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Description Generates interactive plots for analysing and visualising three-class high dimensional data. It is particularly suited to visualising differences in continuous attributes such as gene/protein/biomarker expression levels between three groups. Differential gene/biomarker expression analysis between two classes is typically shown as a volcano plot. However, with three groups this type of visualisation is particularly difficult to interpret. This package generates 3D volcano plots and 3-way polar plots for easier interpretation of three-class data.

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add_animation	<i>Add mode bar button to rotate the plot</i>
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Description

Add mode bar button to rotate the plot

Usage

```
add_animation(  
  p,  
  rotate_icon_path = NULL,  
  stop_icon_path = NULL,  
  rotate_colour = "#c7c7c7",  
  stop_colour = "#ff6347",  
  scale = "scale(0.4) translate(-4, -4)",  
  speed = 320,  
  shiny_event_names = c()  
)
```

Arguments

p The [volcano3D](#) plot
rotate_icon_path The svg icon path for rotation. If NULL a play button is used
stop_icon_path The svg icon path for stop button. If NULL a pause button is used
rotate_colour The colour for the rotate button (default="#c7c7c7")
stop_colour The colour for the stop button (default='ff6347', a.k.a 'tomato')
scale Scaling for rotation button
speed The rotation speed
shiny_event_names If using shiny, pass in any shiny event names which should stop rotation when triggered (e.g. shiny_event_names = c('replot'))

Value

Returns a rotating cylindrical 3D plotly plot featuring variables on a tri-axis radial graph with the $-\log_{10}(\text{multi-group test p-value})$ on the z-axis

References

Lewis, Myles J., et al. (2019). [Molecular portraits of early rheumatoid arthritis identify clinical and treatment response phenotypes](#). *Cell reports*, **28**:9

See Also

[volcano3D](#)

Examples

```

data(example_data)
syn_polar <- polar_coords(outcome = syn_example_meta$Pathotype,
                          data = t(syn_example_rld))

p <- volcano3D(syn_polar,
  label_rows = c("COBL", "TRES2"))
add_animation(p)

```

boxplot_trio

Boxplot to compare groups

Description

Plots the expression of a specific row in expression to compare the three groups in a boxplot using either ggplot or plotly.

Usage

```

boxplot_trio(
  polar,
  value,
  box_colours = c("green3", "blue", "red"),
  test = "polar_pvalue",
  levels_order = NULL,
  my_comparisons = NULL,
  text_size = 10,
  stat_colour = "black",
  stat_size = 3,
  step_increase = 0.05,
  plot_method = "ggplot",
  ...
)

```

Arguments

polar	A 'volc3d' object including expression data from groups of interest. Created by polar_coords .
value	The column name or number in polar@data to be analysed
box_colours	The fill colours for each box assigned in order of levels_order. Default = c('green3', 'blue', 'red')).
test	The statistical test used to compare expression. Allowed values include: • polar_pvalue (default) and 'polar_padj' for the pvalues and adjusted pvalues in the polar object. • polar_multi_pvalue and polar_multi_padj for the pvalues and adjusted pvalues across all groups using the polar@multi_group_test columns. • t.test (parametric) and wilcox.test (non-parametric). Perform comparison between groups of samples. • anova (parametric) and kruskal.test (non-parametric). Perform one-way ANOVA test comparing multiple groups.
levels_order	A character vector stating the contrast groups to be plotted, in order. If NULL this defaults to the levels in polar@outcome.
my_comparisons	A list of contrasts to pass to stat_compare_means . If NULL (default) all contrast pvalues are calculated and plotted.
text_size	The font size of text (default = 10)
stat_colour	Colour to print statistics (default="black").
stat_size	The font size of statistical parameter (default = 3).
step_increase	The distance between statistics on the y-axis (default = 0.05).
plot_method	Whether to use 'plotly' or 'ggplot'. Default is 'ggplot'
...	Other parameters for stat_compare_means

Value

Returns a boxplot featuring the differential expression between groups in comparison with annotated pvalues.

References

Lewis, Myles J., et al. (2019). **Molecular portraits of early rheumatoid arthritis identify clinical and treatment response phenotypes.** *Cell reports*, **28**:9

Examples

```
data(example_data)
syn_polar <- polar_coords(outcome = syn_example_meta$Pathotype,
                           data = t(syn_example_rld))

boxplot_trio(syn_polar, value = "COBL", plot_method="plotly")
boxplot_trio(syn_polar, value = "COBL")
```

calc_pvals

*Calculate one-way test and pairwise tests***Description**

Internal function for calculating 3-class group test (either one-way ANOVA or Kruskal-Wallis test) and pairwise tests (either t-test or Wilcoxon test) on multi-column data against an outcome parameter with 3 levels.

