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# Description

This helper function adapts the columns of a provided spillover matrix such that it is compatible with data having the column names provided.

### Usage

```
adaptSpillmat(input_sm, out_chs, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'matrix,vector'
adaptSpillmat(input_sm, out_chs,
  isotope_list = CATALYST::isotope_list)
```

### **Arguments**

input_sm	a previously calculated spillover matrix.
out_chs	the column names that the prepared output spillover matrix should have. Numeric names as well as names of the form MetalMass(Di), e.g. Ir191Di or Ir191, will be interpreted as masses with associated metals.
	optional arguments.
isotope_list	named list. Used to validate the input spillover matrix. Names should be metals; list elements numeric vectors of their isotopes. See isotope_list for the list of isotopes used by default.

# **Details**

The rules how the spillover matrix is adapted are explained in compCytof.

# Value

An adapted spillover matrix with column and row names according to out\_chs.

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```
# get single-stained control samples
data(ss_exp)
# specify mass channels stained for
bc_ms <- c(139, 141:156, 158:176)
# debarcode
re <- assignPrelim(x = ss_exp, y = bc_ms)
re <- estCutoffs(x = re)
re <- applyCutoffs(x = re)
# estimate spillover matrix and adapt it
sm <- computeSpillmat(x = re)
chs <- flowCore::colnames(ss_exp)</pre>
```

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```
adaptSpillmat(sm, chs)
```

applyCutoffs

Single-cell debarcoding (2)

#### **Description**

Applies separation and mahalanobies distance cutoffs.

### Usage

```
applyCutoffs(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'dbFrame'
applyCutoffs(x, mhl_cutoff = 30,
    sep_cutoffs = NULL)
```

# **Arguments**

x a dbFrame.

... optional arguments.

mhl\_cutoff mahalanobis distance threshold above which events should be unassigned. This

argument will be ignored if the mhl\_cutoff slot of the input dbFrame is speci-

fied.

sep\_cutoffs non-negative numeric of length one or of same length as the number of rows in

the bc\_key(x). Specifies the distance separation cutoffs between positive and negative barcode populations below which events should be unassigned. If NULL (default), applyCutoffs will try to access the sep\_cutoffs slot of the input

 ${\tt dbFrame}.$ 

#### Value

Will update the  $bc_ids$  and, if not already specified,  $sep_cutoffs \& mhl_cutoff$  slots of x.

### Author(s)

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# References

Zunder, E.R. et al. (2015). Palladium-based mass tag cell barcoding with a doublet-filtering scheme and single-cell deconvolution algorithm. *Nature Protocols* **10**, 316-333.

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### **Examples**

```
data(sample_ff, sample_key)
re <- assignPrelim(x = sample_ff, y = sample_key)
# use global separation cutoff
applyCutoffs(x = re, sep_cutoffs = 0.4)
# estimate population-specific cutoffs
re <- estCutoffs(x = re)
applyCutoffs(x = re)</pre>
```

assignPrelim

Single-cell debarcoding (1)

### **Description**

Assigns a preliminary barcode ID to each event.

# Usage

```
assignPrelim(x, y, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'flowFrame,data.frame'
assignPrelim(x, y, cofactor = 10,
    verbose = TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'flowFrame,vector'
assignPrelim(x, y, cofactor = 10,
    verbose = TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'character,data.frame'
assignPrelim(x, y, cofactor = 10,
    verbose = TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'character,vector'
assignPrelim(x, y, cofactor = 10,
    verbose = TRUE)
```

# Arguments

X	a flowFrame or character of an FCS file name.
У	the debarcoding scheme. A binary matrix with sample names as row names and numeric masses as column names OR a vector of numeric masses corresponding to barcode channels. When the latter is supplied, 'assignPrelim' will create a scheme of the appropriate format internally.
	optional arguments.
cofactor	numeric. Cofactor used for asinh transformation.
verbose	logical. Should extra information on progress be reported?

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#### Value

Returns a dbFrame containing measurement intensities, the debarcoding key, a numeric verctor of barcode IDs and separations between positive and negative barcode populations, and barcode intensities normalized by population.

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#### References

Zunder, E.R. et al. (2015). Palladium-based mass tag cell barcoding with a doublet-filtering scheme and single-cell deconvolution algorithm. *Nature Protocols* **10**, 316-333.

### **Examples**

```
data(sample_ff, sample_key)
assignPrelim(x = sample_ff, y = sample_key)
```

cluster

FlowSOM clustering & ConsensusClusterPlus metaclustering

# **Description**

cluster will first group cells into xdimxydim clusters using **FlowSOM**, and subsequently perform metaclustering with **ConsensusClusterPlus** into 2 through maxK clusters. In the returned daFrame, those antigens used for clustering will be labelled as 'type' markers, and the remainder of antigens as 'state' markers.

### Usage

```
cluster(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame'
cluster(x, cols_to_use = NULL, xdim = 10,
   ydim = 10, maxK = 20, verbose = TRUE, seed = 1)
```

### **Arguments**

X	a daFrame.
	optional arguments.
cols_to_use	a character vector. Specifies which antigens to use for clustering. The default (NULL) uses type_markers(x). Must be provided if colData(x)\$marker_class has not been specified.
xdim, ydim	numeric. Specify the grid size of the self-orginizing map. The default 10x10 grid will yield 100 clusters.
maxK	numeric. Specifies the maximum number of clusters to evaluate in the meta- clustering. For maxK = 20, for example, metaclustering will be performed for 2 through 20 clusters.
verbose	logical. Should information on progress be reported?
seed	numeric. Sets random seed in ConsensusClusterPlus().

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#### **Details**

The delta area represents the amount of extra cluster stability gained when clustering into k groups as compared to k-1 groups. It can be expected that high stability of clusters can be reached when clustering into the number of groups that best fits the data. The "natural" number of clusters present in the data should thus corresponds to the value of k where there is no longer a considerable increase in stability (pleateau onset).

#### Value

The function will add information to the following slots of the input daFrame (and return it):

- rowData
  - cluster\_id: each cell's cluster ID as inferred by FlowSOM. One of 1, ..., xdimxydim.
- colData
  - marker\_class: "type" or "state". Specifies whether an antigen has been used for clustering or not, respectively.
- metadata
  - SOM\_codes: a table with dimensions K x (# cell type markers), where K = xdim x ydim.
     Contains the SOM codes.
  - cluster\_codes: a table with dimensions K x (maxK + 1). Contains the cluster codes for all metaclustering.
  - delta\_area: a ggplot object. See above for details.

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#### References

Nowicka M, Krieg C, Weber LM et al. CyTOF workflow: Differential discovery in high-throughput high-dimensional cytometry datasets. *F1000Research* 2017, 6:748 (doi: 10.12688/f1000research.11622.1)

#### **Examples**

```
data(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)
daf <- daFrame(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)
# run clustering
(daf <- cluster(daf))</pre>
```

compCytof

Compensate CyTOF data

#### **Description**

Compensates a mass spectrometry based experiment using a provided spillover matrix & assuming a linear spillover in the experiment.

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#### Usage

```
compCytof(x, y, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'flowFrame,matrix'
compCytof(x, y, out_path = NULL,
    method = "flow", isotope_list = CATALYST::isotope_list)
## S4 method for signature 'flowSet,ANY'
compCytof(x, y, out_path = NULL,
    method = "flow")
## S4 method for signature 'character,matrix'
compCytof(x, y, out_path = NULL,
    method = "flow")
## S4 method for signature 'ANY,data.frame'
compCytof(x, y, out_path = NULL,
    method = "flow")
```

#### **Arguments**

x a flowFrame OR a character string specifying the location of FCS files that

should be compensates.

y a spillover matrix.
... optional arguments.

out\_path a character string. If specified, compensated FCS files will be generated in this

location. If x is a character string, file names will be inherited from uncompen-

sated FCS files and given extension "\_comped".

method "flow" or "nnls".

isotope\_list named list. Used to validate the input spillover matrix. Names should be metals;

list elements numeric vectors of their isotopes. See isotope\_list for the list of

isotopes used by default.

