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Accessors

Accessors for SegmentedCells

Description

Methods to access various components of the ‘SegmentedCells’ object.

Usage

```
cellSummary(x, imageID = NULL, bind = TRUE)
```

```
cellSummary(x, imageID = NULL) <- value
```

```
cellMarks(x, imageID = NULL, bind = TRUE)
```

```
cellMarks(x, imageID = NULL) <- value
```

```
cellMorph(x, imageID = NULL, bind = TRUE)
```

```
cellMorph(x, imageID = NULL) <- value
```

```

imagePheno(x, imageID = NULL, bind = TRUE, expand = FALSE)

imagePheno(x, imageID = NULL) <- value

imageID(x, imageID = NULL)

cellID(x, imageID = NULL)

cellID(x) <- value

imageCellID(x, imageID = NULL)

imageCellID(x) <- value

cellType(x, imageID = NULL)

cellType(x, imageID = NULL) <- value

filterCells(x, select)

cellAnnotation(x, variable, imageID = NULL)

cellAnnotation(x, variable, imageID = NULL) <- value

```

Arguments

x	A 'SegmentedCells' object.
imageID	A vector of imageIDs to specifically extract.
bind	When false outputs a list of DataFrames split by imageID
expand	Used to expand the phenotype information from per image to per cell.
value	The relevant information used to replace.
select	A logical vector of the cells to be kept.
variable	A variable to add or retrieve from cellSummary.

Value

DataFrame or a list of DataFrames

Descriptions

'cellSummary': Retrieves the DataFrame containing 'x' and 'y' coordinates of each cell as well as 'cellID', 'imageID' and 'cellType'. imageID can be used to select specific images and bind=FALSE outputs the information as a list split by imageID.

'cellMorph': Retrieves the DataFrame containing morphology information.

'cellMarks': Retrieves the DataFrame containing intensity of gene or protein markers.

'imagePheno': Retrieves the DataFrame containing the phenotype information for each image. Using expand = TRUE will produce a DataFrame with the number of rows equal to the number of cells.

Examples

```
### Something that resembles cellProfiler data

set.seed(51773)

n = 10

cells <- data.frame(row.names = seq_len(n))
cells$ObjectNumber <- seq_len(n)
cells$ImageNumber <- rep(1:2,c(n/2,n/2))
cells$AreaShape_Center_X <- runif(n)
cells$AreaShape_Center_Y <- runif(n)
cells$AreaShape_round <- rexp(n)
cells$AreaShape_diameter <- rexp(n, 2)
cells$Intensity_Mean_CD8 <- rexp(n, 10)
cells$Intensity_Mean_CD4 <- rexp(n, 10)

cellExp <- SegmentedCells(cells, cellProfiler = TRUE)

### Cluster cell types
intensities <- cellMarks(cellExp)
kM <- kmeans(intensities,2)
cellType(cellExp) <- paste('cluster',kM$cluster, sep = '')

cellSummary(cellExp, imageID = 1)
```

```
as.data.frame.SegmentedCells
      as.data.frame
```

Description

Function to coerce a SegmentedCells object to a data frame.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'SegmentedCells'
as.data.frame(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	A SegmentedCells object.
...	Other arguments.

Value

A data.frame

```
## Generate toy data set.seed(51773) x <- round(c(runif(200),runif(200)+1,runif(200)+2,runif(200)+3,
runif(200)+3,runif(200)+2,runif(200)+1,runif(200)),4) y <- round(c(runif(200),runif(200)+1,runif(200)+2,runif(200)+3,
runif(200),runif(200)+1,runif(200)+2,runif(200)+3),4) cellType <- factor(paste('c',rep(rep(c(1:2),rep(200,2)),4),sep
= '')) imageID <- rep(c('s1', 's2'),c(800,800)) cells <- data.frame(x, y, cellType, imageID)

## Store data in SegmentedCells object cellExp <- SegmentedCells(cells, cellTypeString = 'cell-
Type')

## Generate LISA cellsDF <- as.data.frame(cellExp)

NULL
```

colTest	<i>Perform a simple wilcoxon-rank-sum test or t-test on the columns of a data fram</i>
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Description

