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| correlatePCs | <i>Principal components (cor)relation with experimental covariates</i> |
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Description

Computes the significance of (cor)relations between PCA scores and the sample experimental covariates, using Kruskal-Wallis test for categorial variables and the cor.test based on Spearman's correlation for continuous variables

Usage

```
correlatePCs(pcaobj, coldata, pcs = 1:4)
```

Arguments

- |         |                                                            |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| pcaobj  | A prcomp object                                            |
| coldata | A data.frame object containing the experimental covariates |
| pcs     | A numeric vector, containing the corresponding PC number   |

**Value**

A `data.frame` object with computed p values for each covariate and for each principal component

**Examples**

```
library(DESeq2)
dds <- makeExampleDESeqDataSet_multifac(betaSD_condition = 3, betaSD_tissue = 1)
r1t <- DESeq2::rlogTransformation(dds)
pcaobj <- prcomp(t(assay(r1t)))
correlatePCs(pcaobj, colData(dds))
```

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| deprecated | <i>Deprecated functions in <code>pcaExplorer</code></i> |
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**Description**

Functions that are on their way to the function afterlife. Their successors are also listed.

**Arguments**

... Ignored arguments.

**Details**

The successors of these functions are likely coming after the rework that led to the creation of the `mosdef` package. See more into its documentation for more details.

**Value**

All functions throw a warning, with a deprecation message pointing towards its descendent (if available).

**Transitioning to the `mosdef` framework**

- `topG0table()` is now being replaced by the more flexible `mosdef::run_topG0()` function

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**Examples**

```
# try(topG0table())
```

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| distro_expr | <i>Plot distribution of expression values</i> |
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**Description**

Plot distribution of expression values

**Usage**

```
distro_expr(rld, plot_type = "density")
```

**Arguments**

|           |                                                                          |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| rld       | A <code>DESeq2::DESeqTransform()</code> object.                          |
| plot_type | Character, choose one of boxplot, violin or density. Defaults to density |

**Value**

A plot with the distribution of the expression values

**Examples**

```
dds <- makeExampleDESeqDataSet_multifac(betaSD_condition = 3, betaSD_tissue = 1)
rld <- DESeq2::rlogTransformation(dds)
distro_expr(rld)
```

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|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| geneprofiler | <i>Extract and plot the expression profile of genes</i> |
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**Description**

Extract and plot the expression profile of genes

**Usage**

```
geneprofiler(se, genelist = NULL, intgroup = "condition", plotZ = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|          |                                                                                                            |
|----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| se       | A <code>DESeq2::DESeqDataSet()</code> object, or a <code>DESeq2::DESeqTransform()</code> object.           |
| genelist | An array of characters, including the names of the genes of interest of which the profile is to be plotted |
| intgroup | A factor, needs to be in the colnames of <code>colData(se)</code>                                          |
| plotZ    | Logical, whether to plot the scaled expression values. Defaults to FALSE                                   |

**Value**

A plot of the expression profile for the genes

## Examples

```
dds <- makeExampleDESeqDataSet_multifac(betaSD_condition = 3, betaSD_tissue = 1)
r1t <- DESeq2::rlogTransformation(dds)
geneprofiler(r1t, paste0("gene", sample(1:1000, 20)))
geneprofiler(r1t, paste0("gene", sample(1:1000, 20)), plotZ = TRUE)
```

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genespca

*Principal components analysis on the genes*

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## Description

Computes and plots the principal components of the genes, eventually displaying the samples as in a typical biplot visualization.

## Usage

```
genespca(
  x,
  ntop,
  choices = c(1, 2),
  arrowColors = "steelblue",
  groupNames = "group",
  biplot = TRUE,
  scale = 1,
  pc.biplot = TRUE,
  obs.scale = 1 - scale,
  var.scale = scale,
  groups = NULL,
  ellipse = FALSE,
  ellipse.prob = 0.68,
  labels = NULL,
  labels.size = 3,
  alpha = 1,
  var.axes = TRUE,
  circle = FALSE,
  circle.prob = 0.69,
  varname.size = 4,
  varname.adjust = 1.5,
  varname.abbrev = FALSE,
  returnData = FALSE,
  coordEqual = FALSE,
  scaleArrow = 1,
  useRownamesAsLabels = TRUE,
  point_size = 2,
  annotation = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

