Metagenomics K-mer Testing

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Import Libraries

```
library(tidyverse)  # Data manipulation
library(ggpubr)  # ggplot2 extensions
library(egg)  # ggplot2 extensions
library(RColorBrewer)  # Color palettes
library(sensitivity)  # Sensitivity analysis
library(lme4)  # Linear mixed-effects models
library(pls)  # Partial least squares regression
library(loadings)  # Loadings for PLS
```

Define functions

```
# Define custom negation for `%in%`
`%notin%` <- Negate(`%in%`)</pre>
# Define function to calculate 95%CI
CI95 <- function(stde,sample.n){</pre>
  alpha <- 0.05
  degrees.freedom <- sample.n - 1</pre>
  t.score <- qt(p=alpha/2, df=degrees.freedom,lower.tail=F)</pre>
  CI <- t.score * stde
  return(CI)
}
# Define function to get colors
get_colors <- function(dataDf) {</pre>
  # Get variable names
  vars <- unique(dataDf$Variables)</pre>
  # Get number of variables
  N_vars <- length(vars)</pre>
  # Set the color palette
  colors <- tibble(</pre>
    color = brewer.pal(n = N_vars, name = "Dark2"),
  Variables = vars
```

```
return(colors)
# Define a Function to Format Data
format_data <- function(dataDf, metric){</pre>
  # Prepare Data for Sensitivity Analysis
 dataDf filtered <- dataDf %>%
    filter(Metric == metric) %>%
    select(-Metric) %>%
    unite("KComb", Kmer1, Kmer2, Kmer3, Kmer4, sep = "_", remove = FALSE)
  # Separate Gold Standard and Compute Differences
  dataDf_gs <- dataDf_filtered %>%
    filter(KComb=="GS_GS_GS_GS") %>%
    select(Sample, Value) %>% rename(GS=Value)
  dataDf_exp <- dataDf_filtered %>%
    filter(KComb!="GS_GS_GS_GS") %>%
    left_join(dataDf_gs, by="Sample") %>%
    mutate(Diff = Value - GS)
 return(dataDf_exp)
}
# Define a Function to Perform Sensitivity Analysis
analyze_sensitivity <- function(dataDf, metric) {</pre>
  # Prepare Data
 data_exp <- format_data(dataDf, metric)</pre>
  # Perform Sensitivity Analysis
  srcOriginal <- NULL</pre>
  srcError <- NULL</pre>
  srcBias <- NULL</pre>
  for (sample in unique(dataDf$Sample)){
    sample_df <- data_exp %>%
      filter(Sample == sample)
    predictors <- sample_df %>% select(Kmer1, Kmer2, Kmer3, Kmer4) %>%
                             mutate(across(everything(), as.numeric))
    targets <- as.numeric(sample_df$Value)</pre>
    srcSample <- src(predictors, targets, nboot = 1000, conf = 0.95)</pre>
    srcSample_original <- c(sample,as.array(t(srcSample$SRC))[1,])</pre>
    srcSample_sterror <- c(sample,as.array(t(srcSample$SRC))[3,])</pre>
    srcSample_bias <- c(sample,as.array(t(srcSample$SRC))[2,])</pre>
    srcOriginal <- rbind(srcOriginal, srcSample_original)</pre>
    srcError <- rbind(srcError, srcSample_sterror)</pre>
```

```
srcBias <- rbind(srcBias, srcSample_bias)</pre>
  }
  srcOriginal <- as.data.frame(srcOriginal)</pre>
  srcError <- as.data.frame(srcError)</pre>
  srcBias <- as.data.frame(srcBias)</pre>
  colnames(srcOriginal)[1] <- "id"</pre>
  colnames(srcError)[1] <- "id"</pre>
  colnames(srcBias)[1] <- "id"</pre>
 return(srcResult <- list(srcOriginal = srcOriginal,</pre>
                            srcError = srcError,
                            srcBias = srcBias))
}
# Define a Plotting Function
plot_data <- function(dataDf,title,y_label,colorsDf = get_colors(dataDf)) {</pre>
  # Get the number of unique ids
  N ids <- length(unique(dataDf$id))</pre>
  # Gather the data
  dataDf <- dataDf %>% gather(key = "Variables", value = "SRC", -id) %>%
                mutate(Variables = as.factor(Variables),
                       SRC = as.numeric(SRC))
  # Summarize the data
  dataDf_summary <- dataDf %>% group_by(Variables) %>%
                       summarise(mean = mean(SRC), sd = sd(SRC),
                             se=sd/sqrt(N_ids), ci=CI95(se,N_ids),
                       ci2 = list(enframe(Hmisc::smean.cl.boot(SRC))),
                                    .groups = "drop") %>%
                       unnest(cols = c(ci2)) %>%
                       spread(name, value) %>%
                       select(-Mean) %>%
                       rename(ci_boot_lower = Lower, ci_boot_upper = Upper)
  # Join the data
  dataDf <- dataDf %>%
              left_join(dataDf_summary, by = c("Variables" = "Variables")) %>%
              mutate(mean = as.numeric(mean),
                      sd = as.numeric(sd),
                      se = as.numeric(se)) %>%
              left_join(colorsDf, by = c("Variables" = "Variables"))
  # Set Plotting Parameters
  alph <- 0.4
  pt.size <- 0.8
```

