

Introduction to *MutationalPatterns*

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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*:

```
> library(BSgenome)
> head(available.genomes())

[1] "BSgenome.Alyrata.JGI.v1"                "BSgenome.Amellifera.BeeBase.assembly4"
[3] "BSgenome.Amellifera.UCSC.apiMel2"       "BSgenome.Amellifera.UCSC.apiMel2.masked"
[5] "BSgenome.Athaliana.TAIR.04232008"       "BSgenome.Athaliana.TAIR.TAIR9"
```

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)
```

Locate the VCF files of the example data:

```
> vcf_files <- list.files(system.file("extdata", package="MutationalPatterns"),
+                          pattern = ".vcf", full.names = TRUE)
```

Define corresponding sample names for the VCF files:

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

Load the VCF files into a *GRangesList*:

```
> vcfs <- read_vcfs_as_granges(vcf_files, sample_names, ref_genome)
> summary(vcfs)
```

Length	Class	Mode
9	GRangesList	S4

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

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

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] "G>A" "A>G" "G>A" "C>T" "T>A" "G>A" "C>T" "C>T" "C>A" "G>A" "T>C" "T>C"
```

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 T (G>T), `mut_type` returns the G:C>T:A mutation as a C>A mutation:

```
> types = mut_type(vcfs[[1]])
> head(types, 12)

[1] "C>T" "T>C" "C>T" "C>T" "T>A" "C>T" "C>T" "C>T" "C>A" "C>T" "T>C" "T>C"
```

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 `mut_context` function:

```
> context = mut_context(vcfs[[1]], ref_genome)
> head(context, 12)

chr1 chr1 chr1 chr1 chr1 chr1 chr1 chr1 chr1 chr1 chr1 chr1
"GGG" "GAC" "AGC" "ACC" "CTT" "GGA" "ACA" "ACA" "GCT" "GGA" "TTT" "TTT"
```

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.

```
> type_context = type_context(vcfs[[1]], ref_genome)
> lapply(type_context, head, 12)

$types
[1] "C>T" "T>C" "C>T" "C>T" "T>A" "C>T" "C>T" "C>T" "C>A" "C>T" "T>C" "T>C"

$context
chr1 chr1 chr1 chr1 chr1 chr1 chr1 chr1 chr1 chr1 chr1 chr1
"CCC" "GTC" "GCT" "ACC" "CTT" "TCC" "ACA" "ACA" "GCT" "TCC" "TTT" "TTT"
```

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	32	21	94	20	51	13	6	88
colon2	50	16	111	32	71	30	7	104
colon3	52	18	91	43	66	25	4	87
intestine1	40	23	67	17	64	33	3	64
intestine2	17	18	48	13	43	17	0	48
intestine3	25	23	87	35	73	28	2	85
liver1	22	17	57	22	64	17	0	57
liver2	43	25	100	30	66	24	4	96
liver3	21	18	78	23	65	22	2	76

3.2 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.

```
> muts = mutations_from_vcf(vcfs[[1]], type = c("dbs", "indel"))
> lapply(muts, head, 12)
```

```
$dbs
character(0)
```

```
$indel
[1] "CA>C" "TGGAG>T"
[3] "CTCT>C" "AAAGAAGAAGAAG>A"
[5] "G>GTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT" "A>ATTTC"
[7] "G>GTT" "TGCACA>T"
[9] "G>GAGGCCGGGC" "C>CCCCTCTTCTCATTCTTTCTTCTTAAAGGTTGGTG"
[11] "T>TGTTGTTG" "TA>T"
```

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[[1]], type = c("dbs", "indel"))
> lapply(types, head, 12)

$dbs
character(0)

$indel
 [1] "CA>C"                "TGGAG>T"
 [3] "CTCT>C"              "AAAGAAGAAGAAG>A"
 [5] "G>GTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT" "A>ATTTC"
 [7] "G>GTT"               "TGCACA>T"
 [9] "G>GAGGCCGGGC"        "C>CCCCTCTTCTCATTTTCTTCTTAAAGTTGGTG"
[11] "T>TGTTGTTG"          "TA>T"
```

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 `indel_mutation_type` can be used. To set the indel context following the COSMIC database, use:

```
> indel_mutation_type("cosmic")
```

Then the indel mutations can be translated with `mut_context`:

```
> context = mut_context(vcfs[[1]], ref_genome, type = "indel", indel = "cosmic")
> head(context, 12)

 [1] "del.1bp.homopol.T.len.2" "del.rep.len.4.rep.1" "del.rep.len.3.rep.1"
 [4] "del.mh.len.5+.bimh.5+"   "ins.rep.len.5+.rep.0" "ins.rep.len.4.rep.2"
 [7] "ins.rep.len.2.rep.0"     "del.rep.len.5+.rep.1" "ins.rep.len.5+.rep.0"
[10] "ins.rep.len.5+.rep.0"    "ins.rep.len.5+.rep.0" "del.1bp.homopol.T.len.1"
```

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[[1]], ref_genome, type = c("dbs", "indel"))
> lapply(type_context, function(x) lapply(x, head, 10))

$dbs
$dbs$types
NULL

$dbs$context
NULL

$indel
$indel$types
 [1] "CA>C"                "TGGAG>T"
 [3] "CTCT>C"              "AAAGAAGAAGAAG>A"
 [5] "G>GTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTTT" "A>ATTTC"
 [7] "G>GTT"               "TGCACA>T"
```

```
[9] "G>GAGGCCGGGC" "C>CCCCTCTTTCTCATTTTCTTCTTAAAGTTGGTG"

$indel$context
[1] "del.1bp.homopol.T.len.2" "del.rep.len.4.rep.1" "del.rep.len.3.rep.1"
[4] "del.mh.len.5+.bimh.5+" "ins.rep.len.5+.rep.0" "ins.rep.len.4.rep.2"
[7] "ins.rep.len.2.rep.0" "del.rep.len.5+.rep.1" "ins.rep.len.5+.rep.0"
[10] "ins.rep.len.5+.rep.0"
```

3.3 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)
```

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

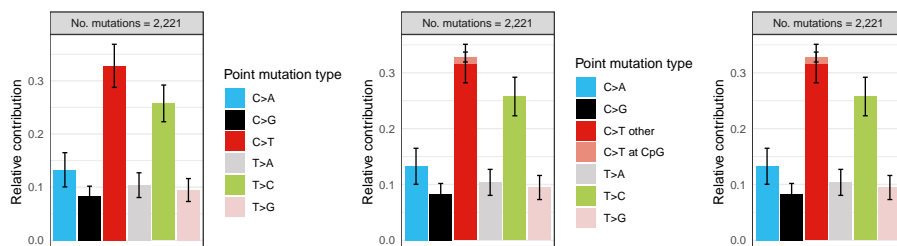
```
> p2 <- plot_spectrum(type_occurrences, CT = TRUE)
```

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))
```



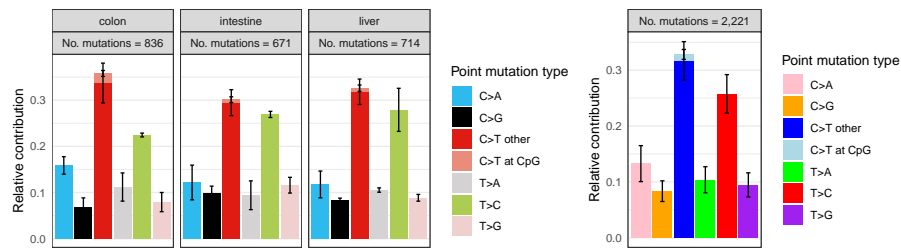
You can facet the per sample group, e.g. plot the spectrum for each tissue separately:

```
> 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)
```

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

3.4 96 mutational profile

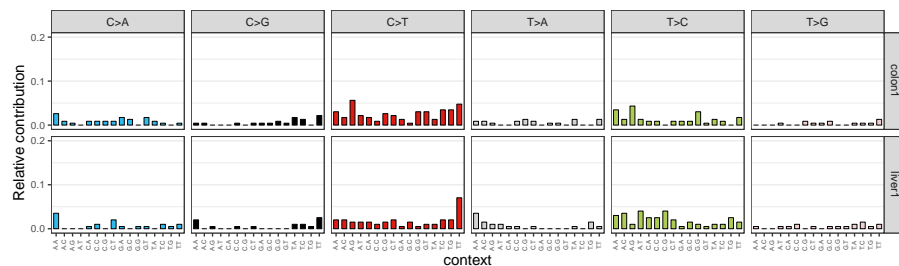
Make a 96 trinucleotide mutation count matrix:

```
> mut_mat <- mut_matrix(vcf_list = vcfs, ref_genome = ref_genome)
> head(mut_mat)
```

	colon1	colon2	colon3	intestine1	intestine2	intestine3	liver1	liver2	liver3
A[C>A]A	6	13	12	6	3	4	7	7	4
A[C>A]C	2	3	3	0	1	0	0	3	0
A[C>A]G	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1
A[C>A]T	0	3	3	1	1	3	0	2	0
C[C>A]A	2	4	5	4	2	2	1	6	0
C[C>A]C	2	3	1	7	1	3	2	4	6

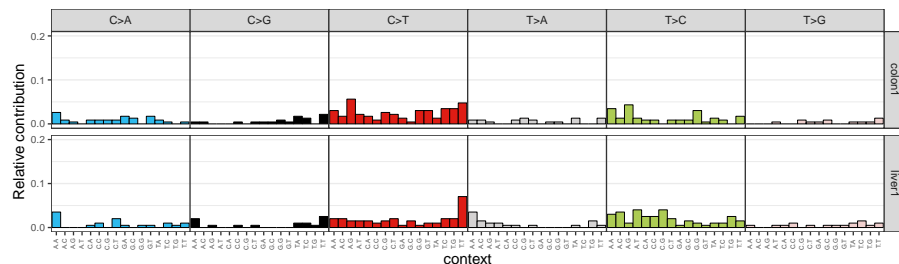
Plot the 96 profile of two samples:

```
> plot_profiles(mut_mat[,c(1,7)])
```



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

```
> plot_profiles(mut_mat[,c(1,7)], condensed = TRUE)
```



3.5 Plot mutation profiles of different types

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

```
> mut_mat <- mut_matrix(vcf_list = vcfs, ref_genome = ref_genome, type = "all")
> lapply(mut_mat, head)
```

\$snv

	colon1	colon2	colon3	intestine1	intestine2	intestine3	liver1	liver2	liver3
A[C>A]A	6	13	12	6	3	4	7	7	4
A[C>A]C	2	3	3	0	1	0	0	3	0
A[C>A]G	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	1
A[C>A]T	0	3	3	1	1	3	0	2	0
C[C>A]A	2	4	5	4	2	2	1	6	0
C[C>A]C	2	3	1	7	1	3	2	4	6

\$dbs

	colon1	colon2	colon3	intestine1	intestine2	intestine3	liver1	liver2	liver3
AC>CA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AC>CG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AC>CT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AC>GA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AC>GG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AC>GT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

