Computation of melting temperature of nucleic acid duplexes with `rmelting`

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1 Introduction

The `R` package `rmelting` is an interface to the MELTING 5 program (Le Novère, 2001; Dumousseau et al., 2012) to compute melting temperatures of nucleic acid duplexes (DNA/DNA, DNA/RNA, RNA/RNA or 2'-O-MeRNA/RNA) along with other thermodynamic parameters such as hybridisation enthalpy and entropy.

Melting temperatures are computed by Nearest-neighbour methods for short sequences or approximative estimation formulae for long sequences. Apart from these, several corrections are available to take into account the presence of Cations (Na, Tris, K and Mg) or denaturing agents (DMSO and formamide).

2 Installation

The package can be installed using the following functions:

```
# Install development version from Github
devtools::install_github("aravind-j/rmelting")
```

Then the package can be loaded using the function

```
library(rmelting)
```

3 Basic usage

Melting temperatures are computed in `rmelting` through the core function `melting` which takes a number of arguments (see `?melting`). The following are the essential arguments which are mandatory for computation.

- `sequence`
  - 5' to 3' sequence of one strand of the nucleic acid duplex as a character string. Recognises A, C, G, T, U, I, X_C, X_T, A*, AL, TL, GL and CL (**Table 1**). U and T are not considered identical.

Table 1: Recognized sequences

Code	Type
A	Adenine
C	Cytosine
G	Guanine
T	Thymine
U	Uracil
I	Inosine
X_C	Trans azobenzenes
X_T	Cis azobenzenes
A*	Hydroxyadenine
AL	Locked nucleic acid

Code	Type
TL	"
GL	"
CL	"

- `Comp.sequence`
  - Mandatory if there are mismatches, inosine(s) or hydroxyadenine(s) between the two strands. If not specified, it is computed as the complement of `sequence`. Self-complementarity in `sequence` is detected even though there may be (are) dangling end(s) and `comp.sequence` is computed.
- `nucleic.acid.conc`
  - In molar concentration (M or mol L^{-1}).
- `Na.conc, Mg.conc, Tris.conc, K.conc`
  - At least one cation (Na, Mg, Tris, K) concentration is mandatory, the other agents(dNTP, DMSO, formamide) are optional.
- `hybridisation.type`
  - The possible options for hybridisation type are as follows (**Table 2**).

Table 2: Hybridisation type options

Option	Sequence	Complementary sequence
`dnadna`	DNA	DNA
`rnarna`	RNA	RNA
`dnarna`	DNA	RNA
`rnadna`	RNA	DNA
`mrnarna`	2-o-methyl RNA	RNA
`rnamrna`	RNA	2-o-methyl RNA

With these arguments, the melting temperature can be computed as follows.

```r
melting(sequence = "CAGTGAGACAGCAATGGTCG", nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "dnadna", Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 73.35168
```

Only the melting temperature is given as a console output. However, the output can be assigned to an object which contains the details of the environment, options and the thermodynamics results as a list.

```r
# Get output as list
out <- melting(sequence = "CAGTGAGACAGCAATGGTCG", nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
               hybridisation.type = "dnadna", Na.conc = 1)
# Environment output
out$Environment
```

```
## $Sequence
## [1] "CAGTGAGACAGCAATGGTCG"
##
## $`Complementary sequence`
## [1] "GTCACTCTGTCGTTACCAGC"
##
## $`Nucleic acid concentration (M)`
## [1] 2e-06
##
## $`Hybridization type`
## [1] "dnadna"
```

```
##
## $`Na concentration (M)`
## [1] 1
##
## $`Mg concentration (M)`
## [1] 0
##
## $`Tris concentration (M)`
## [1] 0
##
## $`K concentration (M)`
## [1] 0
##
## $`dNTP concentration (M)`
## [1] 0
##
## $`DMSO concentration (%)`
## [1] 0
##
## $`Formamide concentration (M or %)`
## [1] 0
##
## $`Self complementarity`
## [1] FALSE
##
## $`Correction factor`
## [1] 4
```

```
# Options used
out$Options
```

```
## $`Approximative formula`
## [1] NA
##
## $`Nearest neighbour model`
## [1] "all97"
##
## $`GU model`
## [1] NA
##
## $`Single mismatch model`
## [1] "allsanpey"
##
## $`Tandem mismatch model`
## [1] "allsanpey"
##
## $`Single dangling end model`
## [1] "bom00"
##
## $`Double dangling end model`
## [1] "sugdna02"
##
## $`Long dangling end model`
## [1] "sugdna02"
##
```

```
## $`Internal loop model`
## [1] "san04"
##
## $`Single bulge loop model`
## [1] "tan04"
##
## $`Long bulge loop model`
## [1] "san04"
##
## $`CNG repeats model`
## [1] NA
##
## $`Inosine bases model`
## [1] "san05"
##
## $`Hydroxyadenine bases model`
## [1] "sug01"
##
## $`Azobenzenes model`
## [1] "asa05"
##
## $`Locked nucleic acids model`
## [1] "mct04"
##
## $`Ion correction method`
## [1] NA
##
## $`Na equivalence correction method`
## [1] "ahs01"
##
## $`DMSO correction method`
## [1] "ahs01"
##
## $`Formamide correction method`
## [1] "bla96"
##
## $Mode
## [1] "def"
```

```
# Thermodynamics results
out$Results
```

```
## $`Enthalpy (cal)`
## [1] -159000
##
## $`Entropy (cal)`
## [1] -430
##
## $`Enthalpy (J)`
## [1] -664620
##
## $`Entropy (J)`
## [1] -1797.4
##
## $`Melting temperature (C)`
```

```
## [1] 73.35168
```

The command for the MELTING 5 java version is saved as an attribute in the list `out` and can be retrieved as follows.

```
# Command for MELTING 5
attributes(out)$command
```

```
## [1] "-S CAGTGAGACAGCAATGGTCG -H dnadna -P 2e-06 -E Na=1 -T 60"
```

4 Melting temperature computation

Melting temperature is computed by either approximative or nearest neighbour methods according to the length of the oligonucleotide sequences. For longer sequences (longer than the threshold value, the threshold value set by `size.threshold` with the default value 60) approximative method is used, while for others, nearest neighbour method is used.

4.1 Approximative methods

The approximative method for computation can be specified by the argument `method.approx`. The available methods are given in **Table 3**.

Table 3: Details of approximative methods

Formula	Type	Limits/Remarks	Reference
`ahs01`	DNA	No mismatch	Ahsen et al. (2001)
`che93`	DNA	No mismatch; Na=0, Mg=0.0015, Tris=0.01, K=0.05	Marmur and Doty (1962)
`che93corr`	DNA	No mismatch; Na=0, Mg=0.0015, Tris=0.01, K=0.05	Marmur and Doty (1962)
`schdot`	DNA	No mismatch	Wetmur (1991), Marmur and Doty (1962), Chester and Marshak (1993), Schildkraut and Lifson (1965), Wahl et al. (1987), Britten et al. (1974), Hall et al. (1980)
`owe69`	DNA	No mismatch	Owen et al. (1969), Frank-Kamenetskii (1971), Blake (1996), Blake and Delcourt (1998)
`san98`	DNA	No mismatch	SantaLucia (1998), Ahsen et al. (2001)
`wetdna91`*	DNA		Wetmur (1991)
`wetrna91`*	RNA		Wetmur (1991)
`wetdnarna91`*	DNA/RNA		Wetmur (1991)

* Default method for computation.

