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`boutAnalysis` *Finds 'bouts' in categorical time series.*

Description

This function is used to find contiguous regions of unique value in a – potentially irregular – univariate time series.

Usage

```
boutAnalysis(var, data)
```

Arguments

`var`	the column variable to use in `data`
`data`	a data.table

Value

A data.table with columns for the unique value of the bout variable, bout start time, and bout length (ie. duration). Bout analysis will be performed by individual (data.table key), which adds additional columns. Their is one row for each bout.

See Also

`rle` to perform a run length transform manually

Examples

```
set.seed(1)
# 1000 points the first 500 points should have higher chance to be 1 than the last 500:
y_var <- round(c(runif(500,0,1),
                  runif(500,0,0.75)))
# first 500 point are for individual "A", next 500 points are for "B":
dt <- data.table( y = y_var,
             t = rep(1:500,2)*12,
             id = rep(c("A","B"),each=500),key="id")
bout_dt <- boutAnalysis(y,dt)
summary <- bout_dt[,
        .(n=.N,
          mean_duration=mean(length))
        ,by=c(key(bout_dt),"y")]
print(summary)
```

curateDeadAnimals *Finds when an animal is 'dead' and removes the all consecutive data*

Description

In this context, death is defined by very long periods of immobility.

Usage

```
curateDeadAnimals(data, max_immobile_live = hours(12))
```

Arguments

data	the data (i.e a data.table) from a *single* region. It must contain, at least, the columns t and moving.
max_immobile_live	the longest duration an alive animal can remain immobile before being considered dead.

Value

A data table similar to data where late time points have potentially been removed

Note

Death is assumed to be irreversible. Therefore, if an animal is classified as dead, all subsequent data is is removed.

See Also

sleepAnnotation and sleepDAMAnnotation to define movement and add a moving column.

Examples

```
# Let us load some sample data
data(dam_data)
dt <- dam_data[,
            sleepDAMAnnotation(.SD),
            by=key(dam_data)]
# let us have a look at the pattern of movement.
# Some animals (e.g. 06, 21, 24) died early.
overviewPlot(moving,dt,normalise_var_per_id = FALSE)
dt_curated <- dt[,curateDeadAnimals(.SD,hours(15)),by=key(dt)]
# Note that some data has been removed.
# Also, no data was there for region_id == 06, therefore, it is removed altogether
overviewPlot(moving, dt_curated, normalise_var_per_id = FALSE)
#####
# A simple way to compute total lifespan of each remaining animal:
lifespan_dt <- dt_curated[,
        .(lifespan = max(t) - min(t))
        ,by=key(dt_curated)]
```

days *Trivially converts days to seconds*

Description

Trivially converts days to seconds

Usage

```
days(x)
```

Arguments

x	number of seconds

Value

the corresponding number of seconds

See Also

hours mins

ethogramPlot *Displays the temporal and inter-individual average of a variable of interest.*

Description

This function produces a graph where the variable of interest and time are on the y and x axes, respectively. It can be used to visualise temporal trends per groups of conditions. The response variable, y, is grouped by time windows of defined size.

Usage

```
ethogramPlot(y, data, condition = NULL, facet_var = NULL,
  summary_time_window = mins(30), normalise_var_per_id = FALSE,
  error_bar = NULL)
```

Arguments

y	The variable of interest.
data	The data.table containing the data. It must have a column with the same name as y.
condition	An optional grouping factor to order rows.
facet_var	An optional grouping factor to draw group in each row of a faceted plot
summary_time_window	the width (in seconds) of the time window used to draw each "pixel".
normalise_var_per_id	whether each row is to be normalised (using new_x = (x - mean(x))/sd(x)).
error_bar	what type of error bar should be used. It should be one of NULL,'sem' or 'sd'.

Value

A ggplot object that can be plotted directly, or modified.

