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alignment

Sample alignment of soluable epoxide hydrolase family

### Description

was performed on a dataset comprising 311 soluble epoxide hydrolase peptide orthologous sequences acquired from UniProtKB. The alignment was performed and edited with MUSCLE algorithm in JALVIEW, respectively.

### alignment2matrix

### Format

An alignment object read with read.alignment function from seqinr package.

alignment\$nb A numeric: number of sequences

alignment\$nam A vector of characters: names of the sequences

alignment\$seq A vector of characters: amino acid sequences

### References

```
MUSCLE: https://bmcbioinformatics.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/1471-2105-5-113
JALVIEW: https://academic.oup.com/bioinformatics/article/25/9/1189/203460/Jalview-Version-2-a-multi
```

#### Examples

```
data("alignment")
alignment
```

alignment2matrix Load alignment into matrix

#### Description

The function loads alignment into matrix to facilitate a convenient data manipulation

#### Usage

```
alignment2matrix(alignment)
```

### Arguments

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### Value

```
matrix Aligned sequences matrix where number of rows equals to number of aligned sequences and number of columns equals to the length length of aligned sequences
```

### Author(s)

Alicja Pluciennik & Michal Stolarczyk

### See Also

align\_params, read.alignment

# Examples

```
data("alignment")
alignment = delete_isoforms(alignment)
matrix=alignment2matrix(alignment)
```

align\_params Get alignment dimensions

### Description

This function returns size of alignment, which facilitates the convenient performing upcoming steps of analysis.

#### Usage

align\_params(alignment)

### Arguments

alignment alignment loaded with read.alignment

### Details

Function returns list of two elements row\_no(number of rows, sequences) and col\_no(number of columns,length of aligned sequences)

### Value

row_no	number of sequences
col_no	length of aligned sequences

### Author(s)

Alicja Pluciennik & Michal Stolarczyk

#### References

seqinr

# See Also

read.alignment

# Examples

```
data("alignment")
parameters=align_params(alignment);
```

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align\_seq\_mtx2grs

Convert amino acid symbols to groups according to their properties of user's choice.

### Description

This function performs a conversion of amino acid symbols to group symbols according to their properties. Implemented grouping methods are: substitution\_matrix (majority of properties taken into account), polarity, size and aromaticity. "GX", where X stands for group number, are group symbols.

#### Usage

align\_seq\_mtx2grs(aligned\_sequences\_matrix,grouping\_method)

### Arguments

aligned\_sequences\_matrix

A matrix that contains aligned sequences. It is an output of alignment2matrix function

grouping\_method

A string which specifies the grouping method to be used. One of following: 'substitution\_matrix', 'polarity', 'size', 'aromaticity'

#### Value

```
grouped_aligned_sequences_matrix
A matrix of size of the input matrix but with group symbols instead of amino
acid symbols
```

#### Author(s)

Alicja Pluciennik & Michal Stolarczyk

# See Also

alignment2matrix, read.alignment

```
data(alignment)
alignment = delete_isoforms(alignment)
grouping_method = "general"
aligned_sequences_matrix = alignment2matrix(alignment)
grouped = align_seq_mtx2grs(aligned_sequences_matrix,grouping_method)
```

barplotshow

### Description

This function facilitates a visual inspection of multiple sequence alignment (MSA) position variability.

### Usage

barplotshow(position, AA\_variation)

### Arguments

position	A number of column of alignment to be visualized
AA_variation	A percentage frequency of amino acids in the alignment, calculated with calculate_AA_variation
	function

### Value

This function produces a barchart

### Author(s)

Alicja Pluciennik & Michal Stolarczyk

### See Also

calculate\_AA\_variation

```
data("small_alignment")
position = 100
threshold = 0.01
var_aa = calculate_AA_variation(small_alignment,threshold)
barplotshow(position, var_aa)
```

```
calculate_AA_variation
```

Calculate AA variations on each position of the multiple sequence alignment

### Description

This function calculates AA variations on each position of the alignment which may be further used for the conservativity study of the set of sequences in quiestion

# Usage

```
calculate_AA_variation(alignment, threshold, grouped,
  grouping_method, weights, pseudo_counts=F)
```

### Arguments

alignment	The data loaded with read.alignment function
threshold	(optional) A number in range 0-1. A of minimal frequency of occurences of amino acids at each position. Default: all the residues are visualized.
grouped	(optional) A logical indicating if the grouping of amino acids should be applied. Default: FALSE
grouping_method	
	(optional) A string which specifies the grouping method to be used. One of following: 'substitution_matrix', 'polarity', 'size', 'aromaticity'. Default: 'substitution_matrix'. Default: 'substitution_matrix' if grouped is TRUE.
weights	(optional) A vector of length equal number of sequences in the alignment object with weights to overcome the taxonomic bias in the conservation analysis.
pseudo_counts	(optional) A logical indicating if pseudo-counts should be added to the MSA. Pseudo-counts can be used only in non-group mode and without weights. Using these options with pseudo-counts will be suppressed. Default: FALSE

### Details

The output consists of amino acids and their fractions on each position of alignment. Amino acids with occurence frequencies lower than the threshold of user's choice are excluded.

