

The Principle of R Package GSClassifier

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Basic information

The Principle of **GSClassifier** is a book for users of R package **GSClassifier** who want to know the most details. If you're looking for the PDF edition, you can find it at [here](#).

- **GSClassifier** is an R-based comprehensive classification tool for subtypes modeling and personalized calling based on pure transcriptomics. It could be used for precision medicine, such as cancer diagnosis.
- The inspiration of **GSClassifier** come from [ImmuneSubtypeClassifier](#), an R package for classification of PanCancer immune subtypes based on the work of Gibbs et al [1,2].

- Lots of surprising features in **GSClassifier** as follows:
 - Optimized for just one **sample**
 - Available for modeling and calling of brand-new GEPs-based **subtypes** in any diseases (cancers)
 - No limitation of the amount of **gene signatures**(1) or **subtypes**(2)
 - **Normalization insensitive** due to the use of the individual **gene rank matrix**
 - More ensemble and repeatable modeling process
 - More optimizations in the parallel computing
 - New useful functions as supplements
- **ATTENTION!** In the future, there might be third-party contributors in **GSClassifier** platform, with some useful models for specific usages. If you use models provided by these people, **you had better know more details as possible**, including **designs, data sources, destinations, training scripts and limitations** of models, especially those from studies under peer-review.
- **MORE PROJECTS:**
 - **The Principle of GSClassifier:** A eBook with more details about **GSClassifier** package
 - **luckyModel:** Model ensemble for third-party lucky series, such **GSClassifier**

License

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The code contained in this book is simultaneously available under the [MIT license](#); this means that you are free to use it in your own packages, as long as you cite the source.

Installation

RStudio is one of the best Integrated Development Environments (IDE) in R programming. If you're struggling in R-GUI, it is recommended to turn to [RStudio](#).

For installation of **GSClassifier**, please run these commands in an R environment:

```

# Install "devtools" package
2 if (!requireNamespace("devtools", quietly = TRUE))
    install.packages("devtools")

4

# Install dependencies
6 if (!requireNamespace("luckyBase", quietly = TRUE))
    devtools::install_github("huangwb8/luckyBase")

8

# Install the "GSClassifier" package
10 if (!requireNamespace("GSClassifier", quietly = TRUE))
    devtools::install_github("huangwb8/GSClassifier")

```

In the future, a stable **GSClassifier** version might be sent to [CRAN](#). Still beta.

Mirror

For some special countries or regions, users could also try:

```

# Install dependencies
2 install.packages("https://gitee.com/huangwb8/luckyBase/repository
    /archive/Primary?format=tar.gz", repos=NULL, method="libcurl")

4 # Install the "GSClassifier" package
install.packages("https://gitee.com/huangwb8/GSClassifier/
    repository/archive/Primary?format=tar.gz", repos=NULL, method=
    "libcurl")

```

Change log

Version 0.1.9

- Optimize function verbose
- Optimize for a routine scenario: one gene set and two subtypes
- Optimize the strategy of automatic parameters selection for modeling training with R package `caret`
- Interact with external models from the [luckyModel](#) package

Version 0.1.8

- Primary public version of [GSClassifier](#)
- Apache License, Version 2.0
- Friendly wiki-based tutorial
- Platform for developers

TODO

- More medical fields included, such as in Pan-cancer utility
- Advanced methods (such as artificial intelligence) for enhanced robustness
- Unsupervised learning for de-novo classification based on intrinsic frames of omics instead of human knowledges
- Multi-omics exploration and support
- More friendly characteristics for developers and contributors
- Web application for newbies of R programing

Other Projects

You may also be interested in:

- “[GSClassifier](#)” A comprehensive classification tool based on pure transcriptomics for

precision medicine.

- “**luckyModel**” Model ensemble for third-party lucky series, such GSClassifier.

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Chapter 1

The Principle of GSClassifier

1.1 Packages

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    devtools::install_github("huangwb8/luckyBase")

10 # Install the "GSClassifier" package
   if (!requireNamespace("GSClassifier", quietly = TRUE))
     devtools::install_github("huangwb8/GSClassifier")

14 # Install the "pacman" package
  if (!requireNamespace("pacman", quietly = TRUE)){
    install.packages("pacman")
    library(pacman)
```

```

18 } else {
19   library(pacman)
20 }
21
22 # Load needed packages
23 packages_needed <- c(
24   "readxl",
25   "ComplexHeatmap",
26   "GSClassifier",
27   "rpart",
28   "tidyverse",
29   "reshape2",
30   "ggplot2")
31
32 for(i in packages_needed){p_load(char=i)}

```

Here is the environment of R programming:

```

1 # R version 4.0.3 (2020-10-10)
2 # Platform: x86_64-w64-mingw32/x64 (64-bit)
3 # Running under: Windows 10 x64 (build 18363)
4 #
5 # Matrix products: default
6 #
7 # locale:
8 # [1] LC_COLLATE=Chinese (Simplified)_China.936
9 # [2] LC_CTYPE=Chinese (Simplified)_China.936
10 # [3] LC_MONETARY=Chinese (Simplified)_China.936
11 # [4] LC_NUMERIC=C
12 # [5] LC_TIME=Chinese (Simplified)_China.936
13 #
14 #
15 # attached base packages:

```

```
15 # [1] grid       stats      graphics   grDevices  utils      datasets
#       methods
# [8] base
17 #
# other attached packages:
19 # [1] ggplot2_3.3.6          reshape2_1.4.4        tidyverse_1.2.0
# [4] rpart_4.1.16             GSClassifier_0.1.22  luckyBase_0.1.0
21 # [7] ComplexHeatmap_2.4.3  readxl_1.4.0         pacman_0.5.1
#
# loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
# [1] colorspace_2.0-3          ggsignif_0.6.3        rjson_0.2.21
25 # [4] ellipsis_0.3.2          class_7.3-20          rprojroot_2.0.3
# [7] circlize_0.4.15          GlobalOptions_0.1.2   fs_1.5.2
27 # [10] clue_0.3-57            rstudioapi_0.13       ggpubr_0.4.0
# [13] listenv_0.8.0            remotes_2.4.2         prodlim_
2019.11.13
29 # [16] fansi_1.0.3           lubridate_1.8.0       codetools_
#       0.2-18
# [19] splines_4.0.3            doParallel_1.0.17     cachem_1.0.6
31 # [22] knitr_1.30             pkgload_1.2.4         jsonlite_1.8.0
# [25] pROC_1.18.0              caret_6.0-92          broom_1.0.0
33 # [28] cluster_2.1.3          png_0.1-7            compiler_4.0.3
# [31] backports_1.4.1          assertthat_0.2.1     Matrix_1.2-18
35 # [34] fastmap_1.1.0           cli_3.3.0            htmltools_0.5.2
# [37] prettyunits_1.1.1         tools_4.0.3           gtable_0.3.0
37 # [40] glue_1.6.2              dplyr_1.0.9           Rcpp_1.0.8.3
# [43] carData_3.0-5             cellranger_1.1.0     vctrs_0.4.1
39 # [46] nlme_3.1-149            iterators_1.0.14    timeDate_
#       3043.102
# [49] xfun_0.33                gower_1.0.0          stringr_1.4.0
```

```
41 # [52] globals_0.15.1           ps_1.4.0             testthat_3.1.0
# [55] lifecycle_1.0.1            devtools_2.4.3        rstatix_0.7.0
43 # [58] future_1.26.1           MASS_7.3-53          scales_1.2.0
# [61] ipred_0.9-12              parallel_4.0.3       RColorBrewer_
1.1-3
45 # [64] yaml_2.3.5              memoise_2.0.1        stringi_1.7.6
# [67] desc_1.4.1                randomForest_4.6-14 foreach_1.5.2
47 # [70] hardhat_1.1.0          pkgbuild_1.3.1       lava_1.6.10
# [73] shape_1.4.6               tuneR_1.4.0          rlang_1.0.2
49 # [76] pkgconfig_2.0.3         evaluate_0.15        lattice_0.20-41
# [79] purrr_0.3.4               recipes_0.2.0        processx_3.7.0
51 # [82] tidyselect_1.1.2        parallelly_1.32.0    plyr_1.8.7
# [85] magrittr_2.0.3             bookdown_0.21        R6_2.5.1
53 # [88] generics_0.1.2          DBI_1.1.3             pillar_1.7.0
# [91] withr_2.5.0               survival_3.3-1       abind_1.4-5
55 # [94] nnet_7.3-17             tibble_3.1.7          future.apply_
1.9.0
# [97] crayon_1.5.1              car_3.1-0             xgboost_1.6.0.1
57 # [100] utf8_1.2.2            rmarkdown_2.14        GetoptLong_
1.0.5
# [103] usethis_2.1.3            data.table_1.14.2    callr_3.7.0
59 # [106] ModelMetrics_1.2.2.2   digest_0.6.29        stats4_4.0.3
# [109] signal_0.7-7             munsell_0.5.0         sessioninfo_
1.2.2
```

1.2 Flowchart

The flowchart of **GSClassifier** is showed in Figure 1.1.

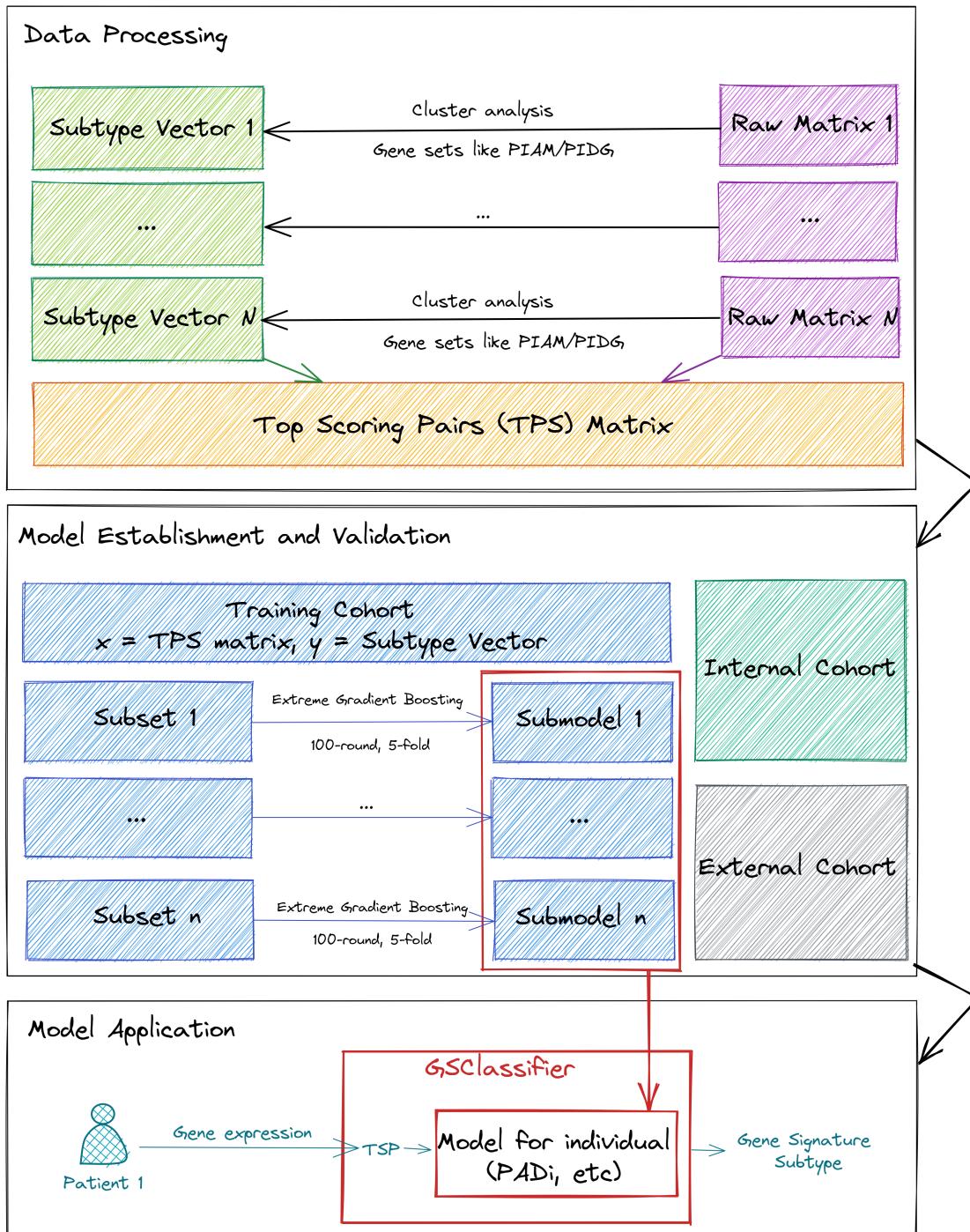


Figure 1.1: The flow chart of GSClassifier

1.2.1 Data Processing

For each dataset, RNA expression matrix would be normalized internally (**Raw Matrix**) so that the expression data of the samples in the dataset were comparable and suitable for subtype identification. As demonstrated in Figure 1.1, the **Subtype vector** is identified based on independent cohorts instead of a merged matrix with batch effect control technologies. More details about batch effect control are discussed in 2.3.

There is no standard method to figure out subtype vectors. It depends on the Gene Expression Profiles (GEPs) used, the biological problems or ideas of researchers. For **Pan-immune Activation and Dysfunction (PAD)** subtypes, the GEPs, **Pan-Immune Activation Module (PIAM)** and **Pan-Immune Dysfunction Genes (PIDG)**, are biologically associated and suitable for calling four subtypes ($\text{PIAM}^{\text{high}}\text{PIDG}^{\text{high}}$, $\text{PIAM}^{\text{high}}\text{PIDG}^{\text{low}}$, $\text{PIAM}^{\text{low}}\text{PIDG}^{\text{high}}$, and $\text{PIAM}^{\text{low}}\text{PIDG}^{\text{low}}$). Theoretically, we can also use a category strategy like low/medium/high, but more evidences or motivations are lacked for chasing such a complex model.

With subtype vectors and raw matrices, **Top Scoring Pairs (TSP)**, the core data format for model training and application in GSClassifier, would be calculated for the following process. The details of TSP normalization are summarized in 1.3.

1.2.2 Model Establishment and Validation

The TSP matrix would be divided into training cohort and internal validation cohort. In PAD project, the rate of samples (training vs. test) is **7:3**. Next, each **SubSet** (70% of the training cohort in PAD project) would be further selected randomly to build a **SubModel** via cross-validation Extreme Gradient Boosting algorithm (`xgboost::xgb.cv` function) [3]. The number of submodels is suggested over 20 (more details in ??).

The internal validation cohort and external validation cohort (if any) would be used to test the performance of the trained model. By the way, **the data of both internal and external validation cohort would not be used during model training** so as to avoid over-fitting.

1.2.3 Model Application

In PAD project, **Model for individual**, the ensemble of submodels, is called “PAD for individual” (**PADi**). Supposed raw RNA expression of a sample was given. As showed in 1.1 and 1.2, **GSClassifier** would turn raw RNA expression into a TSP vector, which would be as a input to **Model for individual**. Then, **GSClassifier** would output the possibility matrix and the subtype for this sample. No extra data (RNA expression of others, follow-up data, etc) would be needed but RNA expression of the patient for subtype identification, so we suggest **Model for individual (PADi, etc)** as personalized model.

1.3 Top scoring pairs

1.3.1 Introduction

Genes expression of an individual is normalized during the model training and the subtype identification via **Top Scoring Pairs (TSP, also called Relative Expression Orderings (REOs))** algorithm, which was previously described by Geman et al [4]. **TSP** normalization for an individual depends on its transcript data, implying that subtype calling would not be perturbed by data from other individuals or other extra information like follow-up data. **TSP** had been used in cancer research and effectively predicts cancer progression and ICIs response [5–7].

As show in Figure 1.2, The TSP data in GSClassifier consists of three parts: **binned expression, pair difference, and set difference**. In this section, we would conduct some experiments to demonstrate the potential of TSP normalization for development of cross-dataset/platform GEP-based models.

1.3.2 Simulated Dataset

We simulated a dataset to demonstrate TSP normalization in GSClassifier:

```
# Geneset
2 geneSet <- list(
```

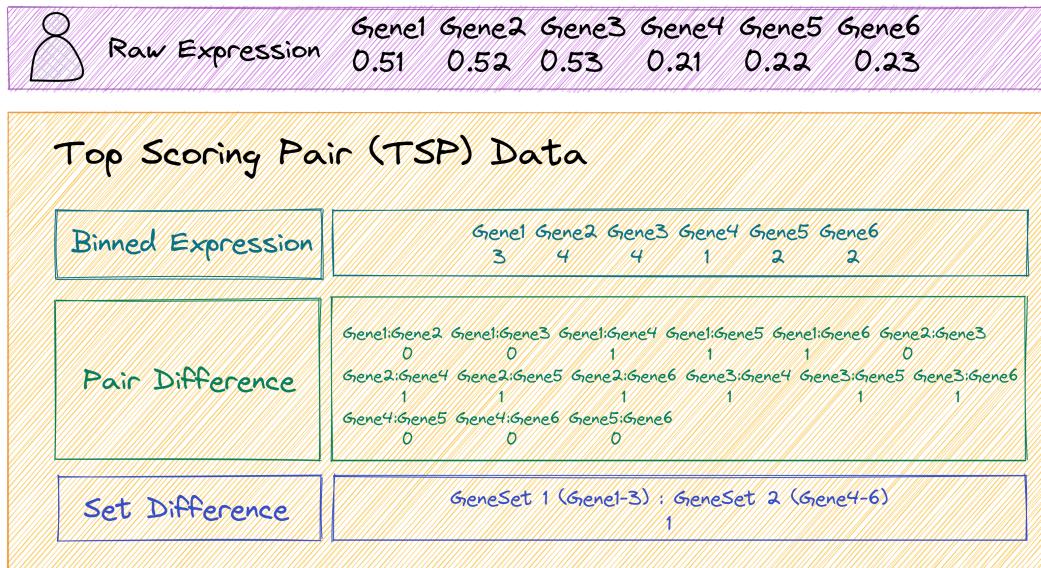


Figure 1.2: The components of TSP (2 gene sets)

```

  Set1 = paste('Gene', 1:3, sep = ''),
4   Set2 = paste('Gene', 4:6, sep = '')
)
6
# RNA expression
8 x <- read_xlsx('./data/simulated-data.xlsx', sheet = 'RNA')
expr0 <- as.matrix(x[,-1])
10 rownames(expr0) <- as.character(as.matrix(x[,1])); rm(x)

12 # Missing value imputation (MVI)
expr <- na_fill(expr0, method = "quantile", seed = 447)
14 # Missing value imputation with quantile algorithm...

16 # Subtype information
# It depends on the application scenarios of GEPs
18 subtype_vector <- c(1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2)
# Binned data for subtype 1

```

```

20 Ybin <- ifelse(subtype_vector == 1, 1, 0)

22 # Parameters
breakVec = c(0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1.0)

24

25 # Report
26 cat(c('\n', 'Gene sets:', '\n'))
print(geneSet)
28 cat('RNA expression:', '\n')
print(expr0); cat('\n')
30 cat('RNA expression after MVI:', '\n')
print(expr)
32 #
33 # Gene sets:
34 # $Set1
# [1] "Gene1" "Gene2" "Gene3"
36 #
37 # $Set2
38 # [1] "Gene4" "Gene5" "Gene6"
39 #
40 # RNA expression:
#          Sample1 Sample2 Sample3 Sample4 Sample5 Sample6
41 # Gene1      0.51    0.52    0.60    0.21    0.30    0.40
42 # Gene2      0.52    0.54    0.58    0.22    0.31    0.35
43 # Gene3      0.53    0.60    0.61     NA    0.29    0.30
44 # Gene4      0.21    0.30    0.40    0.51    0.52    0.60
45 # Gene5      0.22    0.31    0.35    0.52    0.54    0.58
46 # Gene6      0.23    0.29    0.30    0.53     NA    0.61
47 # Gene7      0.10    0.12    0.09    0.11    0.12    0.14
48 #

```

```

50 # RNA expression after MVI:
#           Sample1 Sample2 Sample3 Sample4 Sample5 Sample6
52 # Gene1      0.51    0.52    0.60   0.2100  0.30000    0.40
54 # Gene2      0.52    0.54    0.58   0.2200  0.31000    0.35
56 # Gene3      0.53    0.60    0.61   0.2486  0.29000    0.30
58 # Gene4      0.21    0.30    0.40   0.5100  0.52000    0.60
# Gene5      0.22    0.31    0.35   0.5200  0.54000    0.58
# Gene6      0.23    0.29    0.30   0.5300  0.51774    0.61
# Gene7      0.10    0.12    0.09   0.1100  0.12000    0.14

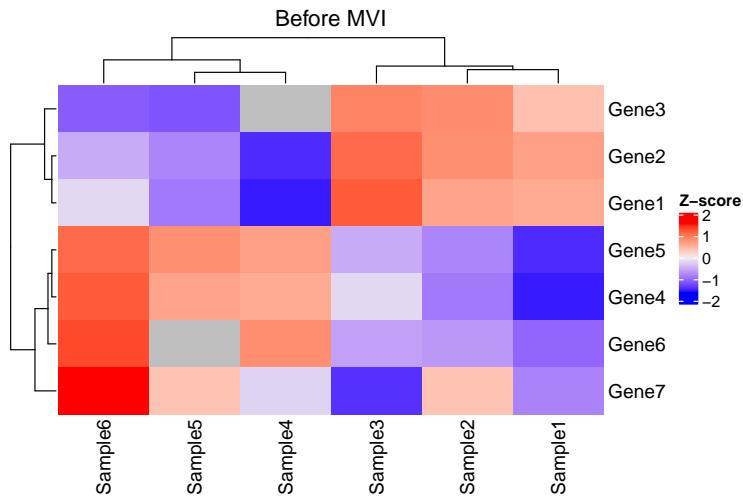
```

Look at the matrix via heatmap:

```

Heatmap(t(scale(t(expr0))), name = "Z-score", column_title =
  "Before MVI")

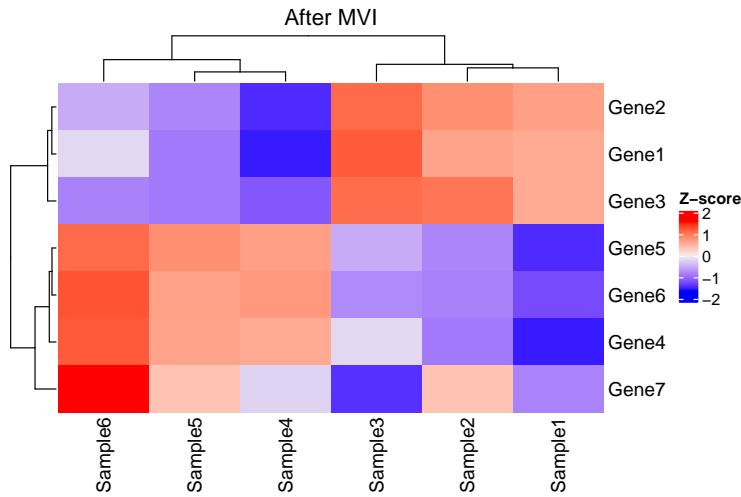
```



```

1 Heatmap(t(scale(t(expr))), name = "Z-score", column_title =
  "After MVI")

```



This is an interesting dataset with features as following:

- **Distinguished gene sets:** The expression profile between **Gene 1-3** and **Gene 4-6** is obviously different across samples. Thus, these gene sets might represent different biology meaning.
- **Stable gene:** The expression level and rank of **Gene 7** seemed to be similar across samples. Thus, **Gene 7** might not be a robust marker for subtype modeling. Thus, it could help us to understand how filtering of **GSClassifier** works.
- **Expression heterogeneity & rank homogeneity:** Take **Sample1** and **Sample3** as examples. The expression of **Gene 1-6** in **Sample3** seemed to be higher than those of **Sample1**. However, the expression of **Gene 1-3** is higher than **Gene 4-6** in both **Sample1** and **Sample3**, indicating similar bioprocess in these samples exists so that they should be classified as the same subtype.

1.3.3 Binned expression

First, we binned genes with different quantile intervals so that the distribution of rank information could be more consistent across samples.

Take **Sample4** as an example:

```

# Data of Sample4
3
x <- expr[,4]
5
# Create quantiles
7 brks <- quantile(as.numeric(x),
                     probs=breakVec,
9                      na.rm = T)
11 # Get interval orders
12 xbin <- .bincode(x = x,
13                      breaks = brks,
14                      include.lowest = T)
15 xbin <- as.numeric(xbin)
16 names(xbin) <- names(x)
17
# Report
18 cat('Quantiles:', '\n'); print(brks)
19 cat('\n')
20 cat('Raw expression:', '\n'); print(x)
21 cat('\n')
22 cat('Binned expression:', '\n'); print(xbin)
23
# Quantiles:
24 #      0%     25%     50%     75%    100%
25 #  0.1100  0.2150  0.2486  0.5150  0.5300
26 #
27 #
# Raw expression:
28 #  Gene1  Gene2  Gene3  Gene4  Gene5  Gene6  Gene7
29 #  0.2100 0.2200 0.2486 0.5100 0.5200 0.5300 0.1100
30 #
31 #

```

```
# Binned expression:
33 # Gene1 Gene2 Gene3 Gene4 Gene5 Gene6 Gene7
#     1     2     2     3     4     4     1
```

For example, **0.110** is the minimum of the raw expression vector, so its binned expression is **1**. Similarly, the binned expression of maximum **0.530** is **4**.

Generally, we calculate binned expression via function **breakBin** of **GSClassifier**:

```
expr_binned <- apply(
2   expr, 2,
  GSClassifier:::breakBin,
4   breakVec)
rownames(expr_binned) <- rownames(expr)
6 print(expr_binned)

#           Sample1 Sample2 Sample3 Sample4 Sample5 Sample6
8 # Gene1      3      3      4      1      2      2
# Gene2      4      4      3      2      2      2
10 # Gene3     4      4      4      2      1      1
# Gene4      1      2      2      3      4      4
12 # Gene5     2      2      2      4      4      3
# Gene6     2      1      1      4      3      4
14 # Gene7     1      1      1      1      1      1
```

In this simulated dataset, **Gene7** is a gene whose expression is always the lowest across all samples. In other words, the rank of **Gene7** is stable or invariable across samples so that it's not robust for identification of differential subtypes.

Except binned expression, we also calculated pair difference later. Due to the number of gene pair is C_2^n , the removal of genes like **Gene7** before modeling could really reduce the complexity and save computing resources. In all, genes with low rank difference should be dropped out in some extent in **GSClassifier**.

First, We use **base::rank** to return the sample ranks of the values in a vector:

```

expr_binned_rank <- apply(
  expr_binned, 2,
  function(x) rank(x, na.last = TRUE)
)
print(expr_binned_rank)

#          Sample1 Sample2 Sample3 Sample4 Sample5 Sample6
# Gene1      5.0     5.0     6.5     1.5     3.5     3.5
# Gene2      6.5     6.5     5.0     3.5     3.5     3.5
# Gene3      6.5     6.5     6.5     3.5     1.5     1.5
# Gene4      1.5     3.5     3.5     5.0     6.5     6.5
# Gene5      3.5     3.5     3.5     6.5     6.5     5.0
# Gene6      3.5     1.5     1.5     6.5     5.0     6.5
# Gene7      1.5     1.5     1.5     1.5     1.5     1.5

```

Then, get weighted average rank difference of each gene based on specified subtype distribution (**Ybin**):

```

testRes <- sapply(
  1:nrow(expr_binned_rank),
  function(gi){

    # Rank vector of each gene
    rankg = expr_binned_rank[gi,];

    # Weighted average rank difference of a gene for specified
    # subtype
    # Here is subtype 1 vs. others
    (sum(rankg[Ybin == 0], na.rm = T) / sum(Ybin == 0, na.rm = T)
     ) -
    (sum(rankg[Ybin == 1], na.rm = T) / sum(Ybin == 1, na.rm = T))
  }
)

```

```

        )
    }
13 )
names(testRes) <- rownames(expr_binned_rank)
15 print(testRes)
#      Gene1      Gene2      Gene3      Gene4      Gene5      Gene6
#      Gene7
17 # -2.666667 -2.500000 -4.333333  3.166667  2.500000  3.833333
#      0.000000

```

Gene7 is the one with the lowest absolute value (0) of rank difference. By the way, **Gene 1-3** have the same direction (<0), so do **Gene 4-6** (>0), which indicates the nature of clustering based on these two gene sets.

In practice, we use **ptail** to select differential genes based on rank differences. **Smaller ptail is, less gene kept.** Here, we just set **ptail=0.4**:

```

1
# ptail is a number ranging (0,0.5].
3 ptail = 0.4

5 # Index of target genes with big rank differences
idx <- which((testRes < quantile(testRes, ptail, na.rm = T)) |
7             (testRes > quantile(testRes, 1.0-ptail, na.rm = T)))

9 # Target genes
gene_bigRank <- names(testRes)[idx]

11
# Report
13 cat('Index of target genes: ','\n');print(idx); cat('\n')
cat('Target genes:','\n');print(gene_bigRank)

```

```

15 # Index of target genes:
# Gene1 Gene2 Gene3 Gene4 Gene5 Gene6
17 #     1     2     3     4     5     6
#
19 # Target genes:
# [1] "Gene1" "Gene2" "Gene3" "Gene4" "Gene5" "Gene6"

```

Hence, **Gene7** was filtered and excluded in the following analysis. By the way, both **ptail** and **breakVec** are hyperparameters in GSClassifier modeling.

1.3.4 Pair difference

In GSClassifier, we use a ensemble function **featureSelection** to select data for pair difference scoring.

