

# Package ‘CytoDx’

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without cell gating

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CytoDx.fit	<i>Build the CytoDx model</i>
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Description

A function that builds the CytoDx model.

Usage

```
CytoDx.fit(x, y, xSample, family = c("gaussian", "binomial", "poisson",  
  "multinomial", "cox", "mgaussian"), type1 = "response",  
  type2 = "response", parallelCore = 1, reg = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

x	The marker profile of cells pooled from all samples. Each row is a cell, each column is a marker.
y	The clinical outcomes associated with samples to which cells belong. Length must be equal to nrow(x). For family="binomial" should be either a factor with two levels, or a two-column matrix of counts or proportions (the second column is treated as the target class; for a factor, the last level in alphabetical order is the target class). For family="multinomial", can be a nc>=2 level factor, or a matrix with nc columns of counts or proportions. For either "binomial" or "multinomial", if y is presented as a vector, it will be coerced into a factor. For family="cox", y should be a two-column matrix with columns named 'time' and 'status'. The latter is a binary variable, with '1' indicating death, and '0' indicating right censored. The function Surv() in package survival produces such a matrix. For family="mgaussian", y is a matrix of quantitative responses.
xSample	A vector specifying which sample each cell belongs to. Length must equal to nrow(x).
family	Response type. Must be one of the following: "gaussian","binomial","poisson","multinomial","cox","mgaussian".

type1	Type of first level prediction. Type of prediction required. Type "link" gives the linear predictors for "binomial", "multinomial", "poisson" or "cox" models; for "gaussian" models it gives the fitted values. Type "response" gives the fitted probabilities for "binomial" or "multinomial", fitted mean for "poisson" and the fitted relative-risk for "cox"; for "gaussian" type "response" is equivalent to type "link".
type2	Type of second level prediction.
parallelCore	The number of core to be used. Only used when reg is TRUE.
reg	If elastic net regularization will be used.
...	Other parameters to be passed into the glmnet or the cv.glmnet function in the glmnet package.

### Value

Returns a list. `train.Data.cell` contains the training data and the predicted y for the training data at the cell level. `model.cell` contains the cell stage statistical model. `Data.sample` contains the training data and the predicted y for the training data at the sample level. `model.sample` contains the sample stage statistical model. `family` specifies the regression type. `method` specifies the type of learning method. `type.cell` is the type of cell level prediction. `type.sample` is the type of sample level prediction.

### Examples

```
# Find the table containing fcs file names in CytoDx package
path <- system.file("extdata",package="CytoDx")
# read the table
fcs_info <- read.csv(file.path(path,"fcs_info.csv"))
# Specify the path to the cytometry files
fn <- file.path(path,fcs_info$fcsName)
# Read cytometry files using fcs2DF function
train_data <- fcs2DF(fcsFiles=fn,
                     y=fcs_info$Label,
                     assay="FCM",
                     b=1/150,
                     excludeTransformParameters=
                       c("FSC-A","FSC-W","FSC-H","Time"))
# build the model
fit <- CytoDx.fit(x=as.matrix(train_data[,1:7]),
                 y=train_data$y,
                 xSample = train_data$xSample,
                 reg=FALSE,
                 family="binomial")
# check accuracy for training data
pred <- CytoDx.pred(fit,
                   xNew=as.matrix(train_data[,1:7]),
                   xSampleNew=train_data$xSample)

boxplot(pred$xNew.Pred.sample$y.Pred.s0~
        fcs_info$Label)
```

CytoDx.pred

*Make prediction using the CytoDx model***Description**

A function that makes prediction using the CytoDx model.

**Usage**

```
CytoDx.pred(fit, xNew, xSampleNew)
```

**Arguments**

<code>fit</code>	The two stage statistical model. Must be the object returned by <code>CytoDx.fit</code> .
<code>xNew</code>	The marker profile of cells pooled from all new samples. Each row is a cell, each column is a marker.
<code>xSampleNew</code>	A vector specifying which sample each cell belongs to. Length must equal to <code>nrow(xNew)</code> .

**Value**

Returns a list. `xNew.Pred1` contains the predicted `y` for the new data at the cell level. `xNew.Pred2` contains the predicted `y` for the new data at the sample level.

**Examples**

