# Package 'dittoSeq'

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Description A universal, user friendly, single-cell and bulk RNA sequencing visualization toolkit that allows highly customizable creation of color blindness friendly, publication-quality figures. dittoSeq accepts both SingleCellExperiment (SCE) and Seurat objects, as well as the import and usage, via conversion to an SCE, of SummarizedExperiment or DGEList bulk data. Visualizations include dimensionality reduction plots, heatmaps, scatterplots, percent composition or expression across groups, and more. Customizations range from size and title adjustments to automatic generation of annotations for heatmaps, overlay of trajectory analysis onto any dimensionality reduciton plot, hidden data overlay upon cursor hovering via ggplotly conversion, and many more. All with simple, discrete inputs. Color blindness friendliness is powered by legend adjustments (enlarged keys), and by allowing the use of shapes or letter-overlay in addition to the carefully selected dittoColors().

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## Description

Add any dimensionality reduction space to a SingleCellExperiment object containing bulk or single-cell data

## Usage

```
addDimReduction(object, embeddings, name, key = .gen_key(name))
```

## **Arguments**

object	the bulk or single-cell SingleCellExperiment object to add the dimensionality reduction to. (dittoSeq utilizes the SingleCellExperiment object even for bulk data because it provides a convenient slots for all data that dittoSeq requires)
embeddings	a numeric matrix or matrix-like object, with number of rows equal to ncol(object), containing the coordinates of all cells / samples within the dimensionality reduction space.
name	String name for the reduction slot. Example: "pca". This will become the name of the slot, and what should be provided to the reduction.use input when making a dittoDimPlot. When the name given is the same as that of a slot that already exists inside the object, the previous slot is replaced with the newly provided data.
key	String, like "PC", which sets the default axes-label prefix when this reduction is used for making a dittoDimPlot. If nothing is provided, a key will be automatically generated.

## Value

Outputs a SingleCellExperiment object with an added or replaced dimensionality reduction slot.

## Author(s)

**Daniel Bunis** 

## See Also

```
addPrcomp for a prcomp specific PCA import wrapper importDittoBulk for initial import of bulk RNAseq data into dittoSeq as a SingleCellExperiment. dittoDimPlot for visualizing how samples group within added dimensionality reduction spaces
```

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#### **Examples**

```
example("importDittoBulk", echo = FALSE)

# Calculate PCA

# NOTE: This is typically not done with all genes in the dataset.

# The inclusion of this example code is not an endorsement of a particular

# method of PCA. Consult yourself, a bioinformatician, or literature for

# tips on proper techniques.

embeds <- prcomp(t(logcounts(myRNA)), center = TRUE, scale = TRUE)$x

myRNA <- addDimReduction(
    object = myRNA,
    embeddings = embeds,
    name = "pca",
    key = "PC")

# Visualize conditions metadata on a PCA plot
dittoDimPlot(myRNA, "conditions", reduction.use = "pca", size = 3)</pre>
```

addPrcomp

Add a prcomp pca calculation to a SingleCellExperiment object containing bulk or single-cell data

#### **Description**

Add a prcomp pca calculation to a SingleCellExperiment object containing bulk or single-cell data

## Usage

```
addPrcomp(object, prcomp, name = "pca", key = "PC")
```

## **Arguments**

object the SingleCellExperiment object.

prcomp a prcomp output which will be added to the object

name String name for the reduction slot. Normally, this will be "pca", but you can

hold any number of PCA calculations so long as a unique name is given to each. This will become the name of the slot and what should be provided to the reduction. use input when making a dittoDimPlot. When the name given is the same as that of a slot that already exists inside the object, the previous slot

is replaced with the newly provided data.

key String, like "PC", which sets the default axes-label prefix when this reduction is

used for making a dittoDimPlot

#### Value

Outputs an SingleCellExperiment object with an added or replaced pca reduction slot.

#### Author(s)

**Daniel Bunis** 

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#### See Also

```
addDimReduction for adding other types of dimensionality reductions importDittoBulk for initial import of bulk RNAseq data into dittoSeq as a SingleCellExperiment. dittoDimPlot for visualizing how samples group within added dimensionality reduction spaces
```

## **Examples**

```
example("importDittoBulk", echo = FALSE)

# Calculate PCA with prcomp
# NOTE: This is typically not done with all genes in a dataset.
# The inclusion of this example code is not an endorsement of a particular
# method of PCA. Consult yourself, a bioinformatician, or literature for
# tips on proper techniques.
calc <- prcomp(t(logcounts(myRNA)), center = TRUE, scale = TRUE)

myRNA <- addPrcomp(
   object = myRNA,
   prcomp = calc)

# Now we can visualize conditions metadata on a PCA plot
dittoDimPlot(myRNA, "conditions", reduction.use = "pca", size = 3)</pre>
```

Darken

Darkens input colors by a set amount

## **Description**

A wrapper for the darken function of the colorspace package.

### Usage

```
Darken(colors, percent.change = 0.25, relative = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

```
colors the color(s) input. Can be a list of colors, for example, /codedittoColors().

percent.change # between 0 and 1. the percentage to darken by. Defaults to 0.25 if not given.

relative TRUE/FALSE. Whether the percentage should be a relative change versus an absolute one. Default = TRUE.
```

## Value

Return a darkened version of the color in hexadecimal color form (="#RRGGBB" in base 16)

## Author(s)

**Daniel Bunis** 

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## **Examples**

```
Darken("blue") #"blue" = "#0000FF"
#Output: "#0000BF"
Darken(dittoColors()[1:8]) #Works for multiple color inputs as well.
```

demux.calls.summary

Plots the number of annotations per sample, per lane

## **Description**

Plots the number of annotations per sample, per lane

## Usage

```
demux.calls.summary(
  object,
  singlets.only = FALSE,
  main = "Sample Annotations by Lane",
  sub = NULL,
  ylab = "Annotations",
  xlab = "Sample",
  color = dittoColors()[2],
  theme = NULL,
  rotate.labels = TRUE,
  data.out = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

object

singlets.only	Whether to only show data for cells called as singlets by demuxlet. Default is
	TRUE. Note: if doublets are included, only one of their sample calls will be

used.

main plot title. Default = "Sample Annotations by Lane"

A Seurat or SingleCellExperiment object

sub plot subtitle

ylab y axis label, default is "Annotations" xlab x axis label, default is "Sample"

color bars color. Default is the dittoColors skyBlue.

theme A complete ggplot theme. Default is a slightly modified theme\_bw().

 ${\tt rotate.labels} \quad \text{whether sample names / $x$-axis labels should be rotated or not. Default is TRUE.}$ 

data.out Logical, whether underlying data for the plot should be output instead of the plot

itself.

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#### Value

A faceted ggplot summarizing how many cells in each lane were anotated to each sample. Assumes that the Sample calls of each cell, and which lane each cell belonged to, are stored in 'Sample' and 'Lane' metadata slots, respectively, as would be the case if demuxlet information was imported with importDemux.

Alternatively, value will be a data.frame containing the underlying data if data.out = TRUE is provided.

#### Author(s)

**Daniel Bunis** 

#### See Also

demux. SNP. summary for plotting the number of SNPs measured per cell. This is the other Demuxlet-associated QC visualization included with dittoSeq.

importDemux, for how to import relevant demuxlet information as metadata.

Kang et al. Nature Biotechnology, 2018 https://www.nature.com/articles/nbt.4042 for more information about the demuxlet cell-sample deconvolution method.

## **Examples**

demux.SNP.summary

Plots the number of SNPs sequenced per droplet

## **Description**

Plots the number of SNPs sequenced per droplet

#### Usage

```
demux.SNP.summary(
  object,
  group.by = "Lane",
  color.by = group.by,
  plots = c("jitter", "boxplot"),
  boxplot.color = "grey30",
  add.line = 50,
  min = 0,
  ...
)
```

#### **Arguments**

object	A Seurat or SingleCellExperiment object
group.by	String "name" of a metadata to use for grouping values. Default is "Lane".
color.by	String "name" of a metadata to use for coloring. Default is whatever was provided to group.by.
plots	String vector which sets the types of plots to include: possibilities = "jitter", "boxplot", "vlnplot", "ridgeplot". NOTE: The order matters, so use c("back", "middle", "front") when inputing multiple to put them in the order you want.
boxplot.color	The color of the lines of the boxplot.
add.line	numeric value(s) where a dashed horizontal line should go. Default = 50, a high confidence minimum number of SNPs per cell for highly accurate demuxlet sample deconvolution.
min	numeric value which sets the minimum value shown on the y-axis.
	extra arguments passed to dittoPlot

#### **Details**

This function is a wrapper that essentially runs dittoPlot("demux.N.SNP") with a few modified defaults. The altered defaults:

- Data is grouped and colored by the "Lane" metadata (unless group.by or color.by are adjusted otherwise).
- Data is displayed as boxplots with gray lines on top of dots for individual cells (unless plots or boxplot.color are adjusted otherwise).
- The plot is set to have minimum y axis value of zero (unless min is adjusted otherwise).
- A dashed line is added at the value 50, a very conservative minimum number of SNPs for high confidence sample calls (unless add.line is adjusted otherwise).

#### Value

A ggplot, made with dittoPlot showing a summary of how many SNPs were available to Demuxlet for each cell of a dataset.

Alternatively, a plotly object if data. hover = TRUE is provided.

Alternatively, list containing a ggplot and the underlying data as a dataframe if data.out = TRUE is provided.

#### Author(s)

Daniel Bunis

## See Also

demux.calls.summary for plotting the number of sample annotations assigned within each lane. This is the other Demuxlet-associated QC visualization included with dittoSeq.

dittoPlot, as demux. SNP. summary is essentially just a dittoPlot wrapper.

importDemux, for how to import relevant demuxlet information as metadata.

Kang et al. Nature Biotechnology, 2018 https://www.nature.com/articles/nbt.4042 for more information about the demuxlet cell-sample deconvolution method.

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#### **Examples**

```
example(importDemux, echo = FALSE)
demux.SNP.summary(myRNA)
#Function wraps dittoPlot. See dittoPlot docs for more examples
```

demuxlet.example

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## Description

A dataframe containing mock demuxlet information for the 80-cell Seurat::pbmc\_small dataset

## Usage

```
demuxlet.example
```

#### **Format**

An object of class data. frame with 80 rows and 7 columns.

#### **Details**

This data was created based on the structure of real demuxlet.best output files. Barcodes from Seurat's pbmc\_small example data were used as the BARCODES column. Cells were then assigned randomly as either SNG (singlets), DBL (doublets), or AMB (ambiguous). Cells were then randomly assign to sample1-10 (or multiple samples for doublets), and this information was combined using the paste function into the typical structure of a demuxlet CALL column. Random sampling of remaining data from a separate, actual, demuxlet daatset was used for remaining columns.

## Value

A dataframe

#### Note

This is a slightly simplified example. Real demuxlet.best data has additional columns.

#### Author(s)

**Daniel Bunis** 

dittoBarPlot

Outputs a stacked bar plot to show the percent composition of samples, groups, clusters, or other groupings

## Description

Outputs a stacked bar plot to show the percent composition of samples, groups, clusters, or other groupings

## Usage

```
dittoBarPlot(
  object,
  var,
  group.by,
  scale = c("percent", "count"),
  split.by = NULL,
  cells.use = NULL,
  retain.factor.levels = FALSE,
  data.out = FALSE,
  do.hover = FALSE,
  color.panel = dittoColors(),
  colors = seq_along(color.panel),
  split.nrow = NULL,
  split.ncol = NULL,
  split.adjust = list(),
  y.breaks = NA,
  min = 0,
  max = NULL,
  var.labels.rename = NULL,
  var.labels.reorder = NULL,
  x.labels = NULL,
  x.labels.rotate = TRUE,
  x.reorder = NULL,
  theme = theme_classic(),
  xlab = group.by,
  ylab = "make",
  main = "make",
  sub = NULL,
  legend.show = TRUE,
  legend.title = NULL
)
```

## **Arguments**

A Seurat, SingleCellExperiment, or SummarizedExperiment object. object var

String name of a metadata that contains discrete data, or a factor or vector con-

taining such data for all cells/samples in the target object.

String name of a metadata to use for separating the cells/samples into discrete group.by groups.

scale "count" or "percent". Sets whether data should be shown as counts versus percentage.

1 or 2 strings naming discrete metadata to use for splitting the cells/samples into split.by

multiple plots with ggplot faceting.

When 2 metadatas are named, c(row,col), the first is used as rows and the second is used for columns of the resulting grid.

When 1 metadata is named, shape control can be achieved with split.nrow and split.ncol

String vector of cells'/samples' names OR an integer vector specifying the incells.use dices of cells/samples which should be included.

> Alternatively, a Logical vector, the same length as the number of cells in the object, which sets which cells to include.

> Note: When cells.use is combined with scale = "percent", left out cells are not considered in calculating percentages. Percents will always total to 1.

retain.factor.levels

Logical which controls whether factor identities of var and group. by data should be respected. Set to TRUE to faithfully reflect ordering of groupings encoded in factor levels, but Note that this will also force retention of groupings that could otherwise be removed via cells.use.

data.out Logical. When set to TRUE, changes the output, from the plot alone, to a list containing the plot ("p") and a data.frame ("data") containing the underlying

do.hover Logical which sets whether the ggplot output should be converted to a ggplotly object with data about individual bars displayed when you hover your cursor

over them.

color.panel String vector which sets the colors to draw from. dittoColors() by default. colors Integer vector, which sets the indexes / order, of colors from color.panel to actu-

ally use. (Provides an alternative to directly modifying color.panel.)

split.nrow, split.ncol

split.adjust

min.max

Integers which set the dimensions of faceting/splitting when a single metadata

is given to split.by.

A named list which allows extra parameters to be pushed through to the faceting function call. List elements should be valid inputs to the faceting functions, e.g.

'list(scales = "free")'.

For options, when giving 1 metadata to split.by, see facet\_wrap, OR when

giving 2 metadatas to split.by, see facet\_grid. Numeric vector which sets the plot's tick marks / major gridlines. c(break1,break2,break3,etc.) y.breaks

> Scalars which control the zoom of the plot. These inputs set the minimum / maximum values of the y-axis. Default = set based on the limits of the data, 0 to 1 for scale = "percent", or 0 to maximum count for 0 to 1 for scale = "count".

var.labels.rename

String vector for renaming the distinct identities of var values.

Hint: use metaLevels or unique(<var-data>) to assess current values.

var.labels.reorder

Integer vector. A sequence of numbers, from 1 to the number of distinct var value identities, for rearranging the order of labels' groupings within the plot.

Method: Make a first plot without this input. Then, treating the top-most grouping as index 1, and the bottom-most as index n. Values of var.labels.reorder

should be these indices, but in the order that you would like them rearranged to be.

x.labels

String vector which will replace the x-axis groupings' labels. Regardless of x.reorder, the first component of x.labels sets the name for the left-most x-axis grouping.

#### x.labels.rotate

Logical which sets whether the x-axis grouping labels should be rotated.

x.reorder

Integer vector. A sequence of numbers, from 1 to the number of groupings, for rearranging the order of x-axis groupings.

Method: Make a first plot without this input. Then, treating the leftmost grouping as index 1, and the rightmost as index n. Values of x.reorder should be these indices, but in the order that you would like them rearranged to be.

Recommendation for advanced users: If you find yourself coming back to this input too many times, an alternative solution that can be easier long-term is to make the target data into a factor, and to put its levels in the desired order: factor(data, levels = c("level1", "level2", ...)). metaLevels can be used to quickly get the identities that need to be part of this 'levels' input.

theme A ggplot theme which will be applied before dittoSeq adjustments. Default =

theme\_classic(). See https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference/ggtheme.

html for other options and ideas.

xlab String which sets the x-axis title. Default is group, by so it defaults to the name

of the grouping information. Set to NULL to remove.

ylab String which sets the y-axis title. Default = "make" and if left as make, a title

will be automatically generated.

main String, sets the plot title sub String, sets the plot subtitle

legend. show Logical which sets whether the legend should be displayed.

legend.title String which adds a title to the legend.

#### **Details**

The function creates a dataframe containing counts and percent makeup of var identities for each x-axis grouping (determined by the group.by input). If a set of cells/samples to use is indicated with the cells.use input, only those cells/samples are used for counts and percent makeup calculations. Then, a vertical bar plot is generated (ggplot2::geom\_col()) showing either percent makeup if scale = "percent", which is the default, or raw counts if scale = "count".

