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Description

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Details

signeR package focuses on the characterization and analysis of mutational processes. Its functionalities can be divided into three steps. Firstly, it provides tools to process VCF files and generate matrices of SNV mutation counts and mutational opportunities, both divided according to a 3bp context (mutation site and its neighboring bases). Secondly, the main part of the package takes those matrices as input and applies a Bayesian approach to estimate the number of underlying signatures and their mutational profiles. Thirdly, the package provides tools to correlate the activities of those signatures with other relevant information, e.g. clinical data, to infer conclusions about the analyzed genome samples, which can be useful for clinical applications.

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Examples

vignette(package="signeR")

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COSMIC Mutational Signatures

Description

COSMIC Mutational Signatures Data Files (SBS) v3.2.

Usage

```
data("cosmic_data")
```

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Format

A data frame with 96 observations on the following 75 variables.

Substitution. Type a character vector

Trinucleotide a character vector

Somatic.Mutation.Type a character vector

SBS1 a numeric vector

SBS2 a numeric vector

SBS3 a numeric vector

SBS4 a numeric vector

SBS5 a numeric vector

SBS6 a numeric vector

SBS7a a numeric vector

SBS7b a numeric vector

SBS7c a numeric vector

SBS7d a numeric vector

SBS8 a numeric vector

SBS9 a numeric vector

SBS10a a numeric vector

SBS10b a numeric vector

SBS11 a numeric vector

SBS12 a numeric vector

SBS13 a numeric vector

SBS14 a numeric vector

SBS15 a numeric vector

SBS16 a numeric vector

SBS17a a numeric vector

SBS17b a numeric vector

SBS18 a numeric vector

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| SBS58 | a numeric vector |
| SBS59 | a numeric vector |
| SBS60 | a numeric vector |
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| SBS85 | a numeric vector |
| SBS86 | a numeric vector |
| SBS87 | a numeric vector |
| SBS88 | |
| SBS89 | a numeric vector |
| SBS90 | a numeric vector |

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Source

https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/signatures/documents/453/COSMIC_v3.2_SBS_GRCh38.txt

DiffExp

Differential Exposure Analysis

Description

DiffExp: Identify signatures with significantly different activities among sample groups.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'SignExp,character'
DiffExp(signexp_obj, labels, max_instances=200,
    method=kruskal.test, contrast="all", quant=0.5, cutoff=0.05,
    p.adj= "BH",plot_to_file=FALSE, file="Diffexp_boxplot.pdf",
    colored=TRUE, relative = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

| signexp_obj | a SignExp object returned by signeR function. |
|---------------|--|
| labels | sample labels used to define sample groups. |
| max_instances | Maximum number of the exposure matrix instances to be analyzed. If the number of available E instances is bigger than this parameter, a subset of those will be randomly selected for analysis. |
| method | algorithm used to compare each signature exposure among sample groups. Default is kruskal.test, which leads to the use of Kruskal-Wallis Rank Sum Test. |
| contrast | defines which sample groups will be considered in the analysis. Default is "all", which leads the algorithm to evaluate the null hypothesis of exposure levels being constant in all groups. Instead, if this parameter contains a list of group labels, the algorithm will evaluate the null hypothesis of exposure levels being constant among those groups. |
| quant | the p-values quantile which, after log-transform, will be used as DES (Differential Exposure Score). Default is 0.5, which means the median log-transformed p-value will be considered as DES. |
| p.adj | correction method for p-values adjust at the post-hoc tests performed when there are more than two group labels. See p.adjust for options. |
| cutoff | threshold for p-values quantile for signatures to be considered as showing differential exposure. |
| plot_to_file | Whether to save the plot to the file parameter. Default is FALSE. |
| file | Output file to export p-values boxplot. |
| colored | Boolean variable, if TRUE boxplots of differentially exposed signatures will be colored in green, cutoff line will be colored in red and line segments showing |

Otherwise the plot will be black & white.

the transformed p-value quantile used for DE evaluation will be colored in blue.

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relative Whether tests should be performed on absolute or relative signature contribu-

tions to each sample mutation. Default is FALSE (absolute contributions will be $\,$

tested).

... additional parameters for test algorithm defined by the method parameter.

Value

A list with the following items:

Pvquant boolean array with one entry for each signature, indicating whether it shows

differential exposure.

Pvalues matrix containing all computed p-values, with one row for each signature.

MostExposed for each differentially exposed signature, this array contains the label of the

group where it showed higher levels of exposure. Contains NA for signatures

not showing differential exposure.

Differences List of matrices, exported only when there are more than two groups in the anal-

ysis and any signature is found to be differentially active. Each matrix corresponds to one of the highlighted signatures and show the results of comparisons

among groups, with the significant ones marked as TRUE.