#### **Details**

If the spillover matrix (SM) does not contain the same set of columns as the input experiment, it will be adapted according to the following rules:

- 1. columns present in the SM but not in the input data will be removed from it
- 2. non-metal columns present in the input but not in the SM will be added such that they do neither receive nor cause spill
- 3. metal columns that have the same mass as a channel present in the SM will receive (but not emit) spillover according to that channel
- 4. if an added channel could potentially receive spillover (as it has +/-1M or +16M of, or is of the same metal type as another channel measured), a warning will be issued as there could be spillover interactions that have been missed and may lead to faulty compensation

# Value

Compensates the input flowFrame or, if x is a character string, all FCS files in the specified location. If out\_path=NULL (the default), returns a flowFrame containing the compensated data. Otherwise, compensated data will be written to the specified location as FCS 3.0 standard files.

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### **Examples**

```
# get single-stained control samples
data(ss_exp)

# specify mass channels stained for
bc_ms <- c(139, 141:156, 158:176)

# debarcode
re <- assignPrelim(x = ss_exp, y = bc_ms)
re <- estCutoffs(x = re)
re <- applyCutoffs(x = re)
spillMat <- computeSpillmat(x = re)
compCytof(x = ss_exp, y = spillMat)</pre>
```

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Compute spillover matrix

### **Description**

Computes a spillover matrix from a priori identified single-positive populations.

# Usage

```
computeSpillmat(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'dbFrame'
computeSpillmat(x, method = "default",
  interactions = "default", trim = 0.5, th = 1e-05)
```

estimates will be set to 0.

### **Arguments**

x	a dbFrame.
	optional arguments.
method	"default" or "classic". Specifies the function to be used for spillover estimation (see below for details).
interactions	"default" or "all". Specifies which interactions spillover should be estimated for. The default exclusively takes into consideration interactions that are sensible from a chemical and physical point of view (see below for more details).
trim	numeric. Specifies the trim value used for estimation of spill values. Note that $trim = 0.5$ is equivalent to using medians.
th	single non-negative numeric. Specifies the threshold value below which spill

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#### **Details**

The default method estimates the spillover as the median ratio between the unstained spillover receiving and the stained spillover emitting channel in the corresponding single stained populations.

method = "classic" will compute the slope of a line through the medians (or trimmed means) of stained and unstained populations. The medians (or trimmed means) computed from events that are i) negative in the respective channels; and, ii) not assigned to interacting channels; and, iii) not unassigned are subtracted as to account for background.

interactions="default" considers only expected interactions, that is, M+/-1 (detection sensitivity), M+16 (oxide formation) and channels measuring metals that are potentially contaminated by isotopic impurites (see reference below and isotope\_list).

interaction="all" will estimate spill for all  $n \times n - n$  interactions, where n denotes the number of single-color controls (=  $nrow(bc_key(re))$ ).

#### Value

Returns a square compensation matrix with dimensions and dimension names matching those of the input flowFrame. Spillover is assumed to be linear, and, on the basis of their additive nature, spillover values are computed independently for each interacting pair of channels.

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#### References

Coursey, J.S., Schwab, D.J., Tsai, J.J., Dragoset, R.A. (2015). Atomic weights and isotopic compositions, (available at http://physics.nist.gov/Comp).

#### **Examples**

```
# get single-stained control samples
data(ss_exp)
# specify mass channels stained for
bc_ms <- c(139, 141:156, 158:176)
# debarcode single-positive populations
re <- assignPrelim(x = ss_exp, y = bc_ms)
re <- estCutoffs(x = re)
re <- applyCutoffs(x = re)
head(computeSpillmat(x = re))</pre>
```

concatFCS

FCS file Concatenation

# Description

Concatenates all input data to a single file or object.

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#### Usage

```
concatFCS(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'flowSet'
concatFCS(x, out_path = NULL, fn = NULL,
    fn_sep = "_", by_time = TRUE, file_num = FALSE, pars = NULL,
    desc = NULL)
## S4 method for signature 'character'
concatFCS(x, out_path = NULL, fn = NULL,
    fn_sep = "_", by_time = TRUE, file_num = FALSE)
## S4 method for signature 'list'
concatFCS(x, out_path = NULL, fn = NULL,
    fn_sep = "_", by_time = TRUE, file_num = FALSE)
```

# **Arguments**

X	can be either a flowSet, a list of flowFrames, a character specifying the location of the FCS files to be concatinated, or a vector of FCS file names.
	optional arguments.
out_path	character string. If specified, an FCS file of the concatenated data will be written to this location. If NULL (default), a flowFrame will be returned.
fn	a character string to use as the output file name. Defaults to the file name of the first input FCS file or flowFrame, respectively.
fn_sep	a character string to use to separate the output file name's prefix from the appendage.
by_time	logical. Specifies whether files should be ordered by time of acquisition.
file_num	logical. Specifies whether a file number column should be added.
pars, desc	optional character vectors of channel names & descriptions to use when merging files.

# Value

a flowFrame containing measurement intensities of all input data or a character of the FCS file name.

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```
data(raw_data)
concatFCS(raw_data)
```

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Differential analysis frame class

#### **Description**

Represents the data returned by and used throughout differential analysis.

assays a list of length 1 containing the measurement data.

rowData an object of the DataFrame-class containing the row metadata.

colData an object of the DataFrame-class containing the column metadata.

metadata a named list containing:

- experimental\_design: the original metadata table.
- n\_cells: number of events (cells) measured per sample.
- cofactor: numeric cofactor used for arcsinh-transformation.
- cluster\_codes: cluster codes for the initial **FlowSOM** clustering ("som100"), the **Consensus Cluster Plus** metaclustering ("metaX"), and all manual mergings done with mergeClusters.
- delta\_area: the Delta Area plot (see **ConsensusClusterPlus** for details).
- experimental\_design: the original metadata table

#### Usage

```
daFrame(x, panel, md, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'flowSet,data.frame,data.frame'
daFrame(x, panel, md,
    cols_to_use = NULL, cofactor = 5, panel_cols = list(channel =
    "fcs_colname", antigen = "antigen", class = "marker_class"),
    md_cols = list(file = "file_name", id = "sample_id", factors =
    c("condition", "patient_id")))

## S4 method for signature 'character,data.frame,data.frame'
daFrame(x, panel, md, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'daFrame,matrix,ANY'
daFrame(x, panel, md, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'daFrame,ANY,matrix'
daFrame(x, panel, md, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

x a flowSet holding all samples or a path to a set of FCS files.

panel a data.frame containing, for each channel, its column name in the input data, targeted protein marker, and (optionally) class ("type", "state", or "none").

md a table with column describing the experiment. An exemplary metadata table could look as follows:

- file\_name: the FCS file name
- sample\_id: a unique sample identifier

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• patient\_id: the patient ID

• condition: brief sample description (e.g. reference/stimulated, healthy/diseased)

... optional arguments.

cols\_to\_use a logical vector, numeric vector of column indices, or character vector of channel

names. Specified which column to keep from the input data. Defaults to the

channels listed in the input panel.

cofactor numeric cofactor to use for arcsinh-transformation.

panel\_cols a names list specifying the column names of panel that contain the channel

names, targeted protein markers, and (optionally) marker classes.

md\_cols a named list specifying the column names of md that contain the FCS file names,

sample IDs, and factors of interest (batch, condition, treatment etc.).

#### Value

an object of class daFrame.

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#### **Examples**

```
data(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)
daFrame(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)
```

data

Example data sets

### **Description**

• Concatenation & Normalization

raw\_data a flowSet with 3 experiments, each containing 2'500 raw measurements with a variation of signal over time. Samples were mixed with DVS beads capture by mass channels 140, 151, 153, 165 and 175.

Debarcoding

sample\_ff a flowFrame following a 6-choose-3 barcoding scheme where mass channels 102, 104, 105, 106, 108, and 110 were used for labeling such that each of the 20 individual barcodes are positive for exactly 3 out of the 6 barcode channels.

sample\_key a data.frame of dimension 20 x 6 with sample names as row and barcode masses as column names. Contains a binary code of length 6 for each sample in sample\_ff, e.g. 111000, as its unique identifier.

