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## Description

Point mutations occurring in a genome can be divided into 96 categories based on the base being mutated, the base it is mutated into and its two flanking bases. Therefore, for any patient, it is possible to represent all the point mutations occurring in that patient's tumor as a vector of length 96, where each element represents the count of mutations for a given category in the patient. A mutational signature represents the pattern of mutations produced by a mutagen or mutagenic process inside the cell. Each signature can also be represented by a vector of length 96, where each element represents the probability that this particular mutagenic process generates a mutation of the 96 above mentioned categories. In this R package, we provide a set of functions to extract and visualize the mutational signatures that best explain the mutation counts of a large number of patients.

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background germline replication error

## Description

germline replication error estimated in Rahbari, Raheleh, et al. (2016).

## Usage

data(background)

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#### **Format**

vector of rates

#### Value

vector of rates for the 96 trinucleotides

#### **Source**

Rahbari, Raheleh, et al. "Timing, rates and spectra of human germline mutation." Nature genetics 48.2 (2016): 126.

background2

COSMIC replication error

## Description

background replication error signature derived from COSMIC SBS5.

## Usage

data(background2)

#### **Format**

vector of rates

#### Value

vector of rates for the 96 trinucleotides

## Source

COSMIC database (https://cancer.sanger.ac.uk/cosmic/signatures) v3.

cv\_example

example of results obtained with the function nmf.LassoCV on the counts input from Nik-Zainal, Serena, et al. (2016).

## Description

example of results obtained with the function nmf.LassoCV on the counts input from Nik-Zainal, Serena, et al. (2016).

### Usage

data(cv\_example)

#### **Format**

results obtained with the function nmf.LassoCV on the counts input from Nik-Zainal, Serena, et al. (2016)

#### Value

results obtained with the function nmf.LassoCV on the counts input from Nik-Zainal, Serena, et al. (2016)

```
import.trinucle otides.counts\\import.trinucle otides.counts
```

## Description

Make trinucleotides counts matrix from input data for a given reference genome.

## Usage

```
import.trinucleotides.counts(data, reference = NULL)
```

## Arguments

data a data.frame with variants having 6 columns: sample name, chromosome, start

position, end position, ref, alt.

reference a BSgenome object with the reference genome to be used to retrieve flanking

bases.

#### Value

A matrix with trinucleotides counts per patient.

## Examples

```
data(ssm560_reduced)
library("BSgenome.Hsapiens.1000genomes.hs37d5")
trinucleotides_counts = import.trinucleotides.counts(data=ssm560_reduced,
    reference=BSgenome.Hsapiens.1000genomes.hs37d5)
```

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imported\_data

example of imported data from Nik-Zainal, Serena, et al. (2016).

#### **Description**

example of imported data from Nik-Zainal, Serena, et al. (2016).

#### Usage

```
data(imported_data)
```

#### **Format**

results obtained with the function import.counts.data on the data from Nik-Zainal, Serena, et al. (2016)

#### Value

results obtained with the function import.counts.data on the data from Nik-Zainal, Serena, et al. (2016)

lambdaRangeAlphaEvaluation

lambda Range Alpha Evaluation

## Description

Estimate the range of lambda values for alpha to be considered in the signature inference. Note that too small values of lambda result in dense exposures, but too large values lead to bad fit of the counts.

## Usage

```
lambdaRangeAlphaEvaluation(
    x,
    K = 5,
    beta = NULL,
    background_signature = NULL,
    normalize_counts = TRUE,
    nmf_runs = 10,
    lambda_values = c(0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.2),
    iterations = 30,
    max_iterations_lasso = 10000,
    num_processes = Inf,
    seed = NULL,
    verbose = TRUE,
    log_file = ""
```

#### **Arguments**

x count matrix for a set of n patients and 96 trinucleotides.

