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## 1 Introduction

Mutational processes leave characteristic footprints in genomic DNA. This package provides a comprehensive set of flexible functions that allows researchers to easily evaluate and visualize a multitude of mutational patterns in base substitution catalogues of e.g. tumour samples or DNA-repair deficient cells. The package covers a wide range of patterns including: mutational signatures, transcriptional and replicative strand bias, genomic distribution and association with genomic features, which are collectively meaningful for studying the activity of mutational processes. The package provides functionalities for both extracting mutational signatures *de novo* and determining the contribution of previously identified mutational signatures on a single sample level. MutationalPatterns integrates with common R genomic analysis workflows and allows easy association with (publicly available) annotation data.

Background on the biological relevance of the different mutational patterns, a practical illustration of the package functionalities, comparison with similar tools and software packages and an elaborate discussion, are described in the MutationalPatterns article, which is published in Genome Medicine in 2018: https://doi.org/10.1186/s13073-018-0539-0

### 2 Data

To perform the mutational pattern analyses, you need to load one or multiple VCF files with substitutions and/or indel calls and the corresponding reference genome.

## 2.1 List reference genome

List available genomes using BSgenome:

Download and load your reference genome of interest:

```
> ref_genome <- "BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19"
> library(ref_genome, character.only = TRUE)
```

## 2.2 Load example data

We provided an example data set with this package, which consists of a subset of somatic mutation catalogues of 9 normal human adult stem cells from 3 different tissues (Blokzijl et al., 2016). When own data is loaded, please pay attention that the files are in VCF format 4.2 or higher, which makes sure that all variants are loaded correctly.

Load the MutationalPatterns package:

```
> #library(MutationalPatterns)
> devtools::load_all("../R", export_all = FALSE)
```

Locate the VCF files of the example data:

Define corresponding sample names for the VCF files:

```
> sample_names <- c(
+ "colon1", "colon2", "colon3",
+ "intestine1", "intestine2", "intestine3",
+ "liver1", "liver2", "liver3")</pre>
```

Load the VCF files into a GRangesList:

```
> vcfs <- read_vcfs_as_granges(vcf_files, sample_names, ref_genome,
+ group = "auto+sex", check_alleles = TRUE)</pre>
```

```
Number of SNV Number of DBS Number of indel
                      200
                                       0
colon1
colon2
                      598
                                       1
                                                         0
colon3
                      450
                                       0
                                                         0
intestine1
                      150
                                       0
                                                         0
intestine2
                      800
                                       0
intestine3
                      500
                                       0
                                                         0
                                       0
liver1
                      300
                                                         0
liver2
                                       2
                                                         0
                      896
liver3
                      198
> summary(vcfs)
                   Class
                                 Mode
     Length
           9 GRangesList
                                   S4
```

Define relevant metadata on the samples, such as tissue type:

```
> tissue <- c(rep("colon", 3), rep("intestine", 3), rep("liver", 3))</pre>
```

## 3 Mutation characteristics

## 3.1 Single base substitution types

We can retrieve base substitutions from the VCF GRanges object as "REF>ALT" using mutations\_from\_vcf:

```
> muts = mutations_from_vcf(vcfs[[1]])
> head(muts, 12)
[1] "T>A" "T>C" "G>A" "A>C" "G>A" "A>G" "C>T" "A>G" "G>T" "A>G" "G>A" "G>A"
```

We can retrieve the base substitutions from the VCF GRanges object and convert them to the 6 types of base substitution types that are distinguished by convention: C>A, C>G, C>T, T>A, T>C, T>G. For example, when the reference allele is G and the alternative allele is G0. The convertible is G1. The convertible is G2. The convertible is G3. We can retrieve the substitution types that are distinguished by convention: G>A, G>G, G>T, G>G, G>G, G>T, and G>G1. The convertible is G3. The convertible is G4. The convertible is G5. The convertible is G6. T

```
> types = mut_type(vcfs[[1]])
> head(types, 12)
[1] "T>A" "T>C" "C>T" "T>G" "C>T" "T>C" "C>T" "T>C" "C>A" "T>C" "C>T" "C>T"
```

To retrieve the sequence context (one base upstream and one base downstream) of the single base substitutions in the VCF object from the reference genome, you can use the <a href="mut\_context">mut\_context</a> function:

With type\_context, you can retrieve the types and contexts for all positions in the VCF GRanges object. For the base substitutions that are converted to the conventional base substitution types, the reverse complement of the sequence context is returned.

With  $mut\_type\_occurrences$ , you can count mutation type occurrences for all VCF objects in the GRangesList. For C>T mutations, a distinction is made between C>T at CpG sites and other sites, as deamination of methylated cytosine at CpG sites is a common mutational process. For this reason, the reference genome is needed for this functionality.

```
> type_occurrences <- mut_type_occurrences(vcfs, ref_genome)
> type_occurrences
          C>A C>G C>T T>A T>C T>G C>T at CpG C>T other
colon1
                                         59
                5 111 13 31 12
                                                   52
colon2
           77 29 345 36
                          90 21
                                        151
                                                  194
colon3
           79 19 243 25
                          61 23
                                        165
                                                   78
                8 74 19
                                         33
intestine1 19
                          26
                               4
                                                   41
intestine2 118 49 423
                      57 126
                              27
                                        258
                                                  165
intestine3 54 27 298 32 67 22
                                        192
                                                  106
liver1
           43 22 94 30 77 34
                                         18
                                                  76
liver2
          144 93 274 103 209
                              73
                                         20
                                                  254
liver3
           39 28 61 15 32 23
                                          4
                                                   57
```

## 3.2 Mutation spectrum

A mutation spectrum shows the relative contribution of each mutation type in the base substitution catalogs. The plot\_spectrum function plots the mean relative contribution of each of the 6 base substitution types over all samples. Error bars indicate standard deviation over all samples. The total number of mutations is indicated.

```
> p1 <- plot_spectrum(type_occurrences)</pre>
```

Plot the mutation spectrum with distinction between C>T at CpG sites and other sites:

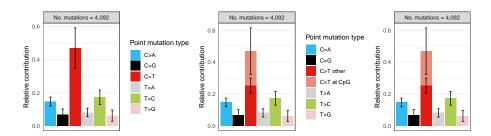
```
> p2 <- plot_spectrum(type_occurrences, CT = TRUE)
```

Plot spectrum without legend:

```
> p3 <- plot_spectrum(type_occurrences, CT = TRUE, legend = FALSE)
```

The gridExtra package will be used throughout this vignette to combine multiple plots:

```
> library("gridExtra")
> grid.arrange(p1, p2, p3, ncol=3, widths=c(3,3,1.75))
```



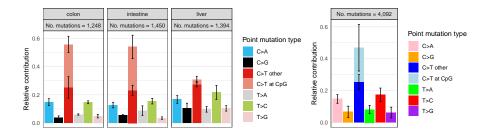
You can facet the per sample group, e.g. plot the spectrum for each tissue separately:

```
> p4 <- plot_spectrum(type_occurrences, by = tissue, CT = TRUE, legend = TRUE)
```

Define your own 7 colors for spectrum plotting:

```
> palette <- c("pink", "orange", "blue", "lightblue", "green", "red", "purple")
> p5 <- plot_spectrum(type_occurrences, CT=TRUE, legend=TRUE, colors=palette)</pre>
```

> grid.arrange(p4, p5, ncol=2, widths=c(4,2.3))



#### 3.3 Double base substitutions and indels

Not only single base substitutions can be retrieved from the VCF GRanges object, also double base substitutions and/or indels can be extracted, if they are present in the loaded VCF files. Double base substitutions have the format "REF:NN > ALT:NN" or they are two SNVs with consecutive positions. Indels must be in at least VCF format 4.2. That means that deletions have a REF with the deletion length and an ALT with length 1, and insertions have a REF of length 1 and an ALT with the insertion length. Moreover, the REF and ALT of indels only contains nucleotide letters (A, C, G and T), no other characters.

These two types of mutations are retrieved the same way as the single base substitutions: "REF>ALT", using mutations\_from\_vcf. Therefore set the argument type to a vector of the wanted mutation types. When multiple mutation types are requested, the output will be a list of mutation types.

For the double base substitutions and indels other data is used, which contain more variants of these mutation types. The data is from breast cancer organoids, described in the work of Sachs et al. ((Sachs et al., 2018)).

First store the old vcfs, in order to use them downstream:

```
> vcfs_tissues = vcfs
Then load the new data:
> vcf_files = list.files(system.file("extdata", package="MutationalPatterns"),
                           pattern = ".vcf", full.names = TRUE)
> vcf_files = vcf_files[1:3]
> sample_names = paste0("breast",1:3)
> vcfs_breast = read_vcfs_as_granges(vcf_files, sample_names, ref_genome, group = "auto+sex",
                              check_alleles = TRUE, dbs_format = "one-line")
        Number of SNV Number of DBS Number of indel
                 3627
breast1
                                  23
breast2
                12083
                                  65
                                                 2279
breast3
                 4722
                                  37
                                                 1536
> muts = mutations_from_vcf(vcfs_breast[[1]], type = c("dbs", "indel"))
> lapply(muts, head, 12)
 [1] "AT>GG" "CA>TG" "TG>CA" "GA>TT" "CA>GC" "AT>GG" "TG>CA" "AT>GC" "GT>TG" "TT>GG" "GC>AT"
[12] "TG>CA"
$indel
 [1] "TTCTC>T"
                                                                   "CCCACCCATCCAT>C"
                          "TTATA>T"
                                               "TTC>T"
 [5] "TTG>T"
                          "C>CT"
                                               "GCTGAAAAC>G"
                                                                   "T>TACAGTCTGTTGAGC"
 [9] "G>GA"
                          "ATC>A"
                                               "GTA>G"
                                                                   "AC>A"
```

