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| annotateFromBiomart | Annotate your Expression Set with biomaRt |
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Description

Annotate your Expression Set with biomaRt

Usage

```
annotateFromBiomart(obj, genes = featureNames(obj),  
  filters = "ensembl_gene_id", attributes = c("ensembl_gene_id",  
    "hgnc_symbol", "chromosome_name", "start_position", "end_position"),  
  biomaRt = "ensembl", dataset = "hsapiens_gene_ensembl", ...)
```

**Arguments**

|                         |                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>obj</code>        | ExpressionSet object.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>genes</code>      | Genes or rownames of the ExpressionSet.                                                                                                                                                   |
| <code>filters</code>    | getBM filter value, see getBM help file.                                                                                                                                                  |
| <code>attributes</code> | getBM attributes value, see getBM help file.                                                                                                                                              |
| <code>biomart</code>    | BioMart database name you want to connect to. Possible database names can be retrieved with the function listMarts.                                                                       |
| <code>dataset</code>    | Dataset you want to use. To see the different datasets available within a biomart you can e.g. do: <code>mart = useMart('ensembl')</code> , followed by <code>listDatasets(mart)</code> . |
| <code>...</code>        | Values for useMart, see useMart help file.                                                                                                                                                |

**Value**

ExpressionSet object with a fuller featureData.

**Examples**

```
data(skin)
# subsetting and changing column name just for a silly example
skin <- skin[1:10,]
colnames(fData(skin)) = paste("names", 1:6)
biomart<-"ENSEMBL_MART_ENSEMBL";
genes <- sapply(strsplit(rownames(skin),split="\\.\\.\\."),function(i)i[1])
newskin <- annotateFromBiomart(skin,genes=genes,biomart=biomart)
head(fData(newskin)[, 7:11])
```

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bladder

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*Bladder RNA-seq data from the GTEx consortium*


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**Description**

Bladder RNA-seq data from the GTEx consortium. V6 release.

**Usage**

```
data(bladder)
```

**Format**

An object of class "ExpressionSet"; see [ExpressionSet](#).

**Value**

ExpressionSet object

**Source**

GTEX Portal

**References**

GTEX Consortium, 2015. The Genotype-Tissue Expression (GTEx) pilot analysis: Multitissue gene regulation in humans. Science, 348(6235), pp.648-660. ([PubMed](#))

**Examples**

```
data(bladder);
checkMissAnnotation(bladder);
```

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|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| checkMisAnnotation | <i>Check for wrong annotation of a sample using classical MDS and control genes.</i> |
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**Description**

Check for wrong annotation of a sample using classical MDS and control genes.

**Usage**

```
checkMisAnnotation(obj, phenotype, controlGenes = "all",
  columnID = "chromosome_name", plotFlag = TRUE,
  legendPosition = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|                |                                                                                        |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| obj            | ExpressionSet object.                                                                  |
| phenotype      | phenotype column name in the phenoData slot to check.                                  |
| controlGenes   | Name of controlGenes, ie. 'Y' chromosome. Can specify 'all'.                           |
| columnID       | Column name where controlGenes is defined in the featureData slot if other than 'all'. |
| plotFlag       | TRUE/FALSE Whether to plot or not                                                      |
| legendPosition | Location for the legend.                                                               |
| ...            | Extra parameters for <a href="#">plotCMDS</a> function.                                |

**Value**

Plots a classical multi-dimensional scaling of the 'controlGenes'. Optionally returns co-ordinates.

**Examples**

```
data(bladder)
checkMisAnnotation(bladder, 'GENDER', controlGenes='Y', legendPosition='topleft')
```

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| checkTissuesToMerge | <i>Check tissues to merge based on gene expression profile</i> |
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## Description

Check tissues to merge based on gene expression profile

## Usage