Usage

```
calc_pvals(
  outcome,
  data,
  pcutoff = 0.05,
  padj.method = "BH",
  group_test = c("anova", "kruskal.test"),
  pairwise_test = c("t.test", "wilcoxon"),
  exact = FALSE,
  filter_pairwise = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

outcome	Outcome vector with 3 groups, ideally as a factor. If it is not a factor, this will be coerced to a factor. This must have exactly 3 levels.
data	Dataframe or matrix with variables in columns
pcutoff	Cut-off for p-value significance

padj.method	Can be any method available in p.adjust or "qvalue". The option "none" is a pass-through.
group_test	Specifies statistical test for 3-class group comparison. "anova" means one-way ANOVA, "kruskal.test" means Kruskal-Wallis test.
pairwise_test	Specifies statistical test for pairwise comparisons
exact	Logical which is only used with pairwise_test = "wilcoxon"
filter_pairwise	Logical. If TRUE (the default) p-value adjustment on pairwise statistical tests is only conducted on attributes which reached the threshold for significance after p-value adjustment on the group statistical test.

Value

Returns a list with first element representing a data frame of unadjusted p-values and the second element adjusted p-values. Each dataframe contains 4 columns: the first column is the 3-way comparison (LRT or ANOVA). Columns 2-4 are pairwise comparisons between groups A vs B, A vs C and B vs C, where A, B, C are the 3 levels in the outcome factor.

calc_stats_2x3	<i>Calculate p-values for 2x3-way analysis</i>
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Description

Calculate p-values for 2x3-way analysis

Usage

```
calc_stats_2x3(
  data,
  outcome,
  group,
  padj.method,
  test = c("t.test", "wilcoxon"),
  exact = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

data	Dataframe or matrix with variables in columns and samples in rows
outcome	Factor with 2 levels
group	Factor with 3 levels
padj.method	Can be "qvalue" or any method available in p.adjust. The option "none" is a pass-through.
test	Character value specifying the statistical test between the 2 level response outcome. Current options are "t.test" or "wilcoxon".
exact	Logical for whether to use an exact test (Wilcoxon test only)

Value

A list containing a data frame with summary statistics for the comparisons between the outcome, for each group level.

deseq_2x3	<i>2 x 3 factor DESeq2 analysis</i>
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Description

Experimental function for performing 2x3 factor DESeq2 analyses. Output can be passed to [deseq_2x3_polar\(\)](#) and subsequently plotted. Example usage would include comparing gene expression against a binary outcome e.g. response vs non-response, across 3 drugs: the design would be `~ response` and group would refer to the medication column in the metadata.

Usage

```
deseq_2x3(object, design, group, ...)
```

Arguments

object	An object of class 'DESeqDataSet' containing full dataset
design	Design formula. The main contrast is taken from the last term of the formula and must be a binary factor.
group	Character value for the column with the 3-way grouping factor within the sample information data colData
...	Optional arguments passed to DESeq().

Value

Returns a list of 3 DESeq2 results objects which can be passed onto [deseq_2x3_polar\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# Basic DESeq2 set up
library(DESeq2)

counts <- matrix(rnbinom(n=3000, mu=100, size=1/0.5), ncol=30)
rownames(counts) <- paste0("gene", 1:100)
cond <- rep(factor(rep(1:3, each=5), labels = c('A', 'B', 'C')), 2)
resp <- factor(rep(1:2, each=15), labels = c('non.responder', 'responder'))
metadata <- data.frame(drug = cond, response = resp)

# Full dataset object construction
dds <- DESeqDataSetFromMatrix(counts, metadata, ~response)

# Perform 3x DESeq2 analyses comparing binary response for each drug
res <- deseq_2x3(dds, ~response, "drug")
```

```
# Generate polar object
obj <- deseq_2x3_polar(res)

# 2d plot
radial_plotly(obj)

# 3d plot
volcano3D(obj)
```

deseq_2x3_polar

Convert 2x3 design DESeq2 objects to a volcano3d object

Description

This function is used instead of [polar_coords](#) if you have raw RNA-Seq count data. It takes results from a 2x3 design DESeq2 analysis using [deseq_2x3\(\)](#). Alternatively it will accept a list of 3 DESeqDataSet or DESeqResults objects each with the same type of binary comparison across 3 groups. Statistical results are extracted and converted to a 'volc3d' object, which can be directly plotted. Example usage would include comparing gene expression against a binary outcome e.g. response vs non-response, across 3 drugs.

Usage