See Also

overviewPlot to show per-individual patterns

Examples

```
data(sleep_sexual_dimorphism)
my_data <- sleep_sexual_dimorphism
# Fraction of animal asleep over time:
p <- ethogramPlot(asleep,my_data)
# We would like to show that per group:
p <- ethogramPlot(asleep,my_data,condition=sex)
print(p)
# We can also put error bars:
p <- ethogramPlot(asleep,my_data,condition=sex,error_bar="sem")
print(p)
# we can also use a condition to split data per row (ggplot faceting):
p <- ethogramPlot(asleep,my_data,condition=sex,facet_var=experiment_id,error_bar="sem")
print(p)
# p is simply a ggplot object, so we can change things:
print(p + labs(title="MY own title"))
```

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fetchDAMData *Retrieves DAM2 data from daily saved files*

Description

Uses a query mechanism to get data from a DAM2 array. This is useful when data has been saved, by day, in individual files for each monitor.

Usage

```
fetchDAMData(result_dir, query, reference_hour = 9, tz = "BST",
  verbose = TRUE, FUN = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

result_dir	the root directory where all daily data are saved
query	a formatted query used to request data (see detail).
reference_hour	the hour, in the day, to use as t_0 reference. This should be expressed on Greenwich Meridian Time.
tz	the time zone on which the DAM2 data was saved (e.g. BSM -> British Summer Time)
verbose	whether to print progress (a logical).
FUN	an optional function to transform the data from each 'region' (i.e. a data.table) immediately after is has been loaded.
...	extra arguments to be passed to FUN

Details

query must be a data.table. Conceptually, each row of the query describes the conditions in one channel (when region_id is specified), or in each monitor (when it is not). It should have the following columns:

- machine_id the name of the machine used (e.g. 'M002').
- start_date the first day of the requested experiment (e.g. '2014-12-28').
- stop_date the last day of the requested experiment (e.g. '2014-12-30').
- region_id the channel (between 1 and 32) in what the animal was in (e.g. '20'). This is an optional column. If not provided, all 32 channels are loaded with the same conditions.
- ... arbitrary columns to associate conditions/treatments/genotypes/... to the previous columns

Value

A data.table where every row is an individual measurement. That is an activity at a unique time (t) in a unique channel (region_id), and from a unique result date/experiment (experiment_id). The time is expressed in seconds. For each different combination of start_date and machine_id in the query, an individual experiment_id is generated.

Note

the daily data should be saved in a hard-coded directory structure root_dir/yyyy/mm/mmdd/mmddMxyz.txt, where:

- yyyy Is the year (e.g. 2014)
- mm and dd, the formatted month and day, respectively (e.g. mm=12 and dd=28).
- xyz, the number of the monitor (e.g 003)

See Also

queryDAMData to load data from a regular DAM2 file

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fetchPsvResultFiles *Query files from a PSV data directory according to the date of the experiment and the device which acquired the data.*

Description

This function is designed to list and select experimental files. In general, end-users will want to retrieve path to their experimental files according to the date and ID of the video monitor without having to understand the underlying directory structure.

Usage

```
fetchPsvResultFiles(result_dir, query = NULL)
```

Arguments

result_dir	The location of the result directory (i.e. the folder containing all the data).
query	An optional query formatted as a dataframe (see details).

Details

The optional argument `query` is expected to be a table where every row maps an experiment. In many respects, it is similar to the `what` argument in `loadPsvData`. The only difference is that it does not have a `path` column. Instead, it must contain two columns:

- `date` The date and time when the experiment started formatted either as 'yyyy-mm-dd' or 'yyyy-mm-dd_hh:mm:ss'. In the former case, there may be several matching experiments to a single time (starting the same day). When this happens, *only the last* is returned, and a warning message is displayed.
- `machine_name` The name of the machine that acquired the data.

The result is meant to be used directly, as the `what` argument, by `loadPsvData` (see examples).

Value

The query extended with the requested paths. When `query` is not specified, the function returns a table with all available files.

Note

PSV stores data in a hard-coded directory structure `/root_dir/machine_id/machine_name/datetime/file.db`, where:

- `machine_id` Is, in principle, a universally unique identifier of the acquisition device.
- `machine_name`, a human friendly name for acquisition device. In practice, this is expected to be unique within laboratory.
- `datetime`, the date and time of the start of the experiment

Examples

