

Lecture 2 Lab

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1 Introduction

We'll now use the R package *MOVICS* to explore unsupervised clustering methods of multi-omic data, including SNF. Given clustering can pick up on different structures in the data, with each method having its own pros/cons and situations where it is best suited, it's important to compare various clustering methods. This will provide more robust results and help reduce identifying clusters based on an aberrant signal that a particular method may be identifying. *MOVICS* provides a user-friendly, well-integrated pipeline to perform clustering with 10 different methods as well as consensus clustering. Currently, it supports up to 6 omics data types for joint clustering. Furthermore, it offers numerous downstream analyses.

The methods include: * SNF * IntNMF * LRAcluster * NEMO * PINSPlus * CIMLR * iCluster-Bayes * MoCluster * COCA * ConsensusClustering

There is also an excellent vignette provided: <https://xlucpu.github.io/MOVICS/MOVICS-VIGNETTE.html#Section.4.2.1.2>

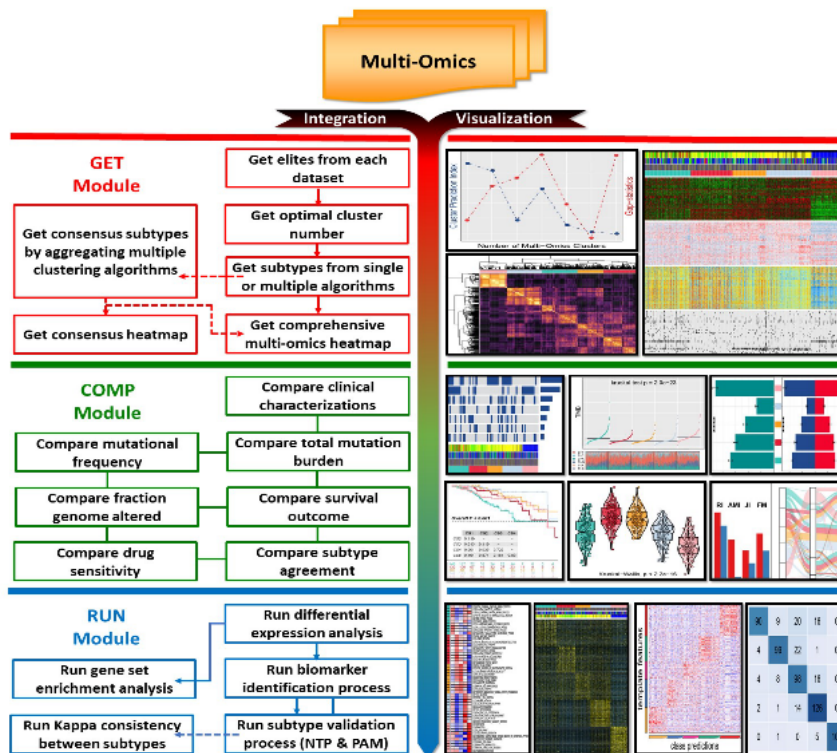
The overall pipeline is illustrated below (image from MOVICS documentation):

```
[1]: ## to install MOVICS
#### note: there are many dependencies; you may get an error
#### for a missing package; download and try again
#### it may take several times
#### you can refer to their IMPORTS file from their DESCRIPTION file on Github
#### for a list of dependencies:
#### https://github.com/xlucpu/MOVICS/blob/master/DESCRIPTION

# if (!requireNamespace("BiocManager", quietly = TRUE))
#   install.packages("BiocManager")
# if (!require("devtools"))
#   install.packages("devtools")
# devtools::install_github("xlucpu/MOVICS")

library(MOVICS)
set.seed(4444)
```

```
[2]: library("jpeg")
jj <- readJPEG("MOVICS_pipeline.jpeg",native=TRUE)
plot(0:1,0:1,type="n",ann=FALSE,axes=FALSE)
rasterImage(jj,0,0,1,1)
```



And as a quick reminder from our presentation, here's a table from Zhang's 2021 paper (<https://doi.org/10.1002/wics.1553>) that provided a nice summary of a comparison between many of these methods and scenarios in which they're recommended.

```
[3]: jj <- readJPEG("methods_comparison.jpeg",native=TRUE)
plot(0:1,0:1,type="n",ann=FALSE,axes=FALSE)
rasterImage(jj,0,0,1,1)
```

TABLE 2 Four scenarios with recommended methods

Scenarios	Required characteristics for method	Recommended methods
I. (<i>Feature selection</i>): The need to identify clinically relevant disease subtypes and driving molecular signatures which can be targeted for treatment	Performing both sample clustering and feature selection	iCluster; iClusterPlus; iClusterBayes; intNMF; IS-K means; CIMLR; PSDF
II. (<i>Mixed-type data</i>): Large scale genomic data of mixed-type in large consortia	Integrating mixed type of data	iClusterPlus; iClusterBayes; moCluster; LRAcluster; MDI; SNF; CIMLR; rMKL-LPP; PINS; PINSplus
III. (<i>Computational efficiency</i>): Concern on the computational resources and consumption of time	Computationally efficient	Spectrum; SNF; ab-SNF; NEMO; CIMLR; rMKL-LPP
IV. (<i>Knowledge integration</i>): Leveraging the prior knowledge	Incorporating prior information	IS-K means; PARADIGM

2 Data

We'll be using mRNA expression, microRNA (miRNA), and DNA methylation data from 343 subjects with breast cancer (from TCGA's BRCA data). The omics data was originally provided with the R package **r.jive** which had already completed the initial pre-processing steps of each data type. The clinical data was sourced from TCGAbiolinks. For the Rdata file you've found on the Github, I also did some formatting of the data to streamline analyses in this lab. I matched all dataset by subject and formatted clinical data to factors when needed. I then save the data as an Rdata file as a list the following structure:

```
brca_dat <- list("clinical" = dataClin,
               "MO" = list(
                 "Expression" = exp_matched,
```

```
"Methylation" = methyl_matched,
"miRNA" = miRna_matched
))
```

It's essentially a list with a dataframe for clinical data under "clinical", and then a list ("MO") of the 3 omics types ("Expression" for mRNA expression, "Methylation" for DNA methylation, and "miRNA" for the microRNA expression).

NOTE: It is very important that all data is matched by sample!

We'll be using the same omics data from r.jive in our third lab so you can get a sense of how the various approaches might compare.

The data were originally referenced in this article: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3465532/#!po>

The following arrays were used:

- mRNA Gene Expression Profiling: Agilent custom 244K whole genome microarrays
- Array-based DNA methylation assay: Illumina Infinium DNA methylation platforms, HumanMethylation27 (HM27) BeadChip and HumanMethylation450 (HM450) BeadChip (Illumina, San Diego, CA)

The microRNA was sequenced.

2.1 Pre-processing Steps

The following pre-processing steps were performed, as detailed by: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3789539/#sec-10title>

RNA Expression:

- Missing mRNA expression values were imputed with k-nearest-neighbors
- Select the most variable genes: those with a standard deviation > 1.5

miRNA Expression:

- miRNAs with more than 50% missing values were removed
- log-transform the data ($\log(1 + \text{miRNA})$)

We have a total of 343 subjects, 645 mRNA transcripts, 574 CpG sites (methylation), 423 miRNA transcripts.

3 Goal

Our goal with this analysis will be subtype the subjects by omics profiles, then test those identified subtypes with outcomes or other clinical traits. We'll also explore differences in the subtypes' omics profiles with differential expression and gene set enrichment.

```
[4]: # install.packages("Rfssa") if you want to download through github
library(Rfssa)
url <- "https://github.com/KechrisLab/ASAShortCourse-MultiOmics/blob/main/
↳Lecture%202/brca_dat.Rdata"
load_github_data(url)
```

```
# load("brca_dat.Rdata")
```

Loading required package: dplyr

Attaching package: 'dplyr'

The following object is masked from 'package:Biobase':

combine

The following objects are masked from 'package:BiocGenerics':

combine, intersect, setdiff, union

The following objects are masked from 'package:stats':

filter, lag

The following objects are masked from 'package:base':

intersect, setdiff, setequal, union

Registered S3 method overwritten by 'quantmod':

method from
as.zoo.data.frame zoo

```
[5]: # let's get a quick look at our data
names(brca_dat)
paste("dim of clinical data:", dim(brca_dat[["clinical"]]))
head(brca_dat[["clinical"]])

# check sample names all match
identical(brca_dat[["clinical"]]$bcr_patient_barcode,
  ↪ colnames(brca_dat[["MO"]][["Expression"]]))
identical(brca_dat[["clinical"]]$bcr_patient_barcode,
  ↪ colnames(brca_dat[["MO"]][["Methylation"]]))
identical(brca_dat[["clinical"]]$bcr_patient_barcode,
  ↪ colnames(brca_dat[["MO"]][["miRNA"]]))
```

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identical(colnames(brca_dat[["MO"]][["Expression"]]),
  ↪colnames(brca_dat[["MO"]][["Methylation"]]))
identical(colnames(brca_dat[["MO"]][["Expression"]]),
  ↪colnames(brca_dat[["MO"]][["miRNA"]]))
identical(colnames(brca_dat[["MO"]][["Methylation"]]),
  ↪colnames(brca_dat[["MO"]][["miRNA"]]))
# should all be TRUE (6)

```

1. 'clinical' 2. 'MO'

1. 'dim of clinical data: 343' 2. 'dim of clinical data: 14'

		bcr_patient_barcode	age_at_diagnosis	ajcc_pathologic_stage	aj
		<chr>	<int>	<fct>	<
A data.frame: 6 x 14	TCGA-A1-A0SH	TCGA-A1-A0SH	14595	Stage IIA	T
	TCGA-A1-A0SJ	TCGA-A1-A0SJ	14383	Stage IIIA	T
	TCGA-A1-A0SK	TCGA-A1-A0SK	20048	Stage IIA	T
	TCGA-A1-A0SO	TCGA-A1-A0SO	24826	Stage IIB	T
	TCGA-A2-A04N	TCGA-A2-A04N	24155	Stage IA	T
	TCGA-A2-A04P	TCGA-A2-A04P	13238	Stage IIIC	T

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TRUE

```

[6]: paste("names of MO data:", names(brca_dat[["MO"]]))
paste("dim of mRNA data:", dim(brca_dat[["MO"]][["Expression"]]))
paste("dim of methylation data:", dim(brca_dat[["MO"]][["Methylation"]]))
paste("dim of miRNA data:", dim(brca_dat[["MO"]][["miRNA"]]))

```

1. 'names of MO data: Expression' 2. 'names of MO data: Methylation' 3. 'names of MO data: miRNA'

1. 'dim of mRNA data: 645' 2. 'dim of mRNA data: 343'

1. 'dim of methylation data: 574' 2. 'dim of methylation data: 343'

1. 'dim of miRNA data: 423' 2. 'dim of miRNA data: 343'

Let's make sure there are no missing values:

```

[7]: # data checking -- are there any missing values?
sum(is.na(brca_dat[["MO"]][["Expression"]]))
sum(is.na(brca_dat[["MO"]][["Methylation"]]))
sum(is.na(brca_dat[["MO"]][["miRNA"]]))

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Let's also have a quick look at the distributions:

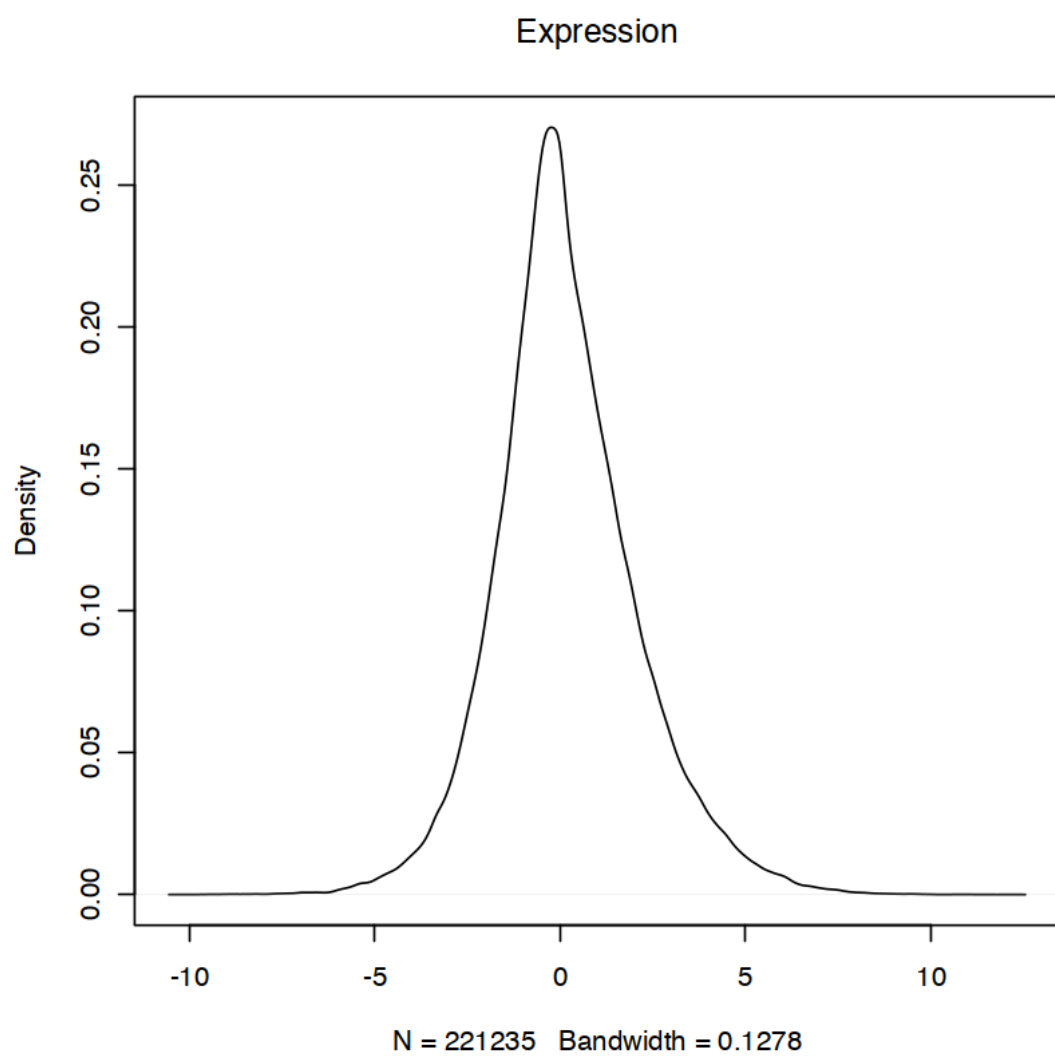
```
[8]: # exp
range(brca_dat[["MO"]][["Expression"]])
plot(density(brca_dat[["MO"]][["Expression"]]), main = "Expression")

# methyl
range(brca_dat[["MO"]][["Methylation"]])
plot(density(brca_dat[["MO"]][["Methylation"]]), main = "Methylation")

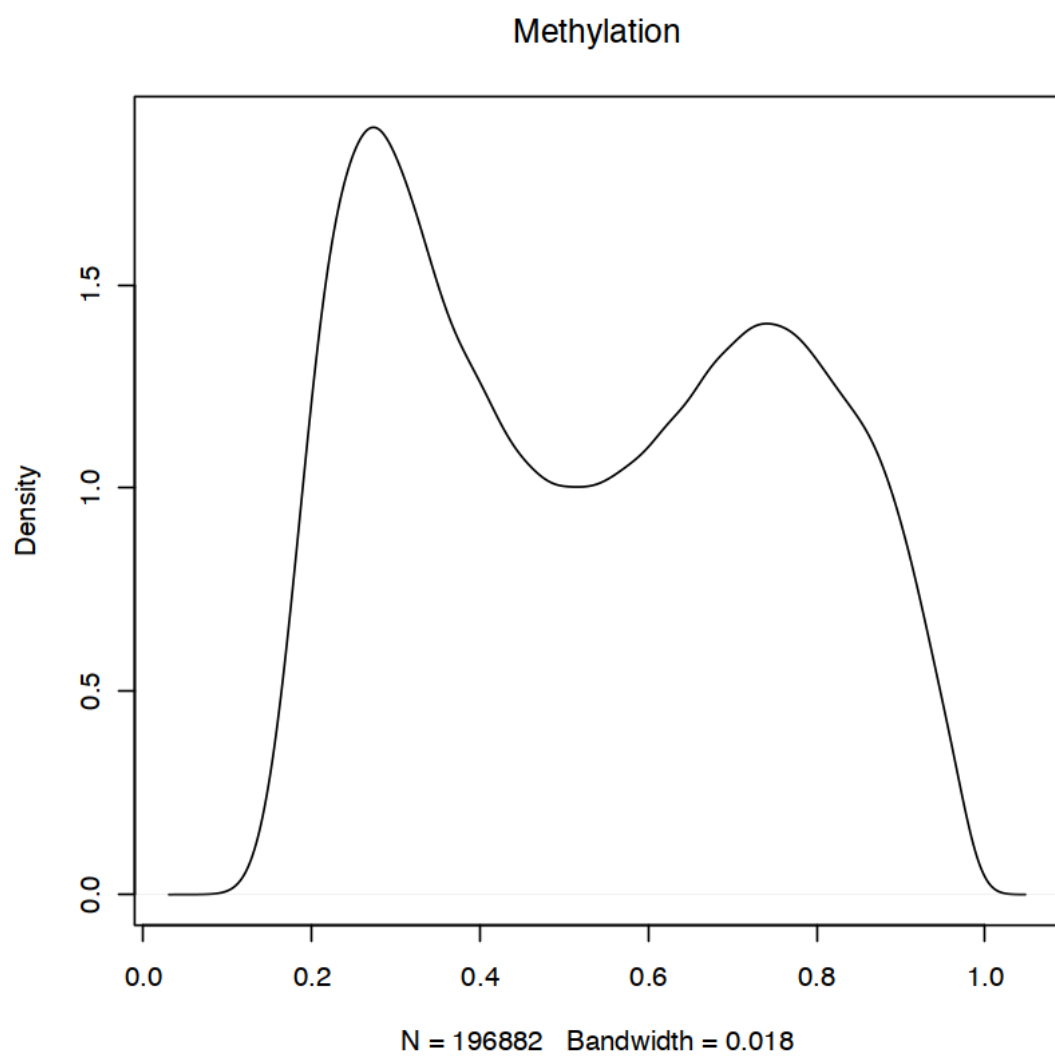
# miRNA
range(brca_dat[["MO"]][["miRNA"]])
plot(density(brca_dat[["MO"]][["miRNA"]]), main = "miRNA")
```

