

# Package ‘tidyCoverage’

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**Description** `tidyCoverage` framework enables tidy manipulation of collections of genomic tracks and features using `tidySummarizedExperiment` methods. It facilitates the extraction, aggregation and visualization of genomic coverage over individual or thousands of genomic loci, relying on `CoverageExperiment` and `AggregatedCoverage` classes. This accelerates the integration of genomic track data in genomic analysis workflows.

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|--------------------|------------------|
| AggregatedCoverage | <i>aggregate</i> |
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Description

Bin coverage contained in a CoverageExperiment into an AggregatedCoverage object.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'CoverageExperiment'
aggregate(x, bin = 1, ...)
```

Arguments

- x a CoverageExperiment object
- bin an integer to bin each assay by. The width of the AggregatedCoverage object should be a multiple of bin.
- ... ignored

Value

an AggregatedCoverage object

Examples

```
data(ce)
aggregate(ce, bin = 10)
```

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| as_tibble-methods | <i>as_tibble</i> |
|-------------------|------------------|

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**Description**

Coerce an CoverageExperiment or AggregatedCoverage object into a tibble

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'AggregatedCoverage'
as_tibble(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|     |                              |
|-----|------------------------------|
| x   | an CoverageExperiment object |
| ... | ignored                      |

**Value**

tibble

**Examples**

```
data(ac)
as_tibble(ac)
```

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|                    |                           |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| CoverageExperiment | <i>CoverageExperiment</i> |
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**Description**

```
#' @description
```

**Usage**

```
CoverageExperiment(tracks, features, ...)

coarsen(x, window, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'BigWigFileList,GRangesList'
CoverageExperiment(
  tracks,
  features,
  width = NULL,
  center = FALSE,
  scale = FALSE,
```

```

    ignore.strand = TRUE,
    window = 1,
    BPPARAM = BiocParallel::bpparam()
)

## S4 method for signature 'BigWigFileList,GRanges'
CoverageExperiment(tracks, features, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'BigWigFileList,list'
CoverageExperiment(tracks, features, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'BigWigFile,GRangesList'
CoverageExperiment(tracks, features, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'BigWigFile,GRanges'
CoverageExperiment(tracks, features, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'BigWigFile,list'
CoverageExperiment(tracks, features, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'list,GRangesList'
CoverageExperiment(
  tracks,
  features,
  width = NULL,
  center = FALSE,
  scale = FALSE,
  ignore.strand = TRUE,
  window = 1,
  BPPARAM = BiocParallel::bpparam()
)

## S4 method for signature 'list,GRanges'
CoverageExperiment(tracks, features, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'list,list'
CoverageExperiment(tracks, features, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'RleList,GRangesList'
CoverageExperiment(tracks, features, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'RleList,GRanges'
CoverageExperiment(tracks, features, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'RleList,list'
CoverageExperiment(tracks, features, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'CoverageExperiment'

```

```
coarsen(x, window = 1, BPPARAM = BiocParallel::bpparam())
```

## Arguments

|               |                                                                                 |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| tracks        | A genomic track imported as a RleList or a <i>named</i> list of genomic tracks. |
| features      | A set of features imported as GRanges or a <i>named</i> GRangesList.            |
| ...           | Passed to the relevant method                                                   |
| x             | a CoverageExperiment object                                                     |
| window        | an integer to coarsen coverage by.                                              |
| width         | Width to resize each set of genomic features                                    |
| scale, center | Logical, whether to scale and/or center tracks prior to summarization           |
| ignore.strand | Logical, whether to not take the features strand information                    |
| BPPARAM       | Passed to BiocParallel.                                                         |

## Details

CoverageExperiment objects store coverages for individual tracks over different sets of features. The coverage assay contains a separate matrix for each combination of track x features. CoverageExperiment objects are instantiated using the CoverageExperiment() #' function, and can be coarsened using the coarsen() function.

## Value

A CoverageExperiment object

## Examples

```
library(rtracklayer)
library(purrr)
library(plyranges)
TSSs_bed <- system.file("extdata", "TSSs.bed", package = "tidyCoverage")
features <- import(TSSs_bed) |> filter(strand == '+')

