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AddAdjList

Add adjacency matrix list for a PRECASTObj object

Description

Add adjacency matrix list for a PRECASTObj object to prepare for PRECAST model fitting.

Usage

```
AddAdjList(PRECASTObj, type="fixed_distance", platform="Visium", ...)
```

Arguments

PRECASTObj	a PRECASTObj object created by CreatePRECASTObject .
type	an optional string, specify which type of neighbors' definition. Here we provide two definition: one is "fixed_distance", the other is "fixed_number".
platform	a string, specify the platform of the provided data, default as "Visium". There are more platforms to be chosen, including "Visium", "ST" and "Other_SRT" ("Other_SRT" represents the other SRT platforms except for 'Visium' and 'ST'), which means there are spatial coordinates information in the metadata of PRECASTObj. The platform helps to calculate the adjacency matrix by defining the neighborhoods when type="fixed_distance" is chosen.
...	other arguments to be passed to getAdj , getAdj_auto and getAdj_fixedNumber function.

Details

When the type = "fixed_distance", then the spots within the Euclidean distance cutoffs from one spot are regarded as the neighbors of this spot. When the type = "fixed_number", the K-nearest spots are regarded as the neighbors of each spot.

Value

Return a revised PRECASTObj object by adding the adjacency matrix list.

Note

nothing

Author(s)

Wei Liu

See Also

[AddParSetting](#).

AddParSetting

Add model settings for a PRECASTObj object

Description

The main interface function provides several PRECAST submodels, so a model setting is required to specified in advance for a PRECASTObj object.

Usage

```
AddParSetting(PRECASTObj, ...)
```

Arguments

PRECASTObj a PRECASTObj object created by [CreatePRECASTObject](#).
... other arguments to be passed to [model_set](#) function.

Details

Nothing

Value

Return a revised PRECASTObj object.

Note

nothing

Author(s)

Wei Liu

See Also

None

Examples

```
data(PRECASTObj)
PRECASTObj <-AddParSetting(PRECASTObj)
PRECASTObj@parameterList
```

AddTSNE	<i>Add tSNE embeddings for a Seurat object</i>
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Description

Run t-SNE dimensionality reduction on selected features.

Usage

```
AddTSNE(seuInt, n_comp=3, reduction='PRECAST', assay='PRE_CAST', seed=1)
```

Arguments

seuInt a Seurat object.
n_comp an optional positive integer, specify the number of features to be extracted.
reduction an optional string, means which dimensional reduction (e.g. PRECAST, PCA) to use for the tSNE. Default is PRECAST.
assay Name of assay that that t-SNE is being run on.
seed an optional integer, the random seed to evaluate tSNE.

Details

Nothing

Value

Return a revised Seurat object by adding tSNE reduction object.

Note

nothing

Author(s)

Wei Liu

See Also

None

AddUMAP

Add UMAP embeddings for a Seurat object

Description

Run UMAP dimensionality reduction on selected features.

Usage

```
AddUMAP(seuInt, n_comp=3, reduction='PRECAST', assay='PRE_CAST', seed=1)
```

Arguments

seuInt	a Seurat object.
n_comp	an optional positive integer, specify the number of features to be extracted.
reduction	an optional string, means which dimensional reduction (e.g. PRECAST, PCA) to use for the UMAP. Default is PRECAST.
assay	Name of assay that that t-SNE is being run on.
seed	an optional integer, the random seed to evaluate UMAP.

Details

Nothing

Value

Return a revised Seurat object by adding UMAP reduction object.

Note

nothing

Author(s)

Wei Liu

See Also

None

Add_embed	<i>Add embeddings for a Seurat object</i>
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Description

Add embeddings for a Seurat object.

Usage

```
Add_embed(embed, seu, embed_name='tSNE' , assay = "RNA")
```

Arguments

- embed an embedding matrix.
- seu a Seurat object.
- embed_name an optional string, the name of embeddings.
- assay Name of assay that that embed is being put

Details

Nothing

Value

Return a revised Seurat object by adding a embedding matrix to the Reduc slot in Seurat object.

Note

nothing

Author(s)

Wei Liu

See Also

None

`boxPlot`*Boxplot for a matrix*

Description

Boxplot for a matrix.