Compensation

ss\_exp a flowFrame with 20'000 events. Contains 36 single-antibody stained controls where beads were stained with antibodies captured by mass channels 139, 141 through 156, and 158 through 176, respectively, and pooled together.

mp\_cells a flowFrame with 5000 spill-affected multiplexed cells and 39 measurement parameters.

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isotope\_list a named list of isotopic compositions for all elements within 75 through 209 u corresponding to the CyTOF mass range at the time of writing.

· Differential Analysis

PBMC\_fs a flowSet with PBMCs samples from 6 patients. For each sample, the expression of 10 cell surface and 14 signaling markers was measured before (REF) and upon BCR/FcR-XL stimulation (BCRXL) with B cell receptor/Fc receptor crosslinking for 30', resulting in a total of 12 samples.

PBMC\_panel a 2 column data. frame that contains each marker's column name in the FCS file, and its targeted protein marker.

PBMC\_md a data.frame where each row corresponds to a sample, and with columns describing the experimental design.

merging\_table a 20 x 2 table with "old\_cluster" IDs and "new\_cluster" labels to exemplify manual cluster merging and cluster annotation.

#### Value

see descriptions above.

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#### References

Bodenmiller, B., Zunder, E.R., Finck, R., et al. (2012). Multiplexed mass cytometry profiling of cellular states perturbed by small-molecule regulators. *Nature Biotechnology* **30**(9): 858-67.

Coursey, J.S., Schwab, D.J., Tsai, J.J., Dragoset, R.A. (2015). Atomic weights and isotopic compositions, (available at http://physics.nist.gov/Comp).

```
### example data for concatenation & normalization:
   # raw measurement data
   data(raw_data)
### example data for debarcoding:
   # 20 barcoded samples
   data(sample_ff)
   # 6-choose-3 barcoding scheme
   data(sample_key)
### example data for compensation:
   # single-stained control samples
   data(ss_exp)
   # multiplexed cells
   data(mp_cells)
### example data for differential analysis:
   # REF vs. BCRXL samples
   data(PBMC_fs)
   # antigen panel & experimental design
   data(PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)
   # exemplary manual merging table
   data(merging_table)
```

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Debarcoding frame class

#### **Description**

This class represents the data returned by and used throughout debarcoding.

#### **Details**

Objects of class dbFrame hold all data required for debarcoding:

- 1. as the initial step of single-cell deconcolution, assignPrelim will return a dbFrame containing the input measurement data, barcoding scheme, and preliminary assignments.
- 2. assignments will be made final by applyCutoffs. Optionally, population-specific separation cutoffs may be estimated by running estCutoffs prior to this.
- 3. plotYields, plotEvents and plotMahal aim to guide devoncolution parameter selection, and to give a sense of the resulting barcode assignment quality.

show(dbFrame) will display

- the dimensionality of the measurement data and number of barcodes
- current assignments in order of decreasing population size
- · current separation cutoffs
- the mean & per-population yield that'll be achieved upon debarcoding

#### **Slots**

exprs a matrix containing raw intensities of the input flowFrame.

- bc\_key binary barcoding scheme with numeric masses as column names and samples names as row names OR a numeric vector of barcode masses.
- bc\_ids vector of barcode IDs. If a barcoding scheme is supplied, the respective binary code's row name, else, the mass of the respective barcode channel.
- deltas numeric vector of separations between positive and negative barcode populations computed from normalized barcode intensities.

normed\_bcs matrix containing normalized barcode intensities.

mhl\_dists mahalanobis distances.

- sep\_cutoffs numeric vector of distance separation cutoffs between positive and negative barcode populations above which events will be unassigned.
- mhl\_cutoff non-negative and non-zero numeric value specifying the Mahalanobis distance below which events will be unassigned.
- counts matrix of dimension (# barcodes)x(101) where each row contains the number of events within a barcode for which positive & negative populations are separated by a distance between in [0,0.01), ..., [0.99,1], respectively.
- yields a matrix of dimension (# barcodes)x(101) where each row contains the percentage of events within a barcode that will be obtained after applying a separation cutoff of 0, 0.01, ..., 1, respectively.

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Extraction and replacement methods for objects of class dbFrame

# Description

Methods for replacing and accessing slots in a dbFrame.

### Usage

```
bc_key(x)
bc_ids(x)
deltas(x)
normed_bcs(x)
mhl_dists(x)
sep_cutoffs(x)
mhl_cutoff(x)
counts(x)
yields(x)
## S4 method for signature 'dbFrame'
exprs(object)
## S4 method for signature 'dbFrame'
bc_key(x)
## S4 method for signature 'dbFrame'
bc_ids(x)
## S4 method for signature 'dbFrame'
deltas(x)
## S4 method for signature 'dbFrame'
normed_bcs(x)
## S4 method for signature 'dbFrame'
mhl_dists(x)
## S4 method for signature 'dbFrame'
sep_cutoffs(x)
## S4 method for signature 'dbFrame'
mhl_cutoff(x)
```

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```
## S4 method for signature 'dbFrame'
counts(x)

## S4 method for signature 'dbFrame'
yields(x)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'dbFrame,numeric'
mhl_cutoff(x) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'dbFrame,ANY'
mhl_cutoff(x) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'dbFrame,numeric'
sep_cutoffs(x) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'dbFrame,ANY'
sep_cutoffs(x) <- value</pre>
```

### **Arguments**

```
x, object a dbFrame.
value the replacement value.
```

#### Value

exprs extracts the raw data intensities.

bc\_key extracts the barcoding scheme.

bc\_ids extracts currently made event assignments.

deltas extracts barcode separations computed from normalized intensities. sep\_cutoffs apply to these values (see applyCutoffs).

normed\_bcs extracts normalized barcode intensities (see assignPrelim).

sep\_cutoffs, sep\_cutoffs<- extracts or replaces separation cutoffs. If option sep\_cutoffs is not specified, these will be used by applyCutoffs. Replacement value must be a non-negative numeric with length one or same length as the number of barcodes.

mhl\_cutoff, mhl\_cutoff<- extracts or replaces the Mahalanobis distance threshold above which events are to be unassigned. Replacement value must be a single non-negative and non-zero numeric.

```
counts extract the counts matrix (see dbFrame). yields extract the yields matrix (see dbFrame).
```

#### Author(s)

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```
data(sample_ff, sample_key)
re <- assignPrelim(x = sample_ff, y = sample_key)
# set global cutoff parameter
sep_cutoffs(re) <- 0.4</pre>
```

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```
re <- applyCutoffs(x = re)

# subset a specific population, e.g. A1: 111000
a1 <- bc_ids(re) == "A1"
head(exprs(sample_ff[a1, ]))

# subset unassigned events
unassigned <- bc_ids(re) == 0
head(exprs(sample_ff[unassigned, ]))</pre>
```

ei

Extraction and replacement methods for objects of class daFrame

### **Description**

Methods for accessing slots in a daFrame.

# Usage

```
ei(x)
n_cells(x)
marker_classes(x)
type_markers(x)
state_markers(x)
sample_ids(x)
cluster_codes(x)
cluster_ids(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame'
reducedDimNames(x)
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame'
reducedDims(x)
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame'
reducedDim(x, dr = 1)
## S4 replacement method for signature 'daFrame, character'
reducedDimNames(x) <- value</pre>
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame'
exprs(object)
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame'
ei(x)
```

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```
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame'
n_cells(x)
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame'
marker_classes(x)
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame'
type_markers(x)
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame'
state_markers(x)
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame'
sample_ids(x)
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame'
cluster_codes(x)
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame'
cluster_ids(x, k = NULL)
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame, ANY, ANY, ANY'
x[i, j]
```

# **Arguments**

x, object a daFrame.
optional arguments.
character string specifying the dim. reduction to extract.
value a character vector containing the desired dimensionality reduction names.
character string specifying the clustering to extract. Valid values are names(cluster\_codes(x)).
i, j indices specifying elements to extract.