#### Value

A ggplot plot where discrete data, grouped by sample, condition, cluster, etc. on the x-axis, is shown on the y-axis as either counts or percent-of-total-per-grouping in a stacked barplot.

Alternatively, if data.out = TRUE, a list containing the plot ("p") and a dataframe of the underlying data ("data").

Alternatively, if do.hover = TRUE, a plotly conversion of the ggplot output in which underlying data can be retrieved upon hovering the cursor over the plot.

## Many characteristics of the plot can be adjusted using discrete inputs

- Colors can be adjusted with color.panel and/or colors.
- y-axis zoom and tick marks can be adjusted using min, max, and y.breaks.
- Titles can be adjusted with main, sub, xlab, ylab, and legend.title arguments.
- The legend can be removed by setting legend. show = FALSE.
- x-axis labels and groupings can be changed / reordered using x.labels and x.reorder, and rotation of these labels can be turned off with x.labels.rotate = FALSE.
- y-axis var-group labels and their order can be changed / reordered using var.labels and var.labels.reorder.

#### Author(s)

**Daniel Bunis** 

#### See Also

dittoFreqPlot for a data representation that focuses on pre-sample frequencies of each the vardata values individually, rather than emphasizing total makeup of samples/groups.

#### **Examples**

```
example(importDittoBulk, echo = FALSE)
myRNA
dittoBarPlot(myRNA, "clustering", group.by = "groups")
dittoBarPlot(myRNA, "clustering", group.by = "groups",
    scale = "count")
# Reordering the x-axis groupings to have "C" (#3) come first
dittoBarPlot(myRNA, "clustering", group.by = "groups",
    x.reorder = c(3,1,2,4))
### Accessing underlying data:
# as dataframe
dittoBarPlot(myRNA, "clustering", group.by = "groups",
    data.out = TRUE)
# through hovering the cursor over the relevant parts of the plot
if (requireNamespace("plotly", quietly = TRUE)) {
    dittoBarPlot(myRNA, "clustering", group.by = "groups",
        do.hover = TRUE)
    }
### Previous Version Compatibility
# Mistakenly, dittoBarPlot used to remove factor identities entirely from the
\mbox{\#} data it used. This manifests as ignorance of a user's set orderings for
# their data. That is nolonger done by default, but to recreate old plots,
# restoring this behavior can be achieved with 'retain.factor.levels = FALSE'
# Set factor level ordering for a metadata we'll give to 'group.by'
myRNA$groups_reverse_levels <- factor(</pre>
    myRNA$groups,
    levels = c("D", "C", "B", "A"))
# dittoBarPlot will now respect this level order by default.
dittoBarPlot(myRNA, "clustering", group.by = "groups_reverse_levels")
# But that respect can be turned off...
```

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```
dittoBarPlot(myRNA, "clustering", group.by = "groups_reverse_levels",
    retain.factor.levels = FALSE)
```

dittoColors

Extracts the dittoSeq default colors

## **Description**

Creates a string vector of 40 unique colors, in hexadecimal form, repeated 100 times. Or, if get.names is set to TRUE, outputs the names of the colors which can be helpful as reference when adjusting how colors get used.

These colors are a modification of the protanope and deuteranope friendly colors from Wong, B. Nature Methods, 2011.

Truly, only the first 1-7 are maximally (red-green) color-blindness friendly, but the lightened and darkened versions (plus grey) in slots 8-40 still work releatively well at extending their utility further. Note that past 40, the colors simply repeat in order to most easily allow dittoSeq visualizations to handle situations requiring even more colors.

The colors are:

1-7 = Suggested color panel from Wong, B. Nature Methods, 2011, minus black

```
• 1- orange = "#E69F00"
```

- 2- skyBlue = "#56B4E9"
- 3- bluishGreen = "#009E73"
- 4- yellow = "#F0E442"
- 5- blue = "#0072B2"
- 6- vermillion = "#D55E00"
- 7- reddishPurple = "#CC79A7"

8 = gray40

9-16 = 25% darker versions of colors 1-8

17-24 = 25% lighter versions of colors 1-8

25-32 = 40% lighter versions of colors 1-8

33-40 = 40% darker versions of colors 1-8

#### Usage

```
dittoColors(reps = 100, get.names = FALSE)
```

## **Arguments**

reps Integer which sets how many times the original set of colors should be repeated get.names Logical, whether only the names of the default dittoSeq color panel should be returned instead

#### Value

A string vector with length = 24.

## Author(s)

**Daniel Bunis** 

#### **Examples**

```
dittoColors()
#To retrieve names:
dittoColors(get.names = TRUE)
```

dittoDimPlot

Shows data overlayed on a tsne, pca, or similar type of plot

#### **Description**

Shows data overlayed on a tsne, pca, or similar type of plot

## Usage

```
dittoDimPlot(
  object,
  var,
  reduction.use = .default_reduction(object),
  size = 1,
  opacity = 1,
  dim.1 = 1,
  dim.2 = 2,
  cells.use = NULL,
  shape.by = NULL,
  split.by = NULL,
  split.adjust = list(),
  extra.vars = NULL,
  multivar.split.dir = c("col", "row"),
  show.others = TRUE,
  split.show.all.others = TRUE,
  split.nrow = NULL,
  split.ncol = NULL,
  assay = .default_assay(object),
  slot = .default_slot(object),
  adjustment = NULL,
  swap.rownames = NULL,
  color.panel = dittoColors(),
  colors = seq_along(color.panel),
  shape.panel = c(16, 15, 17, 23, 25, 8),
  min.color = "#F0E442",
  max.color = "#0072B2",
  min = NA,
  max = NA,
  order = c("unordered", "increasing", "decreasing", "randomize"),
  main = "make",
  sub = NULL,
```

```
xlab = "make",
 ylab = "make",
  rename.var.groups = NULL,
  rename.shape.groups = NULL,
  theme = theme_bw(),
  show.axes.numbers = TRUE,
  show.grid.lines = if (is.character(reduction.use)) {
     !grepl("umap|tsne",
    tolower(reduction.use))
 } else {
     TRUE
},
 do.letter = FALSE,
 do.ellipse = FALSE,
 do.label = FALSE,
 labels.size = 5,
  labels.highlight = TRUE,
 labels.repel = TRUE,
 labels.split.by = split.by,
  labels.repel.adjust = list(),
 do.hover = FALSE,
 hover.data = var,
 hover.assay = .default_assay(object),
 hover.slot = .default_slot(object),
 hover.adjustment = NULL,
  add.trajectory.lineages = NULL,
  add.trajectory.curves = NULL,
  trajectory.cluster.meta,
  trajectory.arrow.size = 0.15,
  do.contour = FALSE,
  contour.color = "black",
  contour.linetype = 1,
  legend.show = TRUE,
  legend.size = 5,
  legend.title = "make",
  legend.breaks = waiver(),
  legend.breaks.labels = waiver(),
  shape.legend.size = 5,
  shape.legend.title = shape.by,
 do.raster = FALSE,
 raster.dpi = 300,
 data.out = FALSE
)
```

## **Arguments**

object

A Seurat, SingleCellExperiment, or SummarizedExperiment object.

var

String name of a "gene" or "metadata" (or "ident" for a Seurat object) to use for coloring the plots. This is the data that will be displayed for each cell/sample. Discrete or continuous data both work.

Alternatively, a string vector naming multiple genes or metadata, OR a vector of the same length as there are cells/samples in the object which provides per-cell

data directly.

reduction.use

String, such as "pca", "tsne", "umap", or "PCA", etc, which is the name of a dimensionality reduction slot within the object, and which sets what dimensionality reduction space within the object to use.

Default = the first dimensionality reduction slot inside the object with "umap", "tsne", or "pca" within its name, (priority: UMAP > t-SNE > PCA) or the first dimensionality reduction slot if none of those exist.

Alternatively, a matrix (or data.frame) containing the dimensionality reduction embeddings themselves. The matrix should have as many rows as there are cells/samples in the object. Note that dim.1 and dim.2 will still be used to select which columns to pull from, and column names will serve as the default xlab & ylab.

size Number which sets the size of data points. Default = 1.

opacity Number between 0 and 1. Great for when you have MANY overlapping points, this sets how solid the points should be: 1 = not see-through at all. 0 = invisible.

Default = 1. (In terms of typical ggplot variables, = alpha)

dim. 1 The component number to use on the x-axis. Default = 1
dim. 2 The component number to use on the y-axis. Default = 2

cells.use String vector of cells'/samples' names OR an integer vector specifying the in-

dices of cells/samples which should be included.

Alternatively, a Logical vector, the same length as the number of cells in the object, which sets which cells to include.

shape.by

Variable for setting the shape of cells/samples in the plot. Note: must be discrete. Can be the name of a gene or meta-data. Alternatively, can be "ident" for clusters of a Seurat object. Alternatively, can be a numeric of length equal to the total number of cells/samples in object.

Note: shapes can be harder to see, and to process mentally, than colors. Even as a color blind person myself writing this code, I recommend use of colors for variables with many discrete values.

split.by

1 or 2 strings naming discrete metadata to use for splitting the cells/samples into multiple plots with ggplot faceting.

When 2 metadatas are named, c(row,col), the first is used as rows and the second is used for columns of the resulting grid.

When 1 metadata is named, shape control can be achieved with split.nrow and split.ncol

split.adjust

A named list which allows extra parameters to be pushed through to the faceting function call. List elements should be valid inputs to the faceting functions, e.g. 'list(scales = "free")'.

For options, when giving 1 metadata to split.by, see facet\_wrap, OR when giving 2 metadatas to split.by, see facet\_grid.

extra.vars

String vector providing names of any extra metadata to be stashed in the dataframe supplied to ggplot(data).

Useful for making custom splitting/faceting or other additional alterations *after* dittoSeq plot generation.

multivar.split.dir

"row" or "col", sets the direction of faceting used for 'var' values when var is given multiple genes or metadata, and when split.by is used to provide additional data to facet by.

show.others Logical. Whether other cells should be shown in the background in light gray. Default = TRUE.

split.show.all.others

Logical which sets whether gray "others" cells of facets should include all cells of other facets (TRUE) versus just cells left out by cell. use (FALSE).

split.nrow, split.ncol

Integers which set the dimensions of faceting/splitting when a single metadata is given to split.by.

assay, slot

single strings or integers (SCEs and SEs) or an optionally named vector of such values that set which expression data to use. See GeneTargeting for specifics and examples - Seurat and SingleCellExperiment objects deal with these differently, and functionality additions in dittoSeq have led to some minimal divergence from the native methodologies.

adjustment

When plotting gene / feature expression, should that data be used directly (default) or should it be adjusted to be

- "z-score": scaled with the scale() function to produce a relative-to-mean z-score representation
- "relative.to.max": divided by the maximum expression value to give percent of max values between [0,1]

swap.rownames

optionally named string or string vector. For SummarizedExperiment or Single-CellExperiment objects, its value(s) specifies the column name of rowData(object) to be used to identify features instead of rownames(object). When targeting multiple modalities (alternative experiments), names can be used to specify which level / alternative experiment (use 'main' for the top-level) individual values should be used for. See GeneTargeting for more specifics and examples.

color.panel

String vector which sets the colors to draw from. dittoColors() by default, see dittoColors for contents.

colors

Integer vector, the indexes / order, of colors from color.panel to actually use. Useful for quickly swapping the colors of nearby clusters.

shape.panel

Vector of integers corresponding to ggplot shapes which sets what shapes to use. When discrete groupings are supplied by shape. by, this sets the panel of shapes. When nothing is supplied to shape by, only the first value is used. Default is a set of 6, c(16, 15, 17, 23, 25, 8), the first being a simple, solid, circle.

Note: Unfortunately, shapes can be hard to see when points are on top of each other & they are more slowly processed by the brain. For these reasons, even as a color blind person myself writing this code, I recommend use of colors for variables with many discrete values.

min.color

color for lowest values of var/min. Default = yellow color for highest values of var/max. Default = blue

max.color

Number which sets the value associated with the minimum color.

max order

min

Number which sets the value associated with the maximum color. String. If the data should be plotted based on the order of the color data, sets whether to plot (from back to front) in "increasing", "decreasing", "randomize"

within the object.

main

String, sets the plot title. Default title is automatically generated if not given a specific value. To remove, set to NULL.

order. If left as "unordered", plot order is simply based on the order of cells

sub

String, sets the plot subtitle

xlab, ylab Strings which set the labels for the axes. Default labels are generated if you do

not give this a specific value. To remove, set to NULL.

rename.var.groups

String vector which sets new names for the identities of var groups.

rename.shape.groups

String vector which sets new names for the identities of shape.by groups.

theme A ggplot theme which will be applied before dittoSeq adjustments. Default =

theme\_bw(). See https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference/ggtheme.

html for other options and ideas.

show.axes.numbers

Logical which controls whether the axes values should be displayed.

show.grid.lines

Logical which sets whether gridlines of the plot should be shown. They are removed when set to FALSE. Default = FALSE for umap and tsne reduction.use,

TRUE otherwise.

do.letter Logical which sets whether letters should be added on top of the colored dots.

For extended colorblindness compatibility. NOTE: do.letter is ignored if do.hover = TRUE or shape.by is provided a metadata because lettering is incompatible with plotly and with changing the dots' to be different shapes.

do.ellipse Logical. Whether the groups should be surrounded by median-centered ellipses.

do.label Logical. Whether to add text labels near the center (median) of clusters for

grouping vars.

labels.size Size of the the labels text

labels.highlight

Logical. Whether the labels should have a box behind them

labels.repel Logical, that sets whether the labels' placements will be adjusted with ggrepel

to avoid intersections between labels and plot bounds. TRUE by default.

labels.split.by

String of one or two metadata names which controls the facet-split calculations for label placements. Defaults to split.by, so generally there is no need to adjust this except when you are utilizing the extra.vars input to achieve manual

faceting control.

labels.repel.adjust

A named list which allows extra parameters to be pushed through to ggrepel function calls. List elements should be valid inputs to the geom\_label\_repel

by default, or geom\_text\_repel when labels.highlight = FALSE.

do.hover Logical which controls whether the output will be converted to a plotly object so that data about individual points will be displayed when you hover your cursor

over them. hover.data argument is used to determine what data to use.

hover.data String vector of gene and metadata names, example: c("meta1", "gene1", "meta2")

which determines what data to show on hover when do. hover is set to TRUE.

hover.assay, hover.slot, hover.adjustment

Similar to the non-hover versions of these inputs, when showing expression data upon hover, these set what data will be shown.

 $\verb"add.trajectory.lineages"$ 

List of vectors representing trajectory paths, each from start-cluster to endcluster, where vector contents are the names of clusters provided in the trajectory.cluster.meta input.

If the slingshot package was used for trajectory analysis, you can provide add.trajectory.lineages = slingLineages('object').

add.trajectory.curves

List of matrices, each representing coordinates for a trajectory path, from start to end, where matrix columns represent x (dim. 1) and y (dim. 2) coordinates of the paths.

Alternatively, a list of lists(/princurve objects) can be provided. Thus, if the slingshot package was used for trajectory analysis, you can provide add.trajectory.curves = slingCurves('object')

trajectory.cluster.meta

String name of metadata containing the clusters that were used for generating trajectories. Required when plotting trajectories using the add.trajectory.lineages method. Names of clusters inside the metadata should be the same as the contents of add.trajectory.lineages vectors.

trajectory.arrow.size

Number representing the size of trajectory arrows, in inches. Default = 0.15.

do. contour Logical. Whether density-based contours should be displayed.

contour.color String that sets the color(s) of the do. contour contours.

contour.linetype

String or numeric which sets the type of line used for do.contour contours. Defaults to "solid", but see linetype for other options.

legend. show Logical. Whether the legend should be displayed. Default = TRUE.

legend.size Number representing the size at which color legend shapes should be plotted

(for discrete variable plotting) in the color legend. Default = 5. \*Enlarging the colors legend is incredibly helpful for making colors more distinguishable by

color blind individuals.

legend. title String which sets the title for the color legend. Default = NULL normally, but var

when a shape legend will also be shown.

legend.breaks Numeric vector which sets the discrete values to show in the color-scale legend

for continuous data.

legend.breaks.labels

String vector, with same length as legend.breaks, which renames what's displayed next to the tick marks of the color-scale.

shape.legend.size

Number representing the size at which shapes should be plotted in the shape legend.

shape.legend.title

String which sets the title of the shapes legend. Default is shape.by

do.raster Logical. When set to TRUE, rasterizes the internal plot area. Useful for editing

in external programs (e.g. Illustrator).

raster.dpi Number indicating dpi to use for rasterization. Default = 300.

data.out Logical. When set to TRUE, changes the output, from the plot alone, to a list

containing the plot ("p"), a data.frame containing the underlying data for target cells ("Target\_data"), and a data.frame containing the underlying data for non-

target cells ("Others\_data").

## Details

The function creates a dataframe containing the metadata or expression data associated with the given var (or if a vector of data is provided directly, it just uses that), plus X and Y coordinates data determined by the reduction.use and dim.1 (x-axis) and dim.2 (y-axis) inputs. Any extra data

requested with shape.by, split.by or extra.var is added as well. For expression/counts data, assay, slot, and adjustment inputs can be used to change which data is used, and if it should be adjusted in some way.

Next, if a set of cells or samples to use is indicated with the cells. use input, then the dataframe is split into Target\_data and Others\_data based on subsetting by the target cells/samples.

Finally, a scatter plot is then created using these dataframes where non-target cells will be displayed in gray if show.others=TRUE, and target cell data is displayed on top, colored based on the var-associated data, and with shapes determined by the shape.by-associated data. If split.by was used, the plot will be split into a matrix of panels based on the associated groupings.

#### Value

A ggplot or plotly object where colored dots (or other shapes) are overlayed onto a tSNE, PCA, UMAP, ..., plot of choice.

Alternatively, if data.out=TRUE, a list containing three slots is output: the plot (named 'p'), a data.table containing the underlying data for target cells (named 'Target\_data'), and a data.table containing the underlying data for non-target cells (named 'Others\_data').

Alternatively, if do. hover is set to TRUE, the plot is coverted from ggplot to plotly & cell/sample information, determined by the hover. data input, is retrieved, added to the dataframe, and displayed upon hovering the cursor over the plot.

#### Many characteristics of the plot can be adjusted using discrete inputs

- size and opacity can be used to adjust the size and transparency of the data points.
- Color can be adjusted with color.panel and/or colors for discrete data, or min, max, min.color, and max.color for continuous data.
- Shapes can be adjusted with shape.panel.
- Color and shape labels can be changed using rename.var.groups and rename.shape.groups.
- Titles and axes labels can be adjusted with main, sub, xlab, ylab, and legend.title arguments.
- Legends can also be adjusted in other ways, using variables that all start with "legend." for easy tab-completion lookup.

#### **Additional Features**

Many other tweaks and features can be added as well. Each is accessible through 'tab' autocompletion starting with "do."--- or "add."---, and if additional inputs are involved in implementing or tweaking these, the associated inputs will start with the "---.":

- If do.label is set to TRUE, labels will be added based on median centers of the discrete vardata groupings. The size of the text in the labels can be adjusted using the labels.size input. By default labels will repel eachother and the bounds of the plot, and labels will be highlighted with a white background. Either of these can be turned off by setting labels.repel = FALSE or labels.highlight = FALSE,
- If do.ellipse is set to TRUE, ellipses will be added to highlight distinct var-data groups' positions based on median positions of their cell/sample components.
- If do.contour is provided, density gradiant contour lines will be overlaid with color and linetype adjustable via contour.color and contour.linetype.

• If add.trajectory.lineages is provided a list of vectors (each vector being cluster names from start-cluster-name to end-cluster-name), and a metadata name pointing to the relevant clustering information is provided to trajectory.cluster.meta, then median centers of the clusters will be calculated and arrows will be overlayed to show trajectory inference paths in the current dimmenionality reduction space.

• If add.trajectory.curves is provided a list of matrices (each matrix containing x, y coordinates from start to end), paths and arrows will be overlayed to show trajectory inference curves in the current dimmenionality reduction space. Arrow size is controlled with the trajectory.arrow.size input.

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#### See Also

getGenes and getMetas to see what the var, split.by, etc. options are of an object.

getReductions to see what the reduction use options are of an object.

importDittoBulk for how to create a SingleCellExperiment object from bulk seq data that dittoSeq functions can use & addDimReduction for how to specifically add calculated dimensionality reductions that dittoDimPlot can utilize.

dittoScatterPlot for showing very similar data representations, but where genes or metadata are wanted as the axes.

dittoDimHex and dittoScatterHex for showing very similar data representations, but where nearby cells are summarized together in hexagonal bins.

dittoPlot for an alternative continuous data display method where data broken into discrete groupings is shown on a y- (or x-) axis.

dittoBarPlot for an alternative discrete data display and quantification method.

#### **Examples**

