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| MDTS-package | <i>The MDTS package for Detection of Denovo Deletions from Targeted Sequencing Data Using Minimum-Distance</i> |
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### Description

The MDTS package for Detection of Denovo Deletions from Targeted Sequencing Data Using Minimum-Distance

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| calcBins | <i>Sample driven calculation of bins for counting</i> |
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### Description

This function will randomly select a sample of bam files to calculate dynamic MDTS bins for subsequent read-depth analysis.

### Usage

```
calcBins(metaData, n, readLength, medianCoverage, minimumCoverage, genome,
         mappabilityFile, seed = 1337)
```

### Arguments

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| metaData        | A table in the format of the output of getMetaData().                                      |
| n               | The number of subsamples to use.   |
| readLength      | The read length of the experiment.   |
| medianCoverage  | The median number of reads across sub-samples to reach before creating a new bin.          |
| minimumCoverage | The minimum number of coverage across all sub-samples required to create the proto-region. |
| genome          | The BSGenome object that assists in calculations of the GC content of the bins.            |
| mappabilityFile | A path to the bigwig file of 100mer mappability of the corresponding genome.               |
| seed            | Sets the seed so results are reproducible. Defaults to 1337.                               |

**Value**

Returns a GRanges object depicting the dynamic bins that MDTS calculates.

**Examples**

```
load(system.file("extdata", 'bins.RData', package = "MDTS"))
bins
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calcCounts

*Creating the raw count matrix*

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**Description**

This function will return a matrix of read counts where each column is a sample, and each row is a bin.

**Usage**

```
calcCounts(metaData, bins, rl, mc.cores = 1)
```

**Arguments**

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| metaData | A table in the format of the output of getMetaData().                  |
| bins     | The set of bins determined by calcBins().                              |
| rl       | The read length of the experiment.                                     |
| mc.cores | The number of cores to use for multi-threaded analysis. Defaults to 1. |

**Value**

A data.frame that contains the counts for each sample in the metaData input that fall into each segment of bins.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
pD <- getMetaData(
  'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/JMF47/MDTSDData/master/data/pD.ped')
genome = BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19
map_file <-
  "https://raw.githubusercontent.com/JMF47/MDTSDData/master/data/chr1.map.bw"
bins = calcBins(pD, n=5, rl=100, med=150, min=5, genome, map_file)

## End(Not run)
load(system.file("extdata", 'bins.RData', package = "MDTS"))
load(system.file("extdata", 'counts.RData', package = "MDTS"))
counts
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| calcMD | <i>Calculating the Minimum Distance matrix</i> |
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**Description**

This function will return a matrix of minimum distances where each column is a family, and each row is a bin.

**Usage**

```
calcMD(mCounts, metaData)
```

**Arguments**

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| mCounts  | A matrix of normalized coverage output by normalizedCounts(). |
| metaData | A table in the format of the output of metaData().            |

**Value**

A data.frame of minimum distances. Each column is a trio, while each row is an entry in bins

**Examples**

```
load(system.file("extdata", 'bins.RData', package = "MDTS"))
load(system.file("extdata", 'counts.RData', package = "MDTS"))
load(system.file("extdata", 'pD.RData', package = "MDTS"))
mCounts <- normalizeCounts(counts, bins)
md <- calcMD(mCounts, pD)
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| denovoDeletions | <i>Denovo Deletion Calling</i> |
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**Description**

This function will return a single GRanges object containing all denovo deletions that passed filtering from a Circular Binary Segmentation object with supplementary information.

**Usage**

```
denovoDeletions(cbs, mCounts, bins)
```

**Arguments**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| cbs     | The output from segmentMD().                              |
| mCounts | The normalized counts matrix output by normalizeCounts(). |
| bins    | The set of bins determined by calcBins().                 |

**Value**

A GRanges object that reports all detected denovo deletions passing requisite filters.