```
deseq_2x3_polar(
  object,
  pcutoff = 0.05,
  fc_cutoff = NULL,
  padj.method = "BH",
  process = c("positive", "negative", "two.sided"),
  scheme = c("grey60", "red", "gold2", "green3", "cyan", "blue", "purple", "black"),
  labs = NULL
)
```

Arguments

object	A named list of 3 objects of class 'DESeqDataSet', or a list of 3 DESeq2 results dataframes generated by calling <code>DESeq2::results()</code> . Each object should contain the binary outcome comparison for each of the 3 groups, e.g. group A response vs non-response, group B response vs non-response, group C etc. The names of the groups are taken from the list names.
pcutoff	Cut-off for p-value significance
fc_cutoff	Cut-off for fold change on radial axis
padj.method	Can be "qvalue" or any method available in <code>p.adjust</code> . The option "none" is a pass-through.

process	Character value specifying colour process for statistical significant genes: "positive" specifies genes are coloured if fold change is >0; "negative" for genes with fold change <0 (note that for clarity the polar position is altered so that genes along each axis have the most strongly negative fold change values); or "two.sided" which is a compromise in which positive genes are labelled as before but genes with negative fold changes and significant p-values have an inverted colour scheme.
scheme	Vector of colours starting with non-significant genes/variables
labs	Optional character vector for labelling groups. Default NULL leads to abbreviated labels based on levels in outcome using abbreviate() . A vector of length 3 with custom abbreviated names for the outcome levels can be supplied. Otherwise a vector length 8 is expected, of the form "ns", "A+", "A+B+", "B+", "B+C+", "C+", "A+C+", "A+B+C+", where "ns" means non-significant and A, B, C refer to levels 1, 2, 3 in outcome, and must be in the correct order.

Details

This function generates a 'volc3d' class object for visualising a 2x3 way analysis for RNA-Seq data. For usual workflow it is typically preceded by a call to [deseq_2x3\(\)](#) which runs the 3x DESeq2 analyses required.

Scaled polar coordinates are based on the DESeq2 statistic for each group comparison. Unscaled polar coordinates are generated using the log2 fold change for each group comparison.

The z axis for 3d volcano plots does not have as clear a corollary in 2x3 analysis as for the standard 3-way analysis (which uses the likelihood ratio test for the 3 groups). For 2x3 polar analysis the smallest p-value from the 3 group pairwise comparisons for each gene is used to generate a z coordinate as $-\log_{10}(\text{p-value})$.

The colour scheme is not as straightforward as for the standard polar plot and volcano3D plot since genes (or attributes) can be significantly up or downregulated in the response comparison for each of the 3 groups. process = "positive" means that genes are labelled with colours if a gene is significantly upregulated in the response for that group. This uses the primary colours (RGB) so that if a gene is upregulated in both red and blue groups it becomes purple etc with secondary colours. If the gene is upregulated in all 3 groups it is labelled black. Non-significant genes are in grey.

With process = "negative" genes are coloured when they are significantly downregulated. With process = "two.sided" the colour scheme means that both significantly up- and down-regulated genes are coloured with downregulated genes labelled with inverted colours (i.e. cyan is the inverse of red etc). However, significant upregulation in a group takes precedence.

Value

Returns an S4 'volc3d' object containing:

- 'df' A list of 2 dataframes. Each dataframe contains both x,y,z coordinates as well as polar coordinates r, angle. The first dataframe has coordinates based on the DESeq2 statistic. The 2nd dataframe is unscaled and represents log2 fold change for gene expression. The type argument in [volcano3D](#), [radial_plotly](#) and [radial_ggplot](#) corresponds to these dataframes.
- 'outcome' An empty factor whose levels are the three-group contrast factor for comparisons

- 'data' Empty dataframe for compatibility
- 'pvals' A dataframe containing p-values. Columns 1-3 are pairwise comparisons between the outcome factor for groups A, B, C respectively.
- 'padj' A dataframe containing p-values adjusted for multiple testing
- 'pcutoff' Numeric value for cut-off for p-value significance
- 'scheme' Character vector with colour scheme for plotting
- 'labs' Character vector with labels for colour groups

See Also

[deseq_2x3\(\)](#)

deseq_polar

Convert DESeq2 objects to a volcano3d object

Description

This function is used instead of [polar_coords](#) if you have raw RNA-Seq count data. It takes 2 DESeqDataSet objects, extracts statistical results and converts the results to a 'volc3d' object, which can be directly plotted.

Usage

```
deseq_polar(
  object,
  objectLRT,
  contrast = NULL,
  data = NULL,
  pcutoff = 0.05,
  padj.method = "BH",
  filter_pairwise = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

object	An object of class 'DESeqDataSet' with the full design formula. The function DESeq needs to have been run.
objectLRT	An object of class 'DESeqDataSet' with the reduced design formula. The function DESeq needs to have been run on this object with argument test="LRT".
contrast	Character value specifying column within the metadata stored in the DESeq2 dataset objects is the outcome variable. This column must contain a factor with 3 levels. If not set, the function will select the last term in the design formula of object as per DESeq2 convention.

data	Optional matrix containing gene expression data. If not supplied, the function will pull the expression data from within the DESeq2 object using the DESeq2 function <code>assay()</code> . NOTE: for consistency with gene expression datasets, genes are in rows.
pcutoff	Cut-off for p-value significance
padj.method	Can be any method available in <code>p.adjust</code> or "qvalue". The option "none" is a pass-through.
filter_pairwise	Logical whether adjusted p-value pairwise statistical tests are only conducted on genes which reach significant adjusted p-value cut-off on the group likelihood ratio test
...	Optional arguments passed to polar_coords

Value

Calls [polar_coords](#) to return an S4 'volc3d' object

See Also

[polar_coords](#), [voom_polar](#), [DESeq](#) in the DESeq2 package

Examples

```
library(DESeq2)

counts <- matrix(rnbinom(n=1500, mu=100, size=1/0.5), ncol=15)
cond <- factor(rep(1:3, each=5), labels = c('A', 'B', 'C'))

# object construction
dds <- DESeqDataSetFromMatrix(counts, DataFrame(cond), ~ cond)

# standard analysis
dds <- DESeq(dds)

# Likelihood ratio test
ddsLRT <- DESeq(dds, test="LRT", reduced= ~ 1)

polar <- deseq_polar(dds, ddsLRT, "cond")
volcano3D(polar)
radial_ggplot(polar)
```

forest_plot*Forest plot individual gene from 2x3 factor analysis*

Description

Forest plot individual gene from 2x3 factor analysis using either base graphics, plotly or ggplot2.

