

# Package ‘CNEr’

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axisTrack	<i>Example data for plotting annotation.</i>
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### Description

Five annotation tracks for plotting in Gviz.

### Usage

```
data(axisTrack)
data(cpgIslands)
data(refGenes)
data(ideoTrack)
```

### Details

These tracks are based on genome="hg19", chr = "chr11", start = 31000000L, end = 33000000L.

**Examples**

```
data(axisTrack)
data(cpgIslands)
data(refGenes)
data(ideoTrack)
```

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Axt-class

*Class "Axt"*


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**Description**

The Axt S4 object to hold a axt file.

**Usage**

```
## Constructors:
Axt(targetRanges=GRanges(), targetSeqs=DNASTringSet(),
     queryRanges=GRanges(), querySeqs=DNASTringSet(),
     score=integer(), symCount=integer())

## Accessor-like methods:
## S4 method for signature Axt
targetRanges(x)
## S4 method for signature Axt
targetSeqs(x)
## S4 method for signature Axt
queryRanges(x)
## S4 method for signature Axt
querySeqs(x)
## S4 method for signature Axt
score(x)
## S4 method for signature Axt
symCount(x)
## S4 method for signature Axt
nchar(x)
## ... and more (see Methods)
```

**Arguments**

targetRanges	Object of class "GRanges": The ranges of net alignments on reference genome.
targetSeqs	Object of class "DNASTringSet": The alignment sequences of reference genome.
queryRanges	Object of class "GRanges": The ranges of net alignments on query genome.
querySeqs	Object of class "DNASTringSet": The alignment sequences of query genome.
score	Object of class "integer": The alignment score.
symCount	Object of class "integer": The alignment length.
x	Object of class "Axt": A Axt object.

**Methods**

**[** signature(x = "Axt", i = "ANY", j = "ANY"): Axt getter

**c** signature(x = "Axt"): Axt concatenator.

**length** signature(x = "Axt"): Get the number of alignments.

**queryRanges** signature(x = "Axt"): Get the ranges of query genome.

**querySeqs** signature(x = "Axt"): Get the alignment sequences of query genome.

**score** signature(x = "Axt"): Get the alignment score.

**symCount,nchar** signature(x = "Axt"): Get the alignment lengths.

**targetRanges** signature(x = "Axt"): Get the ranges of reference genome.

**targetSeqs** signature(x = "Axt"): Get the alignment sequences of reference genome.

**Author(s)**

Ge Tan

**See Also**

[readAxt](#) [writeAxt](#) [subAxt](#)

**Examples**

```
showClass("Axt")
```

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axtDanRer7Hg19

*The dataset axtDanRer7Hg19, axtHg19DanRer7*

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**Description**

The example CNEs from part of hg19 and danRer7 comparison.

**Usage**

```
data(axtDanRer7Hg19)
  data(axtHg19DanRer7)
```

**Examples**

```
data(axtDanRer7Hg19)
```

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axtInfo	<i>axtInfo function</i>
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**Description**

Given the path of axt file, retrieve the alignments' withs information.

**Usage**

```
axtInfo(axtFiles)
```

**Arguments**

axtFiles            Object of character. The length can be one or more.

**Value**

A vector of integer is returned. It stores the withds of all the alignments.

**Author(s)**

Ge Tan

**See Also**

link{readAxt}

**Examples**

```
axtFilesHg19DanRer7 =  
  file.path(system.file("extdata", package="CNEr"),  
            "hg19.danRer7.net.axt")  
ans = axtInfo(axtFilesHg19DanRer7)
```

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binning-utils	<i>UCSC bin indexing system utility functions</i>
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**Description**

Utility functions for UCSC bin indexing system manipulation

**Usage**

```
binFromCoordRange(starts, ends)  
binRangesFromCoordRange(start, end)  
binRestrictionString(start, end, field="bin")
```

## Arguments

starts, ends	A vector of integers. A set of ranges.
start, end	A integer vector of length 1. A coordinate range.
field	Name of bin column. Default: "bin".

## Details

The UCSC bin indexing system was initially suggested by Richard Durbin and Lincoln Stein to speed up the SELECT of a SQL query for the rows overlapping with certain genome coordinate. The system first used in UCSC genome browser is described by Kent et. al. (2002).

## Value

For `binFromCoordRange`, it returns the bin number that should be assigned to a feature spanning the given range. Usually it is used when creating a database for the features.