### Value

Returns list of thre matrices with tabelarized symbols of the most common AA in alignment column, percentage values for contributed AA and combined one.

var_aa\$AA	A matrix of AA on all alignment positions with decreasing frequencies in columns
var_aa\$per	The percentage of AA frequencies corresponding to the \$AA
var_aa\$matrix	A combination of this two. The best suited element for visual inspection of the
	variability at each position

### Author(s)

Michal Stolarczyk & Alicja Pluciennik

#### See Also

align\_params,calculate\_pseudo\_counts

### Examples

```
data("small_alignment")
alignment = delete_isoforms(small_alignment)
threshold=10
grouped = FALSE
var_aa=calculate_AA_variation(small_alignment, threshold, grouped)
```

calculate\_pseudo\_counts

Calculate pseudo counts for alignment

### Description

This function calculates pseudo-counts (as shown in Henikoff et al. (1996)) for an alignment with the use of substitution matrices. It is recommended to estimate amino acid frequencies for alignments with small number of sequences (in order to calculate reliable entropy scores)

#### Usage

calculate\_pseudo\_counts(alignment, substitution\_mtx)

### Arguments

alignment alignment loaded with read.alignment substitution\_mtx Matrix with amino acids substitution frequencies. Default: GONNET

### Value

pseudoCounts Matrix with pseudo counts of size 21x number of alignment columns

#### Note

Please note that when using other scoring matrix user needs to make sure that all alignment symbols are present there. Missing symbol will issue an error.

#### Author(s)

Alicja Płuciennik & Michał Stolarczyk

#### compare\_cons\_metrics

#### References

Henikoff et al.(1996) Using substitution probabilities to improve position-specific scoring matrices, Bioinformatics, 12, 135–143

Claverie (1994) Some useful statistical properties of position-weight matrices. Comput. Chem., 18, 287-293

### Examples

```
data("alignment")
PC <- calculate_pseudo_counts(alignment)</pre>
```

compare\_cons\_metrics compare\_cons\_metrics

### Description

This function is designed to compare the conservation metrics used in the analysis. This way the user can notice the significant correlation or differences between these to evaluate their performance in a specific case.

#### Usage

```
compare_cons_metrics(protein_entropy, structure_profile, pdb_name)
```

#### Arguments

protein_entropy	1
	List of entropy scores values for a whole protein (output of get_prot_entropy).
structure_profi	le
	Each element is a list of entropy values (matrix of entropy scores) and indices of residues building structure in protein of interest (output of prepare_structure_profile)
pdb_name	The name of the analyzed protein.

### Details

This function allows to show the scatterplots of an entropy scores. The protein is marked as gray points, the structures are marked with symbols. It is useful to visualise differences between entropy scores, and choose the best one for further analysis.

### Value

This function produces a set of scatter plots facilitating the visual inspection of entropy metrics dependancies.

#### Author(s)

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### Examples

cons2seqs\_ident Identity of each sequence in the alignment to the consensus sequence.

#### Description

The function calculates identity of consensus to each sequence in the alignment. It facilitates an assessment of consensus accuracy and identification of outlying sequences in the alignment. Also, it can be used to weight conservativity metrics results in further steps of analysis with BALCONY package.

#### Usage

```
cons2seqs_ident(alignment, consensus_seq)
```

### Arguments

alignment	Data loaded with read.alignment function
consensus_seq	Consensus sequence (output of consensus function)

### Details

Returned values are percentage of identical symbols (AA and "-") in consensus sequence and aligned sequence.

#### Value

percentage Numeric vector of identity score (percentage); positions in the numeric vector correspond to sequences in alignment, respectively

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#### cons2seqs\_sim

### Author(s)

Alicja Pluciennik & Michal Stolarczyk

#### See Also

consensus cons2seqs\_sim

### Examples

```
data("alignment")
alignment = delete_isoforms(alignment)
threshold=60
consensus=consensus(alignment, threshold)
true_consensus=cons2seqs_ident(alignment, consensus)
```

cons2seqs\_sim

Group consensus to each sequence in the alignment similarity

### Description

The function calculates similarity of group consensus to each sequence in the alignment. It facilitates an assessment of consensus accuracy and identification of outlying sequences in the alignment. Grouping amino acids allows to check similiarity between sequences by amino acids properties of user's choice.

#### Usage

cons2seqs\_sim(grouped\_alignment, grouped\_consensus\_seq)

#### Arguments

grouped\_alignment

The output of read.alignment function

grouped\_consensus\_seq

A string of amino acids, the output of consensus function

### Details

AA in consensus sequences and aligned sequences are converted into groups symbols according to method of user's choice. Returned values are percentage of similar amino acids considering the properties in consensus sequence and aligned sequence.

#### Value

percentage numeric vector of identity score (percentage); positions in the numeric vector correspond to sequences in alignment, respectively

### Author(s)

Alicja Pluciennik & Michal Stolarczyk

#### See Also

read.alignment, consensus, align\_params

### Examples

```
data("small_alignment")
alignment = delete_isoforms(small_alignment)
threshold_consensus = 30
grouping_method = "substitution_matrix"
alignment_grouped = align_seq_mtx2grs(alignment2matrix(alignment),grouping_method)
consensus_seq_grouped = consensus(alignment_grouped, threshold_consensus)
consensus_to_seqs_similarity = cons2seqs_sim(alignment_grouped, consensus_seq_grouped)
```

```
consensus
```

Consensus sequence determination

#### Description

Function calculates consensus sequence for given alignment with a threshold of user's choice.

#### Usage

consensus(alignment, threshold)

#### Arguments

alignment	output of of read.alignment function or grouped alignment created with: align_seq_mtx2grs and alignment2matrix
threshold	minimal fraction of amino acids on the certain position in all sequences of the alignment to be taken for consensus letter on this position; number in range 0-100.

# Details

If maximum fraction of any amino acid on the certain position is lower than a threshold then "\*" is printed instead.

#### Value

consensus\_sequence

A character vector of length of the aligned sequence containing consesus sequence based on the input alignment

# Note

Please note that this function masks the seqinr package function consensus

### Author(s)

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### See Also

s2c

# Examples

```
data("alignment")
alignment = delete_isoforms(alignment)
threshold=80 # Set the consensus threshold
consensus_sequence=consensus(alignment, threshold)
```

convert\_AA\_symbol Amino acids symbols conversion

# Description

This function facilitates the conversion of three letter amino acids' codes to one letter equivalents.