**x** A `DESeq2::DESeqTransform()` object, with data in `assay(x)`, produced for example by either `DESeq2::rlog()` or `DESeq2::varianceStabilizingTransformation()`

|                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>ntop</code>                | Number of top genes to use for principal components, selected by highest row variance                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <code>choices</code>             | Vector of two numeric values, to select on which principal components to plot                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <code>arrowColors</code>         | Vector of character, either as long as the number of the samples, or one single value                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <code>groupNames</code>          | Factor containing the groupings for the input data. Is efficiently chosen as the (interaction of more) factors in the <code>colData</code> for the object provided                                                                                                 |
| <code>biplot</code>              | Logical, whether to additionally draw the samples labels as in a biplot representation                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <code>scale</code>               | Covariance biplot ( <code>scale = 1</code> ), form biplot ( <code>scale = 0</code> ). When <code>scale = 1</code> , the inner product between the variables approximates the covariance and the distance between the points approximates the Mahalanobis distance. |
| <code>pc.biplot</code>           | Logical, for compatibility with <code>biplot.princomp()</code>                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>obs.scale</code>           | Scale factor to apply to observations                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <code>var.scale</code>           | Scale factor to apply to variables                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <code>groups</code>              | Optional factor variable indicating the groups that the observations belong to. If provided the points will be colored according to groups                                                                                                                         |
| <code>ellipse</code>             | Logical, draw a normal data ellipse for each group                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <code>ellipse.prob</code>        | Size of the ellipse in Normal probability                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <code>labels</code>              | optional Vector of labels for the observations                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>labels.size</code>         | Size of the text used for the labels                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <code>alpha</code>               | Alpha transparency value for the points (0 = transparent, 1 = opaque)                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <code>var.axes</code>            | Logical, draw arrows for the variables?                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <code>circle</code>              | Logical, draw a correlation circle? (only applies when <code>prcomp</code> was called with <code>scale = TRUE</code> and when <code>var.scale = 1</code> )                                                                                                         |
| <code>circle.prob</code>         | Size of the correlation circle in Normal probability                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <code>varname.size</code>        | Size of the text for variable names                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <code>varname.adjust</code>      | Adjustment factor the placement of the variable names, ' <code>&gt;= 1</code> ' means farther from the arrow                                                                                                                                                       |
| <code>varname.abbrev</code>      | Logical, whether or not to abbreviate the variable names                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <code>returnData</code>          | Logical, if <code>TRUE</code> returns a <code>data.frame</code> for further use, containing the selected principal components for custom plotting                                                                                                                  |
| <code>coordEqual</code>          | Logical, default <code>FALSE</code> , for allowing brushing. If <code>TRUE</code> , plot using equal scale cartesian coordinates                                                                                                                                   |
| <code>scaleArrow</code>          | Multiplicative factor, usually <code>&gt;=1</code> , only for visualization purposes, to allow for distinguishing where the variables are plotted                                                                                                                  |
| <code>useRownamesAsLabels</code> | Logical, if <code>TRUE</code> uses the row names as labels for plotting                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <code>point_size</code>          | Size of the points to be plotted for the observations (genes)                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <code>annotation</code>          | A <code>data.frame</code> object, with <code>row.names</code> as gene identifiers (e.g. ENSEMBL ids) and a column, <code>gene_name</code> , containing e.g. HGNC-based gene symbols                                                                                |

## Details

The implementation of this function is based on the beautiful ggbiplot package developed by Vince Vu, available at <https://github.com/vqv/ggbiplot>. The adaptation and additional parameters are tailored to display typical genomics data such as the transformed counts of RNA-seq experiments

## Value

An object created by ggplot, which can be assigned and further customized.