\$indel

	colon1	colon2	colon3	intestine1	intestine2	intestine3	liver1	liver2
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.1	2	11	9	9	9	12	9	12
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.2	2	3	2	1	3	4	1	2
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.3	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	1
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.6+	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

liver3

del.1bp.homopol.C.len.1	14
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.2	2
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.3	4
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.4	1
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.5	1
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.6+	0

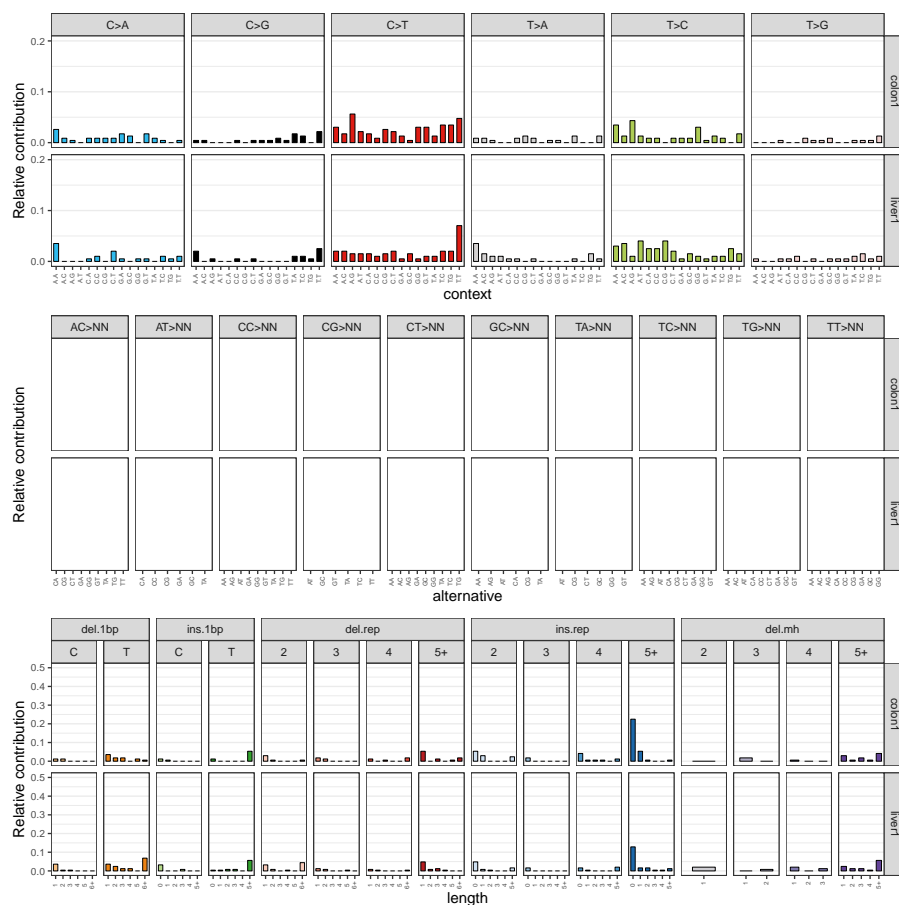
Make a list of two samples:

```
> mut_mat_sub <- list("snv" = mut_mat$snv[,c(1,7)],
+                      "dbs" = mut_mat$dbs[,c(1,7)],
+                      "indel" = mut_mat$indel[,c(1,7)])
```

Plot the mutation profiles of the two samples:

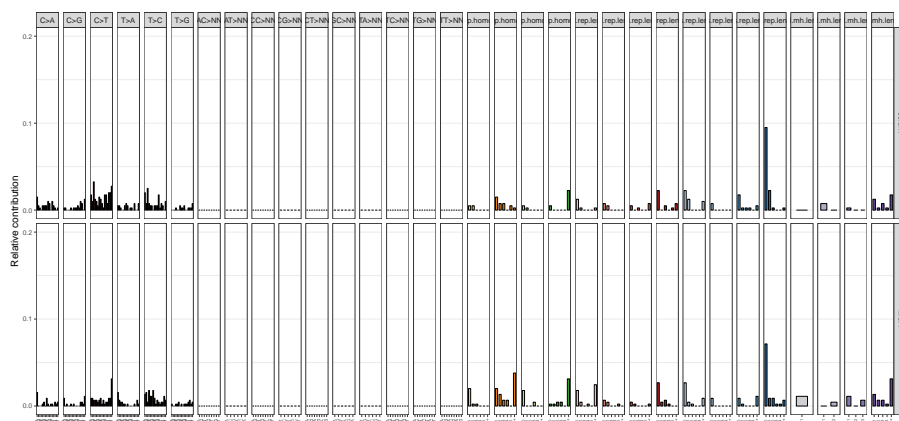
```
> plot_profiles(mut_mat_sub, type = "all")
```

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

```
> plot_profiles(mut_mat_sub, type = "all", 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 base substitutions types or indels. Mutational signatures can be extracted from your mutation count matrix, with non-negative 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:

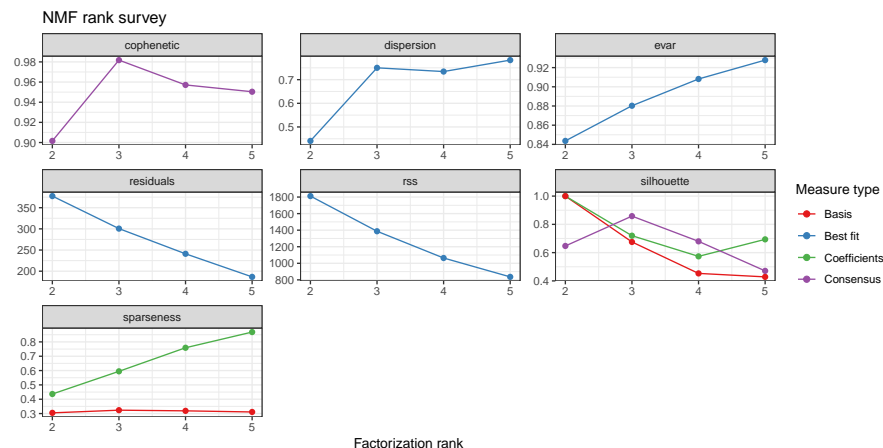
```
> mut_mat <- mut_matrix(vcf_list = vcfs, ref_genome = ref_genome)
> mut_mat <- mut_mat + 0.0001
```

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)
```

And plot it:

```
> plot(estimate)
```



Extract 2 mutational signatures from the mutation count matrix with `extract_signatures` (For larger datasets it is wise to perform more iterations by changing the `nrun` parameter to achieve stability and avoid local minima):

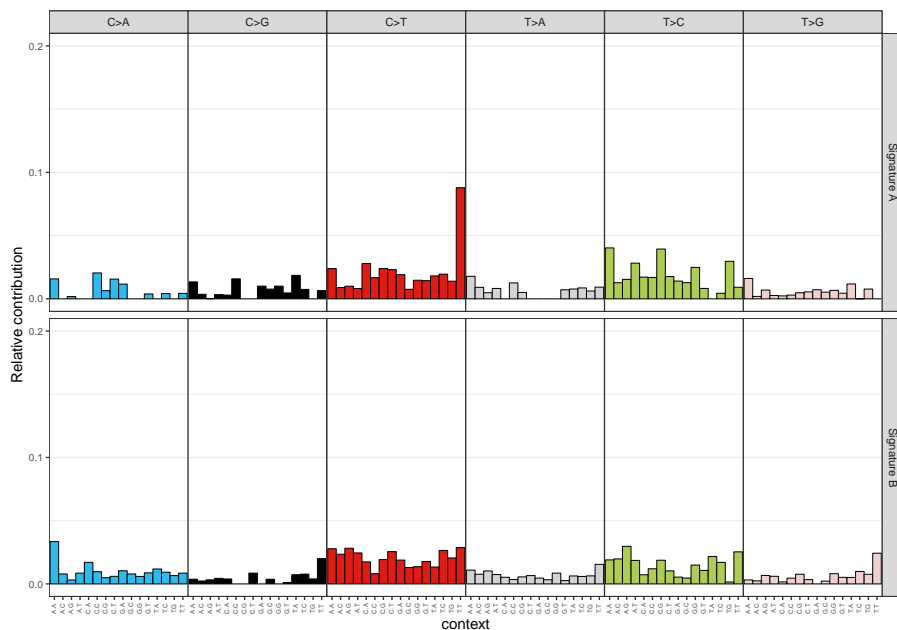
```
> nmf_res <- extract_signatures(mut_mat, rank = 2, nrun = 10)
```

Assign signature names:

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

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:

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

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 `extract_signatures`. Use `type = "all"` to get all mutation types.

```
> nmf_res <- extract_signatures(mut_mat,
+                               rank = c("snv" = 2, "dbs" = 2, "indel" = 2),
+                               type = "all",
+                               nrun = 10)
```

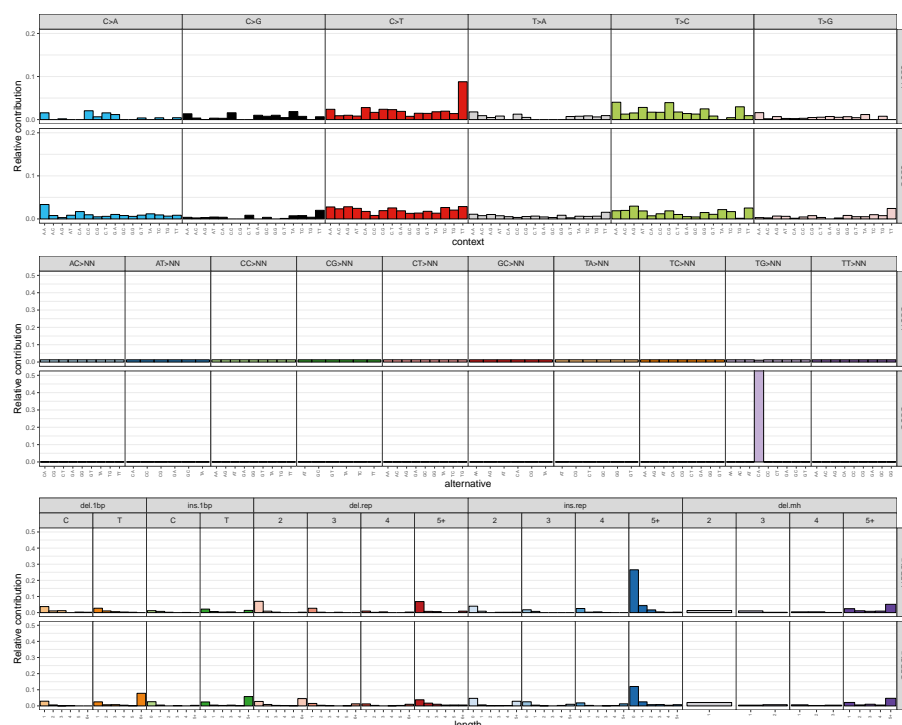
Assign signature names

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

Plot the profiles of the signatures:

```
> plot_profiles(nmf_res$signatures, condensed = TRUE, type = "all")
```