Usage

```
boxPlot(mat, ylabel='ARI', cols=NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>mat</code>	a matrix with columns.
<code>ylabel</code>	an optional string, the name of ylabel.
<code>cols</code>	colors used in the plot
<code>...</code>	Other parameters passed to <code>geom_boxplot</code> .

Details

Nothing

Value

Return a ggplot2 object.

Note

nothing

Author(s)

Wei Liu

See Also

None

Examples

```
mat <- matrix(runif(100*3, 0.6, 1), 100, 3)
colnames(mat) <- paste0("Method", 1:3)
boxPlot(mat)
```

chooseColors	<i>Choose color schema from a palette</i>
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Description

Choose color schema from a palette

Usage

```
chooseColors(
  palettes_name = c("Nature 10", "Light 13", "Classic 20", "Blink 23", "Hue n"),
  n_colors = 7,
  alpha = 1,
  plot_colors = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

palettes_name	a string, the palette name, one of "Nature 10", "Light 13", "Classic 20", "Blink 23" and "Hue n", default as 'Nature 10'.
n_colors	a positive integer, the number of colors.
alpha	a positive real, the transparency of the color.
plot_colors	a logical value, whether plot the selected colors.

Examples

```
chooseColors()
```

coordinate_rotate	<i>Coordinates rotation for visualization</i>
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Description

Coordinates rotation for visualization.

Usage

```
coordinate_rotate(pos, theta=0)
```

Arguments

pos	a matrix, the n-by-d coordinates, where n is the number of coordinates, d is the dimension of coordinates.
theta	a real number, the angle for counter-clock-wise rotation.

Details

Nothing

Value

Return a rotated coordinate matrix.

Note

nothing

Author(s)

Wei Liu

See Also

None

Examples

```
x <- 1:100
pos <- cbind(x, sin(pi/4*x))
oldpar <- par(mfrow = c(1,2))
plot(pos)
plot(coordinate_rotate(pos, 40))
par(oldpar)
```

CreatePRECASTObject	<i>Create the PRECAST object with preprocessing step.</i>
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Description

Create the PRECAST object with preprocessing step.

Usage

```
CreatePRECASTObject(seuList, project = "PRECAST", gene.number=2000,
  selectGenesMethod='SPARK-X', numCores_sparkx=1,
  customGenelist=NULL, premin.spots = 20,
  premin.features=20, postmin.spots=15, postmin.features=15,
  rawData.preserve=FALSE, verbose=TRUE)
```

Arguments

<code>seuList</code>	a list consisting of Seurat objects, where each object is a SRT data batch. The default assay of each Seurat object will be used for data preprocessing and followed model fitting. The specified format about <code>seuList</code> argument can be referred to the details and example.
<code>project</code>	An optional string, name of the project, default as "PRECAST".
<code>gene.number</code>	an optional integer, the number of top spatially variable genes (SVGs) or highly variable genes (HVGs) to be chosen.
<code>selectGenesMethod</code>	an optional integer, the method to select genes for each sample. It supports 'SPARK-X' and 'HVGs' to select genes now. Users can provide self-selected genes using <code>customGenelist</code> argument.
<code>numCores_sparkx</code>	an optional integer, specify the number of CPU cores in SPARK package to use when selecting spatial genes.
<code>customGenelist</code>	an optional string vector, the list of user specified genes to be used for PRECAST model fitting. If this argument is given, SVGs/HVGs will not be selected.
<code>premin.spots</code>	An optional integer, the features (genes) are retained in raw data filtering step with at least <code>premin.spots</code> number of spots, default is 20.
<code>premin.features</code>	An optional integer, the locations are retained in raw data filtering step with at least <code>premin.features</code> number of nonzero-count features (genes), default is 20.
<code>postmin.spots</code>	An optional integer, the features (genes) are retained in filtering step after common genes selected among all data batches with at least <code>postmin.spots</code> number of spots, default is 15.
<code>postmin.features</code>	An optional integer, the locations are retained in filtering step after common genes selected among all data batches with at least <code>postmin.features</code> number of nonzero-count features (genes), default is 15.
<code>rawData.preserve</code>	An optional logical value, whether preserve the raw <code>seuList</code> data.
<code>verbose</code>	whether display the message in the creating process.

Details

`seuList` is a [list](#) with Seurat object as component, and each Seurat object includes the raw expression count matrix, spatial coordinates and meta data for each data batch, where the spatial coordinates information must be saved in the metadata of Seurat, named "row" and "col" for each data batch.

Value

Returns PRECAST object prepared for PRECAST model fitting. See [PRECASTObj-class](#) for more details.

Examples

```

data(PRECASTObj)
library(Seurat)
seuList <- PRECASTObj@seuList
## Check the input of seuList for create PRECAST object.
## Check the default assay for each data batch
lapply(seuList, DefaultAssay)
## Check the spatial coordinates in the meta data named "row" and "col".
head(seuList[[1]]@meta.data)
## Then create PRECAST object using this seuList.
## For convenience, we show the user-specified genes' list for creating PRECAST object.
## Users can use SVGs from SPARK-X or HVGs.
PRECASTObj2 <- CreatePRECASTObject(seuList,
  customGenelist= row.names(seuList[[1]]), verbose=FALSE)

```

dimPlot

Low-dimensional embeddings' plot

Description

Low-dimensional embeddings' plot colored by a specified meta data in the Seurat object.