To convert the double base substitutions to the 78 strand-agnostic types found in the COSMIC database, run the function mut\_type. The 1 basepair indels will also be converted to a "C" or "T" indel with this function:

```
> types = mut_type(vcfs_breast[[1]], type = c("dbs", "indel"))
> lapply(types, head, 12)
 [1] "AT>CC" "TG>CA" "TG>CA" "TC>AA" "TG>GC" "AT>CC" "TG>CA" "AT>GC" "AC>CA" "TT>GG" "GC>AT"
[12] "TG>CA"
$indel
 [1] "TTCTC>T"
                                                                    "CCCACCCATCCAT>C"
                          "TTATA>T"
                                               "TTC>T"
 [5] "TTG>T"
                          "C>CT"
                                               "GCTGAAAAC>G"
                                                                    "T>TACAGTCTGTTGAGC"
 [9] "G>GA"
                          "ATC>A"
                                               "GTA>G"
                                                                    "AC>A"
```

The insertions and deletions can be translated to a more clear definition, on which the indels can be grouped. Since there is no single intuitive and naturally constrained set of indel mutation types, it is possible to give an own definition of indels and to set global variables for this definition. For this the function <u>indel\_mutation\_type</u> can be used. To set the indel context following the COSMIC database, the default option, use:

```
> indel_mutation_type("cosmic")
Then the indel mutations can be translated with mut_context:
> context = mut_context(vcfs_breast[[1]], ref_genome, type = "indel")
> head(context, 12)
 [1] "del.rep.len.4.rep.6+"
                                "del.rep.len.4.rep.3"
                                                           "del.rep.len.2.rep.6+"
 [4] "del.rep.len.5+.rep.2"
                                "del.mh.len.2.bimh.1"
                                                           "ins.1bp.homopol.T.len.1"
 [7] "del.rep.len.5+.rep.1"
                                "ins.rep.len.5+.rep.1"
                                                           "ins.1bp.homopol.T.len.0"
                                                           "del.1bp.homopol.C.len.4"
[10] "del.rep.len.2.rep.6+"
                                "del.rep.len.2.rep.6+"
```

As with the single base substitutions, type\_context can be used to retrieve type and context information of all double base substitutions, insertions and deletions. The function will return the type and context information as a list of mutation types:

```
> type_context = type_context(vcfs_breast[[1]], ref_genome, type = c("dbs","indel"))
> lapply(type_context, function(x) lapply(x, head, 10))
$dbs
$dbs$types
 [1] "AT>CC" "TG>CA" "TG>CA" "TC>AA" "TG>GC" "AT>CC" "TG>CA" "AT>GC" "AC>CA" "TT>GG"
$indel
$indel$types
 [1] "TTCTC>T"
                                              "TTC>T"
                                                                   "CCCACCCATCCAT>C"
                         "TTATA>T"
 [5] "TTG>T"
                         "C>CT"
                                              "GCTGAAAAC>G"
                                                                   "T>TACAGTCTGTTGAGC"
 [9] "G>GA"
                         "ATC>A"
$indel$context
 [1] "del.rep.len.4.rep.6+"
                                "del.rep.len.4.rep.3"
                                                          "del.rep.len.2.rep.6+"
 [4] "del.rep.len.5+.rep.2"
                                "del.mh.len.2.bimh.1"
                                                          "ins.1bp.homopol.T.len.1"
 [7] "del.rep.len.5+.rep.1"
                               "ins.rep.len.5+.rep.1"
                                                          "ins.1bp.homopol.T.len.0"
[10] "del.rep.len.2.rep.6+"
```

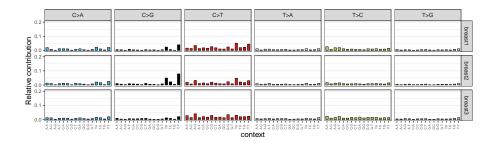
## 3.4 Mutational profiles

Make a 96 trinucleodide mutation count matrix:

```
> mut_mat <- mut_matrix(vcf_list = vcfs_breast, ref_genome = ref_genome)</pre>
> head(mut_mat)
        breast1 breast2 breast3
A[C>A]A
             72
                     159
                              60
             31
                               55
A[C>A]C
                     121
A[C>A]G
              5
                      23
                                9
             44
                               41
A[C>A]T
                     117
C[C>A]A
             42
                     144
                               48
C[C>A]C
             39
                     122
                               40
```

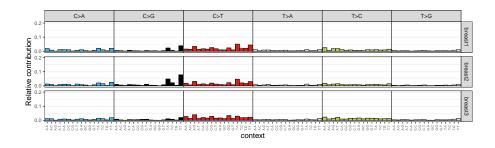
Plot the 96 profile of two samples:

#### > plot\_profiles(mut\_mat)



Plot 96 profile of two samples in a more condensed plotting format:

> plot\_profiles(mut\_mat, condensed = TRUE)



To plot the mutation profiles of different mutation types (SBS, DBS and/or indels), first make a list of mutation count matrices:

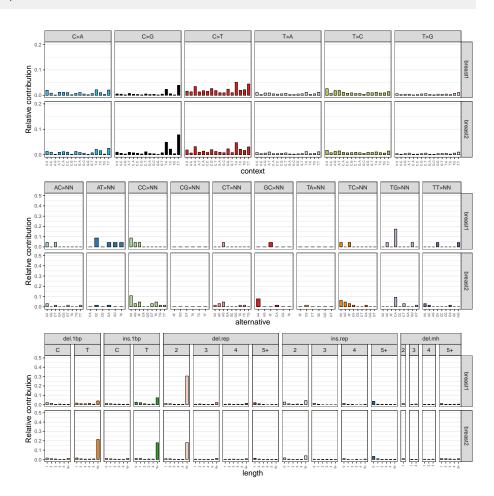
| <pre>&gt; mut_mat &lt;- mut_matrix(vcf_list = vcfs_breast, ref_genome = ref_genome, type = ' &gt; lapply(mut_mat, head)  \$snv</pre>   |           | _            |           |             |                | _          |               |        | ١   |
|--|-----------|--------------|-----------|-------------|----------------|------------|---------------|--------|-----|
| \$snv  breast1 breast2 breast3  A[C>A]A 72 159 60  A[C>A]C 31 121 55  A[C>A]G 5 23 9  A[C>A]T 44 117 41  C[C>A]A 42 144 48  C[C>A]C 39 122 40  \$dbs  breast1 breast2 breast3  AC>CA 1 2 1  AC>CG 0 0 0  AC>CT 1 1 0  AC>GA 0 0 0  AC>GG 0 0 0  AC>GG 0 0 0  AC>GG 0 0 0  AC>GT 0 1 2  | > mut_mat | <- mut_i     | matrix(v  | $cf_list =$ | : vcfs_breast, | ref_genome | = ref_genome, | type = | " 6 |
| breast1 breast2 breast3 A[C>A]A 72 159 60 A[C>A]C 31 121 55 A[C>A]G 5 23 9 A[C>A]T 44 117 41 C[C>A]A 42 144 48 C[C>A]C 39 122 40  \$dbs  breast1 breast2 breast3 AC>CA 1 2 1 AC>CG 0 0 0 AC>CT 1 1 0 AC>GA 0 0 0 AC>GG 0 0 0 AC>GT 0 1 2   | > lapply( | $mut\_mat$ , | head)     |             |                |            |               |        |     |
| breast1 breast2 breast3  A[C>A]A 72 159 60  A[C>A]C 31 121 55  A[C>A]G 5 23 9  A[C>A]T 44 117 41  C[C>A]A 42 144 48  C[C>A]C 39 122 40  \$dbs  breast1 breast2 breast3  AC>CA 1 2 1  AC>CG 0 0 0  AC>CT 1 1 0  AC>GA 0 0 0  AC>GG 0 0 0 | \$cny     |              |           |             |                |            |               |        |     |
| A[C>A]A 72 159 60 A[C>A]C 31 121 55 A[C>A]G 5 23 9 A[C>A]T 44 117 41 C[C>A]A 42 144 48 C[C>A]C 39 122 40  \$dbs  breast1 breast2 breast3 AC>CA 1 2 1 AC>CG 0 0 0 AC>CT 1 1 0 AC>GA 0 0 0 AC>GG 0 0 0 AC>GT 0 1 2   | •         | roost1 b     | roacta h  | roact2      |                |            |               |        |     |
| A[C>A]C 31 121 55 A[C>A]G 5 23 9 A[C>A]T 44 117 41 C[C>A]A 42 144 48 C[C>A]C 39 122 40  \$dbs  breast1 breast2 breast3 AC>CA 1 2 1 AC>CG 0 0 0 AC>CT 1 1 0 AC>GA 0 0 0 AC>GG 0 0 0 AC>GG 0 0 0 AC>GT 0 1 2   |           |              |           |             |                |            |               |        |     |
| A[C>A]G 5 23 9 A[C>A]T 44 117 41 C[C>A]A 42 144 48 C[C>A]C 39 122 40  \$dbs  breast1 breast2 breast3 AC>CA 1 2 1 AC>CG 0 0 0 AC>CT 1 1 0 AC>GA 0 0 0 AC>GG 0 0 0 AC>GT 1 2 AC>GG 0 0 0 AC>GT 0 1 2   |           |              |           |             |                |            |               |        |     |
| A[C>A]T  |           |              |           |             |                |            |               |        |     |
| C[C>A]A 42 144 48 C[C>A]C 39 122 40  \$dbs  breast1 breast2 breast3  AC>CA 1 2 1  AC>CG 0 0 0 0  AC>CT 1 1 0  AC>GA 0 0 0  AC>GG 0 0 0  AC>GG 0 0 0  AC>GT 1 2   | A[C>A]G   | 5            | 23        | 9           |                |            |               |        |     |
| \$dbs  breast1 breast2 breast3  AC>CA  | A[C>A]T   | 44           | 117       | 41          |                |            |               |        |     |
| \$dbs breast1 breast2 breast3  AC>CA   | C[C>A]A   | 42           | 144       | 48          |                |            |               |        |     |
| breast1 breast2 breast3  AC>CA   | C[C>A]C   | 39           | 122       | 40          |                |            |               |        |     |
| breast1 breast2 breast3  AC>CA   | \$dbs     |              |           |             |                |            |               |        |     |
| AC>CG 0 0 0 0 AC>CT 1 1 0 AC>GA 0 0 0 AC>GG 0 0 0 AC>GG 0 1 2  | •         | ast1 bre     | ast2 brea | ast3        |                |            |               |        |     |
| AC>CT 1 1 0 AC>GA 0 0 0 AC>GG 0 0 0 AC>GT 0 1 2  | AC>CA     | 1            | 2         | 1           |                |            |               |        |     |
| AC>GA 0 0 0 0 AC>GG 0 0 0 AC>GT 0 1 2  | AC>CG     | 0            | 0         | 0           |                |            |               |        |     |
| AC>GG 0 0 0<br>AC>GT 0 1 2   | AC>CT     | 1            | 1         | 0           |                |            |               |        |     |
| AC>GT 0 1 2  | AC>GA     | 0            | 0         | 0           |                |            |               |        |     |
|  | AC>GG     | 0            | 0         | 0           |                |            |               |        |     |
| \$indel  | AC>GT     | 0            | 1         | 2           |                |            |               |        |     |
| \$indel  |           |              |           |             |                |            |               |        |     |
|  | \$indel   |              |           |             |                |            |               |        |     |

```
breast1 breast2 breast3
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.1
                               23
                                       36
                                                30
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.2
                               14
                                       20
                                                18
                                4
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.3
                                       12
                                                13
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.4
                                7
                                        5
                                                7
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.5
                                2
                                        4
                                                 5
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.6+
                                2
                                       27
                                                 5
```