Examples

```
DNA:TCTAATGTGCTGTTAGATGTATCCAGAGATAGCCGAGCATAAACTTCAACACACGAGACGTTGATTGGATTTAACCATAG
    ||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||
DNA:AGATTACACGACAATCTACATAGGTCTCTATCGGCTCGTATTTGAAGTTGTGTGCTCTGCAACTAACCTAAATTGGTATC

RNA:UUAAUCUCCGUCAUCUUUAAGCCGUGGAGAGACUGUAGACUUGAACAGGGGUAAGCGGAGGCACGUAGGAUUCACAUCAU
```

```
         ||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||
RNA:AAUUAGAGGCAGUAGAAAUUCGGCACCUCUCUGACAUCUGAACUUGUCCCCAUUCGCCUCCGUGCAUCCUAAGUGUAGUA


DNA:TCTAATGTGCTGTTAGATGTATCCAGAGATAGCCGAGCATAAACTTCAACACACGAGACGTTGATTGGATTTAACCATAG
         ||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||||
RNA:AGAUUACACGACAAUCUACAUAGGUCUCUAUCGGCUCGUAUUUGAAGUUGUGUGCUCUGCAACUAACCUAAAUUGGUAUC
```

```r
# Long Nucleotide sequence
DNAseq <- c("TCTAATGTGCTGTTAGATGTATCCAGAGATAGCCGAGCATAAACTTCAACACACGAGACGTTGATTGGATTTAACCATAG")
RNAseq <- c("UUAAUCUCCGUCAUCUUUAAGCCGUGGAGAGACUGUAGACUUGAACAGGGGUAAGCGGAGGCACGUAGGAUUCACAUCAU")

# Approximative method - default (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = DNAseq, nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "dnadna", Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 87.82455
```

```r
# Approximative method - wetdna91 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = DNAseq, nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "dnadna", Na.conc = 1,
        method.approx = "wetdna91")
```

```
## [1] 87.82455
```

```r
# Approximative method - ahs01 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = DNAseq, nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "dnadna", Na.conc = 1,
        method.approx = "ahs01")
```

```
## [1] 87.325
```

```r
# Approximative method - che93 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = DNAseq, nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "dnadna", Na.conc = 1,
        method.approx = "che93")
```

```
## [1] 77.575
```

```r
# Approximative method - che93corr (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = DNAseq, nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "dnadna", Na.conc = 1,
        method.approx = "che93corr")
```

```
## [1] 79.0125
```

```r
# Approximative method - schdot (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = DNAseq, nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "dnadna", Na.conc = 1,
        method.approx = "schdot")
```

```
## [1] 89.4625
```

```r
# Approximative method - owe69 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = DNAseq, nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "dnadna", Na.conc = 1,
        method.approx = "owe69")
```

```
## [1] 100.96
```

```
# Approximative method - san98 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = DNAseq, nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "dnadna", Na.conc = 1,
        method.approx = "san98")
```

```
## [1] 86.9
```

```
# Approximative method - default (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = RNAseq, nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "rnarna", Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 101.1745
```

```
# Approximative method - wetrna91 (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = RNAseq, nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "rnarna", Na.conc = 1,
        method.approx = "wetrna91")
```

```
## [1] 101.1745
```

```
# Approximative method - wetdnarna91 (DNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = DNAseq, nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "dnarna", Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 88.92455
```

```
# Approximative method - wetdnarna91 (DNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = DNAseq, nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "dnarna", Na.conc = 1,
        method.approx = "wetdnarna91")
```

```
## [1] 88.92455
```

4.2 Nearest neighbour methods

4.2.1 Perfectly matching sequences

The nearest neighbour model for computation in case of perfectly matching sequences can be specified by the argument `method.nn`. The available methods are given in **Table 4**.

Table 4: Details of nearest neighbour methods for perfectly matching sequences

Model	Type	Limits/Remarks	Reference
all97*	DNA		Allawi and SantaLucia (1997)
bre86	DNA		Breslauer et al. (1986)
san04	DNA		SantaLucia and Hicks (2004)
san96	DNA		SantaLucia et al. (1996)
sug96	DNA		Sugimoto et al. (1996)
tan04	DNA		Tanaka et al. (2004)
fre86	RNA		Freier et al. (1986)
xia98*	RNA		Xia et al. (1998)
sug95*	DNA/ RNA		SantaLucia et al. (1996)
tur06*	2'-O-MeRNA/ RNA	A sodium correction (`san04`) is automatically applied to convert the entropy (Na = 0.1M) into the entropy (Na = 1M)	Kierzek et al. (2006)

* Default method for computation.

Examples

```
DNA:CAGTGAGACAGCAATGGTCG
     ||||||||||||||||||||
DNA:GTCACTCTGTCGTTACCAGC


RNA:CAGUGAGACAGCAAUGGUCG
     ||||||||||||||||||||
RNA:GUCACUCUGUCGUUACCAGC


DNA:CAGTGAGACAGCAATGGTCG
     ||||||||||||||||||||
RNA:GUCACUCUGUCGUUACCAGC
```

```
# Nearest neighbour method - default (DNA/DNA: No Self-Complimentarity)
melting(sequence = "CAGTGAGACAGCAATGGTCG", nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "dnadna", Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 73.35168
```

```
# Nearest neighbour method - all97 (DNA/DNA: No Self-Complimentarity)
melting(sequence = "CAGTGAGACAGCAATGGTCG", nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "dnadna", Na.conc = 1, method.nn = "all97")
```

```
## [1] 73.35168
```

```
# Nearest neighbour method - bre86 (DNA/DNA: No Self-Complimentarity)
melting(sequence = "CAGTGAGACAGCAATGGTCG", nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "dnadna", Na.conc = 1, method.nn = "bre86")
```

```
## [1] 83.2203
```

```
# Nearest neighbour method - san04 (DNA/DNA: No Self-Complimentarity)
melting(sequence = "CAGTGAGACAGCAATGGTCG", nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "dnadna", Na.conc = 1, method.nn = "san04")
```

```
## [1] 73.30191
```

```
# Nearest neighbour method - san96 (DNA/DNA: No Self-Complimentarity)
melting(sequence = "CAGTGAGACAGCAATGGTCG", nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "dnadna", Na.conc = 1, method.nn = "san96")
```

```
## [1] 75.7102
```

```
# Nearest neighbour method - sug96 (DNA/DNA: No Self-Complimentarity)
melting(sequence = "CAGTGAGACAGCAATGGTCG", nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "dnadna", Na.conc = 1, method.nn = "sug96")
```

```
## [1] 78.17556
```

```
# Nearest neighbour method - tan04 (DNA/DNA: No Self-Complimentarity)
melting(sequence = "CAGTGAGACAGCAATGGTCG", nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "dnadna", Na.conc = 1, method.nn = "tan04")
```

```
## [1] 71.31413
```

```r
# Nearest neighbour method - default (RNA/RNA: No Self-Complimentarity)
melting(sequence = "CAGUGAGACAGCAAUGGUCG", nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "rnarna", Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 86.77685
```

```r
# Nearest neighbour method - xia98 (RNA/RNA: No Self-Complimentarity)
melting(sequence = "CAGUGAGACAGCAAUGGUCG", nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "rnarna", Na.conc = 1, method.nn = "xia98")
```

```
## [1] 86.77685
```

```r
# Nearest neighbour method - fre86 (RNA/RNA: No Self-Complimentarity)
melting(sequence = "CAGUGAGACAGCAAUGGUCG", nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "rnarna", Na.conc = 1, method.nn = "fre86")
```

```
## [1] 83.81257
```

```r
# Nearest neighbour method - default (mRNA/RNA: No Self-Complimentarity)
melting(sequence = "CAGUGAGACAGCAAUGGUCG", nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "mrnarna", Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 99.01986
```

```r
# Nearest neighbour method - tur06 (mRNA/RNA: No Self-Complimentarity)
melting(sequence = "CAGUGAGACAGCAAUGGUCG", nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "mrnarna", Na.conc = 1, method.nn = "tur06")
```

```
## [1] 99.01986
```

```r
# Nearest neighbour method - default (DNA/RNA: No Self-Complimentarity)
melting(sequence = "CAGTGAGACAGCAATGGTCG", nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "dnarna", Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 66.77049
```

```r
# Nearest neighbour method - sug95 (DNA/RNA: No Self-Complimentarity)
melting(sequence = "CAGTGAGACAGCAATGGTCG", nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "dnarna", Na.conc = 1, method.nn = "sug95")
```

```
## [1] 66.77049
```

