

# Package ‘HiContacts’

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| bwrColors | <i>Matrix palettes</i> |
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**Description**

Matrix palettes

**Usage**

bwrColors()

afmhotrColors()

bbrColors()

**Value**

ggplot

**Examples**

bwrColors()

afmhotrColors()

bbrColors()

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`centros_yeast`*Example datasets provided in HiContacts & HiContactsData*

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**Description**

Example datasets provided in HiContacts & HiContactsData

**Usage**

```
data(centros_yeast)
```

```
contacts_yeast()
```

```
contacts_yeast_eco1()
```

```
full_contacts_yeast()
```

**Format**

An object of class "GRanges".

An object of class "Contacts".

**Source**

HiContacts

**Examples**

```
data(centros_yeast)
centros_yeast
contacts_yeast()
contacts_yeast_eco1()
full_contacts_yeast()
```

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`check_cool_file`*Checks functions*

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**Description**

Useful functions to validate the nature/structure of (m)cool files or Contacts objects.

**Usage**

```
check_cool_file(path)

check_resolution(contacts, resolution)

check_cool_format(path, resolution)

is_mcool(path)

is_cool(path)

is_same_seqinfo(...)

is_same_resolution(...)

is_same_bins(...)

is_same_regions(...)

is_comparable(...)

is_square(pair)

are_contacts(...)

is_symmetrical(contacts)
```

**Arguments**

|            |                               |
|------------|-------------------------------|
| path       | Path of a (m)cool file        |
| contacts   | A Contacts object             |
| resolution | Resolution                    |
| ...        | Contacts object               |
| pair       | Pairs object with length of 1 |

**Value**

Logical

**Examples**

```
library(HiContacts)
contacts_yeast <- contacts_yeast()
is_symmetrical(contacts_yeast)
```

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

Quickly computes a cis-trans ratio of interactions.

**Usage**

```
cisTransRatio(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A Contacts object over the full genome

**Value**

a tibble, listing for each chr. the % of cis/trans interactions

**Examples**

```
library(HiContacts)
full_contacts_yeast <- full_contacts_yeast()
cisTransRatio(full_contacts_yeast)
```

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|                |                                      |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Contacts-class | <i>Contacts S4 class and methods</i> |
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**Description**

Contacts S4 class and methods

**Usage**

```
Contacts(
  file,
  resolution = NULL,
  focus = NULL,
  metadata = list(),
  topologicalFeatures = S4Vectors::SimpleList(loops =
  S4Vectors::Pairs(GenomicRanges::GRanges(), GenomicRanges::GRanges()), borders =
  GenomicRanges::GRanges(), compartments = GenomicRanges::GRanges(), viewpoints =
  GenomicRanges::GRanges()),
  pairsFile = NULL
)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'Contacts'
fileName(object)

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts'
resolutions(x)

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts'
resolution(x)

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts'
focus(x)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'Contacts,character'
focus(x) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts'
interactions(x)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'Contacts,GInteractions'
interactions(x) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts,missing'
scores(x)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'Contacts,character,numeric'
scores(x, name) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts,missing'
topologicalFeatures(x)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'Contacts,character,GRangesOrGInteractions'
topologicalFeatures(x, name) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts'
pairsFile(x)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'Contacts,character'
pairsFile(x) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'Contacts,list'
metadata(x) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts'
length(x)

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts,numeric,ANY,ANY'
x[i]
```

```

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts'
seqinfo(x)

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts'
bins(x)

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts'
anchors(x)

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts'
regions(x)

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts'
summary(object)

## S4 method for signature 'Contacts'
show(object)

```

### Arguments

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| file                | Path to a (m)cool file   |
| resolution          | Resolution to use with mcool file  |
| focus               | focus Chr. coordinates for which interaction counts are extracted from the .(m)cool file, provided as a character string (e.g. "II:4000-5000"). If not provided, the entire (m)cool file will be imported. |
| metadata            | list of metadata   |
| topologicalFeatures | topologicalFeatures provided as a named SimpleList   |
| pairsFile           | Path to an associated .pairs file  |
| object              | A Contacts object.   |
| x                   | A Contacts object.   |
| value               | value  |
| name                | name   |
| i                   | a range or boolean vector.   |

### Value

a new Contacts object.

### Slots

fileName Path of (m)cool file  
focus Chr. coordinates for which interaction counts are extracted from the .(m)cool file.  
resolutions Resolutions available in the .(m)cool file.  
resolution Current resolution

interactions Genomic Interactions extracted from the `.(m)cool` object

scores Available interaction scores.

topologicalFeatures Topological features associated with the dataset (e.g. loops (`\<Pairs\>`), borders (`\<GRanges\>`), viewpoints (`\<GRanges\>`), etc...)

pairsFile Path to the `.pairs` file associated with the `.(m)cool` file

metadata metadata associated with the `.(m)cool` file.

## Examples

