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*bootRanges*                      *Block bootstrap for genomic ranges*

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**Description**

Performs a block bootstrap, optionally with respect to a genome segmentation. Returns a *bootRanges* object, which is a *GRanges* object with all the ranges from the bootstrap iterations concatenated.

**Usage**

```
bootRanges(  
  y,  
  blockLength,  
  R = 1,  
  seg = NULL,  
  exclude = NULL,  
  excludeOption = c("drop", "trim"),  
  proportionLength = TRUE,  
  type = c("bootstrap", "permute"),  
  withinChrom = FALSE,  
  storeBlockLength = FALSE  
)
```

**Arguments**

- y*                      the *GRanges* to bootstrap sample
- blockLength*        the length of the blocks (for proportional blocks, this is the maximal length of a block)
- R*                     the number of bootstrap samples to generate
- seg*                  the segmentation *GRanges*, with a column ("state") indicating segmentation state (optional)
- exclude*             the *GRanges* of excluded regions (optional)
- excludeOption*     whether to "drop" or "trim" bootstrap ranges that overlap a excluded region
- proportionLength*    for the segmented block bootstrap, whether to use scaled block lengths (scaling by the proportion of the segmentation state out of the total genome length). That is, the resulting blocks will be of size less than *blockLength*
- type*                 the type of null generation (un-segmented bootstrap only)
- withinChrom*        whether to re-sample (bootstrap) ranges across chromosomes (default) or only within chromosomes (un-segmented bootstrap only)
- storeBlockLength*   whether to save *blockLength* as a metadata column

## Details

Note that this function requires input ranges have associated seqlengths, and that these must not be shorter than blockLength. See Seqinfo, seqlevels, and keepStandardChromosomes functions and their use in the Quick Start section of the vignette.

## Value

a BootRanges (GRanges object) with the bootstrapped ranges, where iteration and block length are recorded as metadata columns

## References

bootRanges manuscript:

Wancen Mu, Eric S. Davis, Stuart Lee, Mikhail G. Dozmorov, Douglas H. Phanstiel, Michael I. Love. 2023. "bootRanges: Flexible generation of null sets of genomic ranges for hypothesis testing." *Bioinformatics*. doi: 10.1093/bioinformatics/btad190

Original method describing the segmented block bootstrap for genomic features:

Bickel, Peter J., Nathan Boley, James B. Brown, Haiyan Huang, and Nancy R. Zhang. 2010. "Sub-sampling Methods for Genomic Inference." *The Annals of Applied Statistics* 4 (4): 1660–97. doi: 10.1214/10-AOAS363

## Examples

```
set.seed(1)
library(GenomicRanges)
gr <- GRanges("chr1", IRanges(0:4 * 10 + 1, width=5),
              seqlengths=c(chr1=50))
br <- bootRanges(gr, blockLength=10)
```

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BootRanges-class

*BootRanges* object

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## Description

This class extends the GRanges class. As produced by bootRanges, it will have an iter column indicating the iterations of the bootstrap, and a optionally a blockLength column indicating the blockLength parameter.

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| combnCov | <i>Function for creating combinations of covariates</i> |
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**Description**

Function for creating combinations of covariates

**Usage**

```
combnCov(x, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'character'  
combnCov(x)
```

**Arguments**

|     |  |
|-----|--|
| x   | Character vector of covariates to combine. |
| ... | Additional arguments.                      |

**Value**

Returns a character vector of formulae combinations.

**Examples**

```
combnCov(x = c('a', 'b', 'c'))
```

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|------------|---|
| covariates | <i>Get covariates from a Matched object</i> |
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**Description**

Get covariates from a Matched object

**Usage**

```
covariates(x, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'Matched'  
covariates(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|     |                       |
|-----|-----------------------|
| x   | Matched object.       |
| ... | Additional arguments. |

**Value**

A character vector of covariates

**Examples**

```
set.seed(123)
mdf <- makeExampleMatchedDataSet(matched = TRUE)
covariates(mdf)
```

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focal

*Get focal set from a Matched object*

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**Description**

Get focal set from a Matched object

**Usage**

```
focal(x, ...)
```

## S4 method for signature 'MDF\_OR\_MGR\_OR\_MGI'

```
focal(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A MatchedDataFrame, MatchedGRanges, or MatchedGInteractions object.

...                  Additional options.

**Value**

An object of the same class as x representing the focal set.

**Examples**

```
set.seed(123)
x <- makeExampleMatchedDataSet(matched = TRUE)
focal(x)
```

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|         |                                   |
|---------|-----------------------------------|
| indices | <i>Get indices of matched set</i> |
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### Description

Extracts the indices of a specified matched set from a Matched object.

### Usage

```
indices(x, set = "matched", ...)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'Matched'  
indices(x, set)
```

### Arguments

|     |  |
|-----|--|
| x   | Matched object.  |
| set | A character string describing from which set to extract indices. can be one of 'focal', 'matched', 'pool', or 'unmatched'. |
| ... | Additional arguments.  |

### Details

Indices from 'focal' come from the focal set of `matchRanges()` used to construct the Matched object while indices from 'matched', 'pool', and 'unmatched' come from the pool set. Default returns the 'matched' indices from the pool set.

