
bioutils

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bioutils provides common utilities and lookup tables for bioinformatics.

- `bioutils.accessions` – parse accessions, infer namespaces
- `bioutils.assemblies` – Human assembly information (from NCBI/GRCh)
- `bioutils.cytobands` – map cytobands to coordinates (from UCSC cytoband tables)
- `bioutils.digests` – implementations of various digests
- `bioutils.normalize` – allele normalization (left shuffle, right shuffle, expanded, vcf)

To use an E-Utilities API key run add it to an environment variable called `ncbi_api_key` and it will be used in the E-Utilities request.

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1.1 Submodules

1.1.1 bioutils.accessions module

Simple routines to deal with accessions, identifiers, etc.

Biocommons terminology: an identifier is composed of a *namespace* and an *accession*. The namespace is a string, composed of any character other than colon (:). The accession is a string without character set restriction. An accession is expected to be unique within the namespace; there is no expectation of uniqueness of accessions across namespaces.

Identifier := <Namespace, Accession>

Namespace := [^:]+

Accession := \w+

Some sample serializations of Identifiers:

json: {"namespace": "RefSeq", "accession": "NM_000551.3"}

xml: <Identifier namespace="RefSeq" accession="NM_000551.3"/>

string: "RefSeq:NM_000551.3"

The string form may be used as a CURIE, in which case the document in which the CURIE is used must contain a map of {namespace : uri}.

bioutils.accessions.**chr22XY**(c)

Reformats chromosome to be of the form Chr1, ..., Chr22, ChrX, ChrY, etc.

Parameters

c (*str or int*) – A chromosome.

Returns

The reformatted chromosome.

Return type

str

Examples

```
>>> chr22XY('1')  
'chr1'
```

```
>>> chr22XY(1)  
'chr1'
```

```
>>> chr22XY('chr1')  
'chr1'
```

```
>>> chr22XY(23)  
'chrX'
```

```
>>> chr22XY(24)  
'chrY'
```

```
>>> chr22XY("X")  
'chrX'
```

```
>>> chr22XY("23")  
'chrX'
```

```
>>> chr22XY("M")  
'chrM'
```

`bioutils.accessions.coerce_namespace(ac)`

Prefixes accession with inferred namespace if not present.

Intended to be used to promote consistent and unambiguous accession identifiers.

Parameters

ac (*str*) – The accession, with or without namespace prefixed.

Returns

An identifier of the form “{namespace}:{accession}”

Return type

`str`

Raises

ValueError – if accession syntax does not match the syntax of any namespace.

Examples

```
>>> coerce_namespace("refseq:NM_01234.5")  
'refseq:NM_01234.5'
```

```
>>> coerce_namespace("NM_01234.5")  
'refseq:NM_01234.5'
```

```
>>> coerce_namespace("bogus:QQ_01234.5")
'bogus:QQ_01234.5'
```

```
>>> coerce_namespace("QQ_01234.5")
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
ValueError: Could not infer namespace for QQ_01234.5
```

`bioutils.accessions.infer_namespace(ac)`

Infers a unique namespace from an accession, if one exists.

Parameters

`ac (str)` – An accession, without the namespace prefix.

Returns

The unique namespace corresponding to accession syntax, if only one is inferred.

None if the accession syntax does not match any namespace.

Return type

str or None

Raises

BioutilsError – If multiple namespaces match the syntax of the accession.

Examples

```
>>> infer_namespace("ENST00000530893.6")
'ensembl'
```

```
>>> infer_namespace("NM_01234.5")
'refseq'
```

```
>>> infer_namespace("A2BC19")
'uniprot'
```

Disabled because Python 2 and 3 handles exceptions differently.

```
>>> infer_namespace("P12345")
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
bioutils.exceptions.BioutilsError: Multiple namespaces possible for P12345
```

```
>>> infer_namespace("BOGUS99") is None
True
```

`bioutils.accessions.infer_namespaces(ac)`

Infers namespaces possible for a given accession, based on syntax.

Parameters

`ac (str)` – An accession, without the namespace prefix.

Returns

A list of namespaces matching the accession, possibly empty.

Return type
list of str

Examples

```
>>> infer_namespaces("ENST00000530893.6")  
['ensembl']
```

```
>>> infer_namespaces("ENST00000530893")  
['ensembl']
```

```
>>> infer_namespaces("ENSQ00000530893")  
[]
```

```
>>> infer_namespaces("NM_01234")  
['refseq']
```

```
>>> infer_namespaces("NM_01234.5")  
['refseq']
```

```
>>> infer_namespaces("NQ_01234.5")  
[]
```

```
>>> infer_namespaces("A2BC19")  
['uniprot']
```

```
>>> sorted(infer_namespaces("P12345"))  
['insdc', 'uniprot']
```

```
>>> infer_namespaces("A0A022YWF9")  
['uniprot']
```

`bioutils.accessions.prepend_chr(chr)`

Prepends chromosome with ‘chr’ if not present.

Users are strongly discouraged from using this function. Adding a ‘chr’ prefix results in a name that is not consistent with authoritative assembly records.

Parameters

chr (*str*) – The chromosome.

Returns

The chromosome with ‘chr’ prepended.

Return type

str

Examples

```
>>> prepend_chr('22')
'chr22'
```

```
>>> prepend_chr('chr22')
'chr22'
```

`bioutils.accessions.strip_chr(chr)`

Removes the 'chr' prefix if present.

Parameters

chr (*str*) – The chromosome.

Returns

The chromosome without a 'chr' prefix.

Return type

str

Examples

```
>>> strip_chr('22')
'22'
```

```
>>> strip_chr('chr22')
'22'
```

1.1.2 bioutils.assemblies module

Creates dictionaries of genome assembly data as provided by

ftp://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genomes/ASSEMBLY_REPORTS/AII/*.assembly.txt

Assemblies are stored in json files with the package in `_data/assemblies/`. Those files are built with `sbin/assembly-to-json`, also in this package.