Load Data

Sensitivity Analysis

Total Length

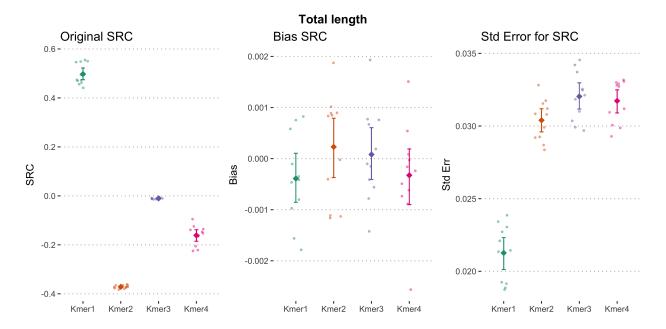


Figure 1: Sensitivity analysis for Total Length metric. Bars represent the 95% confidence interval with boostrap for the mean.

N50

GC Content

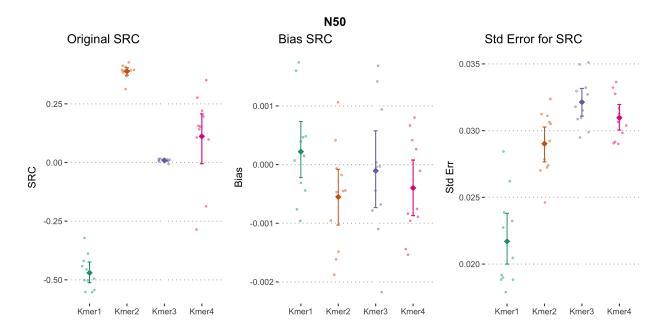


Figure 2: Sensitivity analysis for N50 metric. Bars represent the 95% confidence interval with boostrap for the mean.

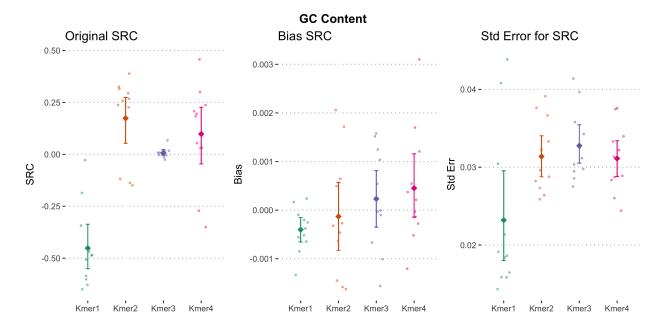


Figure 3: Sensitivity analysis for GC Content metric. Bars represent the 95% confidence interval with bootstrap for the mean.