Usage

```

dimPlot(seuInt, item=NULL, reduction=NULL, point_size=1, text_size=16,
  cols=NULL, font_family='', border_col="gray10",
  fill_col="white", ...)

```

Arguments

seuInt	an object named "Seurat".
item	the item used for coloring the plot in the meta data of seuInt object.
reduction	the reduction used for plot in the seuInt object. If reduction is null, the last added one is used for plotting.
point_size	the size of point in the scatter plot.
text_size	the text size in the plot.
cols	colors used in the plot
font_family	the font family used for the plot.
border_col	the border color in the plot.
fill_col	the color used in backgroup.
...	other arguments passed to plot_scatter
.	

Details

Nothing

Value

Return a ggplot2 object.

Note

nothing

Author(s)

Wei Liu

See Also

None

Examples

```
data(PRECASTObj)
PRECASTObj <- SelectModel(PRECASTObj)
seuInt <- IntegrateSpaData(PRECASTObj, species='unknown')
dimPlot(seuInt, reduction = 'PRECAST')
## or use the Seurat::DimPlot(seuInt, reduction = 'PRECAST')
```

doHeatmap	<i>Heatmap for spots-by-feature matrix</i>
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Description

Plot heatmap for a Seurat object with expressioin data.

Usage

```
doHeatmap(seu, features=NULL, cell_label='Cell type', grp_label = FALSE,
          pt_size=4, grp_color=NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

- seu an object named "Seurat". The object of class "Seurat" must include slot "scale.data".
- features an optional string vector, the features to be plotted.
- cell_label an optional string, the name of legend.
- grp_label an optional logical value, whether display the group names.
- pt_size the point size used in the plot
- grp_color the colors to use for the group color bar.
- ... Other paramters passed to [DoHeatmap](#).

Details

Nothing

Value

Return a ggplot2 object.

Note

nothing

Author(s)

Wei Liu

See Also

[featurePlot](#)

Examples

```
library(Seurat)
data(PRECASTObj)
PRECASTObj <- SelectModel(PRECASTObj)
seuInt <- IntegrateSpaData(PRECASTObj, species='unknown')
seuInt <- ScaleData(seuInt)
doHeatmap(seuInt, features=row.names(seuInt)[1:5])
```

drawFigs

Draw a figure using a group of ggplot objects

Description

Draw a figure using a group of ggplot objects

Usage

```
drawFigs(
  pList,
  layout.dim = NULL,
  common.legend = FALSE,
  legend.position = "right",
  ...
)
```

Arguments

<code>pList</code>	a list with component ggplot objects.
<code>layout.dim</code>	a integer vector with length 2, the layout of subplots in rows and columns.
<code>common.legend</code>	a logical value, whether use common legend for all subplots.
<code>legend.position</code>	a string, the position of legend.
<code>...</code>	other arguments that pass to <code>ggarrange</code> .

Value

return a new ggplot object.

featurePlot	<i>Spatial expression heatmap</i>
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Description

Plot spatial heatmap for a feature of Seurat object with spatial transcriptomics data.

Usage

```
featurePlot(seu, feature=NULL, cols=NULL, pt_size=1, title_size =16, quant=0.5,
  assay='RNA' , reduction="position")
```

Arguments

<code>seu</code>	an object named "Seurat". The object of class "Seurat" must include slot "scale.data".
<code>feature</code>	an optional string, specify the name of feature to be plotted. If it is null, the first feature will be plotted.
<code>cols</code>	colors used in the plot
<code>pt_size</code>	the size of point in the spatial heatmap plot.
<code>title_size</code>	the title size used for the plot.
<code>quant</code>	the quantile value to generate the gradient color map.
<code>assay</code>	the assay selected for plot.
<code>reduction</code>	the Reduc object for plot.

Details

Nothing

Value

Return a ggplot2 object.

Note

nothing

Author(s)

Wei Liu

See Also

None

Examples

```
library(Seurat)
data(PRECASTObj)
PRECASTObj <- SelectModel(PRECASTObj)
seuInt <- IntegrateSpaData(PRECASTObj, species='unknown')
seuInt <- ScaleData(seuInt)
featurePlot(seuInt, assay='PRE_CAST')
```

firstup

Set the first letter of a string vector to captial

Description

Set the first letter of a string vector to captial.

Usage

```
firstup(x)
```

Arguments

x a string vector.

Details

Nothing

Value

Return a string vector with first letter capital.

Note

nothing

Author(s)

Wei Liu

See Also

None

Examples

```
x <- c("good", "Morning")
firstup(x)
```

getAdj_fixedNumber	<i>Calculate adjacency matrix by user-specified number of neighbors</i>
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Description

an efficient function to find the neighborhood based on the matrix of position and a user-specified number of neighbors of each spot.

Usage