### Usage

```
convert_AA_symbol(amino_acids)
```

### Arguments

amino\_acids A character or vector of characters with amino acid(s) three letter code(s)

### Details

In case a vector of amino acid three letter codes is provided the function returns a vector of their one letter equivalents.

### Value

A chracter or vector of characters with amino acids one letter code(s)

### Author(s)

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```
three_letter_codes = c("LEU", "VAL", "ALA")
convert_AA_symbol(three_letter_codes)
```

create\_final\_CSV Create CSV file to save results

# Description

Create\_final\_CSV() saves results as table into csv file. Combination of given variation allows to compare protein structure with evolutionary data content from alignment. Each position on alignment has its own column in csv file. If the length of the alignment exceeds 1000 characters, the output is divided into separate files with suffixes corresponding to the number of file produced by this function.

### Usage

create\_final\_CSV(filename,variations\_matrix,structure,sequence\_id,alignment,score\_list)

### Arguments

filename	name of the output file produced by the function
variations_matrix	
	An object which contains alignment and frequencies of occurences each amino acids on each position of alignment. Output of calculate_AA_variation
structure	An strcture object - matrix of aligned, examined protein sequence covered by structure markers (S/N). Output of create_structure_seq.
sequence_id	the Uniprot code of the sequence of interest
alignment	the output of read.alignment function. A variable containing alignment data. One of the sequences must be the sequence of interest
score_list	list of calculated entropy/conservation scores. Optional parameter. If not pro- vided, this rows are not present in the output file

### Value

csv_file	A comma separated variable file containing information provided to this func-
	tion. It is also written in the current directory.

### Author(s)

Alicja Pluciennik & Michal Stolarczyk

### See Also

create\_structure\_seq, schneider\_conservativity, Escore\_conservativity, landgraf\_conservativity,
read.alignment

#### create\_structure\_seq

# Examples

create_structure_seq	Superimpose structural data of interest on sequence after the alignm-
	ment

### Description

Create sequence of a protein structure model based on numbers of amino acids given in a text file (list of IDs and numbers in protein)

### Usage

#### Arguments

structure_list	A list of structure data used for further evolutionary analysis. It can be text file(s) read by the read_structure function (text file with 2 columns: numbers of amino acids and 3-letters codes of AA; First row needs to contain markers)	
sequence_id	The id/name of the target sequence in alignment which will be a base of structure sequence	
alignment	An alignment object read with read.alignment function, must contain the target sequence	
pdb_path	A string specifying the path to the PDB file with structural information. Optional parameter, required if the structure is incomplete e.g. fragments such as loops are missing	
chain_identifier		
	A character specifying the chain of interest e.g. "A" or "B"	
shift	A numeric value. In case there is a need to adjust the amino acids numera- tion due to missing amino acids at the beginning of the structure (that are not considered in the PDB file REMARK465 section)	

### Details

This function is useful to create sequence covered with structural data provided in a .txt file. This sequence can be compared with alignment to check the conservation for interesting amino acid(s). Additionally, if path to the PDB file is provided the function corrects the output accordingly to the information in REMARK465 on missing amino acids.

#### Value

```
structure_matrix
```

A matrix of characters "S" and "N" marking on sequence the structural element; "S" - amino acid forms the analyzed structure, "N" - amino acid which does not form the structure. Number of rows of the matrix corresponds to the number of structures analyzed

#### structure\_numbers

A vector containing the numbers of the amino acids in the sequence of interest (no gaps)

#### structure\_probabilities

A matrix of numeric values: probabilities of corresponding to the structural information from first element of the output, which helps to reduce the effect of non-consistent structural amino acids on the conservativity analysis of the structure of interest

#### Author(s)

Alicja Pluciennik & Michal Stolarczyk

### See Also

get\_remarks465\_pdb, find\_consecutive\_seq, read\_structure, read.alignment

#### Examples

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CRE\_conservativity Calculate cumulative relative entropy score

### Description

This function calculates cumulative relative entropy score according to: Hannenhalli and Russell (2000).

# Usage

```
CRE_conservativity(alignment, hmmbuild_path=NULL, pairwiseAlignemnt_scores=NULL)
```

#### Arguments

alignment An alignment object read with read.alignment function

hmmbuild\_path (optional if running under UNIX) The aboslute path to the hmmbuild binary pairwiseAlignemnt\_scores

(optional) A matrix with pairwise alignment scores. For example created by pairwiseAlignment. If the matrix is not provideded by the user it is calculated automatically by the function (time consuming). The sequences are extracted from the alignemnt object.

#### Details

#### PSEUDO-ALGORITHM (According to Hannenhalli and Russell (2000)):

- 1. (If score matrix is not provided) Run pairwise alignments for all available sequences in the input MSA and save scores to a matrix
- 2. (If score matrix is not provided) Calculate a distance matrix based off of the alignment scores one
- 3. Perform hierarchical clustering on the distance matrix (UPGMA method)
- 4. Get the sequence clusters
- 5. Divide the alignment into sub\_groups which are the clusters
- 6. Run hmmbuild for whole\_alignment without sub-group and sub\_group
- 7. Calculate relative entropy using these two as indicated in the Reference and repeat for each sub\_group
- 8. Calculate the cumulative relative entropy

#### hmmbuild program:

This function uses hmmbuild program of HMMER suite for HMM profile generation for MSA.

We recommend downloading and installing HMMER by following the instructions and steps in the HMMER installation website .

A vector of length equal to the length of aligned sequences

#### Author(s)

score

Michal Stolarczyk & Alicja Pluciennik

### References

Hannenhalli, S. S. & Russell, R. B. Analysis and prediction of functional sub-types from protein sequence alignments11Edited by J. Thornton. Journal of Molecular Biology 303, 61–76 (2000).

### See Also

consensus, cons2seqs\_ident, read.alignment

#### Examples

#No example due to external software requirements

delete\_isoforms Delete protein isoforms from alignment object

#### Description

This function searches for isoforms in the alignment object (entries with "-digitl" in the name) and deletes them

### Usage