```

expr_feat <- featureSelection(expr, Ybin,
                                testRes = testRes,
                                ptail = 0.4)

expr_sub <- expr_feat$Xsub
gene_bigRank <- expr_feat$Genes

# Report
cat('Raw xpression without NA:', '\n')
print(expr_sub)
cat('\n')

cat('Genes with large rank diff:', '\n')
print(gene_bigRank)

# Raw xpression without NA:
#       Sample1 Sample2 Sample3 Sample4 Sample5 Sample6
16 # Gene1    0.51    0.52    0.60   0.2100  0.30000    0.40

```

```

# Gene2      0.52      0.54      0.58   0.2200  0.31000    0.35
18 # Gene3      0.53      0.60      0.61   0.2486  0.29000    0.30
# Gene4      0.21      0.30      0.40   0.5100  0.52000    0.60
20 # Gene5      0.22      0.31      0.35   0.5200  0.54000    0.58
# Gene6      0.23      0.29      0.30   0.5300  0.51774    0.61
22 #
# Genes with large rank diff:
24 # [1] "Gene1" "Gene2" "Gene3" "Gene4" "Gene5" "Gene6"

```

In GSClassifier, we use function **makeGenePairs** to calculate s

```

gene_bigRank_pairs <- GSClassifier:::makeGenePairs(
2   gene_bigRank,
3   expr[gene_bigRank,])
4 print(gene_bigRank_pairs)

#           Sample1 Sample2 Sample3 Sample4 Sample5 Sample6
6 # Gene1:Gene2      0      0      1      0      0      1
# Gene1:Gene3      0      0      0      0      1      1
8 # Gene1:Gene4      1      1      1      0      0      0
# Gene1:Gene5      1      1      1      0      0      0
10 # Gene1:Gene6     1      1      1      0      0      0
# Gene2:Gene3      0      0      0      0      1      1
12 # Gene2:Gene4     1      1      1      0      0      0
# Gene2:Gene5     1      1      1      0      0      0
14 # Gene2:Gene6     1      1      1      0      0      0
# Gene3:Gene4     1      1      1      0      0      0
16 # Gene3:Gene5     1      1      1      0      0      0
# Gene3:Gene6     1      1      1      0      0      0
18 # Gene4:Gene5     0      0      1      0      0      1
# Gene4:Gene6     0      1      1      0      1      0
20 # Gene5:Gene6     0      1      1      0      1      0

```

Take **Gene1:Gene4** of **Sample1** as an example. $Expression_{Gene1} - Expression_{Gene4} = 0.51 - 0.21 = 0.3 > 0$, so the pair score is 1. If the difference is less than or equal to 0, the pair score is 0. In addition, the difference of gene pair scoring between **Sample 1-3** and **Sample 4-6** is obvious, revealing the robustness of pair difference for subtype identification.

1.3.5 Set difference

In **GSClassifier**, **Set difference** is defined as a weight average of gene-geneset rank difference.

```
# No. of gene sets
2 nGS = 2

4 # Name of gene set comparision, which is like s1s2, s1s3 and so
   on.

featureNames <- 's1s2'
6

# Gene set difference across samples
8 resultList <- list()
for (i in 1:ncol(expr_sub)) { # i=1
10  res0 <- numeric(length=length(featureNames))
    idx <- 1
12  for (j1 in 1:(nGS-1)) { # j1=1
14      for (j2 in (j1+1):nGS) { # j2=2
16          # If j1=1 and j2=2, gene sets s1/s2 would be selected
18          # Genes of different gene sets
            set1 <- geneSet[[j1]] # "Gene1" "Gene2" "Gene3"
            set2 <- geneSet[[j2]] # "Gene4" "Gene5" "Gene6"
```

```
20
21      # RNA expression of Genes by different gene sets
22      vals1 <- expr_sub[rownames(expr_sub) %in% set1,i]
23      # Gene1 Gene2 Gene3
24      # 0.51  0.52  0.53
25      vals2 <- expr_sub[rownames(expr_sub) %in% set2,i]
26      # Gene4 Gene5 Gene6
27      # 0.21  0.22  0.23
28
29      # Differences between one gene and gene sets
30      # Compare expression of each gene in Set1 with all genes in
31          Set2.
32      # For example, 0.51>0.21/0.22/0.23, so the value of Gene1:
33          s2 is 3.
34      res1 <- sapply(vals1, function(v1) sum(v1 > vals2, na.rm=T)
35                      )
36      # Gene1:s2    Gene2:s2    Gene3:s2
37      # 3           3           3
38
39      # Weight average of gene-geneset rank difference
40      res0[idx] <- sum(res1, na.rm = T) / (length(vals1) * length
41          (vals2))
42
43      # Next gene set pair
44      idx <- idx + 1
45
46  }
47
48  resultList[[i]] <- as.numeric(res0)
49 }
50
51 resMat <- do.call(cbind, resultList)
```

```

46 colnames(resMat) <- colnames(expr_sub)
47 rownames(resMat) <- featureNames
48
49 # Report
50 cat('Set difference across samples: ', '\n')
51 print(resMat)
52 # Set difference across samples:
53 #      Sample1 Sample2 Sample3 Sample4 Sample5 Sample6
54 # s1s2      1      1      1      0      0      0
=====
```

In **GSClassifier**, we established **makesetData** to evaluate set difference across samples:

```

2 # Gene set difference across samples
3 geneset_interaction <- GSClassifier:::makesetData(expr_sub,
4   geneSet)
5
6 # Report
7 cat('Set difference across samples: ', '\n')
8 print(resMat)
9 # Set difference across samples:
10 #      Sample1 Sample2 Sample3 Sample4 Sample5 Sample6
11 # s1s2      1      1      1      0      0      0
=====
```

We have known that the subtype of **Sample 1-3** differs from that of **Sample 4-6**, which revealed the robustness of set difference for subtype identification.

Based on the structure of TSP in Figure 1.2, TSP matrix of the simulated dataset should be :

```

2 # TSP matrix
=====
```

```
tsp <- rbind(  
4  
  # Binned expression  
6  expr_binned[gene_bigRank,],  
  
8  # Pair difference  
9  gene_bigRank_pairs,  
10  
# Set difference  
12  resMat  
)  
14  
# Report  
16 cat('TSP matrix: ', '\n')  
print(tsp)  
18 # TSP matrix:  
#          Sample1 Sample2 Sample3 Sample4 Sample5 Sample6  
20 # Gene1        3      3      4      1      2      2  
# Gene2        4      4      3      2      2      2  
22 # Gene3        4      4      4      2      1      1  
# Gene4        1      2      2      3      4      4  
24 # Gene5        2      2      2      4      4      3  
# Gene6        2      1      1      4      3      4  
26 # Gene1:Gene2 0      0      1      0      0      1  
# Gene1:Gene3 0      0      0      0      1      1  
28 # Gene1:Gene4 1      1      1      0      0      0  
# Gene1:Gene5 1      1      1      0      0      0  
30 # Gene1:Gene6 1      1      1      0      0      0  
# Gene2:Gene3 0      0      0      0      1      1  
32 # Gene2:Gene4 1      1      1      0      0      0
```

```

# Gene2:Gene5      1      1      1      0      0      0
34 # Gene2:Gene6    1      1      1      0      0      0
# Gene3:Gene4     1      1      1      0      0      0
36 # Gene3:Gene5    1      1      1      0      0      0
# Gene3:Gene6     1      1      1      0      0      0
38 # Gene4:Gene5    0      0      1      0      0      1
# Gene4:Gene6     0      1      1      0      1      0
40 # Gene5:Gene6    0      1      1      0      1      0
# s1s2            1      1      1      0      0      0

```

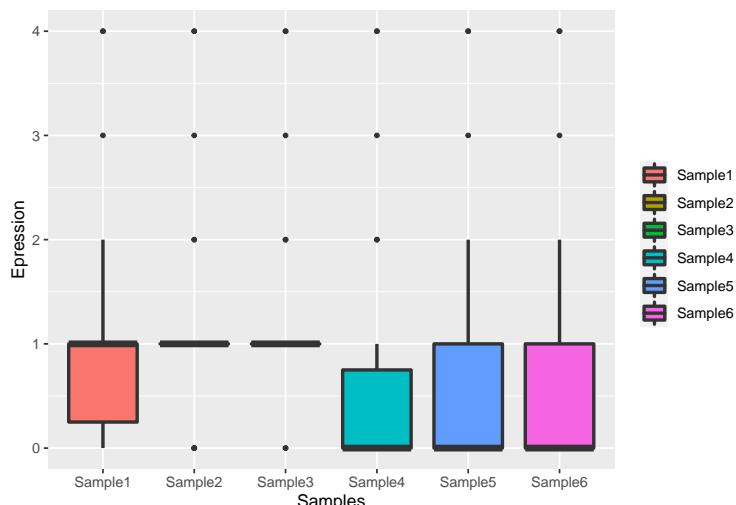
Have a look at the distribution:

```

1
# Data
3 tsp_df <- reshape2::melt(tsp)

5 ggplot(tsp_df,aes(x=Var2,y=value,fill=Var2)) +
  geom_boxplot(outlier.size = 1, size = 1) +
  7 labs(x = 'Samples',
        y = 'Expression',
        fill = NULL)

```



Chapter 2

Discussion

In this section, we would discuss some key topics about **GSClassifier**, including **Missing value imputation (MVI)**, **Batch effect**, **hyperparameters**, and so on.

2.1 Packages

```
1
# Install "devtools" package
3 if (!requireNamespace("devtools", quietly = TRUE))
  install.packages("devtools")
5
# Install dependencies
7 if (!requireNamespace("luckyBase", quietly = TRUE))
  devtools::install_github("huangwb8/luckyBase")
9
# Install the "***GSClassifier***" package
11 if (!requireNamespace("GSClassifier", quietly = TRUE))
  devtools::install_github("huangwb8/GSClassifier")
13
# Install the "pacman" package
```

```

15 if (!requireNamespace("pacman", quietly = TRUE)){
16   install.packages("pacman")
17 } else {
18   library(pacman)
19 }
20
21 # Load needed packages
22 packages_needed <- c(
23   "readxl",
24   "ComplexHeatmap",
25   "GSClassifier",
26   "rpart",
27   "tidyverse",
28   "reshape2",
29   "ggplot2")
30
31 for(i in packages_needed){p_load(char=i)}

```

Here is the environment of R programming:

```

1 # R version 4.0.3 (2020-10-10)
2 # Platform: x86_64-w64-mingw32/x64 (64-bit)
3 # Running under: Windows 10 x64 (build 18363)
4 #
5 # Matrix products: default
6 #
7 # locale:
8 # [1] LC_COLLATE=Chinese (Simplified)_China.936
9 # [2] LC_CTYPE=Chinese (Simplified)_China.936
10 # [3] LC_MONETARY=Chinese (Simplified)_China.936
11 # [4] LC_NUMERIC=C

```

```
# [5] LC_TIME=Chinese (Simplified)_China.936
13 #
# attached base packages:
15 # [1] grid       stats      graphics   grDevices  utils      datasets
#       methods
# [8] base
17 #
# other attached packages:
19 # [1] ggplot2_3.3.6          reshape2_1.4.4        tidyverse_1.2.0
# [4] rpart_4.1.16             GSClassifier_0.1.22  luckyBase_0.1.0
21 # [7] ComplexHeatmap_2.4.3   readxl_1.4.0         pacman_0.5.1
#
# loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
# [1] colorspace_2.0-3         ggsignif_0.6.3       rjson_0.2.21
25 # [4] ellipsis_0.3.2         class_7.3-20        rprojroot_2.0.3
# [7] circlize_0.4.15        GlobalOptions_0.1.2  fs_1.5.2
27 # [10] clue_0.3-57           rstudioapi_0.13     ggpubr_0.4.0
# [13] listenv_0.8.0          remotes_2.4.2       prodlim_
#       2019.11.13
29 # [16] fansi_1.0.3           lubridate_1.8.0     codetools_
#       0.2-18
# [19] splines_4.0.3           doParallel_1.0.17    cachem_1.0.6
31 # [22] knitr_1.30            pkgload_1.2.4       jsonlite_1.8.0
# [25] pROC_1.18.0             caret_6.0-92        broom_1.0.0
33 # [28] cluster_2.1.3         png_0.1-7          compiler_4.0.3
# [31] backports_1.4.1         assertthat_0.2.1    Matrix_1.2-18
35 # [34] fastmap_1.1.0          cli_3.3.0          htmltools_0.5.2
# [37] prettyunits_1.1.1        tools_4.0.3          gtable_0.3.0
37 # [40] glue_1.6.2              dplyr_1.0.9         Rcpp_1.0.8.3
# [43] carData_3.0-5           cellranger_1.1.0    vctrs_0.4.1
```

```

39 # [46] nlme_3.1-149           iterators_1.0.14      timeDate_
    3043.102

# [49] xfun_0.33                gower_1.0.0        stringr_1.4.0
41 # [52] globals_0.15.1         ps_1.4.0          testthat_3.1.0
# [55] lifecycle_1.0.1          devtools_2.4.3     rstatix_0.7.0
43 # [58] future_1.26.1          MASS_7.3-53       scales_1.2.0
# [61] ipred_0.9-12             parallel_4.0.3    RColorBrewer_
    1.1-3

45 # [64] yaml_2.3.5            memoise_2.0.1     stringi_1.7.6
# [67] desc_1.4.1               randomForest_4.6-14 foreach_1.5.2
47 # [70] hardhat_1.1.0         pkgbuild_1.3.1     lava_1.6.10
# [73] shape_1.4.6              tuneR_1.4.0       rlang_1.0.2
49 # [76] pkgconfig_2.0.3        evaluate_0.15     lattice_0.20-41
# [79] purrr_0.3.4              recipes_0.2.0     processx_3.7.0
51 # [82] tidyselect_1.1.2        parallelly_1.32.0 plyr_1.8.7
# [85] magrittr_2.0.3            bookdown_0.21     R6_2.5.1
53 # [88] generics_0.1.2          DBI_1.1.3          pillar_1.7.0
# [91] withr_2.5.0              survival_3.3-1    abind_1.4-5
55 # [94] nnet_7.3-17            tibble_3.1.7       future.apply_
    1.9.0

# [97] crayon_1.5.1             car_3.1-0          xgboost_1.6.0.1
57 # [100] utf8_1.2.2            rmarkdown_2.14     GetoptLong_
    1.0.5

# [103] usethis_2.1.3           data.table_1.14.2   callr_3.7.0
59 # [106] ModelMetrics_1.2.2.2  digest_0.6.29     stats4_4.0.3
# [109] signal_0.7-7             munsell_0.5.0     sessioninfo_
    1.2.2

```

2.2 Missing value imputation (MVI)

Due to reasons like low expression/weak signal, contamination of microarray surfaces, inappropriate manual operations, insufficient resolution or systematic errors during the laboratory process [8–10], **missing value** in high-input genetic data is common. Generally, tiny missing value could be just dealed with case deletion, while the biological discovery might be damaged when the missing rate tops 15% [11,12]. Currently, lots of methods, including statistic-based or machine learning-based methods (Figure 2.1), had been developed for **missing value imputation (MVI)** [12]. Wang et al [13] categorized MVI methods into simple (zeros or average), biology knowledge-, global learning-, local learning-, hybrid-based methods. In order to satisfy the working conditions of xgboost [14] functions (`xgb.train`, `xgboost`, and `xgb.cv`) in GSClassifier, the missing value in expression matrix must be deleted or imputation.

In **PAD** project, several strategies were applied to reduce the impact of missing values as possible. First, both **PIAM** and **PIDG** in **PAD** project were curated GEPs that were not be missing in over 80% gastric cancer datasets. Here we showed the actual distribution of missing value across samples in gastric cancer datasets we used.