```
example(importDittoBulk, echo = FALSE)
myRNA
# Display discrete data:
dittoDimPlot(myRNA, "clustering")
# Display continuous data:
dittoDimPlot(myRNA, "gene1")
# You can also plot multiple sets of continuous data:
dittoDimPlot(myRNA, c("gene1", "gene2"))
# (See ?multi_dittoDimPlot if you would like to have wholy separate
# plots/scales/legends for each set.)
# To show currently set clustering for seurat objects, you can use "ident".
# To change the dimensional reduction type, use 'reduction.use'.
dittoDimPlot(myRNA, "clustering",
    reduction.use = "pca",
    dim.1 = 3,
    dim.2 = 4)
# Subset to certain cells with cells.use
dittoDimPlot(myRNA, "clustering",
```

```
cells.us = !myRNA$SNP)
# Data can also be split in other ways with 'shape.by' or 'split.by'
dittoDimPlot(myRNA, "gene1",
    shape.by = "clustering"
    split.by = "SNP") # single split.by element
dittoDimPlot(myRNA, "gene1",
    split.by = c("groups","SNP")) # row and col split.by elements
# Modify the look with intuitive inputs
dittoDimPlot(myRNA, "clustering",
    size = 2, opacity = 0.7, show.axes.numbers = FALSE,
    ylab = NULL, xlab = "tSNE",
    main = "Plot Title",
    sub = "subtitle",
    legend.title = "clustering")
# MANY addtional tweaks are possible.
# Also, many extra features are easy to add as well:
dittoDimPlot(myRNA, "clustering",
    do.label = TRUE, do.ellipse = TRUE)
dittoDimPlot(myRNA, "clustering",
    do.label = TRUE, labels.highlight = FALSE, labels.size = 8)
if (requireNamespace("plotly", quietly = TRUE)) {
    dittoDimPlot(myRNA, "gene1", do.hover = TRUE,
        hover.data = c("gene2", "clustering", "timepoint"))
dittoDimPlot(myRNA, "gene1", add.trajectory.lineages = list(c(1,2,4), c(1,3)),
    trajectory.cluster.meta = "clustering",
    sub = "Pseudotime Trajectories")
dittoDimPlot(myRNA, "gene1",
    do.contour = TRUE,
    contour.color = "lightblue", # Optional, black by default
    contour.linetype = "dashed") # Optional, solid by default
\mbox{\tt\#} Plotting ordering can also be adjusted with 'order':
dittoDimPlot(myRNA, "timepoint", size = 20,
    order = "increasing")
dittoDimPlot(myRNA, "timepoint", size = 20,
    order = "decreasing")
dittoDimPlot(myRNA, "timepoint", size = 20,
    order = "randomize")
```

dittoDotPlot

Compact plotting of per group summaries for expression of multiple features

## Description

Compact plotting of per group summaries for expression of multiple features

#### Usage

```
dittoDotPlot(
```

```
object,
 vars,
 group.by,
  scale = TRUE,
  split.by = NULL,
 cells.use = NULL,
 size = 6,
  vars.dir = c("x", "y"),
  categories.split.adjust = TRUE,
 categories.theme.adjust = TRUE,
  split.nrow = NULL,
 split.ncol = NULL,
  split.adjust = list(),
 min.color = "grey90",
 max.color = "#C51B7D",
 min = "make",
 max = NA,
 mid.color = NULL,
 mid = "make",
 summary.fxn.color = function(x) {
    mean(x[x != 0])
 },
 summary.fxn.size = function(x) {
    mean(x != 0)
},
 min.percent = 0.01,
 max.percent = NA,
 assay = .default_assay(object),
 slot = .default_slot(object),
 adjustment = NULL,
  swap.rownames = NULL,
 do.hover = FALSE,
 main = NULL,
 sub = NULL,
 ylab = group.by,
 y.labels = NULL,
 y.reorder = NULL,
 xlab = NULL,
 x.labels.rotate = vars.dir == "x",
 groupings.drop.unused = TRUE,
  theme = theme_classic(),
 legend.show = TRUE,
  legend.color.breaks = waiver(),
  legend.color.breaks.labels = waiver(),
  legend.color.title = "make",
 legend.size.title = "percent\nexpression",
 data.out = FALSE
)
```

## **Arguments**

object A Seurat, SingleCellExperiment, or SummarizedExperiment object.

vars

String vector of gene or metadata names which selects the features to summarize and show. Example: c("gene1", "gene2", "gene3")

Alternatively, a named list of string vectors where names represent category labels, such as associated cell types, and values are the gene or metadata names that you wish to have grouped together. Example: vars = list('Epithelial Cells' = c("gene1", "gene2"), Neuron = c("gene3"))

group.by

String representing the name of a metadata to use for separating the cells/samples into discrete groups.

scale

String which sets whether the values shown with color (default: mean non-zero expression) should be centered and scaled.

split.by

1 or 2 strings naming discrete metadata to use for splitting the cells/samples into multiple plots with ggplot faceting.

- When 2 metadata are named, c(row,col), the first is used as rows and the second is used for columns of the resulting grid.
- When 1 metadata is named, shape control can be achieved with split.nrow and split.ncol
- Note: When vars are provided in list format, to group its contents into categories, that grouping is carried out via faceting and takes up one of the split.by slots.

cells.use

String vector of cells'/samples' names OR an integer vector specifying the indices of cells/samples which should be included.

Alternatively, a Logical vector, the same length as the number of cells in the object, which sets which cells to include.

size

Number which sets the visual dot size associated with the highest value shown by dot size (default: percent non-zero expression).

vars.dir

"x" or "y", sets the axis where vars will be displayed.

categories.split.adjust

Boolean. When TRUE (default), and vars-categories have been provided, improves category display by:

- adding list(switch = "y", scales = "free\_y", space = "free\_y") to the default for split.adjust (or 'x' counterparts depending on vars.dir)
- enforcing that facet\_grid will be used for faceting because facet\_wrap cannot receive the 'space' argument.

categories.theme.adjust

Boolean. When TRUE (default), and vars-categories have been provided, improves category display by adding theme(strip.placement = "outside", strip.background.y = element\_blank()) to the given theme (or 'x' counterpart depending on vars.dir)

split.nrow, split.ncol

Integers which set the dimensions of faceting/splitting when a single metadata is given to split.by.

split.adjust

A named list which allows extra parameters to be pushed through to the faceting function call. List elements should be valid inputs to the faceting functions, e.g. 'list(scales = "free")'.

For options, when giving 1 metadata to split.by, see facet\_wrap, OR when giving 2 metadatas to split.by, see facet\_grid.

min.color, max.color

colors to use for minimum and maximum color values. Default = light grey and purple. Ignored if mid.color given as "ryb", "rwb", or "rgb" which will update these to be "blue" and "red", respectively.

min. max

Numbers which set the values associated with the minimum and maximum colors.

mid.color

NULL (default), "ryb", "rwb", "rgb", or a color to use for the midpoint of a three-color color scale. This parameter acts a switch between using a 2-color scale or a 3-color scale:

- $\bullet$  When left NULL, the 2-color scale runs from  ${\tt min.color}$  to  ${\tt max.color},$ using scale\_fill\_gradient.
- When given a color, the 3-color scale runs from min.color to mid.color to max.color, using scale\_fill\_gradient2.
- When given "ryb", "rwb", or "rgb" serves as a single-point, quick switch to a "standard" 3-color scale by also updating the min. color and max. color. Doing so sets:
  - max.color to a red,
  - min.color to a blue,
  - and mid. color to either a yellow ("ryb"), "white" ("rwb"), or "gray97" ("rgb", gray not green).
  - Actual colors used are inspired by ColorBrewer "RdYlBu" and "RdBu" palettes.

Thus, the 3-color scale runs from a blue to one of a yellow, "white", or "gray97" to a red, using scale\_fill\_gradient2.

Number or "make" (default) which sets the value associated with the mid.color of the three-color scale. Ignored when mid.color is left as NULL. When "make", defaults to midway between what dittoSeq expects to be the minimum and maximum values shown in the legend. (Maps to the 'midpoint' parameter of scale\_fill\_gradient2.)

summary.fxn.color, summary.fxn.size

A function which sets how color or size will be used to summarize variables' data for each group. Any function can be used as long as it takes in a numeric vector and returns a single numeric value.

min.percent, max.percent

Numbers between 0 and 1 which sets the minimum and maximum percent expression to show. When set to NA, the minimum/maximum of the data are used.

assay, slot

single strings or integers (SCEs and SEs) or an optionally named vector of such values that set which expression data to use. See GeneTargeting for specifics and examples - Seurat and SingleCellExperiment objects deal with these differently, and functionality additions in dittoSeq have led to some minimal divergence from the native methodologies.

adjustment

Should expression data be used directly (default) or should it be adjusted to be

- "z-score": scaled with the scale() function to produce a relative-to-mean z-score representation
- "relative.to.max": divided by the maximum expression value to give percent of max values between [0,1]

swap.rownames

optionally named string or string vector. For SummarizedExperiment or Single-CellExperiment objects, its value(s) specifies the column name of rowData(object) to be used to identify features instead of rownames(object). When targeting multiple modalities (alternative experiments), names can be used to specify which level / alternative experiment (use 'main' for the top-level) individual values should be used for. See GeneTargeting for more specifics and examples.

mid

do.hover Logical. Default = FALSE. If set to TRUE the object will be converted to an

interactive plotly object in which underlying data for individual dots will be

displayed when you hover your cursor over them.

main String which sets the plot title.

sub String which sets the plot subtitle.

ylab String which sets the y/grouping-axis label. Default is group.by so it defaults

to the name of the grouping information. Set to NULL to remove.

y.labels String vector, c("label1","label2","label3",...) which overrides the names of the

samples/groups.

y.reorder Integer vector. A sequence of numbers, from 1 to the number of groupings, for

rearranging the order of groupings.

Method: Make a first plot without this input. Then, treating the bottom-most grouping as index 1, and the top-most as index n, values of y.reorder should be these indices, but in the order that you would like them rearranged to be.

Recommendation for advanced users: If you find yourself coming back to this input too many times, an alternative solution that can be easier long-term is to make the target data into a factor, and to put its levels in the desired order: factor(data, levels = c("level1", "level2", ...)). metaLevels can be used to quickly get the identities that need to be part of this 'levels' input.

xlab String which sets the x/var-axis label. Set to NULL to remove.

x.labels.rotate

Logical which sets whether the var-labels should be rotated.

groupings.drop.unused

Logical. TRUE by default. If group.by-data is a factor, factor levels are retained for ordering purposes, but some level(s) can end up with zero cells left after cells.use subsetting. By default, we remove them, but you can set this input

to FALSE to keep them.

theme A ggplot theme which will be applied before dittoSeq adjustments. Default =

 $the \verb|me_classic|(). See \verb|https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference/ggtheme.\\$ 

html for other options and ideas.

legend. show Logical. Whether the legend should be displayed. Default = TRUE.

legend.color.breaks

Numeric vector which sets the discrete values to label in the color-scale legend

for continuous data.

legend.color.breaks.labels

String vector, with same length as legend.breaks, which sets the labels for the

tick marks of the color-scale.

legend.color.title, legend.size.title

String or NULL, sets the title displayed above legend keys.

data.out Logical. When set to TRUE, changes the output, from the plot alone, to a list

containing the plot (p) and data (data).

#### **Details**

This function will output a compact summary of expression of multiple genes, or of values of multiple numeric metadata, across cell/sample groups (clusters, sample identity, conditions, etc.), where dot-size and dot-color are used to reflect distinct features of the data. Typically, and by default, size will reflect the percent of non-zero values, and color will reflect the mean of non-zero values for each var and group pairing.

Internally, the data for each element of vars is obtained. When elements are genes/features, assay and slot are utilized to determine which expression data to use, and adjustment determines if and how the expression data might be adjusted. (Note that 'adjustment' would be applied *before* cells/samples subsetting, and across all groups of cells/samples.)

Groupings are determined using group.by, and then data for each variable is summarized based on summary.fxn.color & summary.fxn.size.

If scale = TRUE (default setting), the color summary values are centered and scaled. Doing so 1) puts values for all vars in a similar range, and 2) emphasizes relative differences between groups.

Finally, data is plotted as dots of differing colors and sizes, with vars along the vars.dir-axis and groupings along the other. Labels along the x-axis can be rotated 45 degrees with x.label.rotate=TRUE, which is on by default when vars.dir=='x'.

#### Value

a ggplot object where dots of different colors and sizes summarize continuous data for multiple features per multiple groups.

Alternatively when data.out = TRUE, a list containing the plot ("p") and the underlying data as a dataframe ("data").

Alternatively when do.hover = TRUE, a plotly converted version of the plot where additional data will be displayed when the cursor is hovered over the dots.

#### Many characteristics of the plot can be adjusted using discrete inputs

- Size of the dots can be changed with size.
- Subsetting to utilize only certain cells/samples can be achieved with cells.use.
- Markers can be grouped into categories by providing them to the vars input as a list, where list element names represent category names, and list element contents are the feature names which each category should contain.
- Colors (2-color scale) can be adjusted with min.color and max.color.
- Coloring can also be switched to a 3-color scale by using the mid.color parameter. For details, see that parameter's description above.
- Displayed value ranges can be adjusted with min and max for color, or min.percent and max.percent for size.
- Titles and axes labels can be adjusted with main, sub, xlab, ylab, legend.color.title, and legend.size.title arguments.
- The legend can be hidden by setting legend. show = FALSE.
- The color legend tick marks and associated labels can be adjusted with legend.color.breaks and legend.color.breaks.labels, respectively.
- The groupings labels and order can be changed using y.labels and y.reorder
- Rotation of x-axis labels can be turned off with x.labels.rotate = FALSE.

## Author(s)

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#### See Also

dittoPlotVarsAcrossGroups for a different method of summarizing expression of multiple features across distinct groups that can be better (and more compact) when the mapping of values to individual genes among the requested set are unimportant.

dittoPlot and multi\_dittoPlot for plotting of expression and metadata vars, each as separate plots, on a per cell/sample basis.

#### **Examples**