Perform a simple wilcoxon-rank-sum test or t-test on the columns of a data fram

Usage

```
colTest(df, condition, type = NULL, feature = NULL, imageID = "imageID")
```

Arguments

df	A data.frame or SingleCellExperiment, SpatialExperiment
condition	The condition of interest
type	The type of test, "wilcox", "ttest" or "survival".
feature	Can be used to calculate the proportions of this feature for each image
imageID	The imageID's if presenting a SingleCellExperiment

Value

Proportions

Examples

```
# Test for an association with long-duration diabetes
# This is clearly ignoring the repeated measures...
data("diabetesData")
props <- getProp(diabetesData)
condition <- imagePheno(diabetesData)$stage
names(condition) <- imagePheno(diabetesData)$imageID
condition <- condition[condition %in% c("Long-duration", "Onset")]
test <- colTest(props[names(condition), ], condition)
```

diabetesData	<i>Diabetes IMC data</i>
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Description

This is a subset of the Damond et al 2019 imaging mass cytometry dataset. The data contains cells in the pancreatic islets of individuals with early onset diabetes and healthy controls. The object contains single-cell data of 160 images from 8 subjects, with 20 images per subject.

Usage

diabetesData

Format

diabetesData a SegmentedCells object

diabetesData_SCE	<i>Diabetes IMC data in SCE format.</i>
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Description

This is a subset of the Damond et al 2019 imaging mass cytometry dataset. The data contains cells in the pancreatic islets of individuals with early onset diabetes and healthy controls. The object contains single-cell data of 160 images from 8 subjects, with 20 images per subject.

Usage

diabetesData_SCE

Format

diabetesData_SCE a SingleCellExperiment object

Details

Converted into a SingleCellExperiment format.

getPairwise	<i>Get statistic from pairwise L curve of a single image.</i>
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Description

Get statistic from pairwise L curve of a single image.

Usage

```
getPairwise(
  cells,
  from = NULL,
  to = NULL,
  dist = NULL,
  window = "convex",
  window.length = NULL,
  Rs = c(20, 50, 100),
  sigma = NULL,
  minLambda = 0.05,
  fast = TRUE,
  edgeCorrect = TRUE,
  includeZeroCells = TRUE,
  BPPARAM = BiocParallel::SerialParam(),
  imageID = "imageID",
  cellType = "cellType",
  spatialCoords = c("x", "y")
)
```

Arguments

cells	A SegmentedCells or data frame that contains at least the variables x and y, giving the location coordinates of each cell, and cellType.
from	The 'from' cellType for generating the L curve.
to	The 'to' cellType for generating the L curve.
dist	The distance at which the statistic is obtained.
window	Should the window around the regions be 'square', 'convex' or 'concave'.
window.length	A tuning parameter for controlling the level of concavity when estimating concave windows.
Rs	A vector of the radii that the measures of association should be calculated.
sigma	A numeric variable used for scaling when fitting inhomogeneous L-curves.
minLambda	Minimum value for density for scaling when fitting inhomogeneous L-curves.
fast	A logical describing whether to use a fast approximation of the inhomogeneous L-curves.
edgeCorrect	A logical indicating whether to perform edge correction.

includeZeroCells	A logical indicating whether to include cells with zero counts in the pairwise association calculation.
BPPARAM	A BiocParallelParam object.
imageID	The imageID if using a SingleCellExperiment or SpatialExperiment.
cellType	The cellType if using a SingleCellExperiment or SpatialExperiment.
spatialCoords	The spatialCoords if using a SingleCellExperiment or SpatialExperiment.

Value

Statistic from pairwise L curve of a single image.

