

# Package ‘CB2’

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| calc_mappability | <i>A function to calculate the mappabilities of each NGS sample.</i> |
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## Description

A function to calculate the mappabilities of each NGS sample.

## Usage

```
calc_mappability(count_obj, df_design)
```

## Arguments

|           |                                                |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------|
| count_obj | A list object is created by ‘run_sgrna_quant’. |
| df_design | The table contains a study design.             |

## Examples

```
library(CB2)
library(magrittr)
library(tibble)
library(dplyr)
library(glue)
FASTA <- system.file("extdata", "toydata", "small_sample.fasta", package = "CB2")
ex_path <- system.file("extdata", "toydata", package = "CB2")

df_design <- tribble(
  ~group, ~sample_name,
  "Base", "Base1",
  "Base", "Base2",
  "High", "High1",
  "High", "High2") %>%
  mutate(fastq_path = glue("{ex_path}/{sample_name}.fastq"))
```

```
cb2_count <- run_sgrna_quant(FASTA, df_design)
calc_mappability(cb2_count, df_design)
```

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Evers\_CRISPRn\_RT112     *A benchmark CRISPRn pooled screen data from Evers et al.*

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### Description

A benchmark CRISPRn pooled screen data from Evers et al.

### Usage

```
data(Evers_CRISPRn_RT112)
```

### Format

The data object is a list and contains below information:

**count** The count matrix from Evers et al.'s paper and contains the CRISPRn screening result using RT112 cell-line. It contains three different replicates for T0 (before) and contains different three replicates for T1 (after).

**egenes** The list of 46 essential genes used in Evers et al.'s study.

**ngenes** The list of 47 non-essential genes used in Evers et al.'s study.

**design** The data.frame contains study design.

**sg\_stat** The data.frame contains the sgRNA-level statistics.

**gene\_stat** The data.frame contains the gene-level statistics.

### Source

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27111720>

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| fit_ab | <i>A C++ function to perform a parameter estimation for the sgRNA-level test. It will estimate two different parameters 'phat' and 'vhat,' and we assume input count data follows the beta-binomial distribution. Dr. Keith Baggerly initially implemented this code in Matlab, and it has been rewritten it in C++ for the speed-up.</i> |
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### Description

A C++ function to perform a parameter estimation for the sgRNA-level test. It will estimate two different parameters 'phat' and 'vhat,' and we assume input count data follows the beta-binomial distribution. Dr. Keith Baggerly initially implemented this code in Matlab, and it has been rewritten it in C++ for the speed-up.

**Usage**

```
fit_ab(xvec, nvec)
```

**Arguments**

|      |                                      |
|------|--------------------------------------|
| xvec | a matrix contains sgRNA read counts. |
| nvec | a vector contains the library size.  |

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|---------|---------------------------------------------------|
| get_CPM | <i>A function to normalize sgRNA read counts.</i> |
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**Description**

A function to normalize sgRNA read counts.

**Usage**

```
get_CPM(sgcount)
```

**Arguments**

|         |                                                                                                                                   |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| sgcount | The input table contains read counts of sgRNAs for each sample<br>A function to calculate the CPM (Counts Per Million) (required) |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

**Value**

a normalized CPM table will be returned

**Examples**

```
library(CB2)
data(Evers_CRISPRn_RT112)
get_CPM(Evers_CRISPRn_RT112$count)
```

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join\_count\_and\_design *A function to join a count table and a design table.*

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### Description

A function to join a count table and a design table.

### Usage

```
join_count_and_design(sgcount, df_design)
```

### Arguments

|           |                                                                  |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| sgcount   | The input matrix contains read counts of sgRNAs for each sample. |
| df_design | The table contains a study design.                               |

### Value

A tall-thin and combined table of the sgRNA read counts and study design will be returned.

### Examples

```
library(CB2)
data(Evers_CRISPRn_RT112)
head(join_count_and_design(Evers_CRISPRn_RT112$count, Evers_CRISPRn_RT112$design))
```

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measure\_gene\_stats *A function to perform gene-level test using a sgRNA-level statistics.*

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### Description

A function to perform gene-level test using a sgRNA-level statistics.