Examples

```
# assuming signatures is the return value of signeR()
# labels vector, one for each sample
my_labels <- c("a","a","b","b")

diff_exposure <- DiffExp(signatures$SignExposures,labels=my_labels)
# see also
vignette(package="signeR")</pre>
```

ExposureClassify

Classify samples by exposure levels

Description

Assign unlabeled samples to previously defined groups.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'SignExp,character'
ExposureClassify(signexp_obj, labels,
    method="knn", max_instances=200, k=3, weights=NA, plot_to_file=FALSE,
    file="Classification_barplot.pdf", colors=NA_character_, min_agree=0.75,...)
```

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Arguments

signexp_obj A SignExp object returned by signeR function.

labels Sample labels. Every sample labeled as NA will be classified according to its

mutational profile and the profiles of labeled samples.

method Classification algorithm used. Default is k-Nearest Neighbors (kNN). Any other

algorithm may be used, as long as it is customized to satisfy the following con-

ditions:

Input: a matrix of labeled samples, with one sample per line and one feature per column; a matrix of unlabeled samples to classify, with the same structure; an

array of labels, with one entry for each labeled sample.

Output: an array of assigned labels, one for each unlabeled sample.

max_instances Maximum number of the exposure matrix instances to be analyzed. If the num-

ber of available E instances is bigger than this parameter, a subset of those will

be randomly selected for analysis.

k Number of nearest neighbors considered for classification, used only if method="kNN".

Default is 3.

weights Vector of weights applied to the signatures when performing classification. De-

fault is NA, which leads all the signatures to have weight=1.

plot_to_file Whether to save the plot to the file parameter. Default is FALSE.

file File that will be generated with classification graphic output.

colors Array of color names, one for each sample class. Colors will be recycled if the

length of this array is less than the number of classes.

min_agree Minimum frequency of agreement among individual classifications. Samples

showing a frequency of agreement below this value are considered as "unde-

fined". Default is 0.75.

... additional parameters for classification algorithm (defined by "method" above).

Value

A list with the following items:

class The assigned classes for each unlabeled sample.

freq Classification agreement for each unlabeled sample: the relative frequency of

assignment of each sample to the group specified in "class".

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allfregs Matrix with one column for each unlabeled sample and one row for each class

label. Contains the assignment frequencies of each sample to each class.

probs As above, a matrix with unlabeled samples in columns and class labels in rows.

Contains the average probability, among repeated exposure classifications, of

each sample belonging to each class.

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Examples

```
# assuming signatures is the return value of signeR()

my_labels <- c("a","a","a","a",NA,"b","b","b","b",NA)
Class <- ExposureClassify(signatures$SignExposures, labels=my_labels)
# see also
vignette(package="signeR")</pre>
```

ExposureClassifyCV

k-fold cross-validation of sample classification by exposure levels

Description

Splits labeled samples in k groups (deafult k=8), keeping the proportion of classes stable among groups. Classify samples in each group according to the k-1 remaining ones. Gather results and evaluate global classification performance.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'SignExp,character'
ExposureClassifyCV(signexp_obj, labels, method="knn",
    max_instances=200, k=3, weights=NA, plot_to_file=FALSE,
    file="Classification_CV_barplot.pdf", colors=NA_character_,
    min_agree=0.75, fold=8, ...)
```

Arguments

signexp_obj A SignExp object returned by signeR function.

labels Sample labels. Unlabeled samples (NA labels) will be ignored.

method Classification algorithm used. Default is k-Nearest Neighbors (kNN). Any other

algorithm may be used, as long as it is customized to satisfy the following con-

ditions:

Input: a matrix of labeled samples, with one sample per line and one feature per column; a matrix of unlabeled samples to classify, with the same structure; an

array of labels, with one entry for each labeled sample.

Output: an array of assigned labels, one for each unlabeled sample.

max_instances Maximum number of the exposure matrix instances to be analyzed. If the num-

ber of available E instances is bigger than this parameter, a subset of those will

be randomly selected for analysis.

k Number of nearest neighbors considered for classification, used only if method="kNN".

Default is 3.

weights Vector of weights applied to the signatures when performing classification. De-

fault is NA, which leads all the signatures to have weight=1.

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| plot_to_file | Whether to save the plot to the file parameter. Default is FALSE. |
|--------------|--|
| file | File that will be generated with cross validation graphic output. |
| colors | Array of color names, one for each sample class. Colors will be recycled if the length of this array is less than the number of classes. |
| min_agree | Minimum frequency of agreement among individual classifications. Samples showing a frequency of agreement below this value are considered as "undefined". Default is 0.75. |
| fold | Number of subsets in which labeled samples will be split |
| | additional parameters for classification algorithm (defined by "method" above). |

Value

A list with the following items:

confusion_matrix

Contingency table of attributed sample classes against original labels.

class The assigned classes for each sample.

freq Classification agreement for each sample: the relative frequency of assignment

of each sample to the group specified in "class".

allfreqs Matrix with one column for each sample and one row for each class label. Con-

tains the assignment frequencies of each sample to each class.

probs As above, a matrix with samples in columns and class labels in rows. Contains

the average probability, among repeated exposure classifications, of each sample

belonging to each class.