Number of contigs

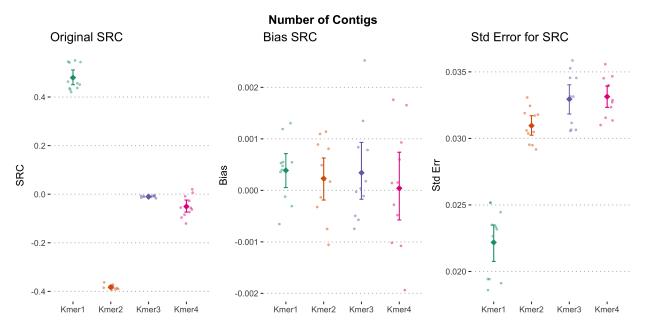


Figure 4: Sensitivity analysis for Number of Contigs metric. Bars represent the 95% confidence interval with bootstrap for the mean.

Unified Sensitivity Analysis

```
"N50", "GC Content")),
         SRC = as.numeric(SRC))
# Get the number of unique ids
N_ids <- length(unique(srcUnified$id))</pre>
# Summarize the data
srcUnified summary <- srcUnified %>% group by(Variables, Metric) %>%
                      summarise(mean = mean(SRC), sd = sd(SRC),
                                se=sd/sqrt(N_ids), ci=CI95(se,N_ids),
                                ci2 = list(enframe(Hmisc::smean.cl.boot(SRC))),
                                   .groups = "drop") %>%
                      unnest(cols = c(ci2)) %>%
                      spread(name, value) %>%
                      select(-Mean) %>%
                      rename(ci_boot_lower = Lower, ci_boot_upper = Upper)
# Join the data
dataDf <- srcUnified %>%
            left_join(srcUnified_summary, by = c("Variables", "Metric")) %>%
            mutate(mean = as.numeric(mean),
                   sd = as.numeric(sd),
                   se = as.numeric(se)) %>%
            left join(get colors(srcUnified), by = c("Variables"))
# Set Plotting Parameters
alph <- 0.4
pt.size <- 0.8
pos.jitter <- 0.2
mean.size <- 3
mean.shape <- 18
cex <- 0.8
plot <- ggplot(dataDf, aes(x = Variables, y = SRC)) +</pre>
  geom_point(position = position_jitter(pos.jitter),
             col = dataDf$color, alpha = alph, size = pt.size) +
  geom_point(aes(y = mean), col = dataDf$color,
             size = mean.size, shape = mean.shape) +
  geom_errorbar(aes(ymin=ci_boot_lower, ymax=ci_boot_upper),
                width=.1, col = dataDf$color ) +
  labs(title = element_blank(), x = element_blank()) +
 theme pubclean() +
  facet wrap(~Metric, ncol = 4) +
  theme(panel.border = element_rect(fill = NA, color = "black"),
        panel.spacing = unit(0, "lines"))
tag_facet(plot, x = -Inf, y = Inf, hjust = -0.5,
          open = "", close = ")", tag_pool = LETTERS) +
    theme(strip.text = element_text(colour = "black",
                                    face = "bold",
                                    vjust = 1,
                                    margin = margin(0.2,0,0.2,0, "cm")))
```

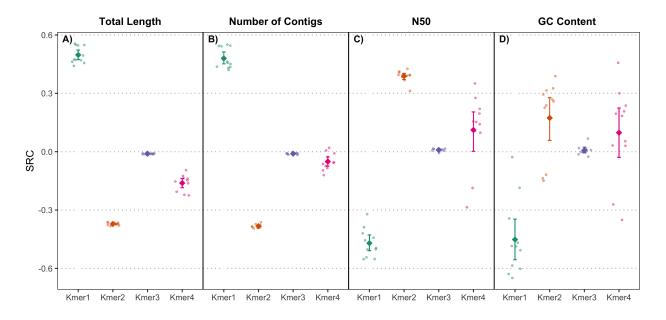


Figure 5: Unified sensitivity analysis for all metrics. Bars represent the 95% confidence interval with bootstrap for the mean.