K numeric value (minimum 2) indicating the number of signatures to be discov-

ered.

beta starting beta for the estimation. If it is NULL, starting beta is estimated by NMF.

background\_signature

background signature to be used. If not provided, a warning is thrown and an initial value for it is estimated by NMF. If beta is not NULL, this parameter is

ignored.

normalize\_counts

if true, the input count matrix x is normalize such that the patients have the same

number of mutation.

nmf\_runs number of iteration (minimum 1) of NMF to be performed for a robust estima-

tion of starting beta. If beta is not NULL, this parameter is ignored.

lambda\_values value of LASSO to be used for alpha between 0 and 1. This value should be

greater than 0. 1 is the value of LASSO that would shrink all the signatures to 0 within one step. The higher lambda\_values is, the sparser are the resulting exposures, but too large values may result in a reduced fit of the observed counts.

iterations Number of iterations to be performed. Each iteration corresponds to a first step

where beta is fitted and a second step where alpha is fitted.

max\_iterations\_lasso

Number of maximum iterations to be performed during the sparsification via

Lasso

num\_processes Number of processes to be used during parallel execution. To execute in single

process mode, this parameter needs to be set to either NA or NULL.

seed Seed for reproducibility.

verbose boolean; Shall I print all messages?

log\_file log file where to print outputs when using parallel. If parallel execution is dis-

abled, this parameter is ignored.

#### Value

A list corresponding to results of the function nmfLasso for each value of lambda to be tested. This function allows to test a good range of lambda values for alpha to be considered. One should keep in mind that too small values generate dense solution, while too high ones leads to poor fit. This behavior is resampled in the values of loglik\_progression, which should be increasing: too small values of lambda results in unstable log-likelihood through the iterations, while too large values make log-likelihood drop.

#### **Examples**

```
data(background)
data(patients)
res = lambdaRangeAlphaEvaluation(x=patients[1:100,],
    K=5,background_signature=background,
    nmf_runs=1,lambda_values=c(0.01,0.05),
    num_processes=NA,
    seed=12345)
```

lambdaRangeBetaEvaluation

lambdaRangeBetaEvaluation

#### **Description**

Estimate the range of lambda values for beta to be considered in the signature inference. Note that too small values of lambda result in dense signatures, but too large values lead to bad fit of the counts.

#### Usage

```
lambdaRangeBetaEvaluation(
    x,
    K = 5,
    beta = NULL,
    background_signature = NULL,
    normalize_counts = TRUE,
    nmf_runs = 10,
    lambda_values = c(0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.2),
    iterations = 30,
    max_iterations_lasso = 10000,
    num_processes = Inf,
    seed = NULL,
    verbose = TRUE,
    log_file = ""
)
```

#### **Arguments**

x count matrix for a set of n patients and 96 trinucleotides.

K numeric value (minimum 2) indicating the number of signatures to be discov-

ered.

beta starting beta for the estimation. If it is NULL, starting beta is estimated by NMF.

background\_signature

background signature to be used. If not provided, a warning is thrown and an initial value for it is estimated by NMF. If beta is not NULL, this parameter is ignored.

normalize\_counts

if true, the input count matrix x is normalize such that the patients have the same number of mutation.

number of mutation.

nmf\_runs number of iteration (minimum 1) of NMF to be performed for a robust estima-

tion of starting beta. If beta is not NULL, this parameter is ignored.

lambda\_values value of LASSO to be used for beta between 0 and 1. This value should be

greater than 0. 1 is the value of LASSO that would shrink all the signatures to 0 within one step. The higher lambda\_values is, the sparser are the resulting signatures, but too large values may result in a reduced fit of the observed counts.

iterations Number of iterations to be performed. Each iteration corresponds to a first step

where beta is fitted and a second step where alpha is fitted.

max\_iterations\_lasso

Number of maximum iterations to be performed during the sparsification via

Lasso.

num\_processes Number of processes to be used during parallel execution. To execute in single

process mode, this parameter needs to be set to either NA or NULL.

seed Seed for reproducibility.

verbose boolean; Shall I print all messages?

log\_file log file where to print outputs when using parallel. If parallel execution is dis-

abled, this parameter is ignored.

#### Value

A list corresponding to results of the function nmfLasso for each value of lambda to be tested. This function allows to test a good range of lambda values for beta to be considered. One should keep in mind that too small values generate dense solution, while too high ones leads to poor fit. This behavior is resampled in the values of loglik\_progression, which should be increasing: too small values of lambda results in unstable log-likelihood through the iterations, while too large values make log-likelihood drop.

