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addCell

Add cell boundaries and event-wise cell identifiers to a hyperframe.

## Description

Add the list of the cells and their centroids in the hyperframe, check in which cell each event lies and add a cell marker.

## Usage

```
addCell(
  hypFrame,
  owins,
  cellTypes = NULL,
  findOverlappingOwins = FALSE,
  warnOut = TRUE,
  coords = c("x", "y"),
  verbose = TRUE,
  addCellMarkers = TRUE,
  overwriteCells = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

## **Arguments**

hypFrame	A hyperframe
owins	A list containing a list of owins per point pattern. The length of the list must match the length of the hyperframe, and the names must match. Also lists of geojson objects, coordinate matrices or rois are accepted, see details.
cellTypes	A dataframe of cell types and other cell-associated covariates. If supplied, it must contain a variable 'cell' that is matched with the names of the owins
findOverlapping	gOwins
	a boolean, should windows be checked for overlap? Can be computationally intensive.
warnOut	a boolean, should warning be issued when points are not contained in window?
coords	The names of the coordinates, if the windows are given as sets of coordinates.
verbose	A boolean, should verbose output be printed?
addCellMarkers	A boolean, should cell identities be added? Set this to FALSE if cell identifiers are already present in the data, and you only want to add windows and centroids.
overwriteCells	A boolean, should cells already present in hyperframe be overwritten?
	Further arguments passed onto convertToOwins

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#### **Details**

First the different cells are checked for overlap per point pattern if 'findOverlappingOwins' is TRUE. If no overlap is found, each event is assigned the cell that it falls into. Events not belonging to any cell will trigger a warning and be assigned 'NA'. Cell types and other variables are added to the marks if applicable. This function employs multithreading through the BiocParallel package. If this leads to excessive memory usage and crashes, try serial processing by setting register(SerialParam()). Different formats of windows are allowed, if the corresponding packages are installed. A dataframe of coordinates or a list of spatstat.geom owins is always allowed, as the necessary packages are required by smoppix. A 'SpatialPolygonsDataFrame' object is allowed if the 'polycub' package is installed, and a list of 'ijroi' object or a single 'ijzip' object if the 'RImageJROI' package is installed.

#### Value

The hyperframe with cell labels added in the marks of the point patterns

#### Note

By default, overlap between windows is not checked. Events are assigned to the first window they fall in. If you are not sure of the quality of the segmentation, do check your input or set checkOverlap to TRUE, even when this make take time.

#### See Also

buildHyperFrame, convertToOwins

## **Examples**

```
library(spatstat.random)
set.seed(54321)
n <- 1e3 # number of molecules
ng <- 25 # number of genes
nfov <- 3 # Number of fields of view
conditions <- 3
# sample xy-coordinates in [0, 1]
x <- runif(n)</pre>
y <- runif(n)</pre>
# assign each molecule to some gene-cell pair
gs <- paste0("gene", seq(ng))</pre>
gene <- sample(gs, n, TRUE)</pre>
fov <- sample(nfov, n, TRUE)</pre>
condition <- sample(conditions, n, TRUE)</pre>
# construct data.frame of molecule coordinates
df <- data.frame(gene, x, y, fov, "condition" = condition)</pre>
# A list of point patterns
listPPP <- tapply(seq(nrow(df)), df$fov, function(i) {</pre>
    ppp(x = df$x[i], y = df$y[i], marks = df[i, "gene", drop = FALSE])
}, simplify = FALSE)
# Regions of interest (roi): Diamond in the center plus four triangles
w1 \leftarrow owin(poly = list(x = c(0, .5, 1, .5), y = c(.5, 0, .5, 1)))
w2 \leftarrow owin(poly = list(x = c(0, 0, .5), y = c(.5, 0, 0)))
w3 \leftarrow owin(poly = list(x = c(0, 0, .5), y = c(1, 0.5, 1)))
w4 \leftarrow owin(poly = list(x = c(1, 1, .5), y = c(0.5, 1, 1)))
w5 \leftarrow owin(poly = list(x = c(1, 1, .5), y = c(0, 0.5, 0)))
hypFrame <- buildHyperFrame(df,</pre>
```

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```
coordVars = c("x", "y"),
  imageVars = c("condition", "fov")
)
nDesignFactors <- length(unique(hypFrame$image))
wList <- lapply(seq_len(nDesignFactors), function(x) {
  list("w1" = w1, "w2" = w2, "w3" = w3, "w4" = w4, "w5" = w5)
})
names(wList) <- rownames(hypFrame) # Matching names is necessary
hypFrame2 <- addCell(hypFrame, wList)</pre>
```

addDesign

Add design variables to hyperframe

## Description

Add design variables to hyperframe

#### Usage

```
addDesign(hypFrame, desMat, designVec)
```

## Arguments

hypFrame The hyperframe desMat The design matrix designVec The design vector

#### Value

The hyperframe with design variables added

addNuclei

Add nuclei to a hyperframe

## Description

Add the nuclei identifiers to a hyperframe already containing cells.

## Usage

```
addNuclei(
  hypFrame,
  nucleiList,
  checkSubset = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  coords = c("x", "y"),
  overwriteNuclei = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

hypFrame A hyperframe

nucleiList A list containing a list of owins per point pattern. The length of the list must match the length of the hyperframe, and the names must match. Also lists of geojson objects, coordinate matrices or rois are accepted, see addCell

checkSubset A boolean, should be checked whether nuclei are encompassed by cells?

verbose A boolean, should verbose output be printed?

coords The names of the coordinates, if the nuclei are given as sets of coordinates.

overwriteNuclei

A boolean, should existing nuclei be replaced?

Further arguments passed onto convertToOwins

#### **Details**

The nuclei names must match the cell names already present, all other nuclei are dropped. A warning is issued when nuclei are not encompassed by their cell.

#### Value

The hyperframe with nuclei added as entry

#### See Also

