.
variant	Empirical constants coefficient with 8 variants: Chester1993, QuikChange, Schildkraut1965, Wetmur1991_MELTING, Wetmur1991_RNA, Wetmur1991_RNA/DNA, Primer3Plus and vonAhsen2001
Na	Millimolar concentration of Na
K	Millimolar concentration of K
Tris	Millimolar concentration of Tris
Mg	Millimolar concentration of Mg
dNTPs	Millimolar concentration of dNTPs
saltcorr	Type of salt correction. Default=5.
mismatch	If 'True' (default) every 'X' in the sequence is counted as mismatch

Details

Empirical constants coefficient with 8 variant: Chester1993: $T_m = 69.3 + 0.41(\text{Percentage_GC}) - 650/N$

QuikChange: $T_m = 81.5 + 0.41(\text{Percentage_GC}) - 675/N - \text{Percentage_mismatch}$

Schildkraut1965: $T_m = 81.5 + 0.41(\text{Percentage_GC}) - 675/N + 16.6 \times \log[\text{Na+}]$

Wetmur1991_MELTING: $T_m = 81.5 + 0.41(\text{Percentage_GC}) - 500/N + 16.6 \times \log([\text{Na+}]/(1.0 + 0.7 \times [\text{Na+}])) - \text{Percentage_mismatch}$

Wetmur1991_RNA: $T_m = 78 + 0.7(\text{Percentage_GC}) - 500/N + 16.6 \times \log([\text{Na+}]/(1.0 + 0.7 \times [\text{Na+}])) - \text{Percentage_mismatch}$

Wetmur1991_RNA/DNA: $T_m = 67 + 0.8(\text{Percentage_GC}) - 500/N + 16.6 \times \log([\text{Na+}]/(1.0 + 0.7 \times [\text{Na+}])) - \text{Percentage_mismatch}$

Primer3Plus: $T_m = 81.5 + 0.41(\text{Percentage_GC}) - 600/N + 16.6 \times \log[\text{Na+}]$

vonAhsen2001: $T_m = 77.1 + 0.41(\text{Percentage_GC}) - 528/N + 11.7 \times \log[\text{Na+}]$

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Examples

```
ambiguous=TRUE
useriset=NULL
variant="Primer3Plus"
Na=50
K=0
Tris=0
Mg=0
dNTPs=0
saltcorr=0
mismatch=TRUE
ntseq <- c("ATCGTGCGTAGCAGTACGATCAGTAG")
Tm_GC(ntseq,ambiguous,useriset,variant,Na, K,Tris, Mg, dNTPs, saltcorr, mismatch)
```

Tm_NN	<i>Calculate melting temperature using nearest neighbor thermodynamics</i>
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Description

Calculate melting temperature using nearest neighbor thermodynamics

Usage

```
Tm_NN(ntseq, ambiguous = FALSE, comSeq = NULL, shift = 0, nn_table = "DNA_NN4",
tmm_table = "DNA_TMM1", imm_table = "DNA_IMM1", de_table = "DNA_DE1", dnac1 = 25,
dnac2 = 25, selfcomp = FALSE, Na = 50, K = 0, Tris = 0, Mg = 0, dNTPs = 0, saltcorr = 5)
```