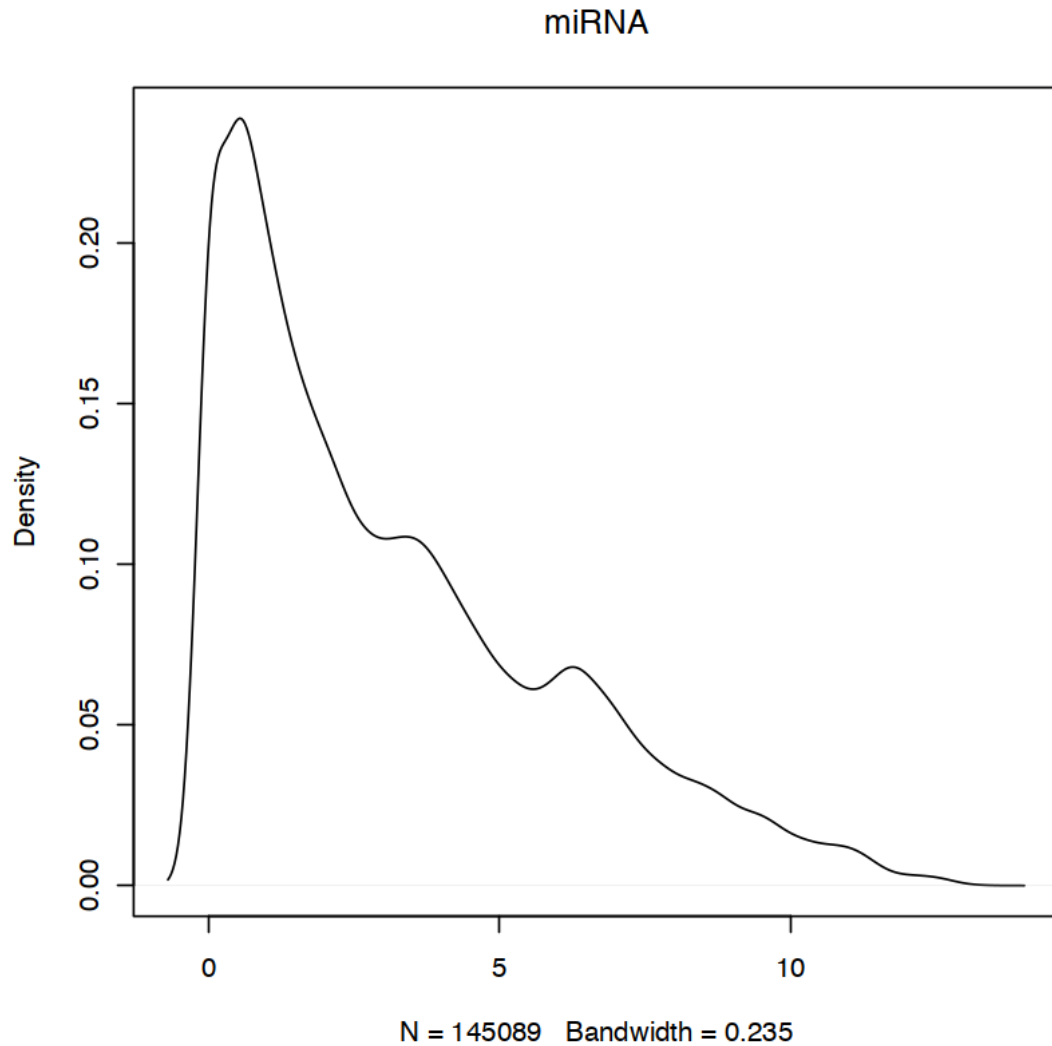
1. -10.16825 2. 12.163125

1. 0.0845073783760921 2. 0.993792875301489



1. 0 2. 13.32126401793





4 Identifying Variable Features

With omics data, it is important to filter to the most variable features. This will reduce the dimensions as well as focus our analysis to only “important” features or adequately strong signals. The data we’re working with has already done this, but here’s a brief look at how it could be done with MOVICS using the *getElites()* function.

```
elite.tmp <- getElites(dat      = single_M0_dataset,  
                      method   = "mad", (see below for further options)  
                      na.action = "impute", # NA values will be imputed  
                      elite.pct = 0.1) # keep only top 10% features with high mad values
```

This function provides the following methods to identify the most variable features:

- “mad” - median absolute deviation (default)
- “sd” - standard deviation
- “pca” - principle components analysis
- “cox” - univariate Cox proportional hazards regression
- “freq” - frequency, for binary omics data

It allows for imputation of missing values using k-nearest-neighbors. Note that the default is to remove missing values.

Additionally, there are parameters to log2-transform, center, and scale the data prior to filtering. And of course refer to the documentation for additional options.

5 Identifying Optimal Clusters k

One of the key parameters an analyst sets for unsupervised clustering is the number of clusters to use, k .

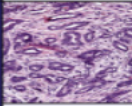
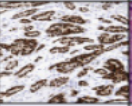
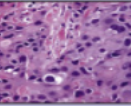
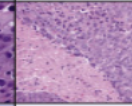
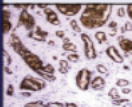
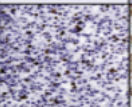
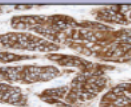
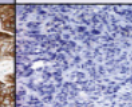
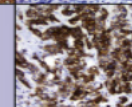
MOVICS provides the function `getClustNum()` to calculate the Cluster Prediction Index (CPI; Chalise 2017) and Gap Statistic (Tibshirani 2001). The function will estimate the number of clusters to maximize both of these values.

However, it is important to look at the plot holistically. If biological knowledge highly suggests a certain number of clusters have been noted in a disease, and the CPI and Gap statistic at that number are still quite high, it might make sense to use that number of clusters versus the one algorithmically defined here. The original paper associated with the BRCA data identified 4 subtypes, and a commonly used classifier, PAM50 (based on 50 genes) also has 4 subtypes. (See figure below; from <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-800886-7.00021-2>) The results of `getClustNum` suggested 3 subtypes here, but given this biological knowledge and small differences in the CPI and gap statistic if we increase to $k=4$, I selected 4 subtypes. Furthermore, Silhouette scores (below) suggested better clustering with 4 groups.

Summary of Statistics:

- CPI: a resampling method using *intNMF*. It repeatedly partitions the data into training and testing sets. “Observed” clusters are the clustering assignments from running *intNMF* on the testing set directly; “Predicted” clusters are those predicted for the test data using *intNMF* on the training data to build a model. The degree of consensus/agreement is calculated with an adjusted rand index. CPI is the average of the adjusted rand indices after repeating several times.
- Gap Statistic: “compares change of within-cluster dispersion with that expected under appropriate reference null distribution”

```
[9]: jj <- readJPEG("ex_breastcancer_pic.jpeg")
plot(0:1,0:1,type="n",ann=FALSE,axes=FALSE)
rasterImage(jj,0,0,1,1)
# https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-800886-7.00021-2
```

Molecular subtype	Luminal (A and B)		HER2	Basal	
Genetic profile	↑Luminal CKs and ER-related genes (A>B) B↑ in proliferation-related genes		↑HER2-related genes	↑Basal CKs	
Histologic correlates					
	A Lower-grade ER+	B Higher-grade ER+	High-grade, ± apocrine features	High-grade, sheet-like, necrosis inflammation	
Surrogate markers					ER/PR- HER2-
	A Strong ER+, PR±, HER2-, low Ki67	B Weaker ER+, PR±, HER2±, ↑Ki67	HER2+, ± ER/PR	 CK5/6± EGFR±	
Prognosis	Good	Intermediate	Worse	Worse	
Response to chemotherapy	Lower	Intermediate	Higher	Higher	
Targeted therapies	Hormone therapies		HER2-targeted therapies	Currently investigational	

```
[10]: optk.brca <- getClustNum(data      = brca_dat[["MO"]],
                             is.binary  = c(F,F,F), # all omics data is continuous
                             ↪(not binary)
                             try.N.clust = 2:8, # try cluster number from 2 to 8
                             fig.name   = "CLUSTER NUMBER OF TCGA-BRCA")
```

calculating Cluster Prediction Index...

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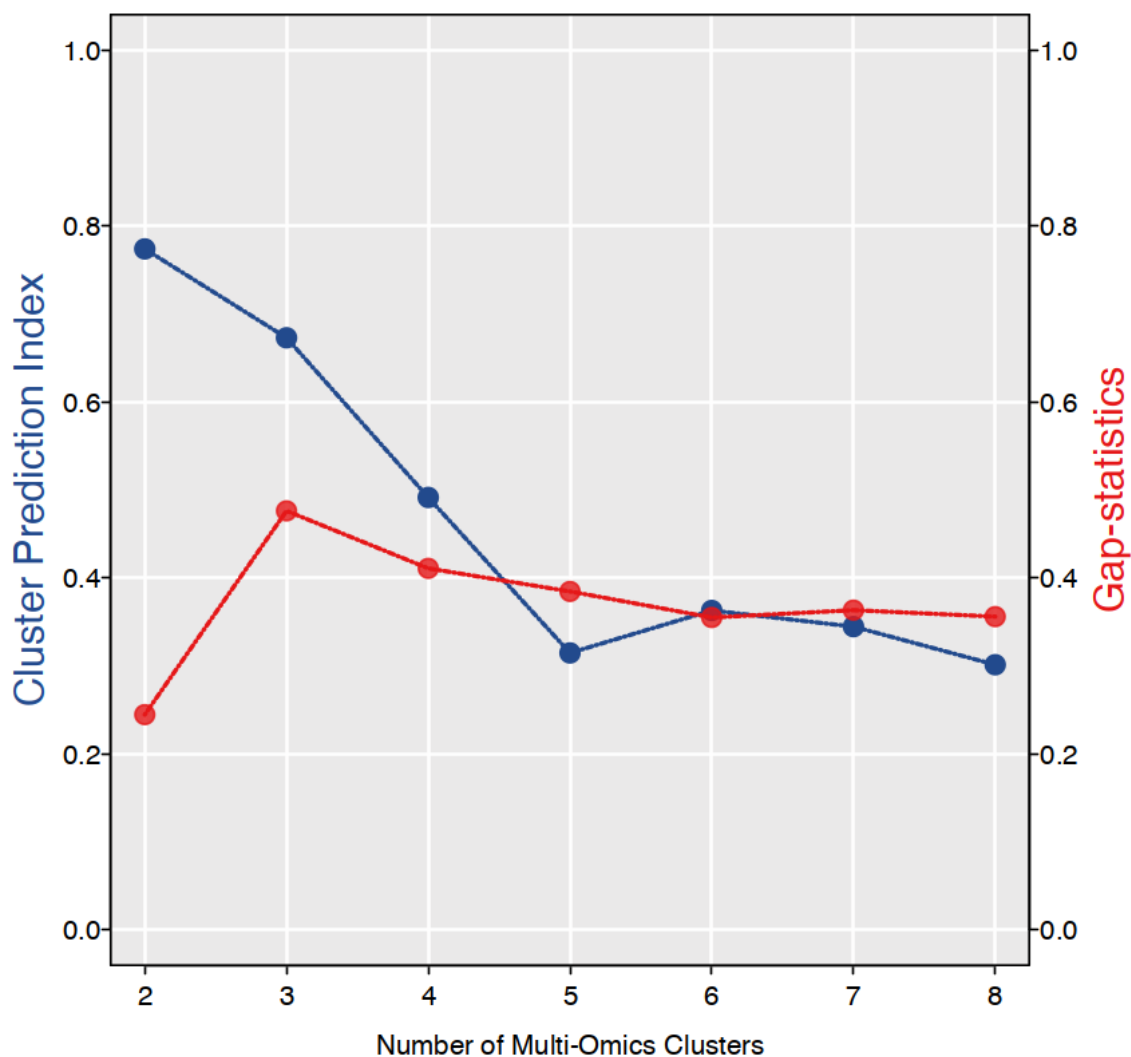
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100% complete

calculating Gap-statistics...

visualization done...

--the imputed optimal cluster number is 3 arbitrarily, but it would be better referring to other priori knowledge.