```
addCell, convertToOwins
```

#### **Examples**

```
library(spatstat.random)
set.seed(54321)
n <- 1e3 # number of molecules
ng <- 25 # number of genes
nfov <- 3 # Number of fields of view
conditions <- 3
# sample xy-coordinates in [0, 1]
x <- runif(n)</pre>
y <- runif(n)</pre>
# assign each molecule to some gene-cell pair
gs <- paste0("gene", seq(ng))
gene <- sample(gs, n, TRUE)</pre>
fov <- sample(nfov, n, TRUE)</pre>
condition <- sample(conditions, n, TRUE)</pre>
# construct data.frame of molecule coordinates
df <- data.frame(gene, x, y, fov, "condition" = condition)</pre>
# A list of point patterns
listPPP <- tapply(seq(nrow(df)), df$fov, function(i) {</pre>
    ppp(x = df$x[i], y = df$y[i], marks = df[i, "gene", drop = FALSE])
}, simplify = FALSE)
# Regions of interest (roi): Diamond in the center plus four triangles
w1 \leftarrow owin(poly = list(x = c(0, .5, 1, .5), y = c(.5, 0, .5, 1)))
w2 \leftarrow owin(poly = list(x = c(0, 0, .5), y = c(.5, 0, 0)))
w3 \leftarrow owin(poly = list(x = c(0, 0, .5), y = c(1, 0.5, 1)))
w4 \leftarrow owin(poly = list(x = c(1, 1, .5), y = c(0.5, 1, 1)))
w5 \leftarrow owin(poly = list(x = c(1, 1, .5), y = c(0, 0.5, 0)))
```

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```
hypFrame <- buildHyperFrame(df,</pre>
    coordVars = c("x", "y"),
    imageVars = c("condition", "fov")
nDesignFactors <- length(unique(hypFrame$image))</pre>
wList <- lapply(seq_len(nDesignFactors), function(x) {</pre>
    list("w1" = w1, "w2" = w2, "w3" = w3, "w4" = w4, "w5" = w5)
})
names(wList) <- rownames(hypFrame) # Matching names is necessary</pre>
hypFrame2 <- addCell(hypFrame, wList)</pre>
# The nuclei
n1 \leftarrow owin(poly = list(x = c(0.2, .4, 0.8, .4), y = c(.4, .2, .4, .8)))
n2 \leftarrow owin(poly = list(x = c(0.1, 0.1, .4), y = c(.4, .1, .1)))
n3 \leftarrow owin(poly = list(x = c(0.1, 0.1, .4), y = c(1, .75, 1)))
n4 \leftarrow owin(poly = list(x = c(1, 1, .6), y = c(.7, .9, .9)))
n5 \leftarrow owin(poly = list(x = c(.95, .95, .7), y = c(.1, .4, .1)))
nList <- lapply(seq_len(nDesignFactors), function(x) {</pre>
    list("w1" = n1, "w2" = n2, "w3" = n3, "w4" = n4, "w5" = n5)
})
names(nList) <- rownames(hypFrame) # Matching names is necessary</pre>
hypFrame3 <- addNuclei(hypFrame2, nList)</pre>
```

addTab0bs

Add tables with gene counts to the hyperframe, presort by gene and x-ccordinate and add design varibales

#### **Description**

Add tables with gene counts to the hyperframe, presort by gene and x-ccordinate and add design varibales

## Usage

```
addTabObs(hypFrame)
```

## Arguments

hypFrame The hyperframe

#### Value

The hyperframe with tabObs added

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buildDataFrame

Extract a data frame for a certain gene and PI from a fitted object

#### **Description**

Based on a fitted object, a dataframe with results for a certain feature and PI is built, e.g. in preparation for linear modelling.

## Usage

```
buildDataFrame(
  obj,
  gene,
  pi = c("nn", "nnPair", "edge", "centroid", "nnCell", "nnPairCell"),
  piMat,
  moransI = FALSE,
  numNNs = 8,
  weightMats,
  pppDf,
  prepMat,
  prepTabs,
  prepCells
)
```

#### **Arguments**

obj	A results object. For distances to fixed objects, the result of a call to estPis; for nearest neighbour distances, the result of a call to addWeightFunction
gene	A character string indicating the desired gene or gene pair (genes separated by double hyphens)
pi	character string indicating the desired PI
piMat	A data frame. Will be constructed if not provided, for internal use.
moransI	A boolean, should Moran's I be calculated? in the linear mixed model
numNNs	An integer, the number of nearest neighbours in the weight matrix for the calculation of the Moran's I statistic
weightMats	List of weight matrices for Moran's I calculation.
pppDf	Dataframe of point pattern-wise variables. It is precalculated in fitLMMsSingle for speed, but will be newly constructed when not provided.
<pre>prepMat, prepTabs, prepCells</pre>	
	Preconstructed objects to avoid looping over genes. For internal use mainly

## Value

A dataframe with estimated PIs and covariates

## See Also

add Weight Function, build Morans ID at a Frame

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#### **Examples**

```
example(addWeightFunction, "smoppix")
dfUniNN <- buildDataFrame(yangObj, gene = "SmVND2", pi = "nn")
# Example analysis with linear mixed model
library(lmerTest)
mixedMod <- lmer(pi - 0.5 ~ day + (1 | root),
    weight = weight, data = dfUniNN,
    contrasts = list("day" = "contr.sum")
)
summary(mixedMod)
# Evidence for aggregation</pre>
```

buildFormula

Build a formula from different components

## Description

Build a formula from different components

#### Usage

```
buildFormula(Formula, fixedVars, randomVars, outcome = "pi - 0.5")
```

#### **Arguments**

Formula A formula. If not supplied or equals NULL, will be overridden fixedVars, randomVars

Character vectors with fixed and random variables

outcome A character vector describing the outcome

#### **Details**

Random intercepts are assumed for the random effects, if more complicated designs are used, do supply your own formula.

#### Value

A formula

## See Also

fitLMMs,formula

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buildHyperFrame

Build a hyperframe containing all point patterns of an experiment.

#### **Description**

Build a spatstat hyperframe with point patterns and metadata. Matrices, dataframe, lists and SpatialExperiment inputs are accepted.

## Usage

```
buildHyperFrame(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'data.frame'
buildHyperFrame(
  Х,
  coordVars,
  imageIdentifier = imageVars,
  imageVars,
 pointVars = setdiff(names(x), c(imageVars, imageIdentifier, coordVars, featureName)),
  featureName = "gene",
)
## S4 method for signature 'matrix'
buildHyperFrame(
  х,
  imageVars,
  imageIdentifier = imageVars,
  covariates,
  featureName = "gene",
)
## S4 method for signature 'list'
buildHyperFrame(
  coordVars = c("x", "y"),
  covariates = NULL,
  idVar = NULL,
  featureName = "gene",
)
## S4 method for signature 'SpatialExperiment'
buildHyperFrame(x, imageVars, pointVars, imageIdentifier = imageVars, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
x the input object, see methods('buildHyperFrame')... additional constructor arguments
```

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coordVars Names of coordinates

imageIdentifier

A character vector of variables whose unique combinations define the separate

point patterns (images)

imageVars Covariates belonging to the point patterns

pointVars Names of event-wise covariates such as gene or cell for each single point

featureName The name of the feature identifier for the molecules.

covariates A matrix or dataframe of covariates

idVar An optional id variable present in covariates, that is matched with the names of

covariates

list A list of matrices or of point patterns of class 'spatstat.geom::ppp'

#### Value

An object of class 'hyperframe' from the 'spatstat.geom' package

#### See Also

hyperframe

## **Examples**

```
data(Yang)
hypYang <- buildHyperFrame(Yang,
    coordVars = c("x", "y"),
    imageVars = c("day", "root", "section")
)</pre>
```

buildMoransIDataFrame Build a data frame with Moran's I as outcome variable

## **Description**

Build a data frame with Moran's I as outcome variable

#### Usage

```
buildMoransIDataFrame(pi, piMat, weightMats)
```

## **Arguments**

pi character string indicating the desired PI

piMat A data frame. Will be constructed if not provided, for internal use.

weightMats List of weight matrices for Moran's I calculation.