#### Value

```
exprs extracts the arcsinh-transformed expressions.

n_cells extracts the number of events measured per sample.

type_markers extracts the antigens used for clustering.

state_markers extracts antigens that were not used for clustering.

sample_ids extracts the sample IDs as specified in the metadata-table.

cluster_codes extracts a data.frame containing cluster codes for the FlowSOM clustering, the

ConsensusClusterPlus metaclustering, and all mergings done through mergeClusters.

cluster_ids extracts the numeric vector of cluster IDs as inferred by FlowSOM.
```

### Author(s)

Helena Lucia Crowell <helena.crowell@uzh.ch>

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### **Examples**

```
# construct daFrame
data(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)
re <- daFrame(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)</pre>
# run clustering
re <- cluster(re)
# view data summary
library(SummarizedExperiment)
cbind(metadata(re)$experiment_info, cells=n_cells(re))
# access row / cell data
head(rowData(re))
plot(table(cluster_ids(re)))
# access marker information
type_markers(re)
state_markers(re)
# get cluster ID correspondece between 2 clusterings
old_ids <- seq_len(20)</pre>
m <- match(old_ids, cluster_codes(re)$`meta20`)</pre>
new_ids <- cluster_codes(re)$`meta12`[m]</pre>
data.frame(old_ids, new_ids)
# plot relative change in area under CDF curve vs. k
metadata(re)$delta_area
```

estCutoffs

Estimation of distance separation cutoffs

### **Description**

For each sample, estimates a cutoff parameter for the distance between positive and negative barcode populations.

### Usage

```
estCutoffs(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'dbFrame'
estCutoffs(x)
```

# **Arguments**

```
x a dbFrame.
```

... optional arguments.

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#### **Details**

For the estimation of cutoff parameters, we considered yields upon debarcoding as a function of the applied cutoffs. Commonly, this function will be characterized by an initial weak decline, where doublets are excluded, and subsequent rapid decline in yields to zero. In between, low numbers of counts with intermediate barcode separation give rise to a plateau. As an adequate cutoff estimate, we target the point that approximately marks the end of the plateau regime and the onset of yield decline. To facilitate robust cutoff estimation, we fit a linear and a three-parameter log-logistic function to the yields function:

$$f(x) = \frac{d}{1 + e^{b(\log(x) - \log(e))}}$$

The goodness of the linear fit relative to the log-logistic fit is weighed with:

$$w = \frac{RSS_{log-logistic}}{RSS_{log-logistic} + RSS_{linear}}$$

and the cutoffs for both functions are defined as:

$$c_{linear} = -\frac{\beta_0}{2\beta_1}$$

$$c_{log-logistic} = argmin_x \{ \frac{|f'(x)|}{f(x)} > 0.1 \}$$

The final cutoff estimate is defined as the weighted mean between these estimates:

$$c = (1 - w) \cdot c_{log-logistic} + w \cdot c_{linear}$$

### Value

Will update the sep\_cutoffs slot of the input dbFrame and return the latter.

#### Author(s)

Helena Lucia Crowell < helena.crowell@uzh.ch>

#### References

Finney, D.J. (1971). Probit Analsis. Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences 60, 1432.

```
data(sample_ff, sample_key)
# assign preliminary IDs
re <- assignPrelim(x = sample_ff, y = sample_key)
# estimate separation cutoffs
re <- estCutoffs(x = re)
# view exemplary estimate
plotYields(re, "A1")</pre>
```

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extractClusters Extract clusters from a daFrame	
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### **Description**

Extracts clusters from a daFrame. Populations will be either returned as a flowSet or written to FCS files, depending on argument as.

### Usage

```
extractClusters(x, k, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame, character'
extractClusters(x, k, clusters = NULL,
   as = c("flowSet", "fcs"), out_dir = ".", verbose = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

X	a daFrame.
k	numeric or character string. Specifies the clustering to extract populations from. Must be one of $names(cluster\_codes(x))$ .
	optional arguments.
clusters	a character vector. Specifies which clusters to extract. NULL = all clusters.
as	"flowSet" or "fcs". Specifies whether clusters should be return as a flowSet or written to FCS files.
out_dir	a character string. Specifies where FCS files should be writen to. Defaults to the working directory.
verbose	logical. Should information on progress be reported?

### Value

a flowSet or character vector of the output file names.

# Author(s)

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```
data(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md, merging_table)
re <- daFrame(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)

# run clustering
re <- cluster(re)

# merge clusters
re <- mergeClusters(re, k="meta20", table=merging_table, id="merging_1")
extractClusters(re, k="merging_1")</pre>
```

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filter

Filter daFrame

### **Description**

Filters events/genes from a daFrame using conditional statements.

### Usage

```
filter(x, ..., k)
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame, character'
filter(x, ..., k = NULL)
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame, missing'
filter(x, ..., k = NULL)
```

# Arguments

x a daFrame.
 ... conditional statements separated by comma. Only rows/columns where the condition evaluates to TRUE are kept.

k numeric or character string. Specifies the clustering to extract populations from. Must be one of names(cluster\_codes(x)). Defaults to "som100".

#### Value

a daFrame.

# Author(s)

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```
data(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md, merging_table)
daf <- daFrame(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)

# run clustering
daf <- cluster(daf)

# one condition only, remove a single sample
filter(daf, condition == "Ref", sample_id != "Ref1")

# keep only a subset of clusters
filter(daf, cluster_id %in% c(7, 8, 18), k = "meta20")</pre>
```

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Guess parameter panel

### **Description**

Helper function to parse information from the parameters slot of a flowFrame/flowSet.

### Usage

```
guessPanel(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'flowFrame'
guessPanel(x)
## S4 method for signature 'flowSet'
guessPanel(x, index = 1)
```

### **Arguments**

```
x a flowFrame or flowSet.
... optional arguments.
index numeric. If x is a flowSet object, this index specifies which flowFrame to extract.
```

### Value

a data. frame with the following columns:

- name: the parameter name as extracted from the input flowFrame,
- desc: the parameter description as extracted from the input flowFrame,
- antigen: the targeted protein markers, and
- use\_channel: logical. If TRUE, the channel is expected to contain a marker and will be kept.

## Author(s)

Mark D Robinson, and Helena Lucia Crowell <helena.crowell@uzh.ch>

```
# examplary data with Time, DNA, BC channels, etc.
data(raw_data)
guessPanel(raw_data)
```

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### **Description**

Launches the CATALYST Shiny app.

### Usage

```
launchGUI()
```

#### **Details**

Detailed user guides are available inside the app. To use the app online, please visit http://imlspenticton.uzh.ch:3838/CAT.

#### Value

Opens a browser window with an interactive Shiny application.

### Author(s)

Helena Lucia Crowell <helena.crowell@uzh.ch>

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run: launchGUI
```

mergeClusters

Manual cluster merging

# Description

mergeClusters provides a simple wrapper to store a manual merging inside the input daFrame.

### Usage

```
mergeClusters(x, k, table, id)
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame, character, data.frame, character'
mergeClusters(x, k,
   table, id)
```

### **Arguments**

```
    x a daFrame.
    k a character string specifying the clustering to merge.
    table a merging table with 2 columns containing the cluster IDs to merge in the 1st, and the cluster IDs to newly assign in the 2nd column.
    id character string. Used as a label for the merging.
    ... optional arguments.
```

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#### **Details**

in the following code snippets, x is a daFrame object.

- merging codes are accesible through cluster\_codes(x)\$id
- all functions that ask for specification of a clustering (e.g. plotAbundances, plotClusterHeatmap) take the merging ID as a valid input argument.

#### Value

Writes the newly assigned cluster codes into the metadata slot cluster\_codes of the input daFrame and returns the latter.