#### Make a list of two samples:

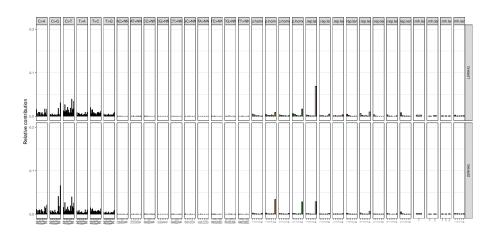
Plot the mutation profiles of the two samples:

```
> plot_profiles(mut_mat_sub)
```



It is also possible to plot mutation profiles with all mutation types together.

> plot\_profiles(mut\_mat\_sub, method = "combine")



## 4 Mutational signatures

## 4.1 De novo mutational signature extraction using NMF

Mutational signatures are thought to represent mutational processes, and are characterized by a specific contribution of 96 single base substitution types, 78 double bas substitutions types or indels. Mutational signatures can be extracted from your mutation count matrix, with nonnegative matrix factorization (NMF). A critical parameter in NMF is the factorization rank, which is the number of mutational signatures. You can determine the optimal factorization rank using the NMF package (Gaujoux & Seoighe, 2010). As described in their paper:

"...a common way of deciding on the rank is to try different values, compute some quality measure of the results, and choose the best value according to this quality criteria. The most common approach is to choose the smallest rank for which cophenetic correlation coefficient starts decreasing. Another approach is to choose the rank for which the plot of the residual sum of squares (RSS) between the input matrix and its estimate shows an inflection point."

Lets start with the single base substitutions. First add a small psuedocount to your mutation count matrix, such that there are no rows where the sum of the row is zero:

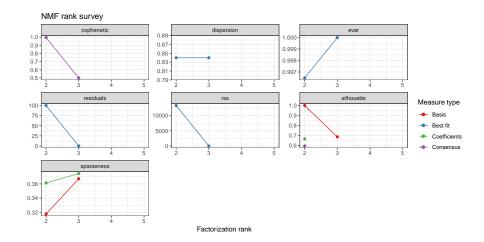
```
> mut_mat <- mut_matrix(vcf_list = vcfs_breast, ref_genome = ref_genome)
> mut_mat <- mut_mat + 0.0001</pre>
```

Use the NMF package to generate an estimate rank plot:

```
> library("NMF")
> estimate <- nmf(mut_mat, rank=2:5, method="brunet", nrun=10, seed=123456)</pre>
```

#### And plot it:

#### > plot(estimate)



Extract 2 mutational signatures from the mutation count matrix with <a href="extract\_signatures">extract\_signatures</a> (For larger datasets it is wise to perform more iterations by changing the nrun parameter to achieve stability and avoid local minima):

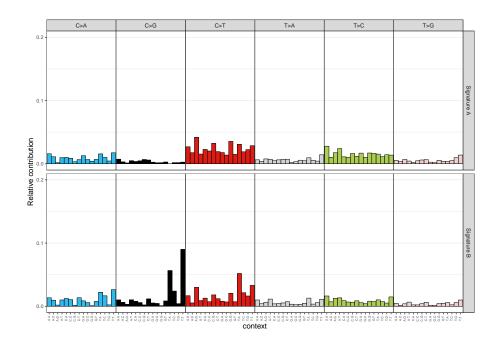
```
> nmf_res <- extract_signatures(mut_mat, rank = 2, nrun = 10)</pre>
```

Assign signature names:

```
> colnames(nmf_res$signatures) <- c("Signature A", "Signature B")
> rownames(nmf_res$contribution) <- c("Signature A", "Signature B")</pre>
```

Plot the 96-profile of the signatures:

> plot\_profiles(nmf\_res\$signatures, condensed = TRUE)



In order to extract signatures for all mutation types at once, make a list of mutation matrices for each mutation type of the breast cancer samples:

```
> mut_mat <- mut_matrix(vcf_list = vcfs_breast, ref_genome = ref_genome, type = "all")
> mut_mat <- lapply(mut_mat, function(x) x + 0.0001)</pre>
```

Generate a estimate rank plot with the NMF package for each mutation type and find the best ranks. Extract then the signatures from the mutation matrices with <a href="matrices-extract\_signatures">extract\_signatures</a>. Use type = "all" to get all mutation types.

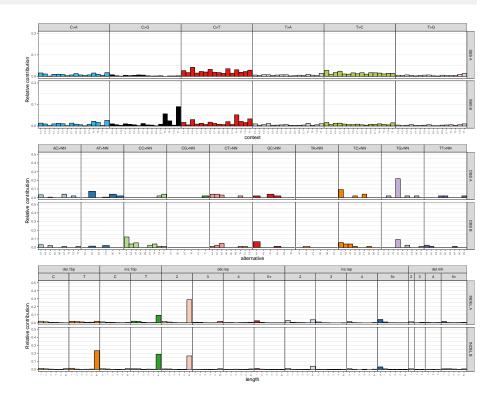
#### Assign signature names

```
> colnames(nmf_res$signatures$snv) <- c("SBS A", "SBS B")
> colnames(nmf_res$signatures$dbs) <- c("DBS A", "DBS B")
> colnames(nmf_res$signatures$indel) <- c("INDEL A", "INDEL B")
> rownames(nmf_res$contribution$snv) <- c("SBS A", "SBS B")</pre>
```

```
> rownames(nmf_res$contribution$dbs) <- c("DBS A", "DBS B")
> rownames(nmf_res$contribution$indel) <- c("INDEL A", "INDEL B")</pre>
```

Plot the profiles of the signatures:

> plot\_profiles(nmf\_res\$signatures, condensed = TRUE)



Visualize the contribution of the SBS signatures in a barplot:

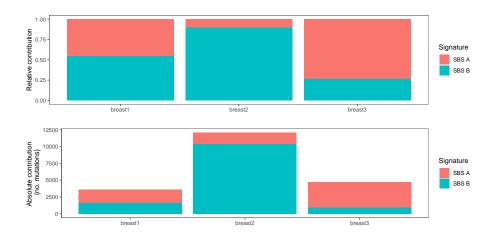
```
> pcl <- plot_contribution(nmf_res$contribution, nmf_res$signature,
+ type = "snv",
+ mode = "relative")</pre>
```

Visualize the contribution of the signatures in absolute number of mutations:

```
> pc2 <- plot_contribution(nmf_res$contribution, nmf_res$signature,
+ type = "snv",
+ mode = "absolute")</pre>
```

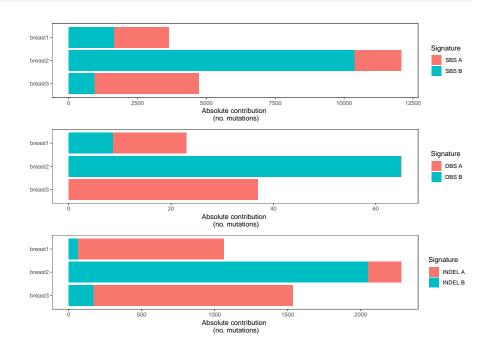
Combine the two plots:

```
> grid.arrange(pc1, pc2)
```



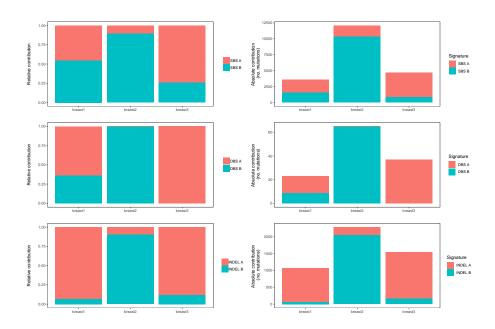
Flip X and Y coordinates:

> plot\_contribution(nmf\_res\$contribution, nmf\_res\$signature,
+ mode = "absolute", coord\_flip = TRUE)



To visualize the contribution of the signatures for all mutation types in both relative and absolute number of mutations, set type = "all" and mode = "both":

> plot\_contribution(nmf\_res\$contribution, nmf\_res\$signature,
+ type = "all", mode = "both")



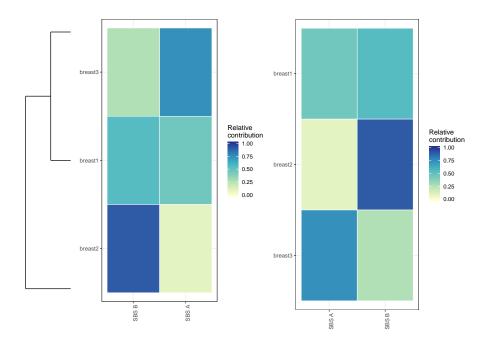
The relative contribution of each signature for each sample can also be plotted as a heatmap with <a href="plot\_contribution\_heatmap">plot\_contribution\_heatmap</a>, which might be easier to interpret and compare than stacked barplots. The samples can be hierarchically clustered based on their euclidean distance. The signatures can be plotted in a user-specified order.