## Value

A modified data frame, containing the estimated Moran's I and its variance

#### See Also

Moran.I, buildMoransIWeightMat

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buildMoransIWeightMat Build a weight matrix based on nearest neighbourship for Moran's I calculations

## **Description**

Build a weight matrix based on nearest neighbourship for Moran's I calculations

#### Usage

```
buildMoransIWeightMat(coordMat, numNNs)
```

## Arguments

coordMat A matrix of centroid coordinates

numNNs An integer, the number of nearest neighbours in the weight matrix for the calcu-

lation of the Moran's I statistic

#### Value

A sparse matrix of weights for Moran's I statistic, of equal value for the numNNs nearest neighbours and zero otherwise

#### Note

The choice of numNN nearest neighbours is far less memory-glutton than a weight decaying continuously with distance

#### See Also

buildMoransIDataFrame, Moran.I

calcIndividualPIs

Calculate individual PI entries of a single point pattern

#### **Description**

Calculate individual PI entries of a single point pattern

#### Usage

```
calcIndividualPIs(
  p,
  tabObs,
  pis,
  pSubLeft,
  owins,
  centroids,
  null,
  features,
```

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```
ecdfAll,
ecdfsCell,
loopFun,
minDiff,
minObsNN
```

#### **Arguments**

p The point pattern

tabObs A table of observed gene frequencies

pis The PIs to be estimated or for which weighting functions is to be added

pSubLeft The subsampled overall point pattern returned by subSampleP

owins, centroids

The list of windows corresponding to cells, and their centroids

null A character vector, indicating how the null distribution is defined. See details.

features A character vector, for which features should the probabilistic indices be calcu-

lated?

ecdfAll, ecdfsCell

Empirical cumulative distribution functions of all events and of cells within the

cell, under the null

loopFun The function to use to loop over the features. Defaults to bplapply except when

looping over features within cells

minDiff An integer, the minimum number of events from other genes needed for calcu-

lation of background distribution of distances. Matters mainly for within-cell

calculations: cells with too few events are skipped.

minObsNN An integer, the minimum number of events required for a gene to be analysed.

See details.

#### **Details**

For the single-feature nearest neighbour distances, the PI is average over the point pattern

#### Value

A list containing PI entries per feature

#### See Also

estPis, calcNNPI

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calcNNPI	Estimate the PI for the nearest neighbour distances, given a set of ranks, using the negative hypergeometric distribution

## Description

Estimate the PI for the nearest neighbour distances, given a set of ranks, using the negative hypergeometric distribution

## Usage

```
calcNNPI(Ranks, n, m, ties, r = 1)
```

#### **Arguments**

Ranks	The (approximate) ranks, number of times observed distance is larger
n	the total number of observed distances minus the number of distances under consideration (the number of failures or black balls in the urn)
m	the number of observed distances (successes or white balls in the urn)
ties	The number of times the observed distance is equal to a null distance, of the same length as Ranks
r	The rank of distances considered, r=1 is nearest neighbour distance

#### **Details**

Ties are counted half to match the definition of the PI.

#### Value

A vector of evaluations of the negative hypergeometric distribution function

#### See Also

pnhyper, calcIndividualPIs

calcWindowDistPI	Estimate the PI for the distance to a fixed object of interest, such as a cell wall or centroid
	cen wan or centrola

## Description

Estimate the PI for the distance to a fixed object of interest, such as a cell wall or centroid

## Usage

```
calcWindowDistPI(pSub, owins, centroids, ecdfAll, pi)
```

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#### **Arguments**

pSub The subset point pattern containing only a single gene

owins, centroids

The list of windows corresponding to cells, and their centroids

ecdfAll the cumulative distribution function under the null

pi The type of PI to calculate

#### **Details**

Analysis of the distance to the border was introduced by (Joyner et al. 2013) in the form of the B-function. The independent evaluations of the B-functions under the null hypothesis represented by *ecdfAll* per cell are here returned as realizations of the probabilistic index.

#### Value

A list of vectors of estimated probabilistic indeces per event

#### References

Joyner M, Ross C, Seier E (2013). "Distance to the border in spatial point patterns." *Spat. Stat.*, **6**, 24 - 40. ISSN 2211-6753, doi:10.1016/j.spasta.2013.05.002.

#### See Also

addCell, estPis

centerNumeric

Center numeric variables

#### **Description**

Center numeric variables

#### Usage

centerNumeric(x)

## **Arguments**

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The dataframe whose numeric variables are being centered

#### Value

The adapted dataframe

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checkFeatures

Check if features are present in hyperframe

## Description

Check if features are present in hyperframe

## Usage

```
checkFeatures(hypFrame, features)
```

## Arguments

hypFrame A hyperframe

features A character vector, for which features should the probabilistic indices be calcu-

lated?

#### Value

Throws error when features not found

checkPi

Check if the required PI's are present in the object

## Description

Check if the required PI's are present in the object

## Usage

```
checkPi(x, pi)
```

## Arguments

The result of the PI calculation, or a weighting function

pi A character string indicating the desired PI

## Value

Throws an error when the PIs are not found, otherwise returns invisible

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constructDesignVars Check for or construct design matrix

#### **Description**

Run checks on design variables, or construct them as vector them if missing

#### Usage

```
constructDesignVars(designVars, lowestLevelVar, allCell, resList)
```

#### **Arguments**

designVars The initial design variables

lowestLevelVar Variable indicating the lowest level of nesting

allCell A boolean, are all PIs cell-related?

resList The results list

#### Value

A vector of design variables

#### See Also

buildDataFrame

convertToOwins Convert windows to spatstat.geom owin format

## Description

Convert a list of windows in different possible formats to owins, for addition to a hyperframe.

#### Usage

```
convertToOwins(windows, namePPP, coords, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

windows The list of windows. See addCell for accepted formats.

namePPP the name of the point pattern, will be added to the cell names

coords The names of the coordinates, if the windows are given as sets of coordinates.

... passed onto as owin

#### **Details**

Order of traversion of polygons may differ between data types. Where applicable, different orders are tried before throwing an error.