For `binRangesFromCoordRange`, it returns the set of bin ranges that overlap a given coordinate range. It is usually used to find out the bins overlapped with a range. For SQL query, it is more convenient to use `binRestrictionString` than to use this function directly.

For `binRestrictionString`, it returns a string to be used in the WHERE section of a SQL SELECT statement that is to select features overlapping a certain range. \* USE THIS WHEN QUERYING A DB \*

## Author(s)

Ge Tan

## References

Kent, W. J., Sugnet, C. W., Furey, T. S., Roskin, K. M., Pringle, T. H., Zahler, A. M., & Hausler, A. D. (2002). The Human Genome Browser at UCSC. *Genome Research*, 12(6), 996-1006. doi:10.1101/gr.229102

[http://genomewiki.ucsc.edu/index.php/Bin\\_indexing\\_system](http://genomewiki.ucsc.edu/index.php/Bin_indexing_system)

## Examples

```
binFromCoordRange(starts=c(10003, 1000000), ends=c(10004, 1100000))
binRangesFromCoordRange(start=10000, end=2000000)
binRestrictionString(start=10000, end=2000000, field="bin")
```

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blatCNE

*Wrapper function of blat for CNEs*


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**Description**

This wrapper function blat the CNEs against the reference genome.

**Usage**

```
blatCNE(CNE, winSize, cutoffs1, cutoffs2, assembly1Twobit, assembly2Twobit,
        blatOptions=NULL, cutIdentity=90, tmpDir=tempdir(), blatBinary="blat")
```

**Arguments**

CNE	A object of data.frame. Usually it is generated from cneMerge function.
winSize	A object of integer. The window size used for identifying the CNEs, such as 50 or 30.
cutoffs1, cutoffs2	A object of integer. The CNEs with more than the cutoff hits on the reference genome are removed.
assembly1Twobit, assembly2Twobit	A object of character. The path of reference genome in two bit file format.
blatOptions	A object of character. When it is NULL, a bunch of preset parameters for blat will be given based on the winSize parameter.
cutIdentity	A object of integer. Sets minimum sequence identity (in percent) in blat. Default is 90.
tmpDir	A object of character. By default, the R's temp dir is used. You can specify other path if your R's temp dir is small.
blatBinary	A object of character. The path of blat binary.

**Details**

When winSize > 45, the blat options is "-tileSize=11 -minScore=30 -repMatch=1024".

When 35 < winSize <= 45, the blat options is "-tileSize=10 -minScore=28 -repMatch=4096".

When the winSize <= 35, the blat options is "-tileSize=9 -minScore=24 -repMatch=16384".

**Value**

A data.frame containing the CNEs is returned.

**Author(s)**

Ge Tan

## Examples

```
## Not run:
assemblyHg19Twobit = "/Users/gtan/CSC/CNEr/2bit/hg19.2bit"
assemblyDanRer7Twobit = "/Users/gtan/CSC/CNEr/2bit/danRer7.2bit"
cneBlatedDanRer7Hg19 = list()
for(i in 1:length(cneMergedDanRer7Hg19)){
  cneBlatedDanRer7Hg19[[names(cneMergedDanRer7Hg19)[i]]] =
  blatCNE(cneMergedDanRer7Hg19[[i]],
  as.integer(sub("\\d+_"," ", names(cneMergedDanRer7Hg19)[i])),
  cutoffs1=4L, cutoffs2=8L,
  assembly1Twobit=assemblyDanRer7Twobit,
  assembly2Twobit=assemblyHg19Twobit,
  blatBinary="blat")
}

## End(Not run)
```

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ceScan-methods

*ceScan function*


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## Description

This is the main function for conserved noncoding elements (CNEs) identification.

## Usage

```
ceScan(axts, tFilter, qFilter, qSizes, thresholds="49_50")
```

## Arguments

axts	A Axt object or character object with the paths of axt files.
tFilter	A GRanges object or character object with the path of bed file for target genome filter. This argument can also be missing when target filter is not available.
qFilter	A GRanges object or character object with the path of bed file for query genome filter. This argument can also be missing when query filter is not available.
qSizes	A Seqinfo object which contains the seqnames and seqlengths for query genome. This argument can be missing when qFilter is missing.
thresholds	A character object specifying the scanning windows and minimal score. It can be specified in the form of "45_50" with scanning windows 50 and minimal score 45. More than one thresholds can be provided.





```

bedDanRer7 = readBed(bedDanRer7Fn)
qSizesHg19 = fetchChromSizes("hg19")
qSizesDanRer7 = fetchChromSizes("danRer7")
CNEHg19DanRer7 = ceScan(axts=axtHg19DanRer7, tFilter=bedHg19,
                        qFilter=bedDanRer7, qSizes=qSizesDanRer7,
                        thresholds=c("45_50", "48_50", "49_50"))
CNEDanRer7Hg19 = ceScan(axts=axtDanRer7Hg19, tFilter=bedDanRer7,
                        qFilter=bedHg19, qSizes=qSizesHg19,
                        thresholds=c("45_50", "48_50", "49_50"))