Plot SBS signature contribution as a heatmap with sample clustering dendrogram and a specified signature order:

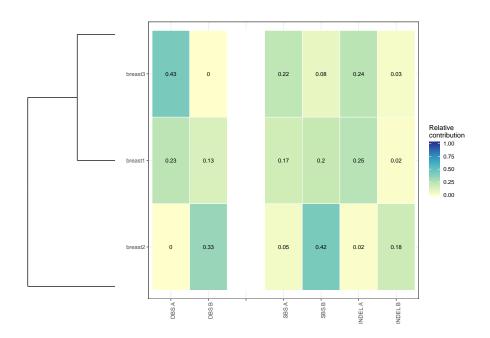
Plot SBS signature contribution as a heatmap without sample clustering:

Combine the plots into one figure:

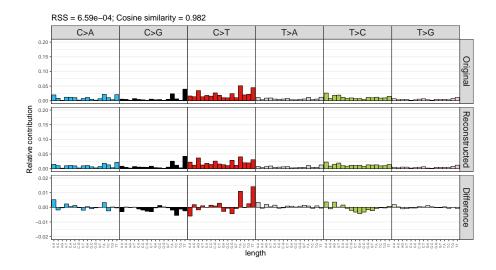
```
> grid.arrange(pch1, pch2, ncol = 2, widths = c(2,1.6))
```



When plotting the signature contribution of multiple mutation types, it is possible to cluster on a specified mutation type. The mutation type(s) on which the data will be clustered, will show up at the left side of the heatmap. Plot the signature contribution, clustered by DBS signatures, by setting cluster\_mut\_type = "dbs":



In order to see the performance of the NMF algorithm, a reconstruction of the count matrices are given by <a href="mailto:extract\_signatures">extract\_signatures</a>. Compare a reconstructed 96 mutational profile of SNVs with the original 96 mutational profile of SNVs:



## 4.2 Find optimal contribution of known signatures

#### 4.2.1 COSMIC mutational signatures

Download mutational signatures from the COSMIC website. As there are multiple versions of the signatures, this vignette uses the signatures from COSMIC version 3 for SBS, DBS and indels. These signatures are available in numerical form from synapse.org ID syn12009743. Download here the referece whole genome signatures. Then load as follow:

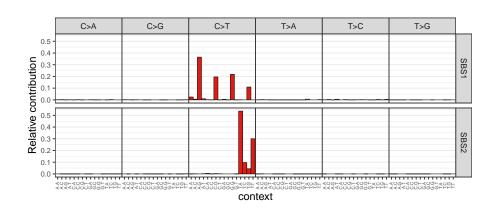
```
> # snv_signatures = as.matrix(snv_signatures[,3:69])
> # Read the DBS signatures file
> # dbs_signatures = read.csv("sigProfiler_DBS_signatures.csv")
> # Add mutation types as rownames
> # rownames(dbs_signatures) = dbs_signatures$Mutation.Type
> # Keep only 10 DBS signatures
> # dbs_signatures = as.matrix(dbs_signatures[,2:11])
> # Read the indel signatures file
> # indel_signatures = read.csv("sigProfiler_ID_signatures.csv")
> # Add indel context as rownames
> # rownames(indel_signatures) = MutationalPatterns:::INDEL_CONTEXT
> # Keep only the 17 indel signatures
> # indel_signatures = as.matrix(indel_signatures[,2:18])
> # Store all mutation types in one list
> # cosmic_signatures = list("snv" = snv_signatures,
> #
                             "dbs" = dbs_signatures,
                             "indel" = indel_signatures)
> #
> cosmic_signatures = readRDS(system.file("states/COSMIC_signatures.rds",
                                          package = "MutationalPatterns"))
```

The SBS signatures from the COSMIC database include signatures which are probably because of sequencing artefacts. These signatures can better be removed before performing analyses.

```
> cosmic_signatures$snv = cosmic_signatures$snv[,-c(32,48,50:65)]
```

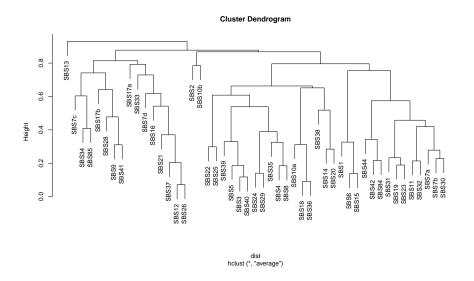
Plot mutational profile of the first two COSMIC SBS signatures:

```
> plot_profiles(cosmic_signatures$snv[,1:2], condensed = TRUE, ymax = "maximum")
```



Hierarchically cluster the COSMIC SBS signatures based on their similarity with average linkage:

```
> hclust_cosmic = cluster_signatures(cosmic_signatures$snv, method = "average")
> # store signatures in new order
> cosmic_order = colnames(cosmic_signatures$snv)[hclust_cosmic$order]
> plot(hclust_cosmic)
```



#### 4.2.2 Similarity between mutational profiles and COSMIC signatures

The similarity between each mutational profile and each COSMIC signature, can be calculated with cos\_sim\_matrix, and visualized with plot\_cosine\_heatmap. The cosine similarity reflects how well each mutational profile can be explained by each signature individually. The advantage of this heatmap representation is that it shows in a glance the similarity in mutational profiles between samples, while at the same time providing information on which signatures are most prominent. The samples can be hierarchically clustered in plot\_cosine\_heatmap.

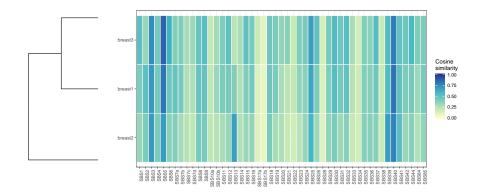
The cosine similarity between two mutational profiles/signatures can be calculated with cos\_sim:

```
> cos_sim(mut_mat$snv[,1], cosmic_signatures$snv[,1])
[1] 0.4136337
```

To do pairwise cosine similarity calculations of mutational profiles and COSMIC signatures, use the function cos\_sim\_matrix:

```
$dbs
               DBS1
                           DBS2
                                      DBS3
                                                DBS4
                                                           DBS5
breast1 0.006468408 0.354192648 0.2450052 0.1348871 0.03253983
breast2 0.085060850 0.532678429 0.2264256 0.4596892 0.18115234
breast3 0.188296917 0.005248677 0.1683697 0.3542400 0.27796420
$indel
              ID1
                        ID2
                                  ID3
                                              ID4
breast1 0.2257081 0.1264387 0.1174937 0.07768175 0.2280121
breast2 0.5292935 0.6346073 0.1261506 0.05322776 0.2176745
breast3 0.4151302 0.1346788 0.1416322 0.09373001 0.2578521
```

Plot the cosine similarity heatmap of the SBS signatures:



# 4.2.3 Find optimal contribution of COSMIC signatures to reconstruct mutational profiles

In addition to *de novo* extraction of signatures, the contribution of any set of signatures to the mutational profile of a sample can be quantified. This unique feature is specifically useful for mutational signature analyses of small cohorts or individual samples, but also to relate own findings to known signatures and published findings. The <a href="fit\_to\_signatures">fit\_to\_signatures</a> function has two options to find the optimal linear combination of mutational signatures that most closely reconstructs the mutation matrix: solving a non-negative least-squares constraints problem and performing a golden ratio search (as implemented in the deconstructSigs package from Rosenthal et al. (Rosenthal, McGranahan, Herrero, Taylor, & Swanton, 2016)). The default option is the non-negative least-squares problem.

First get new mutation matrices, without the 0.001 used by the NMF estimation:

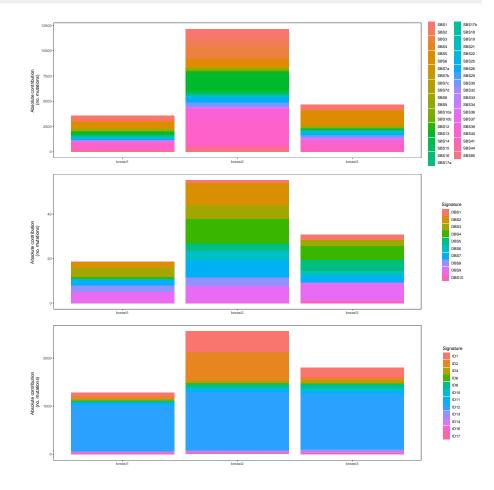
```
> mut_mat <- mut_matrix(vcf_list = vcfs_breast, ref_genome, type = "all")
```

Fit mutation matrices to the COSMIC signatures:

```
> fit_res <- fit_to_signatures(mut_mat, cosmic_signatures)</pre>
```

Plot the optimal contribution of the COSMIC signatures in each sample as a stacked barplot.

```
> # Select signatures with some contribution
> fit_res$contribution$snv <- fit_res$contribution$snv[
+ which(rowSums(fit_res$contribution$snv) > 10),]
> fit_res$contribution$dbs <- fit_res$contribution$dbs[
+ which(rowSums(fit_res$contribution$dbs) > 0.1),]
> fit_res$contribution$indel <- fit_res$contribution$indel[
+ which(rowSums(fit_res$contribution$indel) > 10),]
> # Plot contribution barplot
> plot_contribution(fit_res$contribution,
+ cosmic_signatures,
+ coord_flip = FALSE,
+ mode = "absolute")
```



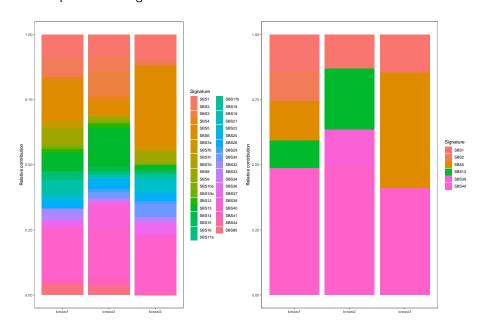
Results of the golden ratio search algorithm are only relative, so fit the mutation matrix with the golden ratio search and plot results from both methods in relative contribution for the point mutations:

In order to match colors when plot\_contribution is run for both the non-negative least squares problem and the golden ratio search, make a palette of colors with the default\_colors\_ggplot function:

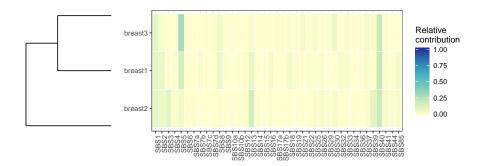
```
> colorvector <- default_colors_ggplot(ncol(cosmic_signatures$snv))</pre>
```

Then plot the results of both algorithms:

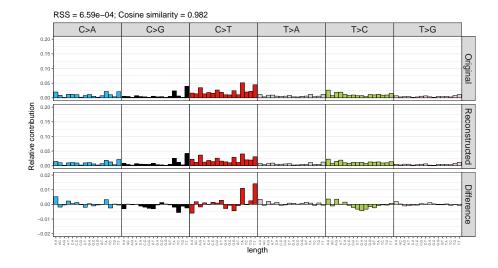
Combine the two plots in one figure:



The relative contributions of signatures to samples can be plotted as a heatmap. Plot the contribution heatmap of the SBS signatures:



A quality control of the fitted signatures is to compare the reconstructed mutational profiles with the orignals. This can be done with the function plot\_compare\_profiles. Compare the reconstructed mutational profile of indels of sample 1 with its original mutational profile of indels:



Calculate the cosine similarity between all original and reconstructed mutational profiles with cos\_sim\_matrix:

```
> # calculate all pairwise cosine similarities
> cos_sim_ori_rec <- cos_sim_matrix(mut_mat, fit_res$reconstructed, type = "all")
> # extract cosine similarities per sample between original and reconstructed
```

```
> cos_sim_ori_rec <- lapply(cos_sim_ori_rec, function(x) as.data.frame(diag(x)))</pre>
```

We can use ggplot to make a barplot of the cosine similarities between the original and reconstructed mutational profile of each sample. This clearly shows how well each mutational profile can be reconstructed with the COSMIC mutational signatures. Two identical profiles have a cosine similarity of 1. The lower the cosine similarity between original and reconstructed, the less well the original mutational profile can be reconstructed with the COSMIC signatures. You could use, for example, cosine similarity of 0.95 as a cutoff.

```
> # Adjust data frame for plotting with gpplot
> for (i in 1:length(cos_sim_ori_rec)){
+   colnames(cos_sim_ori_rec[[i]]) = "cos_sim"
+   cos_sim_ori_rec[[i]]$sample = row.names(cos_sim_ori_rec[[i]])
+ }
```

Plot the cosine similarities for the SBS signatures:

```
> # Load ggplot2
> library(ggplot2)
> # Make barplot
> ggplot(cos_sim_ori_rec$snv, aes(y=cos_sim, x=sample)) +
    geom_bar(stat="identity", fill = "skyblue4") +
    coord\_cartesian(ylim=c(0.8, 1)) +
    \# coord_flip(ylim=c(0.8,1)) +
   ylab("Cosine similarity\n original VS reconstructed") +
+
   xlab("") +
    # Reverse order of the samples such that first is up
    # xlim(rev(levels(factor(cos_sim_ori_rec$sample)))) +
    theme_bw() +
    theme(panel.grid.minor.y=element_blank(),
          panel.grid.major.y=element_blank()) +
    # Add cut.off line
    geom_hline(aes(yintercept=.95))
```



## 5 Strand bias analyses

### 5.1 Transcriptional strand bias analysis

For the mutations within genes it can be determined whether the mutation is on the transcribed or non-transcribed strand, which can be used to evaluate the involvement of transcription-coupled repair. To this end, it is determined whether the "C" or "T" base (since by convention we regard base substitutions as C>X or T>X) are on the same strand as the gene definition. Single base substitutions on the same strand as the gene definitions are considered "untranscribed", and on the opposite strand of gene bodies as "transcribed", since the gene definitions report the coding or sense strand, which is untranscribed. No strand information is reported for base substitution that overlap with more than one gene body on different strands.

Alike the single base substitutions, double base substitutions are converted to defined set of double bases. These bases are either on the same strand as a gene definition, consider them "untranscribed", or on the other strand, consider them "transcribed". Indels do not have such a conversion, therefore losing strand information based on mutations.

Get gene definitions for your reference genome:

```
> # For example get known genes table from UCSC for hg19 using
> # biocLite("TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene")
> library("TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene")
> genes_hq19 <- genes(TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hq19.knownGene)</pre>
> genes_hg19
GRanges object with 23056 ranges and 1 metadata column:
        segnames
                                 ranges strand |
           <Rle>
                              <IRanges> <Rle> | <character>
           chr19 [ 58858172, 58874214]
      1
     10
            chr8 [ 18248755, 18258723]
                                              +
                                                           10
    100
           chr20 [ 43248163, 43280376]
                                                          100
           chr18 [ 25530930, 25757445]
   1000
                                                         1000
            chr1 [243651535, 244006886]
                                                        10000
  10000
   9991
            chr9 [114979995, 115095944]
                                                         9991
           chr21 [ 35736323, 35743440]
   9992
                                                         9992
   9993
           chr22 [ 19023795, 19109967]
                                                         9993
   9994
            chr6 [ 90539619, 90584155]
                                                         9994
   9997
           chr22 [ 50961997, 50964905]
                                                         9997
  seqinfo: 93 sequences (1 circular) from hg19 genome
```

Get transcriptional strand information for all SBS and DBS positions in the first VCF object with mut\_strand. This function returns "-" for positions outside gene bodies, and positions that overlap with more than one gene on different strands. Use the vcfs with the different tissue types:

```
> strand = mut_strand(vcfs_tissues[[1]], genes_hg19)
> head(strand, 10)

[1] - - - transcribed untranscribed -
[7] transcribed - untranscribed untranscribed
```

#### Levels: untranscribed transcribed -

Make mutation count matrix with transcriptional strand information (96 trinucleotides \* 2 strands = 192 features for SBS and 78 substitutions \* 2 strands = 156 features for DBS). NB: only those mutations that are located within gene bodies are counted.

```
> mut_mat_s <- mut_matrix_stranded(vcfs_tissues, ref_genome, genes_hg19)</pre>
> mut_mat_s[1:5,1:5]
                      colon1 colon2 colon3 intestine1 intestine2
A[C>A]A-untranscribed
                                  0
A[C>A]A-transcribed
                           1
                                  1
                                         2
                                                    4
                                                                3
A[C>A]C-untranscribed
                                  0
                                         1
                                                    1
                                                                1
A[C>A]C-transcribed
                                  0
                                         0
                                                     0
                                                                1
                           0
A[C>A]G-untranscribed
```

Count the number of mutations on each strand, per tissue, per mutation type:

```
> strand_counts <- strand_occurrences(mut_mat_s, by=tissue)</pre>
```

| > | headi | (ctrand | counts | 10) |
|---|-------|---------|--------|-----|

| >  | > head(strand_counts, 10) |          |      |                       |              |                       |  |  |  |
|----|---------------------------|----------|------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|
|    | group                     | mutation | type | strand                | no_mutations | relative_contribution |  |  |  |
| 1  | colon                     | snv      | C>A  | transcribed           | 32           | 0.07289294            |  |  |  |
| 4  | colon                     | snv      | C>A  | ${\tt untranscribed}$ | 23           | 0.05239180            |  |  |  |
| 7  | colon                     | snv      | C>G  | transcribed           | 11           | 0.02505695            |  |  |  |
| 10 | colon                     | snv      | C>G  | ${\tt untranscribed}$ | 10           | 0.02277904            |  |  |  |
| 13 | colon                     | snv      | C>T  | transcribed           | 135          | 0.30751708            |  |  |  |
| 16 | colon                     | snv      | C>T  | ${\tt untranscribed}$ | 115          | 0.26195900            |  |  |  |
| 19 | colon                     | snv      | T>A  | transcribed           | 12           | 0.02733485            |  |  |  |
| 22 | colon                     | snv      | T>A  | ${\tt untranscribed}$ | 9            | 0.02050114            |  |  |  |
| 25 | colon                     | snv      | T>C  | transcribed           | 36           | 0.08200456            |  |  |  |
| 28 | colon                     | snv      | T>C  | ${\tt untranscribed}$ | 32           | 0.07289294            |  |  |  |

Perform Poisson test for strand asymmetry significance testing:

```
> strand_bias <- strand_bias_test(strand_counts)</pre>
```

| > 9 | > strand_bias |          |      |             |               |       |           |            |             |  |
|-----|---------------|----------|------|-------------|---------------|-------|-----------|------------|-------------|--|
|     | group         | mutation | type | transcribed | untranscribed | total | ratio     | p_poisson  | significant |  |
| 1   | colon         | snv      | C>A  | 32          | 23            | 55    | 1.3913043 | 0.28060972 |             |  |
| 2   | colon         | snv      | C>G  | 11          | 10            | 21    | 1.1000000 | 1.00000000 |             |  |
| 3   | colon         | snv      | C>T  | 135         | 115           | 250   | 1.1739130 | 0.22942486 |             |  |
| 4   | colon         | snv      | T>A  | 12          | 9             | 21    | 1.3333333 | 0.66362381 |             |  |
| 5   | colon         | snv      | T>C  | 36          | 32            | 68    | 1.1250000 | 0.71630076 |             |  |
| 6   | colon         | snv      | T>G  | 15          | 9             | 24    | 1.6666667 | 0.30745625 |             |  |
| 7   | intestine     | snv      | C>A  | 34          | 27            | 61    | 1.2592593 | 0.44262600 |             |  |
| 8   | intestine     | snv      | C>G  | 18          | 21            | 39    | 0.8571429 | 0.74925862 |             |  |
| 9   | intestine     | snv      | C>T  | 144         | 129           | 273   | 1.1162791 | 0.39685899 |             |  |
| 10  | intestine     | snv      | T>A  | 23          | 18            | 41    | 1.2777778 | 0.53270926 |             |  |
| 11  | intestine     | snv      | T>C  | 52          | 38            | 90    | 1.3684211 | 0.17024240 |             |  |
| 12  | intestine     | snv      | T>G  | 10          | 10            | 20    | 1.0000000 | 1.00000000 |             |  |
| 13  | liver         | snv      | C>A  | 45          | 44            | 89    | 1.0227273 | 1.00000000 |             |  |
| 14  | liver         | snv      | C>G  | 19          | 34            | 53    | 0.5588235 | 0.05343881 |             |  |
| 15  | liver         | snv      | C>T  | 87          | 82            | 169   | 1.0609756 | 0.75842199 |             |  |

| 16 | liver | snv T>A | 36 | 23 | 59 1.5652174 0.11747735  |
|----|-------|---------|----|----|--------------------------|
| 17 | liver | snv T>C | 75 | 52 | 127 1.4423077 0.05048701 |
| 18 | liver | snv T>G | 23 | 43 | 66 0.5348837 0.01865726  |