### Usage

```
measure_gene_stats(sgrna_stat, logFC_level = "sgRNA")
```

### Arguments

|             |                                                          |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| sgrna_stat  | A data frame created by 'measure_sgrna_stats'            |
| logFC_level | The level of 'logFC' value. It can be 'gene' or 'sgRNA'. |

**Value**

A table contains the gene-level test result, and the table contains these columns:

- ‘gene’: The gene name to be tested.
- ‘n\_sgrna’: The number of sgRNA targets the gene in the library.
- ‘cpm\_a’: The mean of CPM of sgRNAs within the first group.
- ‘cpm\_b’: The mean of CPM of sgRNAs within the second group.
- ‘logFC’: The log fold change of the gene between two groups. Taking the mean of sgRNA ‘logFC’s is default, and ‘logFC’ is calculated by  $\log_2(\text{cpm}_b + 1) - \log_2(\text{cpm}_a + 1)$  if ‘logFC\_level’ parameter is set to ‘gene’.
- ‘p\_ts’: The p-value indicates a difference between the two groups at the gene-level.
- ‘p\_pa’: The p-value indicates enrichment of the first group at the gene-level.
- ‘p\_pb’: The p-value indicates enrichment of the second group at the gene-level.
- ‘fdr\_ts’: The adjusted P-value of ‘p\_ts’.
- ‘fdr\_pa’: The adjusted P-value of ‘p\_pa’.
- ‘fdr\_pb’: The adjusted P-value of ‘p\_pb’.

**Examples**

```
data(Evers_CRISPRn_RT112)
measure_gene_stats(Evers_CRISPRn_RT112$sg_stat)
```

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measure\_sgrna\_stats     *A function to perform a statistical test at a sgRNA-level*

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**Description**

A function to perform a statistical test at a sgRNA-level

**Usage**

```
measure_sgrna_stats(
  sgcount,
  design,
  group_a,
  group_b,
  delim = "_",
  ge_id = NULL,
  sg_id = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

|         |                                                                                                       |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| sgcount | This data frame contains read counts of sgRNAs for the samples.                                       |
| design  | This table contains study design. It has to contain 'group.'                                          |
| group_a | The first group to be tested.                                                                         |
| group_b | The second group to be tested.                                                                        |
| delim   | The delimiter between a gene name and a sgRNA ID. It will be used if only rownames contains sgRNA ID. |
| ge_id   | The column name of the gene column.                                                                   |
| sg_id   | The column/columns of sgRNA identifiers.                                                              |

**Value**

A table contains the sgRNA-level test result, and the table contains these columns:

- 'sgRNA': The sgRNA identifier.
- 'gene': The gene is the target of the sgRNA
- 'n\_a': The number of replicates of the first group.
- 'n\_b': The number of replicates of the second group.
- 'phat\_a': The proportion value of the sgRNA for the first group.
- 'phat\_b': The proportion value of the sgRNA for the second group.
- 'vhat\_a': The variance of the sgRNA for the first group.
- 'vhat\_b': The variance of the sgRNA for the second group.
- 'cpm\_a': The mean CPM of the sgRNA within the first group.
- 'cpm\_b': The mean CPM of the sgRNA within the second group.
- 'logFC': The log fold change of sgRNA between two groups.
- 't\_value': The value for the t-statistics.
- 'df': The value of the degree of freedom, and will be used to calculate the p-value of the sgRNA.
- 'p\_ts': The p-value indicates a difference between the two groups.
- 'p\_pa': The p-value indicates enrichment of the first group.
- 'p\_pb': The p-value indicates enrichment of the second group.
- 'fdr\_ts': The adjusted P-value of 'p\_ts'.
- 'fdr\_pa': The adjusted P-value of 'p\_pa'.
- 'fdr\_pb': The adjusted P-value of 'p\_pb'.

**Examples**

```
library(CB2)
data(Evers_CRISPRn_RT112)
measure_sgrna_stats(Evers_CRISPRn_RT112$count, Evers_CRISPRn_RT112$design, "before", "after")
```

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| plot_corr_heatmap | <i>A function to show a heatmap sgRNA-level correlations of the NGS samples.</i> |
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### Description

A function to show a heatmap sgRNA-level correlations of the NGS samples.

### Usage