PLS Regression

Data Preparation

```
# Filter data for a specific metric
data_TL <- format_data(data, "Total length") %>%
              mutate(Diff_TL = Diff, .keep="unused") %>%
              select(-Value, -GS, -KComb)
data_N50 <- format_data(data, "N50") %>%
              mutate(Diff_N50 = Diff, .keep="unused") %>%
              select(-Value, -GS, -KComb)
data_GC <- format_data(data, "GC (%)") %>%
              mutate(Diff_GC = Diff, .keep="unused") %>%
              select(-Value, -GS, -KComb)
data_contigs <- format_data(data, "# contigs") %>%
              mutate(Diff_contigs = Diff, .keep="unused") %>%
              select(-Value, -GS, -KComb)
pls_data <- data_TL %>%
              left_join(data_N50, by = join_by(Sample, Kmer1, Kmer2,
                                               Kmer3, Kmer4)) %>%
              left_join(data_GC, by = join_by(Sample, Kmer1, Kmer2,
                                              Kmer3, Kmer4)) %>%
              left_join(data_contigs, by = join_by(Sample, Kmer1, Kmer2,
                                                   Kmer3, Kmer4)) %>%
              mutate(across(c(Kmer1, Kmer2, Kmer3, Kmer4), as.numeric)) %>%
              mutate(Std_Diff_TL = Diff_TL/sd(Diff_TL),
                     Std_Diff_N50 = Diff_N50/sd(Diff_N50),
                     Std_Diff_GC = Diff_GC/sd(Diff_GC),
                     Std_Diff_contigs = Diff_contigs/sd(Diff_contigs))
```