Plot the mutation spectrum with strand distinction:

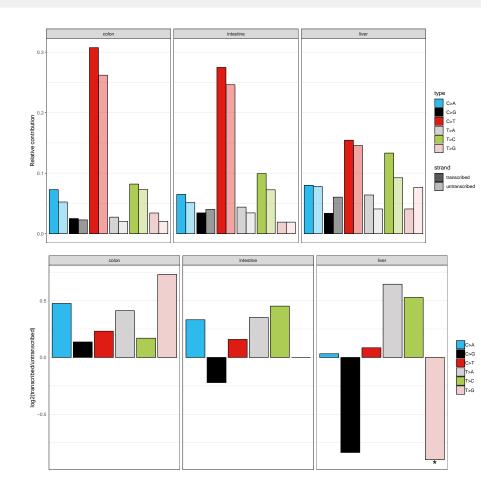
```
> ps1 <- plot_strand(strand_counts, mode = "relative")</pre>
```

Plot the effect size (log2(untranscribed/transcribed)) of the strand bias. Asteriks indicate significant strand bias.

```
> ps2 <- plot_strand_bias(strand_bias)</pre>
```

Combine the plots into one figure:

> grid.arrange(ps1, ps2)



### 5.2 Replicative strand bias analysis

The involvement of replication-associated mechanisms can be evaluated by testing for a mutational bias between the leading and lagging strand. The replication strand is dependent on the locations of replication origins from which DNA replication is fired. However, replication timing is dynamic and cell-type specific, which makes replication strand determination less straightforward than transcriptional strand bias analysis. Replication timing profiles can be generated with Repli-Seq experiments. Once the replication direction is defined, a strand asymmetry analysis can be performed similarly as the transcription strand bias analysis.

Read example bed file provided with the package with replication direction annotation:

```
> repli_file = system.file("extdata/ReplicationDirectionRegions.bed",
+
                             package = "MutationalPatterns")
> repli_strand = read.table(repli_file, header = TRUE)
> # Store in GRanges object
> repli_strand_granges = GRanges(seqnames = repli_strand$Chr,
    ranges = IRanges(start = repli_strand$Start + 1,
                     end = repli_strand$Stop),
    strand_info = factor(repli_strand$Class))
> # UCSC seglevelsstyle
> seqlevelsStyle(repli_strand_granges) = "UCSC"
> repli_strand_granges
GRanges object with 1993 ranges and 1 metadata column:
         segnames
                                ranges strand | strand_info
            <Rle>
                             <IRanges> <Rle> |
                                                    <factor>
             chr1 [2133001, 3089000]
     [1]
                                                       right
     [2]
             chr1 [3089001, 3497000]
                                                        left
                                             * |
                   [3497001, 4722000]
     [3]
             chr1
                                             * |
                                                       right
                    [5223001, 6428000]
     [4]
             chr1
                                             * |
                                                        left
     [5]
             chr1
                    [6428001, 7324000]
                                             * |
                                                       right
             chrY [23997001, 24424000]
                                             * |
                                                       right
  [1989]
             chrY [24424001, 28636000]
  [1990]
                                                        left
                                             * |
             chrY [28636001, 28686000]
  [1991]
                                             * |
                                                       right
  [1992]
             chrY [28686001, 28760000]
                                             * |
                                                        left
             chrY [28760001, 28842000]
                                                       right
  [1993]
  seqinfo: 24 sequences from an unspecified genome; no seqlengths
```

The GRanges object should have a "strand\_info" metadata column, which contains only two different annotations, e.g. "left" and "right", or "leading" and "lagging". The genomic ranges cannot overlap, to allow only one annotation per location.

Get replicative strand information for all positions in the first VCF object. No strand information "-" is returned for base substitutions in unannotated genomic regions. Indels can also be tested for replication strand bias, since the strand information is not based on conversion of mutations.

```
[1] - left left right left - - - left
Levels: left right -
```

Make mutation count matrices with transcriptional strand information.

```
> mut_mat_s_rep <- mut_matrix_stranded(vcfs_tissues, ref_genome, repli_strand_granges,
                                        mode = "replication")
> mut_mat_s_rep[1:5, 1:5]
              colon1 colon2 colon3 intestine1 intestine2
A[C>A]A-left
                   2
                          1
                                  Θ
                                                        3
A[C>A]A-right
                   0
                          3
                                  2
                                             2
                                                        5
                   0
                          1
                                  1
                                             0
                                                        1
A[C>A]C-left
A[C>A]C-right
                   0
                          0
                                  1
                                             0
                                                        3
                   0
                          0
                                  1
                                             1
                                                        0
A[C>A]G-left
```

The levels of the "strand\_info" metadata in the GRanges object determines the order in which the strands are reported in the mutation matrix that is returned by mut\_matrix\_stranded, so if you want to count right before left, you can specify this, before you run mut\_matrix\_stranded:

```
> repli_strand_granges$strand_info <- factor(repli_strand_granges$strand_info,</pre>
                                               levels = c("right", "left"))
> mut_mat_s_rep2 <- mut_matrix_stranded(vcfs_tissues, ref_genome, repli_strand_granges,</pre>
                                          mode = "replication")
> mut_mat_s_rep2[1:5, 1:5]
               colon1 colon2 colon3 intestine1 intestine2
A[C>A]A-right
                    0
                           3
                                   2
                                                          5
                                              2
                    2
                           1
                                              0
                                                          3
A[C>A]A-left
                                   0
A[C>A]C-right
                    0
                           0
                                   1
                                              0
                                                          3
A[C>A]C-left
                    0
                           1
                                   1
                                              0
                                                          1
                                              0
A[C>A]G-right
                    0
                           1
                                   1
                                                          1
```

Count the number of mutations on each strand, per tissue, per mutation type:

```
> strand_counts_rep <- strand_occurrences(mut_mat_s_rep, by=tissue)</pre>
> head(strand_counts_rep)
   group mutation type strand no_mutations relative_contribution
1 colon
                                                     0.05490196
             snv C>A
                       left
                                       28
4 colon
             snv C>A right
                                       42
                                                     0.08235294
7 colon
                                       12
                                                     0.02352941
             snv C>G
                        left
10 colon
                                       12
                                                     0.02352941
             snv C>G right
13 colon
              snv C>T
                        left
                                      157
                                                     0.30784314
16 colon
              snv C>T right
                                      128
                                                     0.25098039
```

Perform Poisson test for strand asymmetry significance testing:

```
> strand_bias_rep <- strand_bias_test(strand_counts_rep)</pre>
> strand_bias_rep
       group mutation type left right total
                                                 ratio p_poisson significant
                                          70 0.6666667 0.11960934
1
       colon
                  snv C>A
                              28
                                    42
2
       colon
                  snv C>G
                             12
                                    12
                                          24 1.0000000 1.00000000
```

```
3
       colon
                       C>T
                            157
                                  128
                                        285 1.2265625 0.09702977
                  snv
4
       colon
                       T>A
                                   10
                                         22 1.2000000 0.83181190
                  snv
                             12
5
       colon
                       T>C
                             41
                                   41
                                         82 1.0000000 1.00000000
                  snv
6
       colon
                  snv
                       T>G
                             16
                                   11
                                         27 1.4545455 0.44206834
7
                       C>A
                             31
                                   33
                                         64 0.9393939 0.90065325
  intestine
                  snv
8
  intestine
                  snv
                       C>G
                             19
                                   11
                                         30 1.7272727 0.20048842
  intestine
                       C>T
                            146
                                  162
                                        308 0.9012346 0.39274995
                  snv
                                         36 1.4000000 0.40503225
10 intestine
                  snv
                       T>A
                             21
                                   15
11 intestine
                       T>C
                             45
                                   34
                                         79 1.3235294 0.26042553
                  snv
12 intestine
                  snv
                       T>G
                             10
                                   11
                                         21 0.9090909 1.00000000
13
                             47
                                   51
                                         98 0.9215686 0.76203622
       liver
                       C>A
                  snv
14
       liver
                       C>G
                             34
                                   33
                                         67 1.0303030 1.00000000
                  snv
15
       liver
                                       205 1.0918367 0.57644403
                       C>T
                            107
                                   98
                  snv
16
       liver
                                   31
                                         55 0.7741935 0.41875419
                  snv
                       T>A
                             24
17
       liver
                       T>C
                             75
                                   63
                                        138 1.1904762 0.34911517
                  snv
18
       liver
                       T>G
                             29
                                   34
                                         63 0.8529412 0.61465502
                  snv
```

Plot the mutation spectrum with strand distinction:

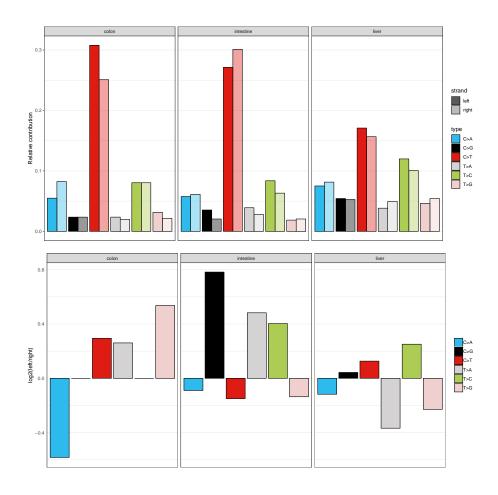
```
> ps1 <- plot_strand(strand_counts_rep, mode = "relative")</pre>
```

Plot the effect size (log2(untranscribed/transcribed) of the strand bias. Asteriks indicate significant strand bias.

```
> ps2 <- plot_strand_bias(strand_bias_rep)</pre>
```