Definitions:

- accession ac: symbol used to refer to a sequence (e.g., NC_000001.10)
- name: human-label (e.g., '1', 'MT', 'HSCR6_MHC_APD_CTG1') that refers to a sequence, unique within some domain (e.g., GRCh37.p10)
- chromosome (chr): subset of names that refer to chromosomes 1..22, X, Y, MT
- aliases: list of other names; uniqueness unknown

Note: Some users prefer using a 'chr' prefix for chromosomes and some don't. Some prefer upper case and others prefer lower. This rift is unfortunate and creates unnecessary friction in sharing data. You say TO-my-to and I say TO-mah-to doesn't apply here. This code favors using the authoritative names exactly as defined in the assembly records. Users are encouraged to use sequence names verbatim, without prefixes or case changes.

`bioutils.assemblies.get_assemblies(names=[])`

Retrieves data from multiple assemblies.

If assemblies are not specified, retrieves data from all available ones.

Parameters

names (*list of str, optional*) – The names of the assemblies to retrieve data for.

Returns

A dictionary of the form `{assembly_name, : assembly_data}`, where the values are the dictionaries of assembly data as described in `get_assembly()`.

Return type

dict

Examples

```
>>> assemblies = get_assemblies(names=['GRCh37.p13'])
>>> assy = assemblies['GRCh37.p13']
```

```
>>> assemblies = get_assemblies()
>>> 'GRCh38.p2' in assemblies
True
```

`bioutils.assemblies.get_assembly(name)`

Retrieves the assembly data for a given assembly.

Parameters

name (*str*) – The name of the assembly to retrieve data for.

Returns

A dictionary of the assembly data. See examples for details.

Return type

dict

Examples

```
>>> assy = get_assembly('GRCh37.p13')
```

```
>>> assy['name']
'GRCh37.p13'
```

```
>>> assy['description']
'Genome Reference Consortium Human Build 37 patch release 13 (GRCh37.p13)'
```

```
>>> assy['refseq_ac']
'GCF_0000001405.25'
```

```
>>> assy['genbank_ac']
'GCA_0000001405.14'
```

```
>>> len(assy['sequences'])
297
```

```
>>> import pprint
>>> pprint.pprint(assy['sequences'][0])
{'aliases': ['chr1'],
 'assembly_unit': 'Primary Assembly',
 'genbank_ac': 'CM000663.1',
 'length': 249250621,
 'name': '1',
 'refseq_ac': 'NC_000001.10',
 'relationship': '=',
 'sequence_role': 'assembled-molecule'}
```

`bioutils.assemblies.get_assembly_names()`

Retrieves available assemblies from the `_data/assemblies` directory.

Returns

The names of the available assemblies.

Return type

list of str

Examples

```
>>> assy_names = get_assembly_names()
```

```
>>> 'GRCh37.p13' in assy_names
True
```

`bioutils.assemblies.make_ac_name_map(assy_name, primary_only=False)`

Creates a map from accessions to sequence names for a given assembly.

Parameters

- **assy_name** (*str*) – The name of the assembly to make a map for.
- **primary_only** (*bool, optional*) – Whether to include only primary sequences. Defaults to False.

Returns

A dictionary of the form `{accession : sequence_name}` for accessions in the given assembly, where `accession` and `sequence_name` are strings.

Return type

dict

Examples

```
>>> grch38p5_ac_name_map = make_ac_name_map('GRCh38.p5')
>>> grch38p5_ac_name_map['NC_000001.11']
'1'
```

`bioutils.assemblies.make_name_ac_map(assy_name, primary_only=False)`

Creates a map from sequence names to accessions for a given assembly.

Parameters

- **assy_name** (*str*) – The name of the assembly to make a map for.
- **primary_only** (*bool*, *optional*) – Whether to include only primary sequences. Defaults to False.

Returns

A dictionary of the form `{sequence_name : accession}` for sequences in the given assembly,

Where `sequence_name` and `accession` are both strings.

Return type

dict

Examples

```
>>> grch38p5_name_ac_map = make_name_ac_map('GRCh38.p5')
>>> grch38p5_name_ac_map['1']
'NC_000001.11'
```

1.1.3 bioutils.coordinates module

Provides utilities for interconverting between coordinate systems especially as used by the hgvs code. The three systems are:

			A	C	G	T	A	C
human/hgvs	h		-3	-2	-1	1	2	3
continuous	c		-2	-1	0	1	2	3
interbase	i		-3	-2	-1	0	1	2

Human/hgvs coordinates are the native coordinates used by the HGVS recommendations. The coordinates are 1-based, inclusive, and refer to the nucleotides; there is no 0.

Continuous coordinates are similar to hgvs coordinates, but adds 1 to all negative values so that there is no discontinuity between -1 and 1 (as there is with HGVS).

Interbase coordinates refer to the zero-width junctions between nucleotides. The main advantage of interbase coordinates is that there are no corner cases in the specification of intervals used for insertions and deletions as there is with numbering systems that refer to nucleotides themselves. Numerically, interbase intervals are 0-based, left-closed, and right-open. Because referring to a single interbase coordinate is not particularly meaningful, interbase coordinates are always passed as start,end pairs.

Because it's easy to confuse these coordinates in code, `_h`, `_c`, and `_i` suffixes are often used to clarify variables.

For code clarity, this module provides functions that interconvert *intervals* specified in each of the coordinate systems.

`bioutils.coordinates.strand_int_to_pm(i)`

Converts 1 and -1 to '+' and '-' respectively.

Parameters

i (*int*) –

Returns

'+' if i == 1, '-' if i == -1, otherwise None.

Return type

str

Examples

```
>>> strand_int_to_pm(1)
'+'
>>> strand_int_to_pm(-1)
'-'
>>> strand_int_to_pm(42)
```

`bioutils.coordinates.strand_pm(i)`

Converts 1 and -1 to '+' and '-' respectively.

Parameters

i (*int*) –

Returns

'+' if i == 1, '-' if i == -1, otherwise None.

Return type

str

Examples

```
>>> strand_int_to_pm(1)
'+'
>>> strand_int_to_pm(-1)
'-'
>>> strand_int_to_pm(42)
```

`bioutils.coordinates.strand_pm_to_int(s)`

Converts '+' and '-' to 1 and -1, respectively.

Parameters

s (*string*) –

Returns

1 if s == '+', -1 if s == '-', otherwise None.