[12]: `optk.brca`

`$N.clust 3`

	run1 <dbl>	run2 <dbl>	run3 <dbl>	run4 <dbl>	run5 <dbl>
k2	0.8432502	0.7282426	0.7316823	0.7425548	0.8233950
k3	0.6059018	0.7734596	0.6479677	0.8111728	0.5258236
k4	0.4500327	0.5359211	0.4930524	0.5138497	0.4643814
k5	0.3129734	0.2815951	0.3444218	0.3395948	0.2953664
k6	0.2948730	0.3657889	0.3485947	0.4040925	0.4018108
k7	0.3452716	0.3447002	0.3492336	0.3091536	0.3750556
k8	0.2977934	0.3017578	0.3338568	0.2933031	0.2802605

`$CPI` A data.frame: 7 x 5

	logW <dbl>	E.logW <dbl>	gap <dbl>	SE.sim <dbl>
2	7.341067	7.585790	0.2447224	0.02841250
3	6.931700	7.407904	0.4762041	0.03260670
4	6.823207	7.234078	0.4108715	0.03826871
5	6.733596	7.118257	0.3846612	0.03225452
6	6.662954	7.018019	0.3550653	0.03089040
7	6.571253	6.934678	0.3634251	0.02677588
8	6.509093	6.865159	0.3560663	0.02663530

\$Gapk A data.frame: 7 x 4

```
[13]: # what if we use the suggested k=3 clusters?
# you don't need to run this during lab; I'm just presenting it as an example
mo_rslts_3 <- getMOIC(data = brca_dat[["MO"]],
                      methodslist = list("SNF", "PINSPlus", "NEMO",
    ↪ "LRAcluster", "IntNMF"),
                      N.clust      = 3,
                      type         = c("gaussian", "gaussian", "gaussian"))

cmoic.brca_3 <- getConsensusMOIC(moic.res.list = mo_rslts_3,
                                fig.name      = "CONSENSUS HEATMAP - 3 Clusters",
                                distance      = "euclidean",
                                linkage       = "average")

getSilhouette(sil      = cmoic.brca_3$sil, # a sil object returned by
    ↪ getConsensusMOIC()
              fig.path = getwd(),
              fig.name = "SILHOUETTE",
              height   = 5.5,
              width    = 5)
```

--you choose more than 1 algorithm and all of them shall be run with parameters by default.

SNF done...

Clustering method: kmeans

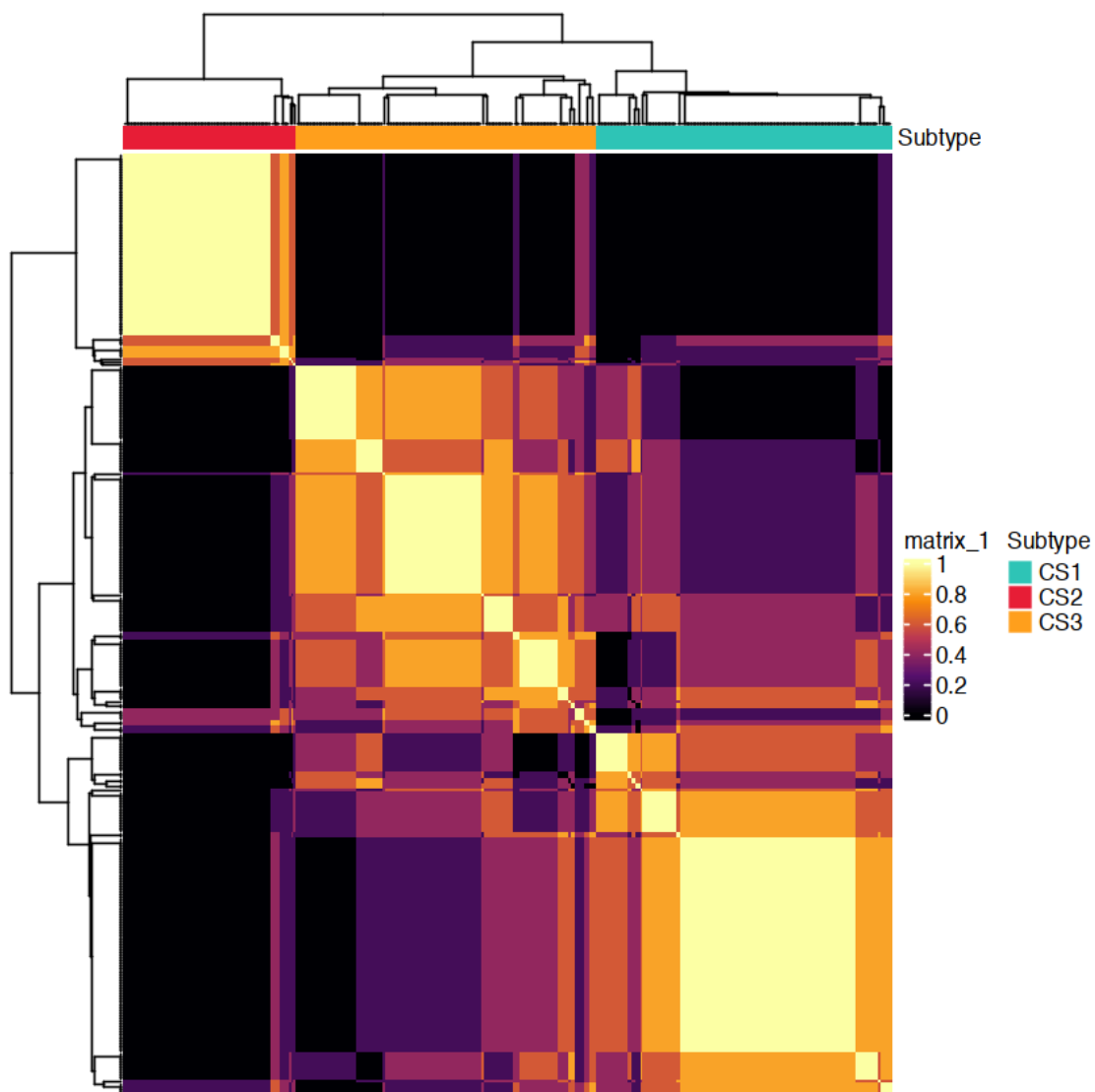
Perturbation method: noise

PINSPlus done...

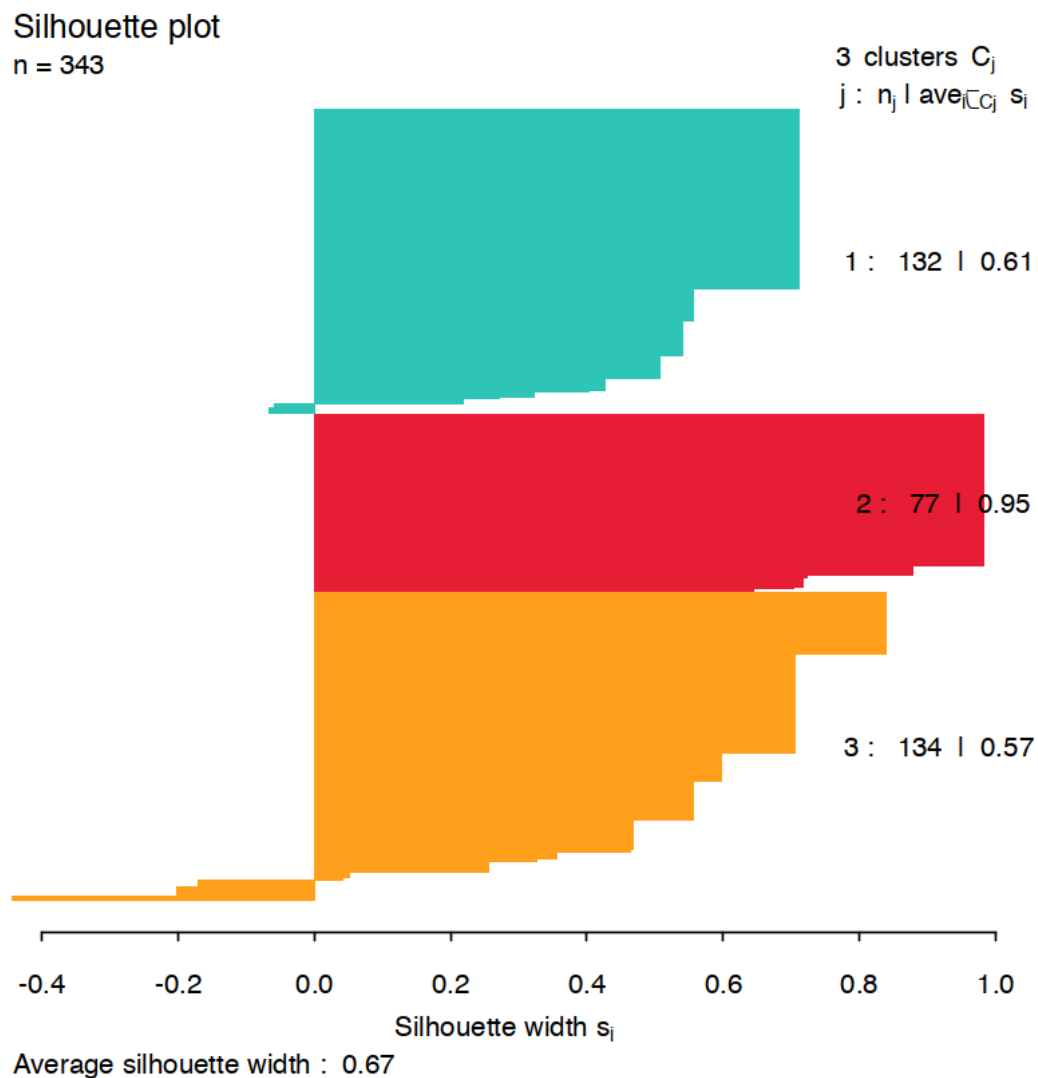
NEMO done...

LRAcluster done...

IntNMF done...



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6 Perform Unsupervised Clustering

We will now use the main workhorse of MOVICS to perform unsupervised clustering of our omics data, using SNF as well as NEMO, IntNMF, LRAcluster, and PINSPlus. The package contains other methods as well, but we have selected just a few to limit computational burdens during this lab. I would suggest playing around with them on your own following our session.

We will focus on the results of SNF and compare them to the larger consensus clustering using SNF and the 4 other methods.

Note that if you want to specify specific parameters for a method, you can use the function “get”(method name) (e.g. getSNF()), then compile the results into a list.

```
[14]: mo_rslts <- getMOIC(data = brca_dat[["MO"]],
                        methodslist = list("SNF", "PINSPlus", "NEMO",
↪ "LRAcluster", "IntNMF"),
                        N.clust      = 4, # set number of clusters
                        type         = c("gaussian", "gaussian", "gaussian")) #
↪ what is the distribution of the datasets in MO list (same order)
```

--you choose more than 1 algorithm and all of them shall be run with parameters by default.

SNF done...

Clustering method: kmeans

Perturbation method: noise

PINSPlus done...

NEMO done...

LRAcluster done...

IntNMF done...

7 Get Consensus of Clustering Methods

We'll now use the function *getConsensusMOIC* to build a consensus matrix from our clustering results from the 4 methods.

The package developers built this function with the idea of consensus ensembles in mind to generate a consensus matrix of our clustering methods. This will improve our robustness. The idea is to calculate a matrix $M_{n \times n}^{(t)}$ per each algorithm. $M_{ij}^{(t)} = 1$ when samples i and j are in the same subtype, otherwise $M_{ij}^{(t)} = 0$. The consensus matrix is then: $CM = \sum_{t=1}^{t_{max}} M^{(t)}$.

This matrix “represents robust pairwise similarities for the samples because it considers different multi-omics integrative clustering algorithms. MOVICS then searches for a stable clustering result by applying hierarchical clustering to CM .”

CM a probability matrix that represents how many times samples belonging to the same subtype can be clustered together by different multi-omics clustering methods. Ideally, the consensus heatmap will show a perfect diagonal rectangle, and the input values are 0 and 1 only because all algorithms derived the same clustering results.”

The function will provide the following:

- consensus.hm: an object returned by pheatmap
- similarity: a similarity matrix for pair-wise samples with entries ranging from 0 to 1
- sil: a silhouette object that can be further passed to getSilhouette

- clust.res: a data.frame storing sample ID and corresponding clusters
- clust.dend: a dendrogram of sample clustering
- mo.method: a string value indicating the method used for multi-omics integrative clustering

```
[15]: cmoic.brca <- getConsensusMOIC(moic.res.list = mo_rslts,
                                   fig.name       = "CONSENSUS HEATMAP - 4 Clusters",
                                   distance        = "euclidean",
                                   linkage         = "ward.D")
```



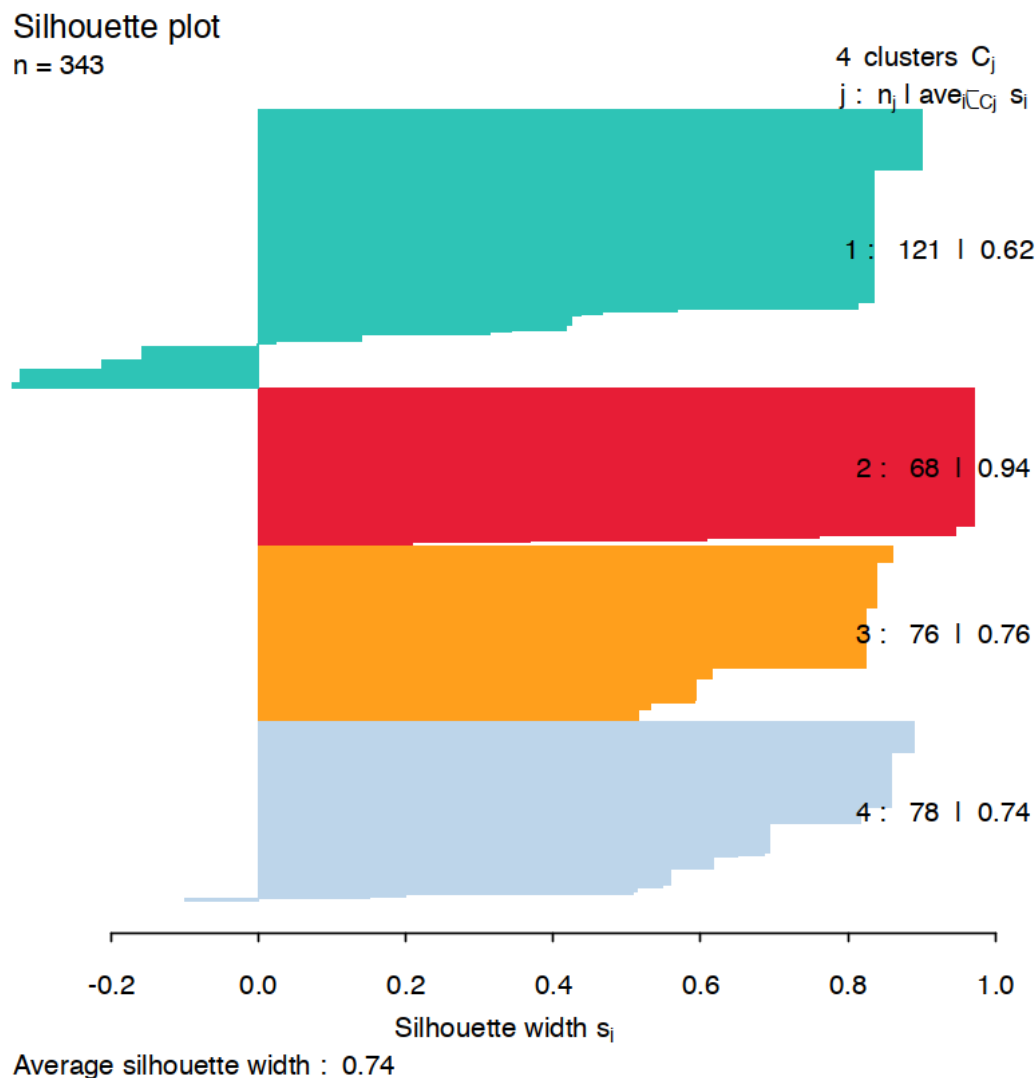
We can also quantify and visualize the sample similarity more specifically given the identified clusters using Silhouette scores.

