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OmicCircos-package	<i>OmicCircos package</i>
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Description

OmicCircos is for generating high-quality circular plots for omics data.

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circos	<i>draw circular</i>
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Description

This is the main function of OmicCircos to draw circular plots.

Usage

```
circos(mapping=mapping, xc=400, yc=400, R=400, W=W, cir="", type="n",
col.v=3, B=FALSE, print.chr.lab=TRUE, col.bar=FALSE, col.bar.po = "topleft",
cluster=FALSE, order=NULL, scale=FALSE, cutoff = "n", zoom="", cex=1, lwd=1,
col=rainbow(10, alpha=0.8)[7], side="")
```

Arguments

mapping	data frame or matrix containing mapping information and values. Column 1: the segment or chromosome ID; column 2: the position; column 3: the position label (optional) or the value and additional columns are the values. such as gene expression and copy number. Missing values are allowed and will be ignored.
xc	integer, the circle center x coordinate
yc	integer, the circle center y coordinate
R	integer, the circle radius
W	integer, the circle width

<code>cir</code>	genome reference name (hg19, mm10 ...) or data frame from <code>segAnglePo</code> function or data frame from user's mapping data
<code>.</code>	
<code>type</code>	the type is one of • "arc": arcs with variable radii • "arc2": arcs with the fixed radius • "b": bar charts • "b2": bar charts (opposite side of cutoff value) • "b3": bar charts with the same height • "box": box plots • "chr": plots of chromosomes or segments • "chr2": plots of chromosomes or segments of partial genome • "ci95": 95% confidence interval lines • "h": histograms • "heatmap": heatmaps • "heatmap2": heatmaps with genomic coordinates • "highlight.link": link lines for zoom • "hist": polygons for multiple samples • "hl": highlight • "l": lines • "label": gene labels or text annotations • "label2": gene labels or text annotations with the same circumference coordinate • "lh": horizontal lines • "link.pg": link polygons based on Bezier curve • "link": link lines based on Bezier curve • "link2": link lines with smaller intra-chromosome arcs • "ls": lines in stair steps • "ml": multiple lines (for more than 1 samples) • "ml2": multiple horizontal lines • "ml3": multiple lines in stair steps • "ms": multiple points • "quant75": 75% quantile lines • "quant90": 90% quantile lines • "s": dots • "s2": dots with the fixed radius • "s.sd": dots proportional to standard deviation • "ss": dot sizes proportional to the values • "sv": dot sizes proportional to the variances
<code>col.v</code>	column number. The column value will be displayed. If <code>type=heatmap</code> , the number is as the first column.
<code>B</code>	logical: draw background?
<code>print.chr.lab</code>	logical: draw chromosomes or segment labels?
<code>col.bar</code>	logical: draw col.bar? It is for <code>type=heatmap</code> .
<code>col.bar.po</code>	draw col.bar position, e.g. topleft, bottomright.

cluster	logical: cluster and draw Dendrogram at left coner? It is for type=heatmap only.
order	vector: chromosome or segment order
scale	logical: draw scale?
cutoff	numeric: for multiple samples
zoom	vector containing six values: start chromosome, end chromosome, start position, end position, start angle and end angle
lwd	numeric: line width
cex	numeric: fond or point sizes
col	character or vector: color names
side	character (in or out): for type=label(2) only
...	...