## Examples

```
library(DESeq2)
dds <- makeExampleDESeqDataSet_multifac(betaSD_condition = 3, betaSD_tissue = 1)
rlt <- rlogTransformation(dds)
groups <- colData(dds)$condition
groups <- factor(groups, levels = unique(groups))
cols <- scales::hue_pal()(2)[groups]
genespca(rlt, ntop=100, arrowColors = cols, groupNames = groups)

groups_multi <- interaction(as.data.frame(colData(rlt)[, c("condition", "tissue")]))
groups_multi <- factor(groups_multi, levels = unique(groups_multi))
cols_multi <- scales::hue_pal()(length(levels(groups_multi)))[factor(groups_multi)]
genespca(rlt, ntop = 100, arrowColors = cols_multi, groupNames = groups_multi)
```

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get\_annotation

*Get an annotation data frame from biomaRt*


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## Description

Get an annotation data frame from biomaRt

## Usage

```
get_annotation(dds, biomaRt_dataset, idtype)
```

## Arguments

|                 |                                                                                                                                        |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| dds             | A <code>DESeq2::DESeqDataSet()</code> object                                                                                           |
| biomaRt_dataset | A biomaRt dataset to use. To see the list, type <code>mart = useMart('ensembl')</code> , followed by <code>listDatasets(mart)</code> . |
| idtype          | Character, the ID type of the genes as in the row names of dds, to be used for the call to <code>biomaRt::getBM()</code>               |

## Value

A data frame for ready use in `pcaExplorer`, retrieved from biomaRt.

## Examples

```
library("airway")
data("airway", package = "airway")
airway
dds_airway <- DESeq2::DESeqDataSetFromMatrix(assay(airway),
                                             colData = colData(airway),
                                             design = ~dex+cell)

## Not run:
get_annotation(dds_airway, "hsapiens_gene_ensembl", "ensembl_gene_id")

## End(Not run)
```

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get\_annotation\_orgdb    *Get an annotation data frame from org db packages*

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## Description

Get an annotation data frame from org db packages

## Usage

```
get_annotation_orgdb(dds, orgdb_species, idtype, key_for_genenames = "SYMBOL")
```

## Arguments

|                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| dds               | A <a href="#">DESeq2::DESeqDataSet()</a> object                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| orgdb_species     | Character string, named as the org.XX.eg.db package which should be available in Bioconductor                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| idtype            | Character, the ID type of the genes as in the row names of dds, to be used for the call to <a href="#">AnnotationDbi::mapIds()</a>                                                                                                                                                   |
| key_for_genenames | Character, corresponding to the column name for the key in the orgDb package containing the official gene name (often called gene symbol). This parameter defaults to "SYMBOL", but can be adjusted in case the key is not found in the annotation package (e.g. for org.Sc.sgd.db). |

## Value

A data frame for ready use in pcaExplorer, retrieved from the org db packages

## Examples

```
library("airway")
data("airway", package = "airway")
airway
dds_airway <- DESeq2::DESeqDataSetFromMatrix(assay(airway),
                                             colData = colData(airway),
                                             design = ~dex+cell)

anno_df <- get_annotation_orgdb(dds_airway, "org.Hs.eg.db", "ENSEMBL")
head(anno_df)
```

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| hi_loadings | <i>Extract genes with highest loadings</i> |
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## Description

Extract genes with highest loadings

## Usage

```
hi_loadings(
  pcaobj,
  whichpc = 1,
  topN = 10,
  exprTable = NULL,
  annotation = NULL,
  title = "Top/bottom loadings"
)
```

## Arguments

|            |                                                                                                                                              |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| pcaobj     | A prcomp object                                                                                                                              |
| whichpc    | An integer number, corresponding to the principal component of interest                                                                      |
| topN       | Integer, number of genes with top and bottom loadings                                                                                        |
| exprTable  | A matrix object, e.g. the counts of a <a href="#">DESeq2::DESeqDataSet()</a> . If not NULL, returns the counts matrix for the selected genes |
| annotation | A data.frame object, with row.names as gene identifiers (e.g. ENSEMBL ids) and a column, gene_name, containing e.g. HGNC-based gene symbols  |
| title      | The title of the plot                                                                                                                        |

## Value

A ggplot2 object, or a matrix, if exprTable is not null

## Examples

```
dds <- makeExampleDESeqDataSet_multifac(betaSD = 3, betaSD_tissue = 1)
r1t <- DESeq2::rlogTransformation(dds)
pcaobj <- prcomp(t(SummarizedExperiment::assay(r1t)))
hi_loadings(pcaobj, topN = 20)
hi_loadings(pcaobj, topN = 10, exprTable = dds)
hi_loadings(pcaobj, topN = 10, exprTable = counts(dds))
```

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| limmaquickpca2go | <i>Functional interpretation of the principal components, based on simple overrepresentation analysis</i> |
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## Description