```
example(importDittoBulk, echo = FALSE)
# These random data don't mimic dropout, so we'll add some zeros.
logcounts(myRNA)[
    matrix(
        sample(c(TRUE,FALSE), ncol(myRNA)*10, p=c(.2,.8), replace = TRUE),
    )] <- 0
dittoDotPlot(
    myRNA, c("gene1", "gene2", "gene3", "gene4"),
    group.by = "clustering")
# 'size' adjusts the dot-size associated with the highest percent expression
dittoDotPlot(myRNA, c("gene1", "gene2", "gene3", "gene4"), "clustering",
    size = 12)
# 'scale' input can be used to control / turn off scaling of avg exp values.
dittoDotPlot(myRNA, c("gene1", "gene2", "gene3", "gene4"), "clustering",
    scale = FALSE)
# x-axis label rotation can be controlled with 'x.labels.rotate'
dittoDotPlot(myRNA, c("gene1", "gene2", "gene3", "gene4"), "clustering",
    x.labels.rotate = FALSE)
# The axis that vars get shown on can be swapped with the 'vars.dir' input.
dittoDotPlot(myRNA, c("gene1", "gene2", "gene3", "gene4"), "clustering",
    vars.dir = "y")
# Titles are adjustable via various discrete inputs:
dittoDotPlot(myRNA, c("gene1", "gene2", "gene3", "gene4"), "clustering",
    main = "Title",
    sub = "Subtitle"
    ylab = "y-axis label",
    xlab = "x-axis label"
    legend.color.title = "Colors title",
    legend.size.title = "Dot size title")
# You can also bin vars into groups by providing them in a named list:
dittoDotPlot(myRNA, group.by = "clustering",
    vars = list(
        'Naive' = c("gene1", "gene2"),
        'Stimulated' = c("gene3", "gene4")
# The 'categories.split.adjust' and 'categories.theme.adjust' arguments then
```

```
# control whether 'split.adjust' and 'theme' input contents, respectively,
   will be added to in ways that make these categories actually appear, and
   work, like categories.
\mbox{\tt\#} They both default to TRUE, and the axis they affect follows 'vars.dir'.
dittoDotPlot(myRNA, group.by = "clustering",
    vars = list(Naive = c("gene1", "gene2"), Stimulated = c("gene3"))
dittoDotPlot(myRNA, group.by = "clustering",
    vars = list(Naive = c("gene1", "gene2"), Stimulated = c("gene3")),
    split.by = "conditions"
dittoDotPlot(myRNA, group.by = "clustering",
    vars = list(Naive = c("gene1", "gene2"), Stimulated = c("gene3")),
    categories.split.adjust = FALSE,
    categories.theme.adjust = FALSE
# Now with 'vars.dir' changed to 'y'...
dittoDotPlot(myRNA, group.by = "clustering",
    vars = list(Naive = c("gene1", "gene2"), Stimulated = c("gene3")),
    vars.dir = "v"
dittoDotPlot(myRNA, group.by = "clustering",
    vars = list(Naive = c("gene1", "gene2"), Stimulated = c("gene3")),
    split.by = "conditions",
    vars.dir = "y"
)
# Coloring can be swapped from the default 2-color scale to a 3-color scale
# by using the 'mid.color' input:
dittoDotPlot(myRNA, c("gene1", "gene2", "gene3", "gene4"), "clustering",
    mid.color = "white"
# Setting it to "ryb", "rgb", or "rwb" quickly updates this input as well as
   'min.color' and 'max.color', making the affect of these next two calls
  equivalent:
dittoDotPlot(myRNA, c("gene1", "gene2", "gene3", "gene4"), "clustering",
    mid.color = "rgb"
dittoDotPlot(myRNA, c("gene1", "gene2", "gene3", "gene4"), "clustering",
    min.color = "#2166AC", # (blue)
    mid.color = "gray97", # (gray)
    max.color = "#B2182B" # (red)
)
# For certain specialized applications, it may be helpful to adjust the
   functions used for summarizing the data as well. Inputs are:
   summary.fxn.color & summary.fxn.size
      Requirement for each: Any function that takes in a numeric vector &
      returns, as output, a single numeric value.
dittoDotPlot(myRNA, c("gene1", "gene2", "gene3", "gene4"), "clustering",
    summary.fxn.color = mean,
    legend.color.title = "mean\nexpression\nincluding 0s",
    x.labels.rotate = FALSE,
    scale = FALSE)
```

dittoFreqPlot

Plot cell type/cluster/identity frequencies per sample and per grouping

## **Description**

Plot cell type/cluster/identity frequencies per sample and per grouping

## Usage

```
dittoFreqPlot(
  object,
  var,
  sample.by = NULL,
  group.by,
  color.by = group.by,
  vars.use = NULL,
  scale = c("percent", "count"),
  max.normalize = FALSE,
  plots = c("boxplot", "jitter"),
  split.nrow = NULL,
  split.ncol = NULL,
  split.adjust = list(),
  cells.use = NULL,
  data.out = FALSE,
  do.hover = FALSE,
  color.panel = dittoColors(),
  colors = seq_along(color.panel),
  y.breaks = NULL,
  min = 0,
  max = NA,
  var.labels.rename = NULL,
  var.labels.reorder = NULL,
  x.labels = NULL,
  x.labels.rotate = TRUE,
  x.reorder = NULL,
  theme = theme_classic(),
  xlab = group.by,
  ylab = "make",
  main = "make",
  sub = NULL,
  jitter.size = 1,
  jitter.width = 0.2,
  jitter.color = "black",
  jitter.position.dodge = boxplot.position.dodge,
  do.raster = FALSE,
  raster.dpi = 300,
  boxplot.width = 0.4,
  boxplot.color = "black",
  boxplot.show.outliers = NA,
  boxplot.outlier.size = 1.5,
  boxplot.fill = TRUE,
```

```
boxplot.position.dodge = vlnplot.width,
 boxplot.lineweight = 1,
 vlnplot.lineweight = 1,
 vlnplot.width = 1,
 vlnplot.scaling = "area",
 vlnplot.quantiles = NULL,
 ridgeplot.lineweight = 1,
 ridgeplot.scale = 1.25,
 ridgeplot.ymax.expansion = NA,
 ridgeplot.shape = c("smooth", "hist"),
 ridgeplot.bins = 30,
 ridgeplot.binwidth = NULL,
 add.line = NULL,
 line.linetype = "dashed",
 line.color = "black",
 legend.show = TRUE,
 legend.title = color.by
)
```

#### **Arguments**

A Seurat, SingleCellExperiment, or SummarizedExperiment object. object

String name of a metadata that contains discrete data, or a factor or vector convar

taining such data for all cells/samples in the target object.

String name of a metadata containing which samples each cell belongs to. sample.by

> Note that when this is not provided, there will only be one data point per grouping. A warning can be expected then for all plots options except "jitter", but this can be a useful exercise when simply trying to quantify cell type frequency fluctuations among 2 particular metadata (given to group.by & color.by)

combinations.

String representing the name of a metadata to use for separating the cells/samples

into discrete groups.

color.by String representing the name of a metadata to use for setting fills. Great for

highlighting supersets or subgroups when wanted, but it defaults to group.by

so this input can be skipped otherwise.

String or string vector naming a subset of the values of var-data which should vars.use

be shown. If left as NULL, all values are shown.

Hint: use metaLevels or unique(<var-data>) to assess options.

Note: When var.labels.rename is jointly utilized to update how the varvalues are shown, the **updated** values must be used.

"count" or "percent". Sets whether data should be shown as counts versus per-

Logical which sets whether the data for each var-data value (each facet) should

be normalized to have the same maximum value.

When set to TRUE, lower frequency var-values will make use of just as much plot space as higher frequency vars.

String vector which sets the types of plots to include: possibilities = "jitter",

"boxplot", "vlnplot", "ridgeplot".

Order matters: c("vlnplot", "boxplot", "jitter") will put a violin plot in the back,

boxplot in the middle, and then individual dots in the front.

group.by

scale

max.normalize

plots

See details section for more info.

split.nrow, split.ncol

Integers which set the dimensions of the facet grid. (the split.nrow and split.ncol equivalent of other functions)

split.adjust

A named list which allows extra parameters to be pushed through to the faceting function call. List elements should be valid inputs to the faceting functions, e.g. 'list(scales = "free")'.

Faceting for this dittoFreqPlot is always by the var-data, so see facet\_wrap for options.

cells.use

String vector of cells' (/samples' for bulk data) names OR an integer vector specifying the indices of cells/samples which should be included.

Alternatively, a Logical vector, the same length as the number of cells in the object, which sets which cells to include.

data.out

Logical. When set to TRUE, changes the output, from the plot alone, to a list containing the plot (p) and data (data).

do.hover

Logical. Default = FALSE. If set to TRUE: object will be converted to a ggplotly object so that data about individual cells will be displayed when you hover your cursor over the jitter points (assuming that there is a "jitter" in plots),

color.panel

String vector which sets the colors to draw from for plot fills. Default = dittoColors().

colors

Integer vector, the indexes / order, of colors from color.panel to actually use. (Provides an alternative to directly modifying color.panel.)

y.breaks

Numeric vector, a set of breaks that should be used as major gridlines. c(break1,break2,break3,etc.).

min.max

Scalars which control the zoom of the plot. These inputs set the minimum / maximum values of the data to display. Default = NA, which allows ggplot to set these limits based on the range of all data being shown.

var.labels.rename

String vector for renaming the distinct identities of var-values.

Hint: use metaLevels or unique(<var-data>) to assess current values.

var.labels.reorder

Integer vector. A sequence of numbers, from 1 to the number of distinct varvalue identities, for rearranging the order of facets within the plot space.

Method: Make a first plot without this input. Then, treating the top-left-most grouping as index 1, and the bottom-right-most as index n. Values of var.labels.reorder should be these indices, but in the order that you would like them rearranged to be.

x.labels

String vector, c("label1","label2","label3",...) which overrides the names of groupings.

x.labels.rotate

Logical which sets whether the labels should be rotated. Default: TRUE for violin and box plots, but FALSE for ridgeplots.

x.reorder

Integer vector. A sequence of numbers, from 1 to the number of groupings, for rearranging the order of x-axis groupings.

Method: Make a first plot without this input. Then, treating the leftmost grouping as index 1, and the rightmost as index n. Values of x.reorder should be these indices, but in the order that you would like them rearranged to be.

Recommendation for advanced users: If you find yourself coming back to this input too many times, an alternative solution that can be easier long-term is to make the target data into a factor, and to put its levels in the desired order: factor(data, levels = c("level1", "level2", ...)). metaLevels can be used to quickly get the identities that need to be part of this 'levels' input.

theme A ggplot theme which will be applied before dittoSeq adjustments. Default =

theme\_classic(). See https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference/ggtheme.

html for other options and ideas.

xlab String which sets the grouping-axis label (=x-axis for box and violin plots, y-

axis for ridgeplots). Set to NULL to remove.

String, sets the continuous-axis label (=y-axis for box and violin plots, x-axis for ylab

ridgeplots). Default = "make" and if left as make, a title will be automatically

generated.

String, sets the plot title. Default = "make" and if left as make, a title will be main

automatically generated. To remove, set to NULL.

String, sets the plot subtitle sub

jitter.size Scalar which sets the size of the jitter shapes.

jitter.width Scalar that sets the width/spread of the jitter in the x direction. Ignored in ridge-

Note for when color. by is used to split x-axis groupings into additional bins: ggplot does not shrink jitter widths accordingly, so be sure to do so yourself!

Ideally, needs to be 0.5/num\_subgroups.

jitter.color String which sets the color of the jitter shapes

jitter.position.dodge

Scalar which adjusts the relative distance between jitter widths when multiple subgroups exist per group.by grouping (a.k.a. when group.by and color.by are not equal). Similar to boxplot.position.dodge input & defaults to the value of that input so that BOTH will actually be adjusted when only, say,

boxplot.position.dodge = 0.3 is given.

Logical. When set to TRUE, rasterizes the jitter plot layer, changing it from do.raster

> individually encoded points to a flattened set of pixels. This can be useful for editing in external programs (e.g. Illustrator) when there are many thousands of

data points.

raster.dpi Number indicating dots/pixels per inch (dpi) to use for rasterization. Default =

Scalar which sets the width/spread of the boxplot in the x direction boxplot.width

boxplot.color String which sets the color of the lines of the boxplot

boxplot.show.outliers

Logical, whether outliers should by including in the boxplot. Default is FALSE when there is a jitter plotted, TRUE if there is no jitter.

boxplot.outlier.size

Scalar which adjusts the size of points used to mark outliers

boxplot.fill Logical, whether the boxplot should be filled in or not. Known bug: when

boxplot fill is turned off, outliers do not render.

boxplot.position.dodge

Scalar which adjusts the relative distance between boxplots when multiple are drawn per grouping (a.k.a. when group. by and color. by are not equal). By default, this input actually controls the value of jitter.position.dodge unless

the jitter version is provided separately.

boxplot.lineweight

Scalar which adjusts the thickness of boxplot lines.

vlnplot.lineweight

Scalar which sets the thickness of the line that outlines the violin plots.

vlnplot.width Scalar which sets the width/spread of violin plots in the x direction vlnplot.scaling

String which sets how the widths of the of violin plots are set in relation to each other. Options are "area", "count", and "width". If the default is not right for your data, I recommend trying "width". For an explanation of each, see geom\_violin.

vlnplot.quantiles

Single number or numeric vector of values in [0,1] naming quantiles at which to draw a horizontal line within each violin plot. Example: c(0.1, 0.5, 0.9)

ridgeplot.lineweight

Scalar which sets the thickness of the ridgeplot outline.

ridgeplot.scale

Scalar which sets the distance/overlap between ridgeplots. A value of 1 means the tallest density curve just touches the baseline of the next higher one. Higher numbers lead to greater overlap. Default = 1.25

ridgeplot.ymax.expansion

Scalar which adjusts the minimal space between the top-most grouping and the top of the plot in order to ensure that the curve is not cut off by the plotting grid. The larger the value, the greater the space requested. When left as NA, dittoSeq will attempt to determine an ideal value itself based on the number of groups & linear interpolation between these goal posts: 0.6 when g <= 3, 0.1 when g == 12, and 0.05 when g >= 34, where g is the number of groups.

ridgeplot.shape

Either "smooth" or "hist", sets whether ridges will be smoothed (the typical, and default) versus rectangular like a histogram. (Note: as of the time shape "hist" was added, combination of jittered points is not supported by the stat\_binline that dittoSeq relies on.)

ridgeplot.bins Integer which sets how many chunks to break the x-axis into when ridgeplot.shape = "hist". Overridden by ridgeplot.binwidth when that input is provided.

ridgeplot.binwidth

Integer which sets the width of chunks to break the x-axis into when ridgeplot. shape = "hist". Takes precedence over ridgeplot.bins when provided.

add.line numeric value(s) where one or multiple line(s) should be added

line.linetype String which sets the type of line for add.line. Defaults to "dashed", but any

ggplot linetype will work.

line.color String that sets the color(s) of the add.line line(s)

legend. show Logical. Whether the legend should be displayed. Default = TRUE.

legend.title String or NULL, sets the title for the main legend which includes colors and data

representations.

#### **Details**

The function creates a dataframe containing counts and percent makeup of var identities per sample if sample.by is given, or per group if only group.by is given. color.by can optionally be used to add subgroupings to calculations and ultimate plots, or to convey super-groups of group.by groupings.

Typically, var will be pointed to clustering or cell type annotations, but in truth it can be given any discrete data.

If a set of cells to use is indicated with the cells.use input, only those cells/samples are used for counts and percent makeup calculations.

If a set of var-values to show is indicated with the vars. use input, the data frame is trimmed at the end to include only corresponding rows.

If max.normalized is set to TRUE, counts and percent data are transformed to a 0-1 scale, which makes better use of white space for lower frequency var-values.

Either percent of total (scale = "percent"), which is the default, or counts (if scale = "count") data is then (gg)plotted with the data representation types in plots by utilizing the same machinery as dittoPlot. Faceting by var-data values is utilized to achieve per var-value (e.g. cluster or cell type) granularity.

See below for additional customization options!

#### Value

A ggplot plot where frequencies of discrete data, grouped by sample, condition, etc., is shown on the y-axis by a violin plot, boxplot, and/or jittered points, or on the x-axis by a ridgeplot with or without jittered points.

Alternatively, if data.out = TRUE, a list containing the plot ("p") and a dataframe of the underlying data ("data").

Alternatively, if do.hover = TRUE, a plotly conversion of the ggplot output in which underlying data can be retrieved upon hovering the cursor over the plot.

#### **Calculation Details**

The function is restricted in that each samples' cells, indicated by the unique values of sample.by-data, must exist within single group.by and color.by groupings. Thus, in order to ensure all valid var-data composition data points are generated, prior to calculations...

- var-data are ensured to be a factor, which ensures a calculation will be run for every var-value (a.k.a. cell type or cluster)
- group.by-data and color-by-data are treated as non-factor data, which ensures that calculations are run only for the groupings that each sample is associated with.

#### **Plot Customization**

The plots argument determines the types of **data representation** that will be generated, as well as their order from back to front. Options are "jitter", "boxplot", "vlnplot", and "ridgeplot".

Each plot type has specific associated options which are controlled by variables that start with their associated string. For example, all jitter adjustments start with "jitter.", such as jitter.size and jitter.width.

Inclusion of "ridgeplot" overrides "boxplot" and "vlnplot" presence and changes the plot to be horizontal.

Additionally:

- Colors can be adjusted with color.panel.
- **Subgroupings:** color.by can be utilized to split major group.by groupings into subgroups. When this is done in y-axis plotting, dittoSeq automatically ensures the centers of all geoms will align, but users will need to manually adjust jitter.width to less than 0.5/num\_subgroups to avoid overlaps. There are also three inputs through which one can use to control geom-center placement, but the easiest way to do all at once so is to just adjust vlnplot.width! The other two: boxplot.position.dodge, and jitter.position.dodge.

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• Line(s) can be added at single or multiple value(s) by providing these values to add.line. Linetype and color are set with line.linetype, which is "dashed" by default, and line.color, which is "black" by default.

- **Titles and axes labels** can be adjusted with main, sub, xlab, ylab, and legend.title arguments.
- The **legend can be hidden** by setting legend. show = FALSE.
- y-axis zoom and tick marks can be adjusted using min, max, and y.breaks.
- x-axis labels and groupings can be changed / reordered using x.labels and x.reorder, and rotation of these labels can be turned on/off with x.labels.rotate = TRUE/FALSE.

#### Author(s)

**Daniel Bunis** 

### See Also

dittoBarPlot for a data representation that emphasizes total makeup of samples/groups rather than focusing on the var-data values individually.

# **Examples**