Examples

```
# assuming signatures is the return value of signeR()

my_labels <- c("a","a","a","a","a","b","b","b","b","b")
ClassCV <- ExposureClassifyCV(signatures$SignExposures, labels=my_labels,fold=5)
# see also
vignette(package="signeR")</pre>
```

ExposureCorrelation

Exposure correlation analysis (given a known sample feature)

Description

ExposureCorrelation: Identify signatures which are significantly correlated with a provided (numeric) sample feature.

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Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'SignExp,numeric'
ExposureCorrelation(Exposures, feature,
    method="spearman", max_instances=200, cutoff_pvalue=0.05, quant=0.5,
    plot_to_file=FALSE, file="ExposureCorrelation_plot.pdf",
    colors=TRUE,...)
```

Arguments

Exposures a SignExp object returned by signeR function or a matrix of exposures (with

signatures in rows and a column for each sample).

feature numeric feature associated with each sample, such as age, weight or the expres-

sion of a gene.

method a character string indicating which correlation coefficient should be used for the

test. Options are "pearson", "kendall", or "spearman" (default).

max_instances Maximum number of the exposure matrix instances to be analyzed. If the num-

ber of available E instances is bigger than this parameter, a subset of those will

be randomly selected for analysis.

cutoff_pvalue threshold for p-values quantile for signatures to be considered as showing sig-

nificant correlation.

quant the p-values quantile which, after log-transform, will be used for selecting sig-

nificantly correlated signatures. Default is 0.5, which means the median p-value

will be considered.

plot_to_file Whether to save the plot to the file parameter. Default is FALSE.

file Output file to export p-values boxplot and scatterplots showing the correlations

of exposures and the provided feature.

colors Boolean variable, if TRUE p-values boxplots of significantly correlated signa-

tures will be colored in green, cutoff line will be colored in red and line segments showing the transformed p-value quantile used for significance evaluation will

be colored in blue. Otherwise the plot will be black & white.

. . . additional parameters for test algorithm defined by the method parameter.

Value

A list with the following items:

Significance boolean array with one entry for each signature, indicating whether it shows

significant correlation with the provided feature.

Correlation_quantiles

vector of correlation quantiles, with one entry for each signature.

Pvalues_quantiles

vector of p-values quantiles used for significance evaluation.

Correlations matrix containing all computed correlations, with one row for each signature.

Pvalues matrix containing all computed p-values, with one row for each signature.

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Examples

```
# assuming signatures is the return value of signeR()
# feature vector, with one value for each sample
my_feature <- rnorm(30,100,20)+signatures$SignExposures@Exp[1,,1]

Exp_corr <- ExposureCorrelation(signatures$SignExposures,feature=my_feature)
# see also
vignette(package="signeR")</pre>
```

ExposureGLM

Exposure Generalized Linear Model

Description

Fits a GLM to exposure data, with a given sample feature as the target of the model.

Usage

Arguments

| Exposures | A SignExp object returned by signeR function or a matrix of exposures (with signatures in rows and a column for each sample). |
|---------------|--|
| feature | numeric feature associated with each sample, such as age, weight or the expression of a gene. |
| max_instances | Maximum number of the exposure matrix instances to be analyzed. If the number of available E instances is bigger than this parameter, a subset of those will be randomly selected for analysis. |
| cutoff_pvalue | threshold for p-values quantile for signatures to be considered as significant on the model. |
| quant | p-values quantile used to evaluate if signatures are significant. Default is 0.5, meaning that median p-values are adopted. |
| plot_to_file | Whether to save plots to the file parameter. Default is FALSE. |
| file | Output file to export p-values boxplot and scatterplots showing the correlations of exposures and the provided feature. |
| colors | Boolean variable, if TRUE p-values boxplots of significantly correlated signatures will be colored in green, cutoff line will be colored in red and line segments showing the transformed p-value quantile used for significance evaluation will be colored in blue. Otherwise the plot will be black & white. |
| | additional parameters for test algorithm defined by the method parameter. |

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Value

A list with the following items:

Significance boolean array with one entry for each signature, indicating whether it shows a

significant contribution to the model.

Stats matrix of model statistics, with one line for each signature.

Pvalues vector of p-values used for significance evaluation.

Examples