```
plot_corr_heatmap(sgcount, df_design, cor_method = "pearson")
```

### Arguments

|            |                                                                                                                           |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| sgcount    | The input matrix contains read counts of sgRNAs for each sample.                                                          |
| df_design  | The table contains a study design.                                                                                        |
| cor_method | A string parameter of the correlation measure. One of the three - "pearson", "kendall", or "spearman" will be the string. |

### Value

A heatmap object contains the correlation heatmap

```
library(CB2) data(Evers_CRISPRn_RT112) plot_corr_heatmap(Evers_CRISPRn_RT112$count, Evers_CRISPRn_RT112$design)
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| plot_count_distribution | <i>A function to plot read count distribution.</i> |
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### Description

A function to plot read count distribution.

### Usage

```
plot_count_distribution(sgcount, df_design, add_dots = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

|           |                                                                        |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| sgcount   | The input matrix contains read counts of sgRNAs for each sample.       |
| df_design | The table contains a study design.                                     |
| add_dots  | The function will display dots of sgRNA counts if it is set to 'TRUE'. |

**Value**

A ggplot2 object contains a read count distribution plot for 'sgcount'.

**Examples**

```
library(CB2)
data(Evers_CRISPRn_RT112)
cpm <- get_CPM(Evers_CRISPRn_RT112$count)
plot_count_distribution(cpm, Evers_CRISPRn_RT112$design)
```

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| plot_dotplot | <i>A function to visualize dot plots for a gene.</i> |
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**Description**

A function to visualize dot plots for a gene.

**Usage**

```
plot_dotplot(sgcount, df_design, gene, ge_id = NULL, sg_id = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|           |                                                                  |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| sgcount   | The input matrix contains read counts of sgRNAs for each sample. |
| df_design | The table contains a study design.                               |
| gene      | The gene to be shown.                                            |
| ge_id     | A name of the column contains gene names.                        |
| sg_id     | A name of the column contains sgRNA IDs.                         |

**Value**

A ggplot2 object contains dot plots of sgRNA read counts for a gene.

**Examples**

```
library(CB2)
data(Evers_CRISPRn_RT112)
plot_dotplot(get_CPM(Evers_CRISPRn_RT112$count), Evers_CRISPRn_RT112$design, "RPS7")
```

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| plot_PCA | <i>A function to plot the first two principal components of samples.</i> |
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### Description

This function will perform a principal component analysis, and it returns a ggplot object of the PCA plot.

### Usage

```
plot_PCA(sgcount, df_design)
```

### Arguments

|           |                                                                  |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| sgcount   | The input matrix contains read counts of sgRNAs for each sample. |
| df_design | The table contains a study design.                               |

### Value

A ggplot2 object contains a PCA plot for the input.

```
library(CB2) data(Evers_CRISPRn_RT112) plot_PCA(Evers_CRISPRn_RT112$count, Evers_CRISPRn_RT112$design)
```

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| quant | <i>A C++ function to quantify sgRNA abundance from NGS samples.</i> |
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### Description

A C++ function to quantify sgRNA abundance from NGS samples.

### Usage

```
quant(ref_path, fastq_path, verbose = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

|            |                                                                          |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| ref_path   | the path of the annotation file and it has to be a FASTA formatted file. |
| fastq_path | a list of the FASTQ files.                                               |
| verbose    | Display some logs during the quantification if it is set to 'true'.      |

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| run_estimation | <i>A function to perform a statistical test at a sgRNA-level, deprecated.</i> |
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## Description

A function to perform a statistical test at a sgRNA-level, deprecated.

## Usage

```
run_estimation(
  sgcount,
  design,
  group_a,
  group_b,
  delim = "_",
  ge_id = NULL,
  sg_id = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

|         |                                                                                                       |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| sgcount | This data frame contains read counts of sgRNAs for the samples.                                       |
| design  | This table contains study design. It has to contain 'group.'                                          |
| group_a | The first group to be tested.                                                                         |
| group_b | The second group to be tested.                                                                        |
| delim   | The delimiter between a gene name and a sgRNA ID. It will be used if only rownames contains sgRNA ID. |
| ge_id   | The column name of the gene column.                                                                   |
| sg_id   | The column/columns of sgRNA identifiers.                                                              |