Model Fitting

```
# Separate predictors and responses
predictors <- pls_data %>% select(Kmer1, Kmer2, Kmer3, Kmer4)
responses <- pls_data %>% select(Diff_TL, Diff_N50, Diff_GC, Diff_contigs)
responses <- pls_data %>% select(Std_Diff_TL, Std_Diff_N50,
                                 Std_Diff_GC, Std_Diff_contigs)
# Fit the PLS model with cross-validation
pls_model <- plsr(as.matrix(responses) ~ as.matrix(predictors),</pre>
                  data = pls_data, validation = "L00")
# Summary of the PLS model
summary(pls_model)
# Loadings
loadings(pls_model)
Yloadings(pls_model)
loading.weights(pls_model)
# Display the explained variance
explvar(pls_model)
## Data:
            X dimension: 6600 4
## Y dimension: 6600 4
## Fit method: kernelpls
## Number of components considered: 4
## VALIDATION: RMSEP
## Cross-validated using 6600 leave-one-out segments.
## Response: Std Diff TL
          (Intercept) 1 comps 2 comps 3 comps 4 comps
##
                                 0.9989
## CV
                    1
                        0.9988
                                           0.999
                                                   0.9991
## adjCV
                    1
                        0.9988
                                 0.9989
                                           0.999
                                                   0.9991
## Response: Std_Diff_N50
##
          (Intercept) 1 comps 2 comps 3 comps
                                                  4 comps
## CV
                    1
                       0.9946
                                 0.9948
                                          0.9948
                                                   0.9948
## adjCV
                    1
                        0.9946
                                 0.9948
                                          0.9948
                                                   0.9948
##
## Response: Std_Diff_GC
          (Intercept) 1 comps 2 comps 3 comps 4 comps
## CV
                    1
                       0.9993
                                 0.9995
                                          0.9997
                                                   0.9997
## adjCV
                        0.9993
                                 0.9995
                                          0.9997
                                                   0.9997
##
## Response: Std_Diff_contigs
          (Intercept) 1 comps 2 comps 3 comps
##
                                                  4 comps
                       0.9946
                                0.9947
                                          0.9946
                                                   0.9946
## CV
                    1
                                          0.9946
## adjCV
                    1
                        0.9946
                                 0.9947
                                                   0.9946
## TRAINING: % variance explained
```

```
##
                     1 comps 2 comps 3 comps
                                                  4 comps
                              48.1977
## X
                                       74.5754
                                                100.0000
                     22.9529
## Std Diff TL
                      0.3156
                               0.3156
                                         0.3156
                                                   0.3156
## Std_Diff_N50
                      1.1626
                                1.1771
                                         1.1799
                                                   1.1799
## Std_Diff_GC
                      0.1906
                               0.1908
                                         0.1993
                                                   0.1994
                                                   1.2198
## Std_Diff_contigs
                      1.1835
                               1.2180
                                         1.2198
## Loadings:
                              Comp 1 Comp 2 Comp 3 Comp 4
##
## as.matrix(predictors)Kmer1 0.799 -0.177 -0.589
## as.matrix(predictors)Kmer2 -0.540  0.166 -0.807
## as.matrix(predictors)Kmer3
                                                     0.999
## as.matrix(predictors)Kmer4 -0.267 -0.970
##
##
                  Comp 1 Comp 2 Comp 3 Comp 4
## SS loadings
                   1.001
                           1.00
                                   1.00
                                          1.00
## Proportion Var 0.250
                           0.25
                                  0.25
                                          0.25
## Cumulative Var 0.250
                           0.50
                                   0.75
                                          1.00
##
## Loadings:
##
                    Comp 1 Comp 2 Comp 3 Comp 4
## Std Diff TL
## Std_Diff_N50
## Std Diff GC
## Std_Diff_contigs
##
##
                  Comp 1 Comp 2 Comp 3 Comp 4
                   0.002
## SS loadings
                              0
                                      0
                                      0
## Proportion Var 0.000
                              0
                                             0
## Cumulative Var 0.000
                                             0
##
## Loadings:
##
                              Comp 1 Comp 2 Comp 3 Comp 4
## as.matrix(predictors)Kmer1 0.789 -0.174 -0.589
## as.matrix(predictors)Kmer2 -0.565 0.170 -0.807
## as.matrix(predictors)Kmer3
                                                     0.999
## as.matrix(predictors)Kmer4 -0.240 -0.970
##
##
                  Comp 1 Comp 2 Comp 3 Comp 4
                    1.00
                           1.00
                                   1.00
                                          1.00
## SS loadings
                           0.25
                                   0.25
                                          0.25
## Proportion Var
                    0.25
## Cumulative Var
                    0.25
                           0.50
                                   0.75
                                          1.00
    Comp 1
             Comp 2
                       Comp 3
                                Comp 4
## 22.95286 25.24483 26.37772 25.42459
# Separate predictors and responses
predictors <- pls_data %>% select(Kmer1, Kmer2, Kmer3, Kmer4)
responses <- pls_data %>% select(Std_Diff_TL, Std_Diff_N50,
                                 Std_Diff_GC, Std_Diff_contigs)
# Fit the PLS model with cross-validation
pls model std <- plsr(as.matrix(responses) ~ as.matrix(predictors),</pre>
                      data = pls_data, validation = "L00")
```

```
# Summary of the PLS model
summary(pls_model_std)

# Loadings
loadings(pls_model_std)

Yloadings(pls_model_std)

loading.weights(pls_model_std)

# Display the explained variance
explvar(pls_model_std)
```