The silhouette value is a measure of how similar an object is to its own cluster (cohesion) compared

to other clusters (separation). The silhouette ranges from -1 to $+1$, where a high value indicates that the object is well matched to its own cluster and poorly matched to neighboring clusters. If most objects have a high value, then the clustering configuration is appropriate. If many points have a low or negative value, then the clustering configuration may have too many or too few clusters. ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Silhouette_\(clustering\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Silhouette_(clustering)))

```
[16]: getSilhouette(sil      = cmoic.brca$sil, # a sil object returned by getConsensusMOIC()
      fig.path = getwd(),
      fig.name = "SILHOUETTE",
      height   = 5.5,
      width    = 5)
```

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8 Multi-Omics Heatmap

We can get a good visualization of our data by building a genome-wide heatmap. This can provide insight on how the samples and genes cluster together or potential sample biases or other artifacts.

We must first make sure our data are appropriately processed for visualization. For continuous data, particularly expression data (e.g., RNA and protein), we should center (`centerFlag = TRUE`), scale (`scaleFlag = TRUE`), or z-score (both centered and scaled). DNA methylation data is usually measured in terms of β -values, which describe the percent methylation at that probe and is bimodally distributed (see above). Therefore, we convert the β -values to M-values using the formula: $M = \log_2 \frac{\beta}{1-\beta}$. This leads to a stronger signal in visualization and we can normalize these M-values.

This function also provides an argument of halfwidth for continuous omics data; this is used to truncate the ‘extremum’ after normalization; specifically, normalized values that exceed the halfwidth boundaries will be replaced by the halfwidth, which is beneficial to map colors in heatmap.

I’ve also added annotations for the PAM50 subtypes to help compare our findings with previous knowledge.

```
[17]: # convert beta value to M value for stronger signal
std_dat <- brca_dat[["MO"]]
std_dat[["Methylation"]] <- log2(std_dat[["Methylation"]] / (1 -
  ↪std_dat[["Methylation"]]))

# data normalization for heatmap
plotdata <- getStdiz(data      = std_dat,
                    halfwidth = c(2,2,2), # no truncation for mutation
                    centerFlag = c(T,T,T), # no center for mutation
                    scaleFlag  = c(T,T,T)) # no scale for mutation

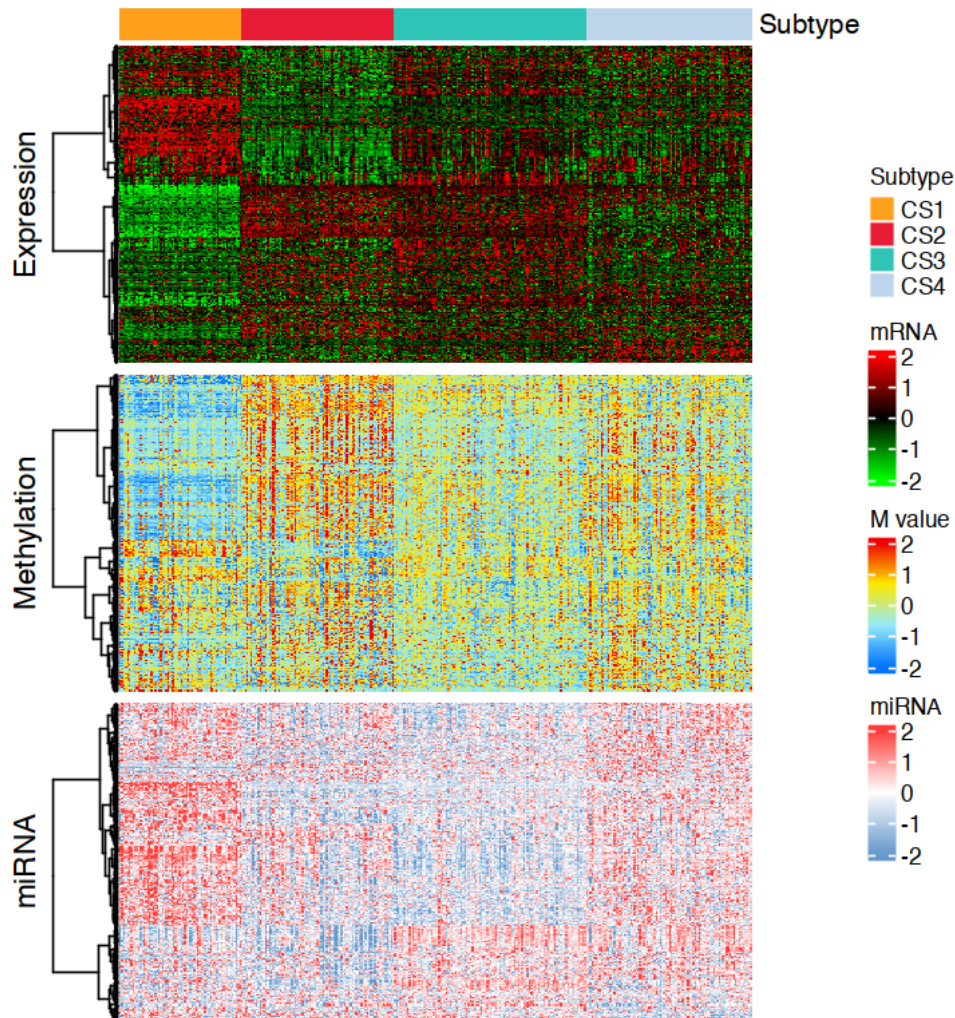
mRNA.col  <- c("#00FF00", "#008000", "#000000", "#800000", "#FF0000")
meth.col  <- c("#0074FE", "#96EBF9", "#FEE900", "#F00003")
miRNA.col <- c("#6699CC", "white", "#FF3C38")
col.list  <- list(mRNA.col, meth.col, miRNA.col)

# extract PAM50, pathologic stage for sample annotation
annCol    <- brca_dat[["clinical"]][,c("BRCA_Subtype_PAM50"), drop = FALSE]

# generate corresponding colors for sample annotation
annColors <- list(
  BRCA_Subtype_PAM50 = c("Basal" = "blue",
                        "Her2"   = "red",
                        "LumA"   = "yellow",
                        "LumB"   = "green",
                        "Normal" = "black")
)
```

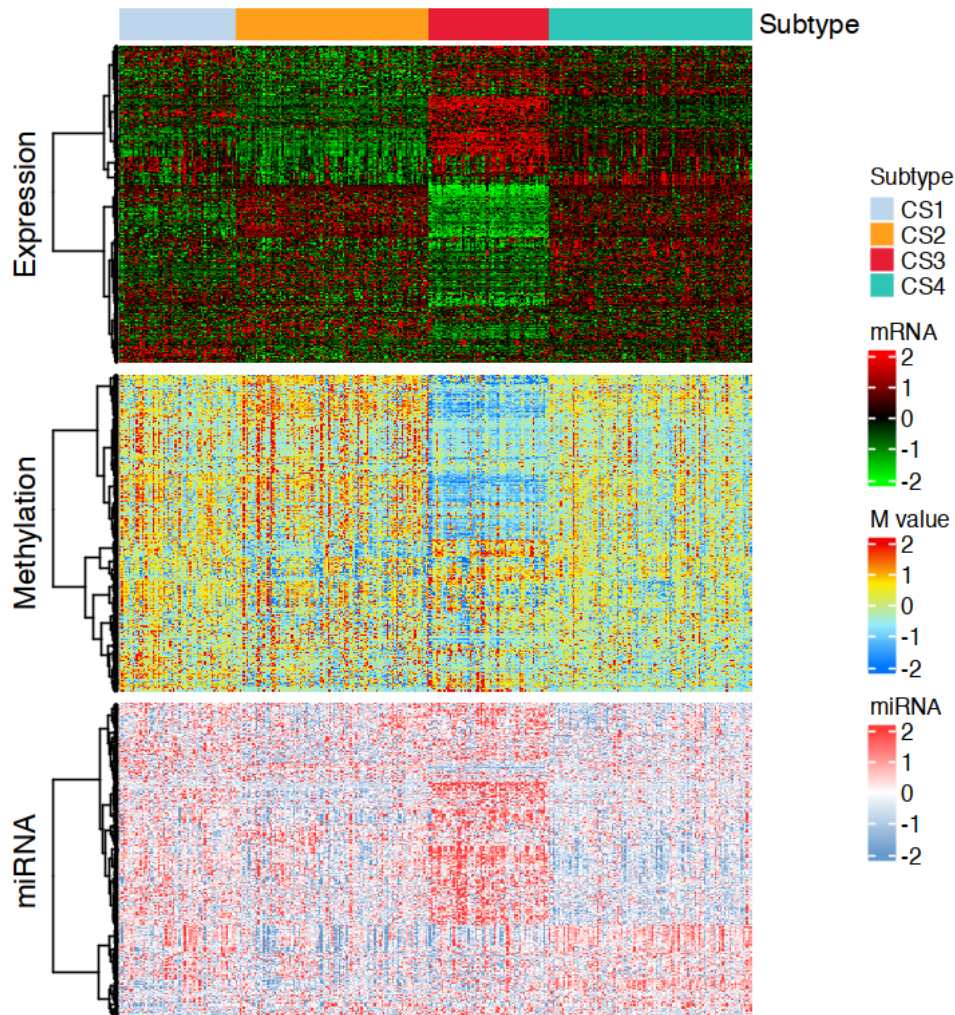
8.1 SNF

```
[18]: # comprehensive heatmap
getMoHeatmap(data          = plotdata,
             row.title     = names(std_dat),
             is.binary     = c(F,F,F), # we don't have any binary omics data
             ↪(ex mutation)
             legend.name   = c("mRNA", "M value", "miRNA"),
             clust.res     = mo_rslts$SNF$clust.res, # cluster results for SNF
             color         = col.list,
             # annCol      = annCol, # annotation for samples (if you want to
             ↪show PAM50 classes too)
             # annColors   = annColors, # annotation color
             width         = 10, # width of each subheatmap
             height        = 5, # height of each subheatmap
             fig.name      = "COMPREHENSIVE HEATMAP OF SNF")
```



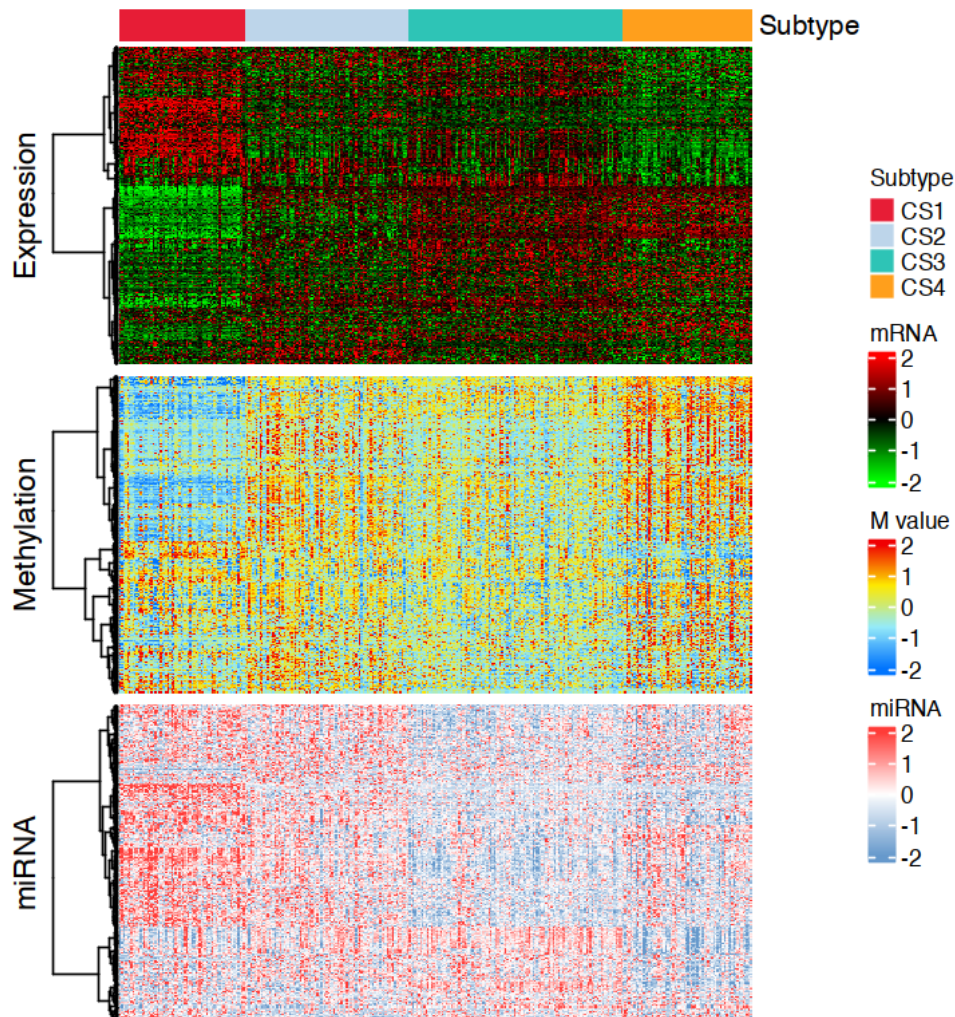
8.2 PINSPPlus

```
[19]: getMoHeatmap(data          = plotdata,
                 row.title      = names(std_dat),
                 is.binary      = c(F,F,F), # all data is continuous
                 legend.name    = c("mRNA", "M value", "miRNA"),
                 clust.res      = mo_rslts$PINSPPlus$clust.res, # cluster results for
                 ↪PINSPPlus
                 color          = col.list,
                 width          = 10, # width of each subheatmap
                 height         = 5, # height of each subheatmap
                 fig.name       = "COMPREHENSIVE HEATMAP OF PINSPPlus")
```