Self complementarity for perfect matching sequences or sequences with dangling ends is detected automatically. However it can be enforced by the argument `force.self = TRUE`.

Examples

```
DNA:CATATGGCCATATG
    ||||||||||||||
DNA:GTATACCGGTATAC


RNA:AUGUACAU
    ||||||||
RNA:UACAUGUA
```

```r
# Nearest neighbour method - default (DNA/DNA: Self-Complimentarity)
melting(sequence = "CATATGGCCATATG", nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "dnadna", Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 56.00644
```

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```
# Nearest neighbour method - all97 (DNA/DNA: Self-Complimentarity)
melting(sequence = "CATATGGCCATATG", nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "dnadna", Na.conc = 1, method.nn = "all97")
```

```
## [1] 56.00644
```

```
# Nearest neighbour method - bre86 (DNA/DNA: Self-Complimentarity)
melting(sequence = "CATATGGCCATATG", nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "dnadna", Na.conc = 1, method.nn = "bre86")
```

```
## [1] 63.44605
```

```
# Nearest neighbour method - san04 (DNA/DNA: Self-Complimentarity)
melting(sequence = "CATATGGCCATATG", nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "dnadna", Na.conc = 1, method.nn = "san04")
```

```
## [1] 57.80792
```

```
# Nearest neighbour method - san96 (DNA/DNA: Self-Complimentarity)
melting(sequence = "CATATGGCCATATG", nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "dnadna", Na.conc = 1, method.nn = "san96")
```

```
## [1] 55.0921
```

```
# Nearest neighbour method - sug96 (DNA/DNA: Self-Complimentarity)
melting(sequence = "CATATGGCCATATG", nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "dnadna", Na.conc = 1, method.nn = "sug96")
```

```
## [1] 59.06213
```

```
# Nearest neighbour method - tan04 (DNA/DNA: Self-Complimentarity)
melting(sequence = "CATATGGCCATATG", nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "dnadna", Na.conc = 1, method.nn = "tan04")
```

```
## [1] 55.65824
```

```
# Nearest neighbour method - default (RNA/RNA: Self-Complimentarity)
melting(sequence = "AUGUACAU", nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "rnarna", Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 30.27015
```

```
# Nearest neighbour method - xia98 (RNA/RNA: Self-Complimentarity)
melting(sequence = "AUGUACAU", nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "rnarna", Na.conc = 1, method.nn = "xia98")
```

```
## [1] 30.27015
```

```
# Nearest neighbour method - fre86 (RNA/RNA: Self-Complimentarity)
melting(sequence = "AUGUACAU", nucleic.acid.conc = 2e-06,
        hybridisation.type = "rnarna", Na.conc = 1, method.nn = "fre86")
```

```
## [1] 31.48175
```

4.2.2   GU wobble base pairs effect

The nearest neighbour model for computation in case of sequences with GU wobble base pairs can be specified by the argument `method.GU`. The available methods are given in **Table 5**.

Table 5: Details of methods for sequences with GU wobble base pairs

Model	Type	Limits/Remarks	Reference
`tur99`	RNA		Mathews et al. (1999)
`ser12`*	RNA		Chen et al. (2012)

* Default method for computation.

Examples

```
RNA:CCAGCGUCCU
    ||||||||||
RNA:GGTCGCAGGA
```

```r
# GU wobble base pairs effect – default (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "CCAGCGUCCU", nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001,
        hybridisation.type = "rnarna", Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 79.46955
```

```r
# GU wobble base pairs effect – ser12 (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "CCAGCGUCCU", nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001,
        hybridisation.type = "rnarna", Na.conc = 1, method.GU = "ser12")
```

```
## [1] 79.46955
```

```r
# GU wobble base pairs effect – tur99 (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "CCAGCGUCCU", nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001,
        hybridisation.type = "rnarna", Na.conc = 1, method.GU = "tur99")
```

```
## [1] 79.46955
```

4.2.3 Single mismatch effect

The nearest neighbour model for computation in case of sequences with a single mismatch can be specified by the argument `method.singleMM`. The available methods are given in **Table 6**.

Table 6: Details of methods for sequences with single mismatch

Model	Type	Limits/Remarks	Reference
`allsanpey`*	DNA		Allawi and SantaLucia (1997), Allawi and SantaLucia (1998a), Allawi and SantaLucia (1998b), Allawi and SantaLucia (1998c), Peyret et al. (1999)
`wat10`*	DNA/RNA		Watkins et al. (2011)
`tur06`	RNA		Lu et al. (2006)
`zno07`*	RNA		Davis and Znosko (2007)
`zno08`	RNA	At least one adjacent GU base pair.	Davis and Znosko (2008)

* Default method for computation.

Examples

```
DNA:CAACTTGATATTAATA
```

```
           ||||||||| |||||||
    DNA:GTTGAACTCTAATTAT

    RNA:GACAGGCUG
         |||| ||||
    RNA:CUGUGCGAC

    DNA:CCATAACTACC
         |||| ||||||
    RNA:GGUAAUGAUGG
```

```r
# Single mismatch effect - default (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CAACTTGATATTAATA", comp.sequence = "GTTGAACTCTAATTAT",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0004, hybridisation.type = "dnadna", Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 51.97499
```

```r
# Single mismatch effect - allsanpey (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CAACTTGATATTAATA", comp.sequence = "GTTGAACTCTAATTAT",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0004, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.singleMM = "allsanpey")
```