Standardized Metrics

```
## Data:
            X dimension: 6600 4
## Y dimension: 6600 4
## Fit method: kernelpls
## Number of components considered: 4
## VALIDATION: RMSEP
## Cross-validated using 6600 leave-one-out segments.
##
## Response: Std_Diff_TL
##
          (Intercept) 1 comps
                                2 comps 3 comps
                                                   4 comps
## CV
                    1
                        0.9988
                                 0.9989
                                           0.999
                                                    0.9991
                    1
                        0.9988
                                 0.9989
                                           0.999
                                                    0.9991
## adjCV
## Response: Std_Diff_N50
          (Intercept) 1 comps
                                2 comps
                                         3 comps
                                                   4 comps
                        0.9946
                                 0.9948
                                          0.9948
                                                    0.9948
## CV
                    1
                        0.9946
                                 0.9948
                                           0.9948
                                                    0.9948
## adjCV
                    1
##
## Response: Std_Diff_GC
##
          (Intercept) 1 comps
                                2 comps 3 comps
                                                   4 comps
## CV
                    1
                        0.9993
                                 0.9995
                                          0.9997
                                                    0.9997
                    1
                        0.9993
                                 0.9995
                                          0.9997
                                                    0.9997
## adjCV
##
## Response: Std Diff contigs
          (Intercept) 1 comps
##
                                2 comps 3 comps
                                                  4 comps
## CV
                    1
                        0.9946
                                 0.9947
                                          0.9946
                                                    0.9946
                        0.9946
                                 0.9947
                                          0.9946
                                                    0.9946
## adjCV
                    1
## TRAINING: % variance explained
##
                     1 comps 2 comps 3 comps
                                                  4 comps
## X
                     22.9529 48.1977 74.5754
                                                100.0000
## Std_Diff_TL
                      0.3156
                               0.3156
                                        0.3156
                                                   0.3156
                                        1.1799
                                                   1.1799
## Std_Diff_N50
                      1.1626
                               1.1771
                      0.1906
                               0.1908
## Std_Diff_GC
                                        0.1993
                                                   0.1994
## Std_Diff_contigs
                      1.1835
                               1.2180
                                        1.2198
                                                   1.2198
## Loadings:
                              Comp 1 Comp 2 Comp 3 Comp 4
## as.matrix(predictors)Kmer1 0.799 -0.177 -0.589
```

```
## as.matrix(predictors)Kmer2 -0.540  0.166 -0.807
## as.matrix(predictors)Kmer3
                                                     0.999
## as.matrix(predictors)Kmer4 -0.267 -0.970
##
                  Comp 1 Comp 2 Comp 3 Comp 4
## SS loadings
                                   1.00
                                          1.00
                   1.001
                           1.00
## Proportion Var 0.250
                           0.25
                                   0.25
                                          0.25
## Cumulative Var 0.250
                           0.50
                                   0.75
                                          1.00
##
## Loadings:
##
                    Comp 1 Comp 2 Comp 3 Comp 4
## Std_Diff_TL
## Std_Diff_N50
## Std_Diff_GC
## Std_Diff_contigs
##
##
                  Comp 1 Comp 2 Comp 3 Comp 4
## SS loadings
                   0.002
                               0
                                      0
## Proportion Var 0.000
                               0
                                      0
                                             0
## Cumulative Var 0.000
                                      0
                                             0
##
## Loadings:
##
                               Comp 1 Comp 2 Comp 3 Comp 4
## as.matrix(predictors)Kmer1 0.789 -0.174 -0.589
## as.matrix(predictors)Kmer2 -0.565  0.170 -0.807
## as.matrix(predictors)Kmer3
                                                     0.999
## as.matrix(predictors)Kmer4 -0.240 -0.970
##
##
                  Comp 1 Comp 2 Comp 3 Comp 4
## SS loadings
                    1.00
                           1.00
                                   1.00
                                          1.00
## Proportion Var
                    0.25
                           0.25
                                   0.25
                                          0.25
## Cumulative Var
                    0.25
                           0.50
                                   0.75
                                          1.00
              Comp 2
                       Comp 3
                                Comp 4
## 22.95286 25.24483 26.37772 25.42459
```

Cross-validation Results

Optimal coefficients

```
# Get the coefficients of the PLS model for the optimal number of components
optimal_components <- 4
pls_coefficients <- coef(pls_model, ncomp = optimal_components)

# Print the coefficients
print(pls_coefficients)

# Plot the coefficients
plot(pls_coefficients, main = "PLS Coefficients")</pre>
```