#### **Examples**

```
data(background)
data(patients)
res = lambdaRangeBetaEvaluation(x=patients[1:100,],
    K=5,
    background_signature=background,
    nmf_runs=1,
    lambda_values=c(0.01,0.05),
    num_processes=NA,
    seed=12345)
```

lambda\_range\_example example of results obtained with the function evaluate.lambda.range on the counts input from Nik-Zainal, Serena, et al. (2016).

#### **Description**

example of results obtained with the function evaluate.lambda.range on the counts input from Nik-Zainal, Serena, et al. (2016).

## Usage

```
data(lambda_range_example)
```

#### **Format**

results obtained with the function evaluate.lambda.range on the counts input from Nik-Zainal, Serena, et al. (2016)

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#### Value

results obtained with the function evaluate.lambda.range on the counts input from Nik-Zainal, Serena, et al. (2016)

mutation\_categories

trinucleotides mutation categories

## **Description**

96 trinucleotides mutation categories

#### Usage

```
data(mutation_categories)
```

#### **Format**

matrix of 96 trinucleotides mutation categories

#### Value

matrix of 96 trinucleotides mutation categories

nmfLasso

nmfLasso

## Description

Perform the discovery of K somatic mutational signatures given a set of observed counts x.

## Usage

```
nmfLasso(
    x,
    K,
    beta = NULL,
    background_signature = NULL,
    normalize_counts = TRUE,
    nmf_runs = 10,
    lambda_rate_alpha = 0.05,
    lambda_rate_beta = 0.05,
    iterations = 30,
    max_iterations_lasso = 10000,
    seed = NULL,
    verbose = TRUE
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

x count matrix for a set of n patients and 96 trinucleotides.

K numeric value (minimum 2) indicating the number of signatures to be discov-

ered.

beta starting beta for the estimation. If it is NULL, starting beta is estimated by NMF.

background\_signature

background signature to be used. If not provided, a warning is thrown and an initial value for it is estimated by NMF. If beta is not NULL, this parameter is ignored.

normalize\_counts

if true, the input count matrix x is normalize such that the patients have the same

number of mutation.

nmf\_runs number of iteration (minimum 1) of NMF to be performed for a robust estima-

tion of starting beta. If beta is not NULL, this parameter is ignored.

lambda\_rate\_alpha

value of LASSO to be used for alpha between 0 and 1. This value should be greater than 0. 1 is the value of LASSO that would shrink all the exposure values to 0 within one step. The higher lambda\_rate\_alpha is, the sparser are the resulting exposure values, but too large values may result in a reduced fit of the

observed counts.

lambda\_rate\_beta

iterations

value of LASSO to be used for beta between 0 and 1. This value should be greater than 0. 1 is the value of LASSO that would shrink all the signatures to 0 within one step. The higher lambda\_rate\_beta is, the sparser are the resulting signatures, but too large values may result in a reduced fit of the observed counts.

Number of iterations to be performed. Each iteration corresponds to a first step

where beta is fitted and a second step where alpha is fitted.

max\_iterations\_lasso

Number of maximum iterations to be performed during the sparsification via

Lasso.

seed Seed for reproducibility.

verbose boolean; Shall I print all messages?

#### Value

A list with the discovered signatures. It includes 6 elements: alpha: matrix of the discovered exposure values beta: matrix of the discovered signatures starting\_alpha: initial alpha on which the method has been applied starting\_beta: initial beta on which the method has been applied log-lik\_progression: log-likelihood values during the iterations. This values should be increasing, if not the selected value of lambda is too high best\_loglik: log-likelihood of the best signatures configuration

## **Examples**

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```
lambda_rate_alpha=0.05,
lambda_rate_beta=0.05,
iterations=5,
seed=12345)
```

nmfLassoBootstrap

nmfLassoBootstrap

## **Description**

Perform the evaluation of different nmfLasso solutions by bootstrap for K (unknown) somatic mutational signatures given a set of observations x. The estimation can slow down because of memory usage and intensive computations, when a big number of bootstrap repetitions is asked and when the analysis is performed for a big range of signatures (K). In this case, an advice may be to split the computation into multiple smaller sets.