```
getAdj_fixedNumber(pos, number=6)
```

Arguments

pos	is a n-by-d matrix of position, where n is the number of spots, and d is the dimension of coordinates.
number	is the number of neighbors of each spot. Euclidean distance to decide whether a spot is an neighborhood of another spot.

Value

A sparse matrix containing the neighbourhood.

See Also

[getAdj](#), [getAdj_auto](#).

getAdj_reg	<i>Calculate adjacency matrix for regular spatial coordinates.</i>
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Description

Calculate adjacency matrix for regular spatial coordinates from ST or Visium platform.

Usage

```
getAdj_reg(pos, platform= "Visium")
```

Arguments

pos	is a n-by-d matrix of position, where n is the number of spots, and d is the dimension of coordinates.
platform	a string, specify the platform of the provided data, default as "Visium", and only support "ST" and "Visium" platform.

Value

A sparse matrix containing the neighbourhood.

See Also

[getAdj](#), [getAdj_auto](#), [getAdj_fixedNumber](#).

Human_HK_genes	<i>Human housekeeping genes database</i>
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Description

Human housekeeping genes database.

Details

This data is a [data.frame](#) and include the Human housekeeping genes information in the columns named "Gene" and "Ensembl".

ICM.EM

*ICM-EM algorithm implementation***Description**

ICM-EM algorithm for fitting PRECAST model

Usage

```
ICM.EM(XList, q, K, AdjList=NULL, Adjlist_car=NULL,
       posList = NULL, platform = "ST",
       beta_grid=seq(0.2,4, by=0.2), init.nstart=5,
       maxIter_ICM=6,maxIter=20, epsLogLik=1e-5, verbose=TRUE,
       mix_prop_heter=TRUE, Sigma_equal=FALSE, Sigma_diag=TRUE,
       error_heter=TRUE, Sp2=TRUE,
       wpca_int=FALSE,int.model=c('kmeans', 'mclust'),
       seed=1,coreNum = 1, coreNum_int=coreNum)
```

Arguments

XList	an M-length list consisting of multiple matrices with class dgCMatrx or matrix that specify the log-normalization gene expression matrix for each data sample used for PRECAST model.
q	a positive integer, specify the number of latent features to be extracted, default as 15.
K	a positive integer allowing scalar or vector, specify the number of clusters in model fitting.
AdjList	an M-length list of sparse matrices with class dgCMatrx, specify the adjacency matrix used for Potts model in PRECAST. We provide this interface for those users who would like to define the adjacency matrix by their own.
Adjlist_car	an M-length list of sparse matrices with class dgCMatrx, specify the adjacency matrix used for CAR model in PRECAST, default as AdjList in the Potts model. We provide this interface for those users who would like to use the different adjacency matrix in CAR model.
posList	an M-length list composed by spatial coordinate matrix for each data sample.
platform	a string, specify the platform of the provided data, default as "Visium". There are many platforms to be supported, including ("Visuim", "ST", "SeqFISH", 'merFISH', 'slide-seqv2', 'seqscope', "HDST"). If AdjList is not given, the The platform helps to calculate the adjacency matrix by defining the neighbors.
beta_grid	an optional vector of positive value, the candidate set of the smoothing parameter to be searched by the grid-search optimization approach.
init.nstart	an optional positive integer, how many times to be run for obtaining the initial values, default as 5.
maxIter_ICM	an optional positive value, represents the maximum iterations of ICM.

maxIter	an optional positive value, represents the maximum iterations of EM.
epsLogLik	an optional positive vlaue, tolerance vlaue of relative variation rate of the observed pseudo log-loglikelihood value, default as '1e-5'.
verbose	an optional logical value, whether output the information of the ICM-EM algorithm.
mix_prop_heter	an optional logical value, specify whether betar are distict, default as TRUE.
Sigma_equal	an optional logical value, specify whether Sigmaks are equal, default as FALSE.
Sigma_diag	an optional logical value, specify whether Sigmaks are diagonal matrices, default as TRUE.
error_heter	an optional logical value, whether use the heterogenous error for DR-SC model, default as TRUE. If error_heter=FALSE, then the homogenous error is used for probabilistic PCA model in PRECAST.
Sp2	an optional logical value, whether add the ICAR model component in the model, default as TRUE. We provide this interface for those users who don't want to include the ICAR model.
wpca_int	an optional logical value, means whether use the weighted PCA to obtain the initial values of loadings and other paramters, default as FALSE which means the ordinary PCA is used.
int.model	an optional string, specify which model is used in evaluting the initial values for PRECAST; "kmeans" and "mclust" are supported, default as "kmeans".
seed	an optional integer, the random seed in fitting PRECAST model.
coreNum	an optional positive integer, means the number of thread used in parallel computing.
coreNum_int	an optional positive integer, means the number of cores used in parallel computation for initial values when K is a vector, default as same as coreNum.

Details

Nothing

Value

ICM.EM returns a [list](#) with class "SeqKiDRSC_Object" with the number of components equal to the length of K, where each component includes the model fitting results for one number of cluster and is a list consisting of following components:

cluster	an M-length list that includes the inferred class labels for each data sample.
hZ	an M-length list that includes the batch corrected low-dimensional embeddings for each data sample.
hV	an M-length list that includes the estimate the ICAR component for each sample.
Rf	an M-length list that includes the posterior probability of domain clusters for each sample.
beta	an M-length vector that includes the estimated smoothing parameters for each sample.

Mu	mean vectors of mixtures components.
Sigma	covariance matrix of mixtures components.
W	estimated loading matrix
Lam	estimated variance of errors in probabilistic PCA model
loglik	pseudo observed log-likelihood.

Note

nothing

Author(s)

Wei Liu

References

Wei Liu, Liao, X., Luo, Z. et al, Jin Liu* (2023). Probabilistic embedding, clustering, and alignment for integrating spatial transcriptomics data with PRECAST. Nature Communications, 14, 296

See Also

None

Examples