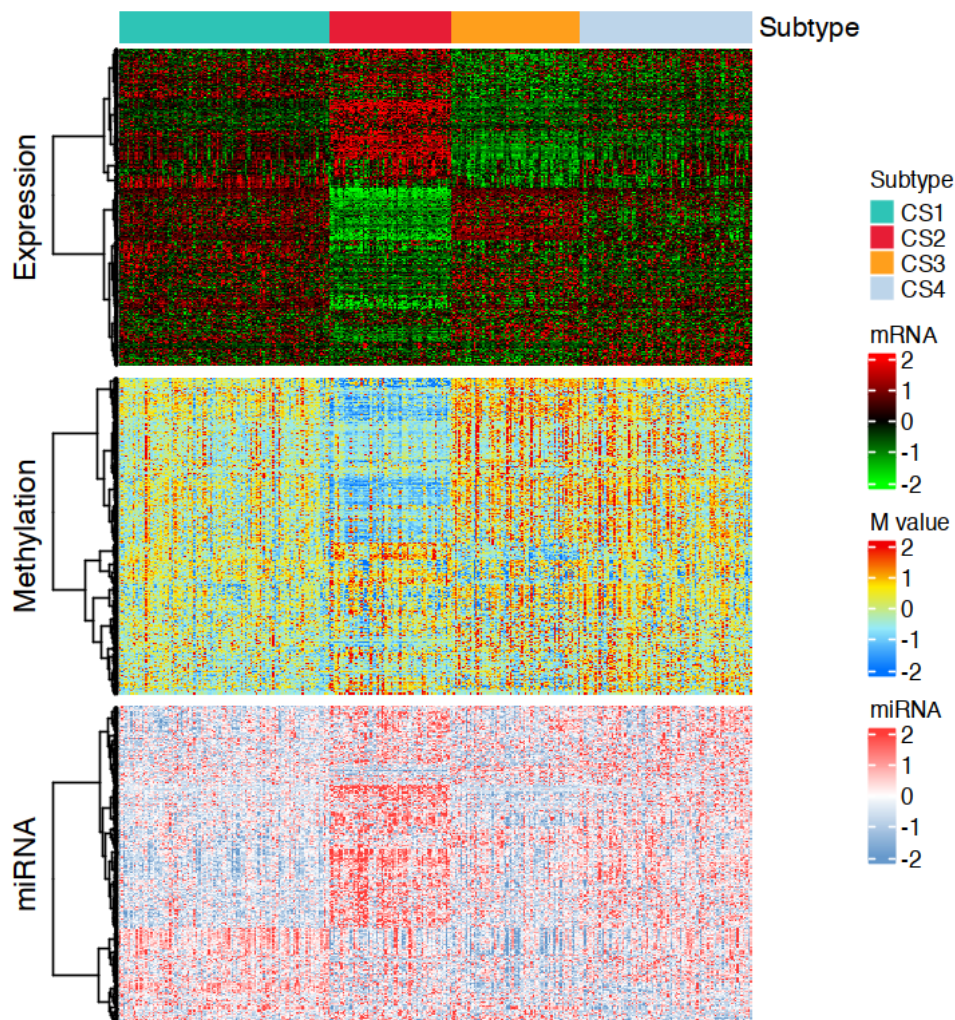
8.3 NEMO

```
[20]: # comprehensive heatmap (may take a while)
getMoHeatmap(data      = plotdata,
             row.title  = names(std_dat),
             is.binary  = c(F,F,F),
             legend.name = c("mRNA", "M value", "miRNA"),
             clust.res  = mo_rslts$NEMO$clust.res, # cluster results for NEMO
             color      = col.list,
             width      = 10, # width of each subheatmap
             height     = 5, # height of each subheatmap
             fig.name    = "COMPREHENSIVE HEATMAP OF PINSPlus")
```



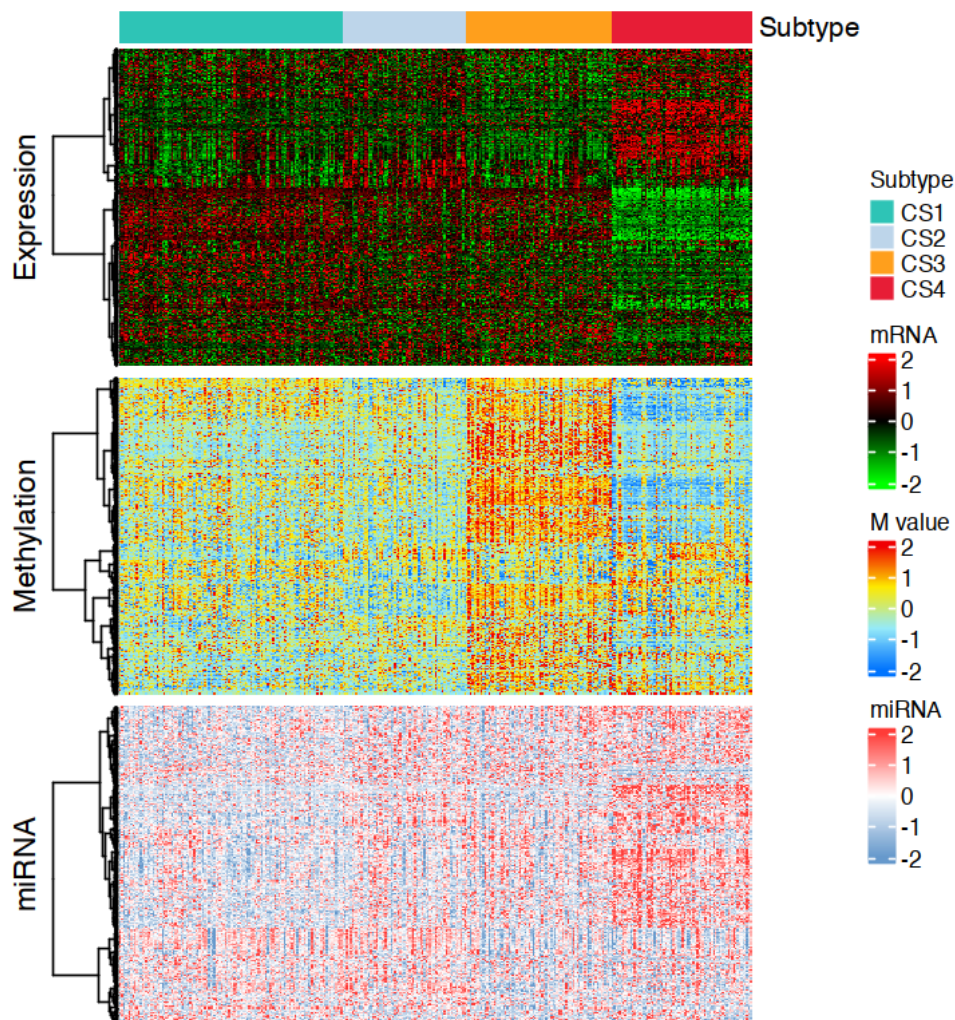
8.4 LRAcluster

```
[21]: # comprehensive heatmap (may take a while)
getMoHeatmap(data      = plotdata,
             row.title  = names(std_dat),
             is.binary  = c(F,F,F),
             legend.name = c("mRNA", "M value", "miRNA"),
             clust.res   = mo_rslts$LRAcluster$clust.res, # cluster results
             ↪for LRAcluster
             color      = col.list,
             width      = 10,
             height     = 5,
             fig.name    = "COMPREHENSIVE HEATMAP OF PINSPPlus")
```



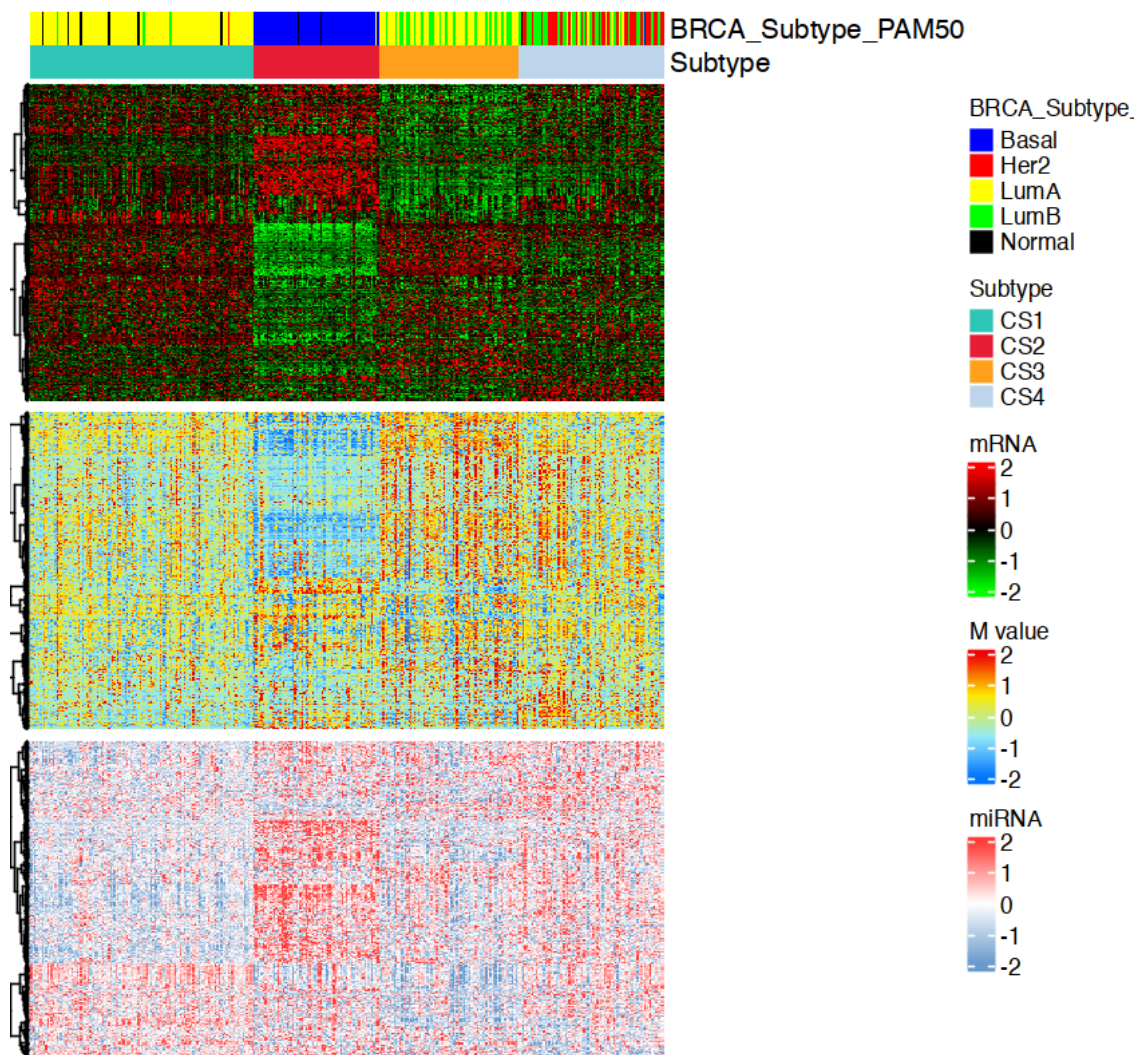
8.5 IntNMF

```
[22]: # comprehensive heatmap (may take a while)
getMoHeatmap(data      = plotdata,
             row.title  = names(std_dat),
             is.binary  = c(F,F,F),
             legend.name = c("mRNA", "M value", "miRNA"),
             clust.res   = mo_rslts$IntNMF$clust.res, # cluster results for_
             ↪intNMF
             color       = col.list,
             width       = 10, # width of each subheatmap
             height      = 5, # height of each subheatmap
             fig.name    = "COMPREHENSIVE HEATMAP OF IntNMF")
```



8.6 Consensus Matrix

```
[23]: getMoHeatmap(data      = plotdata,
      row.title    = names(plotdata),
      is.binary     = c(F,F,F), # no binary omics data
      legend.name   = c("mRNA", "M value", "miRNA"),
      clust.res     = cmoic.brca$clust.res, # consensusMOIC results
      clust.dend    = NULL, # show no dendrogram for samples
      show.colnames = FALSE, # show no sample names
      show.row.dend = c(T,T,T), # show dendrogram for features
      annRow        = NULL, # no selected features
      color         = col.list,
      annCol        = annCol, # annotation for samples
      annColors     = annColors, # annotation color
      width         = 10, # width of each subheatmap
      height        = 5, # height of each subheatmap
      fig.name      = "COMPREHENSIVE HEATMAP OF CONSENSUSMOIC")
```



```
[24]: clust_rslts_SNF_df <- data.frame(mo_rslts$SNF$clust.res)
colnames(clust_rslts_SNF_df) <- c("samID", "SNF")
clust_rslts_CM_df <- data.frame(cmoic.brca$clust.res)
colnames(clust_rslts_CM_df) <- c("samID", "Consensus")

clust_rslts_df <- merge(clust_rslts_SNF_df, clust_rslts_CM_df, by="samID")
# head(clust_rslts_df)

table(clust_rslts_df$SNF, clust_rslts_df$Consensus)
```

```
      1    2    3    4
1     0   66    0    0
```

2	5	0	76	2
3	104	0	0	0
4	12	2	0	76

9 How are our clusters different?: the COMP Module

Now we will explore how the clusters or subtypes we've identified differ with regard to patient characteristics. We'll explore survival outcomes, compare clinical features, and agreement with the PAM50 subtype.

9.1 Survival Outcomes

We'll start with using the `compSurv()` function to compare survival among our identified subtypes. This function will calculate the overall nominal P value by log-rank test, perform pairwise comparisons with adjusted p-values with BH, and provide a Kaplan-Meier Curve for visualization.

We must also provide data frame that includes the subjects' survival data (`surv.info` argument). Again, rownames must match our previous data. It must also have a column **futime** for survival time (in days) and another column **fustat** for survival outcome (0 = censor; 1 = event).

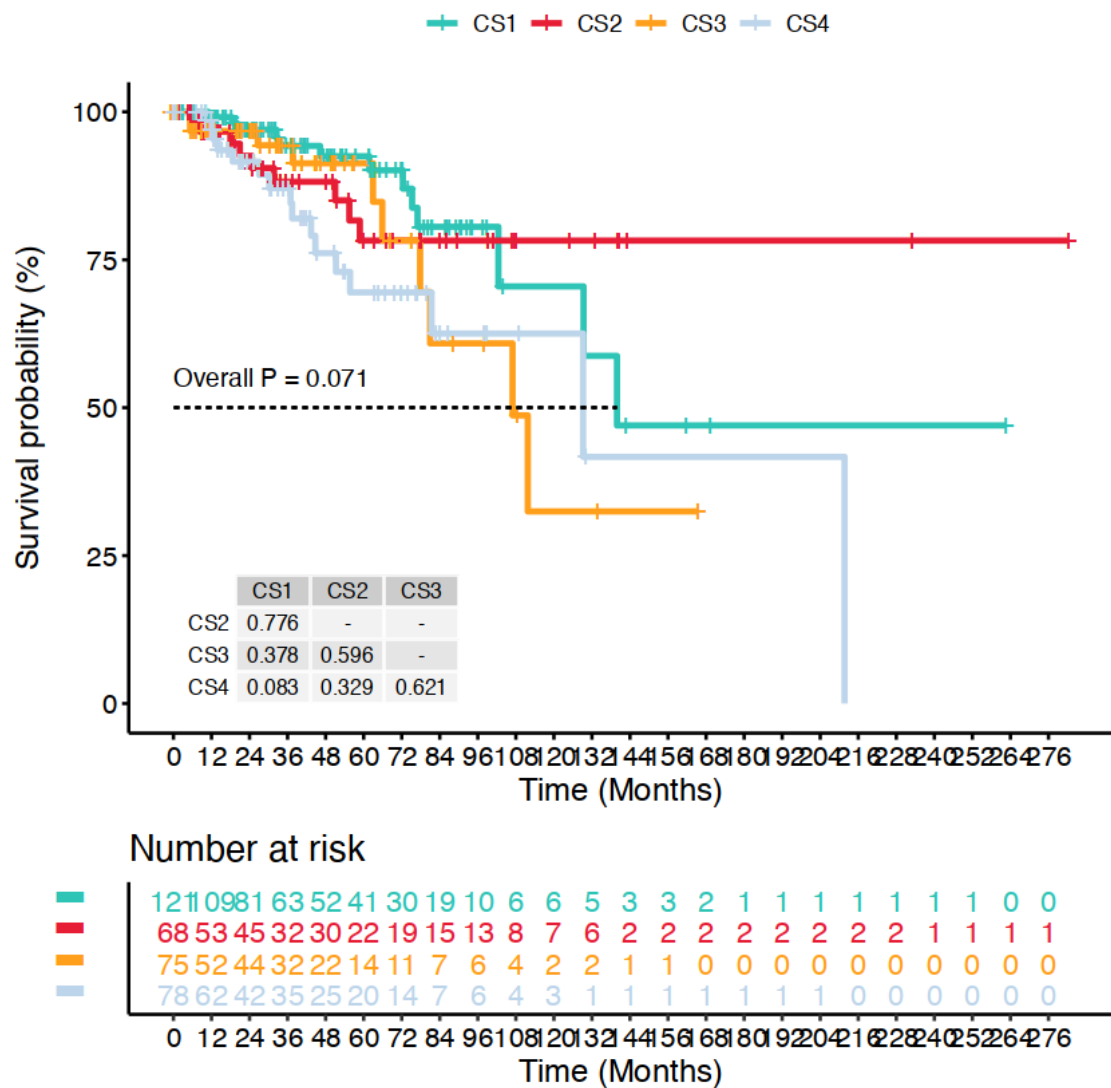
The result will provide the following:

- A figure of multi-omics Kaplan-Meier curve (.pdf) and a list with the following components:
- `fitd`: an object returned by `survdif`.
- `fid`: an object returned by `survfit`.
- `xyrs.est`: x-year probability of survival and the associated lower and upper bounds of the 95
- `overall.p`: a nominal p.value calculated by Kaplan-Meier estimator with log-rank test
- `pairwise.p`: an object of class "pairwise.htest" which is a list containing the p values (see `pairwise_survdif`); (only returned when more than 2 subtypes are identified).

```
[25]: # survival comparison
brca_dat[["clinical"]]$futime = as.numeric(brca_dat[["clinical"]]$futime)
head(brca_dat[["clinical"]])
surv.brca <- compSurv(moic.res      = cmoic.brca,
                      surv.info    = brca_dat[["clinical"]],
                      convt.time   = "m", # convert day unit to month
                      surv.median.line = "h", # draw horizontal line at median
                      ↪survival
                      xyrs.est      = c(5,10), # estimate 5 and 10-year
                      ↪survival
                      fig.name      = "KAPLAN-MEIER CURVE OF CONSENSUSMOIC")
```

		bcr_patient_barcode	age_at_diagnosis	ajcc_pathologic_stage	aj
		<chr>	<int>	<fct>	<
A data.frame: 6 x 14	TCGA-A1-A0SH	TCGA-A1-A0SH	14595	Stage IIA	T
	TCGA-A1-A0SJ	TCGA-A1-A0SJ	14383	Stage IIIA	T
	TCGA-A1-A0SK	TCGA-A1-A0SK	20048	Stage IIA	T
	TCGA-A1-A0SO	TCGA-A1-A0SO	24826	Stage IIB	T
	TCGA-A2-A04N	TCGA-A2-A04N	24155	Stage IA	T
	TCGA-A2-A04P	TCGA-A2-A04P	13238	Stage IIIC	T

--a total of 343 samples are identified.



```
[26]: print(surv.brca)
```


\$fitd

Call:

```
survdif(formula = Surv(futime, fustat) ~ Subtype, data = mosurv.res,  
         na.action = na.exclude)
```

	N	Observed	Expected	(O-E) ² /E	(O-E) ² /V
Subtype=CS1	121	13	18.36	1.563	2.544
Subtype=CS2	68	9	11.86	0.691	0.942
Subtype=CS3	76	10	8.22	0.384	0.469
Subtype=CS4	78	16	9.56	4.341	5.447

Chisq= 7 on 3 degrees of freedom, p= 0.07

\$fit

```
Call: survfit(formula = Surv(futime, fustat) ~ Subtype, data = mosurv.res,  
              na.action = na.exclude, error = "greenwood", type = "kaplan-meier",  
              conf.type = "plain")
```

	n	events	median	0.95LCL	0.95UCL
CS1	121	13	140	102.5	NA
CS2	68	9	NA	NA	NA
CS3	76	10	107	77.8	NA
CS4	78	16	129	81.4	NA

\$xyrs.est

```
Call: survfit(formula = Surv(futime, fustat) ~ Subtype, data = mosurv.res)
```

Subtype=CS1							
time	n.risk	n.event	survival	std.err	lower	95% CI	upper
1825	41	6	0.925	0.0303		0.867	0.986
3650	6	5	0.705	0.1088		0.521	0.954

Subtype=CS2							
time	n.risk	n.event	survival	std.err	lower	95% CI	upper
1825	22	9	0.782	0.0677		0.66	0.927
3650	7	0	0.782	0.0677		0.66	0.927

Subtype=CS3							
time	n.risk	n.event	survival	std.err	lower	95% CI	upper
1825	14	4	0.913	0.0434		0.832	1.000
3650	2	6	0.325	0.1664		0.119	0.886

Subtype=CS4							
time	n.risk	n.event	survival	std.err	lower	95% CI	upper
1825	20	13	0.695	0.0748		0.563	0.858
3650	3	1	0.625	0.0942		0.465	0.840


```
$overall.p  
[1] 0.07072748
```

```
$pairwise.p
```

```
Pairwise comparisons using Log-Rank test
```

```
data: mosurv.res and Subtype
```

```
      CS1  CS2  CS3  
CS2 0.776 -    -  
CS3 0.378 0.596 -  
CS4 0.083 0.329 0.621
```

```
P value adjustment method: BH
```

9.2 Compare Clinical Features

Here we'll compare pathologic stages of the cancers, defined by the American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC).

As summarized by Johns Hopkins:

The “pathologic stage” of a cancer takes into consideration the characteristics of the tumor (“T”) and the presence of any lymph nodes metastases (“N”) or distant organ metastases (“M”). These features are assigned individual scores called the pathologic T stage (T0-4), N stage (N1-3) and M stage (M0-1) are combined to form a final overall pathology stage (stage 0-IV). The pathologic stage is determined by the findings at the time of surgery and is different from the “clinical stage,” which is the stage estimated based upon the findings on clinical exam and radiology. (<https://pathology.jhu.edu/breast/staging-grade>)

We will compare the agreement using four statistics: Rand Index (RI), Adjusted Mutual Information (AMI), Jaccard Index (JI), and Fowlkes-Mallows (FM); all these measurements range from 0 to 1 and the larger the value is, the more similar the two appraises are. This function can also generate an alluvial diagram to visualize the agreement of two appraises with the current subtypes as reference.

We use the `compClinvar` function which will result in a summary table comparing the subtypes from our clustering with identified variables. This resulting table can also be formatted into Word if needed with the flag `doWord = TRUE`.

We coded our clinical variables regarding the various stages as factors. We also tested the continuous variable of age at diagnosis (days).

```
[27]: # clinVars_df <- brca_dat[["clinical"]][,c("ajcc_pathologic_stage",  
      ↪ "age_at_diagnosis", "ajcc_pathologic_t",  
      ↪ "ajcc_pathologic_n", "ajcc_pathologic_m")]  
clinVars_df <- brca_dat[["clinical"]]  
rownames(clinVars_df) <- clinVars_df$bcr_patient_barcode
```

```

clinVars_df <- clinVars_df[,c( "ajcc_pathologic_stage", "ajcc_pathologic_t",
  ↪ "ajcc_pathologic_n", "ajcc_pathologic_m", "age_at_diagnosis")]
head(clinVars_df)

clin.brca <- compClinvar(moic.res      = cmoic.brca,
  var2comp      = clinVars_df, # data.frame needs to
  ↪ summarize (must has row names of samples)
  strata        = "Subtype", # stratifying variable (e.g.
  ↪ , Subtype in this example)
  # factorVars   = c("ajcc_pathologic_stage"), #
  ↪ features that are considered categorical variables
  factorVars    = c("ajcc_pathologic_stage",
  ↪ "ajcc_pathologic_t", "ajcc_pathologic_n", "ajcc_pathologic_m"), # features
  ↪ that are considered categorical variables
  nonnormalVars = "age_at_diagnosis", # feature(s) that
  ↪ are considered using nonparametric test
  exactVars     = NULL, # feature(s) that are considered
  ↪ using exact test
  doWord        = FALSE, # generate .docx file in local
  ↪ path
  tab.name      = "SUMMARIZATION OF CLINICAL FEATURES")
clin.brca

```

		ajcc_pathologic_stage	ajcc_pathologic_t	ajcc_pathologic_n	ajcc_pathologic_m
		<fct>	<fct>	<fct>	<fct>
A data.frame: 6 x 5	TCGA-A1-A0SH	Stage IIA	T2	N0 (i-)	M0
	TCGA-A1-A0SJ	Stage IIIA	T3	N1a	M0
	TCGA-A1-A0SK	Stage IIA	T2	N0 (i-)	M0
	TCGA-A1-A0SO	Stage IIB	T2	N1	M0
	TCGA-A2-A04N	Stage IA	T1c	N0 (i-)	M0
	TCGA-A2-A04P	Stage IIIC	T2	N3c	M0

--all samples matched.

Registered S3 methods overwritten by 'proxy':

```

method      from
print.registry_field registry
print.registry_entry registry

```

<chr>	level <chr>	CS1 <chr>
n		121
ajcc_pathologic_stage (%)	Stage I	15 (12.6)
	Stage IA	9 (7.6)
	Stage IB	1 (0.8)
	Stage IIA	35 (29.4)
	Stage IIB	24 (20.2)
	Stage IIIA	24 (20.2)
	Stage IIIB	2 (1.7)
	Stage IIIC	4 (3.4)
	Stage IV	3 (2.5)
	Stage X	2 (1.7)
ajcc_pathologic_t (%)	T1	4 (3.3)
	T1b	2 (1.7)
	T1c	32 (26.4)
	T2	58 (47.9)
	T2b	0 (0.0)
	T3	19 (15.7)
	T4	1 (0.8)
	T4b	5 (4.1)
	T4d	0 (0.0)
	TX	0 (0.0)
ajcc_pathologic_n (%)	N0	22 (18.2)
	N0 (i-)	24 (19.8)
	N0 (i+)	9 (7.4)
	N1	9 (7.4)
	N1a	22 (18.2)
	N1b	1 (0.8)
	N1c	1 (0.8)
	N1mi	5 (4.1)
	N2	9 (7.4)
	N2a	10 (8.3)
	N3	2 (1.7)
	N3a	6 (5.0)
	N3c	0 (0.0)
	NX	1 (0.8)
ajcc_pathologic_m (%)	cM0 (i+)	1 (0.8)
	M0	116 (95.9)
	M1	3 (2.5)
	MX	1 (0.8)
age_at_diagnosis (median [IQR])		20597.50 [17642.75, 24013.2]

9.3 Compare with PAM50 Subtypes

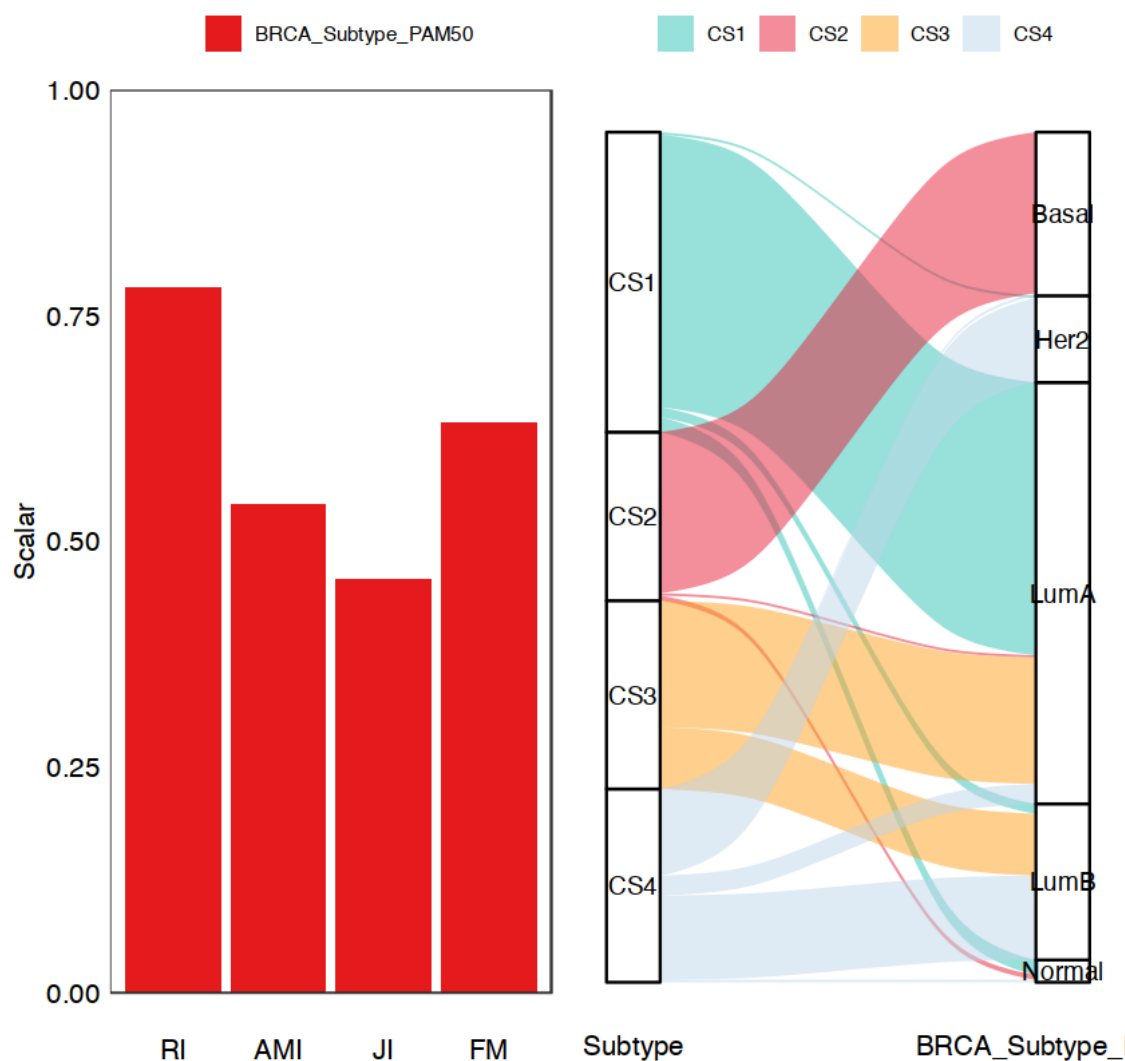
We can use the compAgree function to compare our identified subtypes with the traditional PAM50 classifier. This will compute the Rand Index, Jaccard Index, Fowlkes-Mallows, and Normalized Mutual Information for agreement of two partitions, and generate an alluvial diagram for visualization.

```
[28]: # compare agreement with other subtypes
sub_df = data.frame(
  BRCA_Subtype_PAM50 =
    ↪brca_dat[["clinical"]][,c("BRCA_Subtype_PAM50")]
rownames(sub_df) = brca_dat[["clinical"]][,c("bcr_patient_barcode")]
head(sub_df)

# agreement comparison (support up to 6 classifications include current subtype)
agree.brca <- compAgree(moic.res = cmoic.brca,
  subt2comp = sub_df,
  doPlot = TRUE,
  box.width = 0.2,
  fig.name = "AGREEMENT OF CONSENSUSMOIC WITH PAM50_
↪Subtype")
```

		BRCA_Subtype_PAM50
		<fct>
A data.frame: 6 x 1	TCGA-A1-A0SH	LumA
	TCGA-A1-A0SJ	LumA
	TCGA-A1-A0SK	Basal
	TCGA-A1-A0SO	Basal
	TCGA-A2-A04N	LumA
	TCGA-A2-A04P	Basal

--all samples matched.



9.4 Other Functions in the COMP Module

MOVICS provides additional functionality to compare the subtypes. I've outlined them below:

- Mutational frequency: `compMut()`
 - applies Fisher's exact test or χ^2 tests for each mutation; also provides OncoPrint
- Total mutation burden: `compTMB()`
 - TMB is the number of mutations that are found in tumor genome; useful for characterizing the genomic make-up of tumors
- Fraction genome altered (FGA): `compFGA()`
 - FGA is the percentage of genome that has been affected by copy number gains or losses; also separated into specific gain (FGG) or loss (FGL) per sample; also helps characterize the genomic make-up of the tumor
- Drug sensitivity: `compDrugsen()`

- refers to R package pRRophetic to predict clinical chemotherapeutic response from tumor gene expression levels (Geeleher 2014)

10 Analyzing Subtypes for Predictive Biomarkers and Functional Pathways: RUN Module

We can now examine the omic-profiles of our subtypes to identify potential predictive biomarkers and functional pathways.