```
# Find the table containing fcs file names in CytoDx package
path <- system.file("extdata",package="CytoDx")
# read the table
fcs_info <- read.csv(file.path(path,"fcs_info.csv"))
# Specify the path to the cytometry files
fn <- file.path(path,fcs_info$fcsName)
train_data <- fcs2DF(fcsFiles=fn,
                     y=fcs_info$Label,
                     assay="FCM",
                     b=1/150,
                     excludeTransformParameters=
                       c("FSC-A","FSC-W","FSC-H","Time"))
# build the model
fit <- CytoDx.fit(x=as.matrix(train_data[,1:7]),
                 y=train_data$y,
                 xSample = train_data$xSample,
                 reg=FALSE,
                 family="binomial")
# check accuracy for training data
pred <- CytoDx.pred(fit,
                    xNew=as.matrix(train_data[,1:7]),
                    xSampleNew=train_data$xSample)
```

```
boxplot(pred$xNew.Pred.sample$y.Pred.s0~
        fcs_info$Label)
```

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fcs2DF	<i>Convert fcs files to a data frame</i>
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## Description

A function that convert fcs files to a data frame.

## Usage

```
fcs2DF(fcsFiles, y = NULL, assay = c("FCM", "CyTOF"), b = 1/200,
       fileSampleSize = 5000, compFiles = NULL, nameDict = NULL,
       excludeTransformParameters = c("FSC-A", "FSC-W", "FSC-H", "Time",
       "Cell_length"))
```

## Arguments

<code>fcsFiles</code>	A vector specifying the location of fcs files (relative to working directory).
<code>y</code>	A vector containing the clinical outcome of each sample. Must have the same length as <code>fcsFiles</code> . Null for testing data.
<code>assay</code>	Either "FCM" or "CyTOF" to indicate the type of cytometry data.
<code>b</code>	A positive number used to specify the arcsinh transformation. $f(x) = \text{asinh}(b \cdot x)$ where $x$ is the original value and $f(x)$ is the value after transformation. The suggested value is 1/150 for flow cytometry (FCM) data and 1/8 for CyTOF data.
<code>fileSampleSize</code>	An integer specifying the number of events sampled from each fcs file. If NULL, all the events will be pre-processed and wrote out to the new fcs files.
<code>compFiles</code>	A vector specifying the paths of user supplied compensation matrix for each fcs file. The matrix must be stored in csv files.
<code>nameDict</code>	A vector used to change marker names. Each element in the vector is the preferred name of a marker. The name of each element is the marker name used in the fcs file. For example, a vector <code>c("CD8b"="CD8", "cd8"="CD8")</code> will change "CD8b" and "cd8" into "CD8", making annotations more consistent.
<code>excludeTransformParameters</code>	A vector specifying the name of parameters not to be transformed (left at linear scale).

## Value

Returns a data frame containing the preprocessed cytometry data. Cells from different fcs files are combined into one flow frame. A new column, `xSample`, is introduced to indicate the origin of each cell. The data frame also includes the clinical outcome `y`.

**Examples**

```
# Find the table containing fcs file names in CytoDx package
path <- system.file("extdata",package="CytoDx")
# read the table
fcs_info <- read.csv(file.path(path,"fcs_info.csv"))
# Specify the path to the cytometry files
fn <- file.path(path,fcs_info$fcsName)
# Read cytometry files using fcs2DF function
train_data <- fcs2DF(fcsFiles=fn,
                     y=fcs_info$Label,
                     assay="FCM",
                     b=1/150,
                     excludeTransformParameters=
                       c("FSC-A","FSC-W","FSC-H","Time"))
```

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meanUnique

*Calculate mean or take unique elements of a vector*


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**Description**

A function that calculate mean or take unique elements of a vector.

**Usage**

```
meanUnique(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                      a vector

**Value**

If x is numeric, returns the mean. Otherwise, returns the unique elements of x.