```
library(HiContacts)
contacts_yeast <- contacts_yeast()
contacts_yeast
fileName(contacts_yeast)
resolutions(contacts_yeast)
resolution(contacts_yeast)
focus(contacts_yeast)
interactions(contacts_yeast)
scores(contacts_yeast)
tail(scores(contacts_yeast, 1))
tail(scores(contacts_yeast, 'balanced'))
scores(contacts_yeast, 'test') <- runif(length(contacts_yeast))
tail(scores(contacts_yeast, 'test'))
full_contacts_yeast <- full_contacts_yeast()
topologicalFeatures(full_contacts_yeast)
topologicalFeatures(full_contacts_yeast, 1)
topologicalFeatures(full_contacts_yeast, 'centromeres')
data(centros_yeast)
topologicalFeatures(contacts_yeast, 'centromeres') <- centros_yeast
topologicalFeatures(contacts_yeast, 'centromeres')
pairsFile(full_contacts_yeast)
length(contacts_yeast)
contacts_yeast[seq_len(10)]
seqinfo(contacts_yeast)
bins(contacts_yeast)
anchors(contacts_yeast)
regions(contacts_yeast)
summary(contacts_yeast)
show(contacts_yeast)
as(contacts_yeast, 'GInteractions')
as(contacts_yeast, 'ContactMatrix')
as(contacts_yeast, 'matrix')[seq_len(10), seq_len(10)]
as(contacts_yeast, 'data.frame')
```



**Description**

Different operations can be performed:

- Detrending a contact matrix, i.e. removing the distance-dependent contact trend;
- Autocorrelate a contact matrix: this is typically done to highlight large-scale compartments;
- Divide one contact matrix by another;
- Merge multiple contact matrices;
- Serpentinify, or smooth a contact matrix out. This requires `serpentine` python package to be installed.

**Usage**

```
detrend(x, use.scores = "balanced")

autocorrelate(x, use.scores = "balanced", ignore_ndiags = 3)

divide(x, by, use.scores = "balanced")

merge(..., use.scores = "balanced")

serpentinify(
  x,
  use.scores = "balanced",
  use_serpentine_trend = TRUE,
  serpentine_niter = 10L,
  serpentine_ncores = 16L
)
```

**Arguments**

|                                   |   |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| <code>x</code>                    | a Contacts object   |
| <code>use.scores</code>           | <code>use.scores</code>   |
| <code>ignore_ndiags</code>        | ignore N diagonals when calculating correlations  |
| <code>by</code>                   | a Contacts object   |
| <code>...</code>                  | Contacts objects  |
| <code>use_serpentine_trend</code> | whether to use the trend estimated with <code>serpentine</code> (this requires <code>reticulate</code> and the python package <code>serpentine</code> ) |
| <code>serpentine_niter</code>     | number of iterations to use for <code>serpentine</code>   |
| <code>serpentine_ncores</code>    | number of CPUs to use for <code>serpentine</code>   |

**Value**

a Contacts object with two additional scores: expected and detrended  
 a Contacts object with a single autocorrelation scores  
 a Contacts object with a single ratio scores  
 a Contacts object. Each returned scores is the sum of the corresponding scores from input Contacts.  
 a Contacts object with a single smoothen scores

**Examples**

```
#### -----
#### Detrending a contact matrix
#### -----

library(HiContacts)
contacts_yeast <- contacts_yeast()
contacts_yeast <- detrend(contacts_yeast)
scores(contacts_yeast)
#### -----
#### Auto-correlate a contact matrix
#### -----

contacts_yeast <- autocorrelate(contacts_yeast)
scores(contacts_yeast)
plotMatrix(contacts_yeast, scale = 'linear', limits = c(-1, 1), cmap = bwrColors())
#### -----
#### Divide 2 contact matrices
#### -----

contacts_yeast <- contacts_yeast()
contacts_yeast_eco1 <- contacts_yeast_eco1()
div_contacts <- divide(contacts_yeast_eco1, by = contacts_yeast)
div_contacts
plotMatrix(div_contacts, scale = 'log2', limits = c(-2, 2), cmap = bwrColors())
#### -----
#### Merge 2 contact matrices
#### -----

merged_contacts <- merge(contacts_yeast_eco1, contacts_yeast)
merged_contacts
```

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distanceLaw

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*Compute the law of distance-dependent contact frequency, a.k.a.  $P(s)$* 


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**Description**

$P(s)$  will be approximated if no pairs are provided, or the exact  $P(s)$  will be computed if a .pairs file is added to the Contacts object using `pairsFile(x) <- "..."`.

**Usage**