### Value

An integer vector corresponding to the indices in the focal or pool which comprise the "focal" or c("matched", "pool", "unmatched") sets.

### Examples

```
set.seed(123)  
mdf <- makeExampleMatchedDataSet(matched = TRUE)  
head(indices(mdf))  
  
head(indices(mdf, set = 'focal'))  
head(indices(mdf, set = 'pool'))  
head(indices(mdf, set = 'matched'))  
head(indices(mdf, set = 'unmatched'))
```

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`makeExampleMatchedDataSet`*Function for generating an example matchRanges or Matched dataset*

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### Description

This function will generate an example dataset as either 1) input for `matchRanges()` (when `matched = FALSE`) or 2) a Matched Object (when `matched = TRUE`).

### Usage

```
makeExampleMatchedDataSet(  
  type = "DataFrame",  
  matched = FALSE,  
  method = "rejection",  
  replace = FALSE,  
  ...  
)  
  
## S4 method for signature  
## 'character_OR_missing,  
## logical_OR_missing,  
## character_OR_missing,  
## logical_OR_missing'  
makeExampleMatchedDataSet(type, matched, method, replace)
```

### Arguments

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| <code>type</code>    | Character designating which type of dataset to make. options are one of 'data.frame', 'data.table', 'DataFrame', 'GRanges', or 'GInteractions'.                                   |
| <code>matched</code> | TRUE/FALSE designating whether to generate a Matched dataset ( <code>matched = TRUE</code> ) or an input dataset for <code>matchRanges()</code> ( <code>matched = FALSE</code> ). |
| <code>method</code>  | Character describing which matching method to use. Supported options are either 'nearest', 'rejection', or 'stratified'.  |
| <code>replace</code> | TRUE/FALSE describing whether to select matches with or without replacement.  |
| <code>...</code>     | Additional arguments  |

### Details

When `matched = FALSE`, the data returned contains 3 different features that can be subset to perform matching.

### Value

Returns an example Matched dataset or an example dataset for input to `matchRanges()`.



## Examples

```
## Make examples for matchRanges() (i.e matched = FALSE)
set.seed(123)
makeExampleMatchedDataSet()
head(makeExampleMatchedDataSet(type = 'data.frame', matched = FALSE))
makeExampleMatchedDataSet(type = 'data.table', matched = FALSE)
makeExampleMatchedDataSet(type = 'DataFrame', matched = FALSE)
makeExampleMatchedDataSet(type = 'GRanges', matched = FALSE)
makeExampleMatchedDataSet(type = 'GInteractions', matched = FALSE)

## Make Matched class examples (i.e. matched = TRUE)
set.seed(123)
makeExampleMatchedDataSet(matched = TRUE)
makeExampleMatchedDataSet(type = 'DataFrame', matched = TRUE,
                           method = 'rejection',
                           replace = FALSE)
makeExampleMatchedDataSet(type = 'GRanges', matched = TRUE,
                           method = 'rejection',
                           replace = FALSE)
# throwing error (April 2023)
#makeExampleMatchedDataSet(type = 'GInteractions', matched = TRUE,
#                           method = 'rejection',
#                           replace = FALSE)
```

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matched

*Get matched set from a Matched object*

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## Description

Get matched set from a Matched object

## Usage

```
matched(x, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'MDF_OR_MGR_OR_MGI'
matched(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

x                    A MatchedDataFrame, MatchedGRanges, or MatchedGInteractions object.  
 ...                  Additional options.

## Value

An object of the same class as x representing the matched set.

**Examples**

```
set.seed(123)
x <- makeExampleMatchedDataSet(matched = TRUE)
matched(x)
```

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Matched-class

*Matched objects*


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**Description**

The Matched class is a container for attributes of covariate-matched data resulting from `matchRanges()`.

**Slots**

`matchedData` A `data.table` with matched data

`matchedIndex` An integer vector corresponding to the indices in the pool which comprise the matched set.

`covar` A character vector describing the covariates used for matching.

`method` Character describing replacement method used for matching.

`replace` TRUE/FALSE describing if matching was done with or without replacement.

**Accessor methods for Matched Class**

Functions that get data from Matched subclasses (`x`) such as `MatchedDataFrame`, `MatchedGRanges`, and `MatchedGInteractions` are listed below:

- `matchedData(x)`: Get matched data from a Matched object
- `covariates(x)`: Get covariates from a Matched object
- `method(x)`: Get matching method used for Matched object
- `withReplacement(x)`: Get replace method
- `indices(x, set)`: Get indices of matched set

For more detail check the help pages for these functions.

**See Also**

[matchedData](#), [covariates](#), [method](#), [withReplacement](#), [indices](#)

**Examples**

```
## Make Matched example
set.seed(123)
x <- makeExampleMatchedDataSet(matched = TRUE)
## Accessor functions for Matched class
matchedData(x)
covariates(x)
method(x)
withReplacement(x)
head(indices(x, set = 'matched'))
```

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matchedData

*Get matched data from a Matched object*

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**Description**

Get matched data from a Matched object

**Usage**

```
matchedData(x, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'Matched'
matchedData(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    Matched object.  
...                   Additional arguments.