```
# assuming signatures is the return value of signeR()

my_feature <- rnorm(30,100,20)+signatures$SignExposures@Exp[1,,1]
EGlm <- ExposureGLM(signatures$SignExposures, feature=my_feature)
# see also
vignette(package="signeR")</pre>
```

ExposureSurvival

Exposure survival analysis

Description

ExposureSurvival: Given survival data, identify signatures that are significantly related to differences in hazards.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'SignExp,Surv'
ExposureSurvival(signexp_obj, surv, max_instances=200,
    method=logrank, quant=0.5, cutoff_pvalue=0.05, cutoff_hr=NA,
    plot_to_file=FALSE, file="ExposureSurvival_plot.pdf",
    colors=TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

signexp_obj a SignExp object returned by signeR function.

surv a Surv object from package survival or a matrix with columns "time" and "sta-

tus" (the last indicates whether 1:an event occurred or 0:there was a loss of

follow up).

max_instances Maximum number of the exposure matrix instances to be analyzed. If the num-

ber of available E instances is bigger than this parameter, a subset of those will

be randomly selected for analysis.

method a character string indicating which approach should be used for the test. Options

are "logrank" (default) or "cox" (fit a Cox proportional hazards model to data).

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the quantile of p-values and hazard ratios which will be used for selecting surquant vival significant signatures. Default is 0.5, which means the median p-value and hazard ratio will be considered. cutoff_pvalue threshold for p-values quantile for signatures to be considered as significant. cutoff_hr threshold for hazard ratio quantile for signatures to be considered as significant. plot_to_file Whether to save the plot to the file parameter. Default is FALSE. file Output file to export p-values boxplots and Kaplan-Meier curves. colors Boolean variable, if TRUE p-values boxplots of significant signatures will be

colored in green, cutoff line will be colored in red and line segments showing the transformed p-value quantile used for significance evaluation will be colored

in blue. Otherwise the plot will be black & white.

additional parameters for test algorithm defined by the method parameter.

Value

A list with the following items:

Significance boolean array with one entry for each signature, indicating whether its levels of

exposure are significant to survival.

Correlation_quantiles

vector of correlation quantiles, with one entry for each signature.

vector of p-values used for significance evaluation. pvalues

vector containing one cut value for the exposures of each signature, such that limits

splitting the samples according to this value leads to maximal differences in

survival among generated groups.

Groups matrix containing one line for each signature, defining a division of the sam-

ples into two groups according to their exposures, such that survival differences

between the groups are maximal.

Examples

```
# assuming signatures is the return value of signeR()
# feature vector, with one value for each sample
library(survival)
my_surv \leftarrow Surv(rnorm(30,730,100), sample(c(0:1),30,replace=TRUE))
Exp_corr <- ExposureSurvival(signatures$SignExposures, surv = my_surv)</pre>
# see also
vignette(package="signeR")
```

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Description

ExposureSurvModel: Given survival data, fits a multivariate Cox proportional hazards model to exposure data.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'SignExp,Surv'
ExposureSurvModel(Exposures, surv, addata,
    max_instances=200, quant=0.5, cutoff_pvalue=0.05, cutoff_hr=NA,
    plot_to_file=FALSE, file="ExposureSurvival_plot.pdf", colors=TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

| Exposures | A SignExp object returned by signeR function or a matrix of exposures (with signatures in rows and a column for each sample). |
|---------------|---|
| surv | a Surv object from package survival or a matrix with columns "time" and "status" (the last indicates whether 1:an event occurred or 0:there was a loss of follow up). |
| addata | a data frame with additional data (one sample per row) that will be used in the Cox model along with exposure data. |
| max_instances | Maximum number of the exposure matrix instances to be analyzed. If the number of available E instances is bigger than this parameter, a subset of those will be randomly selected for analysis. |
| quant | the quantile of p-values and hazard ratios which will be used for selecting survival significant signatures. Default is 0.5, which means the median p-value and hazard ratio will be considered. |
| cutoff_pvalue | threshold for p-values quantile for signatures to be considered as significant. |
| cutoff_hr | threshold for hazard ratio quantile for signatures to be considered as significant. |
| plot_to_file | Whether to save the plot to the file parameter. Default is FALSE. |
| file | Output file to export p-values boxplots and Kaplan-Meier curves. |
| colors | Boolean variable, if TRUE p-values boxplots of significant signatures will be colored in green, cutoff line will be colored in red and line segments showing the transformed p-value quantile used for significance evaluation will be colored in blue. Otherwise the plot will be black & white. |
| ••• | additional parameters for test algorithm defined by the method parameter. |

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Value

A list with the following items:

Significance boolean array with one entry for each signature, indicating whether its levels of

exposure are significant to survival.

Stats data frame containing hazard ratios and pvalues for signatures (one per line) on

fitted Cox models.

Examples

```
# assuming signatures is the return value of signeR()
# feature vector, with one value for each sample
library(survival)
my_surv <- Surv(rnorm(30,730,100),sample(c(0:1), 30, replace = TRUE))