#### Author(s)

Helena Lucia Crowell <helena.crowell@uzh.ch>

#### References

Nowicka M, Krieg C, Weber LM et al. CyTOF workflow: Differential discovery in high-throughput high-dimensional cytometry datasets. *F1000Research* 2017, 6:748 (doi: 10.12688/f1000research.11622.1)

#### **Examples**

```
data(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md, merging_table)
re <- daFrame(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)

# run clustering
re <- cluster(re)

# merge clusters
re <- mergeClusters(re, k="meta20", table=merging_table, id="merging")
plotClusterHeatmap(re, k="merging", hm2="pS6")</pre>
```

normCytof

Bead-based normalization

### **Description**

an implementation of Finck et al.'s normalization of mass cytometry data using bead standards with automated bead gating.

# Usage

```
normCytof(x, y, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'flowFrame'
normCytof(x, y, out_path = NULL, fn = NULL,
  fn_sep = "_", remove_beads = TRUE, norm_to = NULL, k = 500,
  trim = 5, verbose = TRUE, plot = TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'character'
normCytof(x, y, out_path = NULL,
  remove_beads = TRUE, norm_to = NULL, k = 500, trim = 5,
  verbose = TRUE)
```

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# **Arguments**

Х	a flowFrame or character of the FCS file to be normalized.
у	"dvs" (for bead masses 140, 151, 153, 165, 175) or "beta" (for bead masses 139, 141, 159, 169, 175) or a numeric vector of masses.
	optional arguments.
out_path	a character string. If specified, outputs will be generated here. If NULL (the default), normCytof will return a flowFrame of the normalized data (if remove=FALSE) or a flowSet containing normalized cells and beads (if remove=TRUE).
fn	a character string to use as the output file name. Defaults to the file name of the input FCS file or flowFrame, respectively.
fn_sep	a character string to use to separate the output file name's prefix from the appendage.
remove_beads	logical. If TRUE (the default) beads will be removed and normalized cells and beads returned separately.
norm_to	a flowFrame or character of an FCS file from which baseline values should be computed and to which the input data should be normalized.
k	integer width of the median window used for bead smoothing.
trim	a single non-negative numeric. A <i>median</i> +/ <i>mad</i> rule is applied to the preliminary population of bead events to remove bead-bead doublets and low signal beads prior to estimating normalization factors.
verbose	logical. Should extra information on progress be reported?
plot	logical. Should bead vs. DNA scatters and beads before vs. after normalization be plotted?

# Value

if out\_path=NULL (the default) a flowFrame of the normalized data (if remove=FALSE) or flowSet containing normalized cells and beads (if remove=TRUE). Else, a character of the location where output FCS files and plots have been generated.

# Author(s)

Helena Lucia Crowell <helena.crowell@uzh.ch>

### References

Finck, R. et al. (2013). Normalization of mass cytometry data with bead standards. *Cytometry A* **83A**, 483-494.

```
data(raw_data)
ff <- concatFCS(raw_data)
normCytof(x = ff, y = "dvs", k = 120)</pre>
```

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Write population-wise FCS files

### **Description**

Writes an FCS file for each sample from a dbFrame.

# Usage

```
outFCS(x, y, out_path = tempdir(), ...)
## S4 method for signature 'dbFrame,flowFrame'
outFCS(x, y, out_path = tempdir(),
  out_nms = NULL, verbose = TRUE)
```

### **Arguments**

x a dbFrame.

y a flowFrame containing the original measurement and meta data.

out\_path character string. Specifies in which location output files are to be generated.

... optional arguments.

out\_nms an optional character string. Either the name of a 2 column CSV table with sam-

ple IDs and desired output file names, or a vector of length nrow(bc\_key(x)) ordered as the samples in the barcoding scheme. If NULL (default), sample IDs

will be used as file names.

verbose if TRUE (default), a warning is given about populations for which no FCS files

have been generated.

#### **Details**

Creates a separate FCS file for each barcode population. If out\_nms is NULL (the default), files will be named after the barcode population's ID in the bc\_key slot of the input dbFrame; unassigned events will be written to "unassigned.fcs", and no output is generated for populations with less than 10 event assignments.

# Value

a character of the output path.

### Author(s)

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```
data(sample_ff, sample_key)
re <- assignPrelim(x = sample_ff, y = sample_key)
re <- estCutoffs(x = re)
re <- applyCutoffs(x = re)
outFCS(x = re, y = sample_ff)</pre>
```

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outFrames

Population-wise flowFrames from a dbFrame

#### **Description**

Returns a flowSet or list of flowFrames from a dbFrame. Each flowFrame will contain the subset of events that have been assigned to the same ID.

## Usage

```
outFrames(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'dbFrame'
outFrames(x, return = "flowSet",
   which = "assigned")
```

# Arguments

x a dbFrame.
... optional arguments.

return "flowSet" or "list". Specifies the output type.

which Specifies which barcode(s) to include. "assigned" (if the population of unas-

signed events should be excluded), "all" (if the latter should be included), or a numeric or character specifying a subset of populations. Valid values are IDs that occur as row names in the bc\_key of the supplied dbFrame. Defaults to

"assigned".

#### **Details**

Creates a separate flowFrame for each barcode population and, if desired, the population of unassigned events.

### Value

```
a flowSet or list of flowFrames.
```

#### Author(s)

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```
data(sample_ff, sample_key)
re <- assignPrelim(x = sample_ff, y = sample_key)
re <- estCutoffs(x = re)
re <- applyCutoffs(x = re)
outFrames(x = re, return = "list", which = c("B1", "D4"))</pre>
```

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Population frequencies across samples & clusters

### **Description**

Plots the relative population abundances of the specified clustering.

#### Usage

```
plotAbundances(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame'
plotAbundances(x, k = "meta20", by = c("sample_id",
    "cluster_id"), group = NULL, shape = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

x a daFrame.

... optional arguments.

k character string. Specifies which clustering to use.

by a character string specifying whether to plot frequencies by samples or clusters. group a character string. Should corresponds to a column name of rowData(x) other

than "sample\_id" and "cluster\_id". The default NULL will use the first factor

available.

shape a character string. Should correspond to a column name of rowData(x) other

than "sample\_id" and "cluster\_id". The default NULL will use the first factor

available.

### Value

a ggplot object.

# Author(s)

Helena Lucia Crowell <helena.crowell@uzh.ch>

#### References

Nowicka M, Krieg C, Weber LM et al. CyTOF workflow: Differential discovery in high-throughput high-dimensional cytometry datasets. *F1000Research* 2017, 6:748 (doi: 10.12688/f1000research.11622.1)

```
data(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)
re <- daFrame(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)
# run clustering
re <- cluster(re)
# plot relative population abundances
plotAbundances(re, k="meta12") # ...by sample
plotAbundances(re, k="meta8", by="cluster_id") # ...by cluster</pre>
```

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plotClusterExprs	Plot expression distributions by cluster

# Description

Plots smoothed densities of arcsinh-transformed marker intensities by cluster.

# Usage

```
plotClusterExprs(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame'
plotClusterExprs(x, k = "meta20", markers = NULL)
```

# Arguments

x a daFrame.
... optional arguments.
k character string. Specifies the clustering to use.
markers character string specifying which markers to include. Defaults to NULL (= all markers). Alternatively, if the colData(x)\$marker\_class column is specified, can be one of "type", "state", or "none".

#### Value

```
a ggplot object.
```

# Author(s)

Helena Lucia Crowell < helena.crowell@uzh.ch>

#### References

Nowicka M, Krieg C, Weber LM et al. CyTOF workflow: Differential discovery in high-throughput high-dimensional cytometry datasets. *F1000Research* 2017, 6:748 (doi: 10.12688/f1000research.11622.1)

```
data(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)
re <- daFrame(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)
re <- cluster(re)
plotClusterExprs(re)</pre>
```

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plotClusterHeatmap	Plot cluster heatmap
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# Description

Plots heatmaps summarizing a clustering and/or metaclustering of interest.

# Usage