**Value**

A data.table with matched data.

**Examples**

```
set.seed(123)
mdf <- makeExampleMatchedDataSet(matched = TRUE)
matchedData(mdf)
```

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 MatchedDataFrame-class

*MatchedDataFrame objects*


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### Description

The MatchedDataFrame class is a subclass of both Matched and DFrame. Therefore, it contains slots and methods for both of these classes.

### Details

The MatchedDataFrame class uses a delegate object during initialization to assign its DFrame slots. MatchedDataFrame behaves as a DataFrame but also includes additional Matched object functionality (see ?Matched). For more information about DataFrame see ?S4Vectors::DataFrame.

### Slots

`focal` A DataFrame object containing the focal data to match.  
`pool` A DataFrame object containing the pool from which to select matches.  
`delegate` A DataFrame object used to initialize DataFrame-specific slots. `matchRanges()` assigns the matched set to the slot.  
`matchedData` A data.table with matched data  
`matchedIndex` An integer vector corresponding to the indices in the pool which comprise the matched set.  
`covar` A character vector describing the covariates used for matching.  
`method` Character describing replacement method used for matching.  
`replace` TRUE/FALSE describing if matching was done with or without replacement.  
`rownames` `rownames(delegate)`  
`nrows` `nrows(delegate)`  
`listData` `as.list(delegate)`  
`elementType` `elementType(delegate)`  
`elementMetadata` `elementMetadata(delegate)`  
`metadata` `metadata(delegate)`

### Accessor methods for Matched Class

Functions that get data from Matched subclasses (`x`) such as MatchedDataFrame, MatchedGRanges, and MatchedGInteractions are listed below:

- `matchedData(x)`: Get matched data from a Matched object
- `covariates(x)`: Get covariates from a Matched object
- `method(x)`: Get matching method used for Matched object
- `withReplacement(x)`: Get replace method
- `indices(x, set)`: Get indices of matched set

For more detail check the help pages for these functions.

**Accessor methods for Matched subclass objects**

Additional functions that get data from Matched subclasses (x) such as MatchedDataFrame, MatchedGRanges, and MatchedGInteractions include:

- `focal(x)`: Get focal set from a Matched object
- `pool(x)`: Get pool set from a Matched object
- `matched(x)`: Get matched set from a Matched object
- `unmatched(x)`: Get unmatched set from a Matched object

For more detail check the help pages for these functions.

**See Also**

[S4Vectors::DataFrame](#)

[matchedData](#), [covariates](#), [method](#), [withReplacement](#), [indices](#)

[focal](#), [pool](#), [matched](#), [unmatched](#)

**Examples**

```
## Constructing MatchedDataFrame with matchRanges
## data.frame
set.seed(123)
x <- makeExampleMatchedDataSet(type = "data.frame")
mx <- matchRanges(
  focal = x[x$feature1, ],
  pool = x[!x$feature1, ],
  covar = ~ feature2 + feature3,
  method = "rejection",
  replace = FALSE
)
class(mx)

## data.table
set.seed(123)
x <- makeExampleMatchedDataSet(type = "data.table")
mx <- matchRanges(
  focal = x[x$feature1],
  pool = x[!x$feature1],
  covar = ~ feature2 + feature3,
  method = "rejection",
  replace = FALSE
)
class(mx)

## DataFrame
set.seed(123)
x <- makeExampleMatchedDataSet(type = "DataFrame")
mx <- matchRanges(
  focal = x[x$feature1, ],
  pool = x[!x$feature1, ],
```

```

    covar = ~ feature2 + feature3,
    method = "rejection",
    replace = FALSE
  )
class(mx)

## Make MatchedDataFrame example
set.seed(123)
x <- makeExampleMatchedDataSet(type = "DataFrame", matched = TRUE)
## Accessor functions for Matched class
matchedData(x)
covariates(x)
method(x)
withReplacement(x)
head(indices(x, set = 'matched'))

## Accessor functions for Matched subclasses
focal(x)
pool(x)
matched(x)
unmatched(x)

```

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MatchedGInteractions-class

*MatchedGInteractions objects*

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### **Description**

The MatchedGInteractions class is a subclass of both Matched and GInteractions. Therefore, it contains slots and methods for both of these classes.

### **Details**

The MatchedGInteractions class uses a delegate object during initialization to assign its GInteractions slots. MatchedGInteractions behaves as a GInteractions but also includes additional Matched object functionality (see ?Matched). For more information about GInteractions see ?InteractionSet::GInteractions.

### **Slots**

`focal` A GInteractions object containing the focal data to match.

`pool` A GInteractions object containing the pool from which to select matches.