Return type

int

Examples

```
>>> strand_pm_to_int('+')
1
>>> strand_pm_to_int('-')
-1
>>> strand_pm_to_int('arglefargle')

```

1.1.4 bioutils.cytobands module

```
./sbin/ucsc-cytoband-to-json cytoband-hg38.txt.gz | gzip -c >bioutils/_data/cytobands/ucsc-hg38.json.gz
```

`bioutils.cytobands.get_cytoband_map(name)`

Retrives a cytoband by name.

Parameters

name (*str*) – The name of the cytoband to retrieve.

Returns

A dictionary of the cytoband data.

Return type

dict

Examples

```
>>> map = get_cytoband_map("ucsc-hg38")
>>> map["1"]["p32.2"]
[556000000, 585000000, 'gpos50']

```

`bioutils.cytobands.get_cytoband_maps(names=[])`

Retrieves data from multiple cytobands.

If cytobands are not specified, retrieves data from all available ones.

Parameters

names (*list of str, optional*) – The names of cytobands to retrieve data for.

Returns

A dictionary of the form {cytoband_name, cytoband_data}.

Return type

dict

Examples

```
>>> maps = get_cytoband_maps()
>>> maps["ucsc-hg38"]["1"]["p32.2"]
[556000000, 585000000, 'gpos50']
>>> maps["ucsc-hg19"]["1"]["p32.2"]
[561000000, 590000000, 'gpos50']
```

`bioutils.cytobands.get_cytoband_names()`

Retrieves available cytobands from the `_data/cytobands` directory.

Returns

The names of the available cytobands.

Return type

list of str

Examples

```
>>> sorted(get_cytoband_names())
['ucsc-hg19', 'ucsc-hg38']
```

1.1.5 bioutils.digest module

class `bioutils.digest.Digest`

Bases: bytes

Represents a sliceable binary digest, with support for encoding and decoding using printable characters.

Supported encoding and decodings are::

- base64
- base64url
- hex (aka base16)

The Base64 specification (<https://tools.ietf.org/html/rfc4648#page-7>) defines base64 and a URL-safe variant called base64url.

“Stringified” Digest objects use URL-safe base64 encodings.

```
>>> import hashlib
```

```
>>> b = hashlib.sha512().digest()
>>> len(b)
64
```

```
>>> d = Digest(b)           # creation
>>> str(d)                  # returns base64url
'z4PhNX7vuL3xVChQ1m2AB9Yg5AULVxXcg_SpIdNs6c5H0NE8XYXysP-DGNKHfuwvY7kxvUdBeoG1ODJ6-
↪SfaPg=='
```

```
>>> d24 = d[:24]           # slice binary digest at first 24 bytes
>>> str(d24)
'z4PhNX7vuL3xVChQ1m2AB9Yg5AULVxXc'
```

encoding

```
>>> d.as_base64url()
'z4PhNX7vuL3xVChQ1m2AB9Yg5AULVxXcg_SpIdNs6c5H0NE8XYXysP-DGNKHfuwvY7kxvUdBeoG1ODJ6-
↳ SfaPg=='
>>> d.as_hex()

↳ 'cf83e1357eeefb8bdf1542850d66d8007d620e4050b5715dc83f4a921d36ce9ce47d0d13c5d85f2b0ff8318d2877eec21
↳ '
```

decoding

```
>>> d == Digest.from_base64(d.as_base64())
True
>>> d == Digest.from_base64url(d.as_base64url())
True
>>> d == Digest.from_hex(d.as_hex())
True
```

as_base64()

Returns Digest as a base64-encoded string.

Returns

base64 encoding of Digest.

Return type

str

as_base64url()

Returns Digest as URL-safe, base64-encoded string.

Returns

URL-safe base64 encoding of Digest.

Return type

str

as_base64us()

Returns Digest as URL-safe, base64-encoded string.

Returns

URL-safe base64 encoding of Digest.

Return type

str

as_hex()

Returns Digest as hex string.

Returns

A hex-encoding of Digest.

Return type

str

static from_base64(*s*)

Returns Digest object initialized from a base64-encoded string.

Parameters

s (*str*) – A base64-encoded digest string.

Returns

A Digest object initialized from *s*.

Return type

Digest

static from_base64url(*s*)

Returns Digest object initialized from a base64url string.

Parameters

s (*str*) – A base64url-encoded digest string.

Returns

A Digest object initialized from *s*.

Return type

Digest

static from_base64us(*s*)

Returns Digest object initialized from a base64url string.

Parameters

s (*str*) – A base64url-encoded digest string.

Returns

A Digest object initialized from *s*.

Return type

Digest

static from_hex(*s*)

returns Digest object initialized from hex string.

Parameters

s (*str*) – A hex-encoded digest string.

Returns

A Digest object initialized from *s*.

Return type

Digest

1.1.6 bioutils.digests module

bioutils.digests.seq_md5(*seq*, *normalize=True*)

Converts sequence to unicode md5 hex digest.

Parameters

- **seq** (*str*) – A sequence.
- **normalize** (*bool*, *optional*) – Whether to normalize the sequence before conversion, i.e. to ensure representation as uppercase letters without whitespace or asterisks. Defaults to True.

Returns

Unicode md5 hex digest representation of sequence.

Return type

str

Examples

```
>>> seq_md5('')
'd41d8cd98f00b204e9800998ecf8427e'
```

```
>>> seq_md5('ACGT')
'f1f8f4bf413b16ad135722aa4591043e'
```

```
>>> seq_md5('ACGT*')
'f1f8f4bf413b16ad135722aa4591043e'
```

```
>>> seq_md5(' A C G T ')
'f1f8f4bf413b16ad135722aa4591043e'
```

```
>>> seq_md5('acgt')
'f1f8f4bf413b16ad135722aa4591043e'
```

```
>>> seq_md5('acgt', normalize=False)
'db516c3913e179338b162b2476d1c23f'
```

`bioutils.digests.seq_seguid(seq, normalize=True)`

Converts sequence to seguid.

This seguid is compatible with BioPython's seguid.