```
delete_isoforms(alignment)
```

#### Arguments

alignment An object (S3) class alignment read with read.alignment function

# Details

The isoforms are detected as entries with "-digit|" in the sequence name. If no isoforms are detected this function prints a "No isiforms detected" notification instead

### Value

Alignment without isoforms - an object (S3) class alignment

### Author(s)

Michal Stolarczyk & Alicja Pluciennik

### D\_matrix

#### See Also

read.alignment

### Examples

```
data("alignment")
delete_isoforms(alignment)
```

D\_matrix

Calculate substitution rate matrix between two amino acids

### Description

This function is used to calculate Landgraf conservation metric. D\_matrix contains substitution rates between two amino acids in the alignment, according to the following formula:

$$D(a,b) = (d(a,a) - d(a,b))/d(a,a)$$

### where:

d(a, a) is a probability of AA substitution by itself d(a, b) is a probability of substitution of amino acid a with other amino acid.

#### Usage

```
D_matrix(substitution_matrix)
```

### Arguments

substitution\_matrix

A matrix with probablity of substitutions, e.g. Gonnet substitution matrix

### Value

distance A matrix of substitution probablities for all amino acids

### Author(s)

Alicja Pluciennik & Michal Stolarczyk

```
data("gonnet")
distance=D_matrix(gonnet)
```

Escore\_conservativity Calculate the Escore conservation metric

# Description

This function facilitates the calculation of Escore conservation metric (in amino acid or group mode)

# Usage

```
Escore_conservativity(alignment, grouping_method = NULL, weights = NULL, pseudo_counts=F)
```

#### Arguments

alignment	Alignment data read with read.alignment function
grouping_method	
	(optional) A string which specifies the grouping method to be used. One of following: 'substitution_matrix', 'polarity', 'size', 'aromaticity', default: NULL
weights	(optional) A vector of length equal number of sequences in the alignment object with weights to overcome the taxonomic bias in the conservation analysis.
pseudo_counts	(optional) A logical indicating if pseudo-counts should be added to the MSA. Pseudo-counts can be used only in non-group mode and without weights. Using these options with pseudo-counts will be suppressed. Default: FALSE

### Details

The conservativity score is calculated according to the following formula:

 $\mathbf{D}(\cdot)$ 

$$\begin{split} P(i) &= max(p(i))/n(i) \\ Pnorm(i) &= P(i)/max(P) \\ score &= -ln(P_norm(i))/max(-ln(P_norm)) \end{split}$$

where:

p(i) - amino acids frequency on i-th position where gaps are included

n(i) - amino acids count on i-th position where gaps are excluded

#### Value

conservation\_score

A vector of length equal to the length of aligned sequences

#### Note

Also, this function originally calculates the entropy values which can be used to estimate the conservativity score according to the following formula:

conservation = 1 - entropy

excl\_low\_prob\_strcts

### Author(s)

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#### Examples

```
data("small_alignment")
conservation_score = Escore_conservativity(alignment)
```

excl\_low\_prob\_strcts Exclude low probability structural data

#### Description

This function facilitates the exclusion of low probability structural data from the downstream conservativity analysis, which helps to reduce the effect of non-consistent structural amino acids on the conservativity analysis of the structure of interest

#### Usage

```
excl_low_prob_strcts(structure, threshold)
```

#### Arguments

structure	A structure object generated with create_structure_seq function
threshold	The threshold for the structural data exclusion

#### Value

structure\_matrix

A matrix of characters "S" and "N" marking on sequence the structural element; "S" - amino acid forms the analyzed structure, "N" - amino acid which does not form the structure. Number of rows of the matrix corresponds to the number of structures analyzed

#### structure\_numbers

A vector containing the numbers of the amino acids in the sequence of interest (no gaps)

### structure\_probabilities

A matrix of numeric values: probabilities of corresponding to the structural information from first element of the output

### Author(s)

Michal Stolarczyk & Alicja Pluciennik

#### See Also

create\_structure\_seq

### Examples

find\_consecutive\_seq Find sequences of numbers in a numeric vector

#### Description

This function finds sequences of consecutive numbers in numeric vectors

#### Usage

```
find_consecutive_seq(vector)
```

#### Arguments

vector A numeric vector to be analyzed

### Details

Out of the following vector: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,20,21,140,141 the function will find values starting the sequences: 1,20,140 and their lengths 7,2,2 respectively

### Value

values	A vector of values starting the consecutive sequences
lengths	A vector of lengths of identified sequences

#### Author(s)

Michal Stolarczyk & Alicja Pluciennik

### Examples

 $\texttt{find\_consecutive\_seq(c(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,20,21,140,141,300,301,302))}$ 

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find\_seq

### Description

This function allows to search for a sequence with its id. Useful for browsing a larg multiple sequence alignment data or for automatization purposes.

### Usage

find\_seq(sequence\_id, alignment)

#### Arguments

sequence_id	identifier of desired sequence from alignment
alignment	alignment file loaded with read.alignment

### Value

sequence A string, the desired aligned sequence form alignment

### Author(s)

Alicja Pluciennik & Michal Stolarczyk

#### Examples

```
data("alignment")
#creating library uniprot - PDB
lib=list( c("Q84HB8","4I19","4QA9"),
    c("P34913","4JNC"),
    c("P34914","1EK2","1CR6","1EK1","1CQZ"))
sequence_id=find_seqid("1CQZ",lib)
sequence=find_seq(sequence_id, alignment)
```

find\_seqid

Find sequence identifier by other sequence identifier in given alignment within a specified library

### Description

This function allows to find sequence id from alignment file corresponding to the given sequence id. Function requires library of equivalent sequences id defined by user and it is useful to find sequences from other databases in alignment for examined sequence from other database (like PDB sequence for structure and UniProt sequences in alignment).

### Usage

find\_seqid(sequence\_id, library)

### Arguments

<pre>sequence_id</pre>	A string. An ID of e.g. PDB structure identifier
library	A list of vectors which contain a defined by user library e.g. of UniProt ids <-> PDB ids. See examples

### Value

seqid A string. The equivalent ID to the one provided as the input.

### Author(s)

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### Examples