Combine the plots into one figure:

```
> grid.arrange(ps1, ps2)
```



## 5.3 Replicative strand bias for DBS and indel

The previous analysis for replicative strand bias can also be performed for double base substitutions and indels. Use the breast cancer vcfs for these mutation types:

```
> strand_rep <- mut_strand(vcfs_breast[[1]], repli_strand_granges,</pre>
                          mode = "replication", type = "all")
> lapply(strand_rep, head, 10)
$snv
 [1] -
                      right right left -
                                                  left right
Levels: right left -
$dbs
 [1] -
                left
                                                   right left
Levels: right left -
$indel
 [1] -
          left left -
                                             left -
                                                         right
Levels: right left -
```

Make mutation count matrices with transcriptional strand information.

```
> mut_mat_s_rep <- mut_matrix_stranded(vcfs_breast, ref_genome, repli_strand_granges,</pre>
                                        mode = "replication", type = "all")
> lapply(mut_mat_s_rep, function(x) x[1:5,])
              breast1 breast2 breast3
A[C>A]A-right
                    11
                            34
                                    14
                    9
                            20
                                     8
A[C>A]A-left
A[C>A]C-right
                    6
                            29
                                     9
                                    17
                            23
A[C>A]C-left
                   10
                             4
                                     5
A[C>A]G-right
                    0
$dbs
            breast1 breast2 breast3
AC>CA-right
                  1
                           0
                                   1
AC>CA-left
                   0
                           1
                                   0
                                   0
AC>CG-right
                   0
                           0
AC>CG-left
                   0
                           0
                                   0
AC>CT-right
                   0
                           0
                                   0
$indel
                               breast1 breast2 breast3
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.1-right
                                     5
                                              6
                                                      6
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.1-left
                                             11
                                                     10
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.2-right
                                     1
                                              2
                                                      6
                                              7
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.2-left
                                     5
                                                      4
                                     1
                                              5
                                                      2
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.3-right
```

Count the number of mutations on each strand, per mutation type:

```
> strand_counts_rep <- strand_occurrences(mut_mat_s_rep)</pre>
> lapply(strand_counts_rep, head)
$snv
  group mutation type strand no_mutations relative_contribution
1
   all
             snv C>A
                      left
                                      591
                                                     0.07227590
2
    all
             snv C>A right
                                      574
                                                     0.07019689
3
                                     715
    all
             snv C>G
                      left
                                                     0.08744038
    all
             snv C>G right
                                     716
                                                     0.08756268
5
    all
                                     1414
                                                     0.17292406
             snv
                 C>T
                       left
    all
                                     1379
                                                     0.16864376
             snv C>T right
$dbs
  group mutation type strand no_mutations relative_contribution
1
   all
             dbs
                  AC
                       left
                                        2
                                                     0.05128205
2
             dbs
                                        2
    all
                  AC right
                                                     0.05128205
3
   all
             dbs
                 AT
                       left
                                        0
                                                     0.00000000
                                        2
4
             dbs
                                                     0.05128205
   all
                  AT right
5
    all
             dbs
                  CC
                       left
                                        4
                                                     0.10256410
                                                     0.07692308
6
    all
             dbs
                 CC right
                                        3
$indel
```

```
type strand no_mutations relative_contribution
  group mutation
           indel del.1bp.homopol.C
                                      left
                                                     65
                                                                   0.029802843
1
    all
2
    all
           indel del.1bp.homopol.C
                                     right
                                                     48
                                                                   0.022008253
3
    all
           indel del.1bp.homopol.T
                                     left
                                                    151
                                                                   0.069234296
4
    all
           indel del.1bp.homopol.T right
                                                    168
                                                                   0.077028886
5
    all
           indel
                      del.mh.len.2
                                     left
                                                      9
                                                                   0.004126547
6
    all
           indel
                      del.mh.len.2 right
                                                     12
                                                                   0.005502063
```

```
Perform Poisson test for strand asymmetry significance testing:
> strand_bias_rep <- strand_bias_test(strand_counts_rep)</pre>
> lapply(strand_bias_rep, head)
$snv
  group mutation type left right total
                                            ratio p_poisson significant
1
   all
             snv C>A 591
                             574 1165 1.0296167 0.6392549
2
                             716 1431 0.9986034 1.0000000
    all
             snv C>G 715
3
    all
             snv C>T 1414
                            1379
                                  2793 1.0253807 0.5200080
4
 all
             snv T>A 332
                             346
                                  678 0.9595376 0.6176274
5
    all
                  T>C 777
                             733 1510 1.0600273 0.2684728
             snv
                                   600 1.0134228 0.9025366
6
    all
             snv
                  T>G
                       302
                             298
$dbs
  group mutation type left right total
                                            ratio p_poisson significant
1
    all
             dbs
                   AC
                         2
                               2
                                     4 1.0000000 1.0000000
2
    all
             dbs
                               2
                                     2 0.0000000 0.5000000
                   ΑT
                         0
3
    all
             dbs
                               3
                                     7 1.3333333 1.0000000
                   CC
             dbs
4
   all
                   CG
                         0
                               1
                                     1 0.0000000 1.0000000
5
    all
             dbs
                   \mathsf{CT}
                         2
                               6
                                     8 0.3333333 0.2890625
                                     3 0.5000000 1.0000000
6
    all
             dbs
                   GC
                         1
                               2
$indel
                              type left right total
  group mutation
                                                         ratio p_poisson significant
           indel del.1bp.homopol.C
1
   all
                                     65
                                           48
                                                 113 1.3541667 0.1319243
2
    all
           indel del.1bp.homopol.T 151
                                           168
                                                 319 0.8988095 0.3703699
3
                      del.mh.len.2
                                                 21 0.7500000 0.6636238
    all
           indel
                                      9
                                           12
4
    all
           indel
                      del.mh.len.3
                                     4
                                            2
                                                   6 2.0000000 0.6875000
5
                      del.mh.len.4 18
                                                  29 1.6363636 0.2649309
    all
           indel
                                           11
    all
           indel
                     del.mh.len.5+
                                     43
                                           39
                                                  82 1.1025641 0.7406528
6
```

Plot the mutation spectrum with strand distinction:

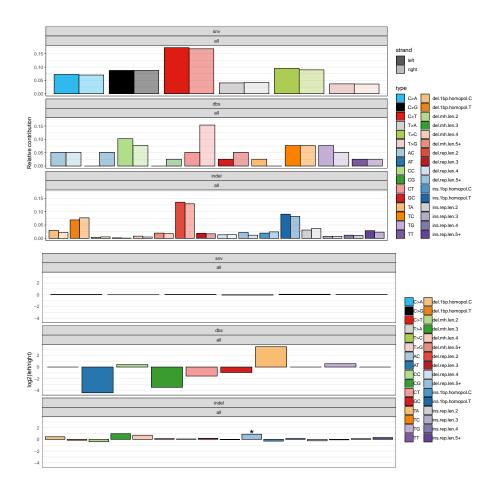
```
> ps1 <- plot_strand(strand_counts_rep, mode = "relative")</pre>
```

Plot the effect size (log2(untranscribed/transcribed) of the strand bias. Asteriks indicate significant strand bias.

```
> ps2 <- plot_strand_bias(strand_bias_rep)</pre>
```

Combine the plots into one figure:

```
> grid.arrange(ps1, ps2)
```



## 5.4 Extract signatures with strand bias

Extract 2 signatures for each mutation type from mutation count matrix with strand features:

```
> nmf_res_strand <- extract_signatures(mut_mat_s_rep, rank = 2, nrun = 1)
> # Provide signature names
> colnames(nmf_res_strand$signatures$snv) <- c("SBS A", "SBS B")
> colnames(nmf_res_strand$signatures$dbs) <- c("DBS A", "DBS B")
> colnames(nmf_res_strand$signatures$indel) <- c("INDEL A", "INDEL B")</pre>
```

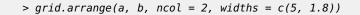
Plot signatures with 192 features:

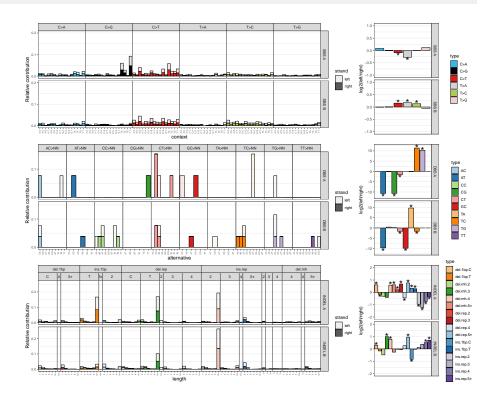
```
> a <- plot_strand_profiles(nmf_res_strand$signatures, condensed = TRUE,
+ mode = "replication")</pre>
```

Plot strand bias per mutation type for each signature with significance test:

```
> b <- plot_signature_strand_bias(nmf_res_strand$signatures)</pre>
```

Combine the plots into one figure:





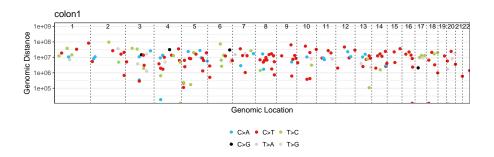
## 6 Genomic distribution

## 6.1 Rainfall plot

A rainfall plot visualizes mutation types and intermutation distance. Rainfall plots can be used to visualize the distribution of mutations along the genome or a subset of chromosomes. The y-axis corresponds to the distance of a mutation with the previous mutation and is  $\log 10$  transformed. Drop-downs from the plots indicate clusters or "hotspots" of mutations.