Parameters

- **seq** (str) – A sequence.
- **normalize** (bool, optional) – Whether to normalize the sequence before conversion, i.e. to ensure representation as uppercase letters without whitespace or asterisks. Defaults to True.

Returns

seguid representation of sequence.

Return type

str

Examples

```
>>> seq_seguid('')
'2jmj7l5rSw0yVb/vlWAYkK/YBwk'
```

```
>>> seq_seguid('ACGT')
'IQiZThf2zKn/I1KtqStlEdsHYDQ'
```

```
>>> seq_seguid('acgt')
'IQiZThf2zKn/I1KtqStlEdsHYDQ'
```

```
>>> seq_seguid('acgt', normalize=False)
'lII0AoG1/I8qKY271rgv5CFZtsU'
```

`bioutils.digests.seq_seqhash(seq, normalize=True)`

Converts sequence to 24-byte Truncated Digest.

Parameters

- **seq** (*str*) – A sequence.
- **normalize** (*bool, optional*) – Whether to normalize the sequence before conversion, i.e. to ensure representation as uppercase letters without whitespace or asterisks. Defaults to `True`.

Returns

24-byte Truncated Digest representation of sequence.

Return type

`str`

Examples

```
>>> seq_seqhash("")
'z4PhNX7vuL3xVChQ1m2AB9Yg5AULVxXc'
```

```
>>> seq_seqhash("ACGT")
'aKF498dAxcJAqme6QYQ7EZ07-fiw8Kw2'
```

```
>>> seq_seqhash("acgt")
'aKF498dAxcJAqme6QYQ7EZ07-fiw8Kw2'
```

```
>>> seq_seqhash("acgt", normalize=False)
'eFwawHHdibaZBDcs9kW3gm31h1NNJcQe'
```

`bioutils.digests.seq_sha1(seq, normalize=True)`

Converts sequence to unicode sha1 hexdigest.

Parameters

- **seq** (*str*) – A sequence.
- **normalize** (*bool, optional*) – Whether to normalize the sequence before conversion, i.e. to ensure representation as uppercase letters without whitespace or asterisks before encoding. Defaults to `True`.

Returns

Unicode sha1 hexdigest representation of sequence.

Return type

str

Examples

```
>>> seq_sha1('')
'da39a3ee5e6b4b0d3255bfef95601890afd80709'
```

```
>>> seq_sha1('ACGT')
'2108994e17f6cca9ff2352ada92b6511db076034'
```

```
>>> seq_sha1('acgt')
'2108994e17f6cca9ff2352ada92b6511db076034'
```

```
>>> seq_sha1('acgt', normalize=False)
'9482340281b5fc8f2a298dbbd6b82fe42159b6c5'
```

`bioutils.digests.seq_sha512(seq, normalize=True)`

Converts sequence to unicode sha512 hexdigest.

Parameters

- **seq** (*str*) – A sequence.
- **normalize** (*bool*, *optional*) – Whether to normalize the sequence before conversion, i.e. to ensure representation as uppercase letters without whitespace or asterisks. Defaults to True.

Returns

Unicode sha512 hexdigest representation of sequence.

Return type

str

Examples

```
>>> seq_sha512('')
↪ 'cf83e1357eefb8bdf1542850d66d8007d620e4050b5715dc83f4a921d36ce9ce47d0d13c5d85f2b0ff8318d2877eec2f
```

```
>>> seq_sha512('ACGT')
↪ '68a178f7c740c5c240aa67ba41843b119d3bf9f8b0f0ac36cf701d26672964efbd536d197f51ce634fc70634d1eefe57
```

```
>>> seq_sha512('acgt')
↪ '68a178f7c740c5c240aa67ba41843b119d3bf9f8b0f0ac36cf701d26672964efbd536d197f51ce634fc70634d1eefe57
```

```
>>> seq_sha512('acgt', normalize=False)
↪ '785c1ac071dd89b69904372cf645b7826df587534d25c41edb2862e54fb2940d697218f2883d2bf1a11cdaee658c7f7a'
↪ ''
```

`bioutils.digests.seq_vmc_id(seq, normalize=True)`

Converts sequence to VMC id.

See <https://github.com/ga4gh/vmc>

Parameters

- **seq** (*str*) – A sequence.
- **normalize** (*bool, optional*) – Whether to normalize the sequence before conversion, i.e. to ensure representation as uppercase letters without whitespace or asterisks. Defaults to `True`.

Returns

VMC id representation of sequence.

Return type

`str`

Examples

```
>>> seq_vmc_id("")
'VMC:GS_z4PhNX7vuL3xVChQ1m2AB9Yg5AULVxXc '
```

```
>>> seq_vmc_id("ACGT")
'VMC:GS_aKF498dAxcJAqme6QYQ7EZ07-fiw8Kw2 '
```

```
>>> seq_vmc_id("acgt")
'VMC:GS_aKF498dAxcJAqme6QYQ7EZ07-fiw8Kw2 '
```

```
>>> seq_vmc_id("acgt", normalize=False)
'VMC:GS_eFwawHHdibaZBDcs9kW3gm31h1NNJcQe '
```

`bioutils.digests.seq_vmc_identifier(seq, normalize=True)`

Converts sequence to VMC identifier (record).

See <https://github.com/ga4gh/vmc>

Parameters

- **seq** (*str*) – A sequence.
- **normalize** (*bool, optional*) – Whether to normalize the sequence before conversion, i.e. to ensure representation as uppercase letters without whitespace or asterisks. Defaults to `True`.

Returns

VMC identifier (record) representation of sequence.

Return type

`str`

Examples

```
>>> seq_vmc_identifier("") == {'namespace': 'VMC', 'accession': 'GS_
↳z4PhNX7vuL3xVChQ1m2AB9Yg5AULVxXc'}
True
```

```
>>> seq_vmc_identifier("ACGT") == {'namespace': 'VMC', 'accession': 'GS_
↳aKF498dAxcJAqme6QYQ7EZ07-fiw8Kw2'}
True
```

```
>>> seq_vmc_identifier("acgt") == {'namespace': 'VMC', 'accession': 'GS_
↳aKF498dAxcJAqme6QYQ7EZ07-fiw8Kw2'}
True
```

```
>>> seq_vmc_identifier("acgt", normalize=False) == {'namespace': 'VMC', 'accession
↳': 'GS_eFwawHHdibaZBDcs9kW3gm31h1NNJcQe'}
True
```

1.1.7 bioutils.exceptions module

exception `bioutils.exceptions.BioutilsError`

Bases: `Exception`

Root exception for all bioutils exceptions

1.1.8 bioutils.normalize module

Provides functionality for normalizing alleles, ensuring comparable representations.

class `bioutils.normalize.NormalizationMode(value)`

Bases: `Enum`

Enum passed to `normalize` to select the normalization mode.