```
## [1] 51.97499
```

```r
# Single mismatch effect - default (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "GACAGGCUG", comp.sequence = "CUGUGCGAC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "rnarna", Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 54.40363
```

```r
# Single mismatch effect - zno07 (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "GACAGGCUG", comp.sequence = "CUGUGCGAC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.singleMM = "zno07")
```

```
## [1] 54.40363
```

```r
# Single mismatch effect - zno08 (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "CAGUACGUC", comp.sequence = "GUCGGGCAG",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.singleMM = "zno08")
```

```
## [1] 38.26298
```

```r
# Single mismatch effect - tur06 (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "GACAGGCUG", comp.sequence = "CUGUGCGAC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.singleMM = "tur06")
```

```
## [1] 58.27825
```

```r
# Single mismatch effect - default (DNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "CCATAACTACC", comp.sequence = "GGUAAUGAUGG",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "dnarna", Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 40.32976
```

```r
# Single mismatch effect - wat11 (DNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "CCATAACTACC", comp.sequence = "GGUAAUGAUGG",
```

```
            nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "dnarna",
            Na.conc = 1, method.singleMM = "wat11")
```

```
## [1] 40.32976
```

4.2.4   Tandem mismatches effect

The nearest neighbour model for computation in case of sequences with tandem mismatches can be specified by the argument `method.tandemMM`. The available methods are given in **Table 7**.

Table 7: Details of methods for sequences with tandem mismatches

Model	Type	Limits/Remarks	Reference
allsanpey*	DNA	Only GT mismatches and TA/TG mismatches.	Allawi and SantaLucia (1997), Allawi and SantaLucia (1998a), Allawi and SantaLucia (1998b), Allawi and SantaLucia (1998c), Peyret et al. (1999)
tur99*	RNA	No adjacent GU or UG base pairs.	Mathews et al. (1999), Lu et al. (2006)

* Default method for computation.

Examples

```
    DNA:GACGTTGGAC
        ||||  ||||
    DNA:CTGCGGCCTG

    RNA:GAGCGGAG
        |||  |||
    RNA:CUCCACUC
```

```
# Tandem mismatches effect - default (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "GACGTTGGAC", comp.sequence = "CTGCGGCCTG",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0004, hybridisation.type = "dnadna", Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 50.20175
```

```
# Tandem mismatches effect - allsanpey (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "GACGTTGGAC", comp.sequence = "CTGCGGCCTG",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0004, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.tandemMM = "allsanpey")
```

```
## [1] 50.20175
```

```
# Tandem mismatches effect - default (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "GAGCGGAG", comp.sequence = "CUCCACUC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "rnarna", Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 21.07224
```

```
# Tandem mismatches effect -  tur06 (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "GAGCGGAG", comp.sequence = "CUCCACUC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.tandemMM = "tur99")
```

```
## [1] 21.07224
```

4.2.5 Single dangling end effect

The nearest neighbour model for computation in case of sequences with a single dangling end can be specified by the argument `method.single.dangle`. The available methods are given in **Table 8**.

Table 8: Details of methods for sequences with single dangling end

Model	Type	Limits/Remarks	Reference
bom00*	DNA		Bommarito et al. (2000)
sugdna02	DNA	Only terminal poly A self complementary sequences.	Ohmichi et al. (2002)
sugrna02	RNA	Only terminal poly A self complementary sequences.	Ohmichi et al. (2002)
ser08*	RNA	Only 3' UA, GU and UG terminal base pairs only 5' UG and GU terminal base pairs.	O'Toole et al. (2006), Miller et al. (2008)

* Default method for computation.

Examples

```
DNA:-GTAGCTACA
     ||||||||
DNA:ACATCGATG-

RNA:-GGCGCUG
     |||||||
RNA: CCGCGAC

DNA:-GGCGCUG
     |||||||
RNA: CCGCGAC
```

```
# Single dangling end effect - default (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "-GTAGCTACA",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0004, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 52.58935
```

```
# Single dangling end effect - bom00 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "-GTAGCTACA",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0004, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.single.dangle = "bom00")
```

```
## [1] 52.58935
```

```
# Single dangling end effect - sugdna02 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "-GTAGCTACA",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0004, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.single.dangle = "sugdna02")
```

```
## [1] 50.78548
```

```
# Single dangling end effect - default (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "-GGCGCUG",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 65.7647
```

```
# Single dangling end effect -  ser08 (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "-GGCGCUG",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.single.dangle = "ser08")
```

```
## [1] 65.7647
```

```
# Single dangling end effect -  sugrna02 (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "-GGCGCUG",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.single.dangle = "sugrna02")
```

```
## [1] 65.7647
```

4.2.6   Double dangling end effect

The nearest neighbour model for computation in case of sequences with a double or secondary dangling ends can be specified by the argument `method.double.dangle`. The available methods are given in **Table 9**.

Table 9: Details of methods for sequences with double dangling ends

Model	Type	Limits/Remarks	Reference
sugdna02*	DNA	Only terminal poly A self complementary sequences.	Ohmichi et al. (2002)
sugrna02	RNA	Only terminal poly A self complementary sequences.	Ohmichi et al. (2002)
ser05	RNA	Depends on the available thermodynamic parameters for single dangling end.	O'Toole et al. (2005)
ser06*	RNA		O'Toole et al. (2006)

* Default method for computation.

Examples

```
    DNA:--ATGCATAA
          ||||||
    DNA:AATACGTA--

    RNA:--AUGCAUAA
          ||||||
    RNA:AAUACGUA--
```

```
# Double dangling end effect - default (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "--ATGCATAA",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0004, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 44.88615
```

```
# Double dangling end effect - sugdna02 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "--ATGCATAA",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0004, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.double.dangle = "sugdna02")
```

```
## [1] 44.88615
```

```
# Double dangling end effect - default (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "--AUGCAUAA",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 42.79724
```

```
# Double dangling end effect -  ser06 (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "--AUGCAUAA",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.double.dangle = "ser06")
```

```
## [1] 42.79724
```

```
# Double dangling end effect -  sugrna02 (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "--AUGCAUAA",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.double.dangle = "sugrna02")
```

```
## [1] 41.82788
```

```
# Double dangling end effect -  ser05 (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "--AUGCAUAA",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.double.dangle = "ser05")
```

```
## [1] 42.78815
```

4.2.7   Long dangling end effect

The nearest neighbour model for computation in case of sequences with a double or secondary dangling ends can be specified by the argument `method.long.dangle`. The available methods are given in **Table 10**.

Table 10: Details of methods for sequences with long dangling ends

Model	Type	Limits/Remarks	Reference
sugdna02*	DNA	Only terminal poly A self complementary sequences.	Ohmichi et al. (2002)
sugrna02*	RNA	Only terminal poly A self complementary sequences.	Ohmichi et al. (2002)

* Default method for computation.

Examples

```
DNA:----GCATATGCAAAA
        |||||||||
```

```
    DNA:AAAACGTATACG----

    RNA:AAAAGCAUAUGC----
            ||||||||
    RNA:----CGUAUACGAAAA
```

```r
# Long dangling end effect - default (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "----GCATATGCAAAA",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0004, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 55.69854
```