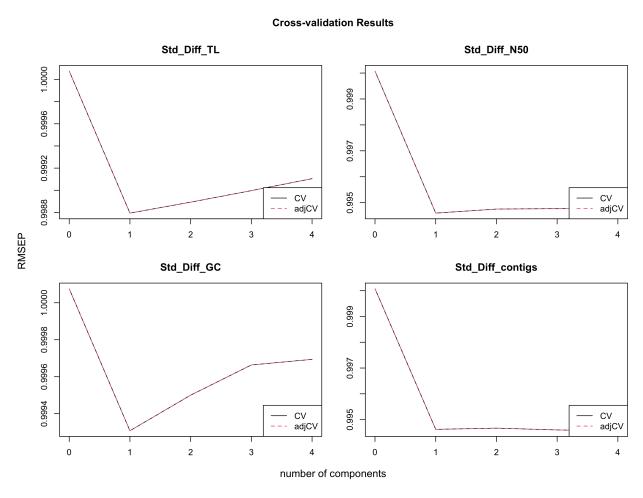


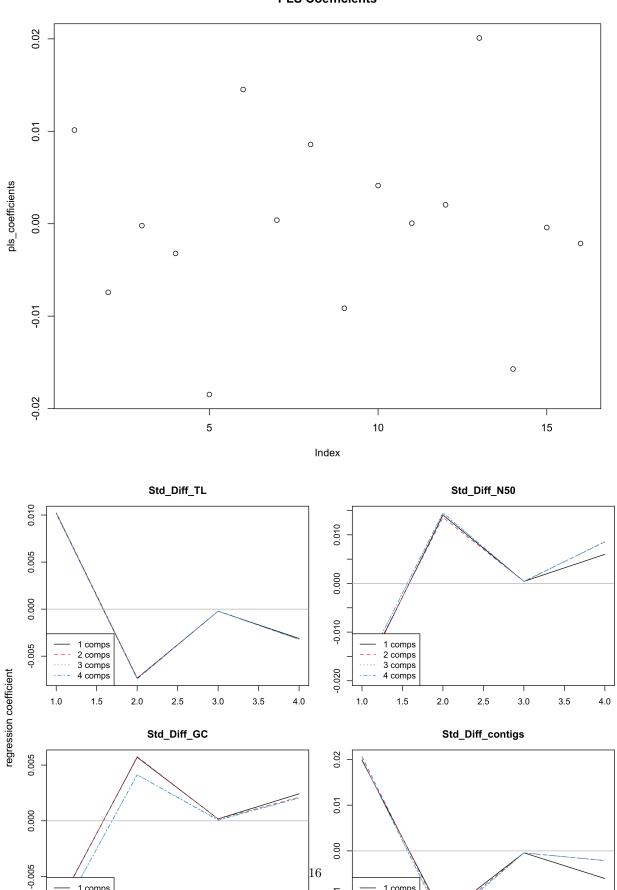
Figure 6: Cross-validation results for the PLS model. The plot shows the Root Mean Squared Error of Prediction (RMSEP) for different numbers of components.

```
plot(pls_model, plottype = "coef", ncomp=1:4,
    legendpos = "bottomleft", nCols=2 )
## , , 4 comps
##
##
                               Std_Diff_TL Std_Diff_N50 Std_Diff_GC
## as.matrix(predictors)Kmer1 0.0101382850 -0.0184773430 -9.145968e-03
## as.matrix(predictors)Kmer2 -0.0074260894 0.0145194096 4.127577e-03
## as.matrix(predictors)Kmer3 -0.0002079648 0.0003879909 5.636515e-05
## as.matrix(predictors)Kmer4 -0.0032152612 0.0085773299 2.044518e-03
                             Std_Diff_contigs
## as.matrix(predictors)Kmer1
                                0.0200944145
## as.matrix(predictors)Kmer2
                                -0.0157185305
## as.matrix(predictors)Kmer3
                                -0.0004133761
## as.matrix(predictors)Kmer4
                                -0.0021368809
```

Optimal k-mer combination

```
# Define the error function
calculate_error <- function(kmer_values) {</pre>
  # Create a data frame with k-mer values for prediction
 new_data <- data.frame(</pre>
    Kmer1 = kmer_values[1],
    Kmer2 = kmer_values[2],
    Kmer3 = kmer_values[3],
   Kmer4 = kmer_values[4]
  )
  # Predict deviations using the PLS model
  optimal_components <- 2  # Set based on cross-validation results
  predicted_deviation <- predict(pls_model, newdata = as.matrix(new_data), ncomp = optimal_components)</pre>
  # Calculate total error as the sum of absolute deviations
 total_error <- sum(abs(predicted_deviation))</pre>
  return(total_error)
# Set initial values for Kmer1, Kmer2, Kmer3, and Kmer4
initial_kmers <- c(21, 33, 55, 77)
# Define bounds for each k-mer (if needed)
lower_bounds <- c(15, 27, 49, 71) # Minimum k-mer values
upper_bounds <- c(27, 39, 61, 83) # Maximum k-mer values
# Run optimization to minimize the error function
optimal_kmers <- optim(</pre>
 par = initial_kmers,
 fn = calculate error,
 method = "L-BFGS-B", # Allows for bounds on parameters
 lower = lower_bounds,
  upper = upper_bounds
```