Visualize the contribution of the SBS signatures in a barplot:

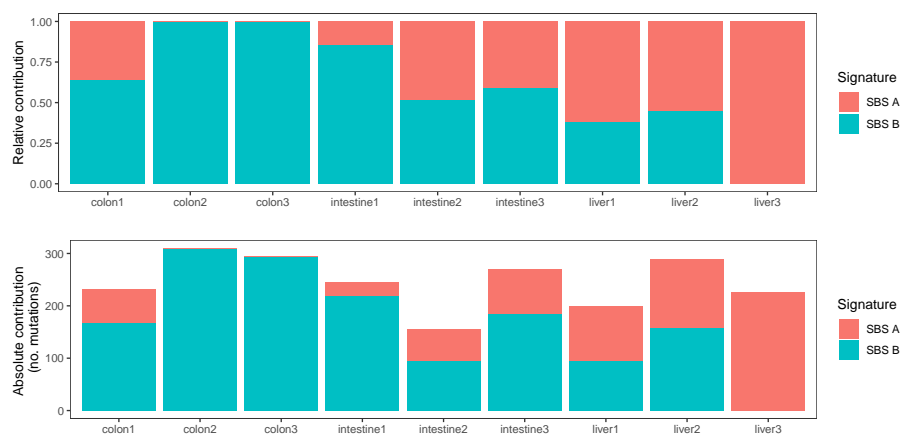
```
> pc1 <- plot_contribution(nmf_res$contribution, nmf_res$signature,
+                           mode = "relative")
```

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

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

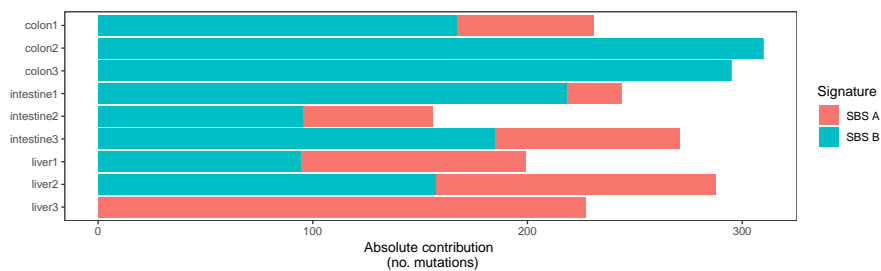
Combine the two plots:

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



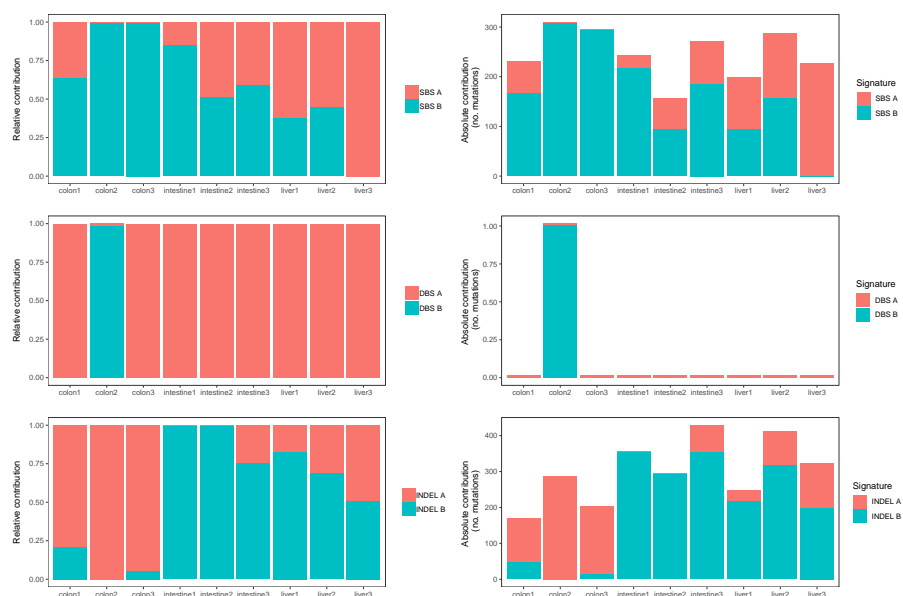
Flip X and Y coordinates:

```
> 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 `plot_contribution_heatmap`, 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:

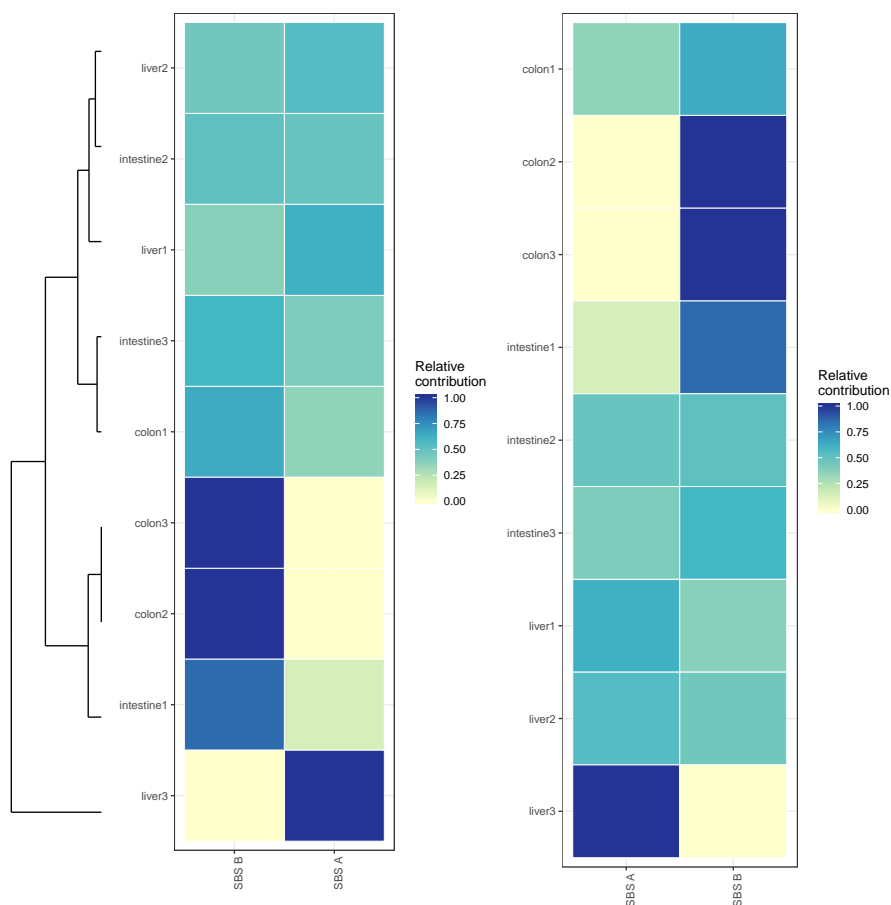
```
> pch1 <- plot_contribution_heatmap(nmf_res$contribution,
+                                   sig_order = c("SBS B", "SBS A"))
```

Plot SBS signature contribution as a heatmap without sample clustering:

```
> pch2 <- plot_contribution_heatmap(nmf_res$contribution, cluster_samples=FALSE)
```

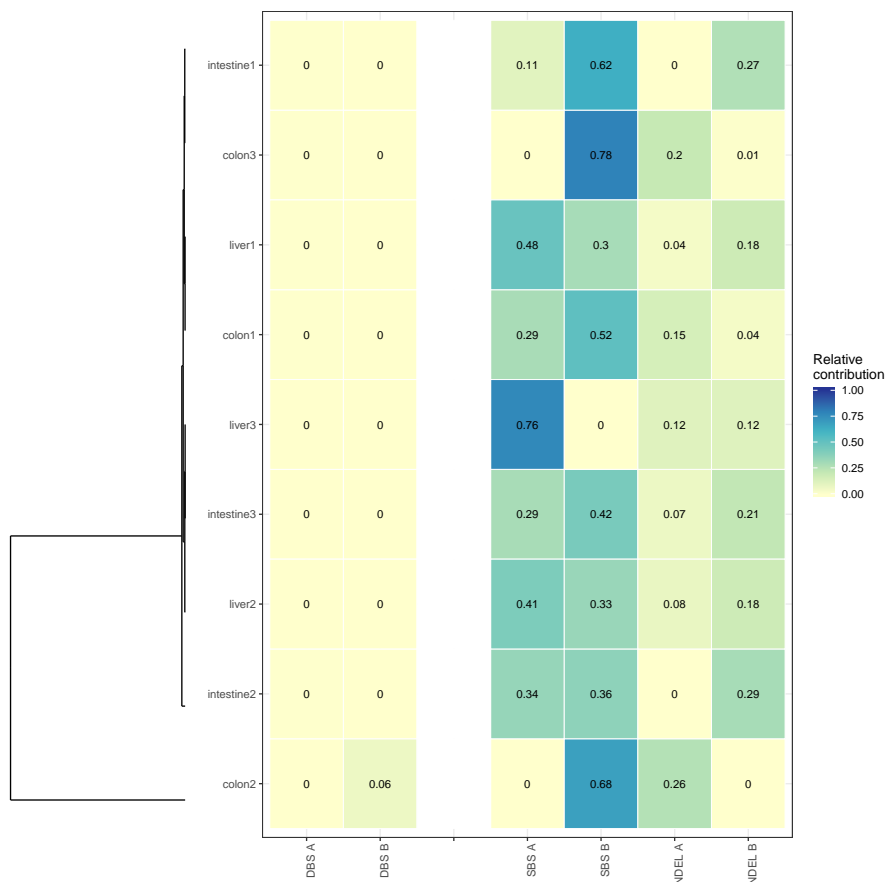
Combine the plots into one figure:

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

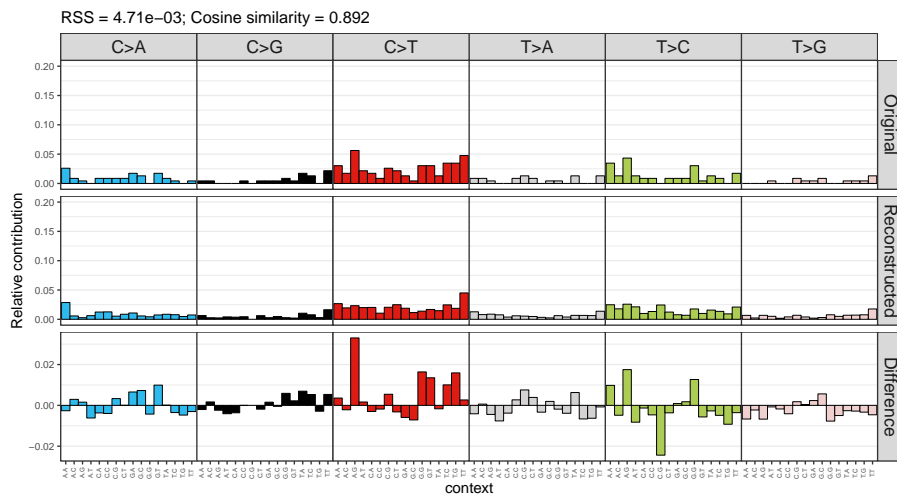
When plotting the signature contribution of multiple mutation types, it is possible to cluster on a specified mutation type. The mutation type(s) on which the data will be clustered, will show up at the left side of the heatmap. Plot the signature contribution, clustered by DBS signatures, by setting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