```
distanceLaw(  
  x,  
  by_chr = FALSE,  
  filtered_chr = c("XII", "chrXII", "chr12", "12", "Mito", "MT", "chrM")  
)  
  
localDistanceLaw(x, coords = coords)  
  
PsBreaks()
```

**Arguments**

|              |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| x            | A Contacts object |
| by_chr       | by_chr            |
| filtered_chr | filtered_chr      |
| coords       | GRanges           |

**Value**

a tibble  
a tibble  
tbl

**Examples**

```
library(HiContacts)  
contacts_yeast <- contacts_yeast()  
ps <- distanceLaw(contacts_yeast)  
ps  
local_ps <- localDistanceLaw(  
  contacts_yeast,  
  GenomicRanges::GRanges(  
    c("telomere" = "II:1-20000", "arm" = "II:300000-700000")  
  )  
)  
local_ps
```

**Description**

These functions are the workhorse internal functions used to import a .(m)cool file as GenomicInteractions (wrapped into a Contacts object by Contacts() function).

**Usage**

```

getAnchors(file, resolution = NULL, balanced = "cooler")

getCountsFromPair(file, pair, anchors, resolution = NULL)

getCounts(file, coords, anchors, resolution = NULL)

fetchCool(file, path, resolution = NULL, idx = NULL, ...)

lsCoolFiles(file, verbose = FALSE)

lsCoolResolutions(file, verbose = FALSE)

peekCool(file, path, resolution = NULL, n = 10)

cool2seqinfo(file, resolution = NULL)

cool2gi(file, coords = NULL, resolution = NULL)

gi2cm(gi)

cm2matrix(cm, replace_NA = NA)

pairs2gi(
  file,
  chr1.field = 2,
  start1.field = 3,
  chr2.field = 4,
  start2.field = 5,
  nThread = 16,
  nrows = Inf
)

```

**Arguments**

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| file       | pairs file: <readname>\t<chr1>\t<start1>\t<chr2>\t<start2>                               |
| resolution | resolution   |
| balanced   | import balancing scores  |
| pair       | pair (e.g. S4Vectors::Pairs(GRanges("II:200000-300000"), GRanges("II:70000-100000"))).   |
| anchors    | anchors  |
| coords     | NULL, character, or GRanges. Can also be a Pairs object of paired GRanges (length of 1). |
| path       | path   |
| idx        | idx to extract in cool file  |
| ...        | ...  |

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| verbose      | Print resolutions in the console                    |
| n            | n   |
| gi           | A GInteractions object                              |
| cm           | A ContactMatrix object                              |
| replace_NA   | Replace NA values                                   |
| chr1.field   | chr1.field  |
| start1.field | start1.field  |
| chr2.field   | chr2.field  |
| start2.field | start2.field  |
| nThread      | Number of CPUs to use to import the pairs file in R |
| nrows        | Number of pairs to import                           |

**Value**

anchors from (m)cool, stored as a GRanges  
 counts from (m)cool, stored as a tibble  
 counts from (m)cool, stored as a tibble  
 vector  
 vector  
 vector  
 vector  
 a Seqinfo object  
 a GenomicInteractions object  
 a ContactMatrix object  
 a dense matrix  
 a GenomicInteractions object

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ggthemeHiContacts      *ggplot2-related functions*

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**Description**

ggplot2-related functions

**Usage**

```
ggthemeHiContacts(ticks = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

ticks                  ticks

**Value**

a custom ggplot2 theme

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| HiContacts package | <i>HiContacts package</i> |
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**Description**

HiContacts: R interface to (m)cool files and other Hi-C processed file formats. HiContacts provides a collection of tools to analyse and visualize Hi-C datasets. It can import data from pairs or (m)cool files.