Exp_corr <- ExposureSurvModel(signatures$SignExposures, surv = my_surv)
# see also
vignette(package="signeR")</pre>
```

FuzzyClustExp

Fuzzy Clustering of exposure data

Description

FuzzyClustExp : Performs fuzzy C-means clustering of samples, based on exposures. The number of clusters is defined by optimizing the PBMF index of obtained clustering.

Usage

Arguments

means.

| signexp_obj | a SignExp object returned by signeR function. |
|---------------|---|
| max_instances | Maximum number of the exposure matrix instances to be analyzed. If the number of available E instances is bigger than this parameter, a subset of those will be randomly selected for analysis. |
| Clim | number of groups range, a vector with minimum and maximum accepted number of groups. The algorithm will maximize the PBMF-index within this range. |
| method.dist | used distance metric |
| method.clust | clustering method. Either "fcm", default, for fuzzy C-means or "km" for k- |

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relative Whether to normalize exposures of each sample so that they sum up to one.

Default is FALSE, thus clustering samples by the absolute contributions of signatures to mutation counts. Otherwise, clustering will be based on relative con-

tributions.

m Expoent used in PBMF-index

plot_to_file Whether to save a heatmap of results to the file parameter. Default is FALSE.

file Output file to export a heatmap with the levels of pertinence of samples to found

groups.

colored Whether plots will be in color or B&W. Default is TRUE.

Value

A list with the following items: Meanfuzzy=Meanfuzzy, AllFuzzy=Fuzzy[[1]], Centroids=Fuzzy[[2]]

Meanfuzzy Final clustering: mean levels of pertinence of samples to found groups.

All levels of pertinence of samples to found groups in repeated runs of the clus-

tering algorithm.

Centroids All centroids of found groups in repeated runs of the clustering algorithm.

Examples

```
# assuming signatures is the return value of signeR()
# Limits to number of groups:
cl <- c(2,4)

FuzClust <- FuzzyClustExp(signatures$SignExposures, Clim = cl)
# see also
vignette(package="signeR")</pre>
```

generateMatrix

count matrix and opportunity matrix generators

Description

```
genCountMatrixFromVcf: generate a count matrix from a VCF file.
genCountMatrixFromMAF: generate a count matrix from an MAF file.
genOpportunityFromGenome: generate an opportunity matrix from a target regions set.
```

Usage

```
genCountMatrixFromVcf(bsgenome, vcfobj)
genCountMatrixFromMAF(bsgenome, maf_file)
genOpportunityFromGenome(bsgenome, target_regions, nsamples=1)
```

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Arguments

bsgenome A BSgenome object, equivalent to the genome used for the variant call.

vcfobj A VCF object. See VCF-class from the VariantAnnotation package.

maf_file Path to a MAF file.

target_regions A GRanges object, describing the target region analyzed by the variant caller.

Number of samples to generate the matrix, should be the same number as rows of the count matrix.

Value

A matrix of samples x (96 features). Each feature is an SNV change with a 3bp context.

Examples

HClustExp

Hierarchical Clustering of exposure data

Description

HClustExp: Performs hierarchical clustering of samples, based on exposures.

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Usage

Arguments

signexp_obj a SignExp object returned by signeR function.

Med_exp optional matrix with (median) exposures.

max_instances Maximum number of the exposure matrix instances to be analyzed. If the num-

ber of available E instances is bigger than this parameter, a subset of those will

be randomly selected for analysis.

method.dist used distance metric
method.hclust clustering method.
use.cor used in pv.distance

relative Whether to normalize exposures of each sample so that they sum up to one.

Default is FALSE, thus clustering samples by the absolute contributions of signatures to mutation counts. Otherwise, clustering will be based on relative con-

tributions.

plot_to_file Whether to save a heatmap of results to the file parameter. Default is FALSE.

file Output file to export a heatmap with the levels of pertinence of samples to found

groups.

colored Whether plots will be in color or B&W. Default is TRUE.

Value

A pyclust object, as described in package pyclust.

Examples

```
# assuming signatures is the return value of signeR()

HClust <- HClustExp(signatures$SignExposures)