#### Usage

```
nmfLassoBootstrap(
 х,
 K = 3:10.
 starting_beta = NULL,
 background_signature = NULL,
 normalize_counts = TRUE,
 nmf_runs = 10,
 bootstrap_repetitions = 50,
  iterations = 30,
 max_iterations_lasso = 10000,
 num_processes = Inf,
  seed = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE,
  log_file = ""
)
```

#### **Arguments**

count matrix for a set of n patients and 96 trinucleotides. Χ

Κ a range of numeric value (each of them greater than 1) indicating the number of

signatures to be discovered.

a list of starting beta value for each configuration of K. If it is NULL, starting starting\_beta betas are estimated by NMF.

background\_signature

background signature to be used. If not provided, a warning is thrown and an initial value for it is estimated by NMF. If beta is not NULL, this parameter is ignored.

normalize\_counts

if true, the input count matrix x is normalize such that the patients have the same number of mutation.

number of iteration (minimum 1) of NMF to be performed for a robust estimation of starting beta. If beta is not NULL, this parameter is ignored.

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bootstrap\_repetitions

Number of time bootstrap should be repeated. Higher values result in better

estimate, but are computationally more expensive.

iterations Number of iterations to be performed. Each iteration corresponds to a first step

where beta is fitted and a second step where alpha is fitted.

max\_iterations\_lasso

Number of maximum iterations to be performed during the sparsification via

Lasso.

num\_processes Number of processes to be used during parallel execution. To execute in single

process mode, this parameter needs to be set to either NA or NULL.

seed Seed for reproducibility.

verbose boolean; Shall I print all messages?

log\_file log file where to print outputs when using parallel. If parallel execution is dis-

abled, this parameter is ignored.

#### Value

A list of 3 elements: stability, RSS and evar. Here, stability reports the estimated cosine similarity for alpha and beta at each bootstrap repetition; RSS reports for each configuration the estimated residual sum of squares; finally, evar reports the explained variance.

#### **Examples**

```
data(background)
data(patients)
res = nmfLassoBootstrap(x=patients[1:100,],
    K=3:5,
    background_signature=background,
    nmf_runs=1,
    bootstrap_repetitions=2,
    num_processes=NA,
    seed=12345)
```

nmfLassoCV

nmfLassoCV

## Description

Perform the assessment of different nmfLasso solutions by cross validation for K (unknown) somatic mutational signatures given a set of observations x. The estimation can slow down because of memory usage and intensive computations, when a big number of cross validation repetitions is asked and when the grid search is performed for a lot of configurations. In this case, an advice may be to split the computation into multiple smaller sets.

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#### Usage

```
nmfLassoCV(
  х,
  K = 3:10,
  starting_beta = NULL,
  background_signature = NULL,
  normalize_counts = TRUE,
  nmf_runs = 10,
  lambda_values_alpha = c(0, 0.01, 0.05, 0.1),
  lambda_values_beta = c(0, 0.01, 0.05, 0.1),
  cross_validation_entries = 0.01,
  cross_validation_iterations = 5,
  cross_validation_repetitions = 50,
  iterations = 30,
  max_iterations_lasso = 10000,
  num_processes = Inf,
  seed = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE,
  log_file = ""
)
```

## **Arguments**

x count matrix for a set of n patients and 96 trinucleotides.

K a range of numeric value (each of them greater than 1) indicating the number of signatures to be discovered.

starting\_beta a list of starting beta value for each configuration of K. If it is NULL, starting betas are estimated by NMF.

background\_signature

background signature to be used. If not provided, a warning is thrown and an initial value for it is estimated by NMF. If beta is not NULL, this parameter is ignored.

normalize\_counts

if true, the input count matrix x is normalize such that the patients have the same number of mutation.

nmf\_runs

number of iteration (minimum 1) of NMF to be performed for a robust estimation of starting beta. If beta is not NULL, this parameter is ignored.

lambda\_values\_alpha

value of LASSO to be used for alpha between 0 and 1. This value should be greater than 0. 1 is the value of LASSO that would shrink all the signatures to 0 within one step. The higher lambda\_rate\_alpha is, the sparser are the resulting exposures, but too large values may result in a reduced fit of the observed counts.

lambda\_values\_beta

value of LASSO to be used for beta between 0 and 1. This value should be greater than 0. 1 is the value of LASSO that would shrink all the signatures to 0 within one step. The higher lambda\_rate\_beta is, the sparser are the resulting exposures, but too large values may result in a reduced fit of the observed counts.

