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**Description** Genome level Trellis graph visualizes genomic data conditioned by genomic categories (e.g. chromosomes). For each genomic category, multiple dimensional data which are represented as tracks describe different features from different aspects. This package provides high flexibility to arrange genomic categories and to add self-defined graphics in the plot.

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add\_heatmap\_track

add heatmap to a new track

# Description

add heatmap to a new track

# Usage

```
add_heatmap_track(gr, mat, fill, border = NA, track = current_track() + 1, ...)
```

# Arguments

gr	genomic regions, it can be a data frame or a GRanges object
mat	matrix in which rows correspond to intervals in gr
fill	a color mapping function which maps values to colors. Users can consider colorRamp2 to generate a color mapping function.
border	border of the grids in heatmap
track	which track the graphics will be added to. By default it is the next track. The value should only be a scalar.
	other arguments passed to add track

## Value

No value is returned.

# Author(s)

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#### See Also

```
add_rect_track, add_track
```

# **Examples**

```
require(circlize)
bed = generateRandomBed(200)
col_fun = colorRamp2(c(-1, 0, 1), c("green", "black", "red"))
gtrellis_layout(nrow = 3, byrow = FALSE, track_axis = FALSE)
mat = matrix(rnorm(nrow(bed)*4), ncol = 4)
add_heatmap_track(bed, mat, fill = col_fun)
```

add\_ideogram\_track

Add ideogram track

## **Description**

Add ideogram track

#### Usage

```
add_ideogram_track(cytoband = system.file("extdata", "cytoBand.txt",
    package = "circlize"), species = NULL, track = current_track() + 1)
```

# **Arguments**

cytoband	Path of the cytoband file or a data frame that already contains cytoband data. Pass to read.cytoband.
species	Abbreviations of species. e.g. hg19 for human, mm10 for mouse. If this value is specified, the function will download cytoBand.txt.gz from UCSC ftp automatically. Pass to read.cytoband.
track	which track the ideogram is added in. By default it is the next track in the layout.

#### **Details**

A track which contains ideograms will be added to the plot.

The function tries to download cytoband file from UCSC ftp. If there is no cytoband file available for the species, there will be an error.

# Value

No value is returned.

# Author(s)

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## **Examples**

```
\# There is no example NULL
```

add\_lines\_track

add lines to a new or exsited track

## **Description**

add lines to a new or exsited track

## Usage

```
add_lines_track(gr, value, area = FALSE, baseline = "bottom", gp = gpar(), ...)
```

# **Arguments**

gr genomic regions, it can be a data frame or a GRanges object

value numeric values associated with gr

area whether draw polygon for the area under the line

baseline baseline for drawing polygon

gp graphic settings, should be specified by gpar.

... other arguments passed to add\_track

# Value

No value is returned.

#### Author(s)

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```
require(circlize)
bed = generateRandomBed(200)
gtrellis_layout(n_track = 2, track_ylim = rep(range(bed[[4]]), 2), nrow = 3, byrow = FALSE)
add_lines_track(bed, bed[[4]])
add_lines_track(bed, bed[[4]], area = TRUE, gp = gpar(fill = "grey", col = NA))
```

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add\_points\_track

add points to a new or exsited track

# Description

add points to a new or exsited track

# Usage

```
add_points_track(gr, value, pch = 16, size = unit(1, "mm"), gp = gpar(), ...)
```

# Arguments

gr	genomic regions, it can be a data frame or a GRanges object
value	numeric values associated with gr
pch	shape of points
size	size of points, should be a unit object
gp	graphic settings, should be specified by gpar.
	other arguments passed to add_track

# Value

No value is returned.

## Author(s)

Zuguang Gu <z.gu@dkfz.de>

```
require(circlize)
bed = generateRandomBed()
gtrellis_layout(track_ylim = range(bed[[4]]), nrow = 3, byrow = FALSE)
add_points_track(bed, bed[[4]], gp = gpar(col = ifelse(bed[[4]] > 0, "red", "green")))
```

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add\_rect\_track

add retangles to a new or exsited track

# Description

add retangles to a new or exsited track

# Usage

```
add_rect_track(gr, h1, h2, gp = gpar(), ...)
```

# Arguments

gr	genomic regions, it can be a data frame or a GRanges object
h1	top/bottom positions for rectangles
h2	top/bottom positions for rectangles
gp	graphic settings, should be specified by gpar.
	other arguments passed to add_track

## Value

No value is returned.

## Author(s)

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#### See Also

```
add_heatmap_track, add_track
```

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add\_segments\_track

add segments to a new or exsited track

## **Description**

add segments to a new or exsited track

## Usage

```
add_segments_track(gr, value, gp = gpar(), ...)
```

## **Arguments**

```
gr genomic regions, it can be a data frame or a GRanges object value numeric values associated with gr graphic settings, should be specified by gpar.
... other arguments passed to add_track
```

#### Value

No value is returned.

#### Author(s)

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#### **Examples**

