

# Package ‘periodicDNA’

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**Description** This R package helps the user identify k-mers (e.g. di- or tri-nucleotides) present periodically in a set of genomic loci (typically regulatory elements). The functions of this package provide a straightforward approach to find periodic occurrences of k-mers in DNA sequences, such as regulatory elements. It is not aimed at identifying motifs separated by a conserved distance; for this type of analysis, please visit MEME website.

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|              |                     |
|--------------|---------------------|
| ce11_all_REs | <i>ce11_all_REs</i> |
|--------------|---------------------|

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**Description**

Regulatory elements annotated in C. elegans (ce11) according to Serizay et al. 2020, "Tissue-specific profiling reveals distinctive regulatory architectures for ubiquitous, germline and somatic genes", BiorXiv.

**Usage**

data(ce11\_all\_REs)

**Format**

GRanges

**Source**

[BiorXiv](#)

**References**

Serizay et al. 2020, "Tissue-specific profiling reveals distinctive regulatory architectures for ubiquitous, germline and somatic genes", BiorXiv. ([DOI](#))

**Examples**

```
data(ce11_all_REs)
table(ce11_all_REs$regulatory_class)
table(ce11_all_REs$which.tissues)
```

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|              |                     |
|--------------|---------------------|
| ce11_ATACseq | <i>ce11_ATACseq</i> |
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**Description**

Sample of ATAC-seq from mixed tissues in *C. elegans* young adults

**Usage**

```
data(ce11_ATACseq)
```

**Format**

RleList

**Source**

[BiorXiv](#)

**References**

Serizay et al. 2020, "Tissue-specific profiling reveals distinctive regulatory architectures for ubiquitous, germline and somatic genes", BiorXiv. ([DOI](#))

**Examples**

```
data(ce11_ATACseq)
ce11_ATACseq
```

---

|            |                   |
|------------|-------------------|
| ce11_proms | <i>ce11_proms</i> |
|------------|-------------------|

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**Description**

Promoters annotated in *C. elegans* (ce11) according to Serizay et al. 2020, "Tissue-specific profiling reveals distinctive regulatory architectures for ubiquitous, germline and somatic genes", BiorXiv.

**Usage**

```
data(ce11_proms)
```

**Format**

GRanges

**Source**

[BiorXiv](#)

**References**

Serizay et al. 2020, "Tissue-specific profiling reveals distinctive regulatory architectures for ubiquitous, germline and somatic genes", BiorXiv. ([DOI](#))

**Examples**

```
data(cell_proms)
table(cell_proms$which.tissues)
```

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|                 |                        |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| cell_proms_seqs | <i>cell_proms_seqs</i> |
|-----------------|------------------------|

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**Description**

Sample of sequences of promoters annotated in *C. elegans* (cell) according to Serizay et al. 2020, "Tissue-specific profiling reveals distinctive regulatory architectures for ubiquitous, germline and somatic genes", BiorXiv.

**Usage**

```
data(cell_proms_seqs)
```

**Format**

DNAStrngSet

**Source**

[BiorXiv](#)

**References**

Serizay et al. 2020, "Tissue-specific profiling reveals distinctive regulatory architectures for ubiquitous, germline and somatic genes", BiorXiv. ([DOI](#))

**Examples**

```
data(cell_proms_seqs)
head(cell_proms_seqs)
```

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`ce11_TSSs`*ce11\_TSSs*

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**Description**

Coordinates of promoter TSSs annotated in *C. elegans* (ce11) used in Serizay et al. 2020, "Tissue-specific profiling reveals distinctive regulatory architectures for ubiquitous, germline and somatic genes", BiorXiv.

**Usage**

```
data(ce11_TSSs)
```

**Format**

GRanges

**Source**

[BiorXiv](#)

**References**

Serizay et al. 2020, "Tissue-specific profiling reveals distinctive regulatory architectures for ubiquitous, germline and somatic genes", BiorXiv. ([DOI](#))

**Examples**

```
data(ce11_TSSs)
lengths(ce11_TSSs)
ce11_TSSs[[1]]
```

---

`ce11_WW_10bp`*ce11\_WW\_10bp*

---

**Description**

Sample of WW 10-bp periodicity track generated by `getPeriodicityTrack()` in ce11 over annotated accessible sites, with default parameters

**Usage**

```
data(ce11_WW_10bp)
```

**Format**

RleList

**Source**

[BiorXiv](#)

## References

Serizay et al. 2020, "Tissue-specific profiling reveals distinctive regulatory architectures for ubiquitous, germline and somatic genes", BiorXiv. (DOI)

## Examples

```
data(ce11_WW_10bp)
ce11_WW_10bp
```

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|                |                                                                |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| getPeriodicity | <i>A function to compute k-mer periodicity in sequence(s).</i> |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|

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## Description

This function takes a set of sequences and a k-mer of interest, map a k-mer of interest in these sequences, computes all the pairwise distances (distogram), normalize it for distance decay, and computes the resulting power spectral density of the normalized distogram.