Examples

```
data("diabetesData")
pairAssoc <- getPairwise(diabetesData[1, ])
```

getProp	<i>Get proportions from a SegmentedCells, SingleCellExperiment, SpatialExperiment or data.frame.</i>
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Description

Get proportions from a SegmentedCells, SingleCellExperiment, SpatialExperiment or data.frame.

Usage

```
getProp(cells, feature = "cellType", imageID = "imageID")
```

Arguments

cells	SegmentedCells, SingleCellExperiment, SpatialExperiment or data.frame
feature	The feature of interest
imageID	The imageID's

Value

Proportions

Examples

```
data("diabetesData")
prop <- getProp(diabetesData)
```

plot, SegmentedCells, ANY-method

A basic plot for SegmentedCells object

Description

This function generates a basic x-y plot of the location coordinates and cellType data.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'SegmentedCells,ANY'  
plot(x, imageID = NULL)
```

Arguments

x	A SegmentedCells object.
imageID	The image that should be plotted.

Value

A ggplot object.

usage

```
'plot(x, imageID = NULL)'
```

Examples

```
### Something that resembles cellProfiler data  
  
set.seed(51773)  
  
n = 10  
  
cells <- data.frame(row.names = seq_len(n))  
cells$ObjectNumber <- seq_len(n)  
cells$ImageNumber <- rep(1:2, c(n/2, n/2))  
cells$AreaShape_Center_X <- runif(n)  
cells$AreaShape_Center_Y <- runif(n)  
cells$AreaShape_round <- rexp(n)  
cells$AreaShape_diameter <- rexp(n, 2)  
cells$Intensity_Mean_CD8 <- rexp(n, 10)  
cells$Intensity_Mean_CD4 <- rexp(n, 10)  
  
cellExp <- SegmentedCells(cells, cellProfiler = TRUE)  
  
### Cluster cell types  
markers <- cellMarks(cellExp)  
kM <- kmeans(markers, 2)
```

```
cellType(cellExp) <- paste('cluster',kM$cluster, sep = '')
#plot(cellExp, imageID=1)
```

SegmentedCells-class *The SegmentedCells class*

Description

The SegmentedCells S4 class is for storing data from segmented imaging cytometry and spatial omics data. It extends DataFrame and defines methods that take advantage of DataFrame nesting to represent elements of cell-based experiments with spatial orientation that are commonly encountered. This object is able to store information on a cell's spatial location, cellType, morphology, intensity of gene/protein markers as well as image level phenotype information.

Usage

```
SegmentedCells(
  cellData,
  cellProfiler = FALSE,
  spatialCoords = c("x", "y"),
  cellTypeString = "cellType",
  intensityString = "intensity_",
  morphologyString = "morphology_",
  phenotypeString = "phenotype_",
  cellIDString = "cellID",
  cellAnnotations = NULL,
  imageCellIDString = "imageCellID",
  imageIDString = "imageID",
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

cellData	A data frame that contains at least the columns x and y giving the location coordinates of each cell.
cellProfiler	A logical indicating that cellData is in a format similar to what cellProfiler outputs.
spatialCoords	The column names corresponding to spatial coordinates. eg. x, y, z...
cellTypeString	The name of the column that contains cell type calls.
intensityString	A string which can be used to identify the columns which contain marker intensities. (This needs to be extended to take the column names themselves.)
morphologyString	A string which can be used to identify the columns which contains morphology information.

phenotypeString A string which can be used to identify the columns which contains phenotype information.

cellIDString The column name for cellID.

cellAnnotations A vector of variables that provide additional annotation of a cell.

imageCellIDString The column name for imageCellID.

imageIDString The column name for imageIDString.

verbose logical indicating whether to output messages.