Arguments

ntseq	The primer/probe sequence as string or vector of characters
ambiguous	Ambiguous bases are taken into account to compute the G and C content when ambiguous is TRUE.
comSeq	Complementary sequence. The sequence of the template/target in 3'→5' direction
shift	Shift of the primer/probe sequence on the template/target sequence, default=0. for example: when shift=0, the first nucleotide base at 5' end of primer align to first one at 3' end of template. When shift=-1, the second nucleotide base at 5' end of primer align to first one at 3' end of template. When shift=1, the first nucleotide base at 5' end of primer align to second one at 3' end of template. The shift parameter is necessary to align primer/probe and template/target if they have different lengths or if they should have dangling ends.
nn_table	Thermodynamic NN values, eight tables are implemented. For DNA/DNA hybridizations: DNA_NN1,DNA_NN2,DNA_NN3,DNA_NN4 For RNA/RNA hybridizations: RNA_NN1,RNA_NN2,RNA_NN3 For RNA/DNA hybridizations: R_DNA_NN1
tmm_table	Thermodynamic values for terminal mismatches. Default: DNA_TMM1
imm_table	Thermodynamic values for internal mismatches, may include inosine mismatches. Default: DNA_IMM1
de_table	Thermodynamic values for dangling ends: DNA_DE1(default),RNA_DE1
dnac1	Concentration of the higher concentrated strand [nM]. Typically this will be the primer (for PCR) or the probe. Default=25.
dnac2	Concentration of the lower concentrated strand [nM].
selfcomp	Sequence self-complementary, default=False. If 'True' the primer is thought binding to itself, thus dnac2 is not considered.
Na	Millimolar concentration of Na
K	Millimolar concentration of K

Tris	Millimolar concentration of Tris
Mg	Millimolar concentration of Mg
dNTPs	Millimolar concentration of dNTPs
saltcorr	Type of salt correction. Default=5.

Details

DNA_NN1: Breslauer K J (1986) <doi:10.1073/pnas.83.11.3746>
 DNA_NN2: Sugimoto N (1996) <doi:10.1093/nar/24.22.4501>
 DNA_NN3: Allawi H (1998) <doi:10.1093/nar/26.11.2694>
 DNA_NN4: SantaLucia J (2004) <doi:10.1146/annurev.biophys.32.110601.141800>
 RNA_NN1: Freier S (1986) <doi:10.1073/pnas.83.24.9373>
 RNA_NN2: Xia T (1998) <doi:10.1021/bi9809425>
 RNA_NN3: Chen JL (2012) <doi:10.1021/bi3002709>
 R_DNA_NN1: Sugimoto N (1995)<doi:10.1016/S0048-9697(98)00088-6>
 DNA_TMM1: Bommarito S (2000) <doi:10.1093/nar/28.9.1929>
 DNA_IMM1: Peyret N (1999) <doi:10.1021/bi9825091> & Allawi H T (1997) <doi:10.1021/bi962590c>
 & Santalucia N (2005) <doi:10.1093/nar/gki918>
 DNA_DE1: Bommarito S (2000) <doi:10.1093/nar/28.9.1929>
 RNA_DE1: Turner D H (2010) <doi:10.1093/nar/gkp892>

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Examples

```
ntseq <- c("AAAATTTTTTCCCCCCCCCCCCGGGGGGGGGGTGTGCGCTGC")
Tm_NN(ntseq, ambiguous = FALSE, comSeq = NULL, shift = 0, nn_table = "DNA_NN4",
tmm_table = "DNA_TMM1", imm_table = "DNA_IMM1", de_table = "DNA_DE1", dnac1 = 25,
dnac2 = 25, selfcomp = FALSE, Na = 50, K = 0, Tris = 0, Mg = 0, dNTPs = 0, saltcorr = 5)
```

Tm_Wallace

Calculate the melting temperature using the 'Wallace rule'

Description

The Wallace rule is often used as rule of thumb for approximate melting temperature calculations for primers with 14 to 20 nt length.

Usage

```
Tm_Wallace(ntseq, ambiguous = FALSE)
```

Arguments

ntseq	The primer/probe sequence as string or vector of characters
ambiguous	Ambiguous bases are taken into account to compute the G and C content when ambiguous is TRUE.

Value

a numeric melting temperature

Author(s)

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References

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Examples

```
ntseq = c('acgtTGCAATGCCGTAWSDBSY') #for wallace rule
Tm_Wallace(ntseq,ambiguous = TRUE)
Tm_Wallace(ntseq,ambiguous = FALSE)
```

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