```r
# Long dangling end effect - sugdna02 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "----GCATATGCAAAA",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0004, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.long.dangle = "sugdna02")
```

```
## [1] 55.69854
```

```r
# Long dangling end effect - default (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "AAAAGCAUAUGC----",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 57.21314
```

```r
# Long dangling end effect -  sugrna02 (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "AAAAGCAUAUGC----",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.long.dangle = "sugrna02")
```

```
## [1] 57.21314
```

4.2.8 Internal loop effect

The nearest neighbour model for computation in case of sequences with an internal loop (more than two adjacent mismatches) can be specified by the argument `method.internal.loop`. The available methods are given in **Table 11**.

Table 11: Details of methods for sequences with internal loops

Model	Type	Limits/Remarks	Reference
san04*	DNA	Missing asymmetry penalty. Not tested with experimental results.	SantaLucia and Hicks (2004)
tur06	RNA	Not tested with experimental results.	Lu et al. (2006)
zno07*	RNA	Only for 1x2 loop.	Badhwar et al. (2007)

* Default method for computation.

Examples

```
    DNA:GCGATTGGCACTTTGGTGAAC
        |||||    |||||||||||||
```

```
DNA:CGCTACATATGAAACCACTTG
```

```
RNA:GACAC-GCUG
    ||||  ||||
RNA:CUGUAUCGAC
```

```
# Internal loop effect – default (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "GCGATTGGCACTTTGGTGAAC", comp.sequence = "CGCTACATATGAAACCACTTG",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1)
```

[1] 84.09052

```
# Internal loop effect – san04 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "GCGATTGGCACTTTGGTGAAC", comp.sequence = "CGCTACATATGAAACCACTTG",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.internal.loop = "san04")
```

[1] 84.09052

```
# Internal loop effect – default (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "GACAC-GCUG", comp.sequence = "CUGUAUCGAC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 1)
```

[1] 45.98713

```
# Internal loop effect –  zno07 (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "GACAC-GCUG", comp.sequence = "CUGUAUCGAC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.internal.loop = "zno07")
```

[1] 40.49012

```
# Internal loop effect –  tur06 (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "GACAC-GCUG", comp.sequence = "CUGUAUCGAC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.internal.loop = "tur06")
```

[1] 45.98713

4.2.9 Single bulge loop effect

The nearest neighbour model for computation in case of sequences with a single bulge loop can be specified by the argument `method.single.bulge.loop`. The available methods are given in **Table 12**.

Table 12: Details of methods for sequences with single bulge loop

Model	Type	Limits/Remarks	Reference
`tan04`*	DNA		Tan and Chen (2007)
`san04`	DNA	Missing closing AT penalty.	SantaLucia and Hicks (2004)
`ser07`	RNA	Less reliable results. Some missing parameters.	Blose et al. (2007)
`tur06`*	RNA		Lu et al. (2006)

* Default method for computation.

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Examples

```
DNA:TCGATTAGCGACACAGG
    ||||||||| |||||||||
DNA:AGCTAATC-CTGTGTCC

RNA:GACUCUGUC
    |||| ||||
RNA:CUGA-ACAG
```

```
# Single bulge loop effect - default (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "TCGATTAGCGACACAGG", comp.sequence = "AGCTAATC-CTGTGTCC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 71.12754
```

```
# Single bulge loop effect - tan04 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "TCGATTAGCGACACAGG", comp.sequence = "AGCTAATC-CTGTGTCC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.single.bulge.loop = "tan04")
```

```
## [1] 71.12754
```

```
# Single bulge loop effect - san04 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "TCGATTAGCGACACAGG", comp.sequence = "AGCTAATC-CTGTGTCC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.single.bulge.loop = "san04")
```

```
## [1] 62.0496
```

```
# Single bulge loop effect - default (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "GACUCUGUC", comp.sequence = "CUGA-ACAG",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 39.47787
```

```
# Single bulge loop effect -  tur06 (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "GACUCUGUC", comp.sequence = "CUGA-ACAG",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.single.bulge.loop = "tur06")
```

```
## [1] 39.47787
```

```
# Single bulge loop effect -  ser07 (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "GACUCUGUC", comp.sequence = "CUGA-ACAG",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.single.bulge.loop = "ser07")
```

```
## [1] 31.42849
```

4.2.10   Long bulge loop effect

The nearest neighbour model for computation in case of sequences with long bulge loop can be specified by the argument `method.long.bulge.loop`. The available methods are given in **Table 13**.

Table 13: Details of methods for sequences with long bulge loop

Model	Type	Limits/Remarks	Reference
`san04`*	DNA	Missing closing AT penalty.	SantaLucia and Hicks (2004)
`tur06`*	RNA	Not tested with experimental results.	Mathews et al. (1999), Lu et al. (2006)

* Default method for computation.

Examples

```
DNA:ATATGACGCCACAGCG
     |||||   |||||||||
DNA:TATAC---GGTGTCGC

RNA:AUAUGACGCCACAGCG
     |||||   |||||||||
RNA:UAUAC---GGUGUCGC
```

```r
# Long bulge loop effect - default (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "ATATGACGCCACAGCG", comp.sequence = "TATAC---GGTGTCGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 51.7104
```

```r
# Long bulge loop effect - san04 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "ATATGACGCCACAGCG", comp.sequence = "TATAC---GGTGTCGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.long.bulge.loop = "san04")
```

```
## [1] 51.7104
```

```r
# Long bulge loop effect - default (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "AUAUGACGCCACAGCG", comp.sequence = "UAUAC---GGUGUCGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 66.0497
```

```r
# Long bulge loop effect -  tur06 (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "AUAUGACGCCACAGCG", comp.sequence = "UAUAC---GGUGUCGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.long.bulge.loop = "tur06")
```

```
## [1] 66.0497
```

4.2.11   CNG repeats effect

The nearest neighbour model for computation in case of sequences with CNG repeats can be specified by the argument `method.CNG`. The available methods are given in **Table 14**.

Table 14: Details of methods for sequences with CNG repeats

Model	Type	Limits/Remarks	Reference
`bro05`*	RNA	Self complementary sequences. 2 to 7 CNG repeats.	Broda et al. (2005)

* Default method for computation.

Examples

```
RNA:GCGGCGGCGGC
    |||||||||||
RNA:CGCCGCCGCCG
```

```r
# CNG repeats effect – default (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "GCGGCGGCGGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 94.25719
```

```r
# CNG repeats effect –  bro05 (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "GCGGCGGCGGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.CNG = "bro05")
```

```
## [1] 94.25719
```

4.2.12   Inosine bases effect

The nearest neighbour model for computation in case of sequences with inosine bases (I) can be specified by the argument `method.inosine`. The available methods are given in **Table 15**.

Table 15: Details of methods for sequences with inosine bases

Model	Type	Limits/Remarks	Reference
`san05`*	DNA	Missing parameters for tandem base pairs containing inosine bases.	Watkins and SantaLucia (2005)
`zno07`*	RNA	Only IU base pairs.	Wright et al. (2007)

* Default method for computation.

Examples