# see also
vignette(package="signeR")</pre>
```

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SignExp class methods

Description

setSamples: Define sample names for a SignExp object, according to the "names" argument.

setMutations: Define mutation names for a SignExp object, according to the "mutations" argument.

Normalize: Normalize a SignExp object so that the entries of each signature sum up to one.

Reorder_signatures: Change the order of the signatures in a SignExp object. The new signature order will be defined by the "ord" argument.

Reorder_samples: Change samples order, according to ord parameter.

Reorder_mutations: Change mutations order, according to ord parameter.

Average_sign: Exports an approximation of the signatures obtained by the averages of the samples for the signature matrix P.

Median_sign: Exports an approximation of the signatures obtained by the medians of the samples for signature matrix P.

Average_exp: Exports an approximation of the exposures obtained by the averages of the samples for exposure matrix E.

Median_exp: Exports an approximation of the exposures obtained by the medians of the samples for exposure matrix E.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'SignExp'
setSamples(signexp_obj, names)
## S4 method for signature 'SignExp'
setMutations(signexp_obj, mutations)
## S4 method for signature 'SignExp'
Normalize(signexp_obj)
## S4 method for signature 'SignExp,numeric'
Reorder_signatures(signexp_obj, ord)
## S4 method for signature 'SignExp,numeric'
Reorder_samples(signexp_obj, ord)
## S4 method for signature 'SignExp,numeric'
Reorder_mutations(signexp_obj, ord)
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```
## $4 method for signature 'SignExp'
Average_sign(signexp_obj, normalize=TRUE)
## $4 method for signature 'SignExp'
Median_sign(signexp_obj, normalize=TRUE)
## $4 method for signature 'SignExp'
Average_exp(signexp_obj, normalize=TRUE)
## $4 method for signature 'SignExp'
Median_exp(signexp_obj, normalize=TRUE)
```

Arguments

signexp_obj a SignExp object returned by signeR function. e.g.: sig\$SignExposures

names Vector of sample names.

mutations Vector of mutations, e.g. "C>A:TCG".

normalize Whether the signatures should be normalized before extracting approximations.

Default is TRUE.

ord Vector with the new signature order.

Value

setSamples, setMutations, Normalize and Reorder_* returns a modified SignExp object. Average_sign, Median_sign, Average_exp and Median_exp return a matrix with the corresponding approximation.

Examples

```
# each function needs the SignExposures object
# which is part of the result of the signeR() call
signexp <- Normalize(signatures$SignExposures)
signexp <- Reorder_signatures(signatures$SignExposures,ord=c(2,1))
matrix_p <- Median_sign(signatures$SignExposures)
# etc ...
# see also
vignette(package="signeR")</pre>
```

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signeR plot functions

Description

BICboxplot: Plot the measured values of the Bayesian Information Criterion (BICs) for tested model dimensions.

Paths: Plot the convergence of the Gibbs sampler for signatures and exposures on separate charts.

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SignPlot: Plot the mutational signatures in a bar chart, with error bars according to the variation of individual entries along the generated Gibbs samples.

SignHeat: Plot the mutation signatures in a heatmap.

ExposureBarplot: Barplot of estimated exposure values, showing the contribution of the signatures to the mutation counts of each genome sample.

ExposureBoxplot: Boxplot of exposure values, showing their variation along the generated Gibbs samples.

ExposureHeat: Plot a heatmap of the exposures, along with a dendrogram of the samples grouped by exposure levels.

Usage

```
BICboxplot(signeRout, plot_to_file=FALSE, file="Model_selection_BICs.pdf")
## S4 method for signature 'SignExp'
Paths(signexp_obj, plot_to_file=FALSE,
    file_suffix="plot.pdf", plots_per_page=4, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'SignExp'
SignPlot(signexp_obj, plot_to_file=FALSE,
    file="Signature_plot.pdf", pal="bcr1", threshold=0, plots_per_page=4,
    gap=1, reord=NA, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'SignExp'
SignHeat(signexp_obj, plot_to_file=FALSE,
    file="Signature_heatmap.pdf", nbins=50, pal="roh", ...)
## S4 method for signature 'SignExp'
ExposureBarplot(signexp_obj, plot_to_file=FALSE,
    file="Exposure_barplot.pdf", col='tan2', threshold=0, relative=FALSE,
    title="", show_samples=NA, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'SignExp'
ExposureBoxplot(signexp_obj, plot_to_file=FALSE,
    file="Exposure_boxplot.pdf", col='tan2', threshold=0, show_samples=NA,
    plots_per_page=4, reord=NA, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'SignExp'
ExposureHeat(signexp_obj, plot_to_file=FALSE,
    file="Exposure_heatmap.pdf", nbins=50, pal="roh", distmethod="euclidean",
        clustermethod="complete", show_samples=NA, ...)
```

Arguments

```
signexp_obj A SignExp object returned by signeR function. e.g.: sig$SignExposures signeRout The list returned by the signeR function.

plot_to_file Whether to save the plot to the file parameter. Default is FALSE. file Output pdf file of the plots.
```

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pal Color palette used. Options are: "brew","lba","bcr1", "bcr2","bw","rdh","roh","blh"

or "bph".

threshold Entries below this value will be rounded to 0. Default is 0 (all entries are kept).

plots_per_page How many plots in a single page, default is 4.

gap Distance between consecutive bars on the plot.

reord Order of signatures for plotting. Should be a permutation of 1:nsig, where nsig

is the number of signatures. By default, signatures are ordered by the total

exposure, in decreasing order.

nbins The range of signature entries is divided into this number of bins for plotting,

each bin corresponding to a different color.

file_suffix The suffix of the output file.
col Single color name for boxplots.

distmethod Distance measure used for grouping samples. Default is "euclidean", see the

documentation of the dist function for other options.

clustermethod Agglomeration method used for grouping samples. Default is "complete", see

the documentation of the hclust function for other options.

relative Whether to normalize exposures of each sample so that they sum up to one.