```
#creating library uniprot - PDB
lib=list( c("Q84HB8","4I19","4QA9"),
 c("P34913","4JNC"),
 c("P34914","1EK2","1CR6","1EK1","1CQZ"))
PDB_name = "1CQZ"
find_seqid(PDB_name,lib)
```

```
get_pos_based_seq_weights
```

Get position based weights of sequences in alignment

### Description

This function calculates position based weights of sequences based on Heinkoff & Heinkoff (1994) for given MSA. The score is calculated as sum of scores for each sequence position c. Score for position c is equal 1/r if there is r different residues at column c in MSA but 1/rs if r symbol is repeated in s sequences.

### Usage

```
get_pos_based_seq_weights(alignment, gap=TRUE, normalized=TRUE)
```

### Arguments

alignment	alignment loaded with read.alignment
gap	(optional) a logical parameter, if TRUE(default) the gaps in MSA are included
normalized	(optional) logical parameter, if TRUE (default) weights for all sequences are divided by number of columns in alignment (when gap = TRUE weights sum up to 1)

### Details

The weights might be calculated only for amino acids symbols or for all symbols (including gaps). Also weights can be normalized by number of columns in MSA, then the sum of weights for all sequences is 1.

#### Value

weights a vector of position based weights for each sequence in given alignment

### Author(s)

Alicja Pluciennik & Michal Stolarczyk

#### References

Henikoff, S. & Henikoff, J. G. Position-based sequence weights. Journal of Molecular Biology 243, 574–578 (1994).

### Examples

```
data("small_alignment")
pos_based_weights <- get_pos_based_seq_weights(small_alignment)</pre>
```

get\_prot\_entropy Get MSA-based calculated entropy for chosen protein.

### Description

This function allows to obtain vector of entropies for one complete protein sequence from MSA (gaps introduced in alignment are omitted)

#### Usage

get\_prot\_entropy(protein\_index, score\_list)

#### Arguments

protein_index	Indices of given protein aminoacids in aligned sequence
score_list	A list of entropy scores calculated for MSA

### Details

This function can be used on list of entropies or list with one element for one entropy score.

### Value

entropy A list where each element is a vector of entropy values provided in entropy\_scores\_list

### Author(s)

Alicja Pluciennik & Michal Stolarczyk

### Examples

get\_remarks465\_pdb Get "REMARK 465" data from PDB file

#### Description

This function extracts the data concerning missing amino acids in PDB protein structure from the PDB file

### Usage

get\_remarks465\_pdb(pdb\_path, chain\_identifier)

# Arguments

```
pdb_path A string specifying the path tp the PDB file
chain_identifier
A character specifying the chain to be considered
```

#### Value

aa_numbers	A numeric vector of indices of missing amino acids
chain	A character specifying the chain which was considered in remark 465 data extraction

# Author(s)

Michal Stolarczyk & Alicja Pluciennik

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get\_seq\_names

#### See Also

read.pdb

### Examples

```
require(Rpdb)
chain_identifier = "A"
pdb_path = system.file("extdata", "4jnc.pdb", package = "BALCONY")
print(pdb_path)
#pdb_file_path = "path_to_file"
remark465_data = get_remarks465_pdb(pdb_path,chain_identifier)
```

get\_seq\_names Get names of sequences from alignment

### Description

This function allows to get sequence names/identifires from alignment.

### Usage

```
get_seq_names(alignment)
```

### Arguments

alignment The alignment object read with read.alignment function

#### Value

names A vector of characters with names of each sequence from the alignment

### Author(s)

Alicja Pluciennik & Michal Stolarczyk

```
data("alignment")
sequences_names=get_seq_names(alignment)
```

get\_seq\_weights Get sequences weights

### Description

This function returns weights of the sequneces in the alignment object

#### Usage

```
get_seq_weights(alignment)
```

#### Arguments

alignment alignment loaded with read.alignment

### Details

The weights are calculated as shown in: Valdar and Thronton (2001)

### According to the following formulas:

$$W_j = \frac{\sum_{k \neq j}^{N} Dist(s_j, s_k))}{N - 1}$$

where:

 $W_j$  is the weight of sequence  $s_j$ , and is defined as the average evolutionary distance between  $s_j$  and all other sequences in the alignment

N is the number of sequences in the alignment.

$$Dist(s_j, s_k)) = 1 = \frac{\sum_{i \in Aligned_{jk}} Mut(s_j, s_k))}{n(Aligned_{jk}))}$$

where:

 $Dist(s_j, s_k)$ , the evolutionary distance between sequences  $s_j$  and  $s_k$  $Aligned_{jk}$  is the set of all non-gap positions in  $s_j$  or  $s_k$ ,  $n(Aligned_{jk})$  is the number of such positions.

$$Mut(a,b) = \frac{m(a,b) - min(m)}{max(m) - min(m)}$$

where:

Mut(a, b) measures the similarity between amino acids a and b as derived from a mutation data matrix m

### Value

A vector with weights of length equal to the number of sequences in the alignment

#### Author(s)

Michal Stolarczyk & Alicja Pluciennik

### References

Valdar, W. S. J. & Thornton, J. M. Protein–protein interfaces: Analysis of amino acid conservation in homodimers. Proteins: Structure, Function, and Bioinformatics 42, 108–124 (2001).

#### Examples