```
DNA:CCGICTGTIGCG
    ||| |||| |||
DNA:GGCCGACACCGC
```

```
RNA:GCAICGC
    ||| |||
RNA:CGUUGCG
```

```
# Inosine bases effect - default (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CCGICTGTIGCG", comp.sequence = "GGCCGACACCGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 65.36853
```

```
# Inosine bases effect - san05 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CCGICTGTIGCG", comp.sequence = "GGCCGACACCGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.inosine = "san05")
```

```
## [1] 65.36853
```

```
# Inosine bases effect - default (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "GCAICGC", comp.sequence = "CGUUGCG",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 46.75042
```

```
# Inosine bases effect -  zno07 (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "GCAICGC", comp.sequence = "CGUUGCG",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.inosine = "zno07")
```

```
## [1] 46.75042
```

4.2.13   Hydroxyadenine bases effect

The nearest neighbour model for computation in case of sequences with hydroxyadenine bases can be specified by the argument `method.hydroxyadenine`. The available methods are given in **Table 16**.

Table 16: Details of methods for sequences with hydroxyadenine bases

Model	Type	Limits/Remarks	Reference
sug01*	DNA	Only 5' GA*C 3'and 5' TA*A 3' contexts.	Kawakami et al. (2001)

* Default method for computation.

Examples

```
           *
   DNA:AGAAATGACACGGTG
       |||||||||||||||
   DNA:TCTTTACCGTGCCAC
```

```
# Hydroxyadenine bases effect - default (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "AGAAATGA*CACGGTG", comp.sequence = "TCTTTACCGTGCCAC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 68.46041
```

```
# Hydroxyadenine bases effect – sug01 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "AGAAATGA*CACGGTG", comp.sequence = "TCTTTACCGTGCCAC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.hydroxyadenine = "sug01")
```

```
## [1] 68.46041
```

4.2.14 Azobenzenes effect

The nearest neighbour model for computation in case of sequences with azobenzenes (X_T for trans azobenzenes and X_C for cis azobenzenes) can be specified by the argument `method.azobenzenes`. The available methods are given in **Table 17**.

Table 17: Details of methods for sequences with azobenzenes

Model	Type	Limits/Remarks	Reference
asa05*	DNA	Less reliable results when the number of cis azobenzene increases.	Asanuma et al. (2005)

* Default method for computation.

Examples

```
         C   C   C   C   C
   DNA:CTXTTAAXGAAGXGAGAXTATAXCC
       || |||| |||| |||| |||| ||
   DNA:GA AATT CTTC CTCT ATAT GG
```

```
# Azobenzenes effect – default (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CTX_CTTAAX_CGAAGX_CGAGAX_CTATAX_CCC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 47.85385
```

```
# Azobenzenes effect – asa05 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CTX_CTTAAX_CGAAGX_CGAGAX_CTATAX_CCC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.azobenzenes = "asa05")
```

```
## [1] 47.85385
```

4.2.15 Locked nucleic acids effect

The nearest neighbour model for computation in case of sequences with locked nucleic acids can be specified by the argument `method.locked`. The available methods are given in **Table 18**.

Table 18: Details of methods for sequences with locked nucleic acids

Model	Type	Limits/Remarks	Reference
mct04*	DNA		McTigue et al. (2004)

* Default method for computation.

Examples

```
           L
    DNA:CCATTGCTACC
        |||||||||||
    DNA:GGTAACGATGG
```

```
# Locked nucleic acids effect - default (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CCATTLGCTACC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1)
```

```
## [1] 63.61426
```

```
# Locked nucleic acids effect - sug01 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CCATTLGCTACC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.0001, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1, method.locked = "mct04")
```

```
## [1] 63.61426
```

5   Corrections

Once the melting temperature is computed, a correction is applied to it according to the concentration of nucleic acids, cations and/or denaturing agents.

5.1   Nucleic acid concentration

For self complementary sequences (auto detected or specified by `force.self`) it is 1. Otherwise it is 4 if the both strands are present in equivalent amount and 1 if one strand is in excess.

5.2   Ion corrections

Melting temperature is computed initially for $[Na^+] = 1$ M, after which a correction for the presence of cations ($[Na^+]$, $[K^+]$, $[Tris^+]$ and $[Mg^+]$) is applied either directly on the computed melting temperature or on the computed entropy.

Th correction methods for cation concentration can be specified by the argument `correction.ion`.

5.2.1   Sodium corrections

The available correction methods for sodium concentration are given in **Table 19**.

Table 19: Details of the corrections for sodium concentration

Correction	Type	Limits/Remarks	Reference
ahs01	DNA	Na>0.	Ahsen et al. (2001)
kam71	DNA	Na>0; Na>=0.069; Na<=1.02.	Frank-Kamenetskii (1971)
marschdot	DNA	Na>=0.069; Na<=1.02.	Marmur and Doty (1962), Blake and Delcourt (1998)
owc1904	DNA	Na>0. (equation 19)	Owczarzy et al. (2004)
owc2004	DNA	Na>0. (equation 20)	Owczarzy et al. (2004)
owc2104	DNA	Na>0. (equation 21)	Owczarzy et al. (2004)

Correction	Type	Limits/Remarks	Reference
owc2204*	DNA	Na>0. (equation 22)	Owczarzy et al. (2004)
san96	DNA	Na>=0.1.	SantaLucia et al. (1996)
san04	DNA	Na>=0.05; Na<=1.1; Oligonucleotides inferior to 16 bases.	SantaLucia and Hicks (2004), SantaLucia (1998)
schlif	DNA	Na>=0.07; Na<=0.12.	Schildkraut and Lifson (1965)
tanna06	DNA	Na>=0.001; Na<=1.	Tan and Chen (2006)
tanna07*	RNA or 2'-O-MeRNA/RNA	Na>=0.003; Na<=1.	Tan and Chen (2007)
wet91	RNA, DNA and RNA/DNA	Na>0.	Wetmur (1991)

* Default method for computation.

```
# Na correction - default (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CCAGCCAGTCTCTCC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 0.069)
```

```
## [1] 56.70492
```

```
# Na correction - owc2204 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CCAGCCAGTCTCTCC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 0.069, correction.ion = "owc2204")
```

```
## [1] 56.70492
```

```
# Na correction - ahs01 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CCAGCCAGTCTCTCC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 0.069, correction.ion = "ahs01")
```

```
## [1] 54.1569
```

```
# Na correction - kam71 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CCAGCCAGTCTCTCC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 0.069, correction.ion = "kam71")
```

```
## [1] 51.72963
```

```
# Na correction - marschdot (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CCAGCCAGTCTCTCC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 0.069, correction.ion = "marschdot")
```

```
## [1] 49.18075
```

```
# Na correction - owc1904 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CCAGCCAGTCTCTCC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 0.069, correction.ion = "owc1904")
```

```
## [1] 56.18571
```

```
# Na correction - owc2004 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CCAGCCAGTCTCTCC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 0.069, correction.ion = "owc2004")
```

[1] 56.67553

```
# Na correction - owc2104 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CCAGCCAGTCTCTCC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 0.069, correction.ion = "owc2104")
```

[1] 56.63967