## Usage

```
getPeriodicity(x, motif, ...)

## S3 method for class 'DNASTringSet'
getPeriodicity(
  x,
  motif,
  range_spectrum = seq(1, 200),
  BPPARAM = setUpBPPARAM(1),
  roll = 3,
  verbose = TRUE,
  sample = 0,
  n_shuffling = 0,
  cores_shuffling = 1,
  cores_computing = 1,
  order = 1,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'GRanges'
getPeriodicity(x, motif, genome = "BSgenome.Celegans.UCSC.ce11", ...)

## S3 method for class 'DNASTring'
getPeriodicity(x, motif, ...)
```

## Arguments

|       |                                              |
|-------|----------------------------------------------|
| x     | a DNASTring, DNASTringSet or GRanges object. |
| motif | a k-mer of interest                          |
| ...   | Arguments passed to S3 methods               |

|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| range_spectrum  | Numeric vector Range of the distogram to use to run the Fast Fourier Transform on (default: 1:200, i.e. all pairs of k-mers at a maximum of 200 bp from each other).                                                                  |
| BPPARAM         | split the workload over several processors using BiocParallel                                                                                                                                                                         |
| roll            | Integer Window to smooth the distribution of pairwise distances (default: 3, to discard the 3-bp periodicity of dinucleotides which can be very strong in vertebrate genomes)                                                         |
| verbose         | Boolean                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| sample          | Integer if > 0, will randomly sample this many integers from the dists vector before normalization. This ensures consistency when looking at periodicity in different genomes, since different genomes will have different GC percent |
| n_shuffling     | Integer, how many times should the sequences be shuffled? (default = 0)                                                                                                                                                               |
| cores_shuffling | integer, Number of cores used for shuffling (used if n_shuffling > 0)                                                                                                                                                                 |
| cores_computing | integer, split the workload over several processors using BiocParallel (used if n_shuffling > 0)                                                                                                                                      |
| order           | Integer, which order to take into consideration for shuffling (ushuffle python library must be installed for orders > 1) (used if n_shuffling > 0)                                                                                    |
| genome          | genome ID, BSgenome or DNASTringSet object (optional, if x is a GRanges)                                                                                                                                                              |

### Value

A list containing the results of getPeriodicity function.

- The dists vector is the raw vector of all distances between any possible k-mer.
- The hist data.frame is the distribution of distances over range\_spectrum.
- The normalized\_hist is the raw hist, normalized for decay over increasing distances.
- The spectra object is the output of the FFT applied over normalized\_hist.
- The PSD data frame is the power spectral density scores over given frequencies.
- The motif object is the k-mer being analysed.
- The final periodicity metrics computed by getPeriodicity()

If getPeriodicity() is ran with n\_shuffling > 0, the resulting list also contains PSD values computed when iterating through shuffled sequences.

### Methods (by class)

- DNASTringSet: S3 method for DNASTringSet
- GRanges: S3 method for GRanges
- DNASTring: S3 method for DNASTring

### Examples

```
data(cell_proms_seqs)
periodicity_result <- getPeriodicity(
  cell_proms_seqs[1:100],
  motif = 'TT'
)
```

```

head(periodicity_result$PSD)
plotPeriodicityResults(periodicity_result)
#
data(ce11_TSSs)
periodicity_result <- getPeriodicity(
  ce11_TSSs[['Ubiq. ']][1:10],
  motif = 'TT',
  genome = 'BSgenome.Celegans.UCSC.ce11'
)
head(periodicity_result$PSD)
plotPeriodicityResults(periodicity_result)
#
data(ce11_TSSs)
periodicity_result <- getPeriodicity(
  ce11_TSSs[['Ubiq. ']][1:10],
  motif = 'TT',
  genome = 'BSgenome.Celegans.UCSC.ce11',
  n_shuffling = 10
)
head(periodicity_result$PSD)
plotPeriodicityResults(periodicity_result)

```

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getPeriodicityTrack     *Function to generate a k-mer periodicity track*

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## Description

This function takes a set of GRanges in a genome, recover the corresponding sequences and divides them using a sliding window. For each sub-sequence, it then computes the PSD value of a k-mer of interest at a chosen period, and generates a linear .bigWig track from these values.