Usage

```
forest_plot(  
  object,  
  genes,  
  scheme = c("red", "green3", "blue"),  
  labs = NULL,  
  error_type = c("ci", "se"),  
  error_width = 0.05,  
  gap = 1,  
  transpose = FALSE,  
  mar = if (transpose) c(5, 7, 5, 4) else c(5, 5, 5, 3),  
  ...  
)  
  
forest_plotly(  
  object,  
  genes,  
  scheme = c("red", "green3", "blue"),  
  labs = NULL,  
  error_type = c("ci", "se"),  
  error_width = 4,  
  gap = 1,  
  transpose = FALSE,  
  ...  
)  
  
forest_ggplot(  
  object,  
  genes,  
  scheme = c("red", "green3", "blue"),  
  labs = NULL,  
  error_type = c("ci", "se"),  
  error_width = 0.3,  
  facet = TRUE,  
  gap = 1,  
  transpose = FALSE,  
  ...  
)
```

Arguments

object	A 'volc3d' class object from a 2x3 analysis generated by deseq_2x3_polar()
genes	Vector of genes to plot
scheme	Vector of 3 colours for plotting
labs	Optional character vector of labels for the groups
error_type	Either "ci" or "se" to specify whether error bars use 95% confidence intervals or standard error
error_width	Width of error bars
gap	Size of gap between groupings for each gene
transpose	Logical whether to transpose the plot
mar	Vector of margins on four sides. See par()
...	Optional arguments
facet	Logical whether to use facets for individual genes (ggplot2 only)

Value

Returns a plot using either base graphics (`forest_plot`), `plotly` (`forest_plotly`) or `ggplot2` (`forest_ggplot`). `forest_plot` also invisibly returns the dataframe used for plotting.

See Also

[deseq_2x3_polar\(\)](#)

grid-class	<i>An S4 class to define the polar grid coordinates system.</i>
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Description

An S4 class to define the polar grid coordinates system.

Slots

polar_grid	The coordinates for the cylindrical grid segments with x,y,z coordinates
axes	The axes features for 'plotly'
axis_labs	The axis labels
r	The grid radius
z	The grid height
text_coords	data frame for axis label cartesian coordinates (x, y, z)
n_r_breaks	The number of ticks on the r axis
n_z_breaks	The number of ticks on the z axis
r_breaks	The r axis ticks as a numeric
z_breaks	The z axis ticks as a numeric

polar_coords

*Coordinates for Three Way Polar Plot***Description**

This function creates a 'volc3d' object of S4 class for downstream plots containing the p-values from a three-way group comparison, expression data sample data and polar coordinates. For RNA-Seq count data, two functions [deseq_polar](#) or [voom_polar](#) can be used instead.

Usage

```
polar_coords(
  outcome,
  data,
  pvals = NULL,
  padj = pvals,
  pcutoff = 0.05,
  fc_cutoff = NULL,
  scheme = c("grey60", "red", "gold2", "green3", "cyan", "blue", "purple"),
  labs = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

outcome	Outcome vector with 3 groups, ideally as a factor. If it is not a factor, this will be coerced to a factor. This must have exactly 3 levels. NOTE: if pvals is given, the order of the levels in outcome must correspond to the order of columns in pvals.
data	Dataframe or matrix with variables in columns
pvals	Matrix or dataframe with p-values. The first column represents a test across all 3 categories such as one-way ANOVA or likelihood ratio test. Columns 2-4 represent pairwise tests comparing groups A vs B, A vs C and B vs C, where A, B, C represent levels 1, 2, 3 in outcome. Columns 2-4 must be provided in the correct order. If pvals is not given, it is calculated using the function calc_pvals .
padj	Matrix or dataframe with adjusted p-values. If not supplied, defaults to use nominal p-values from pvals.
pcutoff	Cut-off for p-value significance
fc_cutoff	Cut-off for fold change on radial axis
scheme	Vector of colours starting with non-significant variables
labs	Optional character vector for labelling groups. Default NULL leads to abbreviated labels based on levels in outcome using abbreviate() . A vector of length 3 with custom abbreviated names for the outcome levels can be supplied. Otherwise a vector length 7 is expected, of the form "ns", "B+", "B+C+", "C+",

"A+C+", "A+", "A+B+", where "ns" means non-significant and A, B, C refer to levels 1, 2, 3 in outcome, and must be in the correct order.

... Optional arguments passed to [calc_pvals](#)

Value

Returns an S4 'volc3d' object containing:

- 'df' A list of 2 dataframes. Each dataframe contains both x,y,z coordinates as well as polar coordinates r, angle. The first dataframe has coordinates on scaled data. The 2nd dataframe has unscaled data (e.g. log2 fold change for gene expression). The type argument in [volcano3D](#), [radial_plotly](#) and [radial_ggplot](#) corresponds to these dataframes.
- 'outcome' The three-group contrast factor used for comparisons
- 'data' Dataframe or matrix containing the expression data
- 'pvals' A dataframe containing p-values. First column is the 3-way comparison (LRT or ANOVA). Columns 2-4 are pairwise comparisons between groups A vs B, A vs C and B vs C, where A, B, C are the 3 levels in the outcome factor.
- 'padj' A dataframe containing p-values adjusted for multiple testing
- 'pcutoff' Numeric value for cut-off for p-value significance
- 'scheme' Character vector with colour scheme for plotting
- 'labs' Character vector with labels for colour groups

See Also

[deseq_polar](#), [voom_polar](#), [calc_pvals](#)

Examples

```
data(example_data)
syn_polar <- polar_coords(outcome = syn_example_meta$Pathotype,
                          data = t(syn_example_rld))
```

polar_coords_2x3	<i>Coordinates for three way polar plot from 2x3 factor analysis</i>
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Description

This function creates a 'volc3d' object of S4 class for downstream plots containing the p-values from a 2x3 factor analysis, expression data sample data and polar coordinates. For RNA-Seq count data, two functions [deseq_2x3](#) followed by [deseq_2x3_polar\(\)](#) can be used instead.

Usage