10.1 Differential Expression (DE)

We will start with a differential expression analysis (DE). MOVICS provides 3 methods: edgeR and DESeq2 for RNA-Seq count data; and limma for microarray profile or normalized expression data. The function runDEA will output several .txt files storing differential expression analysis results by specified algorithm into the directory we specify (or working directory by default) with a string denoted by the prefix argument. We will reference this prefix in the following commands to identify these files. Each identified cancer subtype will be compared with the rest (Others).

Since our RNA expression data comes from a microarray, we'll use limma.

Note: since runDEA() checks the data scale automatically when choosing limma algorithm, it is recommended to provide a microarray expression profile or normalized expression data (e.g., RSEM, FPKM, TPM) without z-score or log2 transformation.

```
[29]: # run DEA with limma
runDEA(dea.method = "limma",
      expr        = brca_dat[["MO"]][["Expression"]], # normalized expression
      ↪data
      moic.res     = cmoic.brca,
      overwt = T,
      res.path     = getwd(), # path to save marker files
      prefix      = "de_TCGA-BRCA")
```

--all samples matched.

--you choose limma and please make sure a microarray profile or a normalized expression data [FPKM or TPM without log2 transformation is recommended] was provided.

--expression profile seems to have been standardised (z-score or log transformation), no more action will be performed.

```
limma of CS1_vs_Others done...
limma of CS2_vs_Others done...
limma of CS3_vs_Others done...
limma of CS4_vs_Others done...
```

10.2 Biomarker Identification

Now, we'll identify significantly overexpressed and underexpressed genes for each subtype with `runMarker()`. In this procedure, the most differentially expressed genes sorted by `log2FoldChange` are chosen as the biomarkers for each subtype (200 biomarkers for each subtype by default). These biomarkers should pass the significance threshold (e.g., nominal p-value < 0.05 and adjusted p-value < 0.05) and must not overlap with any biomarkers identified for other subtypes. Top markers will be chosen to generate a template so as to run nearest template prediction for subtype verification.

The function will output the following:

- A figure of subtype-specific marker heatmap (.pdf) if `doPlot = TRUE`

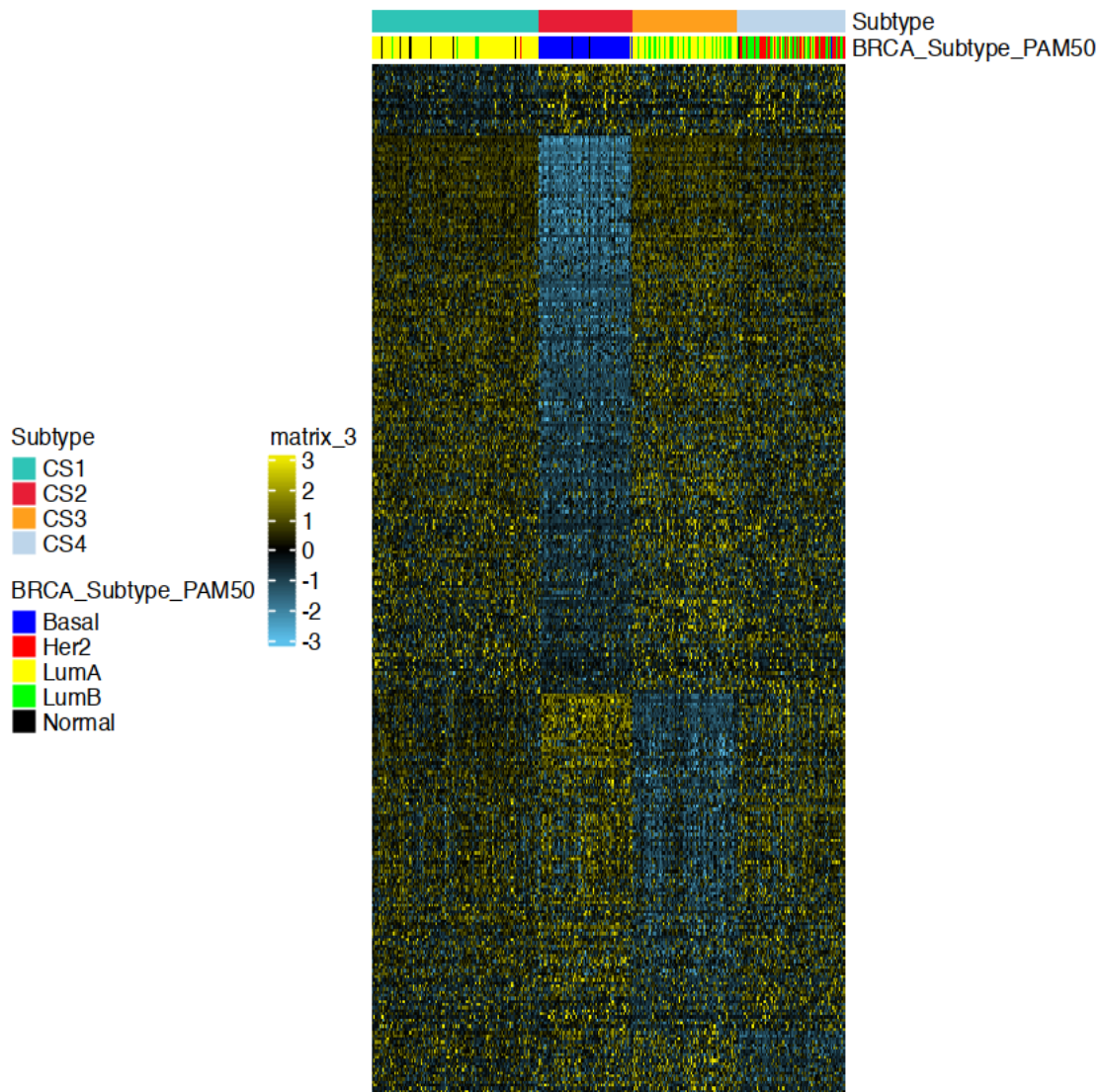
and a list with the following components:

- `unqlist`: a string vector storing the unique marker across all subtypes
- `templates`: a data.frame storing the the template information for nearest template prediction, which is used for verification in external cohort
- `direct`: a string value indicating the direction for identifying subtype-specific markers
- `heatmap`: a `complexheatmap` object

```
[30]: # choose limma result to identify subtype-specific DOWN-regulated biomarkers
marker.dn <- runMarker(moic.res      = cmoic.brca,
                      dea.method    = "limma",
                      prefix        = "de_TCGA-BRCA",
                      direct        = "down",
                      dat.path      = getwd(),
                      res.path      = getwd(),
                      p.cutoff      = 0.05, # p cutoff to identify significant
↳DEGs
                      p.adj.cutoff  = 0.05, # padj cutoff to identify
↳significant DEGs
                      n.marker      = 200, # number of biomarkers for each
↳subtype
                      doplot       = T,
                      annCol       = annCol,
                      annColors    = annColors,
                      norm.expr    = brca_dat[["M0"]][["Expression"]],
                      fig.name     = "UPREGULATED BIOMARKER HEATMAP")
```

--all samples matched.

--expression profile seems to have been standardised (z-score or log transformation), no more action will be performed.



```
[31]: # subtype-specific UP-regulated biomarkers
marker.up <- runMarker(moic.res      = cmoic.brca,
                      dea.method    = "limma",
                      prefix        = "de_TCGA-BRCA",
                      direct        = "up",
                      dat.path      = getwd(),
                      res.path      = getwd(),
                      p.cutoff      = 0.05, # p cutoff to identify significant
                      ↪DEGs
                      p.adj.cutoff  = 0.05, # padj cutoff to identify
                      ↪significant DEGs
```



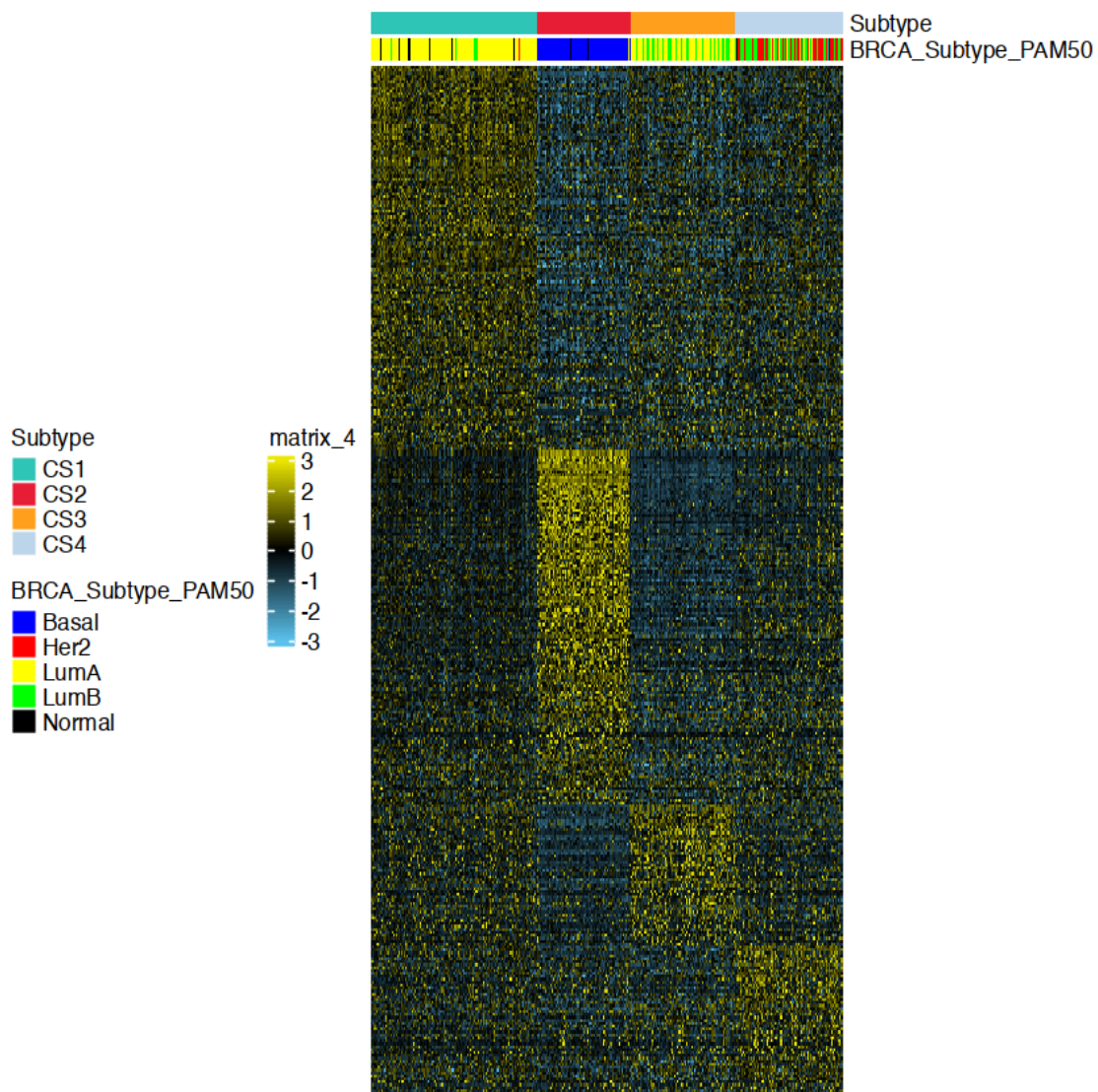
```

↪ subtype      n.marker      = 200, # number of biomarkers for each
               doplot         = T,
               annCol         = annCol,
               annColors      = annColors,
               norm.expr       = brca_dat[["M0"]][["Expression"]],
               fig.name        = "UPREGULATED BIOMARKER HEATMAP")

```

--all samples matched.

--expression profile seems to have been standardised (z-score or log transformation), no more action will be performed.



10.3 Gene Set Enrichment

Now, we'll use `runGSEA` to perform gene set enrichment for our up- and down-regulated genes to identify subtype-specific (overexpressed or downexpressed) functional pathways. We'll use the background gene list (from Molecular Signature Database <http://www.gsea-msigdb.org/gsea/msigdb/index.jsp>; "MSigDB") provided by the MOVICS package, but you can download your own. You just need to specify the ABSOLUTE path for the file.

Here, we'll identify specific pathways that pass a significance threshold with nominal p-value < 0.05 and adjusted p-value < 0.25 , and must not overlap with any pathways identified for other subtypes. After having the subtype-specific pathways, genes that are inside the pathways are retrieved to calculate a single sample enrichment score by using GSVA R package. Subsequently, subtype-specific enrichment score will be represented by the mean or median (mean by default) value within the subtype, and will be further visualized by diagonal heatmap.

There are arguments to specify the method the minimum and maximum sizes to identify gene sets (by default: `minGSSize = 10` and `maxGSSize = 500`). Additionally, you can chose from a couple of different methods to estimate gene-set enrichment scores (`gsva.method`, input choice as string). By default this is set to `gsva` (Hänzelmann et al, 2013) and other options are `ssgsea` (Barbie et al, 2009), `zscore` (Lee et al, 2008) or `plage` (Tomfohr et al, 2005). The latter two standardize first expression profiles into z-scores over the samples and, in the case of `zscore`, it combines them together as their sum divided by the square-root of the size of the gene set, while in the case of `plage` they are used to calculate the singular value decomposition (SVD) over the genes in the gene set and use the coefficients of the first right-singular vector as pathway activity profile.

The function will output the folowing:

- A figure of subtype-specific pathway heatmap (.pdf) and a list with the following components:
 - `gsa.list`: a list storing gsea object returned by GSEA for each subtype
 - `raw.es`: a data.frame storing raw enrichment score of identified subtype-specific pathways by using specified `gsva.method`
 - `scaled.es`: a data.frame storing z-scored enrichment score of identified subtype-specific pathways by using specified `gsva.method`
 - `grouped.es`: a data.frame storing grouped enrichment score (mean or median value among each subtype) by using specified `norm.method`
 - `heatmap`: a `complexheatmap` object.

```
[32]: # MUST locate ABSOLUTE path of msigdb file
MSIGDB.FILE <- system.file("extdata", "c5.bp.v7.1.symbols.xls", package = "MOVICS", mustWork = TRUE)

# # run GSEA to identify DOWN-regulated GO pathways using results from edgeR
gsa.down <- runGSEA(moic.res      = cmoic.brca,
                   dea.method    = "limma", # name of DEA method
                   prefix        = "de_TCGA-BRCA", # MUST be the same of
                   ↪argument in runDEA()
                   dat.path      = getwd(), # path of DEA files
```

```

        res.path      = getwd(), # path to save GSEA files
        msigdb.path   = MSIGDB.FILE, # MUST be the ABSOLUTE path of
↪msigdb file
        norm.expr     = brca_dat[["MO"]][["Expression"]], # use
↪normalized expression to calculate enrichment score
        direct       = "down", # direction of dysregulation in
↪pathway
        p.cutoff      = 0.05, # p cutoff to identify significant
↪pathways
        p.adj.cutoff  = 0.25, # padj cutoff to identify significant
↪pathways
        gsva.method   = "gsva", # method to calculate single sample
↪enrichment score
        norm.method    = "mean", # normalization method to calculate
↪subtype-specific enrichment score
        fig.name      = "DOWNREGULATED PATHWAY HEATMAP")

```

--all samples matched.