```
# Data
2 testData <- readRDS(
  system.file("extdata",
4           "testData.rds",
  package = "GSClassifier")
6 )
expr_pad <- testData$PanSTAD_expr_part
8
# Missing value
10 expr_pad_na <- apply(expr_pad, 2,
  function(x) sum(is.na(x))/length(x))
12 expr_pad_na_df <- data.frame(
  sample = names(expr_pad_na),
```

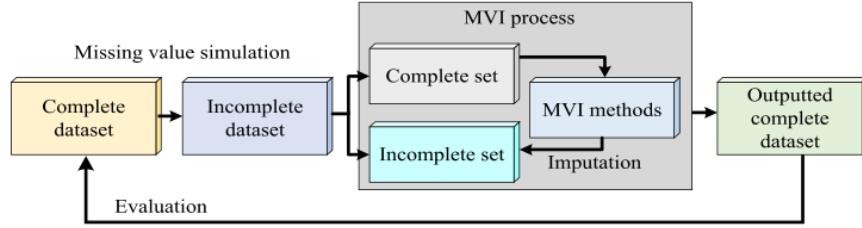


Fig. 3. The typical experimental configuration for MVI procedures to impute the missing values in any attributes [2].

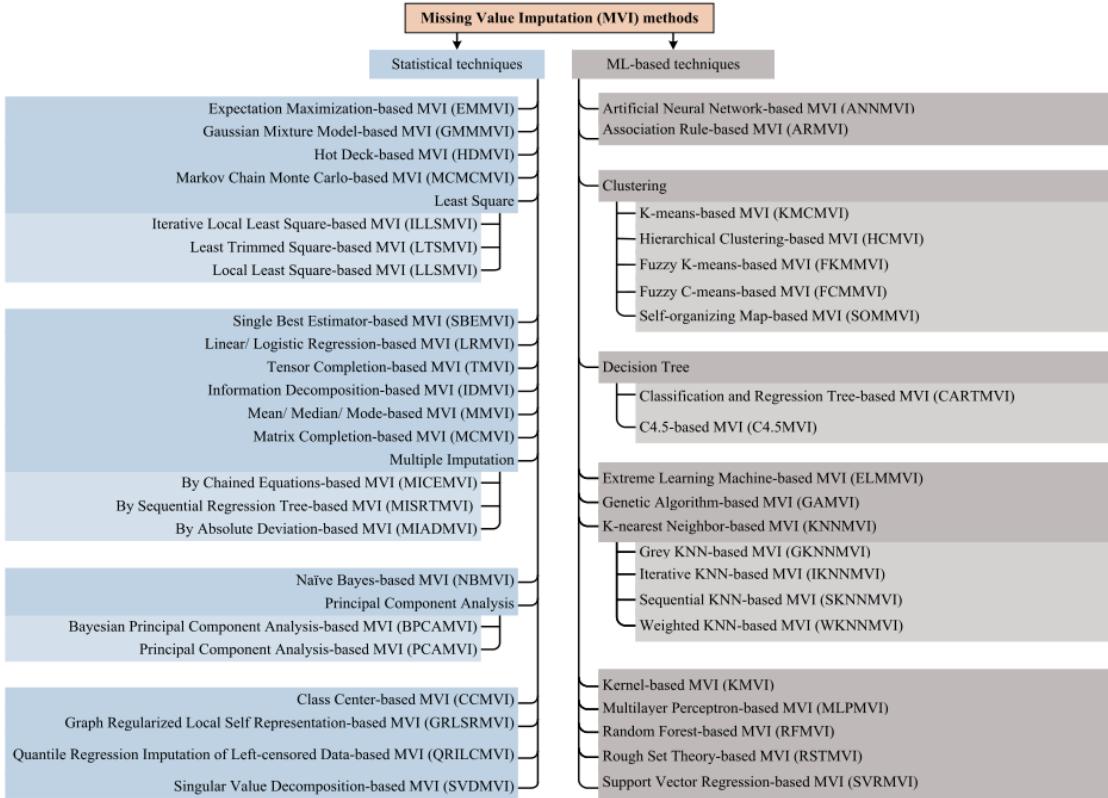


Figure 2.1: Missing value imputation methods reviewed by Hasan et al.

```

14   prob = as.numeric(expr_pad_na),
15   stringsAsFactors = F
16 )

```

As shown in Figure 2.2, the percentage of all samples in gastric cancer datasets we used is lower than 8%.

```

# ggplot
2 ggplot(data = expr_pad_na_df,
3         aes(x = sample, y = prob)) +
4   geom_bar(stat = 'identity', color = mycolor[3]) +
5   scale_y_continuous(labels=scales::percent) +
6   labs(x = 'Samples in gastric cancer cohorts',
7        y = 'Percentage of missing value') +
8   theme_bw() +
9   theme(
10     axis.text.x = element_blank(),
11     axis.ticks = element_blank(),
12     axis.title = element_text(size = 15),
13     axis.text = element_text(size = 12)
14   )

```

Second, we did conduct some MVI strategy to deal with data before model training in **GSClassifier**. Due to the low missing rate of our experimental data, we just set **missing value as zero** during model training and subtype identification in the early version of PADi (**PAD.train.v20200110**). The model seemed to be robust in both the internal cohort and external cohorts, and greatly predicted the response to immune checkpoint inhibitors (ICIs) in advanced gastric cancer.

In the new version of PADi (**PAD.train.v20220917**), we designed the so-called **quantile** algorithm for random MVI during **PADi** model training, which also seemed to work well for PADi model training.

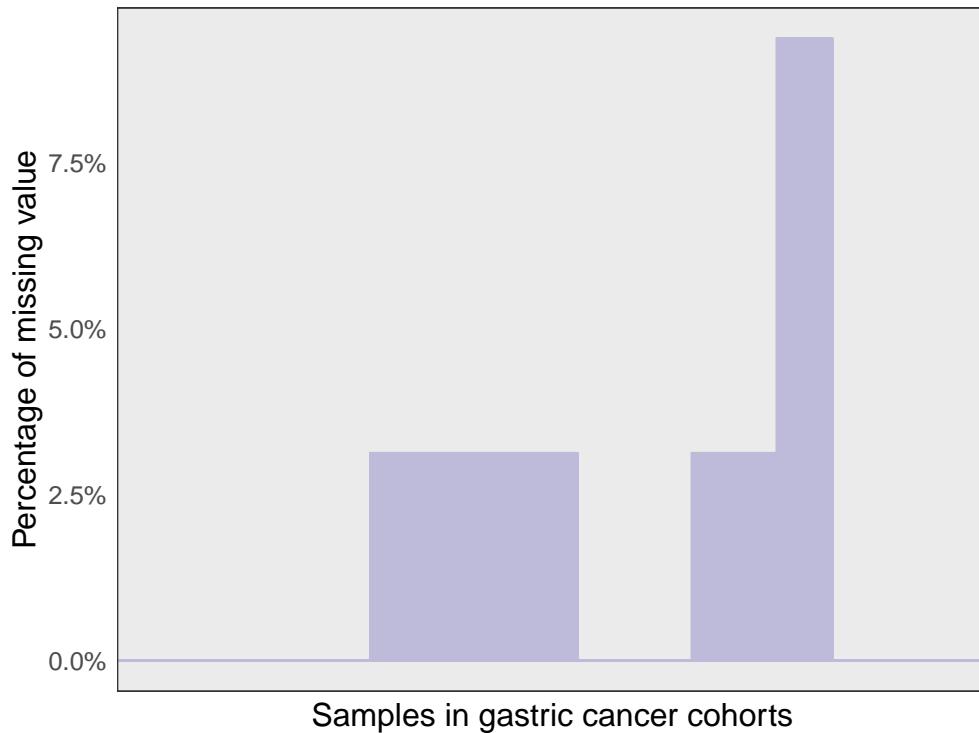


Figure 2.2: The distribution of missing value across gastric cancer samples.

Here, we demonstrated the principle of **quantile** algorithm in the simulated dataset:

```

# Simulated data
2 x <- read_xlsx('./data/simulated-data.xlsx', sheet = 'RNA')
expr0 <- as.matrix(x[,-1])
4 rownames(expr0) <- as.character(as.matrix(x[,1])); rm(x)

6 # MVI with Quantile algorithm
expr <- expr0
8 na.pos <- apply(expr, 2, is.one.na)
set.seed(478); seeds <- sample(1:ncol(expr)*10, sum(na.pos),
replace = F)
10 tSample <- names(na.pos)[na.pos]
quantile_vector <- (1:1000)/1000
12 for(i in 1:length(tSample)){ # i=1

```

```

14   sample.i <- tSample[i]
15   expr.i <- expr[, sample.i]
16   expr.i.max <- max(expr.i, na.rm = T)
17   expr.i.min <- min(expr.i, na.rm = T)
18   set.seed(seeds[i]);
19
20   # Details of quantile algorithm
21   expr.i[is.na(expr.i)] <-
22     expr.i.min +
23     (expr.i.max - expr.i.min) * sample(quantile_vector,
24                                         sum(is.na(expr.i)),
25                                         replace = T)
26   expr[, sample.i] <- expr.i
27
28
29
30 # Report
31 cat('RNA expression:', '\n')
32 print(expr0)
33 cat('\n')
34 cat('RNA expression without NA value:', '\n')
35 print(expr)
36 # RNA expression:
37
38 #          Sample1 Sample2 Sample3 Sample4 Sample5 Sample6
39 # Gene1      0.51    0.52    0.60    0.21    0.30    0.40
40 # Gene2      0.52    0.54    0.58    0.22    0.31    0.35
41 # Gene3      0.53    0.60    0.61      NA    0.29    0.30
42 # Gene4      0.21    0.30    0.40    0.51    0.52    0.60
43 # Gene5      0.22    0.31    0.35    0.52    0.54    0.58
44 # Gene6      0.23    0.29    0.30    0.53      NA    0.61

```

```

44 # Gene7      0.10      0.12      0.09      0.11      0.12      0.14
#
#
46 # RNA expression without NA value:
#           Sample1 Sample2 Sample3 Sample4 Sample5 Sample6
48 # Gene1      0.51      0.52      0.60  0.21000  0.30000      0.40
# Gene2      0.52      0.54      0.58  0.22000  0.31000      0.35
50 # Gene3      0.53      0.60      0.61  0.43256  0.29000      0.30
# Gene4      0.21      0.30      0.40  0.51000  0.52000      0.60
52 # Gene5      0.22      0.31      0.35  0.52000  0.54000      0.58
# Gene6      0.23      0.29      0.30  0.53000  0.32622      0.61
54 # Gene7      0.10      0.12      0.09  0.11000  0.12000      0.14

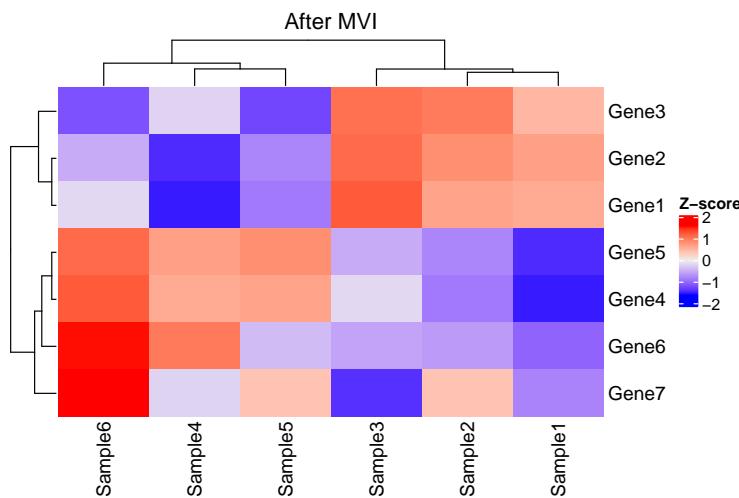
```

Look at the new matrix via heatmap, where the clustering result is not obviously disturbed after MVI:

```

Heatmap(t(scale(t(expr))), name = "Z-score", column_title =
  "After MVI")

```



Due to missing value might damage the integrity of biological information, we explored **how much the number of missing value in one sample impacts subtype identification via PADi**. The steps are as following: (i) we used quantile algorithm to do MVI in the

internal validation cohort of gastric cancer; (ii) we randomly masked different proportion of genes as zero expression; (iii) we calculated the relative multi-ROC [15] (masked data vs. MVI data). In **GSClassifier**, we developed a function called **mv_tolerance** to complete the task.

(i) Load the internal validation cohort:

```
1 # Internal validation cohort
2
3 testData <- readRDS(
4   system.file("extdata", "testData.rds", package = "GSClassifier"
5 )
6 )
7
8 expr_pad <- testData$PanSTAD_expr_part
9 modelInfo <- modelData(
10   design = testData$PanSTAD_phenotype_part,
11   id.col = "ID",
12   variable = c("platform", "PAD_subtype"),
13   Prop = 0.7,
14   seed = 19871
15 )
16
17 validInform <- modelInfo>Data$Valid
18 expr_pad_innervalid <- expr_pad[,validInform$ID]
```

(ii) Missing value tolerance analysis:

```
# Time-consuming

2 mvt <- mv_tolerance(
  X = expr_pad_innervalid,
  4 gene.loss = c(2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12),
  levels = c(1, 2, 3, 4),
  6 model = "PAD.train_20220916",
  seed = 487,
```

```

8   verbose = T
9 )

```

(iii) multi-ROC analysis:

```

1 # Data
2
3 mvt_auc <- mvt$multiAUC
4
5 mvt_auc_df <- data.frame()
6
7 for(i in 1:length(mvt_auc)){ # i=1
8   df.i <- data.frame(
9     x = as.integer(Fastextra::names(mvt_auc)[i], '= ', 2)),
10    y = as.numeric(mvt_auc[[i]]$auc),
11    stringsAsFactors = F
12  )
13
14  mvt_auc_df <- rbind(mvt_auc_df, df.i)
15 }

```