```
plotClusterHeatmap(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame'
plotClusterHeatmap(x, hm2 = NULL, k = "meta20",
    m = NULL, fun = c("median", "mean"), cluster_anno = TRUE,
    split_by = NULL, scale = TRUE, draw_dend = TRUE,
    draw_freqs = FALSE, palette = rev(brewer.pal(11, "RdYlBu")))
```

# Arguments

x	a daFrame.
	optional arguments.
hm2	character string. Specifies the right-hand side heatmap. One of:
	• "abundances": cluster frequencies across samples
	• "state_markers": median cell state marker expressions across clusters (analogous to the left-hand side heatmap)
	• a character string/vector corresponding to one/multiple marker(s): median marker expressions across samples and clusters
k	character string. Specifies the clustering across which median marker expressions should be computed.
m	character string. Specifies the metaclustering to be shown. (This is for display only and will not effect any computations!)
fun	character string specifying the function to use as summary statistic.
cluster_anno	logical. Specifies if clusters should be annotated.
split_by	character string. Must corresponds to a column name of rowData(x). If specified, the data will be subset according to this variable, and multiple heatmaps will be drawn.
scale	logical. Specifies whether scaled values should be plotted. (see below for details)
draw_dend	logical. Specifies if the row dendrogram should be drawn.
draw_freqs	logical. Specifyies whether to display cell counts and proportions.
palette	character vector of colors to interpolate.

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#### **Details**

Scaled values corresponds to cofactor arcsinh-transformed expression values scaled between 0 and 1 using 1 boundaries. Hierarchical clustering is performed on the unscaled data.

In its 1st panel, plotClusterHeatmap will display median (scaled, arcsinh-transformed) cell-type marker expressions (across all samples). Depending on argument hm2, the 2nd panel will contain one of:

- relataive cluster abundances by sample
- median (scaled, arcsinh-transformed) cell-state marker expressions (across all samples)
- median (scaled, arcsinh-transformed) cell-state marker expressions by sample

#### Value

```
a HeatmapList-class object.
```

#### Author(s)

Helena Lucia Crowell < helena.crowell@uzh.ch>

#### References

Nowicka M, Krieg C, Weber LM et al. CyTOF workflow: Differential discovery in high-throughput high-dimensional cytometry datasets. *F1000Research* 2017, 6:748 (doi: 10.12688/f1000research.11622.1)

# **Examples**

```
data(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)
re <- daFrame(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)

# run clustering
re <- cluster(re)

plotClusterHeatmap(re, hm2="abundances")
plotClusterHeatmap(re, hm2="abundances", draw_freqs=TRUE)
plotClusterHeatmap(re, hm2="state_markers", k="meta16", split_by='condition')
plotClusterHeatmap(re, hm2="pS6", k="meta12", m="meta8")
plotClusterHeatmap(re, hm2="abundances", scale=FALSE, draw_freqs=TRUE)</pre>
```

plotCodes

tSNE and PCA on SOM codes

### **Description**

Plots the tSNE and PCA representing the SOM codes as inferred by **FlowSOM**. Sizes are scaled to the total number of events assigned to each cluster, and points are color according to their cluster ID upon **ConsensusClusterPlus** metaclustering into k clusters.

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#### Usage

```
plotCodes(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame'
plotCodes(x, k = "meta20", out_path = NULL,
    verbose = TRUE)
```

#### **Arguments**

x a daFrame.

... optional arguments.

k character string. Specifies the clustering to use for color coding.

out\_path character string. If specified, output will be generated in this location.

verbose logical. Specifies whether information on progress should be reported.

#### Value

a ggplot object.

#### Author(s)

Helena Lucia Crowell <helena.crowell@uzh.ch>

#### References

Nowicka M, Krieg C, Weber LM et al. CyTOF workflow: Differential discovery in high-throughput high-dimensional cytometry datasets. *F1000Research* 2017, 6:748 (doi: 10.12688/f1000research.11622.1)

### **Examples**

```
data(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)
re <- daFrame(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)
# run clustering
re <- cluster(re)
plotCodes(re)</pre>
```

plotCounts

Plot cell counts

# Description

Barplot of the number of cells measured for each sample.

# Usage

```
plotCounts(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame'
plotCounts(x, color_by = "condition")
```

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#### Arguments

```
    x a daFrame.
    ... optional arguments.
    color_by character string. Must appear as a column name of rowData(x). Specifies the color coding.
```

#### Value

```
a ggplot object.
```

#### Author(s)

Helena Lucia Crowell < helena.crowell@uzh.ch>

#### References

Nowicka M, Krieg C, Weber LM et al. CyTOF workflow: Differential discovery in high-throughput high-dimensional cytometry datasets. *F1000Research* 2017, 6:748 (doi: 10.12688/f1000research.11622.1)

#### **Examples**

```
data(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)
re <- daFrame(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)
plotCounts(re)</pre>
```

plotDiffHeatmap

Plot differential heatmap

### **Description**

Heatmaps summarizing differential abundance & differential state testing results.

# Usage

```
plotDiffHeatmap(x, y, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'matrix,SummarizedExperiment'
plotDiffHeatmap(x, y, top_n = 20,
    all = FALSE, order = TRUE, th = 0.1, hm1 = TRUE,
    normalize = TRUE, row_anno = TRUE, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'daFrame,SummarizedExperiment'
plotDiffHeatmap(x, y,
    top_n = 20, all = FALSE, order = TRUE, th = 0.1, hm1 = TRUE,
    normalize = TRUE, row_anno = TRUE, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'SummarizedExperiment,SummarizedExperiment'
plotDiffHeatmap(x, y,
    top_n = 20, all = FALSE, order = TRUE, th = 0.1, hm1 = TRUE,
    normalize = TRUE, row_anno = TRUE, ...)
```

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```
## S4 method for signature 'ANY,list'
plotDiffHeatmap(x, y, top_n = 20, all = FALSE,
  order = TRUE, th = 0.1, hm1 = TRUE, normalize = TRUE,
  row_anno = TRUE, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

X	a daFrame or SummarizedExperiment.
У	a SummarizedExperiment containing differential testing results as returned by one of testDA_edgeR, testDA_voom, testDA_GLMM, testDS_limma, or testDS_LMM. Alternatively, a list as returned by diffcyt.
	optional arguments.
top_n	numeric. Number of top clusters (if type = "DA") or cluster-marker combinations (if type = "DS") to display.
all	logical. Specifies whether all clusters or cluster-marker combinations should be displayed. If TRUE, top_n will be ignored.
order	logical. Should results be ordered by significance?
th	numeric. Threshold on adjusted p-values below which clusters (DA) or cluster-marker combinations (DS) should be considered significant.
hm1	logical. Specifies whether the left-hand side heatmap should be plotted.
normalize	logical. Specifies whether Z-score normalized values should be plotted in the right-hand side heatmap. If y contains DA analysis results, relative population abundances will be arcsine-square-root scaled prior to normalization.
row_anno	logical. Should a row annotation indicating whether cluster (DA) or cluster-marker combinations (DS) are significant, as well as adjusted p-values be included?

### **Details**

For DA tests, plotDiffHeatmap will display

- median (arcsinh-transformed) cell-type marker expressions (across all samples)
- cluster abundances by samples
- row annotations indicating if detected clusteres are significant (i.e. adj. p-value >= th)

For DS tests, plotDiffHeatmap will display

- median (arcsinh-transformed) cell-type marker expressions (across all samples)
- median (arcsinh-transformed) cell-state marker expressions by sample
- row annotations indicating if detected cluster-marker combinations are significant (i.e. adj. p-value >= th)

### Value

```
a HeatmapList-class object.
```

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#### **Examples**

```
# construct daFrame
data(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)
re <- daFrame(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)</pre>
# run clustering
re <- cluster(re)
## differential analysis
library(diffcyt)
# create design & constrast matrix
design <- createDesignMatrix(PBMC_md, cols_design=3:4)</pre>
contrast <- createContrast(c(0, 1, 0, 0, 0))
# test for
# - differential abundance (DA) of clusters
# - differential states (DS) within clusters
da <- diffcyt(re, design = design, contrast = contrast,</pre>
    analysis_type = "DA", method_DA = "diffcyt-DA-edgeR",
    clustering_to_use = "meta20")
ds <- diffcyt(re, design = design, contrast = contrast,</pre>
    analysis_type = "DS", method_DS = "diffcyt-DS-limma",
    clustering_to_use = "meta20")
# display test results for
# - top DA clusters
# - top DS cluster-marker combintations
plotDiffHeatmap(re, da)
plotDiffHeatmap(re, ds)
```

plotDR

Plot dim. reduction from a daFrame

# **Description**

Plot cell-level reduced dimensions stored within a daFrame object.

### Usage