**Examples**

```
load(system.file("extdata", 'bins.RData', package = "MDTS"))
load(system.file("extdata", 'counts.RData', package = "MDTS"))
load(system.file("extdata", 'pD.RData', package = "MDTS"))
mCounts = normalizeCounts(counts, bins)
md = calcMD(mCounts, pD)
cbs = segmentMD(md, bins)
denovo = denovoDeletions(cbs, mCounts, bins)
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getMetaData

*Constructor for metadata*


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**Description**

This function allows constructor of phenotype information necessary for downstream analysis. See format of required fields. Function will also rearrange the rows such that trios are grouped together - with proband first, mother second, and father third.

**Usage**

```
getMetaData(path, id = "subj_id", familyId = "family_id",
  fatherId = "father_id", motherId = "mother_id", bamPath = "bam_path")
```

**Arguments**

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| path     | The path pointing to the file that contains information on each subject in the dataset.              |
| id       | The column name that identifies each sample. Defaults to 'subj_id'.                                  |
| familyId | The column name that identifies which family the sample belongs to. Defaults to 'family_id'.         |
| fatherId | The column name that identifies the id of the father. Defaults to 'father_id'.                       |
| motherId | The column name that identifies the id of the mother. Defaults to 'mother_id'.                       |
| bamPath  | The column name that identifies where to find the bam file for each subject. Defaults to 'bam_path'. |

**Value**

Returns a data.frame of required sample information for running MDTS.

**Examples**

```
meta <- getMetaData(
  'https://raw.githubusercontent.com/JMF47/MDTSData/master/data/pD.ped')
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| normalizeCounts | <i>Calculating the normalized M scores</i> |
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### Description

This function will return a matrix of normalized M scores where each column is a sample, and each row is a bin.

### Usage

```
normalizeCounts(counts, bins, GC = TRUE, map = TRUE, mc.cores = 1)
```

### Arguments

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| counts   | A matrix of raw coverage output by calcCounts().                          |
| bins     | The set of bins determined by calcBins().                                 |
| GC       | Whether to loess adjust for GC. Defaults to TRUE.                         |
| map      | Whether to loess adjust for mappability. Defaults to TRUE. Defaults to 1. |
| mc.cores | The number of cores to use for multi-threaded analysis.                   |

### Value

A data.frame of normalized counts. Each column is a sample, and each row is a entry of bins.

### Examples

```
load(system.file("extdata", 'bins.RData', package = "MDTS"))
load(system.file("extdata", 'counts.RData', package = "MDTS"))
load(system.file("extdata", 'pD.RData', package = "MDTS"))
mCounts <- normalizeCounts(counts, bins)
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| segmentMD | <i>Circular Binary Segmentation on Minimum Distances</i> |
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### Description

This function will return a GRanges object containing the copy number segments of all families in the input minimum distance matrix. It calls segment() from DNACopy (alpha=0.001, undo.splits="sdundo", undo.SD=4).

### Usage

```
segmentMD(md, bins, alpha = 0.001, undo.splits = "sdundo", undo.SD = 4,
mc.cores = 1)
```

**Arguments**

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| md          | The minimum distance matrix produced by calcMD.                        |
| bins        | The set of bins determined by calcBins.                                |
| alpha       | Controls the alpha option in calling DNACopy::segment()                |
| undo.splits | Controls the undo.splits option in DNACopy::segment()                  |
| undo.SD     | Controls the undo.SD option in calling DNACopy::segment()              |
| mc.cores    | The number of cores to use for multi-threaded analysis. Defaults to 1. |

**Value**

A data.frame containing the segmented regions based to be parsed by denovoDeletions() minimum distance.

**Examples**

```
load(system.file("extdata", 'bins.RData', package = "MDTS"))
load(system.file("extdata", 'counts.RData', package = "MDTS"))
load(system.file("extdata", 'pD.RData', package = "MDTS"))
mCounts <- normalizeCounts(counts, bins)
md <- calcMD(mCounts, pD)
cbs <- segmentMD(md, bins)
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| visualizeDeletion | <i>Visualization for deletions</i> |
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**Description**

This function plots the raw read information from the location of interest for a trio.

**Usage**

```
visualizeDeletion(deletion, bins, metaData, mCounts, md, save = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| deletion | A GRanges object in the format of the output of denovoDeletions().        |
| bins     | The set of bins determined by calcBins().                                 |
| metaData | A table in the format of the output of getMetaData().                     |
| mCounts  | A matrix of normalized coverage output by normalizedCounts().             |
| md       | The minimum distance matrix output by calcMD()                            |
| save     | If TRUE will save plot to current working directory instead of rendering. |

**Value**

The file name if the plot was saved.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
load(system.file("extdata", 'bins.RData', package = "MDTS"))
load(system.file("extdata", 'counts.RData', package = "MDTS"))
load(system.file("extdata", 'pD.RData', package = "MDTS"))
mCounts <- normalizeCounts(counts, bins)
md <- calcMD(mCounts, pD)
cbs <- segmentMD(md, bins)
denovo <- denovoDeletions(cbs, mCounts, bins)
visualizeDeletion(denovo[1], bins, pD, mCounts, md)

## End(Not run)
```

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