Default is FALSE, thus generating a plot of absolute contributions of signatures

to mutation counts. Otherwise, relative contributions will be displayed.

title Main title added to the plot. Default is no title.

show_samples Whether sample names will be shown in the plot. Default is NA, which leads to

sample names being displayed only when there are less than 30 samples. However, even if show_samples=TRUE, due to display limitations sample names are

not shown if there are more than 50 samples.

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Value

The plot result is exported to the current graphic device. If plot_to_file=TRUE, the plot is saved in the file defined by the file argument.

Examples

```
# each plot function needs the SignExposures object
# which is part of the result of the signeR() call
SignPlot(signatures$SignExposures)
Paths(signatures$SignExposures)
# etc ...
# BICboxplot needs the returned list itself
BICboxplot(signatures)
# see also
vignette(package="signeR")
```

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Description

Generates the signatures.

Usage

```
signeR(M, Mheader = TRUE, samples = "rows", Opport = NA,
   Oppheader = FALSE,   P = NA, fixedP = FALSE,
   nsig = NA, nlim = c(NA, NA),
   try_all = FALSE, BICsignificance = FALSE, critical_p = 0.05,
   ap = NA, bp = NA, ae = NA, be = NA,
   lp = NA, le = NA, var.ap = 10, var.ae = 10,
   start = "lee", testing_burn = 1000, testing_eval = 1000,
   main_burn = 10000, main_eval = 2000,
   estimate_hyper = FALSE, EMit_lim=100, EM_eval = 100,
   parallelization = "multisession")
```

Arguments

| М | mutation counts matrix of samples x features. |
|-----------------|--|
| Mheader | if M has colnames defined use TRUE, if FALSE a default order will be assumed. |
| samples | if the samples are row-wise or column-wise in M, default is "row". |
| Opport | context count matrix of samples x features in the target genome or region. |
| Oppheader | if Opport has header defined. |
| P | Previously known matrix of signatures. If provided, can be fixed along algorithm iterations or just used as an initial value (see next parameter) |
| fixedP | If TRUE, provided P matrix will be fixed along iterations. |
| nsig | number of signatures, which can be provided or estimated by the algorithm. |
| nlim | define an interval to search for the optimal number of signatures. |
| try_all | if TRUE, all possible values for nsig will be tested |
| BICsignificance | |
| | if TRUE, BICs will be considered different only if their distribution is significantly different. In case of ties in BICs comparison, signer will adopt the model with fewer signatures. |
| critical_p | level of significance for BICs distribution to be considered different |
| ар | shape parameter of the gamma distribution used to generate the entries of a matrix of rate parameters of the gamma distributions which generate signatures. |
| bp | rate parameter of the gamma distribution used to generate the entries of a matrix |

of rate parameters of the gamma distributions which generate signatures.

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| ae | shape parameter of the gamma distribution used to generate the entries of a matrix of rate parameters of the gamma distributions which generate exposures. |
|-----------------|--|
| be | rate parameter of the gamma distribution used to generate the entries of a matrix of rate parameters of the gamma distributions which generate exposures. |
| lp | parameter of the exponential distribution used to generate the entries of a matrix of shape parameters of the gamma distributions which generate signatures. |
| le | parameter of the exponential distribution used to generate the entries of a matrix of shape parameters of the gamma distributions which generate exposures. |
| var.ap | variance of the gamma distribution used to generate proposals for shape parameters of signatures |
| var.ae | variance of the gamma distribution used to generate proposals for shape parameters of exposures |
| start | NMF algorithm used to generate initial values for signatures and exposures, options: "brunet", "KL", "lee", "Frobenius", "offset", "nsNMF", "ls-nmf", "pe-nmf", "siNMF", "snmf/r" or "snmf/l". |
| testing_burn | number of burning iterations of the Gibbs sampler used to estimate the number of signatures in data. Corresponds to R0 at Algorithm 1 on signeR paper. |
| testing_eval | number of iterations of the Gibbs sampler used to estimate the number of signatures in data. Corresponds to R2 at Algorithm 1 on signeR paper. |
| EM_eval | number of samples generated at each iteration of the EM algorithm. Corresponds to R1 at Algorithm 1 on signeR paper. |
| main_burn | number of burning iterations of the final Gibbs sampler. |
| main_eval | number of iterations of the final Gibbs sampler. |
| estimate_hyper | if TRUE, algorithm estimates optimal values of ap,bp,ae,be,lp,le. Start values can still be provided. |
| EMit_lim | limit of EM iterations for the estimation of hyper-hyperparameters ap,bp,ae,be,lp,le. Default is 100. Corresponds to U at Algorithm 1 on signeR paper. |
| parallelization | |
| | strategy of computation parallelization, see future::plan help |

Value

signeR output is a list with the following items:

Nsign selected number of signatures.

tested_n array containing the numbers of signatures tested by the algorithm.