```

1 ggplot(mvt_auc_df, aes(x,y)) +
2   geom_point() +
3   scale_x_continuous(breaks = c(2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12)) +
4   stat_smooth(formula = y ~ x, method = 'glm') +
5   labs(x = 'No. of missing value',
6        y = 'Relative AUC in multi-ROC analysis') +
7   theme(
8     axis.title = element_text(size = 15),
9     axis.text = element_text(size = 12))
10 )

```

As showed in Figure 2.3, there is linear negative correlation between the number of missing value (mising rate ranges from 6.25% to 37.5%) and subtype identification performance of **PADi** model. One of the reasons might be that PIAM/PIDG were small GEPs, so little

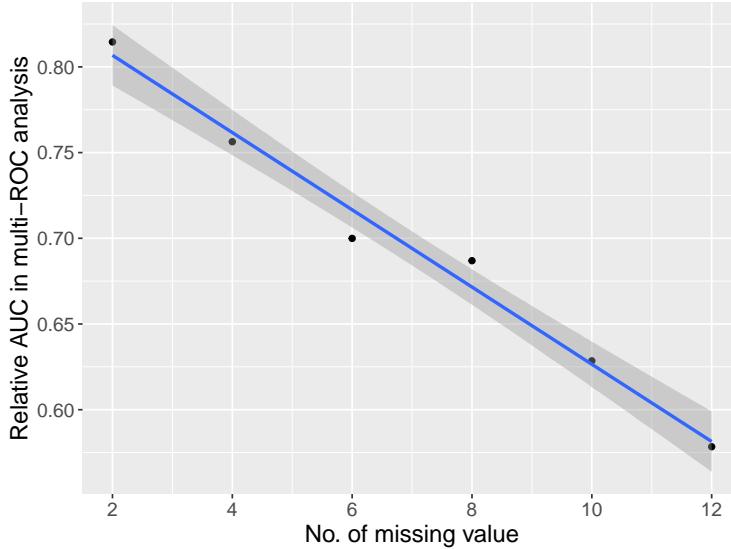


Figure 2.3: The association between the number of missing value and subtype identification performance.

gene loss might significantly impact the performance of **PADi**. By the way, there is no missing value in PIAM/PIDG of the ‘Kim2018’ cohort, an external validation cohort for ICIs therapy response prediction via **PADi**. Nonetheless, we still used **zero strategy** during subtype identification of **PADi** if any missing value exist, because randomization might make the result unstable, which is not suitable for clinical decision.

In conclusion, zero or quantile strategy could be applied for MVI before **GSClassifier** model training. However, missing value should be avoided as possible in subtype identification for missing value really damage the performance of **GSClassifier**. Nonetheless, due to low-input GEPs used in **PADi** model (No. of Gene=32), it’s easy to avoid missing value in clinical practice.

2.3 Batch effect

TSP was widely applied to control batch effects in transcriptomic data [16–23]. Still, we tested whether **TSP** is a robust method for batch effect control in real-world data. As demonstrated in Figure 2.4, the obvious batch effects across gastric cancer datasets were significantly reduced after **TSP** normalization.

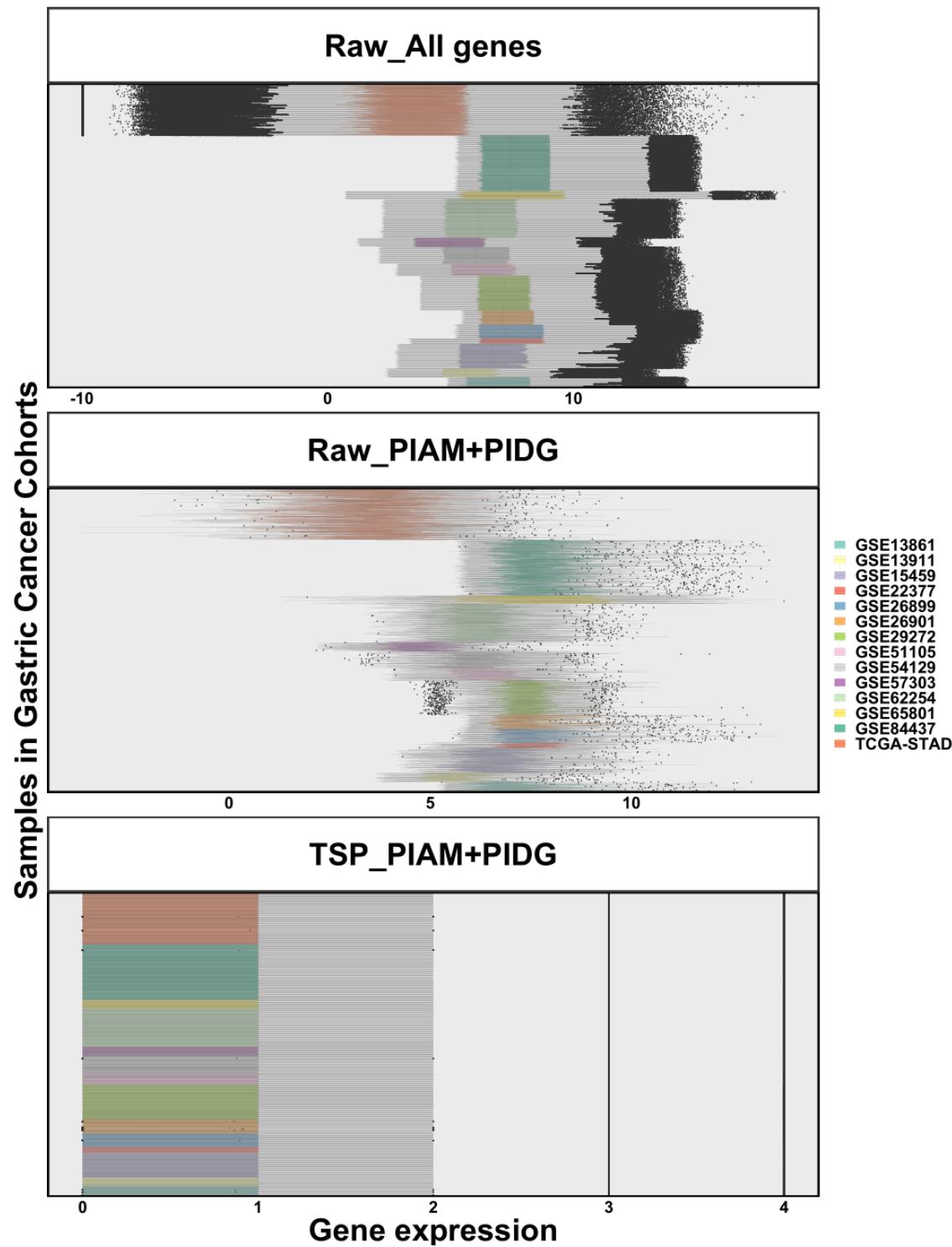


Figure 2.4: Batch effects across gastric cancer cohorts. All gene pairs were used because subtype vectors were not specified. Top: Raw expression of all genes across samples. Middle: Raw expression of PIAM and PIDG across samples. Bottom: TSP of PIAM and PIDG across samples.

In order to confirmed the association between **gene counts** in modeling and batch effect control via **TSP** normalization, we selected random genes with counts ranging 4, 8, 20, 40, and 80 for TSP matrix establishment. As shown in Figure 2.5, **TSP** normalization works greatly in different gene counts for batch effect control compared with raw expression matrix.

2.4 Hyperparameters

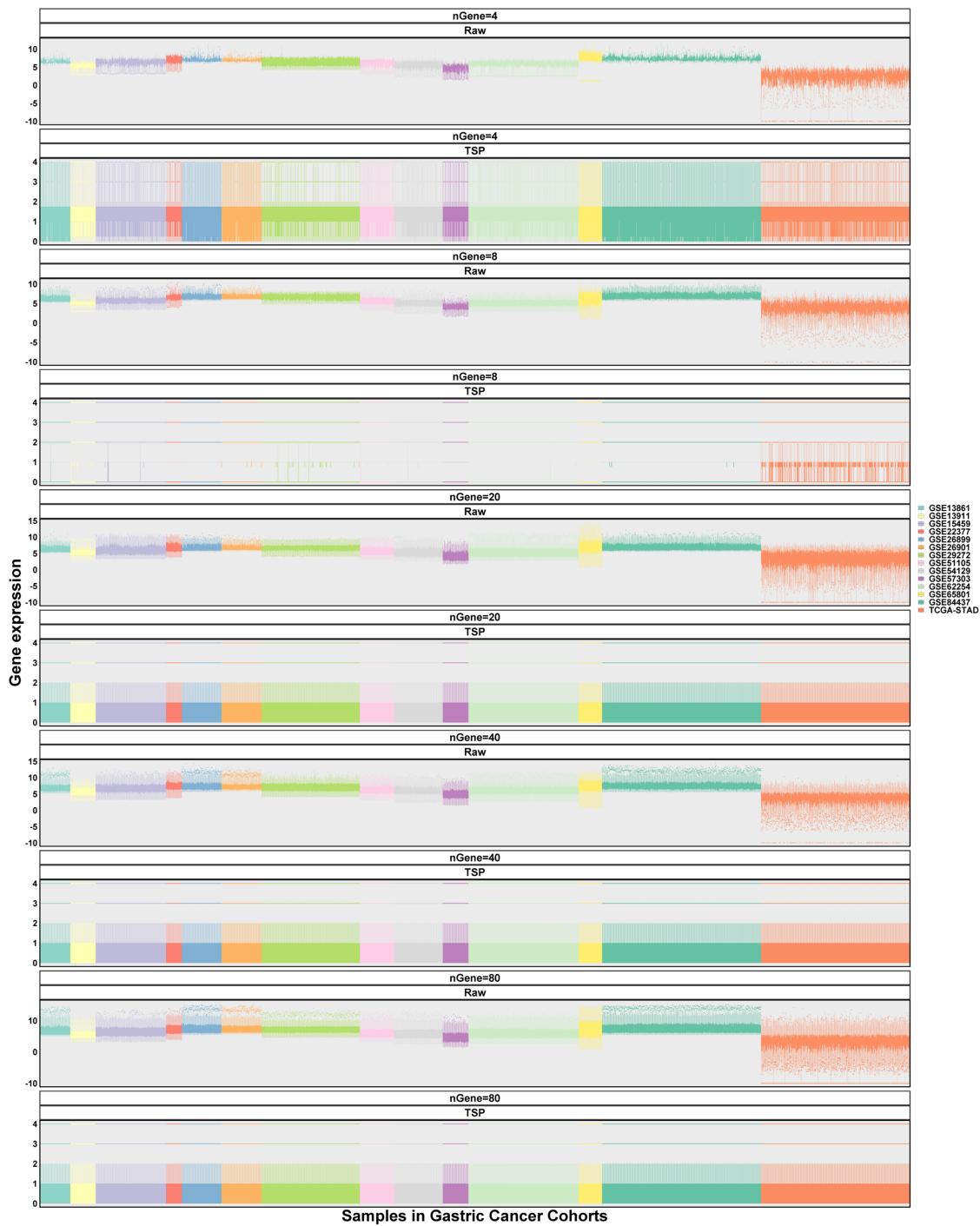


Figure 2.5: Batch effects of random genes across gastric cancer cohorts. All gene pairs were used because subtype vectors were not specified. Gene counts 4, 8, 20, 40, and 80 were detected. Data of set difference were not available because only one gene set were applied.

Chapter 3

Quick start

3.1 About

- Although with bright prospects in Pan-disease analysis, [GSClassifier](#) was primarily developed for clinic-friendly immune subtypes of gastric cancer (GC). Currently, only PAD subtypes and PADI for GC were supported. We would try to support more cancer types in the future as possible. More details in [Plans in the future](#) section.
- Gibbs' PanCancer immune subtypes based on five gene signatures (485 genes) could also be called in [GSClassifier](#), with a pre-trained model from the [ImmuneSubtype-Classifier](#) package. If you use their jobs, please cite: [references](#).
- Particularly, all normal tissues should be eliminated before subtypes calling for cancer research.

3.2 Data

To lower the learning cost of [GSClassifier](#), we provides some test data:

```
library(GSClassifier)
#      luckyBase
testData <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "testData.rds",
                                package = "GSClassifier"))
```

Explore the `testData`:

```
names(testData)
# [1] "Kim2018_3"                      "PanSTAD_phenotype_part" "PanSTAD_
expr_part"
```

3.3 PAD

3.3.1 Preparation of the test data

load phenotype data:

```
design <- testData$PanSTAD_phenotype_part
table(design$Dataset)
#
#   GSE13861   GSE13911   GSE15459   GSE22377   GSE26899   GSE26901
#   GSE29272   GSE51105
#       65        39        192        43         96        108
#      134        94
#   GSE54129   GSE57303   GSE62254   GSE65801   GSE84437 TCGA-STAD
#       111        70        300        32        433        372
```

load target sample IDs in GSE54129 cohort:

```
target_ID <- design$ID[design$Dataset %in% 'GSE54129']
expr <- testData$PanSTAD_expr_part[,target_ID]
head(expr[,1:10])
#
#           GSM1308413  GSM1308414  GSM1308415  GSM1308416
#           GSM1308417
# ENSG00000122122    7.888349    7.623663    6.873493    6.961102
#           7.150572
```

```

6 # ENSG00000117091    7.051760    6.217445    5.651839    5.830996
   5.908532
7 # ENSG00000163219    6.056472    5.681844    5.411533    5.652684
   5.555147
8 # ENSG00000136167    9.322191    8.765794    8.502315    8.838166
   8.845952
9 # ENSG00000005844    7.119594    6.023631    5.400999    6.172863
   6.059838
10 # ENSG00000123338   7.204051    6.925328    6.259809    6.610681
   6.595882
#           GSM1308418  GSM1308419  GSM1308420  GSM1308421
#           GSM1308422
12 # ENSG00000122122   7.871423    6.953329    8.334037    6.764335
   6.522554
13 # ENSG00000117091   6.526917    5.646446    6.617520    5.637693
   5.742848
14 # ENSG00000163219   5.962885    5.361763    5.975842    5.330428
   5.172705
15 # ENSG00000136167   9.366074    8.675718    9.118517    8.614068
   8.114096
16 # ENSG00000005844   6.523530    6.129181    7.331588    5.547059
   5.867118
# ENSG00000123338   6.699790    6.935390    7.050288    6.536710
   6.200269

```

3.3.2 Unsupervised clustering

```

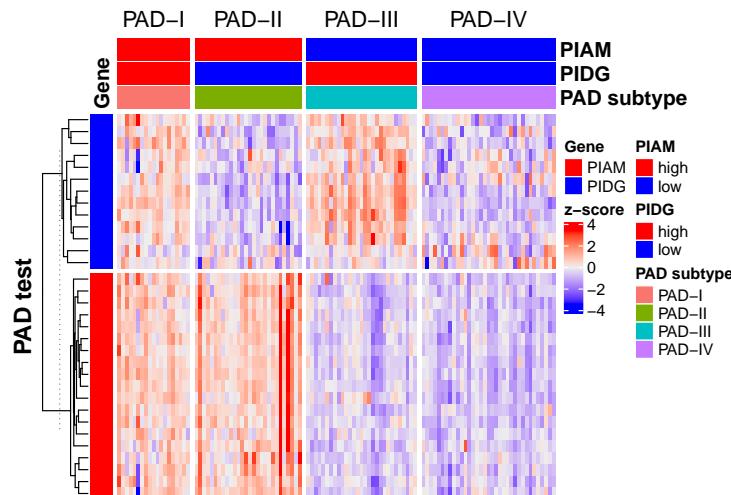
1 res_pad <- PAD(
  expr = expr,
3   cluster.method = "ward.D2",

```