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Examples

```
library(OmicCircos);
options(stringsAsFactors = FALSE);

set.seed(1234);

## initial values for simulation data
seg.num    <- 10;
ind.num    <- 20;
seg.po     <- c(20:50);
link.num   <- 10;
link.pg.num <- 4;
## output simulation data
sim.out <- sim.circos(seg=seg.num, po=seg.po, ind=ind.num, link=link.num,
  link.pg=link.pg.num);

seg.f      <- sim.out$seg.frame;
seg.v      <- sim.out$seg.mapping;
link.v     <- sim.out$seg.link
link.pg.v  <- sim.out$seg.link.pg
seg.num    <- length(unique(seg.f[,1]));

## select segments
seg.name   <- paste("chr", 1:seg.num, sep="");
db         <- segAnglePo(seg.f, seg=seg.name);

colors     <- rainbow(seg.num, alpha=0.5);

pdffile    <- "OmicCircos4vignette1.pdf";
pdf(pdffile, 8, 8);
```

```

par(mar=c(2, 2, 2, 2));
plot(c(1,800), c(1,800), type="n", axes=FALSE, xlab="", ylab="", main="");

circos(R=400, cir=db, type="chr", col=colors, print.chr.lab=TRUE, W=4, scale=TRUE);
circos(R=360, cir=db, W=40, mapping=seg.v, col.v=3, type="l", B=TRUE, col=colors[1], lwd=2, scale=TRUE);
circos(R=320, cir=db, W=40, mapping=seg.v, col.v=3, type="ls", B=FALSE, col=colors[9], lwd=2, scale=TRUE);
circos(R=280, cir=db, W=40, mapping=seg.v, col.v=3, type="lh", B=TRUE, col=colors[7], lwd=2, scale=TRUE);
circos(R=240, cir=db, W=40, mapping=seg.v, col.v=19, type="ml", B=FALSE, col=colors, lwd=2, scale=TRUE);
circos(R=200, cir=db, W=40, mapping=seg.v, col.v=19, type="ml2", B=TRUE, col=colors, lwd=2);
circos(R=160, cir=db, W=40, mapping=seg.v, col.v=19, type="ml3", B=FALSE, cutoff=5, lwd=2);
circos(R=150, cir=db, W=40, mapping=link.v, type="link", lwd=2, col=colors[c(1,7)]);
circos(R=150, cir=db, W=40, mapping=link.pg.v, type="link.pg", lwd=2, col=sample(colors,link.pg.num));

dev.off()

## Not run:
demo(OmicCircos4vignette1)
demo(OmicCircos4vignette2)
demo(OmicCircos4vignette3)
demo(OmicCircos4vignette4)
demo(OmicCircos4vignette5)
demo(OmicCircos4vignette6)
demo(OmicCircos4vignette7)
demo(OmicCircos4vignette8)
demo(OmicCircos4vignette9)
demo(OmicCircos4vignette10)

## End(Not run)

```

segAnglePo

generate circular skeleton data from user's mapping data

Description

This function creates a data frame and converts the segment pointer positions (linear coordinates) into angle values (the angle based coordinates along circumference). In the data frame, column 1 is unique segment or chromosome names; column 2 is the start angle; column 3 is the end angle; column 4 is the accumulative start position; column 5 is the accumulative end position; column 6 is the start position and column 7 is the end position for each segment or chromosome.

Usage

```
segAnglePo(seg.dat=seg.dat, seg=seg, angle.start=angle.start, angle.end=angle.end);
```

Arguments

seg.dat	the segment data should be a matrix or a data frame: column 1 is the segment name or chromosome name; column 2 is the segment start; column 3 is the segment end; column 4 is segment name2 (optional); and column 5 is segment description (optional).
seg	vector: segment names (optional)
angle.start	numeric: plot start angle, angle.start=0 by default (optional)
angle.end	numeric: plot end angle, angle.end=360 by default (optional)