cross\_validation\_entries

Percentage of cells in the count matrix to be replaced by 0s during cross valida-

cross\_validation\_iterations

For each configuration, the first time the signatures are discovered form a matrix with a percentage of values replaced by 0s. This may result in poor fit/results. Then, we perform predictions of these entries and replace them with such predicted values. This parameter is the number of restarts to be performed to improve this estimate and obtain more stable solutions.

cross\_validation\_repetitions

Number of time cross-validation should be repeated. Higher values result in better estimate, but are computationally more expensive.

iterations Number of iterations to be performed. Each iteration corresponds to a first step

where beta is fitted and a second step where alpha is fitted.

max\_iterations\_lasso

Number of maximum iterations to be performed during the sparsification via

Lasso.

num\_processes Number of processes to be used during parallel execution. To execute in single

process mode, this parameter needs to be set to either NA or NULL.

seed Seed for reproducibility.

verbose boolean; Shall I print all messages?

log\_file log file where to print outputs when using parallel. If parallel execution is dis-

abled, this parameter is ignored.

#### Value

A list of 2 elements: grid\_search\_mse and and grid\_search\_loglik. Here, grid\_search\_mse reports the mean squared error for each configuration of performed cross validation; grid\_search\_loglik reports for each configuration the number of times the algorithm converged.

#### **Examples**

```
data(background)
data(patients)
res = nmfLassoCV(x=patients[1:100,],
    K=3:5,
    background_signature=background,
    nmf_runs=1,
    lambda_values_alpha=c(0.00),
    lambda_values_beta=c(0.00),
    cross_validation_repetitions=2,
    num_processes=NA,
    seed=12345)
```

nmf\_LassoK\_example

example of results obtained with the function nmf.LassoK on the counts input from Nik-Zainal, Serena, et al. (2016).

#### **Description**

example of results obtained with the function nmf.LassoK on the counts input from Nik-Zainal, Serena, et al. (2016).

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## Usage

```
data(nmf_LassoK_example)
```

#### **Format**

results obtained with the function nmf.LassoK on the counts input from Nik-Zainal, Serena, et al. (2016)

#### Value

results obtained with the function nmf.LassoK on the counts input from Nik-Zainal, Serena, et al. (2016)

patients

point mutations for 560 breast tumors

## Description

dataset of counts of the point mutations detected in 560 breast tumors published in Nik-Zainal, Serena, et al. (2016).

## Usage

```
data(patients)
```

#### **Format**

counts of the point mutations

#### Value

counts of point mutations for 560 tumors and 96 trinucleotides

### **Source**

Nik-Zainal, Serena, et al. "Landscape of somatic mutations in 560 breast cancer whole-genome sequences." Nature 534.7605 (2016): 47.

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patients.plot patients.plot

#### **Description**

Plot trinucleotides counts for a set of given patients.

## Usage

```
patients.plot(
  trinucleotides_counts,
  samples = rownames(trinucleotides_counts),
  freq = FALSE,
  xlabels = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

trinucleotides\_counts

trinucleotides counts matrix.

samples name of the samples. This should match a rownames in trinucleotides\_counts.

freq boolean value; shall I display rates instead of counts?

xlabels boolean value; shall I display x labels?

## Value

A ggplot2 object.

## **Examples**

```
data(patients)
patients.plot(trinucleotides_counts=patients,samples=c("PD10010a","PD10011a","PD10014a"))
```

sigAssignmentCV sigAssignmentCV

#### **Description**

Perform the assessment of different sigAssignmentLasso solutions by cross validation for a given set of somatic mutational signatures and observations x. The estimation can slow down because of memory usage and intensive computations, when a big number of cross validation repetitions is asked and when the grid search is performed for a lot of configurations. In this case, an advice may be to split the computation into multiple smaller sets.

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#### Usage