## Value

A table contains the sgRNA-level test result, and the table contains these columns:

- 'sgRNA': The sgRNA identifier.
- 'gene': The gene is the target of the sgRNA
- 'n\_a': The number of replicates of the first group.
- 'n\_b': The number of replicates of the second group.
- 'phat\_a': The proportion value of the sgRNA for the first group.
- 'phat\_b': The proportion value of the sgRNA for the second group.
- 'vhat\_a': The variance of the sgRNA for the first group.
- 'vhat\_b': The variance of the sgRNA for the second group.
- 'cpm\_a': The mean CPM of the sgRNA within the first group.

- ‘cpm\_b’: The mean CPM of the sgRNA within the second group.
- ‘logFC’: The log fold change of sgRNA between two groups.
- ‘t\_value’: The value for the t-statistics.
- ‘df’: The value of the degree of freedom, and will be used to calculate the p-value of the sgRNA.
- ‘p\_ts’: The p-value indicates a difference between the two groups.
- ‘p\_pa’: The p-value indicates enrichment of the first group.
- ‘p\_pb’: The p-value indicates enrichment of the second group.
- ‘fdr\_ts’: The adjusted P-value of ‘p\_ts’.
- ‘fdr\_pa’: The adjusted P-value of ‘p\_pa’.
- ‘fdr\_pb’: The adjusted P-value of ‘p\_pb’.

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| run_sgrna_quant | <i>A function to run a sgRNA quantification algorithm from NGS sample</i> |
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## Description

A function to run a sgRNA quantification algorithm from NGS sample

## Usage

```
run_sgrna_quant(lib_path, design, map_path = NULL, ncores = 1, verbose = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| lib_path | The path of the FASTA file.                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| design   | A table contains the study design. It must contain ‘fastq_path’ and ‘sample_name.’                                                                                                                                                    |
| map_path | The path of file contains gene-sgRNA mapping.                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| ncores   | The number that indicates how many processors will be used with a parallelization. The parallelization will be enabled if users do not set the parameter as ‘-1’ (it means the full physical cores will be used) or greater than ‘1’. |
| verbose  | Display some logs during the quantification if it is set to ‘TRUE’                                                                                                                                                                    |

## Value

It will return a list, and the list contains three elements. The first element (‘count’) is a data frame contains the result of the quantification for each sample. The second element (‘total’) is a numeric vector contains the total number of reads of each sample. The last element (‘sequence’) a data frame contains the sequence of each sgRNA in the library.

**Examples**

```
library(CB2)
library(magrittr)
library(tibble)
library(dplyr)
library(glue)
FASTA <- system.file("extdata", "toydata", "small_sample.fasta", package = "CB2")
ex_path <- system.file("extdata", "toydata", package = "CB2")

df_design <- tribble(
  ~group, ~sample_name,
  "Base", "Base1",
  "Base", "Base2",
  "High", "High1",
  "High", "High2") %>%
  mutate(fastq_path = glue("{ex_path}/{sample_name}.fastq"))

cb2_count <- run_sgrna_quant(FASTA, df_design)
```

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Sanson\_CRISPRn\_A375     *A benchmark CRISPRn pooled screen data from Sanson et al.*

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**Description**

A benchmark CRISPRn pooled screen data from Sanson et al.

**Usage**

```
data(Sanson_CRISPRn_A375)
```

**Format**

The data object is a list and contains below information:

**count** The count matrix from Sanson et al.'s paper and contains the CRISPRn screening result using A375 cell-line. It contains a sample of plasimd, and three biological replicates after three weeks.

**genes** The list of 1,580 essential genes used in Sanson et al.'s study.

**ngenes** The list of 927 non-essential genes used in Sanson et al.'s study.

**design** The data.frame contains study design.

**Source**

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/30575746>

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