EXPAND

Normalize alleles to maximal extent both left and right.

LEFTSHUFFLE

Normalize alleles to maximal extent left.

RIGHTSHUFFLE

Normalize alleles to maximal extent right.

TRIMONLY

Only trim the common prefix and suffix of alleles. Deprecated – use `mode=None` with `trim=True` instead.

VCF

Normalize with VCF.

EXPAND = 1

LEFTSHUFFLE = 2

RIGHTSHUFFLE = 3

TRIMONLY = 4

VCF = 5

```
bioutils.normalize.normalize(sequence, interval, alleles, mode: Optional[NormalizationMode] =
                             NormalizationMode.EXPAND, bounds=None, anchor_length=0, trim: bool =
                             True)
```

Normalizes the alleles that co-occur on sequence at interval, ensuring comparable representations.

Normalization performs three operations: - trimming - shuffling - anchoring

Parameters

- **sequence** (*str or iterable*) – The reference sequence; must support indexing and `__getitem__`.
- **interval** (*2-tuple of int*) – The location of alleles in the reference sequence as (start, end). Interbase coordinates.
- **alleles** (*iterable of str*) – The sequences to be normalized. The first element corresponds to the reference sequence being unchanged and must be `None`.
- **bounds** (*2-tuple of int, optional*) – Maximal extent of normalization left and right. Must be provided if sequence doesn't support `__len__`. Defaults to `(0, len(sequence))`.
- **mode** (*NormalizationMode Enum or string, optional*) – A `NormalizationMode` Enum or the corresponding string. Defaults to `EXPAND`. Set to `None` to skip shuffling. Does not affect trimming or anchoring.
- **anchor** (*int, optional*) – number of flanking residues left and right. Defaults to `0`.
- **trim** (*bool*) – indicates whether to trim the common prefix and suffix of alleles. Defaults to `True`. Set to `False` to skip trimming. Does not affect shuffling or anchoring.

Returns

(new_interval, [new_alleles])

Return type

tuple

Raises

- **ValueError** – If normalization mode is `VCF` and `anchor_length` is nonzero.
- **ValueError** – If the interval start is greater than the end.
- **ValueError** – If the first (reference) allele is not `None`.
- **ValueError** – If there are not at least two distinct alleles.

Examples

```
>>> sequence = "CCCCCCCACACACACTAGCAGCAGCA"
>>> normalize(sequence, interval=(22,25), alleles=(None, "GC", "AGCAC"), mode=
↳ 'TRIMONLY')
((22, 24), ('AG', 'G', 'AGCA'))
```

```
>>> normalize(sequence, interval=(22, 22), alleles=(None, 'AGC'), mode='RIGHTSHUFFLE')
↪
((29, 29), ('', 'GCA'))
```

```
>>> normalize(sequence, interval=(22, 22), alleles=(None, 'AGC'), mode='EXPAND')
((19, 29), ('AGCAGCAGCA', 'AGCAGCAGCAGCA'))
```

`bioutils.normalize.roll_left(sequence, alleles, ref_pos, bound)`

Determines common distance all alleles can be rolled (circularly permuted) left within the reference sequence without altering it.

Parameters

- **sequence** (*str*) – The reference sequence.
- **alleles** (*list of str*) – The sequences to be normalized.
- **ref_pos** (*int*) – The beginning index for rolling.
- **bound** (*int*) – The lower bound index in the reference sequence for normalization, hence also for rolling.

Returns

The distance that the alleles can be rolled.

Return type

int

`bioutils.normalize.roll_right(sequence, alleles, ref_pos, bound)`

Determines common distance all alleles can be rolled (circularly permuted) right within the reference sequence without altering it.

Parameters

- **sequence** (*str*) – The reference sequence.
- **alleles** (*list of str*) – The sequences to be normalized.
- **ref_pos** (*int*) – The start index for rolling.
- **bound** (*int*) – The upper bound index in the reference sequence for normalization, hence also for rolling.

Returns

The distance that the alleles can be rolled

Return type

int

`bioutils.normalize.trim_left(alleles)`

Removes common prefix of given alleles.

Parameters

alleles (*list of str*) – A list of alleles.

Returns

(number_trimmed, [new_alleles]).

Return type

tuple

Examples

```
>>> trim_left(["", "AA"])
(0, ['', 'AA'])
```

```
>>> trim_left(["A", "AA"])
(1, ['', 'A'])
```

```
>>> trim_left(["AT", "AA"])
(1, ['T', 'A'])
```

```
>>> trim_left(["AA", "AA"])
(2, ['', ''])
```

```
>>> trim_left(["CAG", "CG"])
(1, ['AG', 'G'])
```

`bioutils.normalize.trim_right(alleles)`

Removes common suffix of given alleles.

Parameters

alleles (*list of str*) – A list of alleles.

Returns

(number_trimmed, [new_alleles]).

Return type

tuple

Examples

```
>>> trim_right(["", "AA"])
(0, ['', 'AA'])
```

```
>>> trim_right(["A", "AA"])
(1, ['', 'A'])
```

```
>>> trim_right(["AT", "AA"])
(0, ['AT', 'AA'])
```

```
>>> trim_right(["AA", "AA"])
(2, ['', ''])
```

```
>>> trim_right(["CAG", "CG"])
(1, ['CA', 'C'])
```

1.1.9 biutils.seqfetcher module

Provides sequence fetching from NCBI and Ensembl.

`biutils.seqfetcher.fetch_seq(ac, start_i=None, end_i=None)`

Fetches sequences and subsequences from NCBI eutils and Ensembl REST interfaces.