```
checkTissuesToMerge(obj, majorGroups, minorGroups, filterFun = NULL,  
  plotFlag = TRUE, ...)
```

## Arguments

|             |                                                                                                  |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| obj         | ExpressionSet object.                                                                            |
| majorGroups | Column name in the phenoData slot that describes the general body region or site of the sample.  |
| minorGroups | Column name in the phenoData slot that describes the specific body region or site of the sample. |
| filterFun   | Filter group specific genes that might disrupt PCoA analysis.                                    |
| plotFlag    | TRUE/FALSE whether to plot or not                                                                |
| ...         | Parameters that can go to <a href="#">checkMisAnnotation</a>                                     |

## Value

CMDS Plots of the majorGroupss colored by the minorGroupss. Optional matrix of CMDS loadings for each comparison.

## See Also

`checkTissuesToMerge`

## Examples

```
data(skin)  
checkTissuesToMerge(skin, 'SMTS', 'SMTSD')
```

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|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| downloadGTEX | <i>Download GTEx files and turn them into ExpressionSet object</i> |
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### Description

Downloads the V6 GTEx release and turns it into an ExpressionSet object.

### Usage

```
downloadGTEX(type = "genes", file = NULL, ...)
```

### Arguments

|      |                                                                                                   |
|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| type | Type of counts to download - default genes.                                                       |
| file | File path and name to automatically save the downloaded GTEx expression set. Saves as a RDS file. |
| ...  | Does nothing currently.                                                                           |

### Value

Organized ExpressionSet set.

### Examples

```
# obj <- downloadGTEX(type='genes',file='~/Desktop/gtex.rds')
```

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| extractMatrix | <i>Extract the appropriate matrix</i> |
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### Description

This returns the raw counts, log2-transformed raw counts, or normalized expression. If normalized = TRUE then the log paramater is ignored.

### Usage

```
extractMatrix(obj, normalized = FALSE, log = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

|            |                                                       |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| obj        | ExpressionSet object or objrix.                       |
| normalized | TRUE / FALSE, use the normalized matrix or raw counts |
| log        | TRUE/FALSE log2-transform.                            |

**Value**

matrix

**Examples**

```
data(skin)
head(yarn:::extractMatrix(skin,normalized=FALSE,log=TRUE))
head(yarn:::extractMatrix(skin,normalized=FALSE,log=FALSE))
```

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filterGenes

*Filter specific genes*

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**Description**

The main use case for this function is the removal of sex-chromosome genes. Alternatively, filter genes that are not protein-coding.

**Usage**

```
filterGenes(obj, labels = c("X", "Y", "MT"),
  featureName = "chromosome_name", keepOnly = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|             |                                                     |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| obj         | ExpressionSet object.                               |
| labels      | Labels of genes to filter or keep, eg. X, Y, and MT |
| featureName | FeatureData column name, eg. chr                    |
| keepOnly    | Filter or keep only the genes with those labels     |

**Value**

Filtered ExpressionSet object

**Examples**

```
data(skin)
filterGenes(skin,labels = c('X','Y','MT'),featureName='chromosome_name')
filterGenes(skin,labels = 'protein_coding',featureName='gene_biotype',keepOnly=TRUE)
```

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|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| filterLowGenes | <i>Filter genes that have less than a minimum threshold CPM for a given group/tissue</i> |
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**Description**

Filter genes that have less than a minimum threshold CPM for a given group/tissue

**Usage**

```
filterLowGenes(obj, groups, threshold = 1, minSamples = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|            |                                                                                                                              |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| obj        | ExpressionSet object.                                                                                                        |
| groups     | Vector of labels for each sample or a column name of the phenoData slot. for the ids to filter. Default is the column names. |
| threshold  | The minimum threshold for calling presence of a gene in a sample.                                                            |
| minSamples | Minimum number of samples - defaults to half the minimum group size.                                                         |
| ...        | Options for <a href="#">cpm</a> .                                                                                            |

**Value**

Filtered ExpressionSet object

**See Also**

[cpm](#) function defined in the edgeR package.

**Examples**

```
data(skin)
filterLowGenes(skin, 'SMTSD')
```

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|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| filterMissingGenes | <i>Filter genes not expressed in any sample</i> |
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**Description**

The main use case for this function is the removal of missing genes.

**Usage**

```
filterMissingGenes(obj, threshold = 0)
```

**Arguments**

obj                      ExpressionSet object.

threshold              Minimum sum of gene counts across samples – defaults to zero.