`delegate` A GInteractions object used to initialize GInteractions-specific slots. `matchRanges()` assigns the matched set to the slot.

`matchedData` A data.table with matched data

`matchedIndex` An integer vector corresponding to the indices in the pool which comprise the matched set.

covar A character vector describing the covariates used for matching.  
 method Character describing replacement method used for matching.  
 replace TRUE/FALSE describing if matching was done with or without replacement.  
 anchor1 anchorIds(delegate)\$first  
 anchor2 anchorIds(delegate)\$second  
 regions regions(delegate)  
 NAMES names(delegate)  
 elementMetadata elementMetadata(delegate)  
 metadata metadata(delegate)

### Accessor methods for Matched Class

Functions that get data from Matched subclasses (x) such as MatchedDataFrame, MatchedGRanges, and MatchedGInteractions are listed below:

- `matchedData(x)`: Get matched data from a Matched object
- `covariates(x)`: Get covariates from a Matched object
- `method(x)`: Get matching method used for Matched object
- `withReplacement(x)`: Get replace method
- `indices(x, set)`: Get indices of matched set

For more detail check the help pages for these functions.

### Accessor methods for Matched subclass objects

Additional functions that get data from Matched subclasses (x) such as MatchedDataFrame, MatchedGRanges, and MatchedGInteractions include:

- `focal(x)`: Get focal set from a Matched object
- `pool(x)`: Get pool set from a Matched object
- `matched(x)`: Get matched set from a Matched object
- `unmatched(x)`: Get unmatched set from a Matched object

For more detail check the help pages for these functions.

### See Also

[InteractionSet::GInteractions](#)

[matchedData](#), [covariates](#), [method](#), [withReplacement](#), [indices](#)

[focal](#), [pool](#), [matched](#), [unmatched](#)

**Examples**

```

## Constructing MatchedGInteractions with matchRanges
set.seed(123)
gi <- makeExampleMatchedDataSet(type = "GInteractions")
mgi <- matchRanges(
  focal = gi[gi$feature1, ],
  pool = gi[!gi$feature1, ],
  covar = ~ feature2 + feature3,
  method = "rejection",
  replace = FALSE
)
class(mgi)

## Make MatchedGInteractions example
set.seed(123)
x <- makeExampleMatchedDataSet(type = "GInteractions", matched = TRUE)
## Accessor functions for Matched class
matchedData(x)
covariates(x)
method(x)
withReplacement(x)
head(indices(x, set = 'matched'))

## Accessor functions for Matched subclasses
focal(x)
pool(x)
matched(x)
unmatched(x)

```

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MatchedGRanges-class    *MatchedGRanges* objects

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**Description**

The MatchedGRanges class is a subclass of both Matched and GRanges. Therefore, it contains slots and methods for both of these classes.

**Details**

The MatchedGRanges class uses a delegate object during initialization to assign its GRanges slots. MatchedGRanges behaves as a GRanges but also includes additional Matched object functionality (see ?Matched). For more information about GRanges see ?GenomicRanges::GRanges.

**Slots**

**focal** A GRanges object containing the focal data to match.  
**pool** A GRanges object containing the pool from which to select matches.



`delegate` A GRanges object used to initialize GRanges-specific slots. `matchRanges()` assigns the matched set to the slot.  
`matchedData` A `data.table` with matched data  
`matchedIndex` An integer vector corresponding to the indices in the pool which comprise the matched set.  
`covar` A character vector describing the covariates used for matching.  
`method` Character describing replacement method used for matching.  
`replace` TRUE/FALSE describing if matching was done with or without replacement.  
`seqnames` `seqnames(delegate)`  
`ranges` `ranges(delegate)`  
`strand` `strand(delegate)`  
`seqinfo` `seqinfo(delegate)`  
`elementMetadata` `elementMetadata(delegate)`  
`elementType` `elementType(delegate)`  
`metadata` `metadata(delegate)`

### Accessor methods for Matched Class

Functions that get data from Matched subclasses (`x`) such as `MatchedDataFrame`, `MatchedGRanges`, and `MatchedGInteractions` are listed below:

- `matchedData(x)`: Get matched data from a Matched object
- `covariates(x)`: Get covariates from a Matched object
- `method(x)`: Get matching method used for Matched object
- `withReplacement(x)`: Get replace method
- `indices(x, set)`: Get indices of matched set

For more detail check the help pages for these functions.

### Accessor methods for Matched subclass objects

Additional functions that get data from Matched subclasses (`x`) such as `MatchedDataFrame`, `MatchedGRanges`, and `MatchedGInteractions` include:

- `focal(x)`: Get focal set from a Matched object
- `pool(x)`: Get pool set from a Matched object
- `matched(x)`: Get matched set from a Matched object
- `unmatched(x)`: Get unmatched set from a Matched object

For more detail check the help pages for these functions.