```
# Na correction - san96 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CCAGCCAGTCTCTCC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 0.069, correction.ion = "san96")
```

[1] 53.01651

```
# Na correction - san04 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CCAGCCAGTCTCTCC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 0.069, correction.ion = "san04")
```

[1] 54.15157

```
# Na correction - schlif (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CCAGCCAGTCTCTCC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 0.069, correction.ion = "schlif")
```

[1] 48.25579

```
# Na correction - tanna06 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CCAGCCAGTCTCTCC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 0.069, correction.ion = "tanna06")
```

[1] 55.26711

```
# Na correction - wet91 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CCAGCCAGTCTCTCC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 0.069, correction.ion = "wet91")
```

[1] 51.74573

```
# Na correction - default (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "CCAGCCAGUCUCUCC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 0.069)
```

[1] 75.1552

```
# Na correction -  tanna07 (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "CCAGCCAGUCUCUCC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 0.069, correction.ion = "tanna07")
```

```
## [1] 75.1552
```

```r
# Na correction -  wet91 (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "CCAGCCAGUCUCUCC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 0.069, correction.ion = "wet91")
```

```
## [1] 69.55572
```

```r
# Na correction - default (mRNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "UACGCGUCAAUAACGCUA",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "mrnarna",
        Na.conc = 0.069)
```

```
## [1] 81.57763
```

```r
# Na correction -  tanna07 (mRNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "UACGCGUCAAUAACGCUA",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "mrnarna",
        Na.conc = 0.069, correction.ion = "tanna07")
```

```
## [1] 81.57763
```

```r
# Na correction - default (DNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "CCAGCCAGTCTCTCC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnarna",
        Na.conc = 0.069)
```

```
## [1] 62.08869
```

```r
# Na correction - wet91 (DNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "CCAGCCAGTCTCTCC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnarna",
        Na.conc = 0.069, correction.ion = "wet91")
```

```
## [1] 62.08869
```

5.2.2 Magnesium corrections

The available correction methods for magnesium concentration are given in **Table 20**.

Table 20: Details of the corrections for magnesium concentration

Correction	Type	Limits/Remarks	Reference
owcmg08*	DNA	Mg>=0.0005; Mg<=0.6.	Owczarzy et al. (2008)
tanmg06	DNA	Mg>=0.0001; Mg<=1; Oligomer length superior to 6 base pairs.	Tan and Chen (2006)
tanmg07*	RNA or 2'-O-MeRNA/RNA	Mg>=0.1; Mg<=0.3.	Tan and Chen (2007)

* Default method for computation.

```r
# Mg correction - default (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CAGCCTCGTCGCAGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
```

```
        Mg.conc = 0.0015)
```

```
## [1] 65.52043
```

```
# Mg correction - owcmg08 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CAGCCTCGTCGCAGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Mg.conc = 0.0015, correction.ion = "owcmg08")
```

```
## [1] 65.52043
```

```
# Mg correction - tanmg06 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CAGCCTCGTCGCAGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Mg.conc = 0.0015, correction.ion = "tanmg06")
```

```
## [1] 64.88082
```

```
# Mg correction - default (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "CAGCCUCGUCGCAGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Mg.conc = 0.0015)
```

```
## [1] 82.0796
```

```
# Mg correction -  tanmg07 (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "CAGCCUCGUCGCAGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Mg.conc = 0.0015, correction.ion = "tanmg07")
```

```
## [1] 82.0796
```

```
# Mg correction - default (mRNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "UACGCGUCAAUAACGCUA",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "mrnarna",
        Mg.conc = 0.0015)
```

```
## [1] 90.06842
```

```
# Mg correction -  tanmg07 (mRNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "UACGCGUCAAUAACGCUA",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "mrnarna",
        Mg.conc = 0.0015, correction.ion = "tanmg07")
```

```
## [1] 90.06842
```

5.2.3   Mixed Sodium and Magnesium corrections

The available correction methods for mixed sodium magnesium concentration are given in **Table 21**.

Table 21: Details of the corrections for mixed sodium and magnesium concentration

Correction	Type	Limits/Remarks	Reference
owcmix08*	DNA	Mg>=0.0005; Mg<=0.6; Na+K+Tris/2>0.	Owczarzy et al. (2008)
tanmix07	DNA, RNA or 2'-O-MeRNA/RNA	Mg>=0.1; Mg<=0.3; Na+K+Tris/2>=0.1; Na+K+Tris/2<=0.3.	Tan and Chen (2007)

* Default method for computation.

```
# Mixed Na & Mg correction - default (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CAGCCTCGTCGCAGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 0.069, Mg.conc = 0.0015)
```

```
## [1] 65.83371
```

```
# Mixed Na & Mg correction - owcmix08 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CAGCCTCGTCGCAGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 0.069, Mg.conc = 0.0015, correction.ion = "owcmix08")
```

```
## [1] 65.83371
```

```
# Mixed Na & Mg correction - tanmix07 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CAGCCTCGTCGCAGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 0.069, Mg.conc = 0.0015, correction.ion = "tanmix07")
```

```
## [1] 63.21723
```

```
# Mixed Na & Mg correction - default (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "CAGCCUCGUCGCAGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 0.069, Mg.conc = 0.0015)
```

```
## [1] 79.40119
```

```
# Mixed Na & Mg correction - tanmix07 (RNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "CAGCCUCGUCGCAGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "rnarna",
        Na.conc = 0.069, Mg.conc = 0.0015, correction.ion = "tanmix07")
```

```
## [1] 79.40119
```

```
# Mixed Na & Mg correction - default (mRNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "UACGCGUCAAUAACGCUA",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "mrnarna",
        Na.conc = 0.069, Mg.conc = 0.0015)
```

```
## [1] 96.46186
```

```
# Mixed Na & Mg correction - tanmix07 (mRNA/RNA)
melting(sequence = "UACGCGUCAAUAACGCUA",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "mrnarna",
        Na.conc = 0.069, Mg.conc = 0.0015, correction.ion = "tanmix07")
```

```
## [1] 96.46186
```

The ion correction by Owczarzy et al. (2008) is used by default according to the $\frac{[\text{Mg}^{2+}]^{0.5}}{[\text{Mon}^+]}$ ratio, where $[\text{Mon}^+] = \text{Na}^+ + [\text{Tris}^+] + [\text{K}^+]$.

If,

- $[\text{K}^+] = 0$, default sodium correction is used;
- Ratio < 0.22, default sodium correction is used;
- $0.22 \leq$ Ratio < 6, default mixed Na and Mg correction is used and

- Ratio $\geq$ 6,default magnesium correction is used.

Note that [Tris$^+$] is about half of the total tris buffer concentration.

5.2.4   Sodium equivalent concentration methods

The available correction methods for mixed sodium magnesium concentration are given in **Table 22**.

Table 22: Details of the methods for computation of sodium equivalent concentration in the presence of other ions

Correction	Type	Limits/Remarks	Reference
ahs01*	DNA		Ahsen et al. (2001)
mit96	DNA		Mitsuhashi (1996)
pey00	DNA		Peyret (2000)

* Default method for computation.