```
polar_coords_2x3(
  data,
  metadata = NULL,
  outcome,
  group,
  pvals = NULL,
  padj = pvals,
  pcutoff = 0.05,
  fc_cutoff = NULL,
  padj.method = "BH",
  process = c("positive", "negative", "two.sided"),
  scheme = c("grey60", "red", "gold2", "green3", "cyan", "blue", "purple", "black"),
  labs = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

data	Dataframe or matrix with variables in columns and samples in rows
metadata	Dataframe of sample information with samples in rows
outcome	Either the name of column in metadata containing the binary outcome data. Or a vector with 2 groups, ideally a factor. If it is not a factor, this will be coerced to a factor. This must have exactly 2 levels.
group	Either the name of column in metadata containing the 3-way grouping data. Or a vector with 3 groups, ideally a factor. If it is not a factor, this will be coerced to a factor. This must have exactly 3 levels. NOTE: if pvals is given, the order of the levels in group must correspond to the order of columns in pvals.
pvals	Optional matrix or dataframe with p-values in 3 columns. If pvals is not given, it is calculated using the function calc_stats_2x3 . The p-values in 3 columns represent the comparison between the binary outcome with each column for the 3 groups as specified in group.
padj	Matrix or dataframe with adjusted p-values. If not supplied, defaults to use nominal p-values from pvals.
pcutoff	Cut-off for p-value significance
fc_cutoff	Cut-off for fold change on radial axis
padj.method	Can be "qvalue" or any method available in p.adjust. The option "none" is a pass-through.
process	Character value specifying colour process for statistical significant genes: "positive" specifies genes are coloured if fold change is >0; "negative" for genes with fold change <0 (note that for clarity the polar position is altered so that genes along each axis have the most strongly negative fold change values); or "two.sided" which is a compromise in which positive genes are labelled as before but genes with negative fold changes and significant p-values have an inverted colour scheme.

scheme	Vector of colours starting with non-significant variables
labs	Optional character vector for labelling groups. Default NULL leads to abbreviated labels based on levels in outcome using abbreviate() . A vector of length 3 with custom abbreviated names for the outcome levels can be supplied. Otherwise a vector length 8 is expected, of the form "ns", "A+", "A+B+", "B+", "B+C+", "C+", "A+C+", "A+B+C+", where "ns" means non-significant and A, B, C refer to levels 1, 2, 3 in outcome, and must be in the correct order.
...	Optional arguments passed to calc_stats_2x3

Details

This function is designed for manually generating a 'volc3d' class object for visualising a 2x3 way analysis comparing a large number of attributes such as genes. For RNA-Seq data we suggest using [deseq_2x3\(\)](#) and [deseq_2x3_polar\(\)](#) functions in sequence instead.

Scaled polar coordinates are generated using the t-score for each group comparison. Unscaled polar coordinates are generated as difference between means for each group comparison. If p-values are not supplied they are calculated by [calc_stats_2x3\(\)](#) using either t-tests or wilcoxon tests.

The z axis for 3d volcano plots does not have as clear a corollary in 2x3 analysis as for the standard 3-way analysis (which uses the likelihood ratio test for the 3 groups). For 2x3 polar analysis the smallest p-value from the 3 group pairwise comparisons for each gene is used to generate a z coordinate as $-\log_{10}(\text{p-value})$.

The colour scheme is not as straightforward as for the standard polar plot and volcano3D plot since genes (or attributes) can be significantly up or downregulated in the response comparison for each of the 3 groups. process = "positive" means that genes are labelled with colours if a gene is significantly upregulated in the response for that group. This uses the primary colours (RGB) so that if a gene is upregulated in both red and blue group it becomes purple etc with secondary colours. If the gene is upregulated in all 3 groups it is labelled black. Non-significant genes are in grey.

With process = "negative" genes are coloured when they are significantly downregulated. With process = "two.sided" the colour scheme means that both significantly up- and down-regulated genes are coloured with downregulated genes labelled with inverted colours (i.e. cyan is the inverse of red etc). However, significant upregulation in a group takes precedence.

Value

Returns an S4 'volc3d' object containing:

- 'df' A list of 2 dataframes. Each dataframe contains both x,y,z coordinates as well as polar coordinates r, angle. The first dataframe has coordinates on scaled data. The 2nd dataframe has unscaled data (e.g. log2 fold change for gene expression). The type argument in [volcano3D](#), [radial_plotly](#) and [radial_ggplot](#) corresponds to these dataframes.
- 'outcome' The three-group contrast factor used for comparisons, linked to the group column
- 'data' Dataframe or matrix containing the expression data
- 'pvals' A dataframe containing p-values in 3 columns representing the binary comparison for the outcome for each of the 3 groups.
- 'padj' A dataframe containing p-values adjusted for multiple testing
- 'pcutoff' Numeric value for cut-off for p-value significance

- 'scheme' Character vector with colour scheme for plotting
- 'labs' Character vector with labels for colour groups