### See Also

[GenomicRanges::GRanges](#)  
[matchedData](#), [covariates](#), [method](#), [withReplacement](#), [indices](#)  
[focal](#), [pool](#), [matched](#), [unmatched](#)

**Examples**

```
## Constructing MatchedGRanges with matchRanges
set.seed(123)
gr <- makeExampleMatchedDataSet(type = "GRanges")
mgr <- matchRanges(
  focal = gr[gr$feature1, ],
  pool = gr[!gr$feature1, ],
  covar = ~ feature2 + feature3,
  method = "rejection",
  replace = FALSE
)
class(mgr)

## Make MatchedGRanges example
set.seed(123)
x <- makeExampleMatchedDataSet(type = "GRanges", matched = TRUE)
## Accessor functions for Matched class
matchedData(x)
covariates(x)
method(x)
withReplacement(x)
head(indices(x, set = 'matched'))

## Accessor functions for Matched subclasses
focal(x)
pool(x)
matched(x)
unmatched(x)
```

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| matchitToMatched | <i>Coerce matchit to Matched object</i> |
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**Description**

Coerce matchit to Matched object

**Usage**

```
matchitToMatched(x, ranges = NULL, keep_mcols = TRUE)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'matchit'
matchitToMatched(x, ranges = NULL, keep_mcols = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| x      | A matchit object from MatchIt package.  |
| ranges | A GRanges or GInteractions object that is the same length as the data used to create the matchit object, x. |

`keep_mcols` Logical whether to keep or existing mcols of the object supplied in `ranges` or not. Default is `TRUE`.

### Value

A Matched subclass object, depending on the value of `ranges`. If `is(ranges, "GRanges")` then a `MatchedGRanges` object is returned. If `is(ranges, "GInteractions")` then a `MatchedGInteractions` object is returned. If `is.null(ranges)` then the function first attempts to coerce into the other classes before coercing to `MatchedDataFrame`.

### Examples

```
if (!requireNamespace("MatchIt", quietly=TRUE)) {
  set.seed(123)
  x <- makeExampleMatchedDataSet(type="GRanges")

  ## Convert GRanges to data.frame, pass to matchit,
  ## and convert to MatchedGRanges object
  set.seed(123)
  mgr <-
    as.data.frame(x) |>
    matchit(formula=feature1 ~ feature2 + feature3,
            data=_,
            method='nearest',
            replace=FALSE) |>
    matchitToMatched()

  ## Compatible with GRanges & Matched functions
  mgr
  plotCovariate(mgr)
} else {
  message("The 'MatchIt' package is required to run this example.")
}
```

---

`matchRanges`

*Generate a covariate-matched control set of ranges*

---

### Description

`matchRanges()` uses a propensity score-based method to generate a covariate-matched control set of `DataFrame`, `GRanges`, or `GInteractions` objects.

### Usage

```
matchRanges(focal, pool, covar, method = "nearest", replace = TRUE, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature
```

```

## 'DF_OR_df_OR_dt,
## DF_OR_df_OR_dt,
## formula,
## character_OR_missing,
## logical_OR_missing'
matchRanges(focal, pool, covar, method, replace)

## S4 method for signature
## 'GRanges,GRanges,formula,character_OR_missing,logical_OR_missing'
matchRanges(focal, pool, covar, method, replace)

## S4 method for signature
## 'GInteractions,
## GInteractions,
## formula,
## character_OR_missing,
## logical_OR_missing'
matchRanges(focal, pool, covar, method, replace)

```

### Arguments

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| focal   | A <code>DataFrame</code> , <code>GRanges</code> , or <code>GInteractions</code> object containing the focal data to match.               |
| pool    | A <code>DataFrame</code> , <code>GRanges</code> , or <code>GInteractions</code> object containing the pool from which to select matches. |
| covar   | A rhs formula with covariates on which to match.   |
| method  | A character describing which matching method to use. supported options are either 'nearest', 'rejection', or 'stratified'.               |
| replace | TRUE/FALSE describing whether to select matches with or without replacement.   |
| ...     | Additional arguments.  |

### Details

Available inputs for focal and pool include `data.frame`, `data.table`, `DataFrame`, `GRanges`, or `GInteractions`. `data.frame` and `data.table` inputs are coerced to `DataFrame` objects and returned as `MatchedDataFrame` while `GRanges` and `GInteractions` objects are returned as `MatchedGRanges` or `MatchedGInteractions`, respectively.

### Value

A covariate-matched control set of data.

### Methodology

`matchRanges` uses **propensity scores** to perform subset selection on the pool set such that the resulting matched set contains similar distributions of covariates to that of the focal set. A propensity score is the conditional probability of assigning an element (in our case, a genomic range) to a

particular outcome (Y) given a set of covariates. Propensity scores are estimated using a logistic regression model where the outcome  $Y=1$  for focal and  $Y=0$  for pool, over the provided covariates covar.

### Matching methods

- `method = 'nearest'`: Nearest neighbor matching with replacement. Finds the nearest neighbor by using a rolling join with `data.table`. Matching without replacement is not currently supported.
- `method = 'rejection'`: (Default) Rejection sampling with or without replacement. Uses a probability-based approach to select options in the pool that match the focal distribution.
- `method = 'stratified'`: Iterative stratified sampling with or without replacement. Bins focal and pool propensity scores by value and selects matches within bins until all focal items have a corresponding match in pool.

### References

matchRanges manuscript:

Eric S. Davis, Wancen Mu, Stuart Lee, Mikhail G. Dozmorov, Michael I. Love, Douglas H. Phanstiel. 2023. "matchRanges: Generating null hypothesis genomic ranges via covariate-matched sampling." *Bioinformatics*. doi: 10.1093/bioinformatics/btad197

### Examples