```

extra.annot = NULL,
5 plot.title = 'PAD test',
subtype = "PAD.train_20220916",
7 verbose = T
)

```



```

# Use default PIAM...
2 # Use default PIDG...
# Gene match: 100%.
4 # Done!

```

3.3.3 Of note

- It's strongly recommended that the gene type of `expr` should be alway the same, such as ENSEMBL genes (ENSG00000111640 for GAPDH, for examples).
- PAD function is only for datasets with lots of samples for its classification depends on population-based unsupervised clustering. PAD is population-dependent and non-personalized.
- Beta characteristics: You could try random forest classification based on the `randomForest` package or methods in `stats::hclust`.

3.4 PADI

- In `GSClassifier`, PADI is a pre-trained out-of-the-box model for GC personalized PAD subtypes calling.
- During the subtype calling, the gene rank relations based on individuals instead of the relative values across samples would be used. Thus, **you don't have to do batch normalization** even though the data (the `X` input) come from multiple cohorts or platform.
- More limitations were discussed in our paper that you had better know.

In this section, we would showed how to use PADI series: `PADI`, `callEnsemble`, and `parCallEnsemble` functions.

3.4.1 Preparation of the test data

```

2 X <- testData$Kim2018_3
3 head(X)
4 #           PB-16-002   PB-16-003   PB-16-004
5 # ENSG00000121410  0.07075272 -2.08976724 -1.43569557
6 # ENSG00000148584 -1.49631022 -0.23917056  0.94827471
7 # ENSG00000175899 -0.77315329  0.52163146  0.91264015
8 # ENSG00000166535 -0.28860715 -0.45964255 -0.38401295
9 # ENSG00000256069 -0.25034243  0.06863867  0.14429081
10 # ENSG00000184389  0.08215945 -0.05966481  0.04937924

```

3.4.2 Use a specific function called PADI

Very simple, just:

```
res_padi <- PADI(X = X, verbose = F)
```

Check the result:

```

1 head(res_padi)
#      SampleIDs BestCall BestCall_Max          1          2
#           3       4
3 # 1 PB-16-002          4          4 0.023372779 0.02631794
#   0.04864784 0.3336484
# 2 PB-16-003          4          4 0.007271698 0.08650742
#   0.01974812 0.9530730
5 # 3 PB-16-004          4          4 0.011559768 0.02922151
#   0.09018894 0.8649045

```

Actually, PADi is exactly based on a general function called `callEnsemble`.

3.4.3 Use the `callEnsemble` function

Also simple, just:

```

res_padi <- callEnsemble(
2   X = X,
3   ens = NULL,
4   geneAnnotation = NULL,
5   geneSet = NULL,
6   scaller = NULL,
7   geneid = "ensembl",
8   subtype = "PAD.train_20220916",
9   verbose = F
10 )

```

Check the result:

```
head(res_padi)
```

```

2 #   SampleIDs BestCall BestCall_Max          1          2
3           3           4
# 1 PB-16-002           4          4 0.01338872 0.01624520
0.03965218 0.8052567
4 # 2 PB-16-003           4          4 0.04709511 0.08833681
0.03879361 0.6244038
# 3 PB-16-004           4          4 0.01389035 0.03638009
0.05852707 0.6980438

```

3.4.4 Parallel strategy for PADi

- Sometimes, the number of patients for subtype callings could be huge (hundreds or even tens of thousands). Thus, the parallel computing (Windows or Linux pass; not tested in Mac or other OS) was also developed in the current version of `GSClassifier` package.
 - The parameter `numCores` was used to control the No. of CPU for computing (which depends on your CPU capacity).
-

```

# No run for the tiny test data. With errors.

2
# Method 1:
4 res_padi <- PADi(X = X, verbose = F, numCores = 4)

6 # Method 2:
res_padi <- parCallEnsemble(
8   X = X,
ens = NULL,
10  geneAnnotation = NULL,
geneSet = NULL,
12  scaller = NULL,

```

```

14   geneids = 'ensembl',
15   subtype = 'PAD.train_20220916',
16   verbose = T,
17   numCores = 4)

```

3.4.5 Single sample subtype calling

In clinical practice, the single sample subtype calling might be one of the most common scenarios and is also supported by functions of PADi series.

Supposed that there is a GC patient, its information should be:

```

X_ind <- X[,1]; names(X_ind) <- rownames(X)
2 head(X_ind)

# ENSG00000121410 ENSG00000148584 ENSG00000175899 ENSG00000166535
      ENSG00000256069
4 #       0.07075272      -1.49631022      -0.77315329      -0.28860715
      -0.25034243
# ENSG00000184389
6 #       0.08215945

```

Or it can also be another format:

```

X_ind <- as.matrix(X[,1]); rownames(X_ind) <- rownames(X)
2 head(X_ind)

#           [,1]
4 # ENSG00000121410  0.07075272
# ENSG00000148584  -1.49631022
6 # ENSG00000175899 -0.77315329
# ENSG00000166535  -0.28860715
8 # ENSG00000256069 -0.25034243
# ENSG00000184389  0.08215945

```

Similar to multiples sample calling, just:

check the result:

```
1 head(res_padi)
#   SampleIDs BestCall BestCall_Max          1          2
#   3           4
3 # 1      target        4          4 0.02337278 0.02631794
#   0.04864784 0.3336484
```

Similarly, there is alternative choice:

```
1 res_padi <- callEnsemble(
  X = X_ind,
  ens = NULL,
  geneAnnotation = NULL,
  geneSet = NULL,
  scaller = NULL,
  geneid = "ensembl",
  subtype = "PAD.train_20220916",
  verbose = F
)
```

Check the result:

```
head(res_padi)
#   SampleIDs BestCall BestCall_Max          1          2
#   3           4
# 1      target        4          4 0.01338872 0.0162452
#   0.03965218 0.8052567
```

3.4.6 Of note

- In the results of PADi, two types of subtypes (`BestCall` and `BestCall_Max`) were integrated. `BestCall` was predicted based on a xgboost-trained model based on prior knowledge of PAD subtypes and the possibility matrix (columns 4 to 7 of four-subtype calling, for example), while `BestCall_Max` was predicted via maximum strategy. You should use THE SAME ONE in a specific practice no matter which one you use.
- PADi is individual-dependent and personalized, which means that the result of subtype calling would not be influenced by the data of others.

3.5 Use external models from luckyModel package

In the future, there might be lots of models available as a resource of `GSClassifier`, such as `luckyModel`. Here we show how `luckyModel` support `GSClassifier`.

First, intall and load `luckyModel`:

```
# Install luckyModel
2 if (!requireNamespace("luckyModel", quietly = TRUE))
    devtools::install_github("huangwb8/luckyModel")
4 library(luckyModel)
```

Check projects supported in current `luckyModel`:

```
list_project()
2 # [1] "GSClassifier"
```

Check available models in the project:

```
list_model(project='GSClassifier')
2 # Available models in GSClassifier:
#   *Gibbs_PanCancerImmuneSubtype_v20190731
4 #   *HWB_PAD_v20200110
```

Here, `HWB_PAD_v20200110` is a standard name of PADi. They are exactly the same.

Taking PADi as an example, we here show how to use an external model from `luckyModel`.

First, load a model:

```
model <- lucky_model(project = 'GSClassifier',
2                         developer='HWB',
3                         model = 'PAD',
4                         version = 'v20200110')
```

Then, check the gene id type:

```
model$geneSet
2 # $PIAM
# [1] "ENSG00000122122" "ENSG00000117091" "ENSG00000163219" "
ENSG00000136167"
4 # [5] "ENSG0000005844" "ENSG00000123338" "ENSG00000102879" "
ENSG00000010671"
# [9] "ENSG00000185862" "ENSG00000104814" "ENSG00000134516" "
ENSG00000100055"
6 # [13] "ENSG00000082074" "ENSG00000113263" "ENSG00000153283" "
ENSG00000198821"
# [17] "ENSG00000185811" "ENSG00000117090" "ENSG00000171608"
8 #
# $PIDG
10 # [1] "ENSG00000116667" "ENSG00000107771" "ENSG00000196782" "
ENSG00000271447"
# [5] "ENSG00000173517" "ENSG00000134686" "ENSG00000100614" "
ENSG00000134247"
12 # [9] "ENSG00000109686" "ENSG00000197321" "ENSG00000179981" "
ENSG00000187189"
# [13] "ENSG00000140836"
```

The model should use `ensembl` as the value of `geneid` parameter in `callEnsemble` series.

Next, you can use the model like:

```

1  res_padi <- callEnsemble(
2    X = X,
3    ens = model$ens$Model,
4    geneAnnotation = model$geneAnnotation,
5    geneSet = model$geneSet,
6    scaller = model$scaller$Model,
7    geneid = "ensembl",
8    subtype = NULL,
9    verbose = F
10 )

```

Or just:

```

1  res_padi <- callEnsemble(
2    X,
3    ens = NULL,
4    geneAnnotation = NULL,
5    geneSet = NULL,
6    scaller = NULL,
7    geneid = "ensembl",
8    subtype = model,
9    verbose = F
10 )

```

They are exactly the same.

Finally, check the result:

```
head(res_padi)
```

```

2 #   SampleIDs BestCall BestCall_Max          1          2
3           3           4
# 1 PB-16-002           4          4 0.023372779 0.02631794
0.04864784 0.3336484
4 # 2 PB-16-003           4          4 0.007271698 0.08650742
0.01974812 0.9530730
# 3 PB-16-004           4          4 0.011559768 0.02922151
0.09018894 0.8649045

```

3.6 PanCancer immune subtypes

`GSClassifier` could also call the PanCancer immune subtypes of Gibbs'.

First, see data available in current `GSClassifier`:

```

GSClassifier_Data()

2 # Available data:
# Usage example:
4 #   ImmuneSubtype.rds
#   PAD.train_20200110.rds
6 #   PAD.train_20220916.rds
#   PAD <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "PAD.train_20200110.rds",
7     package = "GSClassifier"))
8 #   ImmuneSubtype <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "ImmuneSubtype.rds",
9     package = "GSClassifier"))

```

Let's use our test data to do this:

```

2 X <- testData$Kim2018_3
symbol <- convert(rownames(X))
4 rownames(X) <- symbol

```

```
X <- X[!is.na(symbol),]
6 dim(X)
# [1] 19118      3
```

Have a check

```
1 head(X)
#          PB-16-002    PB-16-003    PB-16-004
3 # A1BG        0.07075272 -2.08976724 -1.43569557
# A1CF        -1.49631022 -0.23917056  0.94827471
5 # A2M         -0.77315329  0.52163146  0.91264015
# A2ML1        -0.28860715 -0.45964255 -0.38401295
7 # RP11-118B22.6 -0.25034243  0.06863867  0.14429081
# A3GALT2       0.08215945 -0.05966481  0.04937924
```

PanCan Immune Subtype callings:

```
res_pis <- callEnsemble(
2   X = X,
3   ens = NULL,
4   geneAnnotation = NULL,
5   geneSet = NULL,
6   scaller = NULL,
7   geneid = "symbol",
8   subtype = "ImmuneSubtype",
9   verbose = F
10 )
```

Check the result:

```
head(res_pis)
2 #   SampleIDs BestCall BestCall_Max
#           1             2
#           3
```

```

# 1 PB-16-002          2          2 8.535523e-04 0.561300665
  8.789648e-06

4 # 2 PB-16-003          4          4 3.404454e-07 0.018167170
  1.006157e-04

# 3 PB-16-004          3          3 4.243721e-06 0.001126488
  4.011083e-01

6 #                 4          5          6
# 1 0.1943050995 0.009215117 0.004592170
8 # 2 0.4923216850 0.002543283 0.002636498
# 3 0.0002498424 0.006606377 0.008101065
=====
```

Also, you can try to use luckyModel:

```

pci <- lucky_model(
2   project = "GSClassifier",
  model = "PanCancerImmuneSubtype",
4   developer = "Gibbs",
  version = "v20190731"
6 )
```

PanCan Immune Subtype callings:

```

res_pis <- callEnsemble(
2   X = X,
  ens = NULL,
4   geneAnnotation = NULL,
  geneSet = NULL,
6   scaller = NULL,
  geneid = "symbol",
8   subtype = pci,
  verbose = F
10 )
```

Finally, we take a look at the PanCancer immune subtypes model:

```
1 ImmuneSubtype <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "ImmuneSubtype.
2   rds", package = "GSClassifier"))
3 names(ImmuneSubtype)
# [1] "ens"           "scaller"        "geneAnnotation" "geneSet"
#
```

Its gene annotation:

```
1 head(ImmuneSubtype$geneAnnotation)
#          SYMBOL ENTREZID            ENSEMBL
3 # 235 ACTL6A          86 ENSG00000136518
# 294 ADAM9          8754 ENSG00000168615
5 # 305 ADAMTS1         9510 ENSG00000154734
# 322 ADAR           103 ENSG00000160710
7 # 340 ADCY7          113 ENSG00000121281
# 479 AIMP2          7965 ENSG00000106305
```

Its gene sets:

```
1 ImmuneSubtype$geneSet
2 # $LIexpression_score
# [1] "CCL5"    "CD19"    "CD37"    "CD3D"    "CD3E"    "CD3G"    "CD3Z"    "
#   CD79A"    "CD79B"
4 # [10] "CD8A"    "CD8B1"   "IGHG3"   "IGJ"     "IGLC1"   "CD14"    "LCK"    "
#   LTB"     "MS4A1"
#
6 # $CSF1_response
# [1] "CORO1A"   "MNDA"    "CCRL2"   "SLC7A7"   "HLA-DMA"   "
#   FYB"
```

8	# [7] "RNASE6"	"TLR2"	"CTSC"	"LILRB4"	"PSCDBP"	"
	CTSS"					
	# [13] "RASSF4"	"MSN"	"CYBB"	"LAPTM5"	"DOCK2"	"
	FCGR1A"					
10	# [19] "EVI2B"	"ADCY7"	"CD48"	"ARHGAP15"	"ARRB2"	"
	SYK"					
	# [25] "BTK"	"TNFAIP3"	"FCGR2A"	"VSIG4"	"FPRL2"	"
	IL10RA"					
12	# [31] "IFI16"	"ITGB2"	"IL7R"	"TBXAS1"	"FMNL1"	"
	FLI1"					
	# [37] "RASSF2"	"LYZ"	"CD163"	"CD97"	"CCL2"	"
	FCGR2B"					
14	# [43] "MERTK"	"CD84"	"CD53"	"CD86"	"HMHA1"	"
	CTSL"					
	# [49] "EVI2A"	"TNFRSF1B"	"CXCR4"	"LCP1"	"SAMHD1"	"
	CPVL"					
16	# [55] "HLA-DRB1"	"C13orf18"	"GIMAP4"	"SAMSN1"	"PLCG2"	"
	OSBPL3"					
	# [61] "CD8A"	"RUNX3"	"FCGR3A"	"AMPD3"	"MYO1F"	"
	CECR1"					
18	# [67] "LYN"	"MPP1"	"LRMP"	"FGL2"	"NCKAP1L"	"
	HCLS1"					
	# [73] "SELL"	"CASP1"	"SELPLG"	"CD33"	"GPNMB"	"
	NCF2"					
20	# [79] "FNBP1"	"IL18"	"B2M"	"SP140"	"FCER1G"	"
	LCP2"					
	# [85] "LY86"	"LAIR1"	"IFI30"	"TNFSF13B"	"LST1"	"
	FGR"					
22	# [91] "NPL"	"PLEK"	"CCL5"	"PTPRC"	"GNPTAB"	"
	SLC1A3"					