```

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ceScanOneStep

*ceScanOneStep function*


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### Description

This function run cne detection in one function.

### Usage

```

ceScanOneStep(axt1, filter1=NULL, sizes1, assembly1, twoBit1,
              axt2, filter2=NULL, sizes2, assembly2, twoBit2,
              thresholds=c("49_50"), blatBinary="blat",
              blatCutoff1, blatCutoff2)

```

### Arguments

axt1,axt2	The axt object or axt filenames with each assembly as referecne.
filter1,filter2	The GRanges object or bed filenames.
sizes1,sizes2	A Seqinfo object which contains the seqnames and seqlengths for each assembly.
assembly1,assembly2	The assembly names.
twoBit1,twoBit2	The file names of two bit files of two assemblies.
thresholds	A character object specifying the scanning windows and minimal score. It can be specified in th form of "45_50" with scanning windows 50 and minial score 45. More than one thresholds can be provided.
blatBinary	A object of character. The path of blat binary.
blatCutoff1, blatCutoff2	A object of integer. The CNEs with more than the cutoff hits on the reference genome are removed.

### Value

An object CNE is returned.

**Author(s)**

Ge Tan

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CNE-class	<i>Class "CNE"</i>
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**Description**

This class is used to store all intermediate and final results of CNE.

**Usage**

```

### Constructors:
CNE(assembly1=character(), assembly2=character(), thresholds=character(),
    CNE1=list(), CNE2=list(), CNEMerged=list(), CNERepeatsFiltered=list(),
    alignMethod=character())

### Accessor-like methods:
## S4 method for signature CNE
assembly1(x)
## S4 method for signature CNE
assembly2(x)
## S4 method for signature CNE
thresholds(x)
## S4 method for signature CNE
CNE1(x)
## S4 method for signature CNE
CNE2(x)
## S4 method for signature CNE
CNEMerged(x)
## S4 method for signature CNE
CNERepeatsFiltered(x)

## ... and more (see Methods)

```

**Arguments**

assembly1	Object of class "character": The name of assembly1.
assembly2	Object of class "character": The name of assembly2.
thresholds	Object of class "character": The thresholds of CNE scan: window size and identity score in the form of "49_50".
CNE1	Object of class "list": The preliminary CNEs from axt file with assembly1 as reference.
CNE2	Object of class "list": The preliminar CNEs from axt file with assembly2 as reference.

CNEMerged	Object of class "list": The CNEs after merging CNE1 and CNE2.
CNERepeatsFiltered	Object of class "list": The CNEs after being realigned back to reference genome, with blat in current implementation.
alignMethod	Object of class "character": The method to realign CNEs back to reference genome.
x	Object of class "CNE": A "CNE" object.

## Methods

- assembly1** signature(x = "CNE"): Get the assembly1 name.
- assembly2** signature(x = "CNE"): Get the assembly2 name.
- CNE1** signature(x = "CNE"): Get the CNE1 results.
- CNE2** signature(x = "CNE"): Get the CNE2 results.
- CNEMerged** signature(x = "CNE"): Get the merged CNE results.
- CNERepeatsFiltered** signature(x = "CNE"): Get the final CNE results.
- thresholds** signature(x = "CNE"): Get the thresholds used for scanning CNEs.

## Author(s)

Ge Tan

## Examples

```
showClass("CNE")
```

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cneBlatedDanRer7Hg19 *The dataset cneBlatedDanRer7Hg19*

---

## Description

This example dataset is the CNEs between hg19 and danRer7 after running blat program at the thresholds "45\_50", "48\_50" and "49\_50".

## Usage

```
data(cneBlatedDanRer7Hg19)
```

## Examples

```
data(cneBlatedDanRer7Hg19)
```

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 CNEDanRer7Hg19

*CNEHg19DanRer7 and CNEHg19DanRer7 dataset*


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**Description**

These two datasets are the direct output from ceScan.