```
require(circlize)
bed = generateRandomBed(nr = 100)
gtrellis_layout(track_ylim = range(bed[[4]]), nrow = 3, byrow = FALSE)
add_segments_track(bed, bed[[4]], gp = gpar(col = ifelse(bed[[4]] > 0, "red", "green"), lwd = 4))
```

add\_track

Add self-defined graphics track by track

#### **Description**

Add self-defined graphics track by track

# Usage

```
add_track(gr = NULL, category = NULL, track = current_track() + 1,
    clip = TRUE, panel_fun = function(gr) NULL, panel.fun = NULL,
    use_raster = FALSE,
    raster_device = c("png", "jpeg", "tiff", "CairoPNG", "CairoJPEG", "CairoTIFF"),
    raster_quality = 1,
    raster_device_param = list())
```

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#### **Arguments**

gr	genomic regions. It should be a data frame in BED format or a GRanges object.			
category	subset of categories (e.g. chromosomes) that users want to add graphics. The value can be a vector which contains more than one category. By default it is all available categories.			
track	which track the graphics will be added to. By default it is the next track. The value should only be a scalar.			
clip	whether graphics are restricted inside the cell.			
panel_fun	self-defined panel function to add graphics in each 'cell'. THe argument gr in panel_fun only contains data for the current category which is a subset of the main gr. The function can also contains no argument if nothing needs to be passed in.			
panel.fun	deprecated			
use_raster	whether render the each panel as a raster image. It helps to reduce file size when the file size is huge.			
raster_device	graphic device which is used to generate the raster image			
raster_quality	a value set to larger than 1 will improve the quality of the raster image. A temporary image with raster_quality*raster_quality times the original size of panel is generated first and then fit into the panel by grid.raster.			
raster_device_param				
	a list of further parameters for the selected graphic device			

#### **Details**

Initialization of the Trellis layout and adding graphics are two independent steps. Once the layout initialization finished, each cell will be an independent plotting region. As same as panel\_fun in circlize-package, the self-defined function panel\_fun will be applied on every cell in the specified track (by default it is the 'current' track).

When adding graphics in each cell, get\_cell\_meta\_data can return several meta data for the current cell.

Since this package is implemented by the grid graphic system, grid-family functions (such as grid.points, grid.rect, ...) should be used to add graphics. The usage of grid functions is quite similar as the traditional graphic functions. Followings are several examples:

```
grid.points(x, y)
grid.lines(x, y)
grid.rect(x, y, width, height)
```

Graphical parameters are usually passed by gpar:

```
grid.points(x, y, gp = gpar(col = "red")
grid.rect(x, y, width, height, gp = gpar(fill = "black", col = "red"))
```

grid system also support a large number of coordinate measurement systems by defining proper unit object which provides high flexibility to place graphics on the plotting regions.

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```
grid.points(x, y, default.units = "npc")
grid.rect(x, y, width = unit(1, "cm"))
```

You can refer to the documentations and vignettes of grid-package to get a overview.

## Value

No value is returned.

## Author(s)

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#### See Also

There are several functions which draw specific graphics and are implemented by add\_track:

- add\_points\_track
- add\_segments\_track
- add\_lines\_track
- add\_rect\_track
- add\_heatmap\_track

# **Examples**

```
\# There is no example NULL
```

current\_track

The index of current track

# **Description**

The index of current track

## Usage

```
current_track()
```

# Value

No value is returned.

# Author(s)

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## **Examples**

```
# There is no example NULL
```

get\_cell\_meta\_data

Get meta data in a cell

# Description

Get meta data in a cell

## Usage

```
get_cell_meta_data(name, category, track)
```

## **Arguments**

name name of the supported meta data, see 'details' section.
category which category. By default it is the current category.
track which track. By default it is the current track.

#### **Details**

Following meta data can be retrieved:

name name of the category.

xlim xlim without including padding. Cells in the same column share the same xlim. ylim ylim without including padding.
extended\_xlim xlim with padding.
extended\_ylim ylim with padding.
original\_xlim xlim in original data.
original\_ylim ylim in original data.
column which column in the layout.
row which row in the layout.

track which track in the layout.

The vignette has a graphical explanation of all these meta data.

#### Value

Corresponding meta data that user queried.