```
data("small_alignment")
alignment = small_alignment
weights = get_seq_weights(alignment)
```

get\_structures\_entropy

Get entropy of amino acids (for region of interest) in given protein

#### Description

This function allows to get values of entropy/conservation for amino acids dispersed in sequence of given protein. It works well with a list of dispersed amino acids in one protein.

#### Usage

get\_structures\_entropy(structure\_index,score\_list)

#### Arguments

structure\_index

A is a list of indices in alignment of protein and structures. Output output of get\_structures\_idx function

score\_list A list of entropies for whole alignment

#### **Details**

This function allows to obtain entropy (calculated on MSA) for dispersed amino acids in protein e.g. surface, binding site, tunnels etc. The input is a list of few structure indices in given protein sequence. Function calculates position of those in aligned sequence and returns a vector/matrix or a list of matrices with entropy values.

#### Value

structure\_entropies

A list of matrices. Rows are entropy scores, columns are

#### Author(s)

Alicja Pluciennik & Michal Stolarczyk

### See Also

create\_structure\_seq, read\_structure

# Examples

```
data("structure")
data("alignment")
```

get\_structures\_idx Get IDs of structure(s) elements from aligned sequences (MSA)

#### Description

This function allows to obtain positions in aligned sequences for analyzed structure (e.g. functionally related amino acids dispersed in sequence) based on sequence corresponding to the crystal structure.

### Usage

```
get_structures_idx(structure)
```

#### Arguments

structure The output of create\_structure\_seq() function

#### Details

It facilitates the management and oparation on the entropy values calculated for given MSA.

#### Value

Output is a list of two elements:

```
proteinIndices A sorted vector of amino acids of analyzed sequence in MSA
strucureIndices
A list of sorted vectors of amino acids indices in aligned sequence for each
structure
```

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### gonnet

### Author(s)

Alicja Pluciennik & Michal Stolarczyk

#### Examples

```
data("structure")
```

gonnet

Gonnet substitution matrix

### Description

This dataset comprises the Gonnet substitution matrix which facilitates e.g. the calculation of Landgraf conservation score

### Usage

data("gonnet")

### Format

A data frame with 0 observations on the following 2 variables.

AA names Names of amino acids included in the matrix

matrix The substitution matrix itself

#### Source

http://imed.med.ucm.es/Tools/sias\_help.html

### Examples

data("gonnet")

is\_upper

#### Description

This function facilitates the detection of uppercase strings/characters.

### Usage

is\_upper(string)

#### Arguments

string A string or character

# Details

All letters of a string must be uppercase for the string to be identified as an uppercase one

#### Value

A logical value indicating if the string/character is an uppercase one

### Author(s)

Michal Stolarczyk & Alicja Pluciennik

# Examples

```
string = "ABCD"
is_upper(string)
```

kabat\_conservativity Calculate Kabat conservation metric

### Description

This function facilitates the calculation of Kabat conservation metric.

## Usage

```
kabat_conservativity(alignment, weights = NULL,pseudo_counts=F)
```

#### Arguments

alignment	Alignment data read with read.alignment function
weights	(optional) A vector of length equal number of sequences in the alignment object with weights to overcome the taxonomic bias in the conservation analysis.
pseudo_counts	(optional) A logical indicating if pseudo-counts should be added to the MSA. Pseudo-counts can be used only without weights. Using this option with pseudo- counts will be suppressed. Default: FALSE

#### Value

conservation\_score

A vector of length equal to the length of aligned sequences

### Note

Please note that the Kabat matric formula can be found in the paper listed in "See Also" section below. Also, this function originally calculates the entropy values which can be used to estimate the conservativity score according to the following formula:

conservation = 1 - entropy

#### Author(s)

Alicja Plucennik & Michal Stolarczyk

### See Also

http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/prot.10146/abstract

#### Examples

```
data("small_alignment")
conservation_score = kabat_conservativity(alignment)
```

kolmogorov\_smirnov\_test

Perform Kolmogorov-Smirnov test for structural data

#### Description

This function facilitates the comparison of conservativity of structure of interest with the rest of the protein. For example comparison of tunnel conservativity with overall protein conservativity.

### Usage

### Arguments

protein_entropy		
	A list of calculated entropy scores (vectors of numeric values). The output of	
	get_prot_entropy function	
structure_entr	ору	
	A list where each element is a list of structure indices in the protein and matrix with corresponding entropy values (each row is a separate score metric)	
alternative	A numeric value indicating the character of alternative hypothesis of the test to be performed: 1 - two sided test, 2 - less, 3 - greater, following the generic ks.test function.	
pdb_name	(optional) A string with name of the reference protein, default: "Reference"	
range	(optional) A numeric vector with region of reference protein to be excluded from the data set. Useful when protein consists of additional chains with out- standingly low/high entropy values which may distort result of the test, default: NULL	
make_plot	(optional) A logical indicating if cumulative distribution functions should be displayed, default: TRUE	

# Value

A matrix of p-values for each entropy metric (rows) and structure (columns)

### Author(s)

Michal Stolarczyk & Alicja Pluciennik

# See Also

ecdf, ks.test

landgraf\_conservativity

Calculate Landgraf conservation score

### Description

This function calculates Landgraf conservation score

### Usage

```
landgraf_conservativity(matrix_name = NULL, alignment, weights)
```

### Arguments

matrix_name	A string with path to the file woith substitution matrix to be used to calculate the Landgraf conservation score. Optional parameter, if not provided the Gonnet substitution matrix is used (according to author's suggestion)
alignment	An alignment object read with read.alignment function
weights	A vector with weight for each sequence in the alignment to be used to calculate the Landgraf conservation score e.g. each sequence similarity to the consensus sequence from the alignment - output from cons2seqs_ident fuction

### Value

score A vector of length equal to the length of aligned sequences

# Note

Please note that the Shannon matric formula can be found in the paper listed in "See Also" section below. Also, this function originally calculates the entropy values which can be used to estimate the conservativity score according to the following formula:

conservation = 1 - entropy

### Author(s)

Michal Stolarczyk & Alicja Pluciennik

### See Also

consensus, cons2seqs\_ident, read.alignment
http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/prot.10146/abstract

### Examples