```
> plot_contribution_heatmap(nmf_res$contribution, type = "all",
+                           cluster_mut_type = "dbs",
+                           plot_values = TRUE)
```



In order to see the performance of the NMF algorithm, a reconstruction of the count matrices are given by `extract_signatures`. Compare a reconstructed 96 mutational profile of SNVs with the original 96 mutational profile of SNVs:

```
> plot_compare_profiles(mut_mat$snv[,1],
+                        nmf_res$snv$reconstructed[,1],
+                        profile_names = c("Original", "Reconstructed"),
+                        condensed = TRUE)
```



4.2 Find optimal contribution of known signatures

4.2.1 COSMIC mutational signatures

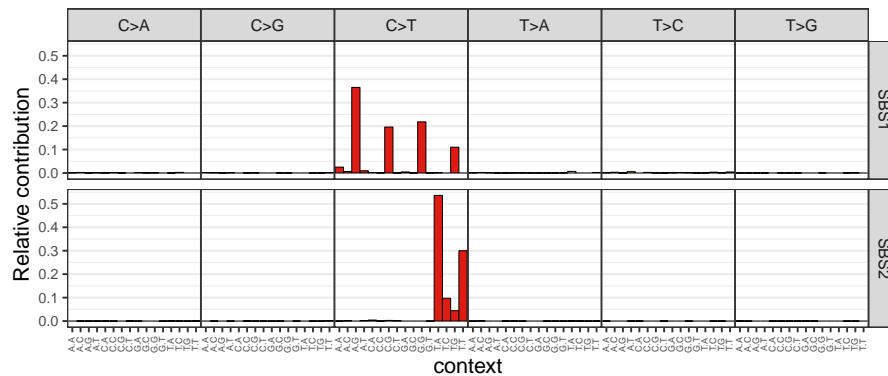
Download mutational signatures from the COSMIC website. As there are multiple versions of the signatures, this vignette uses the signatures from COSMIC version 3 for SBS, DBS and indels. These signatures are available in numerical form from synapse.org ID syn12009743. Download here the reference whole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

```
> # Read the SBS signatures file
> snv_signatures = read.csv("sigProfiler_SBS_signatures_v3_2019_05_22.csv")
> # Derive the 96 mutations
> snv_signatures$MutationType = sprintf("%s[%s]%s",
+                                     substr(snv_signatures$SubType, 1, 1),
+                                     snv_signatures$Type,
+                                     substr(snv_signatures$SubType, 3, 3))
> # Match the order of the mutation types to MutationalPatterns standard
> new_order = match(row.names(mut_mat$snv), snv_signatures$MutationType)
> # Reorder cancer signatures dataframe
> snv_signatures = snv_signatures[as.vector(new_order),]
> # Add trinucleotide changes names as row.names
> row.names(snv_signatures) = snv_signatures$MutationType
> # Keep only 96 contributions of the signatures in matrix
> snv_signatures = as.matrix(snv_signatures[,3:69])
> # Read the DBS signatures file
> dbs_signatures = read.csv("sigProfiler_DBS_signatures.csv")
> # Add mutation types as rownames
> rownames(dbs_signatures) = dbs_signatures$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) = INDEL_COSMIC
> # Keep only the 17 indel signatures
> indel_signatures = as.matrix(indel_signatures[,2:18])
> # Store all mutation types in one list
> cancer_signatures = list("snv" = snv_signatures,
+                           "dbs" = dbs_signatures,
+                           "indel" = indel_signatures)
```

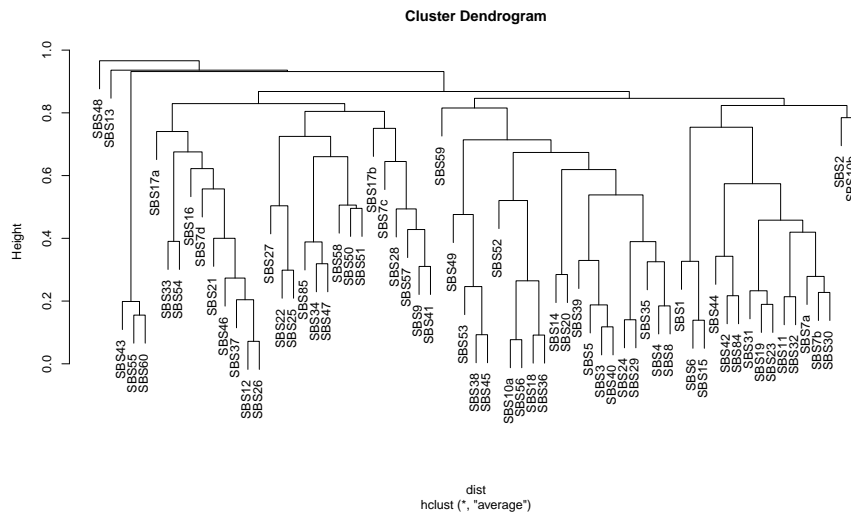
Plot mutational profile of the first two COSMIC SBS signatures:

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



The same can be done for DBS and indel signatures, by changing the `type` argument to "all".

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$snv[,1], cancer_signatures$snv[,1])
[1] 0.5200306
```

To do pairwise cosine similarity calculations of mutational profiles and COSMIC signatures, use the function `cos_sim_matrix`:

```
> cos_sim_samples_signatures = cos_sim_matrix(mut_mat, cancer_signatures,
+                                             type = "all")
> lapply(cos_sim_samples_signatures, function(x) x[1:5,1:5])

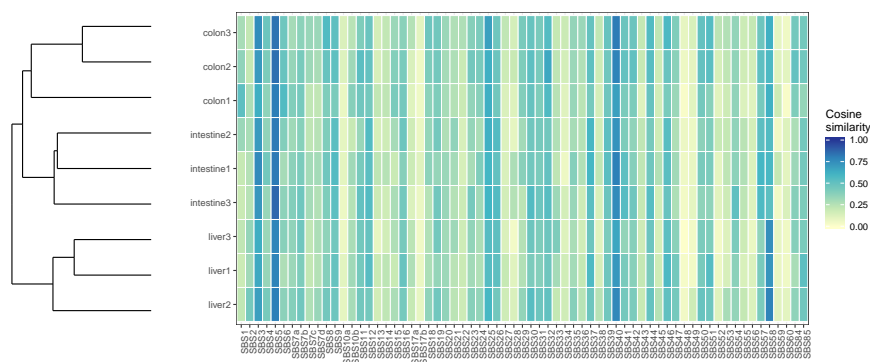
$snv
      SBS1      SBS2      SBS3      SBS4      SBS5
colon1 0.5200306 0.2808230 0.6265106 0.3595018 0.8033183
colon2 0.3560223 0.2081480 0.7033546 0.4101365 0.8429317
colon3 0.2912627 0.2118448 0.7493105 0.4720767 0.8320451
intestine1 0.2029325 0.2538327 0.7557348 0.4460553 0.8131116
intestine2 0.3279535 0.2887903 0.6996420 0.3559883 0.8097798

$dbbs
      DBS1      DBS2      DBS3      DBS4      DBS5
colon1 0.1317944889 0.1540164590 0.41113692 0.221113429 0.217078507
colon2 0.0004411857 0.0003319059 0.05806684 0.001765877 0.001104112
colon3 0.1317944889 0.1540164590 0.41113692 0.221113429 0.217078507
intestine1 0.1317944889 0.1540164590 0.41113692 0.221113429 0.217078507
intestine2 0.1317944889 0.1540164590 0.41113692 0.221113429 0.217078507

$indel
      ID1      ID2      ID3      ID4      ID5
colon1 0.19892691 0.029872747 0.09543576 0.06543478 0.2342998
colon2 0.04072494 0.003110931 0.10458474 0.09354174 0.1511328
colon3 0.05180514 0.037694816 0.13848620 0.13572804 0.2128697
intestine1 0.37721882 0.367938627 0.13381263 0.11116837 0.2683759
intestine2 0.27748826 0.312236672 0.15130223 0.16146751 0.2404568
```

Plot the cosine similarity heatmap of the SBS signatures:

```
> plot_cosine_heatmap(cos_sim_samples_signatures$snv,
+                      cluster_rows = TRUE)
```



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 `fit_to_signatures` 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:

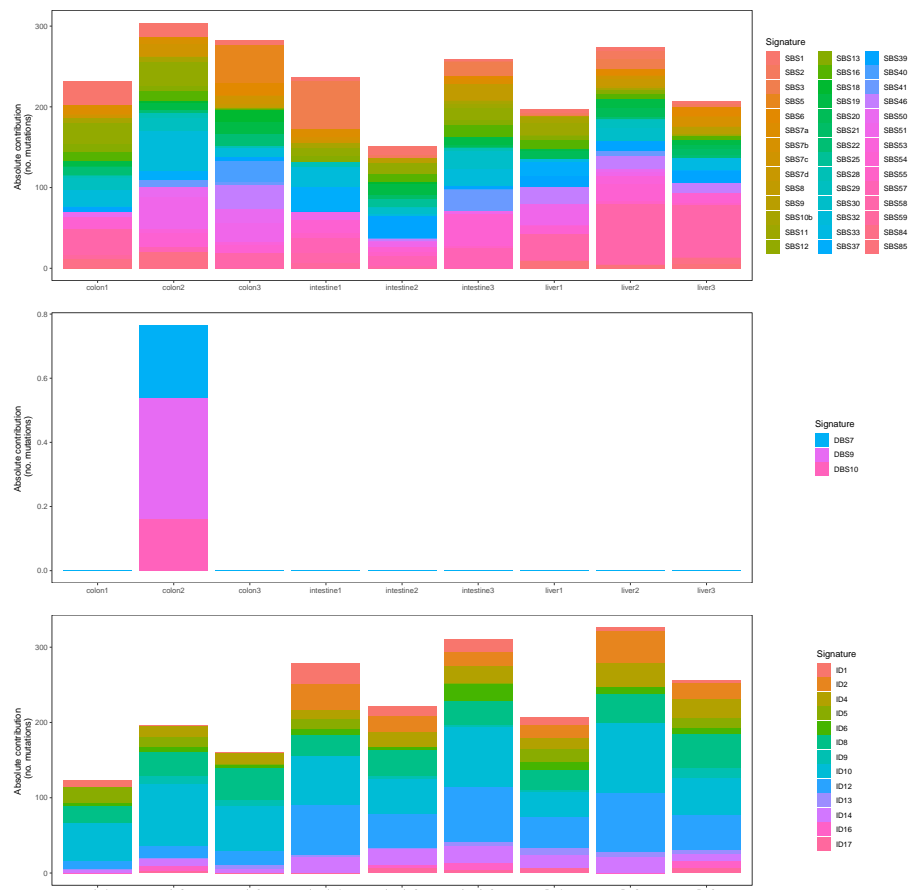
```
> mut_mat <- mut_matrix(vcf_list = vcfs, ref_genome, type = "all")
```