Extracts the genes with the highest loadings for each principal component, and performs functional enrichment analysis on them using the simple and quick routine provided by the `limma` package

## Usage

```
limmaquickpca2go(
  se,
  pca_ngenes = 10000,
  inputType = "ENSEMBL",
  organism = "Mm",
  loadings_ngenes = 500,
  background_genes = NULL,
  scale = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

|                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>se</code>               | A <code>DESeq2::DESeqTransform()</code> object, with data in <code>assay(se)</code> , produced for example by either <code>DESeq2::rlog()</code> or <code>DESeq2::varianceStabilizingTransformation()</code>                                                    |
| <code>pca_ngenes</code>       | Number of genes to use for the PCA                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <code>inputType</code>        | Input format type of the gene identifiers. Defaults to ENSEMBL, that then will be converted to ENTREZ ids. Can assume values such as ENTREZID, GENENAME or SYMBOL, like it is normally used with the <code>select</code> function of <code>AnnotationDbi</code> |
| <code>organism</code>         | Character abbreviation for the species, using <code>org.XX.eg.db</code> for annotation                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <code>loadings_ngenes</code>  | Number of genes to extract the loadings (in each direction)                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>background_genes</code> | Which genes to consider as background.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <code>scale</code>            | Logical, defaults to FALSE, scale values for the PCA                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <code>...</code>              | Further parameters to be passed to the <code>goana</code> routine                                                                                                                                                                                               |

## Value

A nested list object containing for each principal component the terms enriched in each direction. This object is to be thought in combination with the displaying feature of the main `pcaExplorer()` function

## Examples

```
library("airway")
library("DESeq2")
library("limma")
data("airway", package = "airway")
```

```

airway
dds_airway <- DESeqDataSet(airway, design = ~ cell + dex)
## Not run:
rld_airway <- rlogTransformation(dds_airway)
goquick_airway <- limmaquickpca2go(rld_airway,
                                   pca_ngenes = 10000,
                                   inputType = "ENSEMBL",
                                   organism = "Hs")

## End(Not run)

```

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makeExampleDESeqDataSet\_multifac

*Make a simulated DESeqDataSet for two or more experimental factors*

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## Description

Constructs a simulated dataset of Negative Binomial data from different conditions. The fold changes between the conditions can be adjusted with the `betaSD_condition` and the `betaSD_tissue` arguments.

## Usage

```

makeExampleDESeqDataSet_multifac(
  n = 1000,
  m = 12,
  betaSD_condition = 1,
  betaSD_tissue = 3,
  interceptMean = 4,
  interceptSD = 2,
  dispMeanRel = function(x) 4/x + 0.1,
  sizeFactors = rep(1, m)
)

```

## Arguments

|                               |                                                                                         |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>n</code>                | number of rows (genes)                                                                  |
| <code>m</code>                | number of columns (samples)                                                             |
| <code>betaSD_condition</code> | the standard deviation for condition betas, i.e. $\beta \sim N(0, \text{betaSD})$       |
| <code>betaSD_tissue</code>    | the standard deviation for tissue betas, i.e. $\beta \sim N(0, \text{betaSD})$          |
| <code>interceptMean</code>    | the mean of the intercept betas (log2 scale)                                            |
| <code>interceptSD</code>      | the standard deviation of the intercept betas (log2 scale)                              |
| <code>dispMeanRel</code>      | a function specifying the relationship of the dispersions on $2^{\text{trueIntercept}}$ |
| <code>sizeFactors</code>      | multiplicative factors for each sample                                                  |

## Details

This function is designed and inspired following the proposal of [DESeq2::makeExampleDESeqDataSet\(\)](#) from the DESeq2 package. Credits are given to Mike Love for the nice initial implementation

**Value**

a `DESeq2::DESeqDataSet()` with true dispersion, intercept for two factors (condition and tissue) and beta values in the metadata columns. Note that the true betas are provided on the log2 scale.

**Examples**

```
dds <- makeExampleDESeqDataSet_multifac(betaSD_condition = 3, betaSD_tissue = 1)
dds
dds2 <- makeExampleDESeqDataSet_multifac(betaSD_condition = 1, betaSD_tissue = 4)
dds2
```

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|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| pair_corr | <i>Pairwise scatter and correlation plot of counts</i> |
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**Description**

Pairwise scatter and correlation plot of counts

**Usage**