```
plotDR(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame'
plotDR(x, dr = c("TSNE", "PCA", "MDS", "UMAP",
    "DiffusionMap"), color_by = "meta20", facet = NULL)
```

```
x a daFrame.... optional arguments.dr character string specifying the dimensionaly reduction method.
```

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color\_by character string specifying a clustering, marker, or rowData column name to color by.

facet a character string specifying a rowData column to facet by.

### Value

```
a ggplot object.
```

### Author(s)

```
Helena L. Crowell <helena.crowell@uzh.ch>
```

# **Examples**

```
data(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)
daf <- daFrame(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)

daf <- runDR(daf, "PCA")
plotDR(daf, "PCA", color_by = "condition")

daf <- cluster(daf)
plotDR(daf, "PCA", color_by = "meta5")</pre>
```

plotEvents

Event plot

# Description

Plots normalized barcode intensities for a given barcode.

# Usage

```
plotEvents(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'dbFrame'
plotEvents(x, which = "all", n_events = 100,
   out_path = NULL, name_ext = NULL)
```

X	a dbFrame.
	optional arguments.
which	"all", numeric or character. Specifies which barcode(s) to plot. Valid values are IDs that occur as row names in the bc_key of the supplied dbFrame, or 0 for unassigned events.
n_events	numeric. Specifies number of events to plot. Defaults to 100.
out_path	character string. If specified, outputs will be generated here.
name_ext	character string. If specified, will be appended to the file name.

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#### Value

Plots intensities normalized by population for each barcode specified by which: Each event corresponds to the intensities plotted on a vertical line at a given point along the x-axis. Events are scaled to the 95% quantile of the population it has been assigned to. Barcodes with less than 50 event assignments will be skipped; it is strongly recommended to remove such populations or reconsider their separation cutoffs.

# Author(s)

Helena Lucia Crowell <helena.crowell@uzh.ch>

#### References

Zunder, E.R. et al. (2015). Palladium-based mass tag cell barcoding with a doublet-filtering scheme and single-cell deconvolution algorithm. *Nature Protocols* **10**, 316-333.

# **Examples**

```
data(sample_ff, sample_key)
# view preliminary assignments
re <- assignPrelim(x = sample_ff, y = sample_key)
plotEvents(x = re, which = "D1", n_events = 1000)
# apply deconvolution parameters
re <- estCutoffs(re)
re <- applyCutoffs(x = re)
plotEvents(x = re, which = "D1", n_events = 500)</pre>
```

plotExprHeatmap

Plot expression heatmap

## **Description**

Plots median marker expressions across samples computed on arcsinh-transformed intensities.

# Usage

```
plotExprHeatmap(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame'
plotExprHeatmap(x, anno = TRUE, color_by = NULL,
    palette = brewer.pal(n = 8, name = "Y1GnBu"), scale = TRUE,
    draw_freqs = FALSE, clustering_distance = "euclidean",
    clustering_linkage = "average")
```

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### **Arguments**

X	a daFrame.
	optional arguments.
anno	logical. Specifies whether to display values insinde each bin.
color_by	character string. Specifies the row annotation.
palette	character vector of colors to interpolate.
scale	logical. Specifies whether scaled values should be displayed. (see below for details)
draw_freqs	logical. Specifyies whether to display cell counts and proportions.
clustering_distance	
	a character string that specifies the metric to use in dist() for clustering.
clustering_lin	kage
	a character string that specifies the linkage to use in hclust() for clustering.

### **Details**

Scaled values corresponds to cofactor arcsinh-transformed expression values scaled between 0 and 1 using 1 boundaries. Hierarchical clustering is performed on the unscaled data.

# Value

```
a HeatmapList-class object.
```

### Author(s)

Helena Lucia Crowell < helena.crowell@uzh.ch>

### References

Nowicka M, Krieg C, Weber LM et al. CyTOF workflow: Differential discovery in high-throughput high-dimensional cytometry datasets. *F1000Research* 2017, 6:748 (doi: 10.12688/f1000research.11622.1)

### **Examples**

```
data(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)
daf <- daFrame(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)
plotExprHeatmap(daf[, 1:5], color_by="condition", draw_freqs=TRUE)</pre>
```

plotExprs Plot expressions

# Description

Plots the smoothed densities of arcsinh-transformed marker intensities.

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### Usage

```
plotExprs(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame'
plotExprs(x, color_by = "condition")
```

# **Arguments**

```
    x a daFrame.
    ... optional arguments.
    color_by character string. Has to appear as a column name of rowData(x). Specifies the color coding.
```

### Value

```
a ggplot object.
```

### Author(s)

Helena Lucia Crowell <helena.crowell@uzh.ch>

### References

Nowicka M, Krieg C, Weber LM et al. CyTOF workflow: Differential discovery in high-throughput high-dimensional cytometry datasets. *F1000Research* 2017, 6:748 (doi: 10.12688/f1000research.11622.1)

# **Examples**

```
data(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)
re <- daFrame(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)
plotExprs(re)</pre>
```

plotMahal

Biaxial plot

# **Description**

Histogram of counts and plot of yields as a function of separation cutoffs.

### Usage

```
plotMahal(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'dbFrame'
plotMahal(x, which, cofactor = 50, out_path = NULL,
    name_ext = NULL)
```

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#### **Arguments**

X	a dbFrame.
• • •	optional arguments.
which	character string. Specifies which barcode to plot.
cofactor	numeric. Cofactor used for asinh transformation.
out_path	character string. If specified, outputs will be generated here.
name_ext	character string. If specified, will be appended to file name.

### Value

Plots all inter-barcode interactions for the population specified by argument which. Events are colored by their Mahalanobis distance.

### Author(s)

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#### References

Zunder, E.R. et al. (2015). Palladium-based mass tag cell barcoding with a doublet-filtering scheme and single-cell deconvolution algorithm. *Nature Protocols* **10**, 316-333.

# **Examples**

```
data(sample_ff, sample_key)
re <- assignPrelim(x = sample_ff, y = sample_key)
re <- estCutoffs(x = re)
re <- applyCutoffs(x = re)
plotMahal(x = re, which = "B3")</pre>
```

plotMDS

MDS plot

# Description

Multi-dimensional scaling (MDS) plot on median marker expressions.

# Usage

```
plotMDS(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame'
plotMDS(x, color_by = "condition")
```

```
    x a daFrame.
    ... optional arguments.
    color_by character string that appears as a column name of rowData(x). Specifies the color coding.
```

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### Value

```
a ggplot object.
```

### Author(s)

Helena Lucia Crowell <helena.crowell@uzh.ch>

### References

Nowicka M, Krieg C, Weber LM et al. CyTOF workflow: Differential discovery in high-throughput high-dimensional cytometry datasets. *F1000Research* 2017, 6:748 (doi: 10.12688/f1000research.11622.1)

# **Examples**

```
data(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)
re <- daFrame(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)
plotMDS(re)</pre>
```

plotMedExprs

Plot median expressions

### **Description**

Plots median marker expressions across samples computed on arcsinh-transformed intensities.

# Usage

```
plotMedExprs(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame'
plotMedExprs(x, k = "meta20", facet = c("antigen",
    "cluster_id"), group_by = "condition")
```

### **Arguments**

X	a daFrame.
	optional arguments.
k	character string. Specifies the clustering to use. If facet = "antigen", this argument will be ignored.
facet	"antigen" or "cluster_id". Note that the latter requires having run cluster first.
group_by	character string. Has to appear as a column name of rowData(x). Specifies sample grouping.

# Value