```
## we generate the spatial transcriptomics data with lattice neighborhood, i.e. ST platform.
library(Matrix)
q <- 10; K <- 4
data(PRECASTObj)
posList <- lapply(PRECASTObj@seulist, function(x) cbind(x$row, x$col))
AdjList <- lapply(posList, getAdj_reg, platform='ST')
XList <- lapply(PRECASTObj@seulist, function(x) t(x[['RNA']]@data))
XList <- lapply(XList, scale, scale=FALSE)
## For illustration, maxIter is set to 4
resList <- ICM.EM(XList, AdjList = AdjList, maxIter=4,
                 q=q, K=K, verbose=TRUE)
```

ICM.EM_structure

ICM-EM algorithm implementation with organized paramters

Description

Efficient data integration as well as spatial clustering for multiple spatial transcriptomics data

Usage

```
ICM.EM_structure(XList, K, AdjList, q=15,parameterList=NULL)
```

Arguments

XList	an M-length list consisting of multiple matrices with class <code>dgCMatrx</code> or <code>matrix</code> that specify the log-normalization gene expression matrix for each data sample used for PRECAST model.
K	a positive integer allowing scalar or vector, specify the number of clusters in model fitting.
AdjList	an M-length list of sparse matrices with class <code>dgCMatrx</code> , specify the adjacency matrix used for Potts model and Intrinsic CAR model in PRECAST model. We provide this interface for those users who would like to define the adjacency matrix by their own.
q	a positive integer, specify the number of latent features to be extracted, default as 15.
parameterList	Other arguments in PRECAST model, it can be set by model_set .

Details

Nothing

Value

ICM.EM_structure returns a [list](#) with class "SeqK_PRECAST_Object" with the number of components equal to the length of K, where each component includes the model fitting results for one number of cluster and is a list consisting of following components:

cluster	an M-length list that includes the inferred class labels for each data sample.
hZ	an M-length list that includes the batch corrected low-dimensional embeddings for each data sample.
hV	an M-length list that includes the estimate the ICAR component for each sample.
Rf	an M-length list that includes the posterior probability of domain clusters for each sample.
beta	an M-length vector that includes the estimated smoothing parameters for each sample.
Mu	mean vectors of mixtures components.
Sigma	covariance matrix of mixtures components.
W	estimated loading matrix
Lam	estimated variance of errors in probabilistic PCA model
loglik	pseudo observed log-likelihood.

Note

nothing

Author(s)

Wei Liu

References

Wei Liu, Liao, X., Luo, Z. et al, Jin Liu* (2023). Probabilistic embedding, clustering, and alignment for integrating spatial transcriptomics data with PRECAST. *Nature Communications*, 14, 296

See Also

None

Examples

```
## we generate the spatial transcriptomics data with lattice neighborhood, i.e. ST platform.
library(Matrix)
q <- 10; K <- 4
data(PRECASTObj)
posList <- lapply(PRECASTObj@seulist, function(x) cbind(x$row, x$col))
AdjList <- lapply(posList, getAdj_reg, platform='ST')
XList <- lapply(PRECASTObj@seulist, function(x) t(x[['RNA']]@data))
XList <- lapply(XList, scale, scale=FALSE)
parList <- model_set(maxIter=4)
resList <- ICM.EM_structure(XList, AdjList = AdjList,
                           q=q, K=K, parameterList=parList)
```

IntegrateSpaData

Integrate multiple SRT data

Description

Integrate multiple SRT data based on the PRECASTObj by PRECAST model fitting.

Usage