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#### Value

A list of owins

#### See Also

addCell, as.owin

crossdistWrapper

A wrapper for C-functions calculating cross-distance matrix fast

#### **Description**

A wrapper for C-functions calculating cross-distance matrix fast

## Usage

```
crossdistWrapper(x, y)
```

#### **Arguments**

x, y

the matrices or point patterns between which to calculate the cross distances

#### Value

a matrix of cross distances

Eng

Spatial transcriptomics data of mouse fibroblast cells

## **Description**

Single-molecule spatial transcriptomics seqFISH+ data containing measurements of 10,000 genes in NIH/3T3 mouse fibroblast cells by (Eng et al. 2019). Molecule locations, gene identity and design variables are included, a subset of eight most expressed genes is included in the package, and the dataset was subsampled to 100,000 observations for memory reasons. In addition, a list of regions of interest (rois) is given describing the cell boundaries.

#### Usage

```
data(Eng)
```

## **Format**

1. Eng A data frame with variables

x,y Molecule coordinatesgene Character vector with gene identitiesexperiment,fov Design variables

2. EngRois A list of lists of regions of interest (ROIs): the cell boundaries

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#### Source

```
doi:10.1038/s415860191049y
```

#### References

Eng CL, Lawson M, Zhu Q, Dries R, Koulena N, Takei Y, Yun J, Cronin C, Karp C, Yuan G, Cai L (2019). "Transcriptome-scale super-resolved imaging in tissues by RNA seqFISH+." *Nature*, **568**(7751), 235 - 239. ISSN 1476-4687, doi:10.1038/s415860191049y.

estGradients

Estimate gradients over multiple point patterns, and test for significance

#### **Description**

estGradients() estimate gradients on all single-molecule point patterns of a hyperframe. estGradientsSingle() is the workhorse function for a single point pattern. getPvaluesGradient() extracts the p-values of the fits.

#### Usage

```
estGradients(
  hypFrame,
  gradients = c("overall", if (!is.null(hypFrame$owins)) "cell"),
  fixedEffects = NULL,
  randomEffects = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE,
  features = getFeatures(hypFrame),
  silent = TRUE,
  loopFun = "bplapply",
)
estGradientsSingle(
  hypFrame,
  gradients,
  fixedForm,
  randomForm,
  fixedFormSimple,
  effects = NULL,
getPvaluesGradient(res, gradient, method = "BH")
```

## **Arguments**

hypFrame A hyperframe

gradients The gradients types to be estimated: "overall" or within cell ("cell")

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fixedEffects, randomEffects

Character vectors of fixed and random effects present in the hyperframe, modi-

fying the baseline intensity. See details.

verbose A boolean, whether to report on progress of the fitting process.

features A character vector, for which features should the gradients indices be calculated?

silent A boolean, should error messages from spatstat.model::mppm be printed?

loopFun The function to use to loop over the features.

... Passed onto fitGradient fixedForm, randomForm, fixedFormSimple

Formulae for fixed effects, random effects and fixed effects without slopes re-

spectively

effects Character vector of fixed and random effects

res The fitted gradients

gradient The gradient to be extracted, a character vector equal to "overall" or "cell".

method Method of multiplicity correction, see p.adjust. Defaults to Benjamini-Hochberg.

#### **Details**

The test for existence of a gradient revolves around interaction terms between x and y coordinates and image identifiers. If this interactions are significant, this implies existence of gradients in the different point patterns, albeit with different directions. Yet be aware that a gradient that is significant for a computer may look very different from the human perspective; many spatial patterns can be captured by a gradient to some extent. Baseline intensity corrections for every image or cell are included by default. The fixed and random effects modify the baseline intensity of the point pattern, not the gradient! Random effects can lead to problems with fitting and are dissuaded.

#### Value

For estGradients(), a list with the estimated gradients

For estGradientsSingle(), a list containing

overall Overall gradients

cell Gradients within the cell

For getPvaluesGradient(), a vector of p-values

#### Note

Fitting Poisson point processes is computation-intensive.

#### See Also

fitGradient

#### **Examples**

```
# Overall Gradients
data(Yang)
hypYang <- buildHyperFrame(Yang,
    coordVars = c("x", "y"),
    imageVars = c("day", "root", "section")</pre>
```

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```
)
yangGrads <- estGradients(hypYang[seq_len(2), ],
    features = getFeatures(hypYang)[1],
    fixedEffects = "day", randomEffects = "root")
# Gradients within cell
data(Eng)
hypEng <- buildHyperFrame(Eng[Eng$fov %in% c(1,2),],
    coordVars = c("x", "y"),
    imageVars = c("fov", "experiment")
) #Subset for speed
hypEng <- addCell(hypEng, EngRois[rownames(hypEng)], verbose = FALSE)
# Limit number of cells and genes for computational reasons
engGrads <- estGradients(hypEng[seq_len(2),],
    features = feat <- getFeatures(hypEng)[1])
pVals <- getPvaluesGradient(engGrads, "cell")</pre>
```

estPis

Estimate probabilistic indices for single-molecule localization patterns, and add the variance weighting function.

## Description

Estimate different probabilistic indices for localization on all point patterns of a hyperframe, and integrate the results in the same hyperframe. estPisSingle() is the workhorse function for a single point pattern.

addWeightFunction() adds a weighting function based on the data to the object by modeling variance as a non-increasing spline as a function of the number of events.

## Usage

```
estPis(
 hypFrame,
 pis = c("nn", "nnPair", "edge", "centroid", "nnCell", "nnPairCell"),
  verbose = TRUE,
 null = c("background", "CSR"),
 nPointsAll = switch(null, background = 50000, CSR = 2000),
 nPointsAllWithinCell = switch(null, background = 5000, CSR = 1000),
 nPointsAllWin = 10000,
 minDiff = 20,
 minObsNN = 1L
 features = getFeatures(hypFrame),
)
estPisSingle(
 р,
 pis,
 null,
  tabObs,
 owins = NULL,
  centroids = NULL,
 window = p$window,
```

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```
loopFun = "bplapply",
  features.
 nPointsAll,
 nPointsAllWithinCell,
 nPointsAllWin,
 minDiff,
 minObsNN
)
addWeightFunction(
 resList,
 pis = resList$pis,
  designVars,
  lowestLevelVar,
 maxObs = 1e+05,
 maxFeatures = 1000,
 minNumVar = 3,
)
```

#### **Arguments**

hypFrame A hyperframe

pis The PIs to be estimated or for which weighting functions is to be added

verbose A boolean, whether to report on progress of the fitting process.

null A character vector, indicating how the null distribution is defined. See details.

nPointsAll, nPointsAllWithinCell

How many points to subsample or simulate to calculate the overall nearest neighbour distance distribution under the null hypothesis. The second argument (nPointsAll-WithinCell) applies to within cell calculations, where a lower number usually

suffises.

nPointsAllWin How many points to subsample or simulate to calculate distance to cell edge or

centroid distribution

minDiff An integer, the minimum number of events from other genes needed for calcu-

lation of background distribution of distances. Matters mainly for within-cell

calculations: cells with too few events are skipped.

minObsNN An integer, the minimum number of events required for a gene to be analysed.

See details.

features A character vector, for which features should the probabilistic indices be calcu-

lated?

