Overview of Valection

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1 Overview

1.1 Description

Valection contains a variety of algorithms for choosing verification candidates from competing tools or parameterizations, to fairly assess their performance against each other.

This software requires the valection package (http://labs.oicr.on.ca/boutros-lab/software/valection).

1.2 Synopsis

There are six selection methods available through six functions. They all take the following arguments:

- **budget**: an integer specifying how many candidates to select
- **infile**: a path to a file which contains the calls from all callers
- **outfile**: a path to a filename where the calls should be outputted
- **seed** (optional): an integer to seed the random number generator with (used to randomize sampling)

1.2.1 Formatting the infile

The infile should be formatted with a tab separating the caller and call on each line:

```
caller1 name\ta call this caller made
caller2 name\ta call this caller made
e.g.
magnifying glass chr1 576834
magnifying glass chr1 6878924
eye dropper chr1 496267
eye dropper chr1 6878924
```

Note that the call can contain a tab, but the caller may not.

1.3 Functions

The functions are named as follows:

- run.directed.sampling
- run.random.sampling
- run.equal.per.caller
- run.equal.per.overlap
- run.increasing.with.overlap
- run.decreasing.with.overlap

1.4 Usage

```r
> require('valection');
> # run the sampling to select 10 candidates
> run.equal.per.caller(
+   budget = 10,
+   infile = '/home/me/calls.valec',
+   outfile = '/home/me/selections.txt',
+   seed = 50
+ );
```
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1.6 Copyright

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