Parameters

- **ac** (*str*) – The accession of the sequence to fetch.
- **start_i** (*int, optional*) – The start index (interbase coordinates) of the subsequence to fetch. Defaults to `None`. It is recommended to retrieve a subsequence by providing an index here, rather than by Python slicing the whole sequence.
- **end_i** (*int, optional*) – The end index (interbase coordinates) of the subsequence to fetch. Defaults to `None`. It is recommended to retrieve a subsequence by providing an index here, rather than by Python slicing the whole sequence.

Returns

The requested sequence.

Return type

`str`

Raises

- **RuntimeError** – If the syntax doesn't match that of any of the databases.
- **RuntimeError** – If the request to the database fails.

Examples

```
>>> len(fetch_seq('NP_056374.2'))
1596
```

```
>>> fetch_seq('NP_056374.2',0,10)    # This!
'MESRETLSSS'
```

```
>>> fetch_seq('NP_056374.2')[0:10]  # Not this!
'MESRETLSSS'
```

Providing intervals is especially important for large sequences:

```
>>> fetch_seq('NC_000001.10',2000000,2000030)
'ATCACACGTGCAGGAACCCTTTCCAAAGG'
```

This call will pull back 30 bases plus overhead; without the # interval, one would receive 250MB of chr1 plus overhead!

Essentially any RefSeq, Genbank, BIC, or Ensembl sequence may be # fetched.

```
>>> fetch_seq('NM_9.9')
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
RuntimeError: No sequence available for NM_9.9
```

```
>>> fetch_seq('QQ01234')
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
RuntimeError: No sequence fetcher for QQ01234
```

1.1.10 bioutils.sequences module

Simple functions and lookup tables for nucleic acid and amino acid sequences.

class bioutils.sequences.**StrEnum**(*value*)

Bases: str, Enum

utility class

class bioutils.sequences.**TranslationTable**(*value*)

Bases: *StrEnum*

An enum that controls switching between standard and selenocysteine translation tables.

selenocysteine = 'sec'

standard = 'standard'

bioutils.sequences.**aa1_to_aa3**(*seq*)

Converts string of 1-letter amino acids to 3-letter amino acids.

Should only be used if the format of the sequence is known; otherwise use `aa_to_aa3()`.

Parameters

seq (*str*) – An amino acid sequence as 1-letter amino acids.

Returns

The sequence as 3-letter amino acids.

Return type

str

Raises

KeyError – If the sequence is not of 1-letter amino acids.

Examples

```
>>> aa1_to_aa3("CATSARELAME")
'CysAlaThrSerAlaArgGluLeuAlaMetGlu'
```

```
>>> aa1_to_aa3(None)
```

bioutils.sequences.**aa3_to_aa1**(*seq*)

Converts string of 3-letter amino acids to 1-letter amino acids.

Should only be used if the format of the sequence is known; otherwise use `aa_to_aa1()`.

Parameters

seq (*str*) – An amino acid sequence as 3-letter amino acids.

Returns

The sequence as 1-letter amino acids.

Return type

str

Raises**KeyError** – If the sequence is not of 3-letter amino acids.**Examples**

```
>>> aa3_to_aa1("CysAlaThrSerAlaArgGluLeuAlaMetGlu")
'CATSARELAME'
```

```
>>> aa3_to_aa1(None)
```

bioutils.sequences.aa_to_aa1(seq)

Coerces string of 1- or 3-letter amino acids to 1-letter representation.

Parameters**seq** (str) – An amino acid sequence.**Returns**

The sequence as one of 1-letter amino acids.

Return type

str

Examples

```
>>> aa_to_aa1("CATSARELAME")
'CATSARELAME'
```

```
>>> aa_to_aa1("CysAlaThrSerAlaArgGluLeuAlaMetGlu")
'CATSARELAME'
```

```
>>> aa_to_aa1(None)
```

bioutils.sequences.aa_to_aa3(seq)

Coerces string of 1- or 3-letter amino acids to 3-letter representation.

Parameters**seq** (str) – An amino acid sequence.**Returns**

The sequence as one of 3-letter amino acids.

Return type

str

Examples

```
>>> aa_to_aa3("CATSARELAME")
'CysAlaThrSerAlaArgGluLeuAlaMetGlu'
```

```
>>> aa_to_aa3("CysAlaThrSerAlaArgGluLeuAlaMetGlu")
'CysAlaThrSerAlaArgGluLeuAlaMetGlu'
```

```
>>> aa_to_aa3(None)
```

`bioutils.sequences.complement(seq)`

Retrieves the complement of a sequence.

Parameters

seq (*str*) – A nucleotide sequence.

Returns

The complement of the sequence.

Return type

`str`

Examples

```
>>> complement("ATCG")
'TAGC'
```

```
>>> complement(None)
```

`bioutils.sequences.elide_sequence(s, flank=5, elision='...')`

Trims the middle of the sequence, leaving the right and left flanks.

Parameters

- **s** (*str*) – A sequence.
- **flank** (*int*, *optional*) – The length of each flank. Defaults to five.
- **elision** (*str*, *optional*) – The symbol used to represent the part trimmed. Defaults to `'...'`.
- **Returns** – `str`: The sequence with the middle replaced by `elision`.

Examples

```
>>> elide_sequence("ABCDEFGH IJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ")
'ABCDE...VWXYZ'
```

```
>>> elide_sequence("ABCDEFGH IJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ", flank=3)
'ABC...XYZ'
```

```
>>> elide_sequence("ABCDEFGH IJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ", elision="..")
'ABCDE..VWXYZ'
```

```
>>> elide_sequence("ABCDEFGHJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ", flank=12)
'ABCDEFGHJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ'
```

```
>>> elide_sequence("ABCDEFGHJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ", flank=12, elision=".")
'ABCDEFGHJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ'
```

`bioutils.sequences.looks_like_aa3_p(seq)`

Indicates whether a string looks like a 3-letter AA string.

Parameters

seq (*str*) – A sequence.

Returns

Whether the string is of the format of a 3-letter AA string.

Return type

bool

`bioutils.sequences.normalize_sequence(seq)`

Converts sequence to normalized representation for hashing.

Essentially, removes whitespace and asterisks, and uppercases the string.