```
IntegrateSpaData(PRECASTObj, species="Human",
                 custom_housekeep=NULL, covariates_use=NULL,
                 seuList=NULL, subsample_rate=1, sample_seed=1)
```

Arguments

PRECASTObj	a PRECASTObj object after finishing the PRECAST model fitting and model selection.
species	an optional string, one of 'Human', 'Mouse' and 'Unknown', specify the species of the SRT data to help choose the housekeeping genes. 'Unknown' means only using the PRECAST results reconstruct the alligned gene expression.
custom_housekeep	user-specified housekeeping genes.

covariates_use	a string vector, the colnames in 'PRECASTObj@seulist[[1]]@meta.data', representing other biological covariates to be considered when removing batch effects. This is achieved by adding additional covariates for biological conditions in the regression, such as case or control. Default as 'NULL', denoting no other covariates to be considered.
seuList	an optional Seurat list object, 'seuList' plays a crucial role in the integration process. If 'seuList' is set to 'NULL' and 'PRECASTObj@seuList' is not NULL, then 'seuList' will adopt the values of 'PRECASTObj@seuList'. Subsequently, the genes within 'seuList' will be utilized for integration. Conversely, if 'seuList' is not NULL, the integration will directly employ the genes specified within 'seuList'. In the event that both 'seuList' and 'PRECASTObj@seuList' are set to NULL, integration will proceed using the genes outlined in 'PRECASTObj@seulist', i.e., the variable genes. To preserve the 'seuList' not NULL in 'PRECASTObj@seuList', user can set 'rawData.preserve=TRUE' when running 'CreatePRECASTObject'. This parameter empowers users to integrate the entire set of genes in 'seuList' when implementing the integration, as opposed to exclusively considering the variable genes within 'PRECASTObj@seuList'.
subsample_rate	an optional real number ranging from zero to one, this parameter specifies the subsampling rate during integration to enhance computational efficiency, default as 1 (without subsampling).
sample_seed	an optional integer, with a default value of 1, serves to designate the random seed when 'subsample_rate' is set to a value less than one, ensuring reproducibility in the sampling process.

Details

Nothing

Value

Return a Seurat object by integrating all SRT data batches into a SRT data, where the column "batch" in the meta.data represents the batch ID, and the column "cluster" represents the clusters obtained by PRECAST.

Note

nothing

Author(s)

Wei Liu

References

Wei Liu, Liao, X., Luo, Z. et al, Jin Liu* (2023). Probabilistic embedding, clustering, and alignment for integrating spatial transcriptomics data with PRECAST. *Nature Communications*, 14, 296

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See Also

None

Examples

```
data(PRECASTObj)
PRECASTObj <- SelectModel(PRECASTObj)
seuInt <- IntegrateSpaData(PRECASTObj, species='unknown')
```

model_set

*PRECAST model setting***Description**

Set the PRECAST model structure and paramters in the algorithm.

Usage

```
model_set(Sigma_equal=FALSE, Sigma_diag=TRUE,mix_prop_heter=TRUE,
          error_heter=TRUE, Sp2=TRUE, wpca_int=FALSE,
          int.model= c('mclust', 'kmeans'),
          coreNum = 1, coreNum_int=coreNum,
          beta_grid=seq(0.2,4, by=0.2),init.nstart=5,
          maxIter_ICM=6,maxIter=20, epsLogLik=1e-5, verbose=TRUE, seed=1)
```

Arguments

Sigma_equal	an optional logical value, specify whether Sigmaks are equal, default as FALSE.
Sigma_diag	an optional logical value, specify whether Sigmaks are diagonal matrices, default as TRUE.
mix_prop_heter	an optional logical value, specify whether betar are distict, default as TRUE.
error_heter	an optional logical value, whether use the heterogenous error i.e. $\lambda_{bdarj} \neq \lambda_{bdark}$ for each sample r , default as TRUE. If error_heter=FALSE, then the homogenous error is used for probabilistic PCA model.
Sp2	an optional logical value, whether add the ICAR model component in the model, default as TRUE. We provide this interface for those users who don't want to include the ICAR model.
wpca_int	an optional logical value, means whether use the weighted PCA to obtain the initial values of loadings and other paramters, default as FALSE which means the ordinary PCA is used.
int.model	an optional string, specify which model is used in evaluting the initial values for PRECAST; "kmeans" and "mclust" are supported, default as "mclust".
init.nstart	an optional positive integer, how many times to be run for obtaining the initial values, default as 5.

coreNum	an optional positive integer, means the number of thread used in parallel computing.
coreNum_int	an optional positive integer, means the number of cores used in parallel computation for initial values when K is a vector, default as same as coreNum.
beta_grid	an optional vector of positive value, the candidate set of the smoothing parameter to be searched by the grid-search optimization approach.
maxIter_ICM	an optional positive value, represents the maximum iterations of ICM.
maxIter	an optional positive value, represents the maximum iterations of EM.
epsLogLik	an optional positive vlaue, tolerance vlaue of relative variation rate of the observed pseudo log-loglikelihood value, default as '1e-5'.
verbose	an optional logical value, whether output the information of the ICM-EM algorithm.
seed	an optional integer, the random seed in fitting PRECAST model.

Details

Nothing

Value

Return a [list](#) including all paramters' setting.

Note

nothing

Author(s)

Wei Liu

See Also

None

Examples