```
## Not run:
# This is where I store the data on my computer
MY_DATA_DIR <- "/data/psv_results/"

query <- data.table(date="2015-06-02",
                    machine_name=c("GGSM-001","GGSM-003"),
                    region_id = rep(1:10,each=2))
print(query)
map <- fetchPsvResultFiles(MY_DATA_DIR, query)
dt <- loadPsvData(map)

## End(Not run)
```

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hours *Trivially converts hours to seconds*

Description

Trivially converts hours to seconds

Usage

```
hours(x)
```

Arguments

x	number of seconds

Value

the corresponding number of seconds

See Also

days mins

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loadDAMFile *Read a text file formatted as DAM2 into a single data table.*

Description

This function is used to load data from DAM2 devices as a data.table.

Usage

```
loadDAMFile(FILE, start_date = -Inf, stop_date = +Inf, tz = "",
  verbose = TRUE)
```

Arguments

FILE	the name of the input file.
start_date	the starting date formated as "yyyy-mm-dd" or "yyyy-mm-dd_hh-mm-ss"
stop_date	the last day of the experiment. Same format as start_date
tz	the time zone of the computer saving the file. By default, tz is taken from the computer running this function
verbose	whether to print progress (a logical).

Value

a data table with an activity (number of beam crosses) variable, a region_id (channel) variable and a posix time stamp.

See Also

loadMetaData To display global informations about the experiment.

Examples

```
## Not run:
FILE <- "Monitor53.txt"
out <- loadDAMFile(FILE)
#histogram of x marginal distribution
hist(out[roi_id == 1, x], nclass=100)

## End(Not run)
## Not run:
```

```
# More realistic example where we have experimental conditions, and
we want to resample data at 1.0Hz.
# First, the conditions:
conditions <- cbind(roi_id=1:32, expand.grid(treatment=c(T,F), genotype=LETTERS[1:4]))
print(conditions)

## End(Not run)
```

`loadMetaData` *Retrieves metadata from a result file.*

Description

This function is used to obtain metadata – such as 'time and date of the experiment' , 'acquisition device', 'version of the software' and such– embedded in a result file generated by PSV.

Usage

```
loadMetaData(FILE)
```

Arguments

`FILE`	the name of the input file.

Value

A list containing fields for metadata entries

See Also

`loadPsvData` to load raw data.

Examples

```
## Not run:
FILE <- "result.db"
out <- loadMetaData(FILE)
names(out)

## End(Not run)
```

`loadPsvData` *Read data from a result file.*

Description

This function is used to convert all the information contained in a result file generated by PSV (i.e a .db file) into an R 'data.table'.

Usage

```
loadPsvData(what, min_time = 0, max_time = Inf, reference_hour = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE, cache_files = TRUE, n_cores = 1, FUN = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

`what`	an object describing which file(s) to load and, optionally, associated variables/conditions (see details).
`min_time`	exclude data before min_time (in seconds). This time is relative to the start of the experiment.
`max_time`	exclude data after max_time (in seconds). It is also relative to the start of the experiment.
`reference_hour`	the hour, in the day, to use as t_0 reference. When unspecified, time will be relative to the start of the experiment.
`verbose`	whether to print progress (a logical).
`cache_files`	whether SQL files should be cached in a tmp dir for faster reading
`n_cores`	how many cores should be used to read/convert data
`FUN`	an optional function to transform the data from each 'region' (i.e. a data.table) immediately after is has been loaded.
`...`	extra arguments to be passed to `FUN`

Details

`what` can be one of two objects:

- A character vector. In which case, it is assumed that each element is the path to a different file to load.
- A dataframe. The dataframe *must* have a column named 'path'. The path basename will be used as a unique identifier for a specific experiment (`experiment_id`). Arbitrary column can be added to map experimental conditions to file name. In addition, the dataframe can have a column named `region_id`. When defined, only the specified combinations of `path` and `region_id` will be loaded. This allows to map additional conditions (i.e. data frame columns) to specific regions/files. When additional conditions are provided, they will result in creation of custom columns in the output of this function.