Parameters

seq (*str*) – The sequence to be normalized.

Returns

The sequence as a string of uppercase letters.

Return type

str

Raises

RuntimeError – If the sequence contains non-alphabetic characters (besides '*').

Examples

```
>>> normalize_sequence("ACGT")
'ACGT'
```

```
>>> normalize_sequence(" A C G T * ")
'ACGT'
```

```
>>> normalize_sequence("ACGT1")
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
RuntimeError: Normalized sequence contains non-alphabetic characters
```

`bioutils.sequences.replace_t_to_u(seq)`

Replaces the T's in a sequence with U's.

Parameters

seq (*str*) – A nucleotide sequence.

Returns

The sequence with the T's replaced by U's.

Return type

str

Examples

```
>>> replace_t_to_u("ACGT")  
'ACGU'
```

```
>>> replace_t_to_u(None)
```

bioutils.sequences.**replace_u_to_t**(seq)

Replaces the U's in a sequence with T's.

Parameters

seq (str) – A nucleotide sequence.

Returns

The sequence with the U's replaced by T's.

Return type

str

Examples

```
>>> replace_u_to_t("ACGU")  
'ACGT'
```

```
>>> replace_u_to_t(None)
```

bioutils.sequences.**reverse_complement**(seq)

Converts a sequence to its reverse complement.

Parameters

seq (str) – A nucleotide sequence.

Returns

The reverse complement of the sequence.

Return type

str

Examples

```
>>> reverse_complement("ATCG")  
'CGAT'
```

```
>>> reverse_complement(None)
```

bioutils.sequences.**translate_cds**(seq, full_codons=True, ter_symbol='*',
translation_table=TranslationTable.standard)

Translates a DNA or RNA sequence into a single-letter amino acid sequence.

Parameters

- **seq** (*str*) – A nucleotide sequence.
- **full_codons** (*bool*, *optional*) – If True, forces sequence to have length that is a multiple of 3 and raises an error otherwise. If False, **ter_symbol** will be added as the last amino acid. This corresponds to biopython's behavior of padding the last codon with N's. Defaults to `True`.
- **ter_symbol** (*str*, *optional*) – Placeholder for the last amino acid if sequence length is not divisible by three and **full_codons** is False. Defaults to `'*'`
- **translation_table** ([TranslationTable](#), *optional*) – One of the options from the [TranslationTable](#). It indicates which codon to amino acid translation table to use. By default we will use the standard translation table for humans. To enable translation for selenoproteins, the [TranslationTable.selenocysteine](#) table can get used

Returns

The corresponding single letter amino acid sequence.

Return type

`str`

Raises

- **ValueError** – If **full_codons** and the sequence is not a multiple of three.
- **ValueError** – If a codon is undefined in the table.

Examples

```
>>> translate_cds("ATGCGA")
'MR'
```

```
>>> translate_cds("AUGCGA")
'MR'
```

```
>>> translate_cds(None)
```

```
>>> translate_cds("")
''
```

```
>>> translate_cds("AUGCG")
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
ValueError: Sequence length must be a multiple of three
```

```
>>> translate_cds("AUGCG", full_codons=False)
'M*'
```

```
>>> translate_cds("ATGTAN")
'MX'
```

```
>>> translate_cds("CCN")
'P'
```

```
>>> translate_cds("TRA")
'*'
```

```
>>> translate_cds("TTNTA", full_codons=False)
'X*'
```

```
>>> translate_cds("CTB")
'L'
```

```
>>> translate_cds("AGM")
'X'
```

```
>>> translate_cds("GAS")
'X'
```

```
>>> translate_cds("CUN")
'L'
```

```
>>> translate_cds("AUGCGQ")
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
ValueError: Codon CGQ at position 4..6 is undefined in codon table
```

1.1.11 bioutils.vmc_digest module

`bioutils.vmc_digest.vmc_digest(data, digest_size=24)`

Returns the VMC Digest as a Digest object, which has both bytes and string (URL-safe, Base 64) representations.

```
>>> d = vmc_digest("")
```

```
>>> str(d)
'z4PhNX7vuL3xVChQ1m2AB9Yg5AULVxXc'
```

```
>>> len(d), len(str(d))
(24, 32)
```

```
>>> str(vmc_digest("", 24))
'z4PhNX7vuL3xVChQ1m2AB9Yg5AULVxXc'
```

```
>>> vmc_digest("", 17)
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
ValueError: digest_size must be a multiple of 3
```

```
>>> vmc_digest("", 66)
Traceback (most recent call last):
...
ValueError: digest_size must be between 0 and 63 (bytes)
```

SHA-512 is 2x faster than SHA1 on modern 64-bit platforms. However, few applications require 512 bits (64 bytes) of key space. That larger size translates into proportionally larger key size requirements, with attendant performance implications. By truncating the SHA-512 digest [1], users may obtain a tunable level of collision avoidance.

The string returned by this function is Base 64 encoded with URL-safe characters [2], making it suitable for use with URLs or filesystem paths. Base 64 encoding results in an output string that is 4/3 the size of the input. If the length of the input string is not divisible by 3, the output is right-padded with equal signs (=), which have no information content. Therefore, this function requires that `digest_size` is evenly divisible by 3. (The resulting `vmc_digest` will be $4/3 * \text{digest_size}$ bytes.)

According to [3], the probability of a collision using b bits with m messages (sequences) is:

$$P(b, m) = m^2 / 2^{(b+1)}.$$

Note that the collision probability depends on the number of messages, but not their size. Solving for the number of messages:

$$m(b, P) = \sqrt{P * 2^{(b+1)}}$$

Solving for the number of *bits*:

$$b(m, P) = \log_2(m^2/P) - 1$$

For various values of m and P , the number of *bytes* required according to $b(m, P)$ rounded to next multiple of 3 is:

#m	P<1e-24	P<1e-21	P<1e-18	P<1e-15	P<1e-12	P<1e-09
1e+06	15	12	12	9	9	9
1e+09	15	15	12	12	9	9
1e+12	15	15	15	12	12	9
1e+15	18	15	15	15	12	12
1e+18	18	18	15	15	15	12
1e+21	21	18	18	15	15	15
1e+24	21	21	18	18	15	15

For example, given $1e+18$ expected messages and a desired collision probability $< 1e-15$, we use `digest_size = 15` (bytes).