**Examples**

```
x <- 1:5
meanUnique(x)
x=c("a","a","b")
meanUnique(x)
```

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pRank	<i>Percentile rank transformation of the data</i>
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**Description**

A function that performs the rank transformation of the data.

**Usage**

```
pRank(x, xSample)
```

**Arguments**

x	A data frame containing the pooled data from fcs files. Each row is a cell, each column is a marker.
xSample	A vector specifying which sample each cell belongs to. Length must equal to nrow(x).

**Value**

Returns data frame containing rank transformed data.

**Examples**

```
x <- pRank(x=iris[,1:4],xSample=iris$Species)
```

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rank.ub.average	<i>Percentile rank transformation of a vector</i>
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**Description**

A function that performs the Percentile rank transformation of a vector

**Usage**

```
rank.ub.average(x)
```

**Arguments**

x	A numeric vector.
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**Value**

Returns the percentile rank of each element.

**Examples**

```
rank.ub.average(1:10)
```

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set2DF	<i>convert a flowSet to a data frame</i>
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### Description

A function that convert a flowSet to a data frame.

### Usage

```
set2DF(flowSet, fcsFiles, y = NULL)
```

### Arguments

flowSet	A flowSet object
fcsFiles	A vector containing the name of each fcs file included in flowSet.
y	The clinical outcome each fcs file associated with. Null for testing data.

### Value

Returns a data frame containing the cytometry data. Cells from different fcs files are combined into one flow frame. A new column, xSample, is introduced to indicate the origin of each cell. The data frame also includes the clinical outcome y.

### Examples

```
library(flowCore)
# Find the table containing fcs file names in CytoDx package
path <- system.file("extdata", package="CytoDx")
# read the table
fcs_info <- read.csv(file.path(path, "fcs_info.csv"))
# Specify the path to the cytometry files
fn <- file.path(path, fcs_info$fcsName)
fSet <- read.flowSet(fn)
df <- set2DF(flowSet=fSet, fcsFiles=fn, y = fcs_info$Label)
```

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treeGate	<i>Use decision tree to find a group of cells that are associated with clinical outcome.</i>
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### Description

A function that use decision tree to find a group of cells that are associated with clinical outcome.

### Usage

```
treeGate(P, x, ...)
```



**Arguments**

P	The predicted association of each cell with a clinical outcome.
x	The marker profile of each cell. Each row is a cell, each column is a marker. Must have length(P) rows.
...	Other parameters to be passed into the rpart function

**Value**

Returns a object created by rpart function. Also plots a graph of decision tree.

**Examples**

```
# Find the table containing fcs file names in CytoDx package
path=system.file("extdata",package="CytoDx")
# read the table
fcs_info <- read.csv(file.path(path,"fcs_info.csv"))
# Specify the path to the cytometry files
fn <- file.path(path,fcs_info$fcsName)
# Read cytometry files using fcs2DF function
train_data <- fcs2DF(fcsFiles=fn,
                     y=fcs_info$Label,
                     assay="FCM",
                     b=1/150,
                     excludeTransformParameters=
                       c("FSC-A","FSC-W","FSC-H","Time"))

# build the model
fit <- CytoDx.fit(x=as.matrix(train_data[,1:7]),
                 y=train_data$y,
                 xSample = train_data$xSample,
                 reg=FALSE,
                 family="binomial")
# check accuracy for training data
pred <- CytoDx.pred(fit,
                   xNew=as.matrix(train_data[,1:7]),
                   xSampleNew=train_data$xSample)

boxplot(pred$xNew.Pred.sample$y.Pred.s0~
        fcs_info$Label)

# Find the associated population using treeGate
TG <- treeGate(P = fit$train.Data.cell$y.Pred.s0,
               x= train_data[,1:7])
```

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