Value

A data.table where every row is an individual measurement. That is a position at a unique time (`t`) in a unique region (`region_id`), and from a unique result file/experiment (`experiment_id`). The time is expressed in seconds. Distance units (e.g. xy position, height/width) are expressed as a fraction of the width of the region they originate from.

See Also

loadMetaData To display global informations about a specific file.

Examples

```
# First of all, let us load files from the data sample included within this package.
# Most likely, you will already have your own data files.
sample_files <- c("tube_monitor_validation_subset.db",
                  "monitor_validation_subset.db")
# Extract the files in your computer
paths <- sapply(sample_files, loadSampleData)
# Now, `paths` is just a vector of file names:
print(paths)
#################
#################
# Case 1: load ALL REGIONS from a SINGLE FILE
validation_data_file <- paths[1]
# `validation_data_file` is simply the path to the .db file in your computer
dt <- loadPsvData(validation_data_file)
print(dt)
###############
# Case 2: load ALL REGIONS from MULTIPLE FILES
# we pass all the files we want to load as the `what` argument
dt <- loadPsvData(paths)
# Note the column `experiment_id` in dt. It tells us which file/experiment
# each measurement originates from.
print(dt)

###############
# Case 3: load ALL REGIONS from MULTIPLE FILES AND add CONDITIONS
# Let us imagine that each file/experiment
# was acquired under different experimental condition.
# We can encode this information in a 'master-table' (i.e a data.frame)
# in which a column named \code{path} maps experimental condition(s).
# For instance, 2 different treatments:
master_table <- data.frame(path=paths, treatment=c("control", "drug_A"))
# Let us check our table:
print(master_table)
# The table looks OK, so we load the actual data
dt <- loadPsvData(master_table)
# Note that `dt` now contains a column for your treatment.
print(colnames(dt))
# This makes it easier to perform things such as average per treatment.
print(dt[,.(mean_x = mean(x)),by="treatment"])
###############
# Case 4: load SELECTED REGIONS from MULTIPLE FILE, WITH CONDITIONS
# Sometimes, different regions contain different conditions.
# If the master table has a column named `region_id`,
# only the specified regions will be returned.
# Let us assume that we want to replicate case 3,
# but, now, we load only the first 20 regions.
master_table <- data.table(path=paths,
                           treatment=c("control", "drug_A"),
                           region_id=rep(1:20,each= 2))
# We could also imagine that every even region contains a male,
# whilst every odd one has a female:
```

```
master_table[, sex := ifelse(region_id %% 2, "male", "female" )]
# Note that we have now two conditions.
# Let us check our new table:
print(master_table)
# Then we can load our data:
dt <- loadPsvData(master_table)
# This is simply a subset of data, so many regions are missing
# lets display the regions we ended up with
print(dt[,.(NA),by=key(dt)])
####################
# Case 5: Apply ANALYSIS/function whist loading the data.
# You can also apply a function from this package,
# or your own function to the data as it is being loaded.
# For instance, if you wish to peform a `sleep annotation':
dt <- loadPsvData(paths[1], FUN=sleepAnnotation)
# You could of course combine this with more conditions/region selection.
# For most complicated cases, you would probably have pre-generated the
# master-table (e.g. as a csv file) before analysing the results.
```

`loadSampleData` *Retrieves sample/example data contained within in this package.*

Description

This function is only for testing (and trying) purposes. It provides a way to access raw data (e.g. db files) contained within this package.

Usage

```
loadSampleData(names = NULL)
```

Arguments

`names`	The name of the samples to be loaded. When `names` is `NULL`, the function returns the list of all available samples.

See Also

`loadPsvData` to obtain raw experimental data.