Test_BICs list of measured BIC values when testing different numbers of signatures.

Phat Estimated signatures, median of P samples.

Ehat Estimated exposures, median of E samples.

SignExposures SignExp object which contains the set of samples for the model parameters.

Bics measured BIC values on the final run of the sampler.

HyperParam evolution of estimated hyperparameters when testing different numbers of sig-

natures.

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Examples

```
vignette(package="signeR")
```

signeRFlow

Launch signeRFlow R Shiny web app

Description

Launch signeRFlow R Shiny web app locally

Usage

```
signeRFlow()
```

SignExp

SignExp class

Description

Keep samples for signature and exposure matrices.

Value

Object fields:

@Sign array of signature matrix samples.@Exp array of exposure matrix samples.

@sigSums Signature sums for each sample, organized by row. Normalizing factors.

@samples Genome sample IDs.

@mutations mutation names.

@normalized boolean variable, indicating whether Sign array has been normalized.

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TCGA Cosmic similarities

Description

TCGA Cosmic similarities calculated by signeR.

Usage

```
data("tcga_similarities")
```

Format

A data frame with 112 observations on the following 80 variables.

sigs a character vector

project a character vector

SBS1 a numeric vector

SBS10a a numeric vector

SBS10b a numeric vector

SBS10c a numeric vector

SBS10d a numeric vector

SBS11 a numeric vector

SBS12 a numeric vector

SBS13 a numeric vector

SBS14 a numeric vector

SBS15 a numeric vector

SBS16 a numeric vector

SBS17a a numeric vector

SBS17b a numeric vector

SBS18 a numeric vector

SBS19 a numeric vector

SBS2 a numeric vector

SBS20 a numeric vector

SBS21 a numeric vector

SBS22 a numeric vector

SBS23 a numeric vector

SBS24 a numeric vector

SBS25 a numeric vector

SBS26 a numeric vector

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| SBS27 a numeric vector | • | | |
|------------------------|---|--|--|
| SBS28 a numeric vector | | | |
| SBS29 a numeric vector | | | |
| SBS3 a numeric vector | | | |
| SBS30 a numeric vector | | | |
| SBS31 a numeric vector | | | |
| SBS32 a numeric vector | | | |
| SBS33 a numeric vector | | | |
| SBS34 a numeric vector | • | | |
| SBS35 a numeric vector | • | | |
| SBS36 a numeric vector | • | | |
| SBS37 a numeric vector | • | | |
| SBS38 a numeric vector | • | | |
| SBS39 a numeric vector | • | | |
| SBS4 a numeric vector | | | |
| SBS40 a numeric vector | • | | |
| SBS41 a numeric vector | • | | |
| SBS42 a numeric vector | • | | |
| SBS43 a numeric vector | • | | |
| SBS44 a numeric vector | • | | |
| SBS45 a numeric vector | • | | |
| SBS46 a numeric vector | | | |
| SBS47 a numeric vector | | | |
| SBS48 a numeric vector | • | | |
| SBS49 a numeric vector | • | | |
| SBS5 a numeric vector | | | |
| SBS50 a numeric vector | • | | |
| SBS51 a numeric vector | • | | |
| SBS52 a numeric vector | • | | |
| SBS53 a numeric vector | • | | |
| SBS54 a numeric vector | • | | |
| SBS55 a numeric vector | • | | |
| SBS56 a numeric vector | | | |
| SBS57 a numeric vector | | | |
| SBS58 a numeric vector | | | |
| SBS59 a numeric vector | | | |
| SBS6 a numeric vector | | | |

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```
SBS60 a numeric vector
SBS7a a numeric vector
SBS7b a numeric vector
SBS7c a numeric vector
SBS7d a numeric vector
SBS8 a numeric vector
SBS84 a numeric vector
SBS85 a numeric vector
SBS86 a numeric vector
SBS87 a numeric vector
SBS88 a numeric vector
SBS89 a numeric vector
SBS9 a numeric vector
SBS90 a numeric vector
SBS91 a numeric vector
SBS92 a numeric vector
SBS93 a numeric vector
SBS94 a numeric vector
```

 $tcga_tumors$

TCGA tumors used on TCGA Explorer

Description

List of TCGA tumors used on TCGA Explorer

Usage

```
data("tcga_tumors")
```

Format

A data frame with 37 observations on the following 2 variables.

```
projectID a character vector
projectName a character vector
```

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