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Examples

```
library(OmicCircos);
options(stringsAsFactors = FALSE);
set.seed(1234);

## initial values for simulation data
seg.num      <- 10;
ind.num      <- 20;
seg.po       <- c(20:50);
link.num     <- 10;
link.pg.num  <- 4;
## output simulation data
sim.out <- sim.circos(seg=seg.num, po=seg.po, ind=ind.num, link=link.num,
  link.pg=link.pg.num);

seg.f      <- sim.out$seg.frame;
seg.v      <- sim.out$seg.mapping;
link.v     <- sim.out$seg.link
link.pg.v  <- sim.out$seg.link.pg
seg.num    <- length(unique(seg.f[,1]));

## select segments
seg.name <- paste("chr", 1:seg.num, sep="");
db      <- segAnglePo(seg.f, seg=seg.name);

colors  <- rainbow(seg.num, alpha=0.5);
pdffile <- "OmicCircos4vignette2.pdf";
pdf(pdffile, 8, 8);
par(mar=c(2, 2, 2, 2));
plot(c(1,800), c(1,800), type="n", axes=FALSE, xlab="", ylab="", main="");

circos(R=400, type="chr", cir=db, col=colors, print.chr.lab=TRUE, W=4, scale=TRUE);
circos(R=360, cir=db, W=40, mapping=seg.v, col.v=8, type="box", B=TRUE, col=colors[1], lwd=0.1, scale=TRUE);
circos(R=320, cir=db, W=40, mapping=seg.v, col.v=8, type="hist", B=TRUE, col=colors[3], lwd=0.1, scale=TRUE);
circos(R=280, cir=db, W=40, mapping=seg.v, col.v=8, type="ms", B=TRUE, col=colors[7], lwd=0.1, scale=TRUE);
circos(R=240, cir=db, W=40, mapping=seg.v, col.v=3, type="h", B=FALSE, col=colors[2], lwd=0.1);
circos(R=200, cir=db, W=40, mapping=seg.v, col.v=3, type="s", B=TRUE, col=colors, lwd=0.1);
circos(R=160, cir=db, W=40, mapping=seg.v, col.v=3, type="b", B=FALSE, col=colors, lwd=0.1);
circos(R=150, cir=db, W=40, mapping=link.v, type="link", lwd=2, col=colors[c(1,7)]);
circos(R=150, cir=db, W=40, mapping=link.pg.v, type="link.pg", lwd=2, col=sample(colors,link.pg.num));

dev.off()
```

```
segAnglePo-methods      ~~ Methods for Function segAnglePo ~~
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Description

~~ Methods for function segAnglePo ~~

Methods:

```
signature(seg.dat = "data.frame")
```

```
signature(seg.dat = "GRanges")
```

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```
sim.circos              circular data simulation
```

Description

This function generates data for user to test the circos functions

Usage

```
sim.circos(seg=10, po=c(20,50), ind=10, link=10, link.pg=10);
```

Arguments

seg	integer, the segment number. The default is 10.
po	vector, the segment positions. The default is c(20:50)
ind	integer, the number of samples. The default is 10.
link	integer, the number of links. The default is 10.
link.pg	integer, the number of link ploygons. The default is 10.

Value

sim.circos returns a list containing at least the following components:

seg.frame	data.frame, segment data
seg.mapping	data.frame, mapping data
seg.link	data.fame, link data
seg.link.pg	data.frame, link polygon data

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Examples

```
library(OmicCircos);
options(stringsAsFactors = FALSE);
set.seed(1234);

## initial values for simulation data
seg.num    <- 10;
ind.num    <- 20;
seg.po     <- c(20:50);
link.num   <- 10;
link.pg.num <- 4;
## output simulation data
sim.out <- sim.circos(seg=seg.num, po=seg.po, ind=ind.num, link=link.num,
  link.pg=link.pg.num);

seg.f      <- sim.out$seg.frame;
seg.v      <- sim.out$seg.mapping;
link.v     <- sim.out$seg.link
link.pg.v  <- sim.out$seg.link.pg
seg.num    <- length(unique(seg.f[,1]));

## select segments
seg.name <- paste("chr", 1:seg.num, sep="");
db       <- segAnglePo(seg.f, seg=seg.name);

colors   <- rainbow(seg.num, alpha=0.5);
pdffile  <- "OmicCircos4vignette3.pdf";
pdf(pdffile, 8, 8);
par(mar=c(2, 2, 2, 2));
plot(c(1,800), c(1,800), type="n", axes=FALSE, xlab="", ylab="", main="");

circos(R=400, type="chr", cir=db, col=colors, print.chr.lab=TRUE, W=4, scale=TRUE);
circos(R=360, cir=db, W=40, mapping=seg.v, col.v=8, type="quant90", B=FALSE, col=colors, lwd=2, scale=TRUE);
circos(R=320, cir=db, W=40, mapping=seg.v, col.v=3, type="sv", B=TRUE, col=colors[7], scale=TRUE);
circos(R=280, cir=db, W=40, mapping=seg.v, col.v=3, type="ss", B=FALSE, col=colors[3], scale=TRUE);
circos(R=240, cir=db, W=40, mapping=seg.v, col.v=8, type="heatmap", lwd=3);
circos(R=200, cir=db, W=40, mapping=seg.v, col.v=3, type="s.sd", B=FALSE, col=colors[4]);
circos(R=160, cir=db, W=40, mapping=seg.v, col.v=3, type="ci95", B=TRUE, col=colors[4], lwd=2);
circos(R=150, cir=db, W=40, mapping=link.v, type="link", lwd=2, col=colors[c(1,7)]);
circos(R=150, cir=db, W=40, mapping=link.pg.v, type="link.pg", lwd=2, col=sample(colors,link.pg.num));

the.col1=rainbow(10, alpha=0.5)[3];
highlight <- c(160, 410, 6, 2, 6, 10, the.col1, the.col1);
circos(R=110, cir=db, W=40, mapping=highlight, type="hl", lwd=1);

the.col1=rainbow(10, alpha=0.1)[3];
```



```
the.col2=rainbow(10, alpha=0.5)[1];  
highlight <- c(160, 410, 3, 12, 3, 20, the.col1, the.col2);  
circos(R=110, cir=db, W=40, mapping=highlight, type="hl", lwd=2);  
  
dev.off()
```