Value

A SegmentedCells object

Examples

```
### Something that resembles cellProfiler data

set.seed(51773)

n = 10

cells <- data.frame(row.names = seq_len(n))
cells$ObjectNumber <- seq_len(n)
cells$imageNumber <- rep(seq_len(2),c(n/2,n/2))
cells$AreaShape_Center_X <- runif(n)
cells$AreaShape_Center_Y <- runif(n)
cells$AreaShape_round <- rexp(n)
cells$AreaShape_diameter <- rexp(n, 2)
cells$Intensity_Mean_CD8 <- rexp(n, 10)
cells$Intensity_Mean_CD4 <- rexp(n, 10)

cellExp <- SegmentedCells(cells, cellProfiler = TRUE)

### Cluster cell types
intensities <- cellMarks(cellExp)
kM <- kmeans(intensities,2)
cellType(cellExp) <- paste('cluster',kM$cluster, sep = '')
cellSummary(cellExp)
```

show-SegmentedCells *Show SegmentedCells*

Description

This outputs critical information about a SegmentedCells.

Arguments

object A SegmentedCells.

Value

Information of the number of images, cells, intensities, morphologies and phenotypes.

usage

```
'show(object)'
```

Examples

```
### Something that resembles cellProfiler data

set.seed(51773)

n = 10

cells <- data.frame(row.names = seq_len(n))
cells$ObjectNumber <- seq_len(n)
cells$ImageNumber <- rep(1:2,c(n/2,n/2))
cells$AreaShape_Center_X <- runif(n)
cells$AreaShape_Center_Y <- runif(n)
cells$AreaShape_round <- rexp(n)
cells$AreaShape_diameter <- rexp(n, 2)
cells$Intensity_Mean_CD8 <- rexp(n, 10)
cells$Intensity_Mean_CD4 <- rexp(n, 10)

cellExp <- SegmentedCells(cells, cellProfiler = TRUE)

### Cluster cell types
markers <- cellMarks(cellExp)
kM <- kmeans(markers,2)
cellType(cellExp) <- paste('cluster',kM$cluster, sep = '')

cellExp
```

signifPlot

Plots result of signifPlot.

Description

Plots result of signifPlot.

Usage

```
signifPlot(  
  results,  
  fdr = FALSE,  
  type = "bubble",  
  breaks = NULL,  
  colours = c("#4575B4", "white", "#D73027"),  
  marksToPlot = NULL,  
  cutoff = 0.05  
)
```

Arguments

results	Data frame obtained from spicy.
fdr	TRUE if FDR correction is used.
type	Where to make a bubble plot or heatmap.
breaks	Vector of 3 numbers giving breaks used in pheatmap. The first number is the minimum, the second is the maximum, the third is the number of breaks.
colours	Vector of colours to use in pheatmap.
marksToPlot	Vector of marks to include in pheatmap.
cutoff	significance threshold for circles in bubble plot

Value

a pheatmap object

Examples

```
data(spicyTest)  
signifPlot(spicyTest, breaks=c(-3, 3, 0.5))
```

SpicyResults-class *Performs spatial tests on spatial cytometry data.*

Description

Performs spatial tests on spatial cytometry data.

Usage

```

spicy(
  cells,
  condition = NULL,
  subject = NULL,
  covariates = NULL,
  from = NULL,
  to = NULL,
  dist = NULL,
  alternateResult = NULL,
  integrate = TRUE,
  nsim = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE,
  weights = TRUE,
  weightsByPair = FALSE,
  weightFactor = 1,
  window = "convex",
  window.length = NULL,
  BPPARAM = BiocParallel::SerialParam(),
  sigma = NULL,
  Rs = NULL,
  minLambda = 0.05,
  fast = TRUE,
  edgeCorrect = TRUE,
  includeZeroCells = FALSE,
  imageID = "imageID",
  cellType = "cellType",
  spatialCoords = c("x", "y"),
  ...
)

```

Arguments

<code>cells</code>	A <code>SegmentedCells</code> or data frame that contains at least the variables <code>x</code> and <code>y</code> , giving the location coordinates of each cell, and <code>cellType</code> .
<code>condition</code>	Vector of conditions to be tested corresponding to each image if <code>cells</code> is a data frame.
<code>subject</code>	Vector of subject IDs corresponding to each image if <code>cells</code> is a data frame.
<code>covariates</code>	Vector of covariate names that should be included in the mixed effects model as fixed effects.
<code>from</code>	vector of cell types which you would like to compare to the <code>to</code> vector
<code>to</code>	vector of cell types which you would like to compare to the <code>from</code> vector
<code>dist</code>	The distance at which the statistic is obtained.
<code>alternateResult</code>	An alternative result in the form of a data matrix to be used for comparison.
<code>integrate</code>	Should the statistic be the integral from 0 to <code>dist</code> , or the value of the L curve at <code>dist</code> .