```
model_set()
```

Mouse_HK_genes	<i>Mouse housekeeping genes database</i>
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Description

Mouse housekeeping genes database.

Details

This data is a [data.frame](#) and include the mouse housekeeping genes information in the columns named "Gene" and "Ensembl".

plot_RGB	<i>Spatial RGB heatmap</i>
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Description

Plot spatial RGB heatmap.

Usage

```
plot_RGB(position, embed_3d, pointsize=2, textsize=15)
```

Arguments

- | | |
|-----------|---|
| position | a coordinates matrix with two columns: x-coordinate and y-coordinate. |
| embed_3d | a embedding matrix with three columns: x, y and z embeddings. |
| pointsize | the size of point in the scatter plot. |
| textsize | the text size in the plot. |

Details

Nothing

Value

Return a ggplot2 object.

Note

nothing

Author(s)

Wei Liu

See Also

None

plot_scatter

*Scatter plot for two-dimensional embeddings***Description**

Scatter plot for two-dimensional embeddings

Usage

```
plot_scatter(embed_use, meta_data, label_name,
  xy_names=c('tSNE1', 'tSNE2'), no_guides = FALSE,
  cols = NULL,
  point_size = 0.5, point_alpha=1,
  base_size = 12, do_points = TRUE, do_density = FALSE, border_col='gray',
  legend_pos='right', legend_dir='vertical', nrow.legend=NULL)
```

Arguments

embed_use	an object named "Seurat", "maxtrix" or "dgCMatrix". The object of class "Seurat" must include slot "scale.data".
meta_data	an optional positive integer, specify the number of features to be extracted.
label_name	the size of point in the scatter plot.
xy_names	the text size in the plot.
no_guides	whether display the legend.
cols	colors used in the plot.
point_size	the point size of scatter plot.
point_alpha	the transparency of the plot.
base_size	the base text size.
do_points	Plot point plot.
do_density	Plot density plot
border_col	the border color in the plot.
legend_pos	the position of legend.
legend_dir	the direction of legend.
nrow.legend	the number of rows of legend.

Details

Nothing

Value

Return a ggplot2 object.

Note

nothing

Author(s)

Wei Liu

See Also

None

Examples

```
embed_use <- cbind(1:100, sin((1:100)*pi/2))
meta_data <- data.frame(cluster=factor(rep(1:2, each=50)))
plot_scatter(embed_use, meta_data, label_name='cluster')
```

PRECAST	<i>Fit a PRECAST model</i>
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Description

Fit a PRECAST model.

Usage

```
PRECAST(PRECASTObj, K=NULL, q= 15)
```

Arguments

- PRECASTObj an object named "PRECASTObj". The object PRECASTObj is created by [CreatePRECASTObject](#).
- K An optional integer or integer vector, specify the candidates of number of clusters. if K=NULL, it will be set to 4~12.
- q An optional integer, specify the number of low-dimensional embeddings to extract in PRECAST.

Details

The model fitting results are saved in the slot of resList.

Value

Return a revised PRECASTObj object.

Note

nothing

Author(s)

Wei Liu

References

Wei Liu, Liao, X., Luo, Z. et al, Jin Liu* (2023). Probabilistic embedding, clustering, and alignment for integrating spatial transcriptomics data with PRECAST. Nature Communications, 14, 296

See Also

None

PRECASTObj	<i>A simple PRECASTObj for example</i>
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Description

A simple PRECASTObj for example.

Details

This PRECASTObj include the basic slots in PRECAST object; see [PRECASTObj-class](#) for more details.

PRECASTObj-class	<i>Each PRECASTObj object has a number of slots which store information.</i>
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Description

Each PRECASTObj object has a number of slots which store information. Key slots to access are listed below.

Slots

- seuList A list with Seurat object as component, representing the raw expression count matrix, spatial coordinates and meta data for each data batch, where the spatial coordinates information is saved in the metadata of Seurat, named "row" and "col" for each data batch.
- seulist A Seurat list after the preprocessing step in preparation for PRECAST model.
- AdjList The adjacency matrix list for a PRECASTObj object.
- parameterList The model parameter settings for a PRECASTObj object
- resList The results after fitting PRECAST models.
- project Name of the project.

selectIntFeatures	<i>Select common genes for multiple data batches</i>
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Description

selectIntFeatures prioritizes genes based on the number of times they were selected as HVGs/SVGs in all data baches, and chose the top genes as the input for the analysis. We broke ties by examining the ranks of the tied genes in each original dataset and taking those with the highest median rank.

Usage