```
# Na equivalent concentration method - default (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CAGCCTCGTCGCAGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 0.069, Mg.conc = 0.0015)
```

```
## [1] 65.83371
```

```
# Na equivalent concentration method - ahs01 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CAGCCTCGTCGCAGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 0.069, Mg.conc = 0.0015, method.Naeq = "ahs01")
```

```
## [1] 65.83371
```

```
# Na equivalent concentration method - mit96 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CAGCCTCGTCGCAGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 0.069, Mg.conc = 0.0015, method.Naeq = "mit96")
```

```
## [1] 65.83371
```

```
# Na equivalent concentration method - pey00 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CAGCCTCGTCGCAGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 0.069, Mg.conc = 0.0015, method.Naeq = "pey00")
```

```
## [1] 65.83371
```

5.3   Denaturing agent corrections

These include melting temperature corrections for concentration of formamide and DMSO.

5.3.1   DMSO corrections

The available correction methods for DMSO concentration are given in **Table 23**.

Table 23: Details of the corrections for DMSO concentration

Correction	Type	Limits/Remarks	Reference
ahs01*	DNA	Not tested with experimental results.	Ahsen et al. (2001)
cul76	DNA	Not tested with experimental results.	Cullen and Bick (1976)
esc80	DNA	Not tested with experimental results.	Escara and Hutton (1980)
mus81	DNA	Not tested with experimental results.	Musielski et al. (1981)

* Default method for computation.

```
# DMSO correction - default (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CAGCCTCGTCGCAGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1, DMSO.conc = 10)
```

```
## [1] 65.40154
```

```
# DMSO correction - ahs01 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CAGCCTCGTCGCAGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1, DMSO.conc = 10, correction.DMSO = "ahs01")
```

```
## [1] 65.40154
```

```
# DMSO correction - cul76 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CAGCCTCGTCGCAGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1, DMSO.conc = 10, correction.DMSO = "cul76")
```

```
## [1] 67.90154
```

```
# DMSO correction - esc80 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CAGCCTCGTCGCAGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1, DMSO.conc = 10, correction.DMSO = "esc80")
```

```
## [1] 66.15154
```

```
# DMSO correction - mus80 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CAGCCTCGTCGCAGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1, DMSO.conc = 10, correction.DMSO = "mus81")
```

```
## [1] 66.90154
```

5.3.2 Formamide corrections

The available correction methods for formamide concentration are given in **Table 24**.

Table 24: Details of the corrections for formamide concentration

Correction	Type	Limits/Remarks	Reference
bla96*	DNA	With formamide concentration in mol/L.	Blake (1996)

Correction	Type	Limits/Remarks	Reference
`lincorr`	DNA	With a % of formamide volume.	McConaughy et al. (1969), Record (1967), Casey and Davidson (1977), Hutton (1977)

* Default method for computation.

```
# Formamide correction - default (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CAGCCTCGTCGCAGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1, formamide.conc = 0.06)
```

[1] 72.74867

```
# Formamide correction - bla96 (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CAGCCTCGTCGCAGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1, formamide.conc = 0.06, correction.formamide = "bla96")
```

[1] 72.74867

```
# Formamide correction - lincorr (DNA/DNA)
melting(sequence = "CAGCCTCGTCGCAGC",
        nucleic.acid.conc = 0.000002, hybridisation.type = "dnadna",
        Na.conc = 1, formamide.conc = 10, correction.formamide = "lincorr")
```

[1] 66.40154

6 Equivalent options in MELTING 5

The options in MELTING 5 command line equivalent to the arguments in `rmelting` are given in **Table 25**.

Table 24: Arguments in `rmelting` and their equivalent options in MELTING 5 command line.

rmelting	MELTING 5 (command line)
sequence	-S
comp.sequence	-C
nucleic.acid.conc	-P
hybridisation.type	-H
Na.conc	-E
Mg.conc	-E
Tris.conc	-E
K.conc	-E
dNTP.conc	-E
DMSO.conc	-E
formamide.conc	-E
size.threshold	-T
self	-self
correction.factor	-F
method.approx	-am
method.nn	-nn
method.GU	-GU
method.singleMM	-sinMM

rmelting	MELTING 5 (command line)
`method.tandemMM`	-tanMM
`method.single.dangle`	-sinDE
`method.double.dangle`	-secDE
`method.long.dangle`	-lonDE
`method.internal.loop`	-intLP
`method.single.bulge.loop`	-sinBU
`method.long.bulge.loop`	-lonBU
`method.CNG`	-CNG
`method.inosine`	-ino
`method.hydroxyadenine`	-ha
`method.azobenzenes`	-azo
`method.locked`	-lck
`correction.ion`	-ion
`method.Naeq`	-naeq
`correction.DMSO`	-DMSO
`correction.formamide`	-for

7 Batch

8 Further reading

Further details about algorithm, formulae and methods are available in the MELTING 5 documentation.

9 Citing `rmelting`

```
##
## To cite the R package 'rmelting' in publications use:
##
##   Aravind, J. and Krishna, G. K. (2019).  rmelting: R Interface to
##   MELTING 5. R package version 0.99.1,
##   https://aravind-j.github.io/rmelting/.
##
## A BibTeX entry for LaTeX users is
##
##   @Manual{,
##     title = {rmelting: R Interface to MELTING 5},
##     author = {J. Aravind and G. K. Krishna},
##     year = {2019},
##     note = {R package version 0.99.1},
##     note = {https://aravind-j.github.io/rmelting/},
##   }
##
## This free and open-source software implements academic research by
## the authors and co-workers. If you use it, please support the
## project by citing the package.
```

10 Session Info

```
sessionInfo()
```

```
## R Under development (unstable) (2018-10-27 r75507)
## Platform: x86_64-w64-mingw32/x64 (64-bit)
## Running under: Windows >= 8 x64 (build 9200)
##
## Matrix products: default
##
## locale:
## [1] LC_COLLATE=English_India.1252  LC_CTYPE=English_India.1252
## [3] LC_MONETARY=English_India.1252 LC_NUMERIC=C
## [5] LC_TIME=English_India.1252
##
## attached base packages:
## [1] stats     graphics  grDevices utils     datasets  methods   base
##
## other attached packages:
## [1] rmelting_0.99.1 readxl_1.1.0    testthat_2.0.1  rJava_0.9-10
##
## loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
##  [1] Rcpp_1.0.0       rstudioapi_0.8   knitr_1.20       magrittr_1.5
##  [5] pkgload_1.0.2    R6_2.3.0         rlang_0.3.0.1    bibtex_0.4.2
##  [9] highr_0.7        stringr_1.3.1    tools_3.6.0      withr_2.1.2
## [13] htmltools_0.3.6  yaml_2.2.0       assertthat_0.2.0 rprojroot_1.3-2
## [17] digest_0.6.18    tibble_1.4.2     crayon_1.3.4     Rdpack_0.10-3
## [21] gbRd_0.4-11      evaluate_0.12    rmarkdown_1.10   stringi_1.2.4
## [25] pander_0.6.3     pillar_1.3.0     compiler_3.6.0   cellranger_1.1.0
## [29] desc_1.2.0       backports_1.1.2
```

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