## Usage

```

getPeriodicityTrack(
  genome = NULL,
  granges,
  motif = "WW",
  period = 10,
  BPPARAM = setUpBPPARAM(1),
  extension = 1000,
  window_size = 100,
  step_size = 2,
  range_spectrum = seq(5, 50),
  smooth_track = 20,
  bw_file = NULL
)

```

## Arguments

|         |                                     |
|---------|-------------------------------------|
| genome  | DNASTringSet, BSgenome or genome ID |
| granges | GRanges object                      |
| motif   | character, k-mer of interest.       |

|                |                                                                                                                                            |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| period         | Integer, the period of the k-mer to study (default=10).                                                                                    |
| BPPARAM        | split the workload over several processors using BiocParallel                                                                              |
| extension      | Integer, the width the GRanges are going to be extended to (default 1000).                                                                 |
| window_size    | Integer, the width of the bins to split the GRanges objects in (default 100).                                                              |
| step_size      | Integer, the increment between bins over GRanges (default 2).                                                                              |
| range_spectrum | Numeric vector, the distances between nucleotides to take into consideration when performing Fast Fourier Transform (default seq_len(50)). |
| smooth_track   | Integer, smooth the resulting track                                                                                                        |
| bw_file        | character, the name of the output bigWig track                                                                                             |

### Value

Rlelist and a bigWig track in the working directory.

### Examples

```
data(cell_proms)
track <- getPeriodicityTrack(
  genome = 'BSgenome.Celegans.UCSC.ce11',
  cell_proms[1],
  extension = 200,
  window_size = 100,
  step_size = 10,
  smooth_track = 1,
  motif = 'WW',
  period = 10,
  BPPARAM = setUpBPPARAM(1)
)
track
unlink(
  'BSgenome.Celegans.UCSC.ce11_WW_10-bp-periodicity_g-100^10-smooth-1.bw'
)
```

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getPeriodicityWithIterations

*A function to compute PSDs with iterations*

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### Description

This function computes PSD values of a given k-mer of interest in a set of input sequences. It also iterates the PSD calculation process over shuffled sequences, if `n_shuffling` is used.

### Usage

```
getPeriodicityWithIterations(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'DNAStringSet'
getPeriodicityWithIterations(
  x,
  motif,
```

```

    n_shuffling = 10,
    cores_shuffling = 1,
    cores_computing = 1,
    order = 1,
    verbose = 1,
    ...
)

## S3 method for class 'GRanges'
getPeriodicityWithIterations(x, genome, ...)

```

### Arguments

|                              |                                                                                                                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>               | DNASTringSet, sequences of interest                                                                                      |
| <code>...</code>             | Arguments passed to S3 methods                                                                                           |
| <code>motif</code>           | character, k-mer of interest                                                                                             |
| <code>n_shuffling</code>     | integer, Number of shuffling                                                                                             |
| <code>cores_shuffling</code> | integer, Number of cores used for shuffling                                                                              |
| <code>cores_computing</code> | integer, split the workload over several processors using BiocParallel                                                   |
| <code>order</code>           | Integer, which order to take into consideration for shuffling (ushuffle python library must be installed for orders > 1) |
| <code>verbose</code>         | integer, Should the function be verbose?                                                                                 |
| <code>genome</code>          | genome ID, BSgenome or DNASTringSet object (optional, if x is a GRanges)                                                 |

### Value

Several metrics

### Methods (by class)

- DNASTringSet: S3 method for DNASTring
- GRanges: S3 method for GRanges

### Examples

```

data(ce11_proms_seqs)
res <- getPeriodicityWithIterations(
  ce11_proms_seqs[1:10],
  genome = 'BSgenome.Celegans.UCSC.ce11',
  motif = 'TT',
  cores_shuffling = 1
)
res$observed_PSD
res$shuffled_PSD

```

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plotAggregateCoverage *A function to plot aggregated signals over sets of GRanges*

---

## Description

This function takes one or several RleList genomic tracks (e.g. imported by rtraklayer::import(..., as = 'Rle')) and one or several GRanges objects. It computes coverage of the GRanges by the genomic tracks and returns an aggregate coverage plot.