**Value**

Filtered ExpressionSet object

**Examples**

```
data(skin)
filterMissingGenes(skin)
```

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|---------------|-----------------------|
| filterSamples | <i>Filter samples</i> |
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**Description**

Filter samples

**Usage**

```
filterSamples(obj, ids, groups = colnames(obj), keepOnly = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

obj                      ExpressionSet object.

ids                      Names found within the groups labels corresponding to samples to be removed

groups                  Vector of labels for each sample or a column name of the phenoData slot for the ids to filter. Default is the column names.

keepOnly                Filter or keep only the samples with those labels.

**Value**

Filtered ExpressionSet object

**Examples**

```
data(skin)
filterSamples(skin,ids = "Skin - Not Sun Exposed (Suprapubic)",groups="SMTSD")
filterSamples(skin,ids=c("GTEx-OHPL-0008-SM-4E3I9","GTEx-145MN-1526-SM-5SI9T"))
```

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| normalizeTissueAware | <i>Normalize in a tissue aware context</i> |
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## Description

This function provides a wrapper to various normalization methods developed. Currently it only wraps qsmooth and quantile normalization returning a log-transformed normalized matrix. qsmooth is a normalization approach that normalizes samples in a condition aware manner.

## Usage

```
normalizeTissueAware(obj, groups, normalizationMethod = c("qsmooth",  
  "quantile"), ...)
```

## Arguments

|                     |                                                                                                                            |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| obj                 | ExpressionSet object                                                                                                       |
| groups              | Vector of labels for each sample or a column name of the phenoData slot for the ids to filter. Default is the column names |
| normalizationMethod | Choice of 'qsmooth' or 'quantile'                                                                                          |
| ...                 | Options for <a href="#">qsmooth</a> function or <a href="#">normalizeQuantiles</a>                                         |

## Value

ExpressionSet object with an assayData called normalizedMatrix

## Source

The function qsmooth comes from the qsmooth packages currently available on github under user 'kokrah'.

## Examples

```
data(skin)  
normalizeTissueAware(skin, "SMTSD")
```

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plotCMDS

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*Plot classical MDS of dataset*

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**Description**

This function plots the MDS coordinates for the "n" features of interest. Potentially uncovering batch effects or feature relationships.

**Usage**

```
plotCMDS(obj, comp = 1:2, normalized = FALSE, distFun = dist,  
  distMethod = "euclidian", n = NULL, samples = TRUE, log = TRUE,  
  plotFlag = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|            |                                                                                                                                                                        |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| obj        | ExpressionSet object or objrix.                                                                                                                                        |
| comp       | Which components to display.                                                                                                                                           |
| normalized | TRUE / FALSE, use the normalized matrix or raw counts.                                                                                                                 |
| distFun    | Distance function, default is dist.                                                                                                                                    |
| distMethod | The distance measure to be used. This must be one of "euclidean", "maximum", "manhattan", "canberra", "binary" or "minkowski". Any unambiguous substring can be given. |
| n          | Number of features to make use of in calculating your distances.                                                                                                       |
| samples    | Perform on samples or genes.                                                                                                                                           |
| log        | TRUE/FALSE log2-transform raw counts.                                                                                                                                  |
| plotFlag   | TRUE/FALSE whether to plot or not.                                                                                                                                     |
| ...        | Additional plot arguments.                                                                                                                                             |

**Value**

coordinates

**Examples**

```
data(skin)  
res <- plotCMDS(skin,pch=21,bg=factor(pData(skin)$SMTSD))  
  
# library(calibrate)  
# textxy(X=res[,1],Y=res[,2],labs=rownames(res))
```

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| plotDensity | <i>Density plots of columns in a matrix</i> |
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### Description

Plots the density of the columns of a matrix. Wrapper for [matdensity](#).