#####
## 1. Creating a `CoverageExperiment` object from a single BigWigFile
#####

RNA_fwd <- system.file("extdata", "RNA.fwd.bw", package = "tidyCoverage")
tracks <- BigWigFile(RNA_fwd)
CoverageExperiment(tracks, features, width = 5000)

#####
## 2. Creating a `CoverageExperiment` object from a BigWigFileList
#####

RNA_rev <- system.file("extdata", "RNA.rev.bw", package = "tidyCoverage")
tracks <- BigWigFileList(list(RNA_fwd = RNA_fwd, RNA_rev = RNA_rev))
CoverageExperiment(tracks, features, width = 5000)
```

```
#####
## 3. Creating a `CoverageExperiment` object from imported bigwig files
#####

tracks <- list(
  RNA_fwd = system.file("extdata", "RNA.fwd.bw", package = "tidyCoverage"),
  RNA_rev = system.file("extdata", "RNA.rev.bw", package = "tidyCoverage")
) |> map(import, as = 'Rle')
CoverageExperiment(tracks, features, width = 5000)

#####
## 4. Correct for strandness when recovering coverage
#####

TSSs_bed <- system.file("extdata", "TSSs.bed", package = "tidyCoverage")
features <- list(
  TSS_fwd = import(TSSs_bed) |> filter(strand == '+'),
  TSS_rev = import(TSSs_bed) |> filter(strand == '-')
)
tracks <- list(
  RNA_fwd = system.file("extdata", "RNA.fwd.bw", package = "tidyCoverage"),
  RNA_rev = system.file("extdata", "RNA.rev.bw", package = "tidyCoverage")
) |> map(import, as = 'Rle')
CoverageExperiment(tracks, features, width = 5000, ignore.strand = FALSE)

#####
## Aggregating a `CoverageExperiment` object
#####
data(ce)
coarsen(ce, window = 10)
```

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data

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*Example CoverageExperiment and AggregatedCoverage objects*


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## Description

Two example objects are provided in the tidyCoverage package:

- ce: a CoverageExperiment dataset containing stranded RNA-seq coverage (forward and reverse) over Scc1 peaks ( $\pm$  1kb).
- ac: an AggregatedCoverage object obtained with aggregate(ce).

## Usage

```
data(ce)
```

```
data(ac)
```

**Format**

CoverageExperiment object containing 1 features set and 2 tracks.

AggregatedCoverage object containing 1 features set and 2 tracks.

**Details**

Data was generated in yeast (S288c) and aligned to reference R64-1-1.

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expand, CoverageExperiment

*Expand a CoverageExperiment object*

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**Description**

A CoverageExperiment object can be coerced into a tibble using the tidySummarizedExperiment package, but this will not turn each coverage matrix into a "long" format. The expand function provided here allows one to coerce a CoverageExperiment object into a long data frame, and adds the ranges and seqnames to the resulting tibble.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'CoverageExperiment'  
expand(data, ..., .name_repair = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|                   |                             |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| data              | a CoverageExperiment object |
| ..., .name_repair | ignored                     |

**Value**

a tibble object

**Examples**

```
data(ce)  
ce  
  
expand(ce)
```

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ggplot-tidyCoverage     *Plotting functions*


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**Description**

```
#' @description
```

**Usage**

```
geom_aggrcoverage(
  mapping = NULL,
  data = NULL,
  ...,
  unit = c("kb", "Mb", "b"),
  ci = TRUE,
  grid = FALSE,
  na.rm = FALSE,
  show.legend = NA,
  inherit.aes = TRUE
)

geom_coverage(
  mapping = NULL,
  data = NULL,
  ...,
  type = c("area", "line"),
  unit = c("kb", "Mb", "b"),
  grid = FALSE,
  na.rm = FALSE,
  show.legend = NA,
  inherit.aes = TRUE
)

scale_y_coverage()