## Usage

```
plotAggregateCoverage(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'CompressedRleList'
plotAggregateCoverage(x, granges, ...)

## S3 method for class 'SimpleRleList'
plotAggregateCoverage(
  x,
  granges,
  colors = NULL,
  xlab = "Center of elements",
  ylab = "Score",
  xlim = NULL,
  ylim = NULL,
  quartiles = c(0.025, 0.975),
  verbose = FALSE,
  bin = 1,
  plot_central = TRUE,
  run_in_parallel = FALSE,
  split_by_granges = FALSE,
  norm = "none",
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'list'
plotAggregateCoverage(
  x,
  granges,
  colors = NULL,
  xlab = "Center of elements",
  ylab = "Score",
  xlim = NULL,
  ylim = NULL,
  quartiles = c(0.025, 0.975),
  verbose = FALSE,
  bin = 1,
  plot_central = TRUE,
  split_by_granges = TRUE,
  split_by_track = FALSE,
  free_scales = FALSE,
```

```

    run_in_parallel = FALSE,
    norm = "none",
    ...
)

```

### Arguments

|                               |                                                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>                | a single signal track (CompressedRleList or SimpleRleList class), or several signal tracks (SimpleRleList or CompressedRleList class) grouped in a named list |
| <code>...</code>              | additional parameters                                                                                                                                         |
| <code>granges</code>          | a GRanges object or a named list of GRanges                                                                                                                   |
| <code>colors</code>           | a vector of colors                                                                                                                                            |
| <code>xlab</code>             | x axis label                                                                                                                                                  |
| <code>ylab</code>             | y axis label                                                                                                                                                  |
| <code>xlim</code>             | y axis limits                                                                                                                                                 |
| <code>ylim</code>             | y axis limits                                                                                                                                                 |
| <code>quartiles</code>        | Which quantiles to use to determine y scale automatically?                                                                                                    |
| <code>verbose</code>          | Boolean                                                                                                                                                       |
| <code>bin</code>              | Integer Width of the window to use to smooth values by <code>zoo::rollMean</code>                                                                             |
| <code>plot_central</code>     | Boolean Draw a vertical line at 0                                                                                                                             |
| <code>run_in_parallel</code>  | Boolean Should the plots be computed in parallel using <code>mclapply</code> ?                                                                                |
| <code>split_by_granges</code> | Boolean Facet plots over the sets of GRanges                                                                                                                  |
| <code>norm</code>             | character Should the signal be normalized ('none', 'zscore' or 'log2')?                                                                                       |
| <code>split_by_track</code>   | Boolean Facet plots by the sets of signal tracks                                                                                                              |
| <code>free_scales</code>      | Boolean Should each facet have independent y-axis scales?                                                                                                     |

### Value

An aggregate coverage plot.

### Methods (by class)

- `CompressedRleList`: S3 method for `CompressedRleList`
- `SimpleRleList`: S3 method for `SimpleRleList`
- `list`: S3 method for `list`

### Examples

```

data(ce11_ATACseq)
data(ce11_WW_10bp)
data(ce11_proms)

p1 <- plotAggregateCoverage(
  ce11_ATACseq,
  resize(ce11_proms[1:100], fix = 'center', width = 1000)
)

```

```

p1

proms <- resize(ce11_proms[1:100], fix = 'center', width = 400)
p2 <- plotAggregateCoverage(
  ce11_ATAcseq,
  list(
    'Ubiq & Germline promoters' =
      proms[proms$which.tissues %in% c('Ubiq.', 'Germline')],
    'Other promoters' =
      proms[!(proms$which.tissues %in% c('Ubiq.', 'Germline'))]
  )
)
p2

p3 <- plotAggregateCoverage(
  list(
    'atac' = ce11_ATAcseq,
    'WW_10bp' = ce11_WW_10bp
  ),
  proms,
  norm = 'zscore'
)
p3

p4 <- plotAggregateCoverage(
  list(
    'ATAC-seq' = ce11_ATAcseq,
    'WW 10-bp periodicity' = ce11_WW_10bp
  ),
  list(
    'Ubiq & Germline promoters' =
      proms[proms$which.tissues %in% c('Ubiq.', 'Germline')],
    'Other promoters' =
      proms[!(proms$which.tissues %in% c('Ubiq.', 'Germline'))]
  ),
  norm = 'zscore'
)
p4

p5 <- plotAggregateCoverage(
  list(
    'ATAC-seq' = ce11_ATAcseq,
    'WW 10-bp periodicity' = ce11_WW_10bp
  ),
  list(
    'Ubiq & Germline promoters' =
      proms[proms$which.tissues %in% c('Ubiq.', 'Germline')],
    'Other promoters' =
      proms[!(proms$which.tissues %in% c('Ubiq.', 'Germline'))]
  ),
  split_by_granges = FALSE,
  split_by_track = TRUE,
  norm = 'zscore'
)
p5

```

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plotPeriodicityResults

*Plot the output of getPeriodicity()*


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## Description

This function plots some results from the result of `getPeriodicity()`. It plots the raw histogram, the distance-decay normalized histogram and the resulting PSD values. If a shuffled control has been performed by `getPeriodicity()`, it also displays it.

