

# Package ‘fCCAC’

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**Type** Package

**Title** functional Canonical Correlation Analysis to evaluate Covariance between nucleic acid sequencing datasets

**Description** Computational evaluation of variability across DNA or RNA sequencing datasets is a crucial step in genomics, as it allows both to evaluate reproducibility of replicates, and to compare different datasets to identify potential correlations. fCCAC applies functional Canonical Correlation Analysis to allow the assessment of: (i) reproducibility of biological or technical replicates, analyzing their shared covariance in higher order components; and (ii) the associations between different datasets. fCCAC represents a more sophisticated approach that complements Pearson correlation of genomic coverage.

**Depends** R (>= 4.2.0), S4Vectors, IRanges, GenomicRanges, grid

**Imports** fda, RColorBrewer, genomation, ggplot2, ComplexHeatmap, grDevices, stats, utils

**Suggests** RUnit, BiocGenerics, BiocStyle, knitr, rmarkdown

**License** Artistic-2.0

**LazyLoad** yes

**LazyData** yes

**biocViews** Epigenetics, Transcription, Sequencing, Coverage, ChIPSeq, FunctionalGenomics, RNASeq, ATACSeq, MNaseSeq

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## Description

An application of functional canonical correlation analysis to assess covariance of nucleic acid sequencing datasets such as chromatin immunoprecipitation followed by deep sequencing (ChIP-seq).

## Details

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| License:  | Artistic-2.0 |
| LazyLoad: | yes          |

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## References

Madrigal P (2017) fCCAC: functional canonical correlation analysis to evaluate covariance between nucleic acid sequencing datasets. Bioinformatics: <http://doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/btw724>.

## Examples

```
## hg19. chr21:40000000-48129895 H3K4me3 data from Bertero et al. (2015)
if (.Platform$OS.type == "unix") {

  owd <- setwd(tempdir())

  bigwig1 <- "chr21_H3K4me3_1.bw"
  bigwig2 <- "chr21_H3K4me3_2.bw"
  bigwig3 <- "chr21_H3K4me3_3.bw"
  peakFile <- "chr21_merged_ACT_K4.bed"
```

```

labels <- c( "H3K4me3", "H3K4me3", "H3K4me3" )
ti <- "H3K4me3 peaks"

r1 <- system.file("extdata", bigwig1, package="fCCAC", mustWork = TRUE)
r2 <- system.file("extdata", bigwig2, package="fCCAC", mustWork = TRUE)
r3 <- system.file("extdata", bigwig3, package="fCCAC", mustWork = TRUE)
r4 <- system.file("extdata", peakFile, package="fCCAC", mustWork = TRUE)

fc <- fccac(bar=NULL, main=ti, peaks=r4, bigwigs=c(r1,r2,r3), labels=labels, splines=15, nbins=100, ncan=5)

head(fc)

setwd(owd)
}

```

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*fCCAC internal functions***Description**

Internal undocumented functions

**Examples**

```

library(ggplot2)
# This example uses the ChickWeight dataset, which comes with ggplot2
# http://www.cookbook-r.com/Graphs/Multiple_graphs_on_one_page_%28ggplot2%29/
p1 <- ggplot(ChickWeight, aes(x=Time, y=weight, colour=Diet, group=Chick)) + geom_line() + ggtitle("Growth curve")
multiplot(p1, p1, cols=1)

```

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*functional Canonical Correlation Analysis to evaluate Covariance between nucleic acid sequencing datasets***Description**

functional Canonical Correlation Analysis to evaluate Covariance between nucleic acid sequencing datasets.

**Usage**

```
fccac(peaks, bigwigs, labels, splines=10, nbins=100, ncan=5, tf=c(), main="", bar=NULL, outFiles=)
```

**Arguments**

|         |                                                                                                                                                   |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| peaks   | BED file. Column 1: chr, Column 2: start, Column 3: end (Required).                                                                               |
| bigwigs | A vector of characters containing the path to bigwigs files. Replicates of the same samples should be entered consecutive one another (Required). |
| labels  | IDs for each sample. Replicates should have the same label and be ordered (vector of characters, Required)                                        |

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| splines  | Number of cubic B-splines used to smooth the data and to estimate the canonical variate weight functions (default: 15)                        |
| nbins    | Integer value representing the number of bins that should be used for each window (default: 100)                                              |
| ncan     | Number of canonical components to report in the results. It cannot be higher than number of splines or the number of peaks (default: 15)      |
| tf       | Plot results involving only this TF or TF-replicate (character). Eg., "SOX2" or "SOX2_Rep1" (default: empty vector. plot all)                 |
| main     | Title of the plot generated (default: no title)                                                                                               |
| bar      | In the barplot, plot only first bar[1] and last bar[2] interactions after ranking by F-value (default: NULL, plots all the combinations).     |
| outFiles | If TRUE, the function writes two files in the working directory, fCCAC.pdf and fCCAC.txt (tabulated text-file with results). (default: FALSE) |

### Details

Detailed information about the methodology can be found in Madrigal (2016).

### Value

The function reports a dataframe with the following columns: pairwise samples, F value, k (order of the first canonical correlation), and value of the first canonical correlation.

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### See Also

[fccac-package](#)

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  r4 <- system.file("extdata", peakFile, package="fccac", mustWork = TRUE)
```

```

    ti <- "H3K4me3 peaks"

    fc <- fccac(bar=NULL, main=ti, peaks=r4, bigwigs=c(r1,r2,r3), labels=labels, splines=15, nbins=100, ncan=15)

    head(fc)

    setwd(owd)

}

```

heatmapfCCAC

*Heatmap of F values obtained by Canonical Correlation Analysis***Description**

Heatmap of F values obtained by Canonical Correlation Analysis. This function can only be used if all pairwise comparisons were computed previously with the function 'fccac', i.e., using "tf=c()".

**Usage**

```
heatmapfCCAC(fc)
```

**Arguments**

fc                      Output of the function 'fccac'.

**Value**

Plots a Heatmap of F values using the package 'ComplexHeatmap'.

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**References**

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**See Also**

[fccac](#)

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labels <- c( "H3K4me3", "H3K4me3", "H3K4me3" )

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r3 <- system.file("extdata", bigwig3, package="fCCAC", mustWork = TRUE)
r4 <- system.file("extdata", peakFile, package="fCCAC", mustWork = TRUE)
ti <- "H3K4me3 peaks"

fc <- fccac(bar=NULL, main=ti, peaks=r4, bigwigs=c(r1,r2,r3), labels=labels, splines=15, nbins=100, ncan=15)

head(fc)

heatmapfCCAC(fc)

setwd(owd)

}
```

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