```
# Establish some workable example data
example(importDittoBulk, echo = FALSE)
myRNA1 <- myRNA
colnames(myRNA) <- paste0(colnames(myRNA), "_1")</pre>
example(importDittoBulk, echo = FALSE)
myRNA <- cbind(myRNA, myRNA1)</pre>
myRNA <- setBulk(myRNA, FALSE)</pre>
myRNA$sample <- rep(1:12, each = 10)
myRNA$groups <- rep(c("A", "B"), each = 60)
myRNA$subgroups <- rep(as.character(c(1:3,1:3,1:3,1:3)), each = 10)
myRNA
# There are three main inputs for this function, in addition to 'object'.
# var = typically this will be cell types annotations or clustering
# sample.by = the name of a metadata containing sample assignment of cells.
# group.by = how to group the data on the x-axis (y-axis for ridgeplots)
dittoFreqPlot(myRNA,
   var = "clustering"
    sample.by = "sample",
    group.by = "groups")
# 'color.by' can also be set differently from 'group.by' to have the effect
# of highlighting supersets or subgroupings:
dittoFreqPlot(myRNA, "clustering",
    group.by = "groups",
    sample.by = "sample";
    color.by = "subgroups")
# The var-values shown can be subset with 'vars.use'
dittoFreqPlot(myRNA, "clustering",
    group.by = "groups", sample.by = "sample", color.by = "subgroups",
    vars.use = 1:2)
# Lower frequency groups can be expanded to use the entire y-axis by:
```

```
# turning on 'max.normalize'-ation:
dittoFreqPlot(myRNA, "clustering",
    group.by = "groups", sample.by = "sample", color.by = "subgroups",
    max.normalize = TRUE)
# or by setting y-scale limits to be set by the contents of facets:
dittoFreqPlot(myRNA, "clustering",
    group.by = "groups", sample.by = "sample", color.by = "subgroups",
    split.adjust = list(scales = "free_y"))
# Data representations can also be selected and reordered with the 'plots'
# input, and further adjusted with inputs applying to each representation.
dittoFreqPlot(myRNA,
    var = "clustering", sample.by = "sample", group.by = "groups",
    plots = c("vlnplot", "boxplot", "jitter"),
    vlnplot.lineweight = 0.2,
    boxplot.fill = FALSE,
    boxplot.lineweight = 0.2)
# Finally, 'sample.by' is not technically required. When not given, a
# single-datapoint of overall composition stats will be shown for each
# grouping.
# Just note, all data representation other than "jitter" will complain
# due to there only being the one datapoint per group.
dittoFreqPlot(myRNA,
    var = "clustering", group.by = "groups", color.by = "subgroups",
    plots = "jitter")
```

dittoHeatmap

Outputs a heatmap of given genes

#### **Description**

Given a set of genes, cells/samples, and metadata names for column annotations, this function will retrieve the expression data for those genes and cells, and the annotation data for those cells. It will then utilize these data to make a heatmap using the pheatmap function of either the pheatmap (default) or ComplexHeatmap package.

### Usage

```
dittoHeatmap(
  object,
  genes = getGenes(object, assay),
  metas = NULL,
  cells.use = NULL,
  annot.by = NULL,
  order.by = .default_order(object, annot.by),
  main = NA,
  cell.names.meta = NULL,
  assay = .default_assay(object),
  slot = .default_slot(object),
  swap.rownames = NULL,
```

```
heatmap.colors = colorRampPalette(c("blue", "white", "red"))(50),
  scaled.to.max = FALSE.
  heatmap.colors.max.scaled = colorRampPalette(c("white", "red"))(25),
  annot.colors = c(dittoColors(), dittoColors(1)[seq_len(7)]),
  annotation_col = NULL,
  annotation_colors = NULL,
  data.out = FALSE,
 highlight.features = NULL,
  show_colnames = isBulk(object),
  show_rownames = TRUE,
  scale = "row",
  cluster_cols = isBulk(object),
  border_color = NA,
  legend_breaks = NA,
  drop_levels = FALSE,
 breaks = NA,
  complex = FALSE,
)
```

### **Arguments**

object A Seurat, SingleCellExperiment, or SummarizedExperiment object.

genes String vector, c("gene1", "gene2", "gene3",...) = the list of genes to put in the

heatmap. If not provided, defaults to all genes of the object / assay.

metas String vector, c("meta1","meta2","meta3",...) = the list of metadata variables to

put in the heatmap.

cells.use String vector of cells'/samples' names OR an integer vector specifying the in-

dices of cells/samples which should be included.

Alternatively, a Logical vector, the same length as the number of cells in the

object, which sets which cells to include.

annot.by String name of any metadata slots containing how the cells/samples should be

annotated.

order.by Single string, string vector, or numeric vector which sets how cells/samples

(columns) will be ordered when cluster\_cols = FALSE.

Strings should be the name of a gene, or metadata slot, but can also be multiple

such values in order of priority.

Alternatively, can be a numeric vector which gives the column index order di-

rectly.

main String that sets the title for the heatmap.

cell.names.meta

quoted "name" of a meta.data slot to use for naming the columns instead of using

the raw cell/sample names.

assay, slot single strings or integers (SCEs and SEs) or an optionally named vector of such

values that set which expression data to use. See GeneTargeting for specifics and examples – Seurat and SingleCellExperiment objects deal with these differently, and functionality additions in dittoSeq have led to some minimal diver-

gence from the native methodologies.

swap.rownames optionally named string or string vector. For SummarizedExperiment or Single-

CellExperiment objects, its value(s) specifies the column name of rowData(object)

> to be used to identify features instead of rownames(object). When targeting multiple modalities (alternative experiments), names can be used to specify which level / alternative experiment (use 'main' for the top-level) individual values should be used for. See GeneTargeting for more specifics and examples.

heatmap.colors the colors to use within the heatmap when (default setting) scaled.to.max is set to FALSE. Default is a ramp from navy to white to red with 50 slices.

Logical, FALSE by default, which sets whether expression shoud be scaled bescaled.to.max tween [0, 1]. This is recommended for single-cell datasets as they are generally enriched in 0s.

heatmap.colors.max.scaled

the colors to use within the heatmap when scaled. to. max is set to TRUE. Default is a ramp from white to red with 25 slices.

String (color) vector where each color will be assigned to an individual annotaannot.colors tion in the generated annotation bars.

Logical. When set to TRUE, changes the output from the heatmat itself, to a list data.out containing all arguments that would have be passed to pheatmap for heatmap generation. (Can be useful for troubleshooting or customization.)

highlight.features

String vector of genes/metadata whose names you would like to show. Only these genes/metadata will be named in the resulting heatmap.

show\_colnames, show\_rownames, scale, annotation\_col, annotation\_colors arguments passed to pheatmap that are over-ruled by certain dittoHeatmap functionality:

- show colnames (& labels col): if cell.names.meta is provided, pheatmaps's labels\_col is utilized to show these names and show\_colnames parameter is set to TRUE.
- show\_rownames (& labels\_row): if feature names are provided to highlight.features, pheatmap's labels\_row is utilized to show just these features' names and show\_rownames parameter is set to TRUE.
- scale: when parameter scaled. to. max is set to true, pheatmap's scale is set to "none" and the max scaling is performed prior to the pheatmap call.
- annotation\_col: Can be provided as normal by the user and any metadata given to annot. by will then be appended.
- annotation\_colors: dittoHeatmap fills this complicated-to-produce input in automatically by pulling from the colors given to annot.colors, but it is possible to set all or some manually. dittoSeq will just fill any left out annotations. Format is a named (annotation col & annotation row colnames) character vector list where individual color values can also be named.

cluster\_cols, border\_color, legend\_breaks, breaks, drop\_levels, . . .

other arguments passed to pheatmap directly (or to pheatmap if complex = TRUE).

Logical which sets whether the heatmap should be generated with Complex-Heatmap (TRUE) versus pheatmap (FALSE, default).

### **Details**

This function serves as a wrapper for creating heatmaps from bulk or single-cell RNAseq data with pheatmap::pheatmap, by essentially automating the data extraction and annotation building steps. (Or alternatively with ComplexHeatmap::pheatmap if complex is set to true.

complex

The function will extract the expression matrix for a set of genes and/or an optional subset of cells / samples to use via cells.use, This matrix is either left as is, default (for scaling within the ultimate call to pheatmap), or if scaled.to.max = TRUE, is scaled by dividing each row by its maximum value.

When provided with a set of metadata slot names to use for building annotations (with the annot.by input), the relevant metadata is retrieved from the object and compiled into a pheatmap-ready annotation\_col input. The input annot.colors is used to establish the set of colors that should be used for building a pheatmap-ready annotation\_colors input as well, unless such an input has been provided by the user. See below for further details.

#### Value

A pheatmap object.

Alternatively, if complex is set to TRUE, a Heatmap

Alternatively, if data.out is set to TRUE, a list containing all arguments that would have be passed to pheatmap to generate such a heatmap.

### Many additional characteristics of the plot can be adjusted using discrete inputs

- The cells can be ordered in a set way using the order.by input.

  Such ordering happens by default for single-cell RNAseq data when any metadata are provided to annot.by as it is often unfeasible to cluster thousands of cells.
- A plot title can be added with main.
- Gene or cell/sample names can be hidden with show\_rownames and show\_colnames, respectively, or...
  - Particular features can also be selected for labeling using the highlight. features input.
  - Names of all cells/samples can be replaced with the contents of a metadata slot using the cell.names.meta input.
- Additional tweaks are possible through use of pheatmap inputs which will be directly passed through. Some examples of useful pheatmap parameters are:
  - cluster\_cols and cluster\_rows for controlling clustering. Note: cluster\_cols will always be over-written to be FALSE when the input order.by is used above.
  - treeheight\_row and treeheight\_col for setting how large the trees on the side/top should be drawn.
  - cutree\_col and cutree\_row for spliting the heatmap based on kmeans clustering
- When complex is set to TRUE, additional inputs for the Heatmap function can be given as well. Some examples:
  - use\_raster to have the heatmap rasterized/flattened to pixels which can make working with large heatmaps in a figure editor, like Illustrator, simpler.
  - name to give the heatmap color scale a custom title.

# **Customized annotations**

In typical operation, dittoHeatmap pulls metadata annotations given to annot.by to build a pheatmap-annotation\_col input, then it uses the colors provided to annot.colors to create the pheatmap-annotation\_colors input which sets the annotation coloring. Specifically...

• colors for the values of **discrete** metadata are pulled from the *start* of the annot.colors vector, in the order that they are given to annot.by

• colors for the values of **continuous** metadata are pulled from the *end* of the annot.colors vector, in the order that they are given to annot.by

To customize colors or add additional column or row annotations, users can also provide annotation\_colors, annotation\_col, or annotation\_row pheatmap-inputs directly. General structure is described below, but see <a href="mailto:pheatmap">pheatmap</a> for additional details and examples.

- annotation\_col = a data.frame with rownames of the barcodes/names of all cells/samples in the dataset & columns representing annotations. Names of columns are used as the annotation titles. \*dittoSeq will append any annot.by annotations to this dataframe.
- annotation\_row = a data.frame with rownames of the genes/feature of the dataset & columns representing annotations. Names of columns are used as the annotation titles.
- annotation\_colors = a named list of string (color) vectors. Vectors must be named by the row or column annotation title that they are associated with. Optionally, individual colors can be named with the values that they should be associated with.

Partial annotation\_colors lists (containing vectors for only certain annotations) will have colors for left out annotations filled in automatically. For such filling, annot.colors are pulled for column annotations first, then for row annotations.

#### Author(s)

Daniel Bunis and Jared Andrews

#### See Also

pheatmap::pheatmap, for how to add additional heatmap tweaks, OR or ComplexHeatmap::pheatmap and Heatmap for when you want to turn on rasterization or any additional customizations offered by this fantastic package.

metaLevels for helping to create manual annotation\_colors inputs. This function universally checks the options/levels of a string, factor (filled only by default), or numerical metadata.

### **Examples**