```
selectIntFeatures(seulist, spaFeatureList, IntFeatures=2000)
```

Arguments

- seulist a list consisting of Seurat objects, where each object is a SRT data batch.
- spaFeatureList an list consisting of SVGs vectors, where each vector is the top HVGs/SVGs for each SRT data batch.
- IntFeatures the number of common HVGs/SVGs genes to be chosen.

Details

Nothing

Value

Return a string vector, the selected gene list for integration in PRECAST.

Note

nothing

Author(s)

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References

Wei Liu, Liao, X., Luo, Z. et al, Jin Liu* (2023). Probabilistic embedding, clustering, and alignment for integrating spatial transcriptomics data with PRECAST. Nature Communications, 14, 296

See Also

None

SelectModel*Select best PRECAST model from candidated models*

Description

Select best PRECAST model from candidated models with different number of clusters.

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'SeqK_PRECAST_Object'
SelectModel(obj, criteria = 'MBIC', pen_const=1, return_para_est=FALSE)
## S3 method for class 'PRECASTObj'
SelectModel(obj, criteria = 'MBIC', pen_const=1, return_para_est=FALSE)
```

Arguments

obj	a SeqK_PRECAST_Object or PRECASTObj object after PRECAST model fitting.
criteria	a string, specify the criteria used for selecting the number of clusters, supporting "MBIC", "BIC" and "AIC".
pen_const	an optional positive value, the adjusted constant used in the MBIC criteria.
return_para_est	an optional logical value, whether return the other paramters' estimators in PRECAST.

Details

Nothing

Value

Return a revised PRECASTObj object.

Note

nothing

Author(s)

Wei Liu

See Also

None

Examples

```
data(PRECASTObj)
PRECASTObj <- SelectModel(PRECASTObj)
```

SpaPlot	<i>Spatial heatmap</i>
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Description

Plot spatial heatmap for a Seurat object with spatial transcriptomics data.

Usage

```
SpaPlot(seuInt, batch=NULL, item=NULL, point_size=2, text_size=12,
        cols=NULL, font_family='', border_col="gray10",
        fill_col='white', ncol=2, combine = TRUE,
        title_name="Sample", ...)
```

Arguments

<code>seuInt</code>	an object named "Seurat".
<code>batch</code>	an optional positive integer or integer vector, specify the batches to be extracted. Users can check the batches' names by <code>unique(seuInt\$batch)</code> .
<code>item</code>	an optional string, which column is plotted in the meta data of <code>seuInt</code> . Users can check the meta data by <code>head(seuInt@meta.data)</code> . If <code>item</code> takes value from ("RGB_UMAP", "RGB_tSNE"), this function will plot the RGB plot.
<code>point_size</code>	the size of point in the scatter plot.
<code>text_size</code>	the text size in the plot.
<code>cols</code>	colors used in the plot
<code>font_family</code>	the font family used for the plot, default as Times New Roman.
<code>border_col</code>	the border color in the plot.
<code>fill_col</code>	the color used in backgroup.
<code>ncol</code>	the number of columns in the layout of plots.
<code>combine</code>	an optional logical value, whether plot all on a figure. If TRUE, all figures are plotted; otherwise, return a list with each plot as component.
<code>title_name</code>	an optional string, title name in the plot.
<code>...</code>	other arguments passed to plot_scatter
<code>.</code>	

Details

Nothing

Value

Return a ggplot2 object or list of ggplots objects.

Note

nothing

Author(s)

Wei Liu

See Also

None

Examples

```
data(PRECASTObj)
PRECASTObj <- SelectModel(PRECASTObj)
seuInt <- IntegrateSpaData(PRECASTObj, species='unknown')
SpaPlot(seuInt)
```

volinPlot	<i>Volin/boxplot plot</i>
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Description

Plot volin/boxplot.

Usage

```
volinPlot(mat, ylabel='ARI', cols=NULL)
```

Arguments

- mat a matrix with columns.
- ylabel an optional string, the name of ylabel.
- cols colors used in the plot

Details

Nothing

Value

Return a ggplot2 object.

Note

nothing

See Also

None

Examples

```
mat <- matrix(runif(100*3, 0.6, 1), 100, 3)
colnames(mat) <- paste0("Method", 1:3)
volinPlot(mat)
```

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