Fit mutation matrices to the COSMIC signatures:

```
> fit_res <- fit_to_signatures(mut_mat, cancer_signatures, type = "all")
```

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$contribution$dbp <- fit_res$contribution$dbp[
+   which(rowSums(fit_res$contribution$dbp) > 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,
+   cancer_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:

```
> fit_res_grs <- fit_to_signatures(mut_mat, cancer_signatures, type = "snv",
+                                method = "golden-ratio-search")
> # Select signatures with some contribution
> select_grs <- which(rowSums(fit_res_grs$contribution) > 0.06)
```

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(cancer_signatures$snv))
```

Then plot the results of both algorithms:

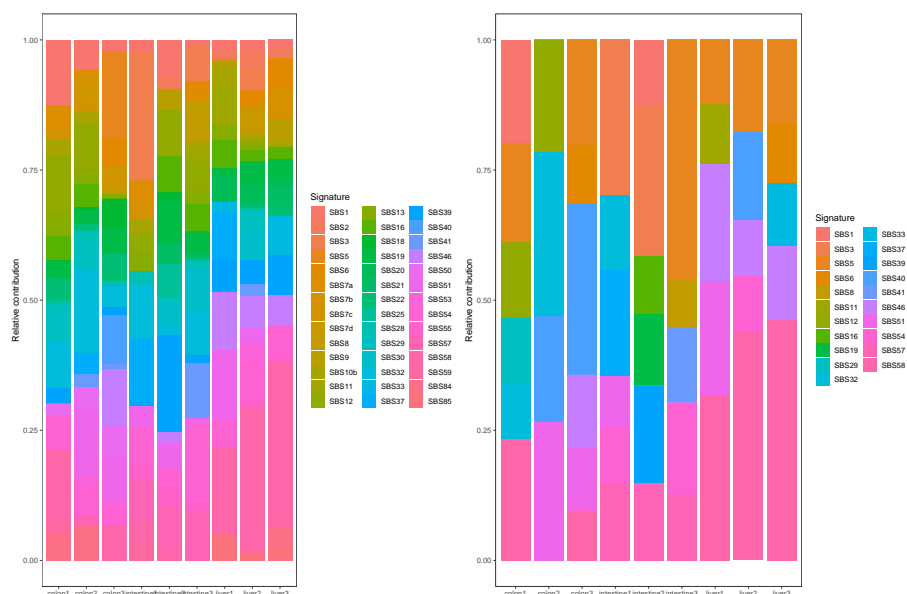
```
> # Plot relative contribution from non-negative least squares
> select = match(rownames(fit_res$contribution$snv), colnames(cancer_signatures$snv))
> pcl <- plot_contribution(fit_res$contribution,
+                           cancer_signatures$snv,
+                           coord_flip = FALSE,
+                           type = "snv",
```

```

+           mode = "relative",
+           palette = list("snv" = colorvector[select]))
> # Plot relative contribution from golden ratio search
> pc2 <- plot_contribution(fit_res_grs$contribution[select_grs,],
+           cancer_signatures$snv[,select_grs],
+           coord_flip = FALSE,
+           mode = "relative",
+           palette = list("snv" = colorvector[select_grs]))

```

Combine the two plots in one figure:

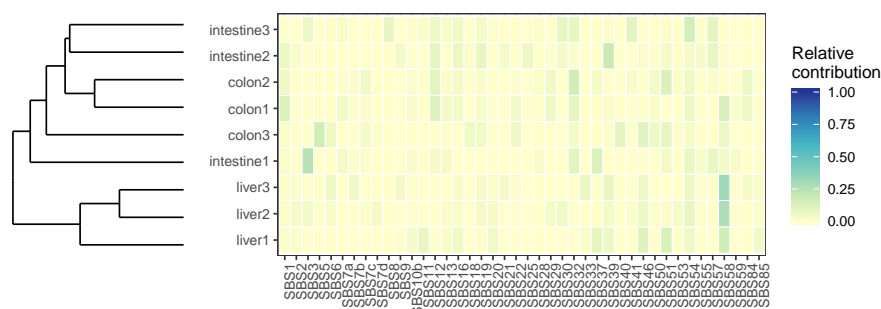


The relative contributions of signatures to samples can be plotted as a heatmap. Plot the contribution heatmap of the SBS signatures:

```

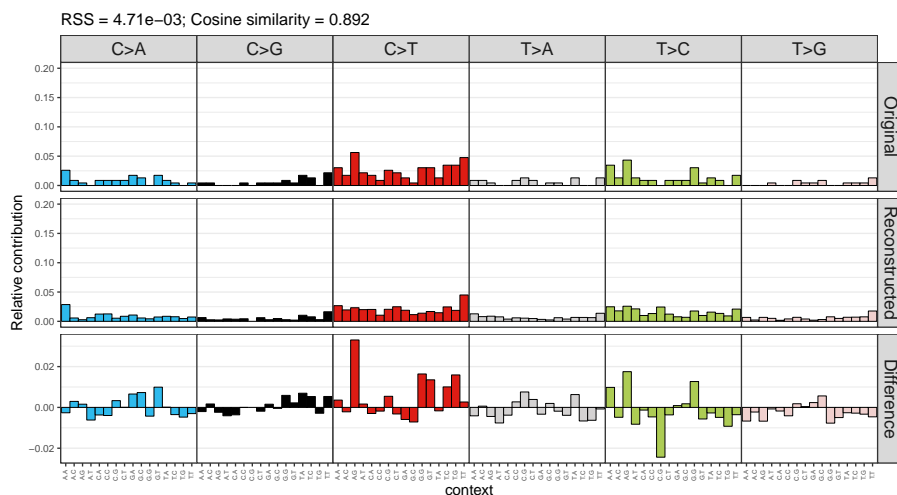
> plot_contribution_heatmap(fit_res$contribution$snv,
+           cluster_samples = TRUE,
+           method = "complete")

```



A quality control of the fitted signatures is to compare the reconstructed mutational profiles with the originals. 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:

```
> plot_compare_profiles(mut_mat$indel[,1], fit_res$reconstructed$indel[,1],
+                       profile_names = c("Original", "Reconstructed"),
+                       condensed = TRUE)
```



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)))
```

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 ggplot
> 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]])
+ }
```

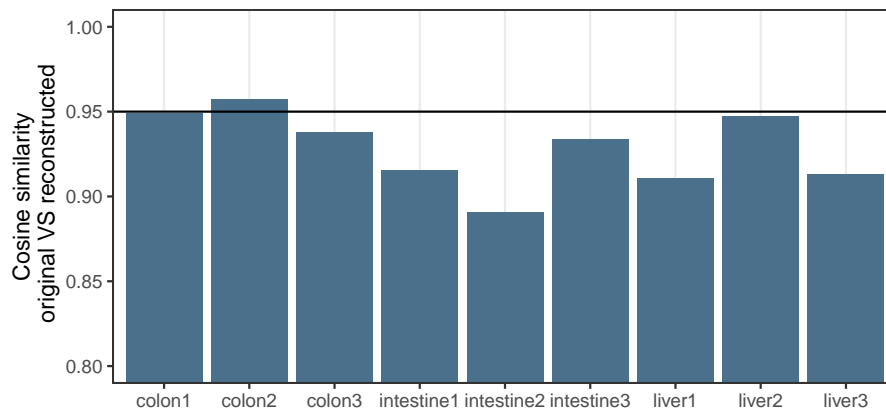
Plot the cosine similarities for the SBS signatures:

```
> # 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_hg19 <- genes(TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene)
> genes_hg19
```

GRanges object with 23056 ranges and 1 metadata column:

	seqnames	ranges	strand	gene_id
	<Rle>	<IRanges>	<Rle>	<character>
1	chr19 [58858172,	58874214]	-	1
10	chr8 [18248755,	18258723]	+	10
100	chr20 [43248163,	43280376]	-	100
1000	chr18 [25530930,	25757445]	-	1000
10000	chr1 [243651535,	244006886]	-	10000
...
9991	chr9 [114979995,	115095944]	-	9991
9992	chr21 [35736323,	35743440]	+	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.

```
> strand = mut_strand(vcfs[[1]], genes_hg19, type = c("snv", "dbs"))
> lapply(strand, head, 10)
```

\$snv

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

Levels: untranscribed transcribed -

\$dbs

factor(0)

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, ref_genome, genes_hg19,
+                                 type = c("snv", "dbs"))
> lapply(mut_mat_s, function(x) x[1:5,1:5])
```

\$snv

	colon1	colon2	colon3	intestine1	intestine2
A[C>A]A-untranscribed	1	1	2	0	0
A[C>A]A-transcribed	2	3	3	0	1
A[C>A]C-untranscribed	0	0	1	0	0
A[C>A]C-transcribed	0	2	0	0	0

```

A[C>A]G-untranscribed      0      0      0      0      0

$db
  colon1 colon2 colon3 intestine1 intestine2
AC>CA-untranscribed      0      0      0      0      0
AC>CA-transcribed        0      0      0      0      0
AC>CG-untranscribed      0      0      0      0      0
AC>CG-transcribed        0      0      0      0      0
AC>CT-untranscribed      0      0      0      0      0

```

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

```

> strand_counts <- strand_occurrences(mut_mat_s, by=tissue,
+                                     type = c("snv", "dbs"))
> lapply(strand_counts, head)

$snv
  group mutation type      strand no_mutations relative_contribution
1  colon      snv  C>A   transcribed          20          0.08510638
4  colon      snv  C>A untranscribed          15          0.06382979
7  colon      snv  C>G   transcribed           7          0.02978723
10 colon      snv  C>G untranscribed           3          0.01276596
13 colon      snv  C>T   transcribed          47          0.20000000
16 colon      snv  C>T untranscribed          40          0.17021277

$db
  group mutation type      strand no_mutations relative_contribution
1  colon      dbs   AC   transcribed           0           NaN
4  colon      dbs   AC untranscribed           0           NaN
7  colon      dbs   AT   transcribed           0           NaN
10 colon      dbs   AT untranscribed           0           NaN
13 colon      dbs   CC   transcribed           0           NaN
16 colon      dbs   CC untranscribed           0           NaN

```

Perform Poisson test for strand asymmetry significance testing:

```

> strand_bias <- strand_bias_test(strand_counts,
+                                 type = c("snv", "dbs"))
> strand_bias

$snv
  group mutation type transcribed untranscribed total      ratio p_poisson significant
1  colon      snv  C>A          20           15      35 1.3333333 0.49955983
2  colon      snv  C>G           7            3      10 2.3333333 0.34375000
3  colon      snv  C>T          47           40      87 1.1750000 0.52029159
4  colon      snv  T>A          11           12      23 0.9166667 1.00000000
5  colon      snv  T>C          23           38      61 0.6052632 0.07217744
6  colon      snv  T>G           8           11      19 0.7272727 0.64760590
7 intestine    snv  C>A          10            9      19 1.1111111 1.00000000
8 intestine    snv  C>G          10            9      19 1.1111111 1.00000000
9 intestine    snv  C>T          29           24      53 1.2083333 0.58313215
10 intestine    snv  T>A           8            5      13 1.6000000 0.58105469
11 intestine    snv  T>C          25           28      53 0.8928571 0.78384630