**Usage**

```
data(CNEDanRer7Hg19)
```

**Examples**

```
data(CNEDanRer7Hg19)
```

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 CNEDensity-methods

*CNEDensity function*


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**Description**

This function queries the database and generates the CNEs density values.

**Usage**

```
CNEDensity(dbName, tableName, assembly1, assembly2, threshold,
           chr, start, end, windowSize, minLength=NULL)
```

**Arguments**

dbName	A object of character, the path of the local SQLite database.
tableName	A object of character, the name of table for this CNE data table. It can be missing when assembly1, assembly2 and threshold are provided.
assembly1	A object of character, the assembly to search.
assembly2	The comparison assembly. It can be missing when tableName is provided.
threshold	The threshold to search. It can be missing when tableName is provided.
chr	A object of character, the chromosome to query.
start, end	A object of integer, the start and end coordiante to fetch the CNEs.
windowSize	A object of integer, the window size in kb used to smooth the CNEs.
minLength	A object of integer, the minimal length of CNEs to fetch.

**Value**

A matrix is returned. The first column is the coordinates and the second column is the density values.

**Methods**

```
signature(tableName = "character", assembly1 = "character", assembly2 = "missing", threshold = "mis
```

```
signature(tableName = "missing", assembly1 = "character", assembly2 = "character", threshold = "cha
```

**Author(s)**

Ge Tan

**Examples**

```
dbName <- file.path(system.file("extdata", package="CNEr"),
                    "cne.sqlite")
chr <- "chr11"
start <- 31000000L
end <- 33000000L
windowSize <- 300L
minLength <- 50L
cneHg19DanRer7_45_50 <-
  CNEDensity(dbName=dbName,
             tableName="danRer7_hg19_45_50",
             assembly1="hg19", chr=chr, start=start,
             end=end, windowSize=windowSize,
             minLength=minLength)
cneHg19DanRer7_48_50 <-
  CNEDensity(dbName=dbName,
             tableName="danRer7_hg19_45_50",
             assembly1="hg19", chr=chr, start=start,
             end=end, windowSize=windowSize,
             minLength=minLength)
cneHg19DanRer7_49_50 <-
  CNEDensity(dbName=dbName,
             tableName="danRer7_hg19_45_50",
             assembly1="hg19", chr=chr, start=start,
             end=end, windowSize=windowSize,
             minLength=minLength)
```

---

cneHg19DanRer7\_45\_50 *These datasets of CNE density values.*

---

**Description**

These three datasets are output from CNEDensity.

**Usage**

```
data(cneHg19DanRer7_45_50)
```

**Examples**

```
data(cneHg19DanRer7_45_50)
data(cneHg19DanRer7_48_50)
data(cneHg19DanRer7_49_50)
```

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cneMerge	<i>CNE merge function</i>
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**Description**

Remove the CNEs which overlap on both genomes.

**Usage**

```
cneMerge(cne1, cne2)
```

**Arguments**

cne1, cne2      A object of data.frame. The result from ceScan.

**Value**

A data.frame of CNEs is returned. In this table, the order of columns are consistent with cne1. For instance, if cne1 has the first three columns for zebrafish and next three columns for human, in the merged table, the first three columns are still the coordinates for zebrafish while the next three columns are coordinates for human.

**Author(s)**

Ge Tan

**Examples**

```
data(CNEHg19DanRer7)
data(CNEDanRer7Hg19)
cneMergedDanRer7Hg19 = mapply(cneMerge, CNEDanRer7Hg19, CNEHg19DanRer7,
                             SIMPLIFY=FALSE)
```

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fetchChromSizes      *fetchChromSizes function.*

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### **Description**

This function tries to automate the fetch of chrom sizes for assembly from UCSC and other sources.

### **Usage**

```
fetchChromSizes(assembly)
```

### **Arguments**

assembly      A character object: the canonical name of assembly, i.e., hg19 for UCSC.

### **Details**

This function utilises mysql query for UCSC assemblies.

### **Value**

A object of Seqinfo is returned.

### **Note**

Currently the assemblies from UCSC are supported.

### **Author(s)**

Ge Tan

### **Examples**

```
fetchChromSizes("hg19")  
fetchChromSizes("mm10")
```



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finalCNE	<i>finalCNE dataset</i>
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**Description**

One example dataset in CNE class.

**Usage**

```
data(finalCNE)
```

**Details**

This is a subset of CNEs between hg19 and danRer7 on chromosome 11, from 31000000L to 32500000L based on hg19 coordinate.