scale_x_genome(unit = c("kb", "Mb", "b"))
```

**Arguments**

|                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| mapping                              | Aesthetics for geom_*. By default, no color/fill aesthetic is specified, but they can be assigned to a variable with mapping = aes(...). Note that x and y are automatically filled. |
| data                                 | Data frame passed to geom_*. Typically a CoverageExperiment object (expanded to a tibble) or a AggregatedCoverage object.                                                            |
| ..., na.rm, show.legend, inherit.aes | Argument passed to ggplot internal functions                                                                                                                                         |

|      |                                                                                                 |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| unit | Rounding of x axis (any of c('b', 'kb', 'Mb')).                                                 |
| ci   | Should the confidence interval be plotted by <code>geom_aggrcoverage()</code> ? (default: TRUE) |
| grid | Should the plot grid be displayed? (default: FALSE).                                            |
| type | Choose between "line" and "area" style for <code>geom_coverage()</code> .                       |

## Details

Plotting functions for tidyCoverage objects

## Value

A ggplot object

## Examples

```
library(rtracklayer)
library(plyranges)
library(ggplot2)
library(purrr)
TSSs_bed <- system.file("extdata", "TSSs.bed", package = "tidyCoverage")
features <- list(
  TSS_fwd = import(TSSs_bed) |> filter(strand == '+'),
  TSS_rev = import(TSSs_bed) |> filter(strand == '-'),
  conv_sites = import(system.file("extdata", "conv_transcription_loci.bed", package = "tidyCoverage"))
)
tracks <- list(
  RNA_fwd = system.file("extdata", "RNA.fwd.bw", package = "tidyCoverage"),
  RNA_rev = system.file("extdata", "RNA.rev.bw", package = "tidyCoverage"),
  Scc1 = system.file("extdata", "Scc1.bw", package = "tidyCoverage")
) |> map(import, as = 'Rle')
ce <- CoverageExperiment(tracks, features, width = 5000, center = TRUE, scale = TRUE)
ac <- aggregate(ce)

#####
## 1. Plotting aggregated coverage
#####

ac |>
  as_tibble() |>
  ggplot() +
  geom_aggrcoverage(aes(col = track)) +
  facet_grid(track ~ features) +
  geom_vline(xintercept = 0, color = 'black', linetype = 'dashed', linewidth = 0.5)

#####
## 2. Plotting track coverages over individual loci
#####

ce2 <- CoverageExperiment(
  tracks,
```

```
GRangesList(list(locus1 = "II:400001-455000", locus2 = "IV:720001-775000")),
window = 50
)
expand(ce2) |>
  mutate(coverage = ifelse(track != 'Sccl', scales::oob_squish(coverage, c(0, 50)), coverage)) |>
  ggplot() +
  geom_coverage(aes(fill = track)) +
  facet_grid(track~features, scales = 'free')
```

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|           |                                             |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------|
| reexports | <i>Objects exported from other packages</i> |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

These objects are imported from other packages. Follow the links below to see their documentation.

- dplyr** [as\\_tibble](#)
- S4Vectors** [aggregate](#)
- tidyr** [expand](#)

**Value**

Depending on the re-exported function

**Examples**

```
1 + 1
```

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|      |             |
|------|-------------|
| show | <i>show</i> |
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**Description**

show method for CoverageExperiment and AggregatedCoverage objects

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'CoverageExperiment'
show(object)

## S4 method for signature 'AggregatedCoverage'
show(object)

## S3 method for class 'CoverageExperiment'
print(x, ..., n = NULL)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'AggregatedCoverage'
print(x, ..., n = NULL)

## S3 method for class 'tidyCoverageExperiment'
tbl_format_header(x, setup, ...)

## S3 method for class 'tidyAggregatedCoverage'
tbl_format_header(x, setup, ...)
```

### Arguments

|        |                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| object | a CoverageExperiment or AggregatedCoverage object                                                                                                                                                       |
| x      | Object to format or print.                                                                                                                                                                              |
| ...    | Passed on to <code>tbl_format_setup()</code> .                                                                                                                                                          |
| n      | Number of rows to show. If NULL, the default, will print all rows if less than the <code>print_max</code> option. Otherwise, will print as many rows as specified by the <code>print_min</code> option. |
| setup  | a setup object returned from <code>pillar::tbl_format_setup()</code> .                                                                                                                                  |

### Value

Prints a message to the console describing the contents of the CoverageExperiment or AggregatedCoverage objects.

### Examples

```
data(ce)
print(ce)
data(ac)
print(ac)
```

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