### Usage

```
plotDensity(obj, groups = NULL, normalized = FALSE, legendPos = NULL,
  ...)
```

### Arguments

|            |                                                                                                                             |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| obj        | ExpressionSet object                                                                                                        |
| groups     | Vector of labels for each sample or a column name of the phenoData slot for the ids to filter. Default is the column names. |
| normalized | TRUE / FALSE, use the normalized matrix or log2-transformed raw counts                                                      |
| legendPos  | Legend title position. If null, does not create legend by default.                                                          |
| ...        | Extra parameters for <a href="#">matdensity</a> .                                                                           |

### Value

A density plot for each column in the ExpressionSet object colored by groups

### Examples

```
data(skin)
filtData <- filterLowGenes(skin, "SMTSD")
plotDensity(filtData, groups="SMTSD", legendPos="topleft")
# to remove the legend
plotDensity(filtData, groups="SMTSD")
```

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| plotHeatmap | <i>Plot heatmap of most variable genes</i> |
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### Description

This function plots a heatmap of the gene expressions for the "n" features of interest.

### Usage

```
plotHeatmap(obj, n = NULL, fun = stats::sd, normalized = TRUE,
  log = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|            |                                                           |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| obj        | ExpressionSet object or objrix.                           |
| n          | Number of features to make use of in plotting heatmap.    |
| fun        | Function to sort genes by, default <a href="#">sd</a> .   |
| normalized | TRUE / FALSE, use the normalized matrix or raw counts.    |
| log        | TRUE/FALSE log2-transform raw counts.                     |
| ...        | Additional plot arguments for <a href="#">heatmap.2</a> . |

**Value**

coordinates

**Examples**

```
data(skin)
tissues <- pData(skin)$SMTSD
plotHeatmap(skin,normalized=FALSE,log=TRUE,trace="none",n=10)
# Even prettier

# library(RColorBrewer)
data(skin)
tissues <- pData(skin)$SMTSD
heatmapColColors <- brewer.pal(12,"Set3")[as.integer(factor(tissues))]
heatmapCols <- colorRampPalette(brewer.pal(9, "RdBu"))(50)
plotHeatmap(skin,normalized=FALSE,log=TRUE,trace="none",n=10,
  col = heatmapCols,ColSideColors = heatmapColColors,cexRow = 0.6,cexCol = 0.6)
```

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qsmooth

*Quantile shrinkage normalization*


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**Description**

This function was modified from github user kokrah.

**Usage**

```
qsmooth(obj, groups, norm.factors = NULL, plot = FALSE,
  window = 0.05, log = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|              |                                                                        |
|--------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| obj          | for counts use log2(raw counts + 1)), for MA use log2(raw intensities) |
| groups       | groups to which samples belong (character vector)                      |
| norm.factors | scaling normalization factors                                          |
| plot         | plot weights? (default=FALSE)                                          |

windowwindow size for running median (a fraction of the number of rows of exprs)
 logWhether or not the data should be log transformed before normalization, TRUE = YES.

Value

Normalized expression

Source

Kwame Okrah’s qsmooth R package

Examples

```
data(skin)
head(yarn::qsmooth(skin,groups=pData(skin)$SMTSD))
```

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| qstats | Compute quantile statistics |
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Description

This function was directly borrowed from github user kokrah.

Usage

```
qstats(exprs, groups, window)
```

Arguments

exprsfor counts use log2(raw counts + 1)), for MA use log2(raw intensities)
 groupsgroups to which samples belong (character vector)
 windowwindow size for running median as a fraction on the number of rows of exprs

Value

list of statistics

Source

Kwame Okrah’s qsmooth R package Compute quantile statistics

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skin

*Skin RNA-seq data from the GTEx consortium*

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**Description**

Skin RNA-seq data from the GTEx consortium. V6 release. Random selection of 20 skin samples. 13 of the samples are fibroblast cells, 5 Skin sun exposed, 2 sun unexposed.

**Usage**

```
data(skin)
```

**Format**

An object of class "ExpressionSet"; see [ExpressionSet](#).

**Value**

ExpressionSet object

**Source**

GTEx Portal

**References**

GTEx Consortium, 2015. The Genotype-Tissue Expression (GTEx) pilot analysis: Multitissue gene regulation in humans. Science, 348(6235), pp.648-660. ([PubMed](#))

**Examples**

```
data(skin);  
checkMissAnnotation(skin, "GENDER");
```

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