```

```

12 intestine snv T>G 11 7 18 1.5714286 0.48068237
13 liver snv C>A 10 14 24 0.7142857 0.54125619
14 liver snv C>G 7 8 15 0.8750000 1.00000000
15 liver snv C>T 29 43 72 0.6744186 0.12491820
16 liver snv T>A 5 8 13 0.6250000 0.58105469
17 liver snv T>C 27 26 53 1.0384615 1.00000000
18 liver snv T>G 11 14 25 0.7857143 0.69003797

```

```
$dbs
```

	group	mutation	type	transcribed	untranscribed	total	ratio	p_poisson	significant
1	colon	dbs	AC	0	0	0	NaN	1	
2	colon	dbs	AT	0	0	0	NaN	1	
3	colon	dbs	CC	0	0	0	NaN	1	
4	colon	dbs	CG	0	0	0	NaN	1	
5	colon	dbs	CT	0	0	0	NaN	1	
6	colon	dbs	GC	0	0	0	NaN	1	
7	colon	dbs	TA	0	0	0	NaN	1	
8	colon	dbs	TC	0	0	0	NaN	1	
9	colon	dbs	TG	0	0	0	NaN	1	
10	colon	dbs	TT	0	0	0	NaN	1	
11	intestine	dbs	AC	0	0	0	NaN	1	
12	intestine	dbs	AT	0	0	0	NaN	1	
13	intestine	dbs	CC	0	0	0	NaN	1	
14	intestine	dbs	CG	0	0	0	NaN	1	
15	intestine	dbs	CT	0	0	0	NaN	1	
16	intestine	dbs	GC	0	0	0	NaN	1	
17	intestine	dbs	TA	0	0	0	NaN	1	
18	intestine	dbs	TC	0	0	0	NaN	1	
19	intestine	dbs	TG	0	0	0	NaN	1	
20	intestine	dbs	TT	0	0	0	NaN	1	
21	liver	dbs	AC	0	0	0	NaN	1	
22	liver	dbs	AT	0	0	0	NaN	1	
23	liver	dbs	CC	0	0	0	NaN	1	
24	liver	dbs	CG	0	0	0	NaN	1	
25	liver	dbs	CT	0	0	0	NaN	1	
26	liver	dbs	GC	0	0	0	NaN	1	
27	liver	dbs	TA	0	0	0	NaN	1	
28	liver	dbs	TC	0	0	0	NaN	1	
29	liver	dbs	TG	0	0	0	NaN	1	
30	liver	dbs	TT	0	0	0	NaN	1	

Plot the mutation spectrum with strand distinction:

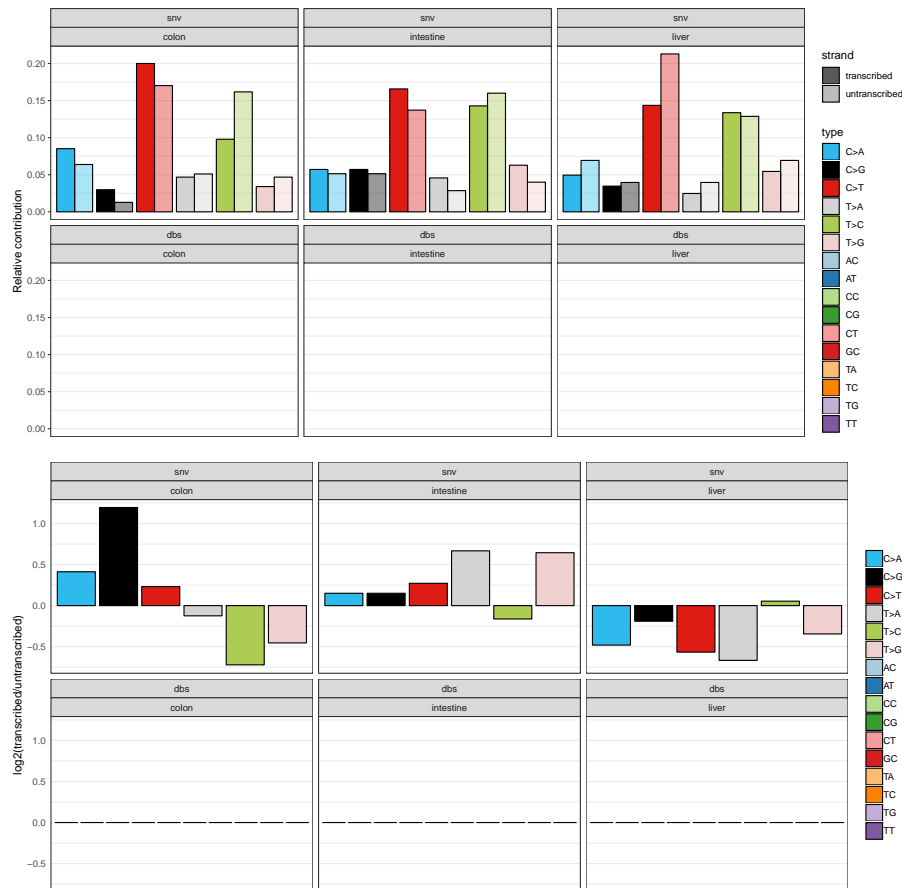
```
> ps1 <- plot_strand(strand_counts, mode = "relative")
```

Plot the effect size ($\log_2(\text{untranscribed}/\text{transcribed})$) of the strand bias. Asteriks indicate significant strand bias.

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

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 seqlevelsstyle
> seqlevelsStyle(repli_strand_granges) = "UCSC"
> repli_strand_granges

GRanges object with 1993 ranges and 1 metadata column:
      seqnames      ranges strand | strand_info
      <Rle>        <IRanges> <Rle> |   <factor>
[1]   chr1 [2133001, 3089000]   * |    right
[2]   chr1 [3089001, 3497000]   * |    left
[3]   chr1 [3497001, 4722000]   * |    right
[4]   chr1 [5223001, 6428000]   * |    left
[5]   chr1 [6428001, 7324000]   * |    right
...      ...      ...      ... |    ...
[1989] chrY [23997001, 24424000] * |    right
[1990] chrY [24424001, 28636000] * |    left
[1991] chrY [28636001, 28686000] * |    right
[1992] chrY [28686001, 28760000] * |    left
[1993] chrY [28760001, 28842000] * |    right
-----
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.

```

> strand_rep <- mut_strand(vcfs[[1]], repli_strand_granges, mode = "replication",
+                          type = "all")
> lapply(strand_rep, head, 10)

$snv
[1] right right right right -   left -   -   -   -
Levels: left right -

$indel
[1] -   right right right -   left -   left left right
Levels: left right -

```

Make mutation count matrices with transcriptional strand information.

```

> mut_mat_s_rep <- mut_matrix_stranded(vcfs, ref_genome, repli_strand_granges,
+                                     mode = "replication",
+                                     type = "all")
> lapply(mut_mat_s_rep, function(x) x[1:5, 1:5])

$snv
      colon1 colon2 colon3 intestine1 intestine2

```

A[C>A]A-left	0	3	3	1	0
A[C>A]A-right	2	2	1	1	0
A[C>A]C-left	0	0	1	0	0
A[C>A]C-right	0	0	0	0	0
A[C>A]G-left	0	0	1	0	0

\$dbs

	colon1	colon2	colon3	intestine1	intestine2
AC>CA-left	0	0	0	0	0
AC>CA-right	0	0	0	0	0
AC>CG-left	0	0	0	0	0
AC>CG-right	0	0	0	0	0
AC>CT-left	0	0	0	0	0

\$indel

	colon1	colon2	colon3	intestine1	intestine2
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.1-left	0	2	2	3	1
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.1-right	1	0	0	0	1
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.2-left	0	2	0	0	1
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.2-right	1	1	0	0	0
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.3-left	0	1	1	0	0

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,
+                                           levels = c("right", "left"))
> mut_mat_s_rep2 <- mut_matrix_stranded(vcfs, ref_genome, repli_strand_granges,
+                                       mode = "replication",
+                                       type = "all")
> lapply(mut_mat_s_rep2, function(x) x[1:5, 1:5])
```

\$snv

	colon1	colon2	colon3	intestine1	intestine2
A[C>A]A-right	2	2	1	1	0
A[C>A]A-left	0	3	3	1	0
A[C>A]C-right	0	0	0	0	0
A[C>A]C-left	0	0	1	0	0
A[C>A]G-right	0	1	1	0	0

\$dbs

	colon1	colon2	colon3	intestine1	intestine2
AC>CA-left	0	0	0	0	0
AC>CA-right	0	0	0	0	0
AC>CG-left	0	0	0	0	0
AC>CG-right	0	0	0	0	0
AC>CT-left	0	0	0	0	0

\$indel

	colon1	colon2	colon3	intestine1	intestine2
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.1-right	1	0	0	0	1

del.1bp.homopol.C.len.1-left	0	2	2	3	1
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.2-right	1	1	0	0	0
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.2-left	0	2	0	0	1
del.1bp.homopol.C.len.3-right	0	0	1	0	0

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

```
> strand_counts_rep <- strand_occurrences(mut_mat_s_rep, by=tissue,
+                                         type = "all")
> lapply(strand_counts_rep, head)
```

\$snv

	group	mutation	type	strand	no_mutations	relative_contribution
1	colon	snv	C>A	left	21	0.07070707
4	colon	snv	C>A	right	19	0.06397306
7	colon	snv	C>G	left	8	0.02693603
10	colon	snv	C>G	right	10	0.03367003
13	colon	snv	C>T	left	51	0.17171717
16	colon	snv	C>T	right	47	0.15824916

\$dbs

	group	mutation	type	strand	no_mutations	relative_contribution
1	colon	dbs	AC	left	0	0
4	colon	dbs	AC	right	0	0
7	colon	dbs	AT	left	0	0
10	colon	dbs	AT	right	0	0
13	colon	dbs	CC	left	0	0
16	colon	dbs	CC	right	0	0

\$indel

	group	mutation	type	strand	no_mutations	relative_contribution
1	colon	indel	del.1bp.homopol.C	left	8	0.028571429
4	colon	indel	del.1bp.homopol.C	right	4	0.014285714
7	colon	indel	del.1bp.homopol.T	left	4	0.014285714
10	colon	indel	del.1bp.homopol.T	right	13	0.046428571
13	colon	indel	del.mh.len.2	left	3	0.010714286
16	colon	indel	del.mh.len.2	right	1	0.003571429

Perform Poisson test for strand asymmetry significance testing:

```
> strand_bias_rep <- strand_bias_test(strand_counts_rep,
+                                     type = "all")
> strand_bias_rep
```

\$snv

	group	mutation	type	left	right	total	ratio	p_poisson	significant
1	colon	snv	C>A	21	19	40	1.1052632	0.874629312	
2	colon	snv	C>G	8	10	18	0.8000000	0.814529419	
3	colon	snv	C>T	51	47	98	1.0851064	0.762036220	
4	colon	snv	T>A	24	7	31	3.4285714	0.003326893	*
5	colon	snv	T>C	44	37	81	1.1891892	0.505236441	
6	colon	snv	T>G	16	13	29	1.2307692	0.711071104	

```

7 intestine snv C>A 16 12 28 1.3333333 0.571588188
8 intestine snv C>G 12 4 16 3.0000000 0.076812744
9 intestine snv C>T 41 32 73 1.2812500 0.349181838
10 intestine snv T>A 10 7 17 1.4285714 0.629058838
11 intestine snv T>C 30 31 61 0.9677419 1.000000000
12 intestine snv T>G 9 13 22 0.6923077 0.523467064
13 liver snv C>A 16 10 26 1.6000000 0.326939583
14 liver snv C>G 13 9 22 1.4444444 0.523467064
15 liver snv C>T 51 42 93 1.2142857 0.406924368
16 liver snv T>A 13 6 19 2.1666667 0.167068481
17 liver snv T>C 44 32 76 1.3750000 0.206736842
18 liver snv T>G 14 11 25 1.2727273 0.690037966

```

```
$dbs
```

```

      group mutation type left right total ratio p_poisson significant
1      colon      dbs   AC    0    0    0   NaN          1
2      colon      dbs   AT    0    0    0   NaN          1
3      colon      dbs   CC    0    0    0   NaN          1
4      colon      dbs   CG    0    0    0   NaN          1
5      colon      dbs   CT    0    0    0   NaN          1
6      colon      dbs   GC    0    0    0   NaN          1
7      colon      dbs   TA    0    0    0   NaN          1
8      colon      dbs   TC    0    0    0   NaN          1
9      colon      dbs   TG    1    0    1   Inf          1
10     colon      dbs   TT    0    0    0   NaN          1
11 intestine     dbs   AC    0    0    0   NaN          1
12 intestine     dbs   AT    0    0    0   NaN          1
13 intestine     dbs   CC    0    0    0   NaN          1
14 intestine     dbs   CG    0    0    0   NaN          1
15 intestine     dbs   CT    0    0    0   NaN          1
16 intestine     dbs   GC    0    0    0   NaN          1
17 intestine     dbs   TA    0    0    0   NaN          1
18 intestine     dbs   TC    0    0    0   NaN          1
19 intestine     dbs   TG    0    0    0   NaN          1
20 intestine     dbs   TT    0    0    0   NaN          1
21     liver      dbs   AC    0    0    0   NaN          1
22     liver      dbs   AT    0    0    0   NaN          1
23     liver      dbs   CC    0    0    0   NaN          1
24     liver      dbs   CG    0    0    0   NaN          1
25     liver      dbs   CT    0    0    0   NaN          1
26     liver      dbs   GC    0    0    0   NaN          1
27     liver      dbs   TA    0    0    0   NaN          1
28     liver      dbs   TC    0    0    0   NaN          1
29     liver      dbs   TG    0    0    0   NaN          1
30     liver      dbs   TT    0    0    0   NaN          1

```

```
$indel
```

```

      group mutation      type left right total      ratio p_poisson significant
1      colon      indel del.1bp.homopol.C    8    4    12 2.0000000 0.38769531
2      colon      indel del.1bp.homopol.T    4   13   17 0.3076923 0.04904175
3      colon      indel      del.mh.len.2    3    1    4 3.0000000 0.62500000

```

```
*
```

4	colon	indel	del.mh.len.3	2	1	3	2.0000000	1.00000000
5	colon	indel	del.mh.len.4	0	3	3	0.0000000	0.25000000
6	colon	indel	del.mh.len.5+	14	14	28	1.0000000	1.00000000
7	colon	indel	del.rep.len.2	9	12	21	0.7500000	0.66362381
8	colon	indel	del.rep.len.3	5	3	8	1.6666667	0.72656250
9	colon	indel	del.rep.len.4	3	2	5	1.5000000	1.00000000
10	colon	indel	del.rep.len.5+	12	14	26	0.8571429	0.84501898
11	colon	indel	ins.1bp.homopol.C	2	5	7	0.4000000	0.45312500
12	colon	indel	ins.1bp.homopol.T	12	4	16	3.0000000	0.07681274
13	colon	indel	ins.rep.len.2	9	7	16	1.2857143	0.80361938
14	colon	indel	ins.rep.len.3	2	6	8	0.3333333	0.28906250
15	colon	indel	ins.rep.len.4	3	4	7	0.7500000	1.00000000
16	colon	indel	ins.rep.len.5+	49	50	99	0.9800000	1.00000000
17	intestine	indel	del.1bp.homopol.C	7	5	12	1.4000000	0.77441406
18	intestine	indel	del.1bp.homopol.T	21	26	47	0.8076923	0.56006463
19	intestine	indel	del.mh.len.2	8	4	12	2.0000000	0.38769531
20	intestine	indel	del.mh.len.3	3	8	11	0.3750000	0.22656250
21	intestine	indel	del.mh.len.4	5	3	8	1.6666667	0.72656250
22	intestine	indel	del.mh.len.5+	17	16	33	1.0625000	1.00000000
23	intestine	indel	del.rep.len.2	18	17	35	1.0588235	1.00000000
24	intestine	indel	del.rep.len.3	10	14	24	0.7142857	0.54125619
25	intestine	indel	del.rep.len.4	6	12	18	0.5000000	0.23788452
26	intestine	indel	del.rep.len.5+	23	19	42	1.2105263	0.64396896
27	intestine	indel	ins.1bp.homopol.C	9	10	19	0.9000000	1.00000000
28	intestine	indel	ins.1bp.homopol.T	23	31	54	0.7419355	0.34089094
29	intestine	indel	ins.rep.len.2	18	25	43	0.7200000	0.36037765
30	intestine	indel	ins.rep.len.3	18	9	27	2.0000000	0.12207812
31	intestine	indel	ins.rep.len.4	14	5	19	2.8000000	0.06356812
32	intestine	indel	ins.rep.len.5+	52	38	90	1.3684211	0.17024240
33	liver	indel	del.1bp.homopol.C	2	12	14	0.1666667	0.01293945
34	liver	indel	del.1bp.homopol.T	33	25	58	1.3200000	0.35814330
35	liver	indel	del.mh.len.2	4	4	8	1.0000000	1.00000000
36	liver	indel	del.mh.len.3	2	1	3	2.0000000	1.00000000
37	liver	indel	del.mh.len.4	3	2	5	1.5000000	1.00000000
38	liver	indel	del.mh.len.5+	26	18	44	1.4444444	0.29121524
39	liver	indel	del.rep.len.2	25	19	44	1.3157895	0.45138083
40	liver	indel	del.rep.len.3	9	6	15	1.5000000	0.60723877
41	liver	indel	del.rep.len.4	4	4	8	1.0000000	1.00000000
42	liver	indel	del.rep.len.5+	17	17	34	1.0000000	1.00000000
43	liver	indel	ins.1bp.homopol.C	7	5	12	1.4000000	0.77441406
44	liver	indel	ins.1bp.homopol.T	12	13	25	0.9230769	1.00000000
45	liver	indel	ins.rep.len.2	13	15	28	0.8666667	0.85055402
46	liver	indel	ins.rep.len.3	6	5	11	1.2000000	1.00000000
47	liver	indel	ins.rep.len.4	15	6	21	2.5000000	0.07835388
48	liver	indel	ins.rep.len.5+	36	43	79	0.8372093	0.49989688

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Plot the mutation spectrum with strand distinction:

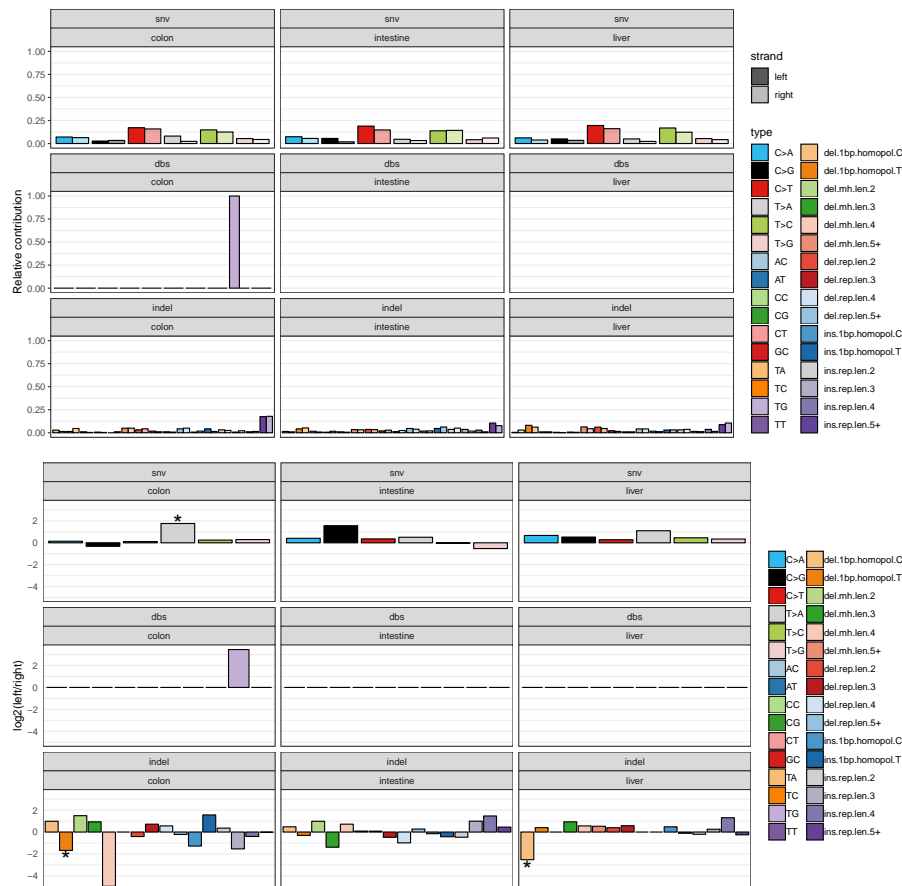
```
> ps1 <- plot_strand(strand_counts_rep, mode = "relative")
```

Plot the effect size ($\log_2(\text{untranscribed}/\text{transcribed})$) of the strand bias. Asteriks indicate significant strand bias.

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

Combine the plots into one figure:

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



5.3 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, type = "all", 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")
```

Plot signatures with 192 features:

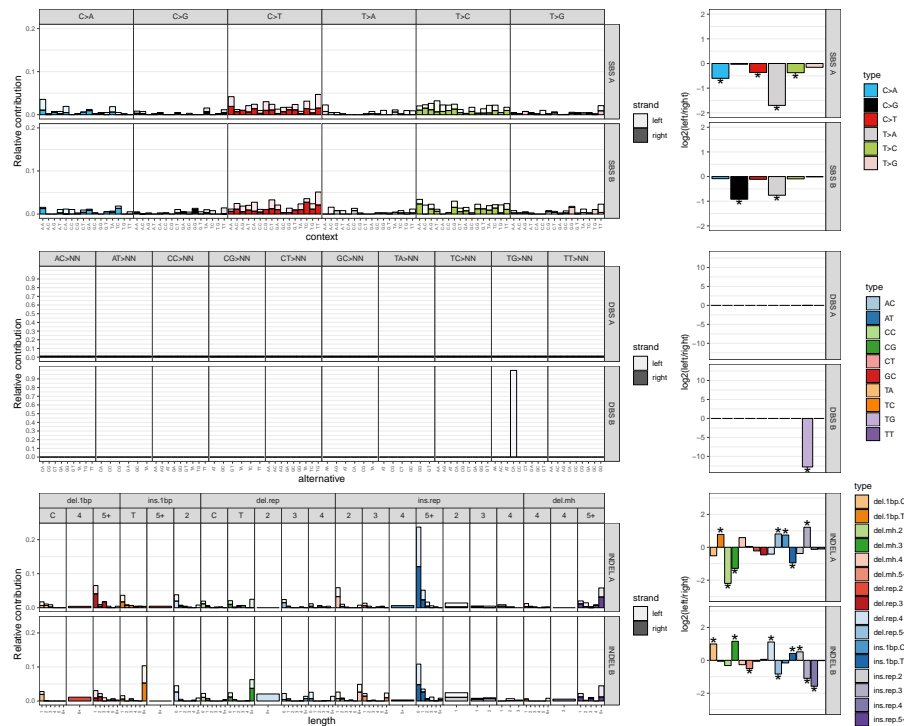
```
> a <- plot_strand_profiles(nmf_res_strand$signatures, condensed = TRUE,
+                           mode = "replication",
+                           type = "all")
```

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

```
> b <- plot_signature_strand_bias(nmf_res_strand$signatures,
+                                type = "all")
```

Combine the plots into one figure:

```
> grid.arrange(a, b, ncol = 2, widths = c(5, 1.8))
```



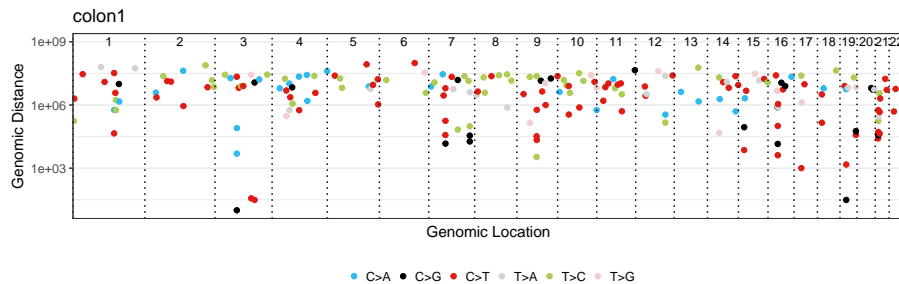
6 Genomic distribution

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 log10 transformed. Drop-downs from the plots indicate clusters or “hotspots” of mutations.

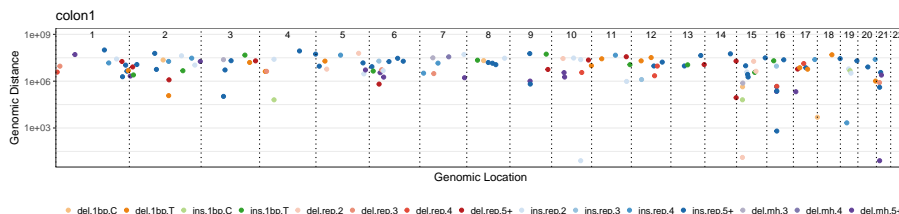
Make rainfall plot of single base substitutions from sample 1 over all autosomal chromosomes

```
> # 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[[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).

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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",
> #                         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',
> #                             '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$chromosome_name,
> #                         IRanges(CTCF$chromosome_start,
> #                         CTCF$chromosome_end)))
>
> CTCF_g <- readRDS(system.file("states/CTCF_g_data.rds",
+                             package="MutationalPatterns"))
> ## Download the promoter regions and convert them to a GRanges object.
>
> # promoter = getBM(attributes = c('chromosome_name', 'chromosome_start',
> #                                 'chromosome_end', 'feature_type_name'),
> #                   filters = "regulatory_feature_type_name",
> #                   values = "Promoter",
> #                   mart = regulatory)
> # promoter_g = reduce(GRanges(promoter$chromosome_name,
> #                               IRanges(promoter$chromosome_start,
> #                               promoter$chromosome_end)))
>
> promoter_g <- readRDS(system.file("states/promoter_g_data.rds",
+                                   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",
+                                     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")

```

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:

```

> ## Get the filename with surveyed/callable regions
> surveyed_file <- system.file("extdata/callableloci-sample.bed",
+                               package = "MutationalPatterns")
> ## Import the file using rtracklayer and use the UCSC naming standard
> library(rtracklayer)
> surveyed <- import(surveyed_file)
> seqlevelsStyle(surveyed) <- "UCSC"
> ## For this example we use the same surveyed file for each sample.
> surveyed_list <- rep(list(surveyed), 9)

```

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.

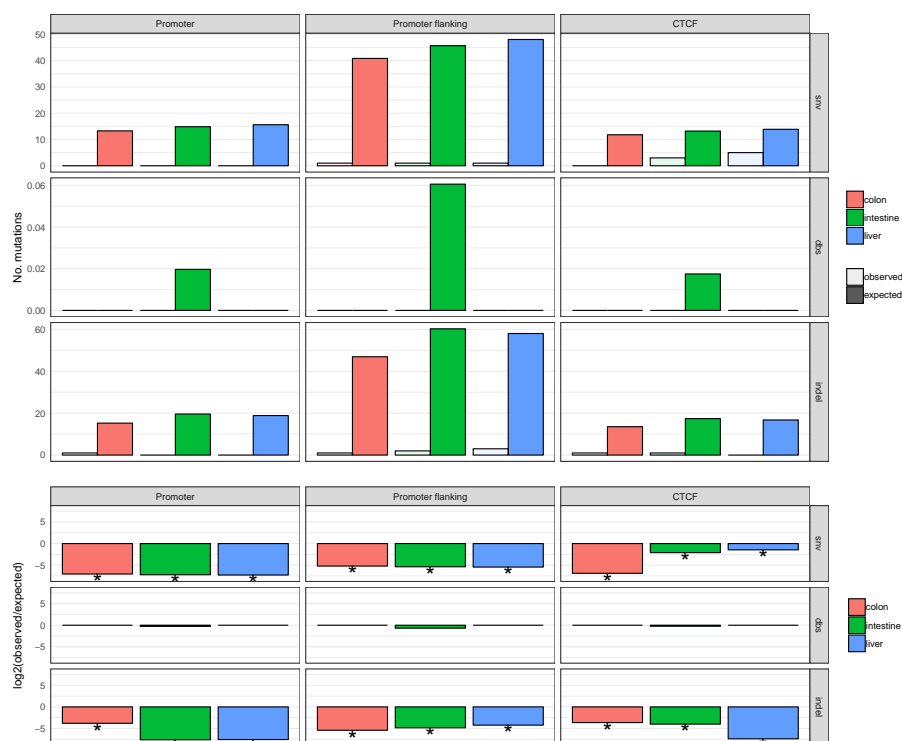

```
> ## Calculate the number of observed and expected number of mutations in
> ## each genomic regions for each sample.
> distr <- genomic_distribution(vcfs, surveyed_list, regions, type = "all")
```

```
> ## Perform the enrichment/depletion test by tissue type.
> distr_test <- enrichment_depletion_test(distr, by = tissue)
> head(distr_test)
```

	by	region	mutation	n_muts	surveyed_length	surveyed_region_length	observed
1	colon	Promoter	dbp	0	727070334	14327310	0
2	intestine	Promoter	dbp	1	727070334	14327310	0
3	liver	Promoter	dbp	0	727070334	14327310	0
4	colon	Promoter flanking	dbp	0	727070334	44087613	0
5	intestine	Promoter flanking	dbp	1	727070334	44087613	0
6	liver	Promoter flanking	dbp	0	727070334	44087613	0

	prob	expected	effect	pval	significant
1	0.000000e+00	0.00000000	enrichment	1.00000000	
2	1.375383e-09	0.01970554	depletion	0.9804873	
3	0.000000e+00	0.00000000	enrichment	1.00000000	
4	0.000000e+00	0.00000000	enrichment	1.00000000	
5	1.375383e-09	0.06063734	depletion	0.9411645	
6	0.000000e+00	0.00000000	enrichment	1.00000000	

```
> plot_enrichment_depletion(distr_test)
```



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7 Session Information

- R version 3.4.3 (2017-11-30), x86_64-pc-linux-gnu
- Locale: LC_CTYPE=en_US.UTF-8, LC_NUMERIC=C, LC_TIME=en_US.UTF-8, LC_COLLATE=en_US.UTF-8, LC_MONETARY=en_US.UTF-8, LC_MESSAGES=en_US.UTF-8, LC_PAPER=nl_NL.UTF-8, LC_NAME=C, LC_ADDRESS=C, LC_TELEPHONE=C, LC_MEASUREMENT=en_US.UTF-8, LC_IDENTIFICATION=C
- Running under: Ubuntu 16.04.6 LTS
- Matrix products: default
- BLAS: /home/cog/bvanderroest/R/R-3.4.3/lib/libRblas.so
- LAPACK: /home/cog/bvanderroest/R/R-3.4.3/lib/libRlapack.so
- Base packages: base, datasets, graphics, grDevices, methods, parallel, stats, stats4, utils
- Other packages: AnnotationDbi 1.40.0, Biobase 2.38.0, BiocGenerics 0.24.0, biomaRt 2.34.2, Biostrings 2.46.0, BSgenome 1.46.0, BSgenome.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19 1.4.0, cluster 2.0.7-1, doParallel 1.0.14, foreach 1.4.4, GenomInfoDb 1.14.0, GenomicFeatures 1.30.3, GenomicRanges 1.30.3, ggplot2 3.1.0, gridExtra 2.3, IRanges 2.12.0, iterators 1.0.10, MutationalPatterns 1.6.2, NMF 0.21.0, pkgmaker 0.27, registry 0.5, rngtools 1.3.1, rtracklayer 1.38.3, S4Vectors 0.16.0, testthat 2.0.1, TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg19.knownGene 3.2.2, XVector 0.18.0
- Loaded via a namespace (and not attached): assertthat 0.2.0, backports 1.1.3, bibtex 0.4.2, bindr 0.1.1, bindrcpp 0.2.2, BiocInstaller 1.28.0, BiocParallel 1.12.0, BiocStyle 2.6.1, bit 1.1-14, bit64 0.9-7, bitops 1.0-6, blob 1.1.1, callr 3.1.1, cli 1.0.1, codetools 0.2-16, colorspace 1.4-0, compiler 3.4.3, cowplot 0.9.4, crayon 1.3.4,

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