```
## Match with DataFrame
set.seed(123)
x <- makeExampleMatchedDataSet(type = 'DataFrame')
matchRanges(focal = x[x$feature1,],
            pool = x[!x$feature1,],
            covar = ~feature2 + feature3)

## Match with GRanges
set.seed(123)
x <- makeExampleMatchedDataSet(type = "GRanges")
matchRanges(focal = x[x$feature1,],
            pool = x[!x$feature1,],
            covar = ~feature2 + feature3)

## Match with GInteractions
set.seed(123)
x <- makeExampleMatchedDataSet(type = "GInteractions")
matchRanges(focal = x[x$feature1,],
            pool = x[!x$feature1,],
            covar = ~feature2 + feature3)

## Nearest neighbor matching with replacement
set.seed(123)
x <- makeExampleMatchedDataSet(type = 'DataFrame')
matchRanges(focal = x[x$feature1,],
            pool = x[!x$feature1,],
```

```

covar = ~feature2 + feature3,
method = 'nearest',
replace = TRUE)

## Rejection sampling without replacement
set.seed(123)
x <- makeExampleMatchedDataSet(type = 'DataFrame')
matchRanges(focal = x[x$feature1,],
            pool = x[!x$feature1,],
            covar = ~feature2 + feature3,
            method = 'rejection',
            replace = FALSE)

## Stratified sampling without replacement
set.seed(123)
x <- makeExampleMatchedDataSet(type = 'DataFrame')
matchRanges(focal = x[x$feature1,],
            pool = x[!x$feature1,],
            covar = ~feature2 + feature3,
            method = 'stratified',
            replace = FALSE)

```

---

method

*Get matching method used for Matched object*

---

### Description

Get matching method used for Matched object

### Usage

```
method(x, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'Matched'
method(x, ...)
```

### Arguments

x                    Matched object.  
 ...                  Additional arguments.

### Value

A character describing the matched method

**Examples**

```
set.seed(123)
mdf <- makeExampleMatchedDataSet(matched = TRUE)
method(mdf)
```

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names.MatchedOverview *Names S3 method for autocomplete*

---

**Description**

Names S3 method for autocomplete  
Extract \$ operator for MatchedOverview  
Extract [[ operator for MatchedOverview  
Show method for overview

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'MatchedOverview'
names(x)

## S4 method for signature 'MatchedOverview'
x$name

## S4 method for signature 'MatchedOverview,ANY,ANY'
x[[i]]

## S4 method for signature 'MatchedOverview'
show(object)
```

**Arguments**

|        |                                    |
|--------|------------------------------------|
| x      | A MatchedOverview object.          |
| name   | Name of slot.                      |
| i      | A character or numeric to extract. |
| object | A MatchedOverview object.          |

**Value**

different data or metadata concerning a MatchedOverview object

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|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| oneRegionSegment | <i>Segmentation based on one region</i> |
|------------------|---|

---

### Description

This function makes a segmentation (GRanges) based on one region of one chromosome (seqnames).

### Usage

```
oneRegionSegment(x, seqlength)
```

### Arguments

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| x         | a single region as GRanges object  |
| seqlength | optional, the length of the chromosome, if not provided, the function will attempt to pull this using genome(x) and the Seqinfo function |

### Value

a segmentation (GRanges object) with the region of interest designated as state 2, and the rest of the chromosome as state 1.

### Examples

```
library(GenomicRanges)
library(GenomeInfoDb)
x <- GRanges("chr1", IRanges(10e6+1,width=1e6))
genome(x) <- "hg19"
seg <- oneRegionSegment(x)
```

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|          |                                     |
|----------|-------------------------------------|
| overview | <i>Overview of matching quality</i> |
|----------|-------------------------------------|

---

### Description

The overview function provides a quick assessment of overall matching quality by reporting the N, mean, and s.d. of focal, matched, pool, and unmatched sets for all covariates as well as the propensity scores ('ps'). The mean and s.d. difference in focal - matched is also reported.

### Usage

```
overview(x, digits = 2, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'Matched,numeric_OR_missing'
overview(x, digits)
```



**Arguments**

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| x      | Matched object   |
| digits | Integer indicating the number of significant digits to be used. Negative values are allowed (see ?signif). |
| ...    | Additional arguments.  |

**Details**

Factor, character, or logical covariates are reported by N per set, rather than with mean and s.d.

**Value**

- A printed overview of matching quality.
- (Internally) a MatchedOverview object.