```
example(importDittoBulk, echo = FALSE)
scRNA <- setBulk(myRNA, FALSE)</pre>
# We now have two SCEs for our example purposes:
  # 'myRNA' will be treated as a bulk RNAseq dataset
  # 'scRNA' will be treated as a single-cell RNAseq dataset
# Pick a set of genes
genes <- getGenes(myRNA)[1:30]</pre>
# Make a heatmap with cells/samples annotated by their clusters
dittoHeatmap(myRNA, genes,
    annot.by = "clustering")
# For single-cell data, you will typically have more cells than can be
# clustered quickly. Thus, cell clustering is turned off by default for
# single-cell data.
dittoHeatmap(scRNA, genes,
    annot.by = "clustering")
# Using the 'order.by' input:
   Ordering by a useful metadata or gene is often helpful.
```

```
For single-cell data, order.by defaults to the first element given to
      annot.by.
   For bulk data, order.by must be set separately.
dittoHeatmap(myRNA, genes,
    annot.by = "clustering";
    order.by = "clustering",
    cluster_cols = FALSE)
# 'order.by' can be multiple metadata/genes, or a vector of indexes directly
dittoHeatmap(scRNA, genes,
    annot.by = "clustering",
    order.by = c("clustering", "timepoint"))
dittoHeatmap(scRNA, genes,
    annot.by = "clustering",
    order.by = ncol(scRNA):1)
# When there are many cells, showing names becomes less useful.
  Names can be turned off with the 'show_colnames' parameter.
dittoHeatmap(scRNA, genes,
    annot.by = "groups",
    show_colnames = FALSE)
# When theree are many many cells & genes, rasterization can be super useful
   Rasterization, or flattening of the distinct color objects to a matrix of
   pixels, is the default for large heatmaps in the ComplexHeatmap\ package,
   and you can have the heatmap rendered with this package (rather than the
   pheatmap package) by setting 'complex = TRUE'.
   Our data here is too small to hit that defaulting switch, so lets give
   the direct input, 'use_raster' as well:
if (requireNamespace("ComplexHeatmap")) { # Checks if you have the package.}
    dittoHeatmap(scRNA, genes, annot.by = "groups", show_colnames = FALSE,
        complex = TRUE,
        use_raster = TRUE)
}
# Additionally, it is recommended for single-cell data that the parameter
   scaled.to.max be set to TRUE, or scale be "none" and turned off altogether,
   because these data are generally enriched for zeros that otherwise get
    scaled to a negative value.
dittoHeatmap(myRNA, genes, annot.by = "groups",
    order.by = "groups", show_colnames = FALSE,
    scaled.to.max = TRUE)
```

dittoHex

Show RNAseq data, grouped into hexagonal bins, on a scatter or dimensionality reduction plot

## **Description**

Show RNAseq data, grouped into hexagonal bins, on a scatter or dimensionality reduction plot

#### Usage

```
dittoDimHex(
  object,
  color.var = NULL,
  bins = 30,
  color.method = NULL,
  reduction.use = .default_reduction(object),
  dim.1 = 1,
  dim.2 = 2,
  cells.use = NULL,
  color.panel = dittoColors(),
  colors = seq_along(color.panel),
  split.by = NULL,
  extra.vars = NULL,
  multivar.split.dir = c("col", "row"),
  split.nrow = NULL,
  split.ncol = NULL,
  split.adjust = list(),
  assay = .default_assay(object),
  slot = .default_slot(object),
  adjustment = NULL,
  swap.rownames = NULL,
  assay.extra = assay,
  slot.extra = slot,
  adjustment.extra = adjustment,
  show.axes.numbers = TRUE,
  show.grid.lines = !grepl("umap|tsne", tolower(reduction.use)),
  main = "make",
  sub = NULL,
  xlab = "make",
  ylab = "make",
  theme = theme_bw(),
  do.contour = FALSE,
  contour.color = "black",
  contour.linetype = 1,
  min.density = NA,
  max.density = NA,
  min.color = "#F0E442",
  max.color = "#0072B2",
  min.opacity = 0.2,
  max.opacity = 1,
  min = NA,
  max = NA,
  rename.color.groups = NULL,
  do.ellipse = FALSE,
  do.label = FALSE,
  labels.size = 5,
  labels.highlight = TRUE,
  labels.repel = TRUE,
  labels.split.by = split.by,
  labels.repel.adjust = list(),
  add.trajectory.lineages = NULL,
```

```
add.trajectory.curves = NULL,
  trajectory.cluster.meta,
  trajectory.arrow.size = 0.15,
  data.out = FALSE,
  legend.show = TRUE,
  legend.color.title = "make",
  legend.color.breaks = waiver(),
  legend.color.breaks.labels = waiver(),
  legend.density.title = if (isBulk(object)) "Samples" else "Cells",
  legend.density.breaks = waiver(),
  legend.density.breaks.labels = waiver()
)
dittoScatterHex(
  object,
  x.var,
  y.var,
  color.var = NULL,
  bins = 30,
  color.method = NULL,
  split.by = NULL,
  extra.vars = NULL,
  cells.use = NULL,
  color.panel = dittoColors(),
  colors = seq_along(color.panel),
  multivar.split.dir = c("col", "row"),
  split.nrow = NULL,
  split.ncol = NULL,
  split.adjust = list(),
  assay.x = .default_assay(object),
  slot.x = .default_slot(object),
  adjustment.x = NULL,
  assay.y = .default_assay(object),
  slot.y = .default_slot(object),
  adjustment.y = NULL,
  assay.color = .default_assay(object),
  slot.color = .default_slot(object),
  adjustment.color = NULL,
  assay.extra = .default_assay(object),
  slot.extra = .default_slot(object),
  adjustment.extra = NULL,
  swap.rownames = NULL,
  min.density = NA,
  max.density = NA,
  min.color = "#F0E442",
  max.color = "#0072B2",
  min.opacity = 0.2,
  max.opacity = 1,
  min = NA,
  max = NA,
  rename.color.groups = NULL,
  xlab = x.var,
```

```
ylab = y.var,
 main = "make".
  sub = NULL,
  theme = theme_bw(),
  do.contour = FALSE,
  contour.color = "black",
  contour.linetype = 1,
  do.ellipse = FALSE,
  do.label = FALSE,
  labels.size = 5,
  labels.highlight = TRUE,
  labels.repel = TRUE,
  labels.split.by = split.by,
  labels.repel.adjust = list(),
  add.trajectory.lineages = NULL,
  add.trajectory.curves = NULL,
  trajectory.cluster.meta,
  trajectory.arrow.size = 0.15,
  legend.show = TRUE,
  legend.color.title = "make",
  legend.color.breaks = waiver(),
  legend.color.breaks.labels = waiver(),
  legend.density.title = if (isBulk(object)) "Samples" else "Cells",
  legend.density.breaks = waiver(),
  legend.density.breaks.labels = waiver(),
  data.out = FALSE
)
```

## **Arguments**

object

A Seurat, SingleCellExperiment, or SummarizedExperiment object.

length equal to the total number of cells/samples in object.

color.var

Single string giving a gene or metadata that will set the color of cells/samples in the plot.

Alternatively, can be a directly supplied numeric or string vector or a factor of

bins

Numeric or numeric vector giving the number of haxagonal bins in the x and y directions. Set to 30 by default.

color.method

Works differently depending on whether the color.var-data is continuous versus discrete:

**Continuous**: String naming a function for how target data should be summarized for each bin. Can be any function that summarizes a numeric vector input with a single numeric output value. Default is median. Other useful options are sum, mean, sd, or mad. You can also use a previously assigned function; e.g. first run pNonZero <- function(x) { sum(x!=0)/length(x)}, then you give color.method = "pNonZero"

**Discrete**: A string signifying whether the color should (default) be simply based on the "max" grouping of the bin, based on "prop.<value>" the proportion of a specific value (e.g. "prop.A" or "prop.TRUE"), or based on the "max.prop"ortion of cells/samples belonging to any grouping.

reduction.use

String, such as "pca", "tsne", "umap", or "PCA", etc, which is the name of a dimensionality reduction slot within the object, and which sets what dimensionality reduction space within the object to use.

> Default = the first dimensionality reduction slot inside the object with "umap", "tsne", or "pca" within its name, (priority: UMAP > t-SNE > PCA) or the first dimensionality reduction slot if none of those exist.

> Alternatively, a matrix (or data.frame) containing the dimensionality reduction embeddings themselves. The matrix should have as many rows as there are cells/samples in the object. Note that dim.1 and dim.2 will still be used to select which columns to pull from, and column names will serve as the default xlab & ylab.

dim.1 The component number to use on the x-axis. Default = 1

dim.2 The component number to use on the y-axis. Default = 2

cells.use String vector of cells'/samples' names OR an integer vector specifying the in-

dices of cells/samples which should be included.

Alternatively, a Logical vector, the same length as the number of cells in the object, which sets which cells to include.

color.panel String vector which sets the colors to draw from. dittoColors() by default, see dittoColors for contents.

colors Integer vector, the indexes / order, of colors from color.panel to actually use

1 or 2 strings naming discrete metadata to use for splitting the cells/samples into split.by multiple plots with ggplot faceting.

> When 2 metadatas are named, c(row,col), the first is used as rows and the second is used for columns of the resulting grid.

> When 1 metadata is named, shape control can be achieved with split.nrow and split.ncol

String vector providing names of any extra metadata to be stashed in the dataframe extra.vars supplied to ggplot(data).

Useful for making custom alterations after dittoSeq plot generation.

multivar.split.dir

"row" or "col", sets the direction of faceting used for 'var' values when var is given multiple genes or metadata, and when split.by is used to provide additional data to facet by.

split.nrow, split.ncol

Integers which set the dimensions of faceting/splitting when a single metadata is given to split.by.

A named list which allows extra parameters to be pushed through to the faceting function call. List elements should be valid inputs to the faceting functions, e.g. 'list(scales = "free")'.

> For options, when giving 1 metadata to split.by, see facet\_wrap, OR when giving 2 metadatas to split.by, see facet\_grid.

single strings or integers (SCEs and SEs) or an optionally named vector of such values that set which expression data to use. See GeneTargeting for specifics and examples – Seurat and SingleCellExperiment objects deal with these differently, and functionality additions in dittoSeq have led to some minimal divergence from the native methodologies.

When plotting gene / feature expression, should that data be used directly (default) or should it be adjusted to be

• "z-score": scaled with the scale() function to produce a relative-to-mean z-score representation

split.adjust

assay, slot

adjustment

• "relative.to.max": divided by the maximum expression value to give percent of max values between [0,1]

swap.rownames

optionally named string or string vector. For SummarizedExperiment or Single-CellExperiment objects, its value(s) specifies the column name of rowData(object) to be used to identify features instead of rownames(object). When targeting multiple modalities (alternative experiments), names can be used to specify which level / alternative experiment (use 'main' for the top-level) individual values should be used for. See GeneTargeting for more specifics and examples.

show.axes.numbers

Logical which controls whether the axes values should be displayed.

show.grid.lines

Logical which sets whether gridlines of the plot should be shown. They are removed when set to FALSE. Default = FALSE for umap and tsne reduction.use,

TRUE otherwise.

main String, sets the plot title. The default title is either "Density", color.var, or

NULL, depending on the identity of color.var. To remove, set to NULL.

sub String, sets the plot subtitle.

xlab, ylab Strings which set the labels for the axes. To remove, set to NULL.

theme A ggplot theme which will be applied before dittoSeq adjustments. Default =

theme\_bw(). See https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference/ggtheme.

html for other options and ideas.

do.contour Logical. Whether density-based contours should be displayed.

contour.color String that sets the color(s) of the do.contour contours.

contour.linetype

String or numeric which sets the type of line used for do.contour contours. Defaults to "solid", but see linetype for other options.

min.density, max.density

Number which sets the min/max values used for the density scale. Used no matter whether density is represented through opacity or color.

min.color, max.color

color for the min/max values of the color scale.

min.opacity, max.opacity

Scalar between [0,1] which sets the minimum or maximum opacity used for the density legend (when color is used for color . var data and density is shown via opacity).

min, max Number which sets the values associated with the minimum or maximum color for color, var data.

rename.color.groups

String vector containing new names for the identities of discrete color groups.

do.ellipse Logical. Whether the groups should be surrounded by median-centered ellipses.

do.label Logical. Whether to add text labels near the center (median) of clusters for grouping vars.

labels.size Size of the the labels text

labels.highlight

Logical. Whether the labels should have a box behind them

labels.repel Logical, that sets whether the labels' placements will be adjusted with ggrepel to avoid intersections between labels and plot bounds. TRUE by default.

labels.split.by

String of one or two metadata names which controls the facet-split calculations for label placements. Defaults to split.by, so generally there is no need to adjust this except when you are utilizing the extra.vars input to achieve manual faceting control.

labels.repel.adjust

A named list which allows extra parameters to be pushed through to ggrepel function calls. List elements should be valid inputs to the geom\_label\_repel by default, or geom\_text\_repel when labels.highlight = FALSE.

add.trajectory.lineages

List of vectors representing trajectory paths, each from start-cluster to endcluster, where vector contents are the names of clusters provided in the trajectory.cluster.meta input.

If the slingshot package was used for trajectory analysis, you can provide add.trajectory.lineages = slingLineages('object').

add.trajectory.curves

List of matrices, each representing coordinates for a trajectory path, from start to end, where matrix columns represent x (dim.1) and y (dim.2) coordinates of the paths.

Alternatively, (for dittoDimHex only, but not dittoScatterHex) a list of lists(/princurve objects) can be provided. Thus, if the slingshot package was used for trajectory analysis, you can provide add.trajectory.curves = slingCurves('object')

trajectory.cluster.meta

String name of metadata containing the clusters that were used for generating trajectories. Required when plotting trajectories using the add.trajectory.lineages method. Names of clusters inside the metadata should be the same as the contents of add.trajectory.lineages vectors.

trajectory.arrow.size

Number representing the size of trajectory arrows, in inches. Default = 0.15.

data.out

Logical. When set to TRUE, changes the output from the plot alone to a list containing the plot ("plot"), and data.frame of the underlying data for target cells ("data").

legend. show Logical. Whether any legend should be displayed. Default = TRUE.

 ${\tt legend.density.title, legend.color.title}$ 

Strings which set the title for the legends.

legend.density.breaks, legend.color.breaks

Numeric vector which sets the discrete values to label in the density and color.var legends.

legend.density.breaks.labels, legend.color.breaks.labels

String vector, with same length as legend.\*.breaks, which sets the labels for the tick marks or hex icons of the associated legend.

x.var, y.var Single string giving a gene or metadata that will be used for the x- and y-axis of the scatterplot. Note: must be continuous.

Alternatively, can be a directly supplied numeric vector of length equal to the total number of cells/samples in object.

 $assay.x, \, assay.y, \, assay.color, \, assay.extra, \, slot.x, \, slot.y, \, slot.color, \, slot.extra$ 

single strings or integers (SCEs and SEs) or an optionally named vector of such values that set which expression data to use for each given data target. See GeneTargeting for specifics and examples – Seurat and SingleCellExperiment

objects deal with these differently, and functionality additions in dittoSeq have led to some minimal divergence from the native methodologies.

adjustment.x, adjustment.y, adjustment.color, adjustment.extra

For the given data target, when targeting gene / feature expression, should that data be used directly (default) or should it be adjusted to be

- "z-score": scaled with the scale() function to produce a relative-to-mean z-score representation
- "relative.to.max": divided by the maximum expression value to give percent of max values between [0,1]

#### **Details**

The functions create a dataframe with x and y coordinates for each cell/sample, determined by either x.var and y.var for dittoScatterHex, or reduction.use, dim.1 (x), and dim.2 (y) for dittoDimHex. Extra data requested by color.var for coloring, split.by for faceting, or extra.var for manual external manipulations, are added to the dataframe as well. For expression/counts data, assay, slot, and adjustment inputs can be used to select which values to use, and if they should be adjusted in some way.

The dataframe is then subset to only target cells/samples based on the cells.use input.

Finally, a hex plot is created using this dataframe:

If color.var is not rovided, coloring is based on the density of cells/samples within each hex bin. When color.var is provided, density is represented through opacity while coloring is based on a summarization, chosen with the color.method input, of the target color.var data.

If split.by was used, the plot will be split into a matrix of panels based on the associated groupings.

## Value

A ggplot object where colored hexagonal bins are used to summarize RNAseq data in a scatterplot or tSNE, PCA, UMAP.

Alternatively, if data.out=TRUE, a list containing two slots is output: the plot (named 'plot'), and a data.table containing the underlying data for target cells (named 'data').

### **Functions**

- dittoDimHex(): Show RNAseq data overlayed on a tsne, pca, or similar, grouped into hexagonal bins
- dittoScatterHex(): Make a scatter plot of RNAseq data, grouped into hexagonal bins

# Many characteristics of the plot can be adjusted using discrete inputs

- Colors: min.color and max.color adjust the colors for continuous data.
- For discrete color.var plotting with color.method = "max", colors are instead adjusted with color.panel and/or colors & the labels of the groupings can be changed using rename.color.groups.
- Titles and axes labels can be adjusted with main, sub, xlab, ylab, and legend.color.title and legend.density.title arguments.
- Legends can also be adjusted in other ways, using variables that all start with "legend." for easy tab completion lookup.

#### **Additional Features**

Other tweaks and features can be added as well. Each is accessible through 'tab' autocompletion starting with "do."--- or "add."---, and if additional inputs are involved in implementing or tweaking these, the associated inputs will start with the "---.":

- If do.contour is provided, density gradiant contour lines will be overlaid with color and linetype adjustable via contour.color and contour.linetype.
- If add.trajectory.lineages is provided a list of vectors (each vector being cluster names from start-cluster-name to end-cluster-name), and a metadata name pointing to the relevant clustering information is provided to trajectory.cluster.meta, then median centers of the clusters will be calculated and arrows will be overlayed to show trajectory inference paths in the current dimmenionality reduction space.
- If add.trajectory.curves is provided a list of matrices (each matrix containing x, y coordinates from start to end), paths and arrows will be overlayed to show trajectory inference curves in the current dimmenionality reduction space. Arrow size is controlled with the trajectory.arrow.size input.

### Author(s)

Daniel Bunis with some code adapted from Giuseppe D'Agostino

### See Also

dittoDimPlot and dittoScatterPlot for making very similar data representations, but where each cell is represented individually. It is often best to investigate your data with both the individual and hex-bin methods, then pick whichever is the best representation for your particular goal.

getGenes and getMetas to see what the var, split.by, etc. options are of an object. getReductions to see what the reduction.use options are of an object.

#### **Examples**