```

# [97] "HCK"          "NPC2"        "C3AR1"        "PIK3CG"       "DAPK1"        "
ALOX5AP"

24 # [103] "CSF1R"      "CUGBP2"      "APOE"         "APOC1"        "CD52"        "
LHFPL2"

# [109] "C1orf54"     "IKZF1"       "SH2B3"        "WIPF1"        "

26 #

# $Module3_IFN_score

28 # [1] "IFI44"       "IFI44L"      "DDX58"        "IFI6"         "IFI27"        "IFIT2"        "
IFIT1"         "IFIT3"

# [9] "CXCL10"       "MX1"         "OAS1"         "OAS2"        "OAS3"        "HERC5"        "
SAMD9"         "HERC6"

30 # [17] "DDX60"       "RTP4"        "IFIH1"        "STAT1"       "TAP1"        "OASL"        "
RSAD2"         "ISG15"

#

32 # $TGFB_score_21050467

# [1] "MMP3"         "MARCKSL1"    "IGF2R"        "LAMB1"       "SPARC"       "
FN1"

34 # [7] "ITGA4"       "SMO"         "MMP19"        "ITGB8"       "ITGA5"       "
NID1"

# [13] "TIMP1"       "SEMA3F"      "RHOQ"        "CTNNB1"      "MMP2"        "
SERPINE1"

36 # [19] "EPHB2"       "COL16A1"    "EPHA2"        "TNC"         "JUP"         "
ITGA3"

# [25] "TCF7L2"       "COL3A1"      "CDH6"         "WNT2B"       "ADAM9"       "
DSP"

38 # [31] "HSPG2"       "ARHGAP1"    "ITGB5"        "IGFBP5"      "ARHGDIA"    "
LRP1"

# [37] "IGFBP2"       "CTNNA1"      "LRRK17"       "MMP14"       "NEO1"        "
EFNA5"

40 # [43] "ITGB3"       "EPHB3"       "CD44"         "IGFBP4"      "TNFRSF1A"    "

```

```

RAC1"
# [49] "PZN"      "PLAT"      "COL8A1"    "WNT8B"    "IGFBP3"    "
RHOA"
42 # [55] "EPHB4"    "MMP1"      "PAK1"      "MTA1"     "THBS2"    "
CSPG2"
# [61] "MMP17"    "CD59"      "DVL3"      "RHOB"     "COL6A3"    "
NOTCH2"
44 # [67] "BSG"      "MMP11"     "COL1A2"    "ZYX"      "RND3"    "
THBS1"
# [73] "RHOG"      "ICAM1"     "LAMA4"     "DVL1"     "PAK2"    "
ITGB2"
46 # [79] "COL6A1"    "FGD1"      " "
#
48 # $CHANG_CORE_SERUM_RESPONSE_UP
# [1] "CEP78"      "LSM3"      "LRRC40"    "STK17A"    "RPN1"    "
JUNB"
50 # [7] "NUP85"      "FLNC"     "HMGN2"     "RPP40"     "UQCR10"   "
AIMP2"
# [13] "CHEK1"      "VTA1"      "EXOSC8"    "CENPO"    "PN01"    "
SLC16A1"
52 # [19] "WDR77"      "UBE2J1"    "NOP16"     "NUDT1"     "SMC2"    "
SLC25A5"
# [25] "NUPL1"      "DLEU2"     "PDAP1"     "CCBL2"     "COX17"   "
BCCIP"
54 # [31] "PLG"        "RGS8"      "SNRPC"     "PLK4"      "NUTF2"   "
LSM4"
# [37] "SMS"        "EBNA1BP2"  "C13orf27"  "VDAC1"     "PSMD14"   "
MYCBP"
56 # [43] "SMURF2"    "GNG11"     "F3"        "IL7R"      "BRIP1"   "
HNRNPA2B1"

```

	# [49]	"DCK"	"ALKBH7"	"HN1L"	"MSN"	"TPM1"
		"HYLS1"				
58	# [55]	"HAUS1"	"NUP93"	"SNRPE"	"ITGA6"	"CENPN"
		"C11orf24"				
	# [61]	"GGH"	"PFPK"	"FARSA"	"EIF2AK1"	"CENPW"
		"TUBA4A"				
60	# [67]	"TRA2B"	"UMPS"	"MRT04"	"NUDT15"	"PGM2"
		"DBNDD1"				
	# [73]	"SNRPB"	"MNAT1"	"NUP35"	"TCEB1"	"HSPB11"
		"C19orf48"				
62	# [79]	"ID3"	"IPO4"	"FARSB"	"EIF4G1"	"SKA1"
		"MFSD11"				
	# [85]	"PLAUR"	"MARVELD2"	"MCM3"	"DHFR"	"RNF41"
		"ID2"				
64	# [91]	"H2AFZ"	"CDK2"	"NCLN"	"ZWILCH"	"DYNLT1"
		"C16orf61"				
	# [97]	"SLC25A40"	"RHOC"	"CCT5"	"PDIA4"	"SNRPA"
		"RBM14"				
66	# [103]	"PDLIM7"	"PITPN C1"	"TPM3"	"CORO1C"	"ERLIN1"
		"PAICS"				
	# [109]	"TPRKB"	"SKA2"	"MYBL1"	"SH3BP5L"	"BRCA2"
		"SAR1A"				
68	# [115]	"POLR3K"	"MRPS28"	"NUP107"	"TUBG1"	"PNN"
		"FAM167A"				
	# [121]	"RFC3"	"MYL6"	"MCM7"	"MAGOHB"	"FAM89B"
		"TOMM40"				
70	# [127]	"CDCA4"	"MT3"	"MTHFD1"	"PSMD12"	"MYBL2"
		"CKLF"				
	# [133]	"NRIP3"	"EZR"	"C12orf24"	"GPLD1"	"SRM"
		"RAB3B"				

72	# [139] "NLN"	"MT1F"	"TNFRSF12A"	"TPI1"	"HAS2"
	"APOO"				
	# [145] "FBXO41"	"MRPL37"	"GSTCD"	"SDC1"	"WDR54"
	"RNF138"				
74	# [151] "APITD1"	"RMND5B"	"ENO1"	"MAP3K8"	"TMEM130"
	"SNX17"				
	# [157] "KRR1"	"TAGLN"	"PA2G4"	"RUVBL1"	"SNRPD1"
	"LOXL2"				
76	# [163] "POLE2"	"MAPRE1"	"IMP4"	"EMP2"	"PSMD2"
	"MET"				
	# [169] "IFRD2"	"LMNB2"	"PLOD2"	"NCEH1"	"NME1"
	"STRA13"				
78	# [175] "ACTL6A"	"DLEU1"	"SNRPA1"	"CBX1"	"LYAR"
	"PTPLB"				
	# [181] "PFN1"	"CENPJ"	"COTL1"	"SPRYD7"	"USPL1"
	"MRPL12"				
80	# [187] "ADAMTS1"	"GLRX3"	"WSB2"	"MRPS16"	"DCLRE1B"
	"MKKS"				
	# [193] "C3orf26"	"CPEB4"	"SPAG17"	"MLF1IP"	"UAP1"
	"COQ2"				
82	# [199] "WDHD1"	"DCBLD2"	"KIAA0090"	"SAR1B"	"PSMA7"
	"PSMC3"				
	# [205] "COPS6"	"DUT"	"PPIH"	"PHF19"	"TPM2"
	"MCTS1"				
84	# [211] "EIF4EBP1"	"HNRNPR"			

Enjoy GSClassifier!

Chapter 4

Model establishment via GSClassifier

4.1 About

Sometimes, researchers might have their own gene signatures and know how many subtypes they want to call before (based on some knowledges). Gratifyingly, comprehensive functions were also provided in `GSClassifier`. In this section, we would show how to build a `GSClassifier` model like PADi.

4.2 Data preparation

Note: The test data is only for the demonstration of the modeling

Load packages:

Load data:

```
testData <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "testData.rds",
  package = "GSClassifier"))

2 expr <- testData$PanSTAD_expr_part
design <- testData$PanSTAD_phenotype_part
```

Select training and testing cohorts across different platforms and PAD subtypes from PAD function:

```

modelInfo <- modelData(
  2   design,
  4   id.col = "ID",
  6   variable = c("platform", "PAD_subtype"),
  Prop = 0.7,
  seed = 145
)

```

Check the result modelInfo:

```

names(modelInfo)
  2
head(modelInfo$Data$Train)
  4
head(modelInfo$Data$Valid)
  6 # [1] "Repeat" "Data"
#           ID  Dataset PAD_subtype PIAM_subtype PIDG_
#      subtype platform
  8 # GSM1606509 GSM1606509 GSE65801      PAD-I      high
      high GPL14550
# GSM1606517 GSM1606517 GSE65801      PAD-I      high
      high GPL14550
 10 # GSM1606503 GSM1606503 GSE65801      PAD-I      high
      high GPL14550
# GSM1606525 GSM1606525 GSE65801      PAD-I      high
      high GPL14550
 12 # GSM1606511 GSM1606511 GSE65801      PAD-I      high
      high GPL14550
# GSM1606527 GSM1606527 GSE65801      PAD-I      high

```

```

          high  GPL14550
14 #           ID  Dataset PAD_subtype PIAM_subtype PIDG_
      subtype platform
# GSM2235558  GSM2235558 GSE84437      PAD-I      high
      high  GPL6947
16 # GSM2235561  GSM2235561 GSE84437      PAD-II     high
      low   GPL6947
# GSM2235562  GSM2235562 GSE84437      PAD-IV     low
      low   GPL6947
18 # GSM2235563  GSM2235563 GSE84437      PAD-IV     low
      low   GPL6947
# GSM2235564  GSM2235564 GSE84437      PAD-IV     low
      low   GPL6947
20 # GSM2235567  GSM2235567 GSE84437      PAD-IV     low
      low   GPL6947

```

Get training data Xs and Ys:

```

# Training data
2 Xs <- expr[,modelInfo$Data$Train$ID]
y <- modelInfo$Data$Train
4 y <- y[colnames(Xs),]
Ys <- ifelse(y$PAD_subtype == 'PAD-I',1,ifelse(y$PAD_subtype ==
      'PAD-II',2,ifelse(y$PAD_subtype == 'PAD-III',3,ifelse(y$PAD_
      _subtype == 'PAD-IV',4,NA))); table(Ys)/length(Ys)
6 # Ys
#       1           2           3           4
8 # 0.1010169 0.2474576 0.1694915 0.4820339

```

Get the number of subtype:

```
# No. of subtypes
```

```

2 nSubtype <- length(unique(Ys))
3 print(nSubtype)
4 # [1] 4

```

Also, you can take a look at the validation data:

```

# Validating data
2 Xs_valid <- expr[,modelInfo$Data$Valid$ID]
y <- modelInfo$Data$Valid
4 y <- y[colnames(Xs_valid),]
Ys_valid <- ifelse(y$PAD_subtype == 'PAD-I',1,ifelse(y$PAD_
    subtype == 'PAD-II',2,ifelse(y$PAD_subtype == 'PAD-III',3,
        ifelse(y$PAD_subtype == 'PAD-IV',4,NA))))
6 table(Ys_valid)/length(Ys_valid)
# Ys_valid
8 #           1           2           3           4
# 0.09609121 0.24592834 0.16612378 0.49185668

```

Note: When you convert your phenotype into numeric, **You CANNOT USE A ZERO VALUE**, which is not supported by the xGboost.

Other parameteres for modeling:

```

1
2 # Build 20 models
3 n=20
4
5 # In every model, 70% samples in the training cohort would be
6     selected.
7 sampSize=0.7
8
9 # Seed for sampling

```

```
9 sampSeed = 2020
10 na.fill.seed = 2022
11
12 # A vector for approximate gene rank estimation
13 breakVec=c(0, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1.0)
14
15 # Use 80% most variable gene & gene-pairs for modeling
16 ptail=0.8/2
17
18 # Automatical selection of parameters for xGboost
19 auto = F
20
21 if(!auto){
22
23     # Self-defined params. Fast.
24     params = list(max_depth = 10,
25                   eta = 0.5,
26                   nrounds = 100,
27                   nthread = 10,
28                   nfold=5)
29     caret.seed = NULL
30
31     # No. of CPU for parallel computing. The optimized value
32     # depends on your CPU and RAM
33     numCores = 4
34
35 } else {
36
37     # caret::train strategy by GSClassifier:::cvFitOneModel2.
38     # Time consuming
```

```

37     params = NULL
38
39     caret.seed = 105
40
41     # Self-defined. For this exmaple training grid, there are 2
42     # × 1 × 1 × 3 × 2 × 1 × 2 = 24 grids. Make sure that you have a
43     # computer with a powerfull CPU.
44
45     grid = expand.grid(
46         nrounds = c(100, 200),
47         colsample_bytree = 1,
48         min_child_weight = 1,
49         eta = c(0.01, 0.1, 0.3),
50         gamma = c(0.5, 0.3),
51         subsample = 0.7,
52         max_depth = c(5,8)
53     )
54
55     # If you don't know how to set, just use the same number of
56     # your subtypes
57
58     numCores = 4
59
60 }

```

Finally, you have to provide your gene sets as a `list` object:

```
geneSet = <Your gene sets>
```

Let's take PAD as an example:

```

PAD <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "PAD.train_20220916.rds",
                           package = "GSClassifier"))

2 geneSet <- PAD$geneSet
3 print(geneSet)
4 # $PIAM

```

```
# [1] "ENSG00000122122" "ENSG00000117091" "ENSG00000163219" "
ENSG00000136167"
6 # [5] "ENSG0000005844" "ENSG00000123338" "ENSG00000102879" "
ENSG0000010671"
# [9] "ENSG00000185862" "ENSG00000104814" "ENSG00000134516" "
ENSG00000100055"
8 # [13] "ENSG00000082074" "ENSG00000113263" "ENSG00000153283" "
ENSG00000198821"
# [17] "ENSG00000185811" "ENSG00000117090" "ENSG00000171608"
10 #
# $PIDG
12 # [1] "ENSG00000116667" "ENSG00000107771" "ENSG00000196782" "
ENSG00000271447"
# [5] "ENSG00000173517" "ENSG00000134686" "ENSG00000100614" "
ENSG00000134247"
14 # [9] "ENSG00000109686" "ENSG00000197321" "ENSG00000179981" "
ENSG00000187189"
# [13] "ENSG00000140836"
```

4.3 Fitting models

4.3.1 GSClassifier model training

Just fit the model like:

```
1
if(!auto){
3
# Self-defined
5
system.time(
```

```

7   res <- fitEnsembleModel(Xs,
8
9     Ys,
10
11   geneSet = geneSet,
12
13   na.fill.method = c('quantile','rpart'
14
15   ,NULL)[1],
16
17   na.fill.seed = na.fill.seed,
18
19   n = n,
20
21   sampSize = sampSize,
22
23   sampSeed = sampSeed ,
24
25   breakVec = breakVec ,
26
27   params = params,
28
29   ptail = ptail,
30
31   caret.grid = NULL,
32
33   caret.seed = caret.seed,
34
35   verbose = verbose,
36
37   numCores = numCores)
38
39 )
40
41
42 # user    system    elapsed
43
44 # 0.08s  0.18s  92.70s
45
46
47 } else {
48
49
50   # caret::train-defined and time-consuming
51
52   system.time(
53
54     res <- fitEnsembleModel(Xs,
55
56     Ys,
57
58     geneSet = geneSet,
59
60     na.fill.method = c('quantile','rpart'
61
62     ,NULL)[1],
63
64     na.fill.seed = na.fill.seed,
65
66     n = n,
67
68     sampSize = sampSize,
69
70     sampSeed = sampSeed ,
71
72     breakVec = breakVec ,
73
74     params = params,
75
76     ptail = ptail,
77
78     caret.grid = NULL,
79
80     caret.seed = caret.seed,
81
82     verbose = verbose,
83
84     numCores = numCores)
85
86   )
87
88 }

```

```

35         na.fill.seed = na.fill.seed,
36         n = n,
37         sampSize = sampSize,
38         sampSeed = sampSeed ,
39         breakVec = breakVec ,
40         params = NULL, # This must be NULL
41         ptail = ptail,
42         caret.grid = grid,
43         caret.seed = caret.seed,
44         verbose = verbose,
45         numCores = numCores)
46     )
47
48     # user    system    elapsed
49     # 1.10s   2.60s    2311.55s
50 }
51
52 mymusic() # Remind me with a music when the process completed

```

You should save it for convenience:

```
saveRDS(res, '<your path>/train_ens.rds')
```

Although a `auto-parameter` strategy was provided in `GSClassifier`, it's unknown for this method to improve your model performance to what extent. You can just try. It's not a prior recommendation. In general, setting `auto=F` in this script could be more cost-effective. Empirically, the speed of `caret::train` depends on single-core performance of the CPU instead of the core number.

4.3.2 Scaller for the best call

Next, we model the `scaller` for the training cohort, which would be used for `BestCall` based on the probability `matrix` in `callEnsemble` series. Here, `scaller=NULL` would cause an NA value of `BestCall` col. It's not a big deal, because the probability `matrix` is the information we need.

```

# Time-consuming modeling
2 resTrain <- parCallEnsemble(X = Xs,
                                ens = res$Model,
4                                geneAnnotation = res$geneAnnotation,
                                geneSet = geneSet,
6                                scaller = NULL,
                                geneids = "ensembl",
8                                subtype = NULL,
                                numCores = numCores)
10
# xgboost via best interation
12 library(xgboost)
dtrain <- xgb.DMatrix(as.matrix(resTrain[4:(3 + nSubtype)]),
                      label = Ys-1)
14
cvRes <- xgb.cv(data = dtrain,
16                  nrounds=100,
                  nthread=10,
18                  nfold=5,
                  max_depth=5,
20                  eta=0.5,
                  early_stopping_rounds=100,
22                  num_class = 4,
                  objective = "multi:softmax")

```

```
24  
25 # xgboost via best interation  
26 bst <- xgboost(data = dtrain,  
27   max_depth=5,  
28   eta=0.5,  
29   nrounds = cvRes$best_iteration,  
30   nthread=10,  
31   num_class = 4,  
32   objective = "multi:softmax")  
33  
34 Ys_pred <- predict(bst, as.matrix(resTrain[4:7])) + 1  
35 mean(Ys_pred == Ys) # Prediction rates  
36  
37 # Ensemble results  
38 scaller.train <- list(  
39   Repeat = list(  
40     data = dtrain,  
41     max_depth=5,  
42     eta=0.5,  
43     nrounds = cvRes$best_iteration,  
44     nthread=10,  
45     num_class = 4,  
46     objective = "multi:softmax"  
47   ),  
48   Model = bst  
49 )
```

4.3.3 Assemble your model

For more information of `geneAnnotation`, you could see [Advanced development: Gene Annotation](#) section for assistance.

Here we give an example:

```

1.l.train <- list()
2
3# bootstrap models based on the training cohort
4l.train[['ens']] <- res
5
6# Scaller model
7l.train[['scaller']] <- scaller.train
8
9# a data frame containing gene annotation for IDs conversion
10l.train[['geneAnnotation']] <- <Your gene annotation>
11
12# Your gene sets
13l.train[['geneSet']] <- geneSet

```

Finally, save it for downstream analysis

```
1saveRDS(l.train, '<Your path>/train.rds')
```

About model contributions, you can go Advanced development in [here](#) or [here](#) for more information.

4.3.4 Of note

You can take a look at the PAD.train_20220916 model (PADi). You have to make your model frame similar to the PAD.train_20220916 model.

```

1.l.train <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "PAD.train_20220916.rds",
2                                package = "GSClassifier"))
2names(l.train)
# [1] "ens"                  "scaller"                "geneAnnotation" "geneSet"
3
```

The time of `GSClassifier` modeling depends on the number of individual models (controlled by `n`)/called subtypes/gene signatures, automatic parameter selection, and your CPU capacity.

4.4 Calling subtypes

Supposed that you had got a `GSClassifier` model, next you want to use it for personalized subtype calling.

Just:

```

# Load your model
1 l <- readRDS('<Your path>/train.rds')

# subtype calling
4 res_i = callEnsemble(
5   X,
6   ens = l$ens$Model,
7   geneAnnotation = l$geneAnnotation,
8   geneSet = l$geneSet,
9   scaller = l$scaller$Model,
10  geneid = <ID type of your training data>,
11  subtype = NULL,
12  verbose = T
13 )

```

The usage of `parCallEnsemble` (for huge amount of samples) is similar.

Chapter 5

Suggestions for GSClassifier model developers

5.1 About

- The book **R packages** is a straightaway and useful reference book for R developers. The free-access website of **R packages** is <https://r-pkgs.org/>. As a developer of R, if you haven't hear about it, it's strongly recommended to just read it. Hadley Wickham, the main author of the book, is an active R developer and have led some master works like `ggplot2` and `plyr`.
- With **GSClassifier** package, it could be easy for users to build a model only with certain gene sets and transcriptomics data. If you are interesting in sharing your model, **GSClassifier** also provides a simple methodology for this vision. In this section, let's see how to achieve it!

First, load the package

```
library(GSClassifier)  
#       luckyBase
```

5.2 Available models

With `GSClassifier_Data()`, all models supported in the current `GSClassifier` package would showed.

```

1 GSClassifier_Data()
2 # Available data:
3 # Usage example:
4 #   ImmuneSubtype.rds
5 #   PAD.train_20200110.rds
6 #   PAD.train_20220916.rds
7 #   PAD <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "PAD.train_20200110.rds",
8 #     package = "GSClassifier"))
9 #   ImmuneSubtype <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "ImmuneSubtype.rds",
10 #     package = "GSClassifier"))

```

For more details of `GSClassifier_Data()`, just:

```
?GSClassifier_Data()
```

Set `model=F`, all .rds data would be showed:

```

1 GSClassifier_Data(model = F)
2 # Available data:
3 # Usage example:
4 #   general-gene-annotation.rds
5 #   ImmuneSubtype.rds
6 #   PAD.train_20200110.rds
7 #   PAD.train_20220916.rds
8 #   testData.rds
9 #   PAD <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "PAD.train_20200110.rds",
10 #     package = "GSClassifier"))

```

```
10 #     ImmuneSubtype <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "ImmuneSubtype.rds", package = "GSClassifier"))
```

5.3 Components of a GSClassifier model

Currently, a GSClassifier model and related product environments is designed as a `list` object. Let's take `PAD.train_20210110`(also called PADi) as an example.

```
PADi <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "PAD.train_20220916.rds", package = "GSClassifier"))
```

This picture shows the components of PADi:

As shown, a typical `GSClassifier` model is consist of four parts (with different colors in the picture):

- 1. `ens`:
 - `Repeat`: productive parameters of `GSClassifier` models
 - `Model`: `GSClassifier` models. Here, PADi had 20 models from different subs of the training cohorts
- 2. `scaller`:
 - `Repeat`: productive parameters of the `scaller` model, which was used for `BestCall` calling
 - `Model`: the `scaller` model
- 3. `geneAnnotation`: a data frame containing gene annotation information
- 4. `geneSet`: a list contains several gene sets

Thus, you can assemble your model like:

```
model <- list()
2
# bootstrap models based on the training cohort
4 model[['ens']] <- <Your model for subtypes calling>
```

Name	Type	Value
PADi	list [4]	List of length 4
ens	list [2]	List of length 2
Repeat	list [10]	List of length 10
Xs	list [32 x 1475] (S3: data.frame)	A data.frame with 32 rows and 1475 columns
Ys	double [1475]	1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
geneSet	list [2]	List of length 2
n	double [1]	20
sampSize	double [1]	0.7
sampSeed	double [1]	2020
breakVec	double [5]	0.00 0.25 0.50 0.75 1.00
params	list [5]	List of length 5
ptail	double [1]	0.4
numCores	double [1]	20
Model	list [20]	List of length 20
[[1]]	list [4]	List of length 4
[[2]]	list [4]	List of length 4
[[3]]	list [4]	List of length 4
[[4]]	list [4]	List of length 4
[[5]]	list [4]	List of length 4
[[6]]	list [4]	List of length 4
[[7]]	list [4]	List of length 4
[[8]]	list [4]	List of length 4
[[9]]	list [4]	List of length 4
[[10]]	list [4]	List of length 4
[[11]]	list [4]	List of length 4
[[12]]	list [4]	List of length 4
[[13]]	list [4]	List of length 4
[[14]]	list [4]	List of length 4
[[15]]	list [4]	List of length 4
[[16]]	list [4]	List of length 4
[[17]]	list [4]	List of length 4
[[18]]	list [4]	List of length 4
[[19]]	list [4]	List of length 4
[[20]]	list [4]	List of length 4
scaler	list [2]	List of length 2
Repeat	list [7]	List of length 7
Model	list [9] (S3: xgb.Booster)	List of length 9
geneAnnotation	list [32 x 3] (S3: data.frame)	A data.frame with 32 rows and 3 columns
ENSEMBL	character [32]	'ENSG00000122122' 'ENSG00000117091' 'ENSG00000163219' 'ENSG00000136167' 'ENSG000 ...
SYMBOL	character [32]	'SASH3' 'CD48' 'ARHGAP25' 'LCP1' 'ITGAL' 'NCKAP1L' ...
ENTREZID	character [32]	'54440' '962' '9938' '3936' '3683' '3071' ...
geneSet	list [2]	List of length 2
PIAM	character [19]	'ENSG00000122122' 'ENSG00000117091' 'ENSG00000163219' 'ENSG00000136167' 'ENSG000 ...
PIDG	character [13]	'ENSG00000116667' 'ENSG00000107771' 'ENSG00000196782' 'ENSG00000271447' 'ENSG000 ...

Figure 5.1: Details of a GSClassifier model

```

6 # Scaller model
model[['scaller']] <- <Your scaller for BestCall calling>
8
# a data frame containing gene annotation for IDs conversion
10 model[['geneAnnotation']] <- <Your gene annotation>

12 # Your gene sets
model[['geneSet']] <- <Your gene sets>
14
saveRDS(model, 'your-model.rds')

```

More tutorials for model establishment, please go to [markdown tutorial](#) or [html tutorial](#).

5.4 Submit models to luckyModel package

Considering most users of `GSClassifier` might have no need for lots of models, We divided the model storage feature into an new ensembl package called `luckyModel`. Don't worry, the usage is very easy!

If you want to submit your model, you should apply for a contributor of `luckyModel` first. Then, just send the model (.rds) into the `inst/extdata/<project>` path of `luckyModel`. After audit, your branch would be accepted and available for the users.

The name of your model must be the format as following:

```

# <project>
2 GSClassifier

4 # <creator>_<model>_v<yyyymmdd>:
HWB_PAD_v20211201.rds

```

5.5 Repeatability of models

For repeatability, you had better submit a `.zip` or `.tar.gz` file that containing the information of your model. Here are some suggestions:

- `<creator>_<model>_v<yyyymmdd>.md`
 - **Destinations:** Why you develop the model
 - **Design:** The evidence for gene signatures, et al
 - **Data sources:** The data for model training and validating, et al
 - **Applications:** Where to use your model
 - **Limitations:** Limitation or improvement direction of your model
- `<creator>_<model>_v<yyyymmdd>.R`: The code you used for model training and validating.
- `Data-of-<creator>_<model>_v<yyyymmdd>.rds` (Optional): Due to huge size of omics data, it's OK for you not to submit the raw data.

:cupid: Welcome your contributions!

5.6 Gene Annotation

For convenience, we provided a general gene annotation dataset for different genomics:

```
gga <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "general-gene-annotation.
                           rds", package = "GSClassifier"))
2 names(gga)
# [1] "hg38" "hg19" "mm10"
```

I believe they're enough for routine medicine studies.

Here, take a look at hg38:

```
hg38 <- gga$hg38
```

```

2 head(hg38)
#          ENSEMBL      SYMBOL ENTREZID
4 # 1 ENSG00000223972      DDX11L1 100287102
# 3 ENSG00000227232      WASH7P    <NA>
6 # 4 ENSG00000278267      MIR6859-1 102466751
# 5 ENSG00000243485 RP11-34P13.3      <NA>
8 # 6 ENSG00000284332      MIR1302-2 100302278
# 7 ENSG00000237613      FAM138A   645520

```

With this kind of data, it's simple to customize your own gene annotation (take PAdi as examples):

```

2 tGene <- as.character(unlist(PAdi$geneSet))
geneAnnotation <- hg38[hg38$ENSEMBL %in% tGene, ]
4 dim(geneAnnotation)
# [1] 32 3

```

Have a check:

```

1 head(geneAnnotation)
#          ENSEMBL SYMBOL ENTREZID
3 # 353 ENSG00000171608 PIK3CD     5293
# 1169 ENSG00000134686 PHC2       1912
5 # 2892 ENSG00000134247 PTGFRN    5738
# 3855 ENSG00000117090 SLAMF1    6504
7 # 3858 ENSG00000117091 CD48       962
# 4043 ENSG00000198821 CD247      919

```

This `geneAnnotation` could be the `model[['geneAnnotation']]`.

Also, we use a function called `convert` to do gene ID conversion.

```
luckyBase::convert(c('GAPDH','TP53'), 'SYMBOL', 'ENSEMBL', hg38)
2 # [1] "ENSG00000111640" "ENSG00000141510"
```

Note: the `luckyBase` package integrates lots of useful tiny functions, you could explore it sometimes.

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