See Also

[deseq_2x3](#), [deseq_2x3_polar](#), [calc_stats_2x3](#)

polar_grid

Grid required for 3D volcano plot and 2D radial plots

Description

Generates a cylindrical grid of the appropriate dimensions for a 3D volcano plot

Usage

```
polar_grid(
  r_vector = NULL,
  z_vector = NULL,
  r_axis_ticks = NULL,
  z_axis_ticks = NULL,
  axis_angle = 5/6,
  n_spokes = 12,
  axes_from_origin = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

r_vector	An optional numerical vector for the radial coordinates. This is used to calculate breaks on the r axis using pretty . If this is NULL the r_axis_ticks are used as breaks.
z_vector	An optional numerical vector for the z coordinates. This is used to calculate breaks on the z axis using pretty . If this is NULL the z_axis_ticks are used as breaks.
r_axis_ticks	A numerical vector of breaks for the radial axis (used if r_vector is NULL).
z_axis_ticks	A numerical vector of breaks for the z axis (used if z_vector is NULL).
axis_angle	angle in radians to position the radial axis (default = 5/6)
n_spokes	the number of outward spokes to be plotted (default = 12)
axes_from_origin	Whether the axis should start at 0 or the first break (default = TRUE)
...	optional parameters for pretty on the r axis

Value

Returns an S4 grid object containing:

- 'polar_grid' The coordinates for a radial grid
- 'axes' The axes features for 'plotly'
- 'axis_labels' The axis labels
- 'r' The grid radius
- 'z' The grid height
- 'text_coords' The coordinates for text labels
- 'n_r_breaks' The number of ticks on the r axis
- 'n_z_breaks' The number of ticks on the z axis

References

Lewis, Myles J., et al. (2019). [Molecular portraits of early rheumatoid arthritis identify clinical and treatment response phenotypes](#). *Cell reports*, **28**:9

Examples

```
data(example_data)
syn_polar <- polar_coords(outcome = syn_example_meta$Pathotype,
                          data = t(syn_example_rld))

grid <- polar_grid(r_vector=syn_polar@df[[1]]$r,
                  z_vector=NULL,
                  r_axis_ticks = NULL,
                  z_axis_ticks = c(0, 8, 16, 32),
                  n_spokes = 4)
```

radial_ggplot	<i>'Ggplot' for Three Way Polar Plot</i>
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Description

This function creates a 3-way polar plot using 'ggplot' for a three-class comparison.

Usage

```
radial_ggplot(
  polar,
  type = 1,
  colours = NULL,
  label_rows = NULL,
  arrow_length = 1,
  label_size = 5,
  colour_code_labels = FALSE,
```

```

    label_colour = "black",
    grid_colour = "grey80",
    grid_width = 0.7,
    axis_colour = "black",
    axis_width = 1,
    axis_title_size = 5,
    axis_label_size = 3,
    marker_alpha = 0.7,
    marker_size = 3,
    marker_outline_colour = "white",
    marker_outline_width = 0.5,
    legend_size = 20,
    ...
  )

```

Arguments

polar	A 'volc3d' object with the p-values between groups of interest and polar coordinates created by polar_coords , deseq_polar or voom_polar .
type	Numeric value whether to use scaled (z-score) or unscaled (fold change) as magnitude. Options are 1 = z-score (default) or 2 = unscaled/fold change.
colours	A vector of colours for the non-significant points and each of the six groups.
label_rows	A vector of row names or indices to label
arrow_length	The length of label arrows
label_size	Font size of labels/annotations (default = 5).
colour_code_labels	Logical whether label annotations should be colour coded. If FALSE label_colour is used.
label_colour	Colour of annotation labels if not colour coded
grid_colour	The colour of the grid (default="grey80")
grid_width	The width of the axis lines (default=0.6)
axis_colour	The colour of the grid axes and labels (default="black")
axis_width	The width of the axis lines (default=1)
axis_title_size	Font size for axis titles (default = 5)
axis_label_size	Font size for axis labels (default = 3)
marker_alpha	The alpha parameter for markers (default = 0.7)
marker_size	Size of the markers (default = 3)
marker_outline_colour	Colour for marker outline (default = white)
marker_outline_width	Width for marker outline (default = 0.5)
legend_size	Size for the legend text (default = 20).
...	Optional parameters passed to polar_grid e.g. <code>r_axis_ticks</code> or <code>axis_angle</code>

Value

Returns a polar 'ggplot' object featuring variables on a tri-axis radial graph

References

Lewis, Myles J., et al. (2019). **Molecular portraits of early rheumatoid arthritis identify clinical and treatment response phenotypes**. *Cell reports*, **28**:9

See Also

[polar_coords](#)

Examples

```
data(example_data)
syn_polar <- polar_coords(outcome = syn_example_meta$Pathotype,
                          data = t(syn_example_rld))

radial_ggplot(polar = syn_polar, label_rows = c("COBL"))
```

radial_plotly

Three-way radial comparison Polar Plot (using plotly)

Description

This function creates an interactive plotly object which maps differential expression onto a polar coordinates.

Usage

```
radial_plotly(
  polar,
  type = 1,
  colours = polar@scheme,
  label_rows = NULL,
  arrow_length = 80,
  label_size = 14,
  colour_code_labels = FALSE,
  label_colour = "black",
  grid_colour = "grey80",
  grid_width = 1,
  marker_size = 7,
  marker_alpha = 0.8,
  marker_outline_colour = "white",
  marker_outline_width = 0.5,
  axis_title_size = 16,
  axis_label_size = 10,
```