```
example(importDittoBulk, echo = FALSE)
myRNA
# Mock up some nCount_RNA and nFeature_RNA metadata
# == the default way to extract
myRNA$nCount_RNA <- runif(60,200,1000)</pre>
myRNA$nFeature_RNA <- myRNA$nCount_RNA*runif(60,0.95,1.05)</pre>
# and also percent.mito metadata
myRNA$percent.mito <- sample(c(runif(50,0,0.05),runif(10,0.05,0.2)))
dittoScatterHex(
    myRNA, x.var = "nCount_RNA", y.var = "nFeature_RNA")
dittoDimHex(myRNA)
# We don't have too many samples here, so let's increase the bin size.
dittoDimHex(myRNA, bins = 10)
# x and y bins can be set separately, useful for non-square plots
dittoDimHex(myRNA, bins = c(20, 10))
### Coloring
# Default coloring, as above, is by cell/sample density in the region, but
# 'color.var' can be used to color the data by another metric.
```

```
# Density with then be represented via bin opacity.
dittoDimHex(myRNA, color.var = "clustering", bins = 10)
dittoDimHex(myRNA, color.var = "gene1", bins = 10)
# 'color.method' is then used to adjust how the target data is summarized
dittoDimHex(myRNA, color.var = "groups", bins = 10,
    color.method = "max.prop")
dittoDimHex(myRNA, color.var = "gene1", bins = 10,
    color.method = "mean")
# One particularly useful 'color.method' for discrete 'color.var'-data is
  to use 'prop.<value>' to color by the proportion of a particular value
   within each bin:
dittoDimHex(myRNA, color.var = "groups", bins = 10,
    color.method = "prop.A")
### Additional Features:
# Faceting with 'split.by'
dittoDimHex(myRNA, bins = 10, split.by = "groups")
dittoDimHex(myRNA, bins = 10, split.by = c("groups", "clustering"))
# Faceting can also be used to show multiple continuous variables side-by-side
   by giving a vector of continuous metadata or gene names to 'color.var'.
   This can also be combined with 1 'split.by' variable, with direction then
   controlled via 'multivar.split.dir':
dittoDimHex(myRNA, bins = 10,
    color.var = c("gene1", "gene2"))
dittoDimHex(myRNA, bins = 10,
    color.var = c("gene1", "gene2"),
    split.by = "groups")
dittoDimHex(myRNA, bins = 10,
    color.var = c("gene1", "gene2"),
    split.by = "groups",
    multivar.split.dir = "row")
# Underlying data output with 'data.out = TRUE'
dittoDimHex(myRNA, data.out = TRUE)
# Contour lines can be added with 'do.contours = TRUE'
dittoDimHex(myRNA, bins = 10,
    do.contour = TRUE,
    contour.color = "lightblue", # Optional, black by default
    contour.linetype = "dashed") # Optional, solid by default
# Trajectories can be added to dittoDimHex plots
dittoDimHex(myRNA, bins = 10,
    add.trajectory.lineages = list(c(1,2,4), c(1,4), c(1,3)),
    trajectory.cluster.meta = "clustering")
```

dittoPlot

Plots continuous data for customizeable cells'/samples' groupings on a y- (or x-) axis

### **Description**

Plots continuous data for customizeable cells'/samples' groupings on a y- (or x-) axis

#### Usage

```
dittoPlot(
  object,
  var,
  group.by,
  color.by = group.by,
  shape.by = NULL,
  split.by = NULL,
  extra.vars = NULL,
  cells.use = NULL,
  plots = c("jitter", "vlnplot"),
  multivar.aes = c("split", "group", "color"),
  multivar.split.dir = c("col", "row"),
  assay = .default_assay(object),
  slot = .default_slot(object),
  adjustment = NULL,
  swap.rownames = NULL,
  do.hover = FALSE,
  hover.data = var,
  color.panel = dittoColors(),
  colors = seq_along(color.panel),
  shape.panel = c(16, 15, 17, 23, 25, 8),
  theme = theme_classic(),
  main = "make",
  sub = NULL,
  ylab = "make"
  y.breaks = NULL,
  min = NA,
  max = NA,
  xlab = "make",
  x.labels = NULL,
  x.labels.rotate = NA,
  x.reorder = NULL,
  split.nrow = NULL,
  split.ncol = NULL,
  split.adjust = list(),
  do.raster = FALSE,
  raster.dpi = 300,
  jitter.size = 1,
  jitter.width = 0.2,
  jitter.color = "black",
  jitter.shape.legend.size = NA,
  jitter.shape.legend.show = TRUE,
  jitter.position.dodge = boxplot.position.dodge,
  boxplot.width = 0.2,
  boxplot.color = "black",
  boxplot.show.outliers = NA,
  boxplot.outlier.size = 1.5,
  boxplot.fill = TRUE,
  boxplot.position.dodge = vlnplot.width,
  boxplot.lineweight = 1,
  vlnplot.lineweight = 1,
```

```
vlnplot.width = 1,
  vlnplot.scaling = "area",
  vlnplot.quantiles = NULL,
  ridgeplot.lineweight = 1,
  ridgeplot.scale = 1.25,
  ridgeplot.ymax.expansion = NA,
  ridgeplot.shape = c("smooth", "hist"),
  ridgeplot.bins = 30,
  ridgeplot.binwidth = NULL,
  add.line = NULL,
  line.linetype = "dashed",
  line.color = "black",
  legend.show = TRUE,
  legend.title = "make",
  data.out = FALSE
dittoRidgePlot(..., plots = c("ridgeplot"))
dittoRidgeJitter(..., plots = c("ridgeplot", "jitter"))
dittoBoxPlot(..., plots = c("boxplot", "jitter"))
```

### **Arguments**

object	A Seurat.	SingleCellExperiment.	or SummarizedEx	periment object.

Var Single string representing the name of a metadata or gene, OR a vector with length equal to the total number of cells/samples in the dataset. Alternatively, a string vector naming multiple genes or metadata. This is the primary data that

will be displayed.

group. by String representing the name of a metadata to use for separating the cells/samples

into discrete groups.

color.by String representing the name of a metadata to use for setting fills. Great for

highlighting supersets or subgroups when wanted, but it defaults to group.by

so this input can be skipped otherwise.

shape.by Single string representing the name of a metadata to use for setting the shapes of

the jitter points. When not provided, all cells/samples will be represented with

dots.

split.by 1 or 2 strings naming discrete metadata to use for splitting the cells/samples into

multiple plots with ggplot faceting.

When 2 metadatas are named, c(row,col), the first is used as rows and the second is used for columns of the resulting grid.

When 1 metadata is named, shape control can be achieved with split.nrow and

split.ncol

extra.vars String vector providing names of any extra metadata to be stashed in the dataframe

supplied to ggplot(data).

Useful for making custom spliting/faceting or other additional alterations after

dittoSeq plot generation.

cells.use String vector of cells' (/samples' for bulk data) names OR an integer vector spec-

ifying the indices of cells/samples which should be included.

Alternatively, a Logical vector, the same length as the number of cells in the object, which sets which cells to include.

plots

String vector which sets the types of plots to include: possibilities = "jitter", "boxplot", "vlnplot", "ridgeplot".

Order matters: c("vlnplot", "boxplot", "jitter") will put a violin plot in the back, boxplot in the middle, and then individual dots in the front.

See details section for more info.

multivar.aes

"split", "group", or "color", the plot feature to utilize for displaying 'var' value when var is given multiple genes or metadata. When set to "split", inputs split.nrow, split.ncol, and split.adjust can be used to

multivar.split.dir

"row" or "col", sets the direction of faceting used for 'var' values when var is given multiple genes or metadata, when multivar.aes = "split", and when split.by is used to provide additional data to facet by.

assay, slot

single strings or integers (SCEs and SEs) or an optionally named vector of such values that set which expression data to use. See GeneTargeting for specifics and examples – Seurat and SingleCellExperiment objects deal with these differently, and functionality additions in dittoSeq have led to some minimal divergence from the native methodologies.

adjustment

When plotting gene expression / feature counts, should that data be used directly (default) or should it be adjusted to be

- "z-score": scaled with the scale() function to produce a relative-to-mean z-score representation
- "relative.to.max": divided by the maximum expression value to give percent of max values between [0,1]

swap.rownames

optionally named string or string vector. For SummarizedExperiment or Single-CellExperiment objects, its value(s) specifies the column name of rowData(object) to be used to identify features instead of rownames(object). When targeting multiple modalities (alternative experiments), names can be used to specify which level / alternative experiment (use 'main' for the top-level) individual values should be used for. See GeneTargeting for more specifics and examples.

do.hover

Logical. Default = FALSE. If set to TRUE: object will be converted to a ggplotly object so that data about individual cells will be displayed when you hover your cursor over the jitter points (assuming that there is a "jitter" in plots),

hover.data

String vector, a list of variable names, c("meta1", "gene1", "meta2",...) which determines what data to show upon hover when do.hover is set to TRUE.

color.panel

String vector which sets the colors to draw from for plot fills. Default = dittoColors().

colors

Integer vector, the indexes / order, of colors from color.panel to actually use. (Provides an alternative to directly modifying color.panel.)

shape.panel

Vector of integers corresponding to ggplot shapes which sets what shapes to use. When discrete groupings are supplied by shape.by, this sets the panel of shapes which will be used. When nothing is supplied to shape.by, only the first value is used. Default is a set of 6, c(16,15,17,23,25,8), the first being a simple, solid, circle.

theme

A ggplot theme which will be applied before dittoSeq adjustments. Default = theme\_classic(). See https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference/ggtheme.html for other options and ideas.

main

String, sets the plot title. Default = "make" and if left as make, a title will be automatically generated. To remove, set to NULL.

sub String, sets the plot subtitle vlab String, sets the continuous-axis label (=y-axis for box and violin plots, x-axis for ridgeplots). Defaults to "var" or "var expression" if var is a gene. Numeric vector, a set of breaks that should be used as major gridlines. c(break1,break2,break3,etc.). y.breaks Scalars which control the zoom of the plot. These inputs set the minimum / min, max maximum values of the data to display. Default = NA, which allows ggplot to set these limits based on the range of all data being shown. String which sets the grouping-axis label (=x-axis for box and violin plots, yxlab axis for ridgeplots). Set to NULL to remove. x.labels String vector, c("label1","label2","label3",...) which overrides the names of groupings. x.labels.rotate Logical which sets whether the labels should be rotated. Default: TRUE for violin and box plots, but FALSE for ridgeplots. x.reorder Integer vector. A sequence of numbers, from 1 to the number of groupings, for rearranging the order of x-axis groupings. Method: Make a first plot without this input. Then, treating the leftmost grouping as index 1, and the rightmost as index n. Values of x.reorder should be these indices, but in the order that you would like them rearranged to be. Recommendation for advanced users: If you find yourself coming back to this input too many times, an alternative solution that can be easier long-term is to make the target data into a factor, and to put its levels in the desired order: factor(data, levels = c("level1", "level2", ...)). metaLevels can be used to quickly get the identities that need to be part of this 'levels' input. split.nrow, split.ncol Integers which set the dimensions of faceting/splitting when a single metadata is given to split.by, or when multiple genes/metadata are given to var and multivar.aes = "split". split.adjust A named list which allows extra parameters to be pushed through to the faceting function call. List elements should be valid inputs to the faceting functions, e.g. 'list(scales = "free")'. For options, when giving 1 metadata to split.by or if faceting is by a set of vars, see facet\_wrap, OR when giving 2 metadatas to split.by, see facet\_grid. Logical. When set to TRUE, rasterizes the jitter plot layer, changing it from do.raster individually encoded points to a flattened set of pixels. This can be useful for editing in external programs (e.g. Illustrator) when there are many thousands of data points. raster.dpi Number indicating dots/pixels per inch (dpi) to use for rasterization. Default = Scalar which sets the size of the jitter shapes. jitter.size jitter.width Scalar that sets the width/spread of the jitter in the x direction. Ignored in ridge-Note for when color. by is used to split x-axis groupings into additional bins: ggplot does not shrink jitter widths accordingly, so be sure to do so yourself! Ideally, needs to be 0.5/num\_subgroups.

jitter.shape.legend.size

Scalar which changes the size of the shape key in the legend. If set to NA, jitter.size is used.

String which sets the color of the jitter shapes

jitter.color

jitter.shape.legend.show

Logical which sets whether the shapes legend will be shown when its shape is determined by shape.by.

jitter.position.dodge

Scalar which adjusts the relative distance between jitter widths when multiple subgroups exist per group.by grouping (a.k.a. when group.by and color.by are not equal). Similar to boxplot.position.dodge input & defaults to the value of that input so that BOTH will actually be adjusted when only, say, boxplot.position.dodge = 0.3 is given.

boxplot.width Scalar which sets the width/spread of the boxplot in the x direction

boxplot.color String which sets the color of the lines of the boxplot

boxplot.show.outliers

Logical, whether outliers should by including in the boxplot. Default is FALSE when there is a jitter plotted, TRUE if there is no jitter.

boxplot.outlier.size

Scalar which adjusts the size of points used to mark outliers

boxplot.fill Logical, whether the boxplot should be filled in or not. Known bug: when boxplot fill is turned off, outliers do not render.

boxplot.position.dodge

Scalar which adjusts the relative distance between boxplots when multiple are drawn per grouping (a.k.a. when group.by and color.by are not equal). By default, this input actually controls the value of jitter.position.dodge unless the jitter version is provided separately.

boxplot.lineweight

Scalar which adjusts the thickness of boxplot lines.

vlnplot.lineweight

Scalar which sets the thickness of the line that outlines the violin plots.

vlnplot.width Scalar which sets the width/spread of violin plots in the x direction vlnplot.scaling

String which sets how the widths of the of violin plots are set in relation to each other. Options are "area", "count", and "width". If the default is not right for your data, I recommend trying "width". For an explanation of each, see geom\_violin.

vlnplot.quantiles

Single number or numeric vector of values in [0,1] naming quantiles at which to draw a horizontal line within each violin plot. Example: c(0.1, 0.5, 0.9)

ridgeplot.lineweight

Scalar which sets the thickness of the ridgeplot outline.

ridgeplot.scale

Scalar which sets the distance/overlap between ridgeplots. A value of 1 means the tallest density curve just touches the baseline of the next higher one. Higher numbers lead to greater overlap. Default = 1.25

ridgeplot.ymax.expansion

Scalar which adjusts the minimal space between the top-most grouping and the top of the plot in order to ensure that the curve is not cut off by the plotting grid. The larger the value, the greater the space requested. When left as NA, dittoSeq will attempt to determine an ideal value itself based on the number of groups & linear interpolation between these goal posts: 0.6 when g <= 3, 0.1 when g == 12, and 0.05 when g >= 34, where g is the number of groups.

ridgeplot.shape

Either "smooth" or "hist", sets whether ridges will be smoothed (the typical, and default) versus rectangular like a histogram. (Note: as of the time shape "hist" was added, combination of jittered points is not supported by the stat\_binline that dittoSeq relies on.)

 $\verb|ridgeplot.bins| Integer which sets how many chunks to break the $x$-axis into when \verb|ridgeplot.shape|| \\$ 

= "hist". Overridden by ridgeplot.binwidth when that input is provided.

ridgeplot.binwidth

Integer which sets the width of chunks to break the x-axis into when ridgeplot. shape

= "hist". Takes precedence over ridgeplot.bins when provided.

add.line numeric value(s) where one or multiple line(s) should be added

line.linetype String which sets the type of line for add.line. Defaults to "dashed", but any

ggplot linetype will work.

line.color String that sets the color(s) of the add.line line(s)

legend. show Logical. Whether the legend should be displayed. Default = TRUE.

legend.title String or NULL, sets the title for the main legend which includes colors and data

representations.

data.out Logical. When set to TRUE, changes the output, from the plot alone, to a list

containing the plot (p) and data (data).

... arguments passed to dittoPlot by dittoRidgePlot, dittoRidgeJitter, and dittoBox-

Plot wrappers. Options are all the ones above.

#### **Details**

The function creates a dataframe containing the metadata or expression data associated with the given var (or if a vector of data is provided, that data). On the discrete axis, data will be grouped by the metadata given to group. by and colored by the metadata given to color. by. The assay and slot inputs can be used to change what expression data is used when displaying gene expression. If a set of cells to use is indicated with the cells. use input, the data is subset to include only those cells before plotting.

The plots argument determines the types of data representation that will be generated, as well as their order from back to front. Options are "jitter", "boxplot", "vlnplot", and "ridgeplot". Inclusion of "ridgeplot" overrides "boxplot" and "vlnplot" presence and changes the plot to be horizontal.

When split.by is provided the name of a metadata containing discrete data, separate plots will be produced representing each of the distinct groupings of the split.by data.

dittoRidgePlot, dittoRidgeJitter, and dittoBoxPlot are included as wrappers of the basic dittoPlot function that simply change the default for the plots input to be "ridgeplot", c("ridgeplot", "jitter"), or c("boxplot", "jitter"), to make such plots even easier to produce.

### Value

a ggplot where continuous data, grouped by sample, age, cluster, etc., shown on either the y-axis by a violin plot, boxplot, and/or jittered points, or on the x-axis by a ridgeplot with or without jittered points.

Alternatively when data.out=TRUE, a list containing the plot ("p") and the underlying data as a dataframe ("data").

Alternatively when do. hover = TRUE, a plotly converted version of the ggplot where additional data will be displayed when the cursor is hovered over jitter points.

#### **Functions**

• dittoRidgePlot(): Plots continuous data for customizeable cells'/samples' groupings horizontally in a density representation

- dittoRidgeJitter(): dittoRidgePlot, but with jitter overlaid
- dittoBoxPlot(): Plots continuous data for customizeable cells'/samples' groupings in boxplot form

## Many characteristics of the plot can be adjusted using discrete inputs

The plots argument determines the types of **data representation** that will be generated, as well as their order from back to front. Options are "jitter", "boxplot", "vlnplot", and "ridgeplot".

Each plot type has specific associated options which are controlled by variables that start with their associated string. For example, all jitter adjustments start with "jitter.", such as jitter.size and jitter.width.

Inclusion of "ridgeplot" overrides "boxplot" and "vlnplot" presence and changes the plot to be horizontal.

#### Additionally:

- Colors can be adjusted with color.panel.
- **Subgroupings:** color.by can be utilized to split major group.by groupings into subgroups. When this is done in y-axis plotting, dittoSeq automatically ensures the centers of all geoms will align, but users will need to manually adjust jitter.width to less than 0.5/num\_subgroups to avoid overlaps. There are also three inputs through which one can use to control geom-center placement, but the easiest way to do all at once so is to just adjust vlnplot.width! The other two: boxplot.position.dodge, and jitter.position.dodge.
- Line(s) can be added at single or multiple value(s) by providing these values to add.line. Linetype and color are set with line.linetype, which is "dashed" by default, and line.color, which is "black" by default.
- Titles and axes labels can be adjusted with main, sub, xlab, ylab, and legend.title arguments
- The **legend can be hidden** by setting legend. show = FALSE.
- y-axis zoom and tick marks can be adjusted using min, max, and y.breaks.
- x-axis labels and groupings can be changed / reordered using x.labels and x.reorder, and rotation of these labels can be turned on/off with x.labels.rotate = TRUE/FALSE.
- **Shapes used** in conjunction with shape.by can be adjusted with shape.panel.
- Single or multiple **additional per-cell features can be retrieved** and stashed within the underlying data using extra. vars. This can be very useful for making manual additional alterations *after* dittoSeq plot generation.

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#### See Also

 $\verb|multi_dittoPlot| for easy creation of multiple dittoPlots each focusing on a different var.\\$ 

dittoPlotVarsAcrossGroups to create dittoPlots that show summarized expression (or values for metadata), accross groups, of multiple vars in a single plot.

 ${\tt dittoRidgePlot}, \ {\tt dittoRidgeJitter}, \ {\tt and} \ {\tt dittoBoxPlot} \ \ {\tt for} \ \ {\tt shortcuts} \ \ {\tt to} \ \ {\tt a} \ \ {\tt few} \ \ {\tt 'plots'} \ \ {\tt input} \ \ {\tt shortcuts}$ 

#### **Examples**