```
pair_corr(df, log = FALSE, method = "pearson", use_subset = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|            |                                                                                                            |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| df         | A data frame, containing the (raw/normalized/transformed) counts                                           |
| log        | Logical, whether to convert the input values to log2 (with addition of a pseudo-count). Defaults to FALSE. |
| method     | Character string, one of pearson (default), kendall, or spearman as in cor                                 |
| use_subset | Logical value. If TRUE, only 1000 values per sample will be used to speed up the plotting operations.      |

**Value**

A plot with pairwise scatter plots and correlation coefficients

**Examples**

```
library("airway")
data("airway", package = "airway")
airway
dds_airway <- DESeq2::DESeqDataSetFromMatrix(assay(airway),
                                              colData = colData(airway),
                                              design = ~dex+cell)
pair_corr(counts(dds_airway)[1:100, ]) # use just a subset for the example
```

pca2go

*Functional interpretation of the principal components***Description**

Extracts the genes with the highest loadings for each principal component, and performs functional enrichment analysis on them using routines and algorithms from the topGO package

**Usage**

```
pca2go(
  se,
  pca_ngenes = 10000,
  annotation = NULL,
  inputType = "geneSymbol",
  organism = "Mm",
  ensToGeneSymbol = FALSE,
  loadings_ngenes = 500,
  background_genes = NULL,
  scale = FALSE,
  return_ranked_gene_loadings = FALSE,
  annopkg = NULL,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

|                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| se                          | A <code>DESeq2::DESeqTransform()</code> object, with data in <code>assay(se)</code> , produced for example by either <code>DESeq2::rlog()</code> or <code>DESeq2::varianceStabilizingTransformation()</code>               |
| pca_ngenes                  | Number of genes to use for the PCA                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| annotation                  | A <code>data.frame</code> object, with <code>row.names</code> as gene identifiers (e.g. ENSEMBL ids) and a column, <code>gene_name</code> , containing e.g. HGNC-based gene symbols                                        |
| inputType                   | Input format type of the gene identifiers. Will be used by the routines of topGO                                                                                                                                           |
| organism                    | Character abbreviation for the species, using <code>org.XX.db</code> for annotation                                                                                                                                        |
| ensToGeneSymbol             | Logical, whether to expect ENSEMBL gene identifiers, to convert to gene symbols with the annotation provided                                                                                                               |
| loadings_ngenes             | Number of genes to extract the loadings (in each direction)                                                                                                                                                                |
| background_genes            | Which genes to consider as background.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| scale                       | Logical, defaults to FALSE, scale values for the PCA                                                                                                                                                                       |
| return_ranked_gene_loadings | Logical, defaults to FALSE. If TRUE, simply returns a list containing the top ranked genes with hi loadings in each PC and in each direction                                                                               |
| annopkg                     | String containing the name of the organism annotation package. Can be used to override the <code>organism</code> parameter, e.g. in case of alternative identifiers used in the annotation package (Arabidopsis with TAIR) |
| ...                         | Further parameters to be passed to the topGO routine                                                                                                                                                                       |

**Value**

A nested list object containing for each principal component the terms enriched in each direction. This object is to be thought in combination with the displaying feature of the main `pcaExplorer()` function

**Examples**

```
library("airway")
library("DESeq2")
data("airway", package = "airway")
airway
dds_airway <- DESeqDataSet(airway, design= ~ cell + dex)
## Not run:
rld_airway <- rlogTransformation(dds_airway)
# constructing the annotation object
anno_df <- data.frame(gene_id = rownames(dds_airway),
                      stringsAsFactors = FALSE)
library("AnnotationDbi")
library("org.Hs.eg.db")
anno_df$gene_name <- mapIds(org.Hs.eg.db,
                           keys = anno_df$gene_id,
                           column = "SYMBOL",
                           keytype = "ENSEMBL",
                           multiVals = "first")
rownames(anno_df) <- anno_df$gene_id
bg_ids <- rownames(dds_airway)[rowSums(counts(dds_airway)) > 0]
library(topGO)
pca2go_airway <- pca2go(rld_airway,
                       annotation = anno_df,
                       organism = "Hs",
                       ensToGeneSymbol = TRUE,
                       background_genes = bg_ids)