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| plot4C | <i>Plotting virtual 4C profiles</i> |
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**Description**

Plotting virtual 4C profiles

**Usage**

```
plot4C(x, mapping)
```

**Arguments**

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| x       | GRanges, generally the output of virtual4C() |
| mapping | aes to pass on to ggplot2                    |

**Value**

ggplot

**Examples**

```
library(HiContacts)
contacts_yeast <- contacts_yeast()
v4C <- virtual4C(contacts_yeast, GenomicRanges::GRanges('II:490000-510000'))
plot4C(v4C, ggplot2::aes(x = center, y = score))
```

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plotMatrix                      *Plotting a contact matrix*

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**Description**

Plotting a contact matrix

**Usage**

```
plotMatrix(  
  x,  
  use.scores = NULL,  
  scale = "log10",  
  loops = NULL,  
  borders = NULL,  
  limits = NULL,  
  dpi = 500,  
  rasterize = TRUE,  
  symmetrical = TRUE,  
  chrom_lines = TRUE,  
  cmap = NULL  
)  
  
ggMatrix(mat, ticks = TRUE, cols = afmhotrColors(), limits)
```

**Arguments**

|             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| x           | x           |
| use.scores  | use.scores  |
| scale       | scale       |
| loops       | loops       |
| borders     | borders     |
| limits      | limits      |
| dpi         | dpi         |
| rasterize   | rasterize   |
| symmetrical | symmetrical |
| chrom_lines | chrom_lines |
| cmap        | color map   |
| mat         | mat         |
| ticks       | ticks       |
| cols        | cols        |

**Value**

```
ggplot
ggplot
```

**Examples**

```
library(HiContacts)
contacts_yeast <- contacts_yeast()
plotMatrix(
  contacts_yeast,
  use.scores = 'balanced',
  scale = 'log10',
  limits = c(-4, -1)
)
```

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|        |                                     |
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| plotPs | <i>Plotting a P(s) distance law</i> |
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**Description**

Plotting a P(s) distance law

**Usage**

```
plotPs(..., xlim = c(5000, 499000), ylim = c(1e-08, 1e-04))
plotPsSlope(..., xlim = c(5000, 499000), ylim = c(-3, 0))
```

**Arguments**

|      |      |
|------|------|
| ...  | ...  |
| xlim | xlim |
| ylim | ylim |

**Value**

```
ggplot
ggplot
```

**Examples**

```
## Single P(s)

contacts_yeast <- contacts_yeast()
ps <- distanceLaw(contacts_yeast)
plotPs(ps, ggplot2::aes(x = binned_distance, y = norm_p))
```



```

## Comparing several P(s)

contacts_yeast <- contacts_yeast()
contacts_yeast_eco1 <- contacts_yeast_eco1()
ps_wt <- distanceLaw(contacts_yeast)
ps_wt$sample <- 'WT'
ps_eco1 <- distanceLaw(contacts_yeast_eco1)
ps_eco1$sample <- 'eco1'
ps <- rbind(ps_wt, ps_eco1)
plotPs(ps, ggplot2::aes(x = binned_distance, y = norm_p, group = sample, color = sample))
plotPsSlope(ps, ggplot2::aes(x = binned_distance, y = slope))

```

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splitCoords

*Utils functions*


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## Description

Utilities to facilitate parsing/handling of coordinates, GInteractions, Pairs, ...

## Usage

```

splitCoords(coords)

coords2char(coords, big.mark = ",")

char2coords(char)

getHicStats(hicstuff_log)

fullContactInteractions(chr, start, end, binning)

sdiag(A, k = 0) <- value

sortPairs(pairs)

asGInteractions(df)

```

## Arguments

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| coords       | coords  |
| big.mark     | big.mark  |
| char         | char (e.g. "II:30000-50000" or "II:30000-50000 x II:60000-80000") |
| hicstuff_log | log file generated by hicstuff                                    |
| chr          | chr   |
| start        | start   |
| end          | end   |

|         |         |
|---------|---------|
| binning | binning |
| A       | A       |
| k       | k       |
| value   | value   |
| pairs   | pairs   |
| df      | df      |

**Value**

a list containing chr, start and end  
 a character string  
 a S4Vectors::Pairs object  
 a list  
 a GenomicInteractions object  
 a matrix  
 a Pairs object  
 a GenomicInteractions object

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 virtual4C

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*Computing virtual 4C profiles*


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**Description**

From a (m)cool pre-imported in memory, computes a 4C profile using a user-specified viewpoint.

**Usage**

```
virtual4C(x, viewpoint, use.scores = "balanced")
```

**Arguments**

|            |                                 |
|------------|---------------------------------|
| x          | a Contacts object               |
| viewpoint  | viewpoint, defined as a GRanges |
| use.scores | use.scores                      |

**Value**

A tibble with the contact frequency of the viewpoint, per bin along the imported genomic range.

**Examples**

```
library(HiContacts)
contacts_yeast <- contacts_yeast()
v4C <- virtual4C(contacts_yeast, GenomicRanges::GRanges('II:490000-510000'))
v4C
```

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