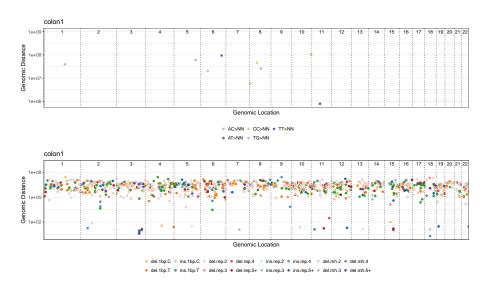
Make rainfall plot of single base substitutions from sample 1 over all autosomal chromosomes

```
> # Define autosomal chromosomes
> chromosomes <- seqnames(get(ref_genome))[1:22]
> # Make a rainfall plot
> plot_rainfall(vcfs[[1]], title = names(vcfs[1]),
+ chromosomes = chromosomes, cex = 1.5, ylim = 1e+09)
```



Also make rainfall plots for DBS and indels:

```
> # Define autosomal chromosomes
> chromosomes <- seqnames(get(ref_genome))[1:22]
> # Make a rainfall plot
> plot_rainfall(vcfs_breast[[1]], title = names(vcfs[1]),
+ chromosomes = chromosomes,
+ type = c("dbs", "indel"),
+ cex = 1.5, ylim = 1e+09)
```



## 6.2 Enrichment or depletion of mutations in genomic regions

Test for enrichment or depletion of mutations in certain genomic regions, such as promoters, CTCF binding sites and transcription factor binding sites. To use your own genomic region definitions (based on e.g. ChipSeq experiments) specify your genomic regions in a named list of GRanges objects. Alternatively, use publicly available genomic annotation data, like in the example below.

#### 6.2.1 Example: regulation annotation data from Ensembl using biomaRt

The following example displays how to download promoter, CTCF binding sites and transcription factor binding sites regions for genome build hg19 from Ensembl using *biomaRt*. For other datasets, see the *biomaRt* documentation (Durinck et al., 2005).

To install biomaRt, uncomment the following lines:

```
> source("https://bioconductor.org/biocLite.R")
> biocLite("biomaRt")
```

Load the biomaRt package.

```
> library(biomaRt)
```

Download genomic regions. NB: Here we take some shortcuts by loading the results from our example data. The corresponding code for downloading this data can be found above the command we run:

```
> # regulatory <- useEnsembl(biomart="regulation",</pre>
> #
                              dataset="hsapiens_regulatory_feature",
> #
                              GRCh = 37)
> ## Download the regulatory CTCF binding sites and convert them to
> ## a GRanges object.
> # CTCF <- getBM(attributes = c('chromosome_name',</pre>
                                 'chromosome_start',
> #
                                  'chromosome_end',
> #
                                  'feature_type_name',
                                  'cell_type_name'),
                 filters = "regulatory_feature_type_name",
                 values = "CTCF Binding Site",
                 mart = regulatory)
> # CTCF_g <- reduce(GRanges(CTCF$chromosome_name,</pre>
> #
                    IRanges(CTCF$chromosome_start,
> #
                     CTCF$chromosome_end)))
>
> CTCF_g <- readRDS(system.file("states/CTCF_g_data.rds",</pre>
                       package="MutationalPatterns"))
> ## Download the promoter regions and convert them to a GRanges object.
> # promoter = getBM(attributes = c('chromosome_name', 'chromosome_start',
                                      'chromosome_end', 'feature_type_name'),
> #
                      filters = "regulatory_feature_type_name",
                      values = "Promoter",
                      mart = regulatory)
> # promoter_g = reduce(GRanges(promoter$chromosome_name,
> #
                         IRanges(promoter$chromosome_start,
> #
                                 promoter$chromosome_end)))
> promoter_g <- readRDS(system.file("states/promoter_g_data.rds",</pre>
                           package="MutationalPatterns"))
```

```
> ## Download the promoter flanking regions and convert them to a GRanges object.
> # flanking = getBM(attributes = c('chromosome_name',
                                     'chromosome_start',
> #
                                     'chromosome_end',
                                     'feature_type_name'),
                     filters = "regulatory_feature_type_name",
                     values = "Promoter Flanking Region",
                     mart = regulatory)
> # flanking_g = reduce(GRanges(
                            flanking$chromosome_name,
                           IRanges(flanking$chromosome_start,
> #
                            flanking$chromosome_end)))
> flanking_g <- readRDS(system.file("states/promoter_flanking_g_data.rds",</pre>
                                       package="MutationalPatterns"))
```

Combine all genomic regions (GRanges objects) in a named list:

```
> regions <- GRangesList(promoter_g, flanking_g, CTCF_g)
> names(regions) <- c("Promoter", "Promoter flanking", "CTCF")</pre>
```

Use the same chromosome naming convention consistently:

```
> seqlevelsStyle(regions) <- "UCSC"
```

# 6.3 Test for significant depletion or enrichment in genomic regions

It is necessary to include a list with Granges of regions that were surveyed in your analysis for each sample, that is: positions in the genome at which you have enough high quality reads to call a mutation. This can be determined using e.g. CallableLoci tool by GATK. If you would not include the surveyed area in your analysis, you might for example see a depletion of mutations in a certain genomic region that is solely a result from a low coverage in that region, and therefore does not represent an actual depletion of mutations.

We provided an example surveyed region data file with the package. For simplicity, here we use the same surveyed file for each sample. For a proper analysis, determine the surveyed area per sample and use these in your analysis.

Download the example surveyed region data:

Test for enrichment or depletion of mutations in your defined genomic regions using a binomial test. For this test, the chance of observing a mutation is calculated as the total number of mutations, divided by the total number of surveyed bases.

The vcf files including 3 types of cell tissue is used for SBS analyses:

```
> ## Calculate the number of observed and expected number of mutations in
> ## each genomic regions for each sample.
> distr <- genomic_distribution(vcfs_tissues, surveyed_list, regions)</pre>
```

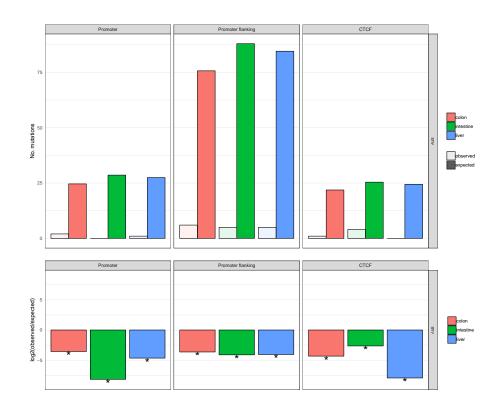
```
> ## Perform the enrichment/depletion test by tissue type.
```

- > distr\_test <- enrichment\_depletion\_test(distr, by = tissue)</pre>
- > head(distr\_test)

| by                   | region muta   | ation | $n_{-}$ muts | $surveyed_length$ | surveyed_region_lengt | h observed |
|----------------------|---------------|-------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| 1 colon              | Promoter      | snv   | 1248         | 727070334         | 1432731               | .0 2       |
| 2 intestine          | Promoter      | snv   | 1450         | 727070334         | 1432731               | .0 0       |
| 3 liver              | Promoter      | snv   | 1394         | 727070334         | 1432731               | .0 1       |
| 4 colon Promoter     | flanking      | snv   | 1248         | 727070334         | 4408761               | .3 6       |
| 5 intestine Promoter | flanking      | snv   | 1450         | 727070334         | 4408761               | .3 5       |
| 6 liver Promoter     | flanking      | snv   | 1394         | 727070334         | 4408761               | .3 5       |
| prob expec           | ted effect    |       | pval         | significant       |                       |            |
| 1 1.716478e-06 24.59 | 251 depletion | 6.846 | 365e-09      | *                 |                       |            |
| 2 1.994305e-06 28.57 | 303 depletion | 3.898 | 3344e-13     | *                 |                       |            |

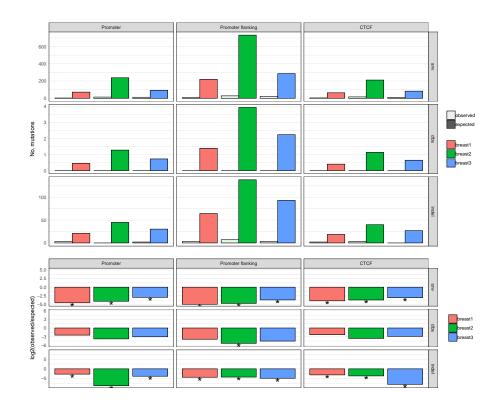
```
* 1.716478e-06 24.59251 deptetion 6.846365e-09 *
2 1.994305e-06 28.57303 deptetion 3.898344e-13 *
3 1.917284e-06 27.46952 deptetion 3.345879e-11 *
4 1.716478e-06 75.67540 deptetion 3.857595e-25 *
5 1.994305e-06 87.92415 deptetion 3.030213e-31 *
6 1.917284e-06 84.52846 deptetion 7.442286e-30 *
```

<sup>&</sup>gt; plot\_enrichment\_depletion(distr\_test)



The test can be repeated for DBS and indels. Use now the breast cancer organoid vcfs:

```
> ## For this example we use the same surveyed file for each sample.
> surveyed_list <- rep(list(surveyed), 3)</pre>
> distr <- genomic_distribution(vcfs_breast, surveyed_list, regions, type = "all")</pre>
> distr_test <- enrichment_depletion_test(distr)</pre>
> head(distr_test)
                     region n_muts surveyed_length surveyed_region_length observed
       by mutation
                                                                                             prob
1 breast1
               snv Promoter
                               3627
                                          242356778
                                                                    4775770
                                                                                   3 1.496554e-05
2 breast1
               dbs Promoter
                                23
                                          242356778
                                                                    4775770
                                                                                   0 9.490141e-08
3 breast1
             indel Promoter
                              1061
                                          242356778
                                                                    4775770
                                                                                   3 4.377843e-06
4 breast2
               snv Promoter 12083
                                          242356778
                                                                    4775770
                                                                                  14 4.985625e-05
5 breast2
               dbs Promoter
                                65
                                          242356778
                                                                    4775770
                                                                                   0 2.681996e-07
6 breast2
             indel Promoter
                              2279
                                          242356778
                                                                    4775770
                                                                                   0 9.403492e-06
                 effect
     expected
                                 pval significant
1 71.4719759 depletion 5.787770e-27
2 0.4532273 depletion 6.355736e-01
3 20.9075728 depletion 1.466769e-06
4 238.1019808 depletion 8.949742e-82
   1.2808598 depletion 2.777983e-01
  44.9089145 depletion 3.134834e-20
> plot_enrichment_depletion(distr_test)
```



## References

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## 7 Session Information

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