```
a ggplot object.
```

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#### References

Nowicka M, Krieg C, Weber LM et al. CyTOF workflow: Differential discovery in high-throughput high-dimensional cytometry datasets. *F1000Research* 2017, 6:748 (doi: 10.12688/f1000research.11622.1)

# **Examples**

```
data(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)
re <- daFrame(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)

# plot median expressions
plotMedExprs(re)

# run clustering
re <- cluster(re)

# plot median expressions across clusters
plotMedExprs(re, facet="cluster_id", k="meta8")</pre>
```

plotNRS

Plot non-redundancy scores

# **Description**

Plots non-redundancy scores (NRS) by markers in decreasing order.

# Usage

```
plotNRS(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame'
plotNRS(x, markers = NULL, color_by = "condition")
```

# **Arguments**

x a daFrame.

... optional arguments.

markers character string specifying which markers to include. Defaults to NULL (= all

markers). Alternatively, if the colData(x)\$marker\_class column is specified,

can be one of "type", "state", or "none".

color\_by character string. Has to appear as a column name of rowData(x). Specifies the

color coding.

# Value

```
a ggplot object.
```

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#### References

Nowicka M, Krieg C, Weber LM et al. CyTOF workflow: Differential discovery in high-throughput high-dimensional cytometry datasets. *F1000Research* 2017, 6:748 (doi: 10.12688/f1000research.11622.1)

### **Examples**

```
data(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)
re <- daFrame(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)
plotNRS(re)</pre>
```

plotSpillmat

Spillover matrix heat map

# **Description**

Generates a heat map of the spillover matrix annotated with estimated spill percentages.

### Usage

```
plotSpillmat(bc_ms, SM, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'numeric,matrix'
plotSpillmat(bc_ms, SM, out_path = NULL,
    name_ext = NULL, annotate = TRUE, plotly = TRUE,
    isotope_list = NULL)

## S4 method for signature 'ANY,data.frame'
plotSpillmat(bc_ms, SM, out_path = NULL,
    name_ext = NULL, annotate = TRUE, plotly = TRUE,
    isotope_list = NULL)

## S4 method for signature 'character,ANY'
plotSpillmat(bc_ms, SM, out_path = NULL,
    name_ext = NULL, annotate = TRUE, plotly = TRUE,
    isotope_list = NULL)
```

bc_ms	a vector of numeric masses corresponding to barcode channels.
SM	spillover matrix returned from computeSpillmat.
	optional arguments.
out_path	character string. If specified, outputs will be generated here.
name_ext	character string. If specified, will be appended to the plot's name.
annotate	logical. If TRUE (default), spill percentages are shown inside bins and rows are annotated with the total amount of spill received.

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plotly logical. Should an interactive plot be rendered?

isotope\_list named list. Used to validate the input spillover matrix. Names should be metals;

list elements numeric vectors of their isotopes. See isotope\_list for the list of

isotopes used by default.

### Value

Plots estimated spill percentages as a heat map. Colours are ramped to the highest spillover value present

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### **Examples**

```
# get single-stained control samples
data(ss_exp)

# specify mass channels stained for
bc_ms <- c(139, 141:156, 158:176)

re <- assignPrelim(x = ss_exp, y = bc_ms)
re <- estCutoffs(x = re)
re <- applyCutoffs(x = re)
spillMat <- computeSpillmat(x = re)
plotSpillmat(bc_ms = bc_ms, SM = spillMat)</pre>
```

plotYields

Yield plot

# Description

Distribution of barcode separations and yields as a function of separation cutoffs.

### Usage

```
plotYields(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'dbFrame'
plotYields(x, which = 0, out_path = NULL,
    name_ext = NULL, plotly = TRUE)
```

# Arguments

x a dbFrame.

... optional arguments.

which 0, numeric or character. Specifies which barcode(s) to plot. Valid values are IDs

that occur as row names of bc\_key(x); 0 (the default) will generate a summary

plot with all barcodes.

out\_path character string. If specified, outputs will be generated here.

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```
name_ext character string. If specified, will be appended to the plot's name. plotly logical. Should an interactive plot be rendered?
```

#### **Details**

The overall yield that will be achieved upon application of the specified set of separation cutoffs is indicated in the summary plot. Respective separation thresholds and their resulting yields are included in each barcode's plot. The separation cutoff value should be chosen such that it appropriately balances confidence in barcode assignment and cell yield.

### Value

plots the distribution of barcode separations and yields upon debarcoding as a function of separation cutoffs. If available, currently used separation cutoffs as well as their resulting yields will be indicated in the plot's main title.

### Author(s)

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#### References

Zunder, E.R. et al. (2015). Palladium-based mass tag cell barcoding with a doublet-filtering scheme and single-cell deconvolution algorithm. *Nature Protocols* **10**, 316-333.

### **Examples**

```
data(sample_ff, sample_key)
re <- assignPrelim(x = sample_ff, y = sample_key)
re <- estCutoffs(x = re)

# all barcodes summary plot
plotYields(x = re, which = 0)

# plot for specific sample
plotYields(x = re, which = "C1")</pre>
```

runDR

Perform dim. reduction on a daFrame

### **Description**

Wrapper function to perform dimensionality reduction methods on a daFrame object using scater.

### Usage

```
runDR(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'daFrame'
runDR(x, dr = c("TSNE", "PCA", "MDS", "UMAP",
    "DiffusionMap"), rows_to_use = 1000, cols_to_use = NULL,
    overwrite = FALSE, ...)
```

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#### **Arguments**

Х	a daFrame.
	additional parameters passed to the dim. reduction method (see runTSNE, runPCA, runMDS, runUMAP, and runDiffusionMap).
dr	character string specifying the dimensionaly reduction method.
rows_to_use	numeric vector of row indices (cells) to use. If NULL, all cells will be used. If a single integer value N, (default 1000) a subset of N cells will be drawn from each sample.
cols_to_use	character vector in colnames(x) or numeric vector of column indices to use for computing reduced dimensions.
overwrite	logical. Whether to force overwriting any existing dimension reduction of type dr.

### Value

a daFrame with an additional entry titled "dr" in the reducedDims slot of the input daFrame.

### Author(s)

```
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```

# **Examples**

```
data(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)
daf <- daFrame(PBMC_fs, PBMC_panel, PBMC_md)</pre>
daf <- cluster(daf)</pre>
# PCA on all cells
daf <- runDR(daf, "PCA")</pre>
# UMAP on 1000 random cells
daf <- runDR(daf, "UMAP", rows_to_use = sample(nrow(daf), 1e3))</pre>
reducedDims(daf)
head(reducedDim(daf, "UMAP"))
# PCA on 200 cells per sample
set.seed(1)
daf <- runDR(daf, "PCA", rows_to_use = 200, overwrite = TRUE)</pre>
# re-using PCA for t-SNE will fail when using different cells
## Not run:
daf <- runDR(daf, "TSNE", rows_to_use = 1:500, use_dimred = "PCA")</pre>
## End(Not run)
# use same seed to assure the same subset of cells is sampled
set.seed(1)
daf <- runDR(daf, "TSNE", rows_to_use = 200, use_dimred = "PCA")</pre>
# number of rows used for each DR:
vapply(reducedDims(daf), nrow, numeric(1))
# running on subset can be done 2-ways
daf2 <- runDR(daf, "MDS", 1:100)</pre>
```

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```
daf3 <- runDR(daf[1:100, ], "MDS")

# option 1 keeps object-dimensions
identical(dim(daf2), dim(daf))

# option 2 keeps only specified rows
all.equal(dim(daf3), c(100, ncol(daf)))

# reduced dimension are identical
identical(reducedDim(daf2), reducedDim(daf2))

# run t-SNE on B-cell clusters only
data(merging_table)
daf <- mergeClusters(daf, "meta20", merging_table, "merging")
cells_use <- grep("B-cells", cluster_ids(daf, "merging"))
daf <- runDR(daf, "TSNE", cells_use, overwrite = TRUE)
plotDR(daf, "TSNE", "merging")</pre>
```

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