... Additional arguments passed on to the scam function, fitting the spline

p The point pattern

tab0bs A table of observed gene frequencies

owins, centroids

The list of windows corresponding to cells, and their centroids

window An window of class owin, in which events can occur

100pFun The function to use to loop over the features. Defaults to bplapply except when

looping over features within cells

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resList A results list, from a call to estPis().

designVars A character vector containing all design factors (both fixed and random), that

are also present as variables in hypFrame.

lowestLevelVar The design variable at the lowest level of nesting, often separating technical

replicates. The conditional variance is calculated within the groups of PIs de-

fined by this variable.

maxObs, maxFeatures

The maximum number of observations respectively features for fitting the weight-

ing function. See details.

minNumVar The minimum number of observations needed to calculate a variance. Groups

with fewer replicates are ignored.

#### **Details**

The null distribution used to calculate the PIs can be either 'background' or 'null'. For 'background', the observed distributions of all genes is used. Alternatively, for null = 'CSR', Monte-Carlo simulation under complete spatial randomness is performed within the given window to find the null distribution of the distance under study. See (Hawinkel et al. 2025) for precise definition of the PI.

The 'nn' prefix indicates that nearest neighbour distances are being used, either univariately or bivariately. The suffix 'Pair' indicates that bivariate probabilistic indices, testing for co- and antilocalization are being used. 'edge' and 'centroid' calculate the distance to the edge respectively the centroid of the windows added using the addCell function. The suffix 'Cell' indicates that nearest neighbour distances are being calculated within cells only.

It can be useful to set the minObsNN higher than the default of 5 for calculations within cells when the number of events is low, not to waste computation time on gene (pairs) with very variable PI estimates.

Provide either 'designVars' or 'lowestLevelVar'. The 'designVars' are usually the same as the regressors in the linear model. In case 'lowestLevelVar' is provided, the design variables are set to all imageVars in the hypFrame object except lowestLevelVar. When the PI is calculated on the cell level ("nnCell" or "nnPairCell"), the cell is always the lowest nesting level, and inputs to 'design-Vars' or 'lowestLevelVar' will be ignored for these PIs. The registered parallel backend will be used for fitting the trends of the different PIs. For computational and memory reasons, for large datasets the trend fitting is restricted to a random subset of the data through the maxObs and maxFeatures parameters.

#### Value

For estPis(), the hyperframe with the estimated PIs present in it

For estPisSingle(), a list of data frames with estimated PIs per gene and/or gene pair:

pointDists PIs for pointwise distances overall

windowDists PIs for distances to cell wall or centroid

withinCellDists

PIs for pointwise distances within cell

For addWeightFunction(), the input object 'resList' with a slot 'Wfs' added containing the weighting functions.

#### See Also

buildDataFrame, estPis

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#### **Examples**

evalWeightFunction

Evaluate a variance weighting function

#### **Description**

Evaluate the variance weighting function to return unnormalized weights

#### Usage

```
evalWeightFunction(wf, newdata)
```

#### **Arguments**

wf The weighting function
newdata A data frame with new data

#### Value

A vector of weights, so the inverse of predicted variances, unnormalized

### See Also

predict.scam, addWeightFunction

## **Examples**

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Extract results from a list of fitted LMMs. For internal use mainly.

#### **Description**

Extract results from a list of fitted LMMs. For internal use mainly.

## Usage

```
extractResults(
  models,
  hypFrame,
  subSet = "piMod",
  fixedVars = NULL,
  method = "BH"
)
```

## **Arguments**

models	The models
hypFrame	The original hyperframe

subSet The name of the subset to be extracted, either PI or Moran's I

fixedVars The fixed effects for which the effect is to be reported method Multiplicity correction method passed onto p.adjust

## Value

A list of matrices, all containing estimate, standard error, p-value and adjusted p-value

#### See Also

fitLMMs, p.adjust

findEcdfsCell	Construct empirical cumulative distribution functions (ecdfs) for dis-
	tances within the cell

#### **Description**

The distance distribution under the null hypothesis of complete spatial randomness (CSR) within the cell is the same for all genes. This function precalculates this distribution using Monte-Carlo simulation under CSR, and summarizes it in an ecdf object

## Usage

```
findEcdfsCell(p, owins, nPointsAllWin, centroids, null, pis, loopFun)
```

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#### **Arguments**

p The point pattern

owins, centroids

The list of windows corresponding to cells, and their centroids

nPointsAllWin How many points to subsample or simulate to calculate distance to cell edge or

centroid distribution

null A character vector, indicating how the null distribution is defined. See details of

estPis.

pis The PIs to be estimated or for which weighting functions is to be added

loopFun The function to use to loop over the features. Defaults to bplapply except when

looping over features within cells

#### Value

The list of ecdf functions

#### See Also

ecdf

findOverlap	Find overlap between list of windows	

## Description

The function seeks overlap between the list of windows supplied, and throws an error when found or returns the id's when found.

#### Usage

```
findOverlap(owins, centroids = NULL, returnIds = FALSE, numCentroids = 30)
```

#### **Arguments**

owins the list of windows

centroids The centroids of the windows

returnIds A boolean, should the indices of the overlap be returned? If FALSE an error is

thrown at the first overlap

numCentroids An integer, the number of cells with closest centroids to consider looking for

overlap

#### Value

Throws an error when overlap found, otherwise returns invisible. When returnIds=TRUE, the indices of overlapping windows are returned.

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#### **Examples**

```
library(spatstat.geom)
owins <- replicate(10, owin(
    xrange = runif(1) + c(0, 0.2),
    yrange = runif(1) + c(0, 0.1)
), simplify = FALSE)
idOverlap <- findOverlap(owins, returnIds = TRUE)</pre>
```

fitGradient

Test for presence of gradient in a hyperframe of point patterns

#### **Description**

A Poisson process is fitted to the data assuming exponential relationship wit intensity of the interaction between x and y variables and image identifier. This is compared to a model without this interaction to test for the significance of the gradient.

#### Usage

```
fitGradient(
  hypFrame,
  fixedForm,
  randomForm,
  fixedFormSimple,
  returnModel = FALSE,
  silent,
  ...
)
```

## **Arguments**

hypFrame the hyperframe

fixedForm, randomForm, fixedFormSimple

Formulae for fixed effects, random effects and fixed effects without slopes re-

spectively

returnModel A boolean, should the entire model be returned? Otherwise the p-value and

coefficient vector are returned

silent A boolean, should error messages from spatstat.model::mppm be printed?

... passed onto mppm

#### Value

A list contraining

pVal The p-value for existence of gradients

coef The model coefficients or a mppm model when returnModel is true

## See Also

estGradients

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fitLMMs

Fit linear (mixed) models for all probabilistic indices (PIs) and all genes

## Description

The PI is used as outcome variable in a linear (mixed) model, with design variables as regressors. Separate models are fitted for every combination of gene and PI. fitLMMsSingle() is the workhorse function for a single point pattern,

getResults() extracts effect size estimates, standard errors and adjusted p-values for a certain parameter from a linear model.