## End(Not run)
```

pcaExplorer

*Explore a dataset from a PCA perspective***Description**

Launch a Shiny App for interactive exploration of a dataset from the perspective of Principal Components Analysis

**Usage**

```
pcaExplorer(
  dds = NULL,
  dst = NULL,
  countmatrix = NULL,
  coldata = NULL,
  pca2go = NULL,
  annotation = NULL,
```

```

    runLocal = TRUE
  )

```

### Arguments

|             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| dds         | A <code>DESeq2::DESeqDataSet()</code> object. If not provided, then a countmatrix and a coldata need to be provided. If none of the above is provided, it is possible to upload the data during the execution of the Shiny App                                                                               |
| dst         | A <code>DESeq2::DESeqTransform()</code> object. Can be computed from the dds object if left NULL. If none is provided, then a countmatrix and a coldata need to be provided. If none of the above is provided, it is possible to upload the data during the execution of the Shiny App                       |
| countmatrix | A count matrix, with genes as rows and samples as columns. If not provided, it is possible to upload the data during the execution of the Shiny App                                                                                                                                                          |
| coldata     | A data.frame containing the info on the covariates of each sample. If not provided, it is possible to upload the data during the execution of the Shiny App                                                                                                                                                  |
| pca2go      | An object generated by the <code>pca2go()</code> function, which contains the information on enriched functional categories in the genes that show the top or bottom loadings in each principal component of interest. If not provided, it is possible to compute live during the execution of the Shiny App |
| annotation  | A data.frame object, with row.names as gene identifiers (e.g. ENSEMBL ids) and a column, gene_name, containing e.g. HGNC-based gene symbols                                                                                                                                                                  |
| runLocal    | A logical indicating whether the app is to be run locally or remotely on a server, which determines how documentation will be accessed.                                                                                                                                                                      |

### Value

A Shiny App is launched for interactive data exploration

### Examples

```

library("airway")
data("airway", package = "airway")
airway
dds_airway <- DESeq2::DESeqDataSetFromMatrix(assay(airway),
                                             colData = colData(airway),
                                             design = ~dex+cell)

## Not run:
rld_airway <- DESeq2::rlogTransformation(dds_airway)

pcaExplorer(dds_airway, rld_airway)

pcaExplorer(countmatrix = counts(dds_airway), coldata = colData(dds_airway))

pcaExplorer() # and then upload count matrix, covariate matrix (and eventual annotation)

## End(Not run)

```

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|                 |                                                                                         |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| pcaExplorer-pkg | <i>pcaExplorer: analyzing time-lapse microscopy imaging, from detection to tracking</i> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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### Description

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### See Also

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/federicomarini/pcaExplorer>
- <https://federicomarini.github.io/pcaExplorer/>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/federicomarini/pcaExplorer/issues>

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|         |                                             |
|---------|---------------------------------------------|
| pcaplot | <i>Sample PCA plot for transformed data</i> |
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### Description

Plots the results of PCA on a 2-dimensional space

### Usage

```
pcaplot(
  x,
  intgroup = NULL,
  ntop = 500,
  returnData = FALSE,
  title = NULL,
  pcX = 1,
  pcY = 2,
  text_labels = TRUE,
  point_size = 3,
  ellipse = TRUE,
  ellipse.prob = 0.95
)
```

**Arguments**

|              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x            | A <code>DESeq2::DESeqTransform()</code> object, with data in <code>assay(x)</code> , produced for example by either <code>DESeq2::rlog()</code> or <code>DESeq2::varianceStabilizingTransformation()/DESeq2::</code> |
| intgroup     | Interesting groups: a character vector of names in <code>colData(x)</code> to use for grouping. Defaults to <code>NULL</code> , which would then select the first column of the <code>colData</code> slot            |
| ntop         | Number of top genes to use for principal components, selected by highest row variance                                                                                                                                |
| returnData   | logical, if <code>TRUE</code> returns a <code>data.frame</code> for further use, containing the selected principal components and <code>intgroup</code> covariates for custom plotting                               |
| title        | The plot title                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| pcX          | The principal component to display on the x axis                                                                                                                                                                     |
| pcY          | The principal component to display on the y axis                                                                                                                                                                     |
| text_labels  | Logical, whether to display the labels with the sample identifiers                                                                                                                                                   |
| point_size   | Integer, the size of the points for the samples                                                                                                                                                                      |
| ellipse      | Logical, whether to display the confidence ellipse for the selected groups                                                                                                                                           |
| ellipse.prob | Numeric, a value in the interval <code>[0;1)</code>                                                                                                                                                                  |

**Value**

An object created by `ggplot`, which can be assigned and further customized.

**Examples**