**Examples**

```
data(finalCNE)
```

---

qSizesDanRer7	<i>The chromosome sizes data.</i>
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**Description**

The chromosome sizes data of hg19 and danRer7.

**Usage**

```
data(qSizesDanRer7)  
data(qSizesHg19)
```

**Source**

<http://hgdownload.soe.ucsc.edu/downloads.html>

**Examples**

```
data(qSizesDanRer7)  
data(qSizesHg19)
```

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queryCNEData	<i>Query the CNEData package to fetch the CNEs</i>
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**Description**

Query the CNEData package to fetch the CNEs based on target, query species, winSize and identity.

**Usage**

```
queryCNEData(dbName, target, query, winSize, identity,
             type=c("target", "all"))
```

**Arguments**

dbName	The path of SQLite database.
target, query	The CNEs between target and query species.
winSize, identity	The thresholds of CNEs to fetch on identity over winSize.
type	Which set of CNEs are returned. When it is "all", the CNEs of target always on the left side of returned data.frame.

**Value**

A data.frame of CNEs coordinates in chr, start, end.

**Author(s)**

Ge Tan

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readAxt	<i>readAxt function.</i>
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**Description**

This function reads the axt files into a Axt object.

**Usage**

```
readAxt(axtFiles)
```

**Arguments**

axtFiles	Object of character. The length can be one or more.
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**Details**

This function reads the axt files. The coordinates in Axt object is 1-based.

**Value**

A object Axt is returned.

**Author(s)**

Ge Tan

**See Also**

[Axt](#)

**Examples**

```
axtFilesHg19DanRer7 = file.path(system.file("extdata", package="CNER"),
                                "hg19.danRer7.net.axt")
axtHg19DanRer7 = readAxt(axtFilesHg19DanRer7)
```

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readBed

*readBed function*

---

**Description**

readBed reads bed file with an embeded C IO function.

**Usage**

```
readBed.bedFile)
```

**Arguments**

bedFile            The path of bed file.

**Details**

This function is designed to read the bed file only with three mandatory columns, i.e., "chrom", "chromStart", "chromEnd". This function utilises the C interface for speedy import. For general bed file import, please use the `import.bed` from package `rtracklayer`.

In bed file, the "chromStart" is on 0-based coordinate while "chromEnd" is on 1-based coordinate. For example, the first 100 bases of a chromosome are defined as chromStart=0, chromEnd=100, and span the bases numbered 0-99. When it is read into GRanges, both the chromStart and chromEnd are on 1-based coordinate, i.e., chromStart=1 and chromEnd=100.

**Value**

A GRanges is returned. When no strand information is available in bed file, all the ranges are assumed to be on the positive strand.

**Author(s)**

Ge Tan

**See Also**

[import.bed](#)

**Examples**

```
bedHg19Fn = file.path(system.file("extdata", package="CNEr"),
                      "filter_regions.hg19.bed")
bedHg19 = readBed(bedHg19Fn)
```

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readCNERangesFromSQLite

*readCNERangesFromSQLite function*

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**Description**

Query the SQLite database based on chromosome, coordinates and some other criterias. Usually not to be used directly. For the CNE density plot, fetchCNEDensity function should be used.

**Usage**

```
readCNERangesFromSQLite(dbName, tableName, chr, start, end,
                        whichAssembly=c("L", "R"), minLength=NULL)
```

**Arguments**

dbName	A object of character, the path of the local SQLite database.
tableName	A object of character, the name of table for this CNE data table.
chr	A object of character, the chromosome to query
start, end	A object of integer, the start and end coordinate to fetch the CNEs.
whichAssembly	A object of character, the genome to fetch is in the "Left" columns or "Right" columns of the table.
minLength	A object of integer, the minimal length for selected CNEs.

**Value**

A object of IRanges is returned

**Author(s)**

Ge Tan

**Examples**

```
dbName <- file.path(system.file("extdata", package="CNEr"),
                      "cne.sqlite")
chr <- "chr11"
start <- 31000000L
end <- 33000000L
minLength <- 50L
tableName <- "danRer7_hg19_45_50"
fetchedCNERanges <- readCNERangesFromSQLite(dbName, tableName, chr,
                                             start, end, whichAssembly="L",
                                             minLength=minLength)
```

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`reverseCigar`*reverseCigar function*

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**Description**

This function reverses the cigar string, i.e., 20M15I10D will be reversed to 10D15I20M.