# Author(s)

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#### **Examples**

```
# There is no example NULL
```

gtrellis\_layout

Initialize genome-level Trellis layout

## Description

Initialize genome-level Trellis layout

#### **Usage**

```
gtrellis_layout(data = NULL, category = NULL,
    species = NULL, nrow = NULL, ncol = NULL,
    n_track = 1, track_height = 1, track_ylim = c(0, 1),
    track_axis = TRUE, track_ylab = "", ylab_rot = 90, title = NULL,
    xlab = "Genomic positions", xaxis = TRUE, xaxis_bin = NULL,
    equal_width = FALSE, compact = FALSE, border = TRUE, asist_ticks = TRUE,
    xpadding = c(0, 0), ypadding = c(0, 0), gap = unit(1, "mm"),
    byrow = TRUE, newpage = TRUE, add_name_track = FALSE,
    name_fontsize = 10, name_track_fill = "#EEEEEE",
    add_ideogram_track = FALSE, ideogram_track_height = unit(2, "mm"),
    axis_label_fontsize = 6, lab_fontsize = 10, title_fontsize = 16,
    legend = list(), legend_side = c("right", "bottom"),
    padding = unit(c(2, 2, 2, 2), "mm"), remove_chr_prefix = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

data

a data frame with at least three columns. The first three columns should be genomic categories (e.g. chromosomes), start positions and end positions. This data frame is used to extract ranges for each genomic category (minimal and maximal positions are taken as the range in the corresponding category).

category

subset of categories. It is also used for ordering.

species

Abbreviations of species. e.g. hg19 for human, mm10 for mouse. If this value is specified, the function will download chromInfo.txt.gz from UCSC ftp automatically. Short scaffolds will be removed if they have obvious different length as others. Non-normal chromosomes will also be detected and removed. Sometimes this detection is not always correct and if you find chromosomes shown on the plot is not what you expect, set category manually. The argument is passed to read.chromInfo.

nrow ncol Number of rows in the layout. Number of columns in the layout.

n\_track

Number of tracks in each genomic category.

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track\_height height of tracks. It should be numeric which means the value is relative and will

be scaled into percent, or a unit object.

track\_ylim ranges on y axes of tracks. The value can be a vector of length two which means

all tracks share same y ranges, or a matrix with two columns, or a vector of length 2\*n\_track which will be coerced into the two-column matrix by rows.

track\_axis whether show y axes for tracks. The value is logical that can be either length

one or number of tracks.

track\_ylab labels for tracks on y axes. The value can be either length one or number of

tracks.

ylab\_rot value can only be 0 or 90.

title title of the plot.

xlab labels on x axes.

xaxis whether show x axes.

xaxis\_bin bin size for x axes.

equal\_width whether all columns in the layout have the same width. If TRUE, short categories

will be extended according to the longest category.

compact For the catgories which are put in a same row, will they be put compactly without

being aligned by columns.

border whether show borders.

asist\_ticks if axes ticks are added on one side in rows or columns, whether add ticks on the

other sides.

xpadding padding on x axes in each cell. Numeric value means relative ratio correspond-

ing to the cell width. Use I to set it as absolute value which is measured in the data viewport (the coordinate system corresponding to the real data). Currently

you cannot set it as a unit object.

ypadding padding on y axes in each cell. Only numeric value is allowed currently.

gap 0 or a unit object. If it is length two, the first element corresponds to the gaps

between rows and the second corresponds to the gaps between columns.

byrow arrange categories (e.g. chromosomes) by rows or by columns in the layout.

newpage whether call grid. newpage to create a new page.

add\_name\_track whether add a pre-defined name track (insert before the first track). The name

track is simply a track which only contains text. The default style of the name

track is simple, but users can self define their own by add\_track.

name\_fontsize font size for text in the name track. Note the font size also affects the height of

name track.

name\_track\_fill

filled color for name track.

add\_ideogram\_track

whether to add a pre-defined ideogram track (insert after the last track). If the cytoband data for specified species is not available, this argument is ignored. The ideogram track simply contains rectangles with different colors, implemented

by add\_track.

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ideogram\_track\_height

Height of ideogram track. The value should be a unit object.

axis\_label\_fontsize

font size for axis labels.

lab\_fontsize font size for x-labels and y-labels.

title\_fontsize font size for title.

legend a grob or Legends-class object, or a list of them.

legend\_side side of the legend

padding padding of the plot. Elements correspond to bottom, left, top, right paddings.

remove\_chr\_prefix

if chromosome names start with 'chr', whether to remove it.

#### **Details**

Genome-level Trellis graph visualizes genomic data conditioned by genomic categories (e.g. chromosomes). For each genomic category, multiple dimensional data which are represented as tracks describe different features from different aspects. The <a href="mailto:gtrellis\_layout">gtrellis\_layout</a> function arranges genomic categories on the plot in a quite flexible way. Then users apply add\_track to add self-defined graphics to the plot track by track.

For more detailed demonstration of the function, please refer to the vignette.

#### Value

No value is returned.

## Author(s)

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## See Also

```
add_track, add_ideogram_track
```

```
# There is no example NULL
```

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gtrellis\_show\_index

Show index on each cell

# Description

Show index on each cell

# Usage

```
gtrellis_show_index()
```

# **Details**

The function adds name and index of track for each cell. It is only for demonstration purpose.

# Value

No value is returned.

# Author(s)

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```
\hbox{\tt\# There is no example}\\ \hbox{\tt NULL}
```

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