```
dds <- makeExampleDESeqDataSet_multifac(betaSD_condition = 3, betaSD_tissue = 1)
rlt <- DESeq2::rlogTransformation(dds)
pcaplot(rlt, ntop = 200)
```

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pcaplot3d

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*Sample PCA plot for transformed data*


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**Description**

Plots the results of PCA on a 3-dimensional space, interactively

**Usage**

```
pcaplot3d(
  x,
  intgroup = "condition",
  ntop = 500,
  returnData = FALSE,
  title = NULL,
  pcX = 1,
  pcY = 2,
  pcZ = 3,
  text_labels = TRUE,
  point_size = 3
)
```

**Arguments**

|             |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x           | A <code>DESeq2::DESeqTransform()</code> object, with data in <code>assay(x)</code> , produced for example by either <code>DESeq2::rlog()</code> or <code>DESeq2::varianceStabilizingTransformation()</code> |
| intgroup    | Interesting groups: a character vector of names in <code>colData(x)</code> to use for grouping                                                                                                              |
| ntop        | Number of top genes to use for principal components, selected by highest row variance                                                                                                                       |
| returnData  | logical, if TRUE returns a data.frame for further use, containing the selected principal components and intgroup covariates for custom plotting                                                             |
| title       | The plot title                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| pcX         | The principal component to display on the x axis                                                                                                                                                            |
| pcY         | The principal component to display on the y axis                                                                                                                                                            |
| pcZ         | The principal component to display on the z axis                                                                                                                                                            |
| text_labels | Logical, whether to display the labels with the sample identifiers                                                                                                                                          |
| point_size  | Integer, the size of the points for the samples                                                                                                                                                             |

**Value**

A html-based visualization of the 3d PCA plot

**Examples**

```
dds <- makeExampleDESeqDataSet_multifac(betaSD_condition = 3, betaSD_tissue = 1)
r1t <- DESeq2::rlogTransformation(dds)
pcaplot3d(r1t, ntop = 200)
```

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pcascree

*Scree plot of the PCA on the samples*

---

**Description**

Produces a scree plot for investigating the proportion of explained variance, or alternatively the cumulative value

**Usage**

```
pcascree(obj, type = c("pev", "cev"), pc_nr = NULL, title = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|       |                                                                                        |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| obj   | A prcomp object                                                                        |
| type  | Display absolute proportions or cumulative proportion. Possible values: "pev" or "cev" |
| pc_nr | How many principal components to display max                                           |
| title | Title of the plot                                                                      |

**Value**

An object created by ggplot, which can be assigned and further customized.

**Examples**

```

dds <- makeExampleDESeqDataSet_multifac(betaSD_condition = 3, betaSD_tissue = 1)
rlt <- DESeq2::rlogTransformation(dds)
pcaobj <- prcomp(t(SummarizedExperiment::assay(rlt)))
pcascree(pcaobj, type = "pev")
pcascree(pcaobj, type = "cev", title = "Cumulative explained proportion of variance - Test dataset")

```

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|             |                                                                                  |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| plotPCcorrs | <i>Plot significance of (cor)relations of covariates VS principal components</i> |
|-------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

Plots the significance of the (cor)relation of each covariate vs a principal component

**Usage**

```
plotPCcorrs(pccorrs, pc = 1, logp = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|         |                                                                                                        |
|---------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| pccorrs | A data.frame object generated by <a href="#">correlatePCs</a>                                          |
| pc      | An integer number, corresponding to the principal component of interest                                |
| logp    | Logical, defaults to TRUE, displays the -log <sub>10</sub> of the pvalue instead of the p value itself |

**Value**

A base plot object

**Examples**