<code>nsim</code>	Number of simulations to perform. If empty, the p-value from <code>lmerTest</code> is used.
<code>verbose</code>	logical indicating whether to output messages.
<code>weights</code>	logical indicating whether to include weights based on cell counts.
<code>weightsByPair</code>	logical indicating whether weights should be calculated for each cell type pair.
<code>weightFactor</code>	numeric that controls the convexity of the weight function.
<code>window</code>	Should the window around the regions be 'square', 'convex' or 'concave'.
<code>window.length</code>	A tuning parameter for controlling the level of concavity when estimating concave windows.
<code>BPPARAM</code>	A <code>BiocParallelParam</code> object.
<code>sigma</code>	A numeric variable used for scaling when fitting inhomogeneous L-curves.
<code>Rs</code>	A vector of radii that the measures of association should be calculated.
<code>minLambda</code>	Minimum value for density for scaling when fitting inhomogeneous L-curves.
<code>fast</code>	A logical describing whether to use a fast approximation of the inhomogeneous L-curves.
<code>edgeCorrect</code>	A logical indicating whether to perform edge correction.
<code>includeZeroCells</code>	A logical indicating whether to include cells with zero counts in the pairwise association calculation.
<code>imageID</code>	The image ID if using <code>SingleCellExperiment</code> .
<code>cellType</code>	The cell type if using <code>SingleCellExperiment</code> .
<code>spatialCoords</code>	The spatial coordinates if using a <code>SingleCellExperiment</code> .
<code>...</code>	Other options to pass to <code>bootstrap</code> .

Value

Data frame of p-values.

Examples

```
data("diabetesData")

# Test with random effect for patient on only one pairwise combination of cell types.
spicy(diabetesData,
      condition = "stage", subject = "case",
      from = "Tc", to = "Th"
)

# Test all pairwise combination of cell types without random effect of patient.
# spicyTest <- spicy(diabetesData, condition = "stage", subject = "case")

# Test all pairwise combination of cell types with random effect of patient.
# spicy(diabetesData, condition = "condition", subject = "subject")

# Test all pairwise combination of cell types with random effect of patient using
# a bootstrap to calculate significance.
# spicy(diabetesData, condition = "stage", subject = "case", nsim = 10000)
```

spicyTest	<i>Results from spicy for diabetesData</i>
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Description

Results from the call: `spicyTest <- spicy(diabetesData, condition = "condition", subject = "subject")`

Usage

```
spicyTest
```

Format

spicyTest a spicy object

spicyTestBootstrap	<i>Results from spicy with bootstrap for diabetesData</i>
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Description

Results from the call: `spicyTestBootstrap <- spicy(diabetesData, condition = "condition", subject = "subject", nsim = 199)`

Usage

```
spicyTestBootstrap
```

Format

spicyTestBootstrap a spicy object

topPairs	<i>A table of the significant results from spicy tests</i>
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Description

A table of the significant results from spicy tests

Usage

```
topPairs(x, coef = NULL, n = 10, adj = "fdr", cutoff = NULL)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	The output from <code>spicy</code> .
<code>coef</code>	Which coefficient to list.
<code>n</code>	Extract the top <code>n</code> most significant pairs.
<code>adj</code>	Which p-value adjustment method to use, argument for <code>p.adjust()</code> .
<code>cutoff</code>	A p-value threshold to extract significant pairs.

Value

A `data.frame`

Examples

```
data(spicyTest)
topPairs(spicyTest)
```

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