```
data("small_alignment")
alignment = small_alignment
threshold_consensus = 30
consensus_seq=consensus(alignment, threshold_consensus);
consensus_sequences_identity=cons2seqs_ident(alignment, consensus_seq)
score = landgraf_conservativity(alignment = alignment, weights = consensus_sequences_identity)
```

noteworthy\_seqs Find noteworthy sequences in the dataset (aligned sequences)

### Description

This function detects noteworthy sequences (most common, closest to the consensus and most different from the consesus) to facilitate convenient detection of outlying sequences that might be excluded from the further analysis.

### Usage

noteworthy\_seqs(percentage, alignment)

#### Arguments

percentage	The identity of each sequence in the alignment to the consensus sequence. Out-
	put of the cons2seqs_ident function
alignment	Alignment loaded with read.alignment function

### Value

<pre>best_consensus</pre>	Sequence closest to the consensus
worst_consensus	;
	Sequence most different to the consensus
most_common	Most common sequence in the alignment

#### Author(s)

Alicja Pluciennik & Michal Stolarczyk

### Examples

```
data("alignment")
consensus_seq = consensus(alignment, 30)
consensus_to_sequences_identity=cons2seqs_ident(alignment,consensus_seq)
noteworthy_seqs(consensus_to_sequences_identity, alignment)
```

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pairwise\_alignment\_MSA

Calculate pairwise alignment for whole MSA

### Description

For given alignment calculate pariwise alignments and returns alignment score.

#### Usage

```
pairwise_alignment_MSA(alignment)
```

### Arguments

alignment An alignment object read with read.alignment function

### Value

score\_mtx Matrix of alignment scores

### Author(s)

Michal Stolarczyk & Alicja Pluciennik

### Examples

```
data("small_alignment")
pairwiseAlignemnt_scores=pairwise_alignment_MSA(small_alignment)
```

plot\_entropy Plot entropies for protein

# Description

This function plots entropies of protein. Plots might be superimposed or not.

# Usage

### Arguments

protein_conserv	vation
	A list or a vectors of protein conservation/entropies. The output of get_prot_entropy function
colors	(optional) A vector of colors for each plot, default: rainbow
impose	(optional) A boolean, if True/T plots are superimposed, if False/F plots are printed separately, default: T
prot_name	(optional) A string with structure name (to be used in the tile of the plot), default: none
legend_pos	(optional) A string witch legend position - one of following: "bottomright", "bottom", "bottomleft", "left", "topleft", "top", "topright", "right" and "center". Default: "bottomleft"

# Details

This function produces plots for given values, on X axis are amino acids, on Y axis are values of entropy/conservation. Legend contains score names for description values.

### Value

This function produces plots

### Author(s)

Alicja Pluciennik & Michal Stolarczyk

### Examples

```
legend_pos = "bottomright")
```

plot\_structure\_on\_protein

Plot structure entropy on protein background

# Description

This function enables to visually asses the stucture(s) entropy in comparison with protein's entropy

### Usage

#### Arguments

protein_entropy	
	A list of entropy values for protein of interest. Output of get_prot_entropy
	function
<pre>structure_profi</pre>	les
	Output of prepare_structure_profile function
pdb_name	(optional) A string with protein's name e.g. PDB ID, default: none
colors	(optional) A vector of strings with colors to be used to plot the stucture markers of length equal to number of structures in structure profiles, default: rainbow()
structure_names	
	(optional) A vector of strings to be displayed as names in the legend, default: "stru <no>" <math display="inline"></math></no>
legend_pos	(optional) A string witch legend position - one of following: "bottomright", "bottom", "bottomleft", "left", "topleft", "top", "topright", "right" and "center". Default: "bottomleft"

#### Details

For each entropy score from structure\_profiles (these must correspond to prot\_entropy) this function plots separate plots. Each plot presents entropy score for whole protein each structure is marked as one of 21 symbols available in generic plot function.

### Value

This function produces plot

### Author(s)

Alicja Pluciennik & Michal Stolarczyk

#### Examples

plot\_structure\_on\_protein(prot\_entropy, structure\_profile)

```
prepare_structure_profile
```

*This function combines the entropy data for structure building amino acids with their indices* 

# Description

This function combines the entropy data for structure building amino acids with its indices. It prepares the data for convenient visualization or processing.

#### Usage

```
prepare_structure_profile(structure, structure_entropy)
```

#### Arguments

structure\_entropy

The entropy values for the structure building residues, the output of get\_structures\_entropy function

#### Value

List of structures

Each element is a list of entropy values (matrix of entropy scores) and indices of residues building structure in protein of interest.

### Author(s)

Alicja Pluciennik & Michal Stolarczyk

preprocess\_hmm\_output preprocess HMM output

# Description

Preprocessing od HMMER output file to calculate CRE.

### Usage

preprocess\_hmm\_output(hmm\_out)

### Arguments

hmm\_out path to ouptut file

### Value

Returns list of

probabilities probabilities extracted from file alignment\_positions index of each alignment position

# Author(s)

Michal Stolarczyk & Alicja Pluciennik

### See Also

CRE\_conservativity()

## Examples

#No example due to external software requirements

read\_structure

#### Description

By using this function you can read text file and create an structure list which can be used in further evolutionary analysis with BALCONY package. Text file should comprise 2 or 3 columns: first one should contain indices (positions) of amino acids in the protein, the second one should contain amino acid symbols on specified positions and the third one (optionally) the numeric property of given residue.

#### Usage

read\_structure(file\_names)

#### Arguments

file\_names A vector of strings with structure file(s) name(s)

### Details

The files should be formatted as follows:

2 ASP 100 6 TYR 80 11 PHE 30 6 TYR 30

# Value

strucure\_list A list with read structure data. Number of elements of this list equals to the number of files specified.

### Author(s)

Alicja Pluciennik & Michal Stolarczyk

#### Examples

#Generating exemplary input files for the function