```

    axis_colour = "black",
    axis_width = 2,
    ...
)

```

Arguments

polar	A 'volc3d' object with the p-values between groups of interest and polar coordinates created by polar_coords , deseq_polar or voom_polar .
type	Numeric value whether to use scaled (Z-score) or unscaled (fold change) as magnitude. Options are 1 = Z-score (default) or 2 = unscaled/fold change.
colours	A vector of colour names or hex triplets for the non-significant points and each of the six groups.
label_rows	A vector of row names or numbers to label.
arrow_length	The length of label arrows (default = 80).
label_size	Font size of labels/annotations (default = 14)
colour_code_labels	Logical whether label annotations should be colour coded. If FALSE label_colour is used.
label_colour	HTML colour of annotation labels if not colour coded.
grid_colour	The colour of the grid (default="grey80")
grid_width	The width of the grid lines (default=1)
marker_size	Size of the markers (default = 6)
marker_alpha	Opacity for the markers (default = 0.7)
marker_outline_colour	Colour for marker outline (default = white)
marker_outline_width	Width for marker outline (default = 0.5)
axis_title_size	Font size for axis titles (default = 16)
axis_label_size	Font size for axis labels (default = 10)
axis_colour	The colour of the grid axes and labels (default="black")
axis_width	The width of the axis lines (default=2)
...	Optional parameters passed to polar_grid e.g. <code>r_axis_ticks</code> or <code>axis_angle</code>

Details

This function builds a layered plotly object. By default this produces an SVG output, but this can be slow with 1000s of points. For large number of points we recommend switching to WebGL by piping to `toWebGL()` as shown in the examples.

Value

Returns a plotly plot featuring variables on a tri-axis radial graph

References

Lewis, Myles J., et al. (2019). [Molecular portraits of early rheumatoid arthritis identify clinical and treatment response phenotypes](#). *Cell reports*, **28**:9

See Also

[polar_coords](#)

Examples

```
data(example_data)
syn_polar <- polar_coords(outcome = syn_example_meta$Pathotype,
                          data = t(syn_example_rld))

radial_plotly(polar = syn_polar, label_rows = c("COBL"))

## Faster WebGL version for large numbers of points
library(plotly)
radial_plotly(polar = syn_polar, label_rows = c("COBL")) %>%
  toWebGL()
```

show_grid

Plots grid objects for inspection using plotly

Description

This function creates an interactive grids in polar and cylindrical coordinates

Usage

```
show_grid(grid, plot_height = 700, axis_angle = 0, z_axis_title_offset = 1.2)
```

Arguments

grid	A grid object produced by polar_grid .
plot_height	The plot height in px (default=700),
axis_angle	The angle in radians at which to add axis (default=0).
z_axis_title_offset	Offset for z axis title (default=1.2).

Value

Returns a list containing a polar and cylindrical coordinate system.

References

Lewis, Myles J., et al. (2019). [Molecular portraits of early rheumatoid arthritis identify clinical and treatment response phenotypes](#). *Cell reports*, **28**:9

Examples

```
data(example_data)
syn_polar <- polar_coords(outcome = syn_example_meta$Pathotype,
                           data = t(syn_example_rld))

grid <- polar_grid(r_vector=syn_polar@df[[1]]$r,
                  z_vector=syn_polar@df[[1]]$z,
                  r_axis_ticks = NULL,
                  z_axis_ticks = NULL)
p <- show_grid(grid)
p$polar
p$cyl
```

significance_subset	<i>Extract a subset population</i>
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Description

Subsets data according to the significance groups.

Usage

```
significance_subset(polar, significance = NULL, output = "pvals")
```

Arguments

polar	A polar object including expression data from groups of interest. Created by polar_coords .
significance	Which significance factors to subset to. If NULL all levels except 'ns' (non-significant) are selected.
output	What object to return. Options are "pvals", "padj", "data", "df" for subset dataframes, or "polar" to subset the entire 'volc3d' class object.

Value

Returns an object (type defined by output) with rows subset to those which satisfy the significance condition.

References

Lewis, Myles J., et al. (2019). **Molecular portraits of early rheumatoid arthritis identify clinical and treatment response phenotypes.** *Cell reports*, **28**:9

Examples

```
data(example_data)
syn_polar <- polar_coords(outcome = syn_example_meta$Pathotype,
                          data = t(syn_example_rld))

subset <- significance_subset(syn_polar, "L+", "df")
```

syn_example_meta	<i>PEAC synovial sample data</i>
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Description

A dataset containing sample data for 81 synovial biopsies from the PEAC cohort

Usage

```
syn_example_meta
```

Format

A data frame with 81 rows and 1 variables:

Pathotype The synovial biopsy histological pathotype

Source

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/31461658/>

syn_example_rld	<i>PEAC synovial gene expression data</i>
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Description

A dataset containing the gene expression data for 81 synovial biopsies from the PEAC cohort

Usage

```
syn_example_rld
```

Format

A data frame with 500 rows representing the most significant genes/probes and 81 columns representing samples.

Source

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/31461658/>

volc3d-class	<i>An S4 class to define the polar coordinates.</i>
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Description

An S4 class to define the polar coordinates.

Slots

df List of coordinate data frames for scaled and unscaled expression
outcome Outcome vector
data Expression data
pvals Matrix or dataframe with p-values
padj Matrix adjusted p-values
pcutoff Cut-off for p-value significance
scheme Vector for colour scheme
labs Character vector for labelling groups

volcano3D	<i>Three-Dimensional Volcano Plot</i>
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Description

Plots the three-way comparisons of variables such as gene expression data in 3D space using plotly. x, y position represents polar position on 3 axes representing the amount each variable or gene tends to each of the 3 categories. The z axis represents $-\log_{10}$ P value for the one-way test comparing each variable across the 3 groups.

Usage