## Usage

```
plotPeriodicityResults(
  results,
  periods = c(2, 20),
  filter_periods = TRUE,
  facet_control = TRUE,
  xlim = NULL,
  fdr_threshold = 0.05,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

|                             |                                                                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>results</code>        | The output of <code>getPeriodicity</code> function.                 |
| <code>periods</code>        | Vector a numerical vector of length 2, to specify the x-axis limits |
| <code>filter_periods</code> | Boolean Should the x-axis be constrained to the periods?            |
| <code>facet_control</code>  | Boolean should the shuffling plots be faceted?                      |
| <code>xlim</code>           | Integer x axis upper limit in raw and norm. histograms              |
| <code>fdr_threshold</code>  | Float, significance threshold                                       |
| <code>...</code>            | Additional theme arguments passed to <code>theme_ggplot2()</code>   |

## Value

list A list containing four ggplots

## Examples

```
data(ce11_TSSs)
periodicity_result <- getPeriodicity(
  ce11_TSSs[['Ubiqu.']] [1:100],
  genome = 'BSgenome.Celegans.UCSC.ce11',
  motif = 'TT',
  BPPARAM = setUpBPPARAM(1)
)
head(periodicity_result$PSD)
plotPeriodicityResults(periodicity_result)
plotPeriodicityResults(periodicity_result, xlim = 150)
plotPeriodicityResults(
  periodicity_result, xlim = 150, filter_periods = FALSE
```

```
)
plotPeriodicityResults(
  periodicity_result, xlim = 150, facet_control = FALSE
)
```

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setUpBPPARAM

*setUpBPPARAM*

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## Description

A function to dynamically select MulticoreParam or SnowParam (if Windows)

## Usage

```
setUpBPPARAM(nproc = 1)
```

## Arguments

nproc                      number of processors

## Value

A BPPARAM object

## Examples

```
BPPARAM <- setUpBPPARAM(1)
```

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theme\_ggplot2

*Personal ggplot2 theming function, adapted from roboto-condensed at <https://github.com/hrbrmstr/hrbrthemes/>*

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## Description

Personal ggplot2 theming function, adapted from roboto-condensed at <https://github.com/hrbrmstr/hrbrthemes/>

## Usage

```
theme_ggplot2(
  grid = TRUE,
  border = TRUE,
  base_size = 8,
  plot_title_size = 12,
  plot_title_face = "plain",
  plot_title_margin = 5,
  subtitle_size = 11,
  subtitle_face = "plain",
  subtitle_margin = 5,
  strip_text_size = 10,
  strip_text_face = "bold",
```

```

caption_size = 9,
caption_face = "plain",
caption_margin = 3,
axis_text_size = base_size,
axis_title_size = 9,
axis_title_face = "plain",
axis_title_just = "rt",
panel_spacing = grid::unit(2, "lines"),
grid_col = "#cccccc",
plot_margin = margin(12, 12, 12, 12),
axis_col = "#cccccc",
axis = FALSE,
ticks = FALSE
)

```

### Arguments

|                                            |                                                                      |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| grid                                       | panel grid ('TRUE', 'FALSE', or a combination of 'X', 'x', 'Y', 'y') |
| border                                     | border if 'TRUE' add border                                          |
| base_size                                  | base font size                                                       |
| plot_title_size, plot_title_margin         | plot title size and margin                                           |
| plot_title_face                            | plot title face                                                      |
| subtitle_face, subtitle_size               | plot subtitle face and size                                          |
| subtitle_margin                            | plot subtitle margin bottom (single numeric value)                   |
| strip_text_face, strip_text_size           | facet label font face and size                                       |
| caption_face, caption_size, caption_margin | plot caption face, size and margin                                   |
| axis_text_size                             | font size of axis text                                               |
| axis_title_face, axis_title_size           | axis title font face and size                                        |
| axis_title_just                            | axis title font justification one of '[blmcr]'                       |
| panel_spacing                              | panel spacing (use 'unit()')                                         |
| grid_col                                   | grid color                                                           |
| plot_margin                                | plot margin (specify with [ggplot2::margin])                         |
| axis_col                                   | axis color                                                           |
| axis                                       | add x or y axes? 'TRUE', 'FALSE', "'xy'"                             |
| ticks                                      | ticks if 'TRUE' add ticks                                            |

### Value

theme A ggplot theme

**Examples**

```
library(ggplot2)

ggplot(mtcars, aes(mpg, wt)) +
  geom_point() +
  labs(x="Fuel efficiency (mpg)", y="Weight (tons)",
       title="Seminal ggplot2 scatterplot example") +
  theme_ggplot2()
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