```
fileConn<-file("exemplary_input1.txt")
writeLines(c("2 TYR 100","3 LEU 100", "7 VAL 50", "10 PHE 30", "20 SER 20"), fileConn)
close(fileConn)
fileConn<-file("exemplary_input2.txt")
writeLines(c("5 ALA 100","6 ILE 100", "18 GLY 100", "40 PHE 100"), fileConn)
close(fileConn)</pre>
```

structure\_list = read\_structure(file\_names = c("exemplary\_input1.txt", "exemplary\_input2.txt"))

RealValET\_conservativity

Calculate real-value Evolutionary Trace (ET)

#### Description

This function allows to calculate real-valued ET for MSA.

### Usage

RealValET\_conservativity(alignment)

### Arguments

alignment Alignment data read with read.alignment() function

### Details

Here, the real-valued ET is calculated using an evolutionary tree calculated for given alignment. The tree is calculated using UPGMA method. Real-valued ET score can be used as complimentary analysis of evolutionary entropy measures.

### Value

\ itemxA vector of real valued ET score corresponding to each MSA column

# Author(s)

Alicja Plucennik & Michal Stolarczyk

### References

Mihalek, Res, Lichtarge, 2004

```
data("small_alignment")
alignment = small_alignment
weights = get_seq_weights(alignment)
```

```
schneider_conservativity
```

Calculate Schneider conservation metric

### Description

This function facilitates the calculation of Schneider conservation metric.

# Usage

```
schneider_conservativity(alignment, weights = NULL,pseudo_counts=F)
```

#### Arguments

alignment	Alignment data read with read.alignment function
weights	(optional) A vector of length equal number of sequences in the alignment object with weights to overcome the taxonomic bias in the conservation analysis.
pseudo_counts	(optional) A logical indicating if pseudo-counts should be added to the MSA. Pseudo-counts can be used only without weights. Using this option with pseudo- counts will be suppressed. Default: FALSE

### Value

conservation\_score

A vector of length equal to the length of aligned sequences

### Note

Please note that the Schneider matric formula can be found in the paper listed in "See Also" section below. Also, this function originally calculates the entropy values which can be used to estimate the conservativity score according to the following formula:

conservation = 1 - entropy

### Author(s)

Alicja Plucennik & Michal Stolarczyk

### See Also

http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/prot.10146/abstract

```
data("small_alignment")
conservation_score = schneider_conservativity(alignment)
```

shannon\_conservativity

Calculate Shannon conservation metric

### Description

This function facilitates the calculation of Shannon conservation metric.

# Usage

```
shannon_conservativity(alignment, weights = NULL,pseudo_counts=F)
```

#### Arguments

alignment	Alignment data read with read.alignment function
weights	(optional) A vector of length equal number of sequences in the alignment object with weights to overcome the taxonomic bias in the conservation analysis.
pseudo_counts	(optional) A logical indicating if pseudo-counts should be added to the MSA. Pseudo-counts can be used only withouth weights. Using these option with pseudo-counts will be suppressed. Default: FALSE

#### Value

conservation\_score

A vector of length equal to the length of aligned sequences

### Note

Please note that the Shannon matric formula can be found in the paper listed in "See Also" section below. Also, this function originally calculates the entropy values which can be used to estimate the conservativity score according to the following formula:

conservation = 1 - entropy

### Author(s)

Alicja Plucennik & Michal Stolarczyk

### See Also

http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/prot.10146/abstract

```
data("small_alignment")
conservation_score = shannon_conservativity(alignment)
```

small\_alignment

#### Description

This alignment consists of 10 proteins which belong to the soluable epoxide hydrolase family. The amino acid sequences were aligned using MUSCLE algorithm with default settings.

#### Format

An alignment object read with read.alignment function from seqinr package.

alignment\$nb A numeric: number of sequences

alignment\$nam A vector of characters: names of the sequences

alignment\$seq A vector of characters: amino acid sequences

#### Details

This is a smaller version of sample alignment which facilitates faster presentation of the functions capabilities.

#### Examples

data("small\_alignment")
small\_alignment

structure

A sample structure data

#### Description

This sample structure data consists of the amino acids names forming tunnels and their numbers is analyzed protein. The data is a result of CAVER which is a software tool for analysis and visualization of tunnels and channels in protein structures.

#### Format

A structure object with three elements:

- structure\_matrix A matrix of characters "S" and "N" marking on sequence the structural element; "S" - amino acid forms the analyzed structure, "N" - amino acid which does not form the structure. Number of rows of the matrix corresponds to the number of structures analyzed
- **structure\_numbers** A vector containing the numbers of the amino acids in the sequence of interest (no gaps)
- structure\_probabilities A matrix of numeric values: probabilities of corresponding to the structural information from first element of the output, which helps to reduce the effect of nonconsistent structural amino acids on the conservativity analysis of the structure of interest

### substitution\_mtx

# Details

The tunnel analysis with CAVER was performed on human epoxide hydrolase structure (PDB ID: 4JNC) 50ns MD simulation.

# See Also

CAVER: http://journals.plos.org/ploscompbiol/article?id=10.1371/journal.pcbi.1002708 4JNC: http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0960894X13004885

### Examples

data("structure")
structure

substitution\_mtx Read a substitution matrix

### Description

This function facilitates reading of substitution matrices for further use

### Usage

substitution\_mtx(matrix\_name)

#### Arguments

matrix\_name A string with path to the substitution matrix in a text file to be read

### Value

names	A vector of characters with amino acid names included in the matrix
matrix	A numeric matrix with values

### Author(s)

Michal Stolarczyk & Alicja Pluciennik

```
path = system.file("extdata", "GONNET.txt", package = "BALCONY")
sub_mat = substitution_mtx(path)
```

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