```

library(DESeq2)
dds <- makeExampleDESeqDataSet_multifac(betaSD_condition = 3, betaSD_tissue = 1)
rlt <- rlogTransformation(dds)
pcaobj <- prcomp(t(assay(rlt)))
res <- correlatePCs(pcaobj, colData(dds))
plotPCcorrs(res)

```

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topGOTable

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*Extract functional terms enriched in the DE genes, based on topGO*


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## Description

A wrapper for extracting functional GO terms enriched in the DE genes, based on the algorithm and the implementation in the topGO package

## Usage

```
topGOTable(
  DEgenes,
  BGgenes,
  ontology = "BP",
  annot = annFUN.org,
  mapping = "org.Mm.eg.db",
  geneID = "symbol",
  topTablerows = 200,
  fullNamesInRows = TRUE,
  addGeneToTerms = TRUE,
  plotGraph = FALSE,
  plotNodes = 10,
  writeOutput = FALSE,
  outputFile = "",
  topGO_method2 = "elim",
  do_padj = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

|                 |                                                                                                                     |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DEgenes         | A vector of (differentially expressed) genes                                                                        |
| BGgenes         | A vector of background genes, e.g. all (expressed) genes in the assays                                              |
| ontology        | Which Gene Ontology domain to analyze: BP (Biological Process), MF (Molecular Function), or CC (Cellular Component) |
| annot           | Which function to use for annotating genes to GO terms. Defaults to annFUN.org                                      |
| mapping         | Which org.XX.eg.db to use for annotation - select according to the species                                          |
| geneID          | Which format the genes are provided. Defaults to symbol, could also be entrez or ENSEMBL                            |
| topTablerows    | How many rows to report before any filtering                                                                        |
| fullNamesInRows | Logical, whether to display or not the full names for the GO terms                                                  |
| addGeneToTerms  | Logical, whether to add a column with all genes annotated to each GO term                                           |
| plotGraph       | Logical, if TRUE additionally plots a graph on the identified GO terms                                              |
| plotNodes       | Number of nodes to plot                                                                                             |
| writeOutput     | Logical, if TRUE additionally writes out the result to a file                                                       |
| outputFile      | Name of the file the result should be written into                                                                  |

|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| topGO_method2 | Character, specifying which of the methods implemented by topGO should be used, in addition to the classic algorithm. Defaults to elim                                                                                                                                   |
| do_padj       | Logical, whether to perform the adjustment on the p-values from the specific topGO method, based on the FDR correction. Defaults to FALSE, since the assumption of independent hypotheses is somewhat violated by the intrinsic DAG-structure of the Gene Ontology Terms |

## Details

Allowed values assumed by the topGO\_method2 parameter are one of the following: elim, weight, weight01, lea, parentchild. For more details on this, please refer to the original documentation of the topGO package itself

## Value

A table containing the computed GO Terms and related enrichment scores

## Examples

```
library("airway")
library("DESeq2")
data("airway", package = "airway")
airway
dds_airway <- DESeqDataSet(airway, design= ~ cell + dex)
# Example, performing extraction of enriched functional categories in
# detected significantly expressed genes
## Not run:
dds_airway <- DESeq(dds_airway)
res_airway <- results(dds_airway)
library("AnnotationDbi")
library("org.Hs.eg.db")
res_airway$symbol <- mapIds(org.Hs.eg.db,
                           keys = row.names(res_airway),
                           column = "SYMBOL",
                           keytype = "ENSEMBL",
                           multiVals = "first")
res_airway$entrez <- mapIds(org.Hs.eg.db,
                           keys = row.names(res_airway),
                           column = "ENTREZID",
                           keytype = "ENSEMBL",
                           multiVals = "first")
resOrdered <- as.data.frame(res_airway[order(res_airway$padj),])
de_df <- resOrdered[resOrdered$padj < .05 & !is.na(resOrdered$padj),]
de_symbols <- de_df$symbol
bg_ids <- rownames(dds_airway)[rowSums(counts(dds_airway)) > 0]
bg_symbols <- mapIds(org.Hs.eg.db,
                    keys = bg_ids,
                    column = "SYMBOL",
                    keytype = "ENSEMBL",
                    multiVals = "first")

library(topGO)
topgoDE_airway <- topGOTable(de_symbols, bg_symbols,
                            ontology = "BP",
                            mapping = "org.Hs.eg.db",
                            geneID = "symbol")
```

```
## End(Not run)
```

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