## Usage

```
fitLMMs(
  obj,
  pis = obj$pis,
  fixedVars = NULL,
  randomVars = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE,
  returnModels = FALSE,
  Formula = NULL,
  randomNested = TRUE,
  features = getEstFeatures(obj),
  moranFormula = NULL,
  addMoransI = FALSE,
  numNNs = 10,
)
fitLMMsSingle(
  obj,
  рi,
  fixedVars,
  randomVars,
  verbose,
  returnModels,
  Formula,
  randomNested,
  features,
  addMoransI,
  weightMats,
  moranFormula
)
getResults(obj, pi, parameter, moransI = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

obj

The result object

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pis Optional, the pis required. Defaults to all pis in the object

fixedVars Names of fixed effects
randomVars Names of random variables

verbose A boolean, should the formula be printed?

returnModels a boolean: should the full models be returned? Otherwise only summary statis-

tics are returned

Formula A formula; if not supplied it will be constructed from the fixed and random

variables

randomNested A boolean, indicating if random effects are nested within point patterns. See

details.

features The features for which to fit linear mixed models. Defaults to all features in the

object

moranFormula Formula for Moran's I model fitting

addMoransI A boolean, include Moran's I of the cell-wise PIs in the calculation

numNNs An integer, the number of nearest neighbours in the weight matrix for the calcu-

lation of the Moran's I statistic

... Passed onto fitLMMsSingle

pi The desired PI

weightMats A list of weight matrices for Moran's I

parameter The desired parameter

moransI A boolean, should results for the Moran's I be returned?

## **Details**

Genes or gene pairs with insufficient observations will be silently omitted. When randomVars is provided as a vector, independent random intercepts are fitted for them by default. Providing them separated by '\' or ':' as in the lmer formulas is also allowed to reflect nesting structure, but the safest is to construct the formula yourself and pass it onto fitLMMs.

It is by default assumed that random effects are nested within the point patterns. This means for instance that cells with the same name but from different point patterns are assigned to different random effects. Set 'randomNested' to FALSE to override this behaviour.

The Moran's I statistic is used to test whether cell-wise PIs ("nnCell", "nnCellPair", "edge" and "centroid") are spatially autocorrelated across the images. The numeric value of the PI is assigned to the centroid location, and then Moran's I is calculated with a fixed number of numNNs nearest neighbours with equal weights.

#### Value

For fitLMMs(), a list of fitted objects

For fitLMMsSingle(), a list of test results, if requested also the linear models are returned

For getResults(), the matrix with results, with p-values in ascending order

Estimate The estimated PI

se The corresponding standard error

pVal The p-value

pAdj The Benjamini-Hochberg adjusted p-value

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#### See Also

buildMoransIDataFrame, buildDataFrame

#### **Examples**

```
example(addWeightFunction, "smoppix")
lmmModels <- fitLMMs(yangObj, fixedVars = "day", randomVars = "root")
res <- getResults(lmmModels, "nn", "Intercept") #Extract the results
head(res)</pre>
```

fitPiModel

Fit a linear model for an individual gene and PI combination

## Description

Fit a linear model for an individual gene and PI combination

#### Usage

```
fitPiModel(Formula, dff, contrasts, Control, MM, Weight = NULL)
```

## Arguments

Formula A formula; if not supplied it will be constructed from the fixed and random

variables

dff The dataframe

contrasts The contrasts to be used, see model.matrix

Control Control parameters

MM A boolean, should a mixed model be tried

Weight A weight variable

### Value

A fitted model

#### See Also

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getCoordsMat

Extract coordinates from a point pattern or data frame

#### **Description**

Extract coordinates from a point pattern or data frame

## Usage

```
getCoordsMat(x)
```

#### **Arguments**

Χ

the point pattern, dataframe or matrix

#### Value

the matrix of coordinates

getDesignVars

getDesignVars() returns all design variables, both at the level of the point pattern and the level of the event

#### **Description**

getDesignVars() returns all design variables, both at the level of the point pattern and the level of the event

getPPPvars() extract variables related to point patterns

getEventVars() extracts variables related to events, e.g. the cell (the marks)

#### Usage

```
getDesignVars(x)

getPPPvars(
    x,
    exclude = c("tabObs", "centroids", "owins", "ppp", "pimRes", "image", "nuclei")

getEventVars(x, exclude = c("x", "y", "z"))
```

#### **Arguments**

x The results list, output from estPis exclude variables to exclude

#### **Details**

getDesignVars() returns all design variables, getPPPvars returns design variables related to the different images and getEventVars returns design variables related to the individual events

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#### Value

A vector of design variables

getElement

Extract en element from a matrix or vector

## Description

Extract en element from a matrix or vector

## Usage

```
getElement(x, e)
```

## Arguments

x the matrix or vector

e The column or element name

## Value

The desired element

getFeatures

Extract all unique features from an object, or the ones for which PIs were estimated

## Description

Extract all unique features from an object, or the ones for which PIs were estimated

#### Usage

```
getFeatures(x)
```

## Arguments

Х

A hyperframe or a results list containing a hyperframe

#### Value

A vector of features

## **Examples**

```
data(Yang)
hypYang <- buildHyperFrame(Yang,
    coordVars = c("x", "y"),
    imageVars = c("day", "root", "section")
)
head(getFeatures(hypYang))</pre>
```

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getGp

Helper function to get gene pair from a vector or list

## Description

When provided with argument "geneA-geneB", looks for this gene pair as well as for "geneB-geneA" in the provided object.

## Usage

```
getGp(x, gp, drop = TRUE, Collapse = "--", notFoundReturn = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

x The object in which to look

gp A character string describing the gene pair

drop A boolean, should matrix attributes be dropped in [] subsetting

Collapse The character separating the gene pair notFoundReturn value to return if element is not found

#### Value

The element sought

#### **Examples**

```
mat <- t(cbind(
    "gene1--gene2" = c(1, 2),
    "gene1--gene3" = c(2, 3)
))
getGp(mat, "gene3--gene1")</pre>
```

 ${\tt getHypFrame}$ 

Extract the hyperframe

## Description

Extract the hyperframe

## Usage

```
getHypFrame(x)
```

## **Arguments**

Х

The hyperframe, or list containing one

#### Value

the hyperframe

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loadBalanceBplapply Parallel processing with BiocParallel with load balancing

### **Description**

The vector to iterate over (iterator) is split into as many parts as there are cores available, such that each core gets an equal load and overhead is minimized. The registered backend is then used by default to multithread using bplapply.