```
sigAssignmentCV(
    x,
    beta,
    normalize_counts = TRUE,
    lambda_values_alpha = c(0, 0.01, 0.05, 0.1),
    cross_validation_entries = 0.01,
    cross_validation_iterations = 5,
    cross_validation_repetitions = 50,
    max_iterations_lasso = 10000,
    num_processes = Inf,
    seed = NULL,
    verbose = TRUE,
    log_file = ""
)
```

#### Arguments

x count matrix for a set of n patients and 96 trinucleotides.

beta beta to be fixed during the estimation of alpha.

normalize\_counts

if true, the input count matrix x is normalize such that the patients have the same number of mutation.

lambda\_values\_alpha

value of LASSO to be used for alpha between 0 and 1. This value should be greater than 0. 1 is the value of LASSO that would shrink all the signatures to 0 within one step. The higher lambda\_rate\_alpha is, the sparser are the resulting exposures, but too large values may result in a reduced fit of the observed counts.

cross\_validation\_entries

Percentage of cells in the count matrix to be replaced by 0s during cross validation

cross\_validation\_iterations

For each configuration, the first time the signatures are discovered form a matrix with a percentage of values replaced by 0s. This may result in poor fit/results. Then, we perform predictions of these entries and replace them with such predicted values. This parameter is the number of restarts to be performed to improve this estimate and obtain more stable solutions.

cross\_validation\_repetitions

Number of time cross-validation should be repeated. Higher values result in better estimate, but are computationally more expensive.

max\_iterations\_lasso

Number of maximum iterations to be performed during the sparsification via

num\_processes Number of processes to be used during parallel execution. To execute in single process mode, this parameter needs to be set to either NA or NULL.

seed Seed for reproducibility.

verbose boolean; Shall I print all messages?

log\_file log file where to print outputs when using parallel. If parallel execution is disabled, this parameter is ignored.

#### Value

A list of 2 elements: grid\_search\_mse and and grid\_search\_loglik. Here, grid\_search\_mse reports the mean squared error for each configuration of performed cross validation; grid\_search\_loglik reports for each configuration the number of times the algorithm converged.

#### **Examples**

```
data(patients)
data(starting_betas_example)
beta = starting_betas_example[["5_signatures","Value"]]
res = sigAssignmentCV(x=patients[1:100,],
    beta=beta,
    lambda_values_alpha=c(0.00),
    cross_validation_repetitions=2,
    num_processes=NA,
    seed=12345)
```

sigAssignmentEvaluation

sigAssignmentEvaluation

#### **Description**

Estimate the range of lambda values for alpha to be considered in the signature assignment. Note that too small values of lambda result in dense exposures, but too large values lead to bad fit of the counts.

## Usage

```
sigAssignmentEvaluation(
    x,
    beta,
    normalize_counts = TRUE,
    lambda_values = c(0.01, 0.05, 0.1, 0.2),
    max_iterations_lasso = 10000,
    num_processes = Inf,
    seed = NULL,
    verbose = TRUE,
    log_file = ""
)
```

## **Arguments**

x count matrix for a set of n patients and 96 trinucleotides.

beta beta to be fixed during the estimation of alpha.

normalize\_counts

if true, the input count matrix x is normalize such that the patients have the same number of mutation.

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lambda\_values value of LASSO to be used for alpha between 0 and 1. This value should be

greater than 0. 1 is the value of LASSO that would shrink all the signatures to 0 within one step. The higher lambda\_values is, the sparser are the resulting exposures, but too large values may result in a reduced fit of the observed counts.

max\_iterations\_lasso

Number of maximum iterations to be performed during the sparsification via

Lasso.

num\_processes Number of processes to be used during parallel execution. To execute in single

process mode, this parameter needs to be set to either NA or NULL.

seed Seed for reproducibility.

verbose boolean; Shall I print all messages?

log\_file log file where to print outputs when using parallel. If parallel execution is dis-

abled, this parameter is ignored.

#### Value

A list corresponding to results of the function sigAssignmentLasso for each value of lambda to be tested. This function allows to test a good range of lambda values for alpha to be considered. One should keep in mind that too small values generate dense solution, while too high ones leads to poor fit. This behavior is resampled in the values of loglik\_progression, which should be increasing: too small values of lambda results in unstable log-likelihood through the iterations, while too large values make log-likelihood drop.

#### **Examples**

sigAssignmentLasso

sigAssignmentLasso

#### **Description**

Perform the assignment of somatic mutational signatures to patients given a set of observed counts x and signatures beta.

#### Usage