`makeBoutDt` *set.seed(1) bout_length <- round(runif(100,1,100)) bout_val <- rep(c(T,F),length.out=length(bout_length)) x <- rep(bout_val,bout_length) test_dt <- data.table(x=x, t=1:length(x) + 50) makeBoutDt(x,test_dt)*

Description

set.seed(1) bout_length <- round(runif(100,1,100)) bout_val <- rep(c(T,F),length.out=length(bout_length)) x <- rep(bout_val,bout_length) test_dt <- data.table(x=x, t=1:length(x) + 50) makeBoutDt(x,test_dt)

Usage

```
makeBoutDt(x, sub_data)
```

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maxVelocityClassifier *Motion classifier based on maximum velocity.*

Description

Defines whether an animal is moving according to its subpixel velocity. It requires a variable named `xy_dist_log10x1000` in the .db file.

Usage

```
maxVelocityClassifier(data, velocity_threshold = 0.006)
```

Arguments

`data`	the data.table containing behavioural features used for movement classification.
`velocity_threshold`	velocity above which an animal is classified as 'moving'.

Value

a data table with the columns `moving` (logical, TRUE iff. motion was detected) and `t_round` (the 'rounded' time). There is one row per rounded time point.

See Also

`sleepAnnotation` to apply this function to all subsequent time windows.

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mins *Trivially converts minutes to seconds*

Description

Trivially converts minutes to seconds

Usage

```
mins(x)
```

Arguments

`x`	number of seconds

Value

the corresponding number of seconds

See Also

`days` `hours`

`overviewPlot` *Displays, per individual, the temporal average of a variable of interest.*

Description

This function produces a tiled representation in which every row represents one individual (i.e. from a unique combination of region and experiment). The x axis represents time in days. The values of the variable of interest are represented by different colour intensities.

Usage

```
overviewPlot(y, data, condition = NULL, summary_time_window = mins(30),
  normalise_var_per_id = TRUE)
```

Arguments

`y`	The variable of interest
`data`	The data.table containing the data. It must have a column with the same name as y.
`condition`	An optional grouping factor to order rows.
`summary_time_window`	the width (in seconds) of the time window used to draw each pixel.
`normalise_var_per_id`	whether each row is to be normalised, using `new_y = (y - mean(y))/sd(y)`.

Value

A `ggplot` object that can be plotted directly or modified.

See Also

`ethogramPlot` To show trend by aggregating individuals over time.

Examples

```
# Load sample data, it is already annotated for sleep, has sex=='male' or sex=="female"
data(sleep_sexual_dimorphism)
my_data <- sleep_sexual_dimorphism
# let us have a look of the max velocity as a measure of activity
p <- overviewPlot(max_velocity,my_data)
print(p)
# what about sleep amount?
p <- overviewPlot(asleep,my_data)
print(p)
# we can also group by condition. For instance by sex:
p <- overviewPlot(asleep,my_data,condition = sex)
print(p)
# p is simply a ggplot object, so we can change things:
print(p + labs(title="MY own title"))
```

queryDAMFiles *Retrieves DAM2 data from continuous file recording*

Description

Uses a query mechanism to get data from a DAM2 array. This is usefuld when using the default behaviour of Trikinetics software where data is simply appended to a single long file per monitor.

Usage

```
queryDAMFiles(query, FUN = NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

query	a formatted query used to request data (see detail).
FUN	an optional function to transform the data from each 'region' (i.e. a data.table) immediately after is has been loaded.
...	extra arguments to be passed to FUN

Details

query must be a data.table. Conceptually, each row of the query describes the conditions in one channel (when region_id is specified), or in each monitor (when it is not). It should have the following columns:

- path the location of your data file (e.g. 'C:/User/me/Desktop/Monitor3.txt').
- start_date the first day of the requested experiment (e.g. '2014-12-28').
- stop_date the last day of the requested experiment (e.g. '2014-12-30').
- region_id the channel (between 1 and 32) in what the animal was in (e.g. '20'). This is an optional column. If not provided, all 32 channels are loaded with the same conditions.
- ... arbitrary columns to associate conditions/treatments/genotypes/... to the previous columns

Value

A data.table where every row is an individual measurement. That is an activity at a unique time (t) in a unique channel (region_id), and from a unique result date/experiment (experiment_id). The time is expressed in seconds. For each different combination of start_date and file in the query, an individual experiment_id is generated.

See Also

fetchDAMData to load DAM data that is saved by day

Examples