## Usage

```
loadBalanceBplapply(iterator, func, loopFun = "bplapply")
```

## **Arguments**

iterator The vector to iterate over

func The function to apply to each element

loopFun The looping function, can also be 'lapply' for serial processing

#### Value

A list with the same length as iterator

makeDesignVar Make design variable by combining different design variables

## Description

Make design variable by combining different design variables

## Usage

```
makeDesignVar(x, designVars, sep = "_")
```

## **Arguments**

x the design matrix

designVars the design variables to be combined sep The string to separate the components

## Value

a vector of design levels

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makePairs

An aux function to build gene pairs

## Description

An aux function to build gene pairs

#### Usage

```
makePairs(genes)
```

## Arguments

genes

The genes to be combined

#### Value

A character vector of gene pairs

## **Examples**

```
genes <- paste0("gene", seq_len(4))
makePairs(genes)</pre>
```

moransI

Calculate the Moran's I test statistic for spatial autocorrelation

## Description

The Moran's I test statistic and its variance are calculated

## Usage

```
moransI(x, W)
```

## Arguments

x A vector of outcomes

W The matrix of weights, with dimensions equal to the length of x

## **Details**

The implementation is inspired on the one from ape::Moran.I, but more bare-bones for a sparse weight matrix with certain properties as prepared by buildMoransIWeightMat, making it faster and using less memory.

## Value

A vector of length 2: the Moran's I statistic and its variance

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#### Note

Calculations are only correct for weight matrices as prepared by buildMoransIWeightMat!

#### See Also

#### Moran.I

named.contr.sum

A version of contr.sum that retains names, a bit controversial but also clearer

#### **Description**

A version of contr.sum that retains names, a bit controversial but also clearer

#### Usage

```
named.contr.sum(x, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

x, ... passed on to contr.sum

#### Value

The matrix of contrasts

## Note

 $After \ https://stackoverflow.com/questions/24515892/r-how-to-contrast-code-factors-and-retain-meaningful-labels-in-output-summary$ 

 ${\tt nestRandom}$ 

Nest random effects within fixed variables, in case the names are the same

#### **Description**

Nest random effects within fixed variables, in case the names are the same

## Usage

```
nestRandom(df, randomVars, fixedVars)
```

#### **Arguments**

df The dataframe

randomVars The random variables fixedVars The fixed variables

## Value

The dataframe with adapted randomVars

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plotCells Plot the n cells with highest abundance of a feature	
--	--

## **Description**

After testing for within-cell patterns, it may be useful to look at the cells with the most events for certain genes. These are plotted here, but the spatial location of the cells in the point pattern is lost! The choice and ranking of cells is one of decreasing gene (pair) expression.

## Usage

```
plotCells(
  obj,
  features = getFeatures(obj)[seq_len(3)],
  nCells = 100,
  Cex = 1.5,
  borderColVar = NULL,
  borderCols = rev(palette()),
  Mar = c(0.5, 0.1, 0.75, 0.1),
  warnPosition = TRUE,
  summaryFun = "min",
  plotNuclei = !is.null(getHypFrame(obj)$nuclei),
  nucCol = "lightblue",
  ...
)
```

# **Arguments** obj

features	The features to be plotted, a character vector
nCells	An integer, the number of cells to be plotted
Cex	The point expansion factor
borderColVar	The variable to colour borders of the cell
borderCols	Colour palette for the borders
Mar	the margins
warnPosition	A boolean, should a warning be printed on the image that cells are not in their original location?
summaryFun	A function to summarize the gene-cell table in case multiple genes are plotted, to determine which cells are plotted. Choose "min" for cells with the highest minimum, or "sum" for highest total expression of the combination of genes
plotNuclei	A boolean, should nuclei be added?
nucCol	A character string, the colour in which the nucleus' boundary is plotted
•••	Additional arguments, currently ignored

A hyperframe, or an object containing one

## Value

Plots cells with highest expression to the plotting window, returns invisible

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#### **Examples**

```
example(addCell, "smoppix")
plotCells(hypFrame2, "gene1")
plotCells(hypFrame2, "gene1", borderColVar = "condition", nCells = 10)
```

plotExplore

Plot a hyperframe with chosen features highlighted

## **Description**

All points of the hyperframe are plotted in grey, with a subset of features highlighted in colour. A selection of point patterns is plotted that fit in the window, by default the first six. This function is meant for exploratory purposes as well as for visual confirmation of findings.

#### Usage

```
plotExplore(
  hypFrame,
  features = getFeatures(hypFrame)[seq_len(6)],
  ppps,
  numPps,
  maxPlot = 1e+05,
  Cex = 1,
  plotWindows = !is.null(hypFrame$owins),
  plotPoints = TRUE,
  plotNuclei = !is.null(hypFrame$nuclei),
  piEsts = NULL,
  Xlim = NULL,
  Ylim = NULL,
  Cex.main = 1.1,
  Mar = c(0.5, 0.1, 0.9, 0.1),
  titleVar = NULL,
  piColourCell = NULL,
  palCols = c("blue", "yellow"),
  nucCol = "lightblue",
  border = NULL,
  CexLegend = 1.4,
  CexLegendMain = 1.7,
  Nrow,
  Cols
)
```

#### **Arguments**

hypFrame The hyperframe

features A small number of features to be highlighted. Defaults to the first 5.

ppps The rownames or indices of the point patterns to be plotted. Defaults to maxi-

mum 99.

numPps The number of point patterns with highest expression to be shown. Ignored is

pps is given.

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maxPlot The maximum number of events plotted per point pattern

Cex, Cex.main Point and title expansion factors, repsectively

plotWindows A boolean, should windows be plotted too?

plotPoints A boolean, should the molecules be plotted as points?

plotNuclei A boolean, should the nuclei be plotted?

piEsts Set of PI estimates, returned by estPis

Xlim, Ylim plotting limits

Mar the margins

titleVar Image variable to be added to the title

piColourCell PI by which to colour the cell

palCols Two extremes of the colour palette for colouring the cells

nucCol The colour for the nucleus window

border Passed on to plot.owin, and further to graphics::polygon

CexLegend, CexLegendMain

Expansion factor for the legend and its title respectively

Nrow Number of rows of the facet plot. Will be calculated if missing.

Cols colours vector named by features. If missing a default palette is used

## Details

When cell-specific PIs are calculated ("nnCell', "nnCellPair", "edge", "centroid"), the cells can be coloured by them to investigate their spatial distribution, for instance those discovered through Moran's I statistic. The colour palette is taken from the output of palette(), so set that one to change the colour scheme.

## Value

Plots a facet of point patterns to output

## Note

palCols sets the pseudo-continuous scale to colour cells.

#### **Examples**

```
example(buildHyperFrame, "smoppix")
plotExplore(hypYang)
plotExplore(hypYang, titleVar = "day")
plotExplore(hypYang, features = c("SmRBRb", "SmTMO5b", "SmWER--SmAHK4f"))
```

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plotTopResults

Plot the most significant findings for a certain PI

#### **Description**

Extract the most significant features for a certain PI and direction of effect, and plot them using an appropriate function: either plotExplore or plotCells

## Usage