```
sigAssignmentLasso(
   x,
   beta,
   normalize_counts = TRUE,
   lambda_rate_alpha = 0.05,
   max_iterations_lasso = 10000,
```

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```
seed = NULL,
verbose = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

x count matrix for a set of n patients and 96 trinucleotides.

beta beta to be fixed during the estimation of alpha.

normalize\_counts

if true, the input count matrix x is normalize such that the patients have the same

number of mutation.

lambda\_rate\_alpha

value of LASSO to be used for alpha between 0 and 1. This value should be greater than 0. 1 is the value of LASSO that would shrink all the exposure values to 0 within one step. The higher lambda\_rate\_alpha is, the sparser are the resulting exposure values, but too large values may result in a reduced fit of the phase and counts.

observed counts.

max\_iterations\_lasso

Number of maximum iterations to be performed during the sparsification via

Lasso.

seed Seed for reproducibility.

verbose boolean; Shall I print all messages?

#### Value

A list with the discovered signatures and their assignment to patients. It includes 2 elements: alpha: matrix of the assigned exposure values beta: matrix of the discovered signatures

#### **Examples**

```
data(patients)
data(starting_betas_example)
beta = starting_betas_example[["5_signatures","Value"]]
res = sigAssignmentLasso(x=patients[1:100,],beta=beta,lambda_rate_alpha=0.05,seed=12345)
```

signatures.plot

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## Description

Plot the inferred mutational signatures.

#### Usage

```
signatures.plot(beta, useRowNames = FALSE, xlabels = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

beta matrix with the inferred mutational signatures.

useRowNames boolean value; shall I use the rownames from beta as names for the signatures?

xlabels boolean value; shall I display x labels?

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#### Value

A ggplot2 object.

#### **Examples**

```
data(nmf_LassoK_example)
signatures.plot(beta=nmf_LassoK_example$beta)
```

ssm560\_reduced

a reduced version of the point mutations for 560 breast tumors in the format compatible with the import function

## **Description**

reduced versione of the dataset of counts of the point mutations detected in 560 breast tumors published in Nik-Zainal, Serena, et al. (2016).

#### Usage

```
data(ssm560_reduced)
```

#### **Format**

reduced versione of the counts of the point mutations in the format compatible with the import function

#### Value

reduced versione of the counts of point mutations for 560 tumors and 96 trinucleotides in the format compatible with the import function

#### Source

Nik-Zainal, Serena, et al. "Landscape of somatic mutations in 560 breast cancer whole-genome sequences." Nature 534.7605 (2016): 47.

 ${\it starting} \\ Beta \\ Estimation$ 

startingBetaEstimation

## Description

Perform a robust estimation of the starting betas for the nmfLasso method

#### Usage

```
startingBetaEstimation(
    x,
    K = 3:10,
    background_signature = NULL,
    normalize_counts = TRUE,
    nmf_runs = 10,
    seed = NULL,
    verbose = TRUE
)
```

## **Arguments**

x count matrix for a set of n patients and 96 trinucleotides.

K numeric value (minimum 2) indicating the number of signatures to be discovered.

background\_signature

background signature to be used. If not provided, a warning is thrown and an initial value for it is estimated by NMF. If beta is not NULL, this parameter is ignored.

normalize\_counts

if true, the input count matrix x is normalize such that the patients have the same

number of mutation.

nmf\_runs number of iteration (minimum 1) of NMF to be performed for a robust estima-

tion of starting beta. If beta is not NULL, this parameter is ignored.

seed Seed for reproducibility.

verbose boolean; Shall I print all messages?

#### Value

A list containing the starting beta values for each configuration of K.

## **Examples**

```
data(background)
data(patients)
res = startingBetaEstimation(x=patients[1:100,],
    K=3:5,
    background_signature=background,
    nmf_runs=1,
    seed=12345)
```

```
starting_betas_example
```

example of results obtained with the function starting.betas.estimation on the counts input from Nik-Zainal, Serena, et al. (2016).

## Description

example of results obtained with the function starting.betas.estimation on the counts input from Nik-Zainal, Serena, et al. (2016).

## Usage

```
data(starting_betas_example)
```

## **Format**

results obtained with the function starting.betas.estimation on the counts input from Nik-Zainal, Serena, et al. (2016)

## Value

results obtained with the function starting.betas.estimation on the counts input from Nik-Zainal, Serena, et al. (2016)

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