```
sample_file <- system.file('data/DAMfile.txt', package="rethomics")
query = data.table(path=sample_file,
                   # note the time (10:00) is added as reference time
                  start_date="2015-07-02_10-00-00",
                  stop_date="2015-07-07",
                  region_id=c(1:32),condition=rep(letters[1:2],each=16))
print(query)
dt <- queryDAMFiles(query)
ethogramPlot(activity,dt,condition) + scale_x_continuous(breaks=0:10/2)
dt <- queryDAMFiles(query,FUN= sleepDAMAnnotation)
ethogramPlot(asleep,dt,condition) + scale_x_continuous(breaks=0:10/2)
```

`sleepAnnotation` *Determines whether an animal is asleep*

Description

This function uses a motion classifier to first decide whether an animal is moving during a given time window. Then, it defines sleep as contiguous immobility for a minimal duration.

Usage

```
sleepAnnotation(data, time_window_length = 10, min_time_immobile = 60 * 5,
  motion_classifier_FUN = maxVelocityClassifier, ...)
```

Arguments

`data`	the data (i.e a data.table) from a *single* region. It must contain, at least, the columns 't', 'x' and 'y'.
`time_window_length`	The number of seconds to be used by the motion classifier. This corresponds to the sampling period of the output data.
`min_time_immobile`	the minimal duration (in s) after which an immobile animal is scored as 'asleep'.
`motion_classifier_FUN`	the function used to classify movement.
`...`	extra arguments to be passed to `motion_classifier_FUN`

Value

A data table similar to `data` with additional variables/annotations (i.e. 'moving', 'asleep').

Note

The resulting data will only have one data point every `time_window_length` seconds.

See Also

`loadPsvData` to load data and optionaly apply analysis on the fly.

Examples

```
# Let us load some sample data
data(tube_monitor_validation)
# We will start only with region 2:
dt_region2 <- tube_monitor_validation[region_id==2,]
sleep_dt <-  sleepAnnotation(dt_region2)
print(sleep_dt)
# We make a sleep `barecode'
ggplot(sleep_dt, aes(t,region_id,fill=asleep)) + geom_tile()
# A bit of data.table wizardry to apply that to each experiement and region:
sleep_dt <-  tube_monitor_validation[,sleepAnnotation(.SD),by=key(tube_monitor_validation)]
# The same bare code for all regions
ggplot(sleep_dt, aes(t,region_id,fill=asleep)) + geom_tile()
```

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sleepDAMAnnotation *Determines whether an animal is asleep using beam crossing activity*

Description

Sleep as contiguous inactivity (absence of beam crossing) for a minimal duration.

Usage

```
sleepDAMAnnotation(data, time_window_length = 60, min_time_immobile = 60 *
  5)
```

Arguments

`data`	the data (i.e a data.table) from a *single* region. It must contain, at least, the columns `t`, `x` and `y`.
`time_window_length`	The number of seconds to be used by the motion classifier. This corresponds to the sampling period of the output data.
`min_time_immobile`	the minimal duration (in s) after which an immobile animal is scored as 'asleep'.

Value

A data table similar to `data` with additional variables/annotations (i.e. 'moving', 'asleep').

Note

The resulting data will only have one data point every `time_window_length` seconds.

See Also

`queryDAMData` to load data in and apply this function directly

Examples

```
# Let us load some sample data
data(dam_data)
dam_data[,
           sleepDAMAnnotation(.SD),
           by=key(dam_data)]
```

`virtualBeamCrossClassif` *Motion classifier based on beam crosses.*

Description

Defines whether an animal is moving. This is achieved by computing the number of crossed of a "virtual beam" in the middle of its region (i.e. at x=0.5). This emulate the type of data generated by DAM2.

Usage

```
virtualBeamCrossClassif(data)
```

Arguments

`data`	the data.table containing behavioural features used for movement classification.

Value

a data table with the columns `moving` (logical, TRUE iff. motion was detected) and `t_round` (the 'rounded' time). There is one row per rounded time point.

See Also

`maxVelocityClassifier` to defince movement by maximum velocity, which is more accurate, instead.

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