GSEA done...

--expression profile seems to have been standardised (z-score or log transformation), no more action will be performed.

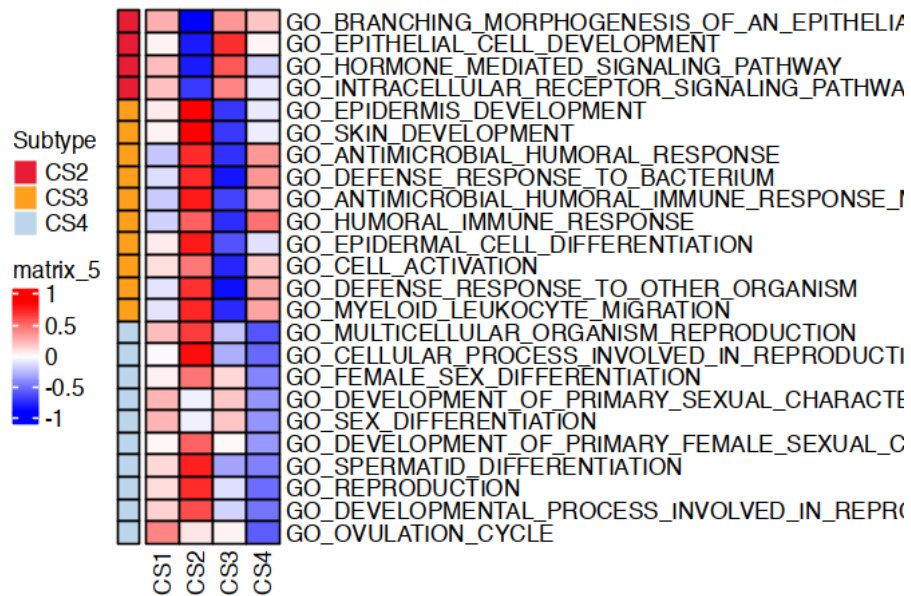
Estimating GSVA scores for 24 gene sets.

Estimating ECDFs with Gaussian kernels

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gsva done...

heatmap done...



Let's check some columns of GSEA results for the second subtype (CS2):

```
[34]: data.frame(gsea.down$gsea.list$CS2[1:6,3:6])
```

A data.frame: 6 x 4

```
GO_CYTOSKELETON_C
GO_SKIN_I
GO_EPIDERMIS_I
GO_KE
GO_C
GO_CELLULAR_PROCESS_INVOLVED_IN_REPRODUCTION_IN_MULTICELLUL
```

Let's also look at the results of subtype-specific enrichment scores:

```
[35]: head(round(gsea.down$grouped.es,3))
```

A data.frame: 6 x 4

	CS1 <dbl>	CS2 <dbl>
GO_BRANCHING_MORPHOGENESIS_OF_AN_EPITHELIAL_TUBE	0.249	-0.90
GO_EPITHELIAL_CELL_DEVELOPMENT	0.010	-0.81
GO_HORMONE_MEDIATED_SIGNALING_PATHWAY	0.204	-0.81
GO_INTRACELLULAR_RECEPTOR_SIGNALING_PATHWAY	0.190	-0.70
GO_EPIDERMIS_DEVELOPMENT	0.038	0.85
GO_SKIN_DEVELOPMENT	0.016	0.85

```
[33]: # # run GSEA to identify up-regulated GO pathways using results from limma
gsea.up <- runGSEA(moic.res = cmoic.brca,
                  dea.method = "limma", # name of DEA method
                  prefix     = "detesting_TCGA-BRCA", # MUST be the same of
                  ↪argument in runDEA()
                  dat.path    = getwd(), # path of DEA files
                  res.path    = getwd(), # path to save GSEA files
                  msigdb.path = MSIGDB.FILE, # MUST be the ABSOLUTE path of
                  ↪msigdb file
                  norm.expr   = brca_dat[["MO"]][["Expression"]], # use
                  ↪normalized expression to calculate enrichment score
                  direct      = "up", # direction of dysregulation in pathway
                  p.cutoff    = 0.05, # p cutoff to identify significant
                  ↪pathways
                  p.adj.cutoff = 0.25, # padj cutoff to identify significant
                  ↪pathways
                  gsva.method = "gsva", # method to calculate single sample
                  ↪enrichment score
                  norm.method = "mean", # normalization method to calculate
                  ↪subtype-specific enrichment score
                  fig.name     = "UPREGULATED PATHWAY HEATMAP")
```

--all samples matched.

GSEA done...

--expression profile seems to have been standardised (z-score or log transformation), no more action will be performed.

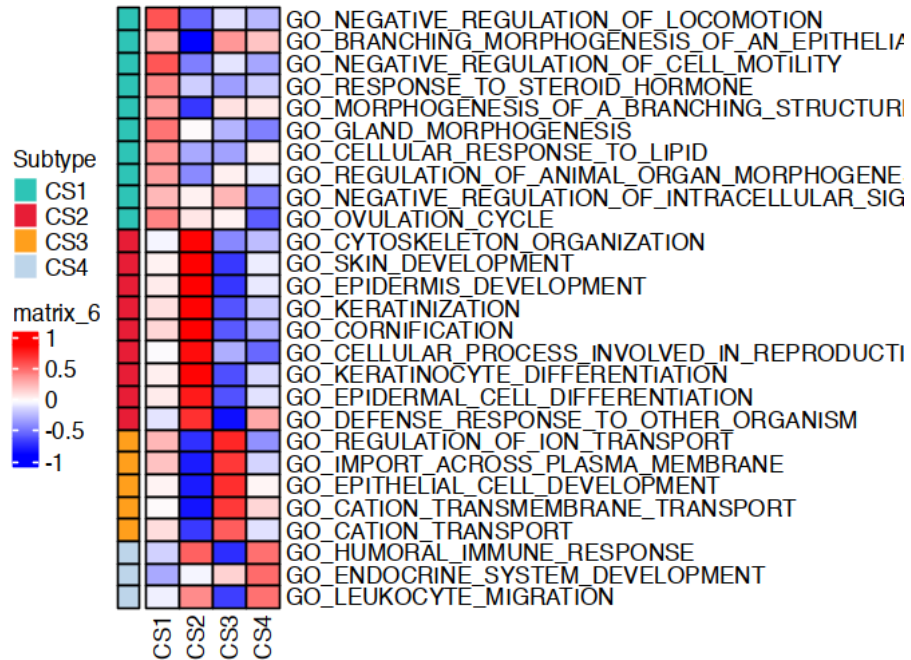
Estimating GSVA scores for 27 gene sets.

Estimating ECDFs with Gaussian kernels

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gsva done...

heatmap done...



10.4 Gene Set Variation Analysis

Now, we'll run gene set variation analysis with `runGSVA` to calculate enrichment scores of each sample in each subtype based on given gene set list of interest. For all the new defined molecular subtypes, we can depict their characteristics with different signatures of gene sets.

Again, we'll just use the gene list provided by the `MOVICS` package, but you can use your own by specifying its absolute file path.

For the normalized expression data (`norm.expr`), you provide a matrix of normalized expression data with rows for genes and columns for samples, and FPKM or TPM without \log_2 transformation is recommended. You can also change the linkage and distance (by default, `ward.D` and `euclidean`)

for the hierarchical clustering, if you wish.

```
[36]: # MUST locate ABSOLUTE path of gene set file
GSET.FILE <-
  system.file("extdata", "gene sets of interest.gmt", package = "MOVICS",
  ↪ mustWork = TRUE)

# run GSVA to estimate single sample enrichment score based on given gene set
  ↪ of interest
gsva.res <-
  runGSVA(moic.res      = cmoic.brca,
          norm.expr     = brca_dat[["MO"]][["Expression"]],
          gset.gmt.path = GSET.FILE, # ABSOLUTE path of gene set file
          gsva.method   = "gsva", # method to calculate single sample
  ↪ enrichment score
          annCol        = annCol,
          annColors     = annColors,
          fig.path      = getwd(),
          fig.name      = "GENE SETS OF INTEREST HEATMAP",
          height        = 5,
          width         = 10)
```

--all samples matched.

--expression profile seems to have been standardised (z-score or log transformation), no more action will be performed.

Warning message in .gsva(expr, mapped.gset.idx.list, method, kcdf, rnaseq, abs.ranking, :

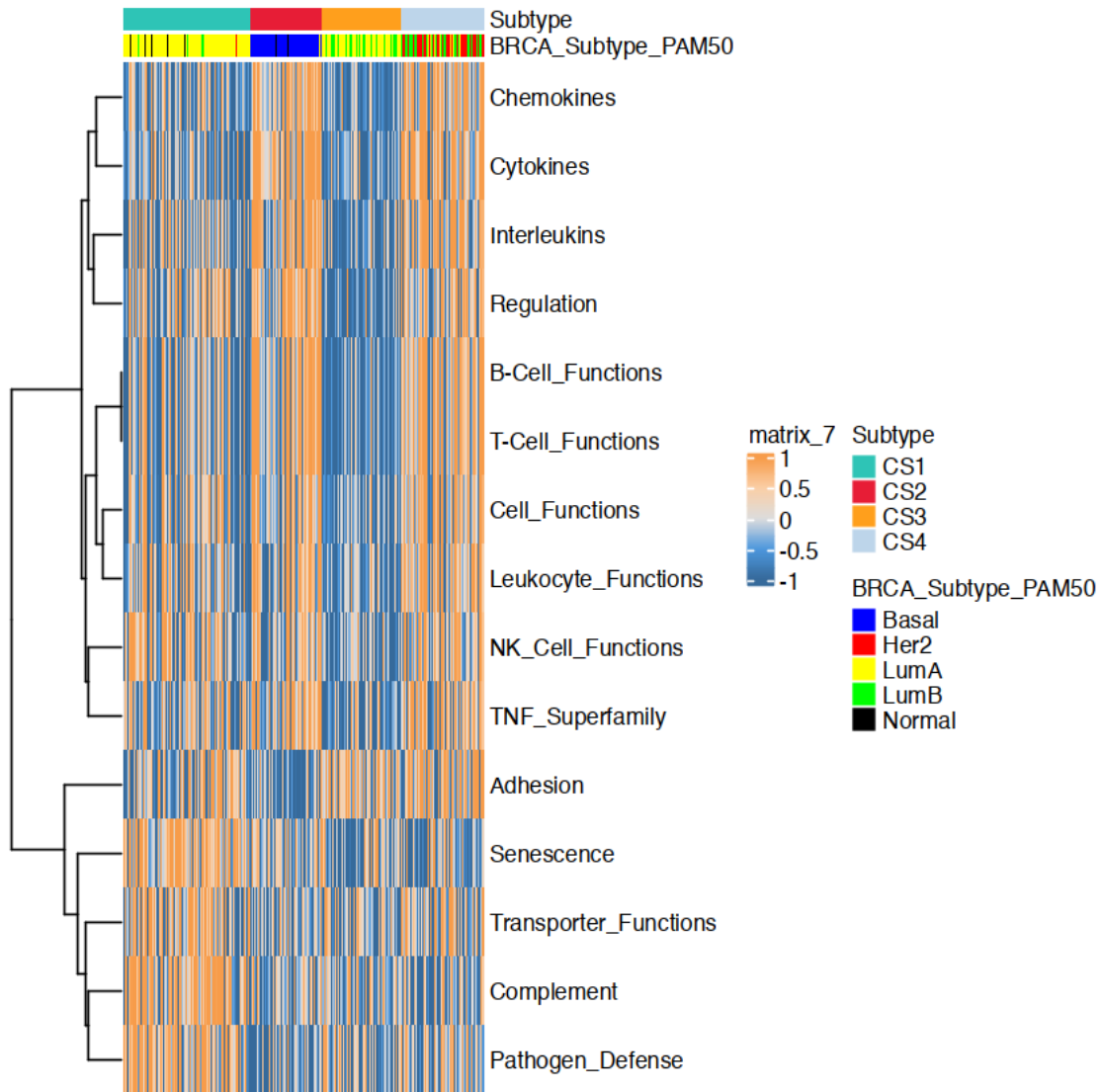
"Some gene sets have size one. Consider setting 'min.sz > 1'."

Estimating GSVA scores for 15 gene sets.

Estimating ECDFs with Gaussian kernels

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gsva done...



```
[37]: message("check raw enrichment score")
gsva.res$raw.es[1:3,1:3]

message("check z-scored and truncated enrichment score")
gsva.res$scaled.es[1:3,1:3]
```

check raw enrichment score

		TCGA-A1-A0SH	TCGA-A1-A0SJ	TCGA-A1-A0SK
A matrix: 3 x 3 of type dbl	Adhesion	-0.6987578	-0.5652174	-0.8881988
	B-Cell_Functions	-0.6623658	-0.5763203	-0.2251247
	Cell_Functions	-0.4728424	-0.4048822	-0.1318637

check z-scored and truncated enrichment score

		TCGA-A1-A0SH	TCGA-A1-A0SJ	TCGA-A1-A0SK
A matrix: 3 x 3 of type dbl	Adhesion	-1	-0.9281357	-1.0000000
	B-Cell_Functions	-1	-1.0000000	-0.4259172
	Cell_Functions	-1	-1.0000000	-0.3021437

11 Additional Functionality in the RUN Module

- Evaluating with external cohort
 - compare the subtypes with current defined subtypes in an external cohort; this includes 2 model-free approaches for subtype prediction
 - * Nearest template prediction (NTP) runNTP: can be used cross-platform, cross-species, and does not require optimization of analysis parameters
 - * Partition around medoids classifier runPAM(): trains a partition around medoids (PAM) classifier with training cohort, predict subtypes in validation cohort, assign each sample in validation cohort to subtype with centroid with the highest Pearson correlation iwth the sample
 - * test consistency of the NTP and PAM results with runKapa()

12 Summary

In summary, today we have explored the MOVICS R package to perform unsupervised multi-omics clustering for some gene expression, methylation, and miRNA expression data for a subset of subjects with breast cancer from TCGA’s BRCA cohort. Using this package, we can identify the top markers (most variable genes, probes, etc) and impute any values with knn if needed. We can estimate the best number of clusters k we’d like to use using Gap and CPI statistics, but we should keep in mind prior/biologic knowledge when choosing this value. To perform the clustering, we can choose from 10 different clustering algorithms. Here, we used SNF, PINSPlus, NEMO, LRAcluster, and IntNMF. Then, to improve the robustness of our results, we can calculate a consensus matrix from the clusterings identified across these methods. We will then get k clusters with distinct omics profiles.

From the consensus matrix and the identified subtypes, we can compare survival times, clinical features, matching with other, previously-defined types, and more. We can also compare the omic profiles of our subtypes with differential expression analysis, biomarker identification, gene set enrichment, and gene set variation analysis.

In our example data, we found some strong correspondence between an identified subtype (CS2) and the basal PAM50 class. This subtype appeared to have a strong signal in the mRNA expression and DNA methylation data, with a slightly less noticeable signature in the miRNA expression. When comparing to the other subtypes, it seemed to have the strongest signals across all omics data types. The distinctness of this cluster was further shown in our biomarker identification analyses and GSEA.

We also identified 2 subtypes (CS1 & 3) who had distinctly different mRNA expression profiles. Though a bit weaker, there were also differences in the DNA methylation and miRNA expression

profiles between the subtypes. Most of CS1 corresponded to those with Luminal A classification. However, CS3 was a little less clear-cut and had subjects with both Luminal A and B classifications.

CS4 showed little distinct signatures in the omics profiles and a hodgepodge of the PAM50 classes. We likely can't characterize these subjects well with our data.

Thank you for attending this presentation and go forth and explore your own multi-omics data!

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