**Examples**

```
set.seed(123)
mdf <- makeExampleMatchedDataSet(matched = TRUE)
overview(mdf)
```

---

plotCovariate

*Covariate plotting for Matched objects*


---

**Description**

This function plots the distributions of a covariate from each matched set of a Matched object.

**Usage**

```
plotCovariate(
  x,
  covar = NULL,
  sets = c("focal", "matched", "pool", "unmatched"),
  type = NULL,
  log = NULL,
  ...
)

## S4 method for signature
## 'Matched,
## character_OR_missing,
## character_OR_missing,
## character_OR_missing,
## character_OR_missing'
plotCovariate(x, covar, sets, type, log, thresh = 12)
```

**Arguments**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| x      | Matched object  |
| covar  | Character naming the covariate to plot. If multiple are provided, only the first one is used.   |
| sets   | Character vector describing which matched set(s) to include in the plot. Options are 'focal', 'matched', 'pool', or 'unmatched'. Multiple options are accepted.   |
| type   | Character naming the plot type. Available options are one of either 'ridges', 'jitter', 'lines', or 'bars'. Note that for large datasets, use of 'jitter' is discouraged because the large density of points can stall the R-graphics device. |
| log    | Character vector describing which axis or axes to apply log-transformation. Available options are 'x' and/or 'y'.   |
| ...    | Additional arguments.   |
| thresh | Integer describing the number of unique values required to classify a numeric variable as discrete (and convert it to a factor). If the number of unique values exceeds thresh then the variable is considered continuous.                    |

**Details**

By default, `plotCovariate` will sense the class of covariate and make a plot best suited to that data type. For example, if the covariate class is categorical in nature then the `type` argument defaults to 'bars'. `type` is set to 'lines' for continuous covariates. These settings can also be overwritten manually.

**Value**

Returns a plot of a covariate's distribution among matched sets.

**See Also**

[plotPropensity\(\)](#) to plot propensity scores.

**Examples**

```
## Matched example dataset
set.seed(123)
mdf <- makeExampleMatchedDataSet(matched = TRUE)

## Visualize covariates
plotCovariate(mdf)
plotCovariate(mdf, covar = 'feature3')
plotCovariate(mdf,
              covar = 'feature2',
              sets = c('focal', 'matched', 'pool'))
plotCovariate(mdf,
              covar = 'feature2',
              sets = c('focal', 'matched', 'pool'),
              type = 'ridges')
plotCovariate(mdf,
```

```
covar = 'feature2',
sets = c('focal', 'matched', 'pool'),
type = 'jitter')
```

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|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| plotPropensity | <i>Propensity score plotting for Matched objects</i> |
|----------------|--|

---

## Description

This function plots the distribution of propensity scores from each matched set of a Matched object.

## Usage

```
plotPropensity(
  x,
  sets = c("focal", "matched", "pool", "unmatched"),
  type = NULL,
  log = NULL,
  ...
)

## S4 method for signature
## 'Matched',
## character_OR_missing,
## character_OR_missing,
## character_OR_missing'
plotPropensity(x, sets, type, log, thresh = 12)
```

## Arguments

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| x      | Matched object  |
| sets   | Character vector describing which matched set(s) to include in the plot. Options are 'focal', 'matched', 'pool', or 'unmatched'. Multiple options are accepted.   |
| type   | Character naming the plot type. Available options are one of either 'ridges', 'jitter', 'lines', or 'bars'. Note that for large datasets, use of 'jitter' is discouraged because the large density of points can stall the R-graphics device. |
| log    | Character vector describing which axis or axes to apply log-transformation. Available options are 'x' and/or 'y'.   |
| ...    | Additional arguments.   |
| thresh | Integer describing the number of unique values required to classify a numeric variable as discrete (and convert it to a factor). If the number of unique values exceeds thresh then the variable is considered continuous.                    |

**Details**

plotPropensity uses the thresh argument to determine whether to plot propensity scores as continuous (line plot) or categorical (bar plot). These settings can also be overwritten manually.

**Value**

Returns a plot of propensity score distributions among matched sets.

**See Also**

[plotCovariate\(\)](#) to plot covariate distributions.

**Examples**

```
## Matched example dataset
set.seed(123)
mdf <- makeExampleMatchedDataSet(matched = TRUE)

## Visualize propensity scores
plotPropensity(mdf)
plotPropensity(mdf,
               sets = c('focal', 'matched', 'pool'))
plotPropensity(mdf,
               sets = c('focal', 'matched', 'pool'),
               type = 'ridges')
plotPropensity(mdf,
               sets = c('focal', 'matched', 'pool'),
               type = 'jitter')
```