```
plotTopResults(
  hypFrame,
  results,
  effect = "Intercept",
  what = if (pi %in% c("nn", "nnCell")) {
     "aggregated"
 } else if (pi %in%
    c("nnPair", "nnPairCell")) {
     "colocalized"\\
 } else if (pi %in% c("edge",
    "centroid")) {
     "close"
 },
  sigLevel = 0.05,
  numFeats = 2,
  piThreshold = switch(effect, Intercept = 0.5, 0),
  effectParameter = NULL,
)
```

The hyperframe with the data

## Arguments

hypFrame

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results	The results frame	
pi	A character string, specifying the probabilistic index	
effect	The name of the effect	
what	Which features should be detected? Can be abbreviated, see details.	
sigLevel	The significance level	
numFeats	The number of features to plot	
piThreshold	The threshold for PI, a minimum effect size	
effectParameter		
	A character string, indicating which parameter to look for when effect is provided	
	passed onto plotting functions plotCells or plotExplore	

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#### **Details**

The "what" argument indicates if features far from or close to cell wall or centroid should be shown for pi "edge" or "centroid", aggregated or regular features for "nn" and "nnCell" and colocalized or antilocalized features for "nnPair" and "nnPairCell". Partial matching is allowed. Defaults to small probabilistic indices: proximity, aggregation and colocalization. For fixed effects, provide the name of the parameter, in combination with what. For instance, what = "regular", effect = "Var1" and effectParameter = "level1" will return features more regular at level1 of the variable than at baseline.

#### Value

A plot from plotCells or plotExplore, throws an error when no features meet the criteria

#### See Also

plotCells,plotExplore,fitLMMs

## **Examples**

```
example(fitLMMs, "smoppix")
plotTopResults(hypYang, lmmModels, "nn")
#For the sake of illustration, set high significance level, as example dataset is small
plotTopResults(hypYang, lmmModels, "nn",
    effect = "day", what = "reg",
    effectParameter = "day0", sigLevel = 1-1e-10)
```

plotWf

Plot the variance weighting function

#### **Description**

The observation weights are plotted as a function of number of events. For a univariate PI, this is a line plot, for a bivariate PI this is a scatterplot of majority gene as a function of minority gene, with the weight represented as a colour scale. The minority respectively majority gene are the genes in the gene pair with least and most events

## Usage

```
plotWf(obj, pi = obj$pis[1])
```

#### **Arguments**

obj The result of a call to addWeightFunction
pi The PI for which to plot the weighting function

## Value

For univariate PI, returns a line plot; for bivariate PI a ggplot object

## **Examples**

```
example(addWeightFunction, "smoppix")
plotWf(yangObj, "nn")
```

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smoppix: Analyze Single Molecule Spatial Omics Data Using the Probabilistic Index

## Description

Test for univariate and bivariate spatial patterns in spatial omics data with single-molecule resolution. The tests implemented allow for analysis of nested designs and are automatically calibrated to different biological specimens. Tests for aggregation, colocalization, gradients and vicinity to cell edge or centroid are provided.

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#### See Also

Useful links:

- https://github.com/sthawinke/smoppix
- Report bugs at https://github.com/sthawinke/smoppix/issues

sortGp

Sort feature pairs alphabetically

#### **Description**

Sort feature pairs alphabetically

#### Usage

sortGp(featurePairs)

#### **Arguments**

featurePairs The feature pairs to be sorted

## Value

A character vector of the same length as the features, with pairs sorted

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splitWindow

Split a number of plots into rows and columns

## Description

Split a number of plots into rows and columns

## Usage

```
splitWindow(x)
```

## **Arguments**

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The number of plots

## Value

A vector of length 2 with required number of rows and columns

subSampleP

Subsample a point pattern when it is too large

## Description

Subsample a point pattern when it is too large

## Usage

```
subSampleP(p, nSims, returnId = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

p The point pattern
nSims The maximum size

returnId A boolean, should the id of the sampled elements be returned?

## Value

A point pattern, subsampled if necessary

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sund

Helper function to spit gene pairs

## **Description**

Helper function to spit gene pairs

#### Usage

```
sund(x, sep = "--")
```

#### **Arguments**

x character string

sep The character used to split

#### Value

The split string

## **Examples**

```
GenePair <- "gene1--gene2"
sund(GenePair)</pre>
```

writeToXlsx

Write effect sizes and p-values results to excel worksheet

## Description

The results of the linear models are written to an excel spreasdsheet with different tabs for every sign (PI smaller than or larger than 0.5) of every PI, sorted by increasing p-value.

#### Usage

```
writeToXlsx(obj, file, overwrite = FALSE, digits = 3, sigLevel = 0.05)
```

#### **Arguments**

obj	The results of linear model fitting
file	The file to write the results to

overwrite A boolean, should the file be overwritten if it exists already?

digits An integer, the number of significant digits to retain for the PI, raw and adjusted

p-values

sigLevel The significance level threshold to use for the adjusted p-values, only features

exceeding the threshold are written to the file. Set this parameter to 1 to write

all features

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#### **Details**

If no feature exceeds the significance threshold for a certain pi and parameter combination, an empty tab is created. For fixed effects, a single tab is written for PI differences of any sign. The "baseline" tabs indicate the overall patterns, the other tabs are named after the fixed effects and indicate departure from this baseline depending on this fixed effect

#### Value

Returns invisible with a message when writing operation successful, otherwise throws an error.

#### See Also

createWorkbook,writeData, addWorksheet, saveWorkbook

#### **Examples**

```
example(fitLMMs, "smoppix")
writeToXlsx(lmmModels, "tmpFile.xlsx")
file.remove("tmpFile.xlsx")
```

Yang

Spatial transcriptomics data of Selaginella moellendorffii roots

#### **Description**

Single-molecule spatial transcriptomics smFISH data of Selaginella moellendorffii roots of a replicated experiment by (Yang et al. 2023). Molecule locations, gene identity and design variables are included. Only a subset of the data, consisting of roots 1-3 and sections 1-5 is included in the package for computational and memory reasons. The data are in table format to illustrate conversion to hyperframe using buildHyperFrame.

#### Usage

data(Yang)

## Format

A data matrix

x,y Molecule coordinatesgene Character vector with gene identitiesroot,section,day Design variables

#### Source

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#### References

Yang X, Poelmans W, Grones C, Lakehal A, Pevernagie J, Bel MV, Njo M, Xu L, Nelissen H, Rybel BD, Motte H, Beeckman T (2023). "Spatial transcriptomics of a lycophyte root sheds light on root evolution." *Curr. Biol.*, **33**(19), 4069 - 4084. ISSN 0960-9822, doi:10.1016/j.cub.2023.08.030.

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