**Usage**

```
reverseCigar(cigar, ops=CIGAR_OPS)
```

**Arguments**

<code>cigar</code>	A character vector of cigar strings.
<code>ops</code>	A character vector of the extended CIGAR operations. By default, CIGAR_OPS is used.

**Value**

A character vector contains the reversed cigar strings.

**Author(s)**

Ge Tan

**See Also**[cigar-utils](#)**Examples**

```
cigar = c("20M15I10D", "10D15I20M")
reverseCigar(cigar)
```

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 saveCNEToSQLite-methods

*saveCNEToSQLite function*


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## Description

This function save the CNE results into a local SQLite database.

## Usage

```
saveCNEToSQLite(CNE, dbName, tableName, overwrite=FALSE)
```

## Arguments

CNE	An object of data.frame, the CNE data table or an object of CNE.
dbName	An object of character, the path of the local SQLite database.
tableName	An object of character, the name of table for this CNE data table, or missing when CNE is an object of CNE.
overwrite	An object of boolean, whether or not to overwrite the table with same table name.

## Details

The input CNE table should have the colnames "chr1", "start1", "end1", "chr2", "start2", "end2", "strand", "similarity", "cigar". After the bin indexing, two additional columns "bin1" and "bin2" will be added before the column "chr1" and "chr2", respectively.

If the input CNE is a CNE object, the tableName will be a combination of assembly names and thresholds. For instance, "danRer7\_hg19\_49\_50" for "hg19" and "danRer7" with threshold "49\_50".

## Author(s)

Ge Tan

## Examples

```
dbName = tempfile()
data(cneBlatedDanRer7Hg19)
for(i in 1:length(cneBlatedDanRer7Hg19)){
  tableName = paste("danRer7_hg19", names(cneBlatedDanRer7Hg19)[i],
    sep="_")
  saveCNEToSQLite(cneBlatedDanRer7Hg19[[i]], dbName, tableName,
    overwrite=TRUE)
}
data(finalCNE)
saveCNEToSQLite(finalCNE, dbName=dbName, overwrite=TRUE)
```

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subAxt-methods	subAxt <i>method</i>
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**Description**

Get subset of Axt alignments based on chromosome and ranges.

**Usage**

```
subAxt(x, chr, start, end, select=c("target", "query"), qSize=NULL)
```

**Arguments**

x	A object of Axt.
chr	A object of character. The chromosome name to extract.
start, end	A object of integer. These ranges should be based on the positive strand. When select is "query", the reverse complement alignments which lay inside this range will also be selected.
select	When select is "target", the subset criteria is for target alignments in axts. When select is "query", the subset criteria is for query alignments in axts.
qSize	When select is "query", qSize must be provided and is the length of chromosome chr.

**Details**

Usually when we want to subset some axts from a Axt object, we care about all the axts within certain range. The axts can come from the axt file with chr as reference (i.e., target sequence), or the axt file with chr as query sequence. When the chr is query sequence, it can be on the negative strand. Hence, the size of chromosome is necessary to convert the search range to a range on negative strand coordinate.

When one axt is partially overlapped with the range, subset of the axt will be extract. If the extracted axt alignment has gaps at the beginning or the end, the gap columns will be chopped. Therefore, the coordinate of alignments will be changed accordingly.

**Value**

A subset of Axt object is returned.

**Author(s)**

Ge Tan

## Examples

```
axtFilesHg19DanRer7 <- file.path(system.file("extdata", package="CNEr"),
                                "hg19.danRer7.net.axt")
axtHg19DanRer7 <- readAxt(axtFilesHg19DanRer7)
subAxt(axtHg19DanRer7, chr="chr11", start=31500000, end=32500000,
       select="target")
subAxt(axtHg19DanRer7, chr="chr11", start=c(31082021, 32461267),
       end=c(31082862,32461581), select="target")
```

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writeAxt

writeAxt *function*

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## Description

Write an axt object into file.

## Usage

```
writeAxt(axt, con)
```

## Arguments

axt	A Axt object to be written.
con	A connection object or a character string.

## Author(s)

Ge Tan

## See Also

[readAxt](#)

## Examples

```
axtFilesHg19DanRer7 = file.path(system.file("extdata", package="CNEr"),
                                "hg19.danRer7.net.axt")
axtHg19DanRer7 = readAxt(axtFilesHg19DanRer7)
writeAxt(axtHg19DanRer7, con=tempfile())
```



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