---

plotSegment

*Plot genome segmentation*

---

**Description**

Plot genome segmentation

**Usage**

```
plotSegment(
  seg,
  exclude = NULL,
  type = c("ranges", "barplot", "boxplot"),
  region = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| seg     | the segmentation GRanges returned by segmentDensity function  |
| exclude | GRanges of excluded region  |
| type    | the type of plot returned. Choices are segmentation plot included ranges information, barplot showing segmentation states' distribution across chromosome, or a box plot indicating average density within each states. Default is all plots are displayed. The y axis "density" represent square root of overlap counts within segment length. If a user defined segmentation GRanges is given, the y axis is default to be 1 for all states in segmentation plot. |
| region  | GRanges of stricted region that want to be plotted.   |

**Value**

A ggplot set by type argument

**Examples**

```
example("segmentDensity")
plotSegment(seg, exclude, type = "ranges")
plotSegment(seg, exclude, type = "barplot")
plotSegment(seg, exclude, type = "boxplot")
```

---

pool *Get pool set from a Matched object*

---

**Description**

Get pool set from a Matched object

**Usage**

```
pool(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'MDF_OR_MGR_OR_MGI'
pool(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|     |   |
|-----|---|
| x   | A MatchedDataFrame, MatchedGRanges, or MatchedGInteractions object. |
| ... | Additional options.   |

**Value**

An object of the same class as x representing the pool set.

## Examples

```
set.seed(123)
x <- makeExampleMatchedDataSet(matched = TRUE)
pool(x)
```

---

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| reduceSegment | <i>Combine nearby regions with same state</i> |
|---------------|---|

---

## Description

Combine nearby regions with same state

## Usage

```
reduceSegment(x, col = "state")
```

## Arguments

|     |   |
|-----|---|
| x   | the input GRanges                             |
| col | the name of the column for the segment states |

## Value

a GRanges with metadata column state giving the segmentation state

## Examples

```
n <- 10000
library(GenomicRanges)
gr <- GRanges("chr1", IRanges(round(
  c(runif(n/4,1,991), runif(n/4,1001,3991),
    runif(n/4,4001,4991), runif(n/4,7001,9991))),
  width=10), seqlengths=c(chr1=10000))
gr$name <- rep(1:4,each=10)
gr <- sort(gr)
seg <- reduceSegment(gr, col="name")
```

---

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| segmentDensity | <i>Genome segmentation based on feature density</i> |
|----------------|---|

---

### Description

This function allows for various methods (see `type`) of segmenting based on the density of features `x`.

### Usage

```
segmentDensity(x, n, L_s = 1e+06, exclude = NULL, type = c("cbs", "hmm"))
```

### Arguments

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| <code>x</code>       | the input GRanges, e.g. genes   |
| <code>n</code>       | the number of states  |
| <code>L_s</code>     | segment length  |
| <code>exclude</code> | GRanges of excluded region  |
| <code>type</code>    | the type of segmentation, either Circular Binary Segmentation "cbs" (which will use 'DNAcopy' to segment) or Hidden Markov Model "hmm" (which will use 'RcppHMM'). These packages are not imported by nullranges, but must be installed by the user |

### Value

a GRanges with metadata columns containing:

- state segmentation state
- counts average number of genes

### References

Circular binary segmentation (CBS):

Olshen, A. B., E. S. Venkatraman, R. Lucito, and M. Wigler. 2004. "Circular binary segmentation for the analysis of array-based DNA copy number data." *Biostatistics* 5 (4): 557–72.

Hidden Markov Model from RcppHMM:

Roberto A. Cardenas-Ovando, Julieta Noguez, and Claudia Rangel-Escareno. "Rcpp Hidden Markov Model." CRAN R package.

**Examples**

```
n <- 10000
library(GenomicRanges)
gr <- GRanges("chr1", IRanges(round(
  c(runif(n/4,1,991), runif(n/4,1001,3991),
    runif(n/4,4001,4991), runif(n/4,7001,9991))),
  width=10), seqlengths=c(chr1=10000))
gr <- sort(gr)
exclude <- GRanges("chr1", IRanges(5001,6000), seqlengths=c(chr1=10000))
seg <- segmentDensity(gr, n=3, L_s=100, exclude=exclude, type="cbs")
```

---

unmatched

*Get unmatched set from a Matched object*


---

**Description**

Get unmatched set from a Matched object

**Usage**

```
unmatched(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'MDF_OR_MGR_OR_MGI'
unmatched(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A MatchedDataFrame, MatchedGRanges, or MatchedGInteractions object.  
 ...                  Additional options.

**Value**

An object of the same class as x representing the unmatched set.

**Examples**

```
set.seed(123)
x <- makeExampleMatchedDataSet(matched = TRUE)
unmatched(x)
```



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|                 |                           |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| withReplacement | <i>Get replace method</i> |
|-----------------|---------------------------|

---

**Description**

Determine if a Matched object was created with or without replacement.

**Usage**

```
withReplacement(x, ...)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'Matched'  
withReplacement(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|     |                       |
|-----|-----------------------|
| x   | Matched object.       |
| ... | Additional arguments. |

**Value**

TRUE/FALSE indicating whether matching was done with or without replacement.

**Examples**

```
set.seed(123)  
mdf <- makeExampleMatchedDataSet(matched = TRUE)  
withReplacement(mdf)
```

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