PLS Coefficients



1 comps 2 comps 3 comps 4 comps

1 comps 2 comps 3 comps 4 comps

```
# Print the optimal k-mer combination optimal_kmers$par
```

Direct evaluation

[1] 27 27 49 71

```
# Step 1: Generate all possible k-mer combinations
Kmer1_values \leftarrow c(15, 17, 21, 25, 27)
Kmer2_values \leftarrow c(27, 29, 33, 37, 39)
Kmer3_values \leftarrow c(49, 51, 55, 59, 61)
Kmer4_values \leftarrow c(71, 73, 77, 81, 83)
kmer_combinations <- expand.grid(</pre>
 Kmer1 = Kmer1_values,
 Kmer2 = Kmer2 values,
 Kmer3 = Kmer3_values,
 Kmer4 = Kmer4_values
### Step 2: Predict Assembly Metrics
optimal_components <- 2  # Set based on cross-validation results
# Predict assembly metrics for all k-mer combinations
predicted_metrics <- predict(</pre>
 pls_model,
 newdata = as.matrix(kmer_combinations),
 ncomp = optimal_components
# Convert predicted metrics to a data frame
predicted_metrics_df <- as.data.frame(predicted_metrics)</pre>
# Name the columns appropriately
colnames(predicted_metrics_df) <- c("Pred_Diff_TL", "Pred_Diff_N50", "Pred_Diff_GC", "Pred_Diff_contigs</pre>
\# Combine the k-mer combinations with the predicted metrics
results_df <- cbind(kmer_combinations, predicted_metrics_df)</pre>
### Step 3: Define the Objective Function
# Calculate standard deviations from training data
sd_TL <- sd(pls_data$Diff_TL)</pre>
sd_N50 <- sd(pls_data$Diff_N50)</pre>
sd_contigs <- sd(pls_data$Diff_contigs)</pre>
sd_GC <- sd(pls_data$Diff_GC)</pre>
# Standardize the predicted deviations
results_df$Std_Pred_Diff_TL <- results_df$Pred_Diff_TL / sd_TL
results df$Std Pred Diff N50 <- results df$Pred Diff N50 / sd N50
results_df$Std_Pred_Diff_contigs <- results_df$Pred_Diff_contigs / sd_contigs
results_df$Std_Pred_Diff_GC <- results_df$Pred_Diff_GC / sd_GC
```

```
# Define weights based on priorities
w_N50 <- 1  # Maximize N50
w_contigs <- 1  # Maximize the number of contigs
w_TL <- 1  # Maximize total length
w_GC <- 1
            # Not prioritizing GC content
# Calculate the score
results_df$Score <- (w_N50 * results_df$Std_Pred_Diff_N50) +</pre>
                    (w_contigs * results_df$Std_Pred_Diff_contigs) +
                    (w_TL * results_df$Std_Pred_Diff_TL) +
                    (w_GC * results_df$Std_Pred_Diff_GC)
### Step 4: Select the Optimal K-mer Combination
# Find the combination with the maximum score
best_combination <- results_df[which.max(results_df$Score), ]</pre>
# Print the best combination and its predicted metrics
print(best_combination)
```

Using a grid search

```
##
      Kmer1 Kmer2 Kmer3 Kmer4 Pred_Diff_TL Pred_Diff_N50 Pred_Diff_GC
## 621
                         83 -2.773896 0.5487886
                                                       0.5216348
              39
                   61
      Pred_Diff_contigs Std_Pred_Diff_TL Std_Pred_Diff_N50 Std_Pred_Diff_contigs
             -2.531692
                         -5.863957e-08 0.0001072036
                                                              -9.373218e-05
## 621
##
      Std_Pred_Diff_GC
                         Score
## 621
            1.079227 1.079241
```