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CHANGE LOG

4.1 0.4 Series

4.1.1 0.4.4 (2019-05-13)

Changes since 0.4.3 (2019-04-05).

Special Attention

- This is the last release in the 0.4 series.

Future biocommons packages will be tested and supported only on Python ≥ 3.6 (<https://github.com/biocommons/org/wiki/Migrating-to-Python-3.6>)

4.1.2 0.4.3 (2019-04-05)

Changes since 0.4.2 (2019-02-21).

New Features

- Fixes #16: Retry seqfetcher when rate limit exceeded [[92d7210](#)]

4.1.3 0.4.2 (2019-02-21)

Changes since 0.4.1 (2019-02-21).

Internal and Developer Changes

- reraise all requests exceptions (not just HTTPError) as RuntimeError [[daece64](#)]

4.1.4 0.4.1 (2019-02-21)

Changes since 0.4.0 (2018-11-11).

Other Changes

- expose underlying exception on http failure [9e56110]

Internal and Developer Changes

- updated badges [8f91ed1]
- added LICENSE [b3d6d64]
- added missing contributors definition [97f78b3]
- updated badge list [de2bf15]
- sync'd project files with eutils [3102695]

4.1.5 0.4.0 (2018-10-22)

Changes since 0.3.3 (2017-09-03).

Important Notice

Support for Python <3.6 will be dropped on 2019-03-31. See <https://github.com/biocommons/org/wiki/Migrating-to-Python-3.6>

New Features

- Closes #10: Support NCBI API keys (and NCBI_API_KEY env variable) [8739c98] (@timothyjlaurent)
- Closes #12: add infer_namespaces and infer_namespace functions [2a53c7f]
- Dropped biopython dependency [0382b86] (@afrubin)
- Added bioutils.sequences.py:elide_sequence() function [018a762]
- Added GRCh38.p12 [3876f36]

4.2 0.5 Series

4.2.1 0.5.7 (2022-06-13)

Changes since 0.5.6 (2022-06-09).

New Features

- Enable independent control of trimming and shuffling during normalization [[203ef4e](#)] (Ryan Gomoto)

4.2.2 0.5.6 (2022-06-09)

Changes since 0.5.5 (2021-05-05).

Bug Fixes

- fix [#36](#) by adding a new translation table ... ([#37](#)) [[b5d4d0f](#)] (Andreas Prlic)
- Fix test warnings and a new failure from [#36](#) [[22b5556](#)] (Reece Hart)

New Features

- Handle Ensembl transcript versions [[b3eaf83](#)] (Dave Lawrence)

Internal and Developer Changes

- Update Makefile to support newer bioutils conventions [[ed6eaf6](#)] (Reece Hart)
- Adopt GitHub Actions for testing and deployment [[35c6a7f](#)] (Reece Hart)
- Switch to Python 3.10 by default [[5895087](#)] (Reece Hart)

4.2.3 0.5.5 (2021-05-03)

Changes since 0.5.4 (2021-05-02).

Bug Fixes

- Don't retry sequence fetch with invalid coordinates [[94e80cd](#)] (pjcoenen)

4.2.4 0.5.4 (2021-05-02)

Changes since 0.5.3 (2021-04-14).

Internal and Developer Changes

- [#31](#): improve support for degenerate codons [[ebcec67](#)] (kayleeyuhas)

4.2.5 0.5.3 (2021-04-14)

Changes since 0.5.2 (2019-11-06).

New Features

- #29: Support ambiguity codes in translation [669a653] (kayleeyuhas)
- added bin/fasta-ga4gh-identifier [63d1078] (Reece Hart)

Internal and Developer Changes

- updated Makefile for Python 3.8 [29eecf5] (Reece Hart)
- fix failing test and reformat [7cc5ebb] (kayleeyuhas)
- improve variable names and use string instead of list [5d7484b] (kayleeyuhas)

4.2.6 0.5.2 (2019-11-06)

Changes since 0.5.1 (2019-07-31).

Special Attention

- Thanks to @trentwatt for significant documentation contributions! See <https://bioutils.readthedocs.io/en/master/> for his handiwork.

Other Changes

- Added changelogs for 0.5.0 and 0.5.1, which @reece forgot to include :-(
- #22 added function docs for all modules [c0090ed] (trentwatt)
- #23: fix setup.cfg description tags (*description* → *long-description*) [8945c04] (Reece Hart)

4.2.7 0.5.1 (2019-07-31)

Changes since 0.5.0 (2019-07-22).

Internal and Developer Changes

- Closes #26: Fix LICENSE filename typo that prevented wheel builds :-([df2fe4a] (Reece Hart)

4.2.8 0.5.0 (2019-07-22)

Changes since 0.4.4 (2019-05-13).

Special Attention

- All biocommons packages now require Python $\geq$ 3.6. See <https://github.com/biocommons/org/wiki/Migrating-to-Python-3.6>

New Features

- #18: Implemented comprehensive sequence normalization (trim, left, right, expand/voca, vcf) [36785fa] (Reece Hart)
- #20: implement hex-based digests à la refget [140a20e] (Reece Hart)
- Add support for cytobands, incl data files from UCSC [0ba4361] (Reece Hart)
- Added `accessions.py:coerce_namespace()` [e31e592] (Reece Hart)

Internal and Developer Changes

- Added `pytest-optional-tests`; use test alias in Makefile [ba9b993] (Reece Hart)
- Added trinuc normalization tests [cfe3a68] (Reece Hart)
- Added `vcrapy` to test requirements [95893f1] (Reece Hart)
- Moved source to `src/`; updated `setup.cfg` [ff45fb0] (Reece Hart)
- Removed `pip install` from `tox` in favor of `deps` [8c8f91a] (Reece Hart)
- Renamed `doc` → `docs` [1612e5c] (Reece Hart)
- Store assemblies as compressed json [ea79e71] (Reece Hart)
- Update tests to use new `vc` cassettes on optional tests (much faster!) [2001745] (Reece Hart)

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