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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 Ahsen N (2001) <PMID:11673362>) 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 (1999) <doi:10.1093/nar/27.12.2356>, Mar-ito S (2000) <doi:10.1093/nar/28.9.1929>, 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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TmCalculator-package *Melting Temperature of Nucleic Acid Sequences*

Description

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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)

Junhui Li

References

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

See Also

[s2c](#)

Examples

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

 check_filter

Check and filter valid base of nucleotide sequences

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.

Author(s)

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Examples

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

 chem_correction

Correct melting temperature with chemical substances

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" $T_m = T_m - \text{factor} * \text{percentage_of_formamide}$

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

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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	<i>reverse complement and complement base of nucleotide sequences</i>
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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)

Junhui Li

Examples

```
complement("ATCGYCGYsWsaVv")  
complement("ATCGYCGYsWsaVv", 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

convert a string into a vector of characters

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"

Value

Retrun a vector of characters

Author(s)

Junhui Li

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 Tm, method 5 corrects deltaS, methods 6 and 7 correct 1/Tm.
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: $Tm(new) = Tm(old) + corr$

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

methods 6+7: $Tm(new) = 1/(1/Tm(old) + corr)$

The methods are:

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

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

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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

Calculate the melting temperature using empirical formulas based on GC content

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 variant: 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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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, 47:1956-1961.

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

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

Value

a numeric melting temperature

Author(s)

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References

Thein S L , Lynch J R , Weatherall D J , et al. DIRECT DETECTION OF HAEMOGLOBIN E WITH SYNTHETIC OLIGONUCLEOTIDES[J]. The Lancet, 1986, 327(8472):93.

Examples

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

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