TCGA.BC.cnv.2k.60	<i>copy number data of TCGA Breast Cancer</i>
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Description

Examples of TCGA Breast Cancer DNA copy number data from 500 genes and 60 samples.

Author(s)

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TCGA.BC.fus	<i>TCGA Breast Cancer gene fusion data.</i>
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Description

Examples of TCGA Breast Cancer gene fusion data from 18 fusion proteins

Author(s)

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TCGA.BC.gene.exp.2k.60	<i>TCGA BRCA expression data</i>
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Description

Examples of TCGA Breast Cancer expression data from 500 genes and 60 samples

Author(s)

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TCGA.BC.sample60	<i>TCGA BRCA Sample names and subtypes</i>
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Description

Names and subtypes of 60 samples for TCGA Breast Cancer expression and copy number data

Author(s)

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TCGA.BC_Her2_cnv_exp	<i>TCGA BRCA expression and cnv association</i>
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Description

The p-values of associations between the TCGA Breast Cancer copy number and gene expression data.

Author(s)

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TCGA.PAM50_genefu_hg18	<i>BRCA PAM50 gene list (hg18)</i>
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Description

Breast cancer PAM 50 gene list (hg18).

Author(s)

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UCSC.chr.colors	<i>chromosome banding colors</i>
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Description

Chromosome banding colors from UCSC Genome Browser

Author(s)

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UCSC.hg18	<i>human hg18 circumference coordinates</i>
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Description

Human hg18 circumference coordinates (angles) are calculated from hg18 chromosome size data using the seqAnglPo function. The chromosome size data stored in UCSC.hg18.chr.

Author(s)

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UCSC.hg18.chr	<i>human hg18 segment data.</i>
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Description

Human hg18 chromome size and binding data obtained from UCSC Genome Browser cytogenetics table.

Author(s)

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UCSC.hg19	<i>human hg19 circumference coordinates</i>
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Description

Human hg19 circumference coordinates (angles) are calculated from hg19 chromosome size data using the seqAnglPo function. The chromosome size data stored in UCSC.hg19.chr.

Author(s)

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UCSC.hg19.chr	<i>human hg19 segment data</i>
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Description

Human hg19 chromome size and binding data obtained from UCSC Genome Browser cytogenetics table.

Author(s)

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UCSC.mm10

mouse mm10 circumference coordinates

Description

Mouse mm10 circumference coordinates (angles) are calculated from mm10 chromosome size data using the seqAnglPo function. The mouse chromosome size data stored in UCSC.mm10.chr.

Author(s)

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UCSC.mm10.chr

mouse mm10 segment data.

Description

Mouse mm10 chromosome size and binding data obtained from UCSC Genome Browser cytogenetics table.

Author(s)

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UCSC.mm9

mouse mm9 circumference coordinates

Description

Mouse mm9 circumference coordinates (angles) are calculated from mm9 chromosome size data using the seqAnglPo function. The mouse chromosome size data stored in UCSC.mm9.chr.

Author(s)

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UCSC.mm9.chr

mouse mm9 segment data.

Description

Mouse mm9 chromosome size and binding data obtained from UCSC Genome Browser cytogenetics table.

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