```
volcano3D(
  polar,
  type = 1,
  label_rows = c(),
  label_size = 14,
  arrow_length = 100,
  colour_code_labels = FALSE,
  label_colour = "black",
  grid_colour = "grey80",
  grid_width = 2,
  grid_options = NULL,
  axis_colour = "black",
  axis_width = 2,
```

```

    marker_size = 3,
    marker_outline_width = 0,
    marker_outline_colour = "white",
    z_axis_title_offset = 1.2,
    z_axis_title_size = 12,
    z_axis_angle = 0.5,
    radial_axis_title_size = 14,
    radial_axis_title_offset = 1.2,
    xy_aspectratio = 1,
    z_aspectratio = 0.8,
    camera_eye = list(x = 0.9, y = 0.9, z = 0.9),
    ...
)

```

Arguments

polar	Object of S4 class 'volc3d' following call to either polar_coords , deseq_polar or voom_polar
type	Either 1 or 2 specifying type of polar coordinates: 1 = Z-scaled, 2 = unscaled (equivalent to log2 fold change for gene expression).
label_rows	A vector of row names or numbers to label
label_size	font size for labels (default 14).
arrow_length	The length of label arrows (default 100)
colour_code_labels	Logical whether label annotations should be colour coded. If FALSE label_colour is used.
label_colour	HTML colour of annotation labels if not colour coded.
grid_colour	The colour of the cylindrical grid (default "grey80")
grid_width	The width of the grid lines (default 2)
grid_options	Optional list of additional arguments to pass to polar_grid , eg. <code>z_axis_ticks</code> and <code>r_axis_ticks</code>
axis_colour	The colour of the grid axes and labels (default "black")
axis_width	The width of axis lines (default 2)
marker_size	Size of the markers (default 3)
marker_outline_width	Width for marker outline (default 0 means no outline)
marker_outline_colour	Colour for marker outline (default white)
z_axis_title_offset	The position scaling between grid and z axis title (default=1.2)
z_axis_title_size	The font size for the z axis title (default=12)
z_axis_angle	Angle in radians for the position of z axis (default 0.5)

radial_axis_title_size	The font size for the radial (default=15)
radial_axis_title_offset	The position scaling between grid and radial axis title (default=1.2)
xy_aspectratio	The aspect ratio for the xy axis compared to z (default 1). Increasing this makes the grid wider in the plot window.
z_aspectratio	The aspect ratio for the z axis compared to x and y (default 0.8). Decreasing this makes the plot appear more squat.
camera_eye	The (x,y,z) components of the start 'eye' camera vector. This vector determines the view point about the origin of this scene.
...	Optional arguments passed to plot_ly

Value

Returns a cylindrical 3D plotly plot featuring variables on a tri-axis radial graph with the $-\log_{10}(\text{multi-group test p-value})$ on the z-axis

References

Lewis, Myles J., et al. (2019). [Molecular portraits of early rheumatoid arthritis identify clinical and treatment response phenotypes](#). *Cell reports*, **28**:9

See Also

[polar_coords](#)

Examples

```
data(example_data)
syn_polar <- polar_coords(outcome = syn_example_meta$Pathotype,
                          data = t(syn_example_rld))
volcano3D(syn_polar)
```

voom_polar	<i>Convert RNA-Seq count data to a volcano3d object using 'limma voom'</i>
------------	--

Description

This function is used instead of [polar_coords](#) if you have raw RNA-Seq count data. The function takes a design formula, metadata and raw RNA-Seq count data and uses 'limma voom' to analyse the data. The results are converted to a 'volc3d' object ready for plotting a 3d volcano plot or polar plot.

Usage

```
voom_polar(
  formula,
  metadata,
  counts,
  pcutoff = 0.05,
  padj.method = "BH",
  filter_pairwise = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

formula	Design formula which must be of the form $\sim 0 + \text{outcome} + \dots$. The 3-way outcome variable must be the first variable after the '0', and this variable must be a factor with exactly 3 levels.
metadata	Matrix or dataframe containing metadata as referenced by formula
counts	Matrix containing raw gene expression count data
pcutoff	Cut-off for p-value significance
padj.method	Can be any method available in <code>p.adjust</code> or "qvalue". The option "none" is a pass-through.
filter_pairwise	Logical whether adjusted p-value pairwise statistical tests are only conducted on genes which reach significant adjusted p-value cut-off on the group likelihood ratio test
...	Optional arguments passed to polar_coords

Details

Statistical results for the group and pairwise comparisons are calculated using the 'limma voom' pipeline and the results passed to [polar_coords](#) to generate a 'volc3d' object ready for plotting a 3d volcano plot or polar plot.

Value

Calls [polar_coords](#) to return an S4 'volc3d' object

See Also

[polar_coords](#), [deseq_polar](#), [voom](#) in the limma package

Examples

```
if (requireNamespace("limma", quietly = TRUE) &
    requireNamespace("edgeR", quietly = TRUE)) {
  library(limma)
  library(edgeR)
```

```
counts <- matrix(rnbinom(n=1500, mu=100, size=1/0.5), ncol=15)
cond <- factor(rep(1:3, each=5), labels = c('A', 'B', 'C'))
cond <- data.frame(cond)

polar <- voom_polar(~0 + cond, cond, counts)

volcano3D(polar)
radial_ggplot(polar)
}
```

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