```
example(importDittoBulk, echo = FALSE)
# Basic dittoplot, with jitter behind a vlnplot (looks better with more cells)
dittoPlot(object = myRNA, var = "gene1", group.by = "timepoint")
# Color distinctly from the grouping variable using 'color.by'
dittoPlot(object = myRNA, var = "gene1", group.by = "timepoint",
    color.by = "conditions")
dittoPlot(object = myRNA, var = "gene1", group.by = "conditions",
    color.by = "timepoint")
# Update the 'plots' input to change / reorder the data representations
dittoPlot(myRNA, "gene1", "timepoint",
    plots = c("vlnplot", "boxplot", "jitter"))
dittoPlot(myRNA, "gene1", "timepoint",
    plots = c("ridgeplot", "jitter"))
### Provided wrappers enable certain easy adjustments of the 'plots' parameter.
# Quickly make a Boxplot
dittoBoxPlot(myRNA, "gene1", group.by = "timepoint")
# Quickly make a Ridgeplot, with or without jitter
dittoRidgePlot(myRNA, "gene1", group.by = "timepoint")
dittoRidgeJitter(myRNA, "gene1", group.by = "timepoint")
### Additional Functionality
# Modify the look with intuitive inputs
dittoPlot(myRNA, "gene1", "timepoint",
    plots = c("vlnplot", "boxplot", "jitter"),
    boxplot.color = "white",
    main = "CD3E",
    legend.show = FALSE)
# Data can also be split in other ways with 'shape.by' or 'split.by'
dittoPlot(object = myRNA, var = "gene1", group.by = "timepoint",
    plots = c("vlnplot", "boxplot", "jitter"),
    shape.by = "clustering",
    split.by = "SNP") # single split.by element
dittoPlot(object = myRNA, var = "gene1", group.by = "timepoint",
    plots = c("vlnplot", "boxplot", "jitter"),
    split.by = c("groups","SNP")) # row and col split.by elements
# Multiple genes or continuous metadata can also be plotted by giving them as
# a vector to 'var'. One aesthetic of the plot will then be used to display
   'var'-info, and you can control which (faceting / "split", x-axis grouping
# / "group", or color / "color") with 'multivar.aes':
dittoPlot(object = myRNA, group.by = "timepoint",
    var = c("gene1", "gene2"))
dittoPlot(object = myRNA, group.by = "timepoint",
    var = c("gene1", "gene2"),
    multivar.aes = "group")
dittoPlot(object = myRNA, group.by = "timepoint",
    var = c("gene1", "gene2"),
    multivar.aes = "color")
```

```
# For faceting, instead of using 'split.by', the target data can alternatively
# be given to 'extra.var' to have it added in the underlying dataframe, then
# faceting can be added manually for extra flexibility
dittoPlot(myRNA, "gene1", "clustering",
    plots = c("vlnplot", "boxplot", "jitter"),
    extra.var = "SNP") + facet_wrap("SNP", ncol = 1, strip.position = "left")
```

dittoPlotVarsAcrossGroups

Generates a dittoPlot where data points are genes/metadata summaries, per groups, instead of individual values per cells/samples.

## **Description**

Generates a dittoPlot where data points are genes/metadata summaries, per groups, instead of individual values per cells/samples.

## Usage

```
dittoPlotVarsAcrossGroups(
 object,
 vars,
  group.by,
  color.by = group.by,
  split.by = NULL,
  summary.fxn = mean,
 cells.use = NULL,
 plots = c("vlnplot", "jitter"),
  assay = .default_assay(object),
  slot = .default_slot(object),
  adjustment = "z-score",
  swap.rownames = NULL,
 do.hover = FALSE,
 main = NULL,
  sub = NULL,
 ylab = "make",
 y.breaks = NULL,
 min = NA,
 max = NA,
 xlab = group.by,
 x.labels = NULL,
 x.labels.rotate = NA,
 x.reorder = NULL,
 groupings.drop.unused = TRUE,
 color.panel = dittoColors(),
  colors = c(seq_along(color.panel)),
  theme = theme_classic(),
  jitter.size = 1,
  jitter.width = 0.2,
  jitter.color = "black",
```

```
jitter.position.dodge = boxplot.position.dodge,
  do.raster = FALSE,
  raster.dpi = 300,
 boxplot.width = 0.2,
 boxplot.color = "black",
  boxplot.show.outliers = NA,
 boxplot.outlier.size = 1.5,
 boxplot.fill = TRUE,
  boxplot.position.dodge = vlnplot.width,
  boxplot.lineweight = 1,
  vlnplot.lineweight = 1,
  vlnplot.width = 1,
  vlnplot.scaling = "area",
  vlnplot.quantiles = NULL,
  ridgeplot.lineweight = 1,
  ridgeplot.scale = 1.25,
  ridgeplot.ymax.expansion = NA,
  ridgeplot.shape = c("smooth", "hist"),
  ridgeplot.bins = 30,
  ridgeplot.binwidth = NULL,
  add.line = NULL,
  line.linetype = "dashed",
  line.color = "black",
  split.nrow = NULL,
  split.ncol = NULL,
  split.adjust = list(),
  legend.show = TRUE,
  legend.title = NULL,
  data.out = FALSE
)
```

# Arguments

object A Seurat, SingleCellExperiment, or SummarizedExperiment object. String vector (example: c("gene1", "gene2", "gene3")) which selects which vars variables, typically genes, to extract from the object, summarize across groups, and add to the plot group.by String representing the name of a metadata to use for separating the cells/samples into discrete groups. String representing the name of a metadata to use for setting fills. Great for color.by highlighting subgroups when wanted, but it defaults to group. by so this input can be skipped otherwise. Affects boxplot, vlnplot, and ridgeplot fills. split.by 1 or 2 strings naming discrete metadata to use for splitting the cells/samples into multiple plots with ggplot faceting. When 2 metadatas are named, c(row,col), the first is used as rows and the second is used for columns of the resulting grid. When 1 metadata is named, shape control can be achieved with split.nrow and split.ncol

A function which sets how variables' data will be summarized across the groups. Default is mean, which will take the average value, but any function can be used as long as it takes in a numeric vector and returns a single numeric value. Alternative examples: median, max, or function(x) mean(x!=0).

cells.use

String vector of cells'/samples' names OR an integer vector specifying the indices of cells/samples which should be included.

Alternatively, a Logical vector, the same length as the number of cells in the object, which sets which cells to include.

plots

String vector which sets the types of plots to include: possibilities = "jitter", "boxplot", "vlnplot", "ridgeplot". Order matters: c("vlnplot", "boxplot", "jitter") will put a violin plot in the back, boxplot in the middle, and then individual dots in the front. See details section for more info.

assay, slot

single strings or integers (SCEs and SEs) or an optionally named vector of such values that set which expression data to use. See GeneTargeting for specifics and examples - Seurat and SingleCellExperiment objects deal with these differently, and functionality additions in dittoSeq have led to some minimal divergence from the native methodologies.

adjustment

When plotting gene expression (or antibody, or other forms of counts data), should that data be used directly or should it be adjusted to be

- "z-score": DEFAULT, centered and scaled to produce a relative-to-mean z-score representation
- NULL: no adjustment, the normal method for all other ditto expression plotting functions
- "relative.to.max": divided by the maximum expression value to give percent of max values between [0,1]

swap.rownames

optionally named string or string vector. For SummarizedExperiment or Single-CellExperiment objects, its value(s) specifies the column name of rowData(object) to be used to identify features instead of rownames(object). When targeting multiple modalities (alternative experiments), names can be used to specify which level / alternative experiment (use 'main' for the top-level) individual values should be used for. See GeneTargeting for more specifics and examples.

do.hover

Logical. Default = FALSE. If set to TRUE (and if there is a "jitter" in plots): the object will be converted to a plotly object in which underlying data about individual points will be displayed when you hover your cursor over them.

main String which sets the plot title.

String which sets the plot subtitle. sub

String which sets the y axis label. Default = a combination of the name of the ylab

summary function + adjustment + "expression". Set to NULL to remove.

Scalars which control the zoom of the plot. These inputs set the minimum / min. max

maximum values of the data to display. Default = NA, which allows ggplot to

Numeric vector, a set of breaks that should be used as major grid lines. c(break1,break2,break3,etc.).

set these limits based on the range of all data being shown.

String which sets the grouping-axis label (=x-axis for box and violin plots, yxlab

axis for ridgeplots). Set to NULL to remove.

String vector, c("label1", "label2", "label3",...) which overrides the names of x.labels

groupings.

x.labels.rotate

Logical which sets whether the labels should be rotated. Default: TRUE for violin and box plots, but FALSE for ridgeplots.

x.reorder Integer vector. A sequence of numbers, from 1 to the number of groupings, for rearranging the order of x-axis groupings.

y.breaks

Method: Make a first plot without this input. Then, treating the leftmost grouping as index 1, and the rightmost as index n. Values of x.reorder should be these indices, but in the order that you would like them rearranged to be.

Recommendation for advanced users: If you find yourself coming back to this input too many times, an alternative solution that can be easier long-term is to make the target data into a factor, and to put its levels in the desired order: factor(data, levels = c("level1", "level2", ...)). metaLevels can be used to quickly get the identities that need to be part of this 'levels' input.

groupings.drop.unused

Logical. TRUE by default. If group.by-data is a factor, factor levels are retained for ordering purposes, but some level(s) can end up with zero cells left after cells.use subsetting. By default, we remove them, but you can set this input to FALSE to keep them.

color.panel String vector which sets the colors to draw from for plot fills.

colors Integer vector, the indexes / order, of colors from color.panel to actually use.

 $(Provides\ an\ alternative\ to\ directly\ modifying\ {\tt color.panel.})$ 

theme A ggplot theme which will be applied before dittoSeq adjustments. Default = theme\_classic(). See https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference/ggtheme.

html for other options and ideas.

jitter.size Scalar which sets the size of the jitter shapes.

jitter.width Scalar that sets the width/spread of the jitter in the x direction. Ignored in ridge-

plots.

Note for when color.by is used to split x-axis groupings into additional bins: ggplot does not shrink jitter widths accordingly, so be sure to do so yourself! Ideally, needs to be 0.5/num\_subgroups.

jitter.color String which sets the color of the jitter shapes

jitter.position.dodge

Scalar which adjusts the relative distance between jitter widths when multiple subgroups exist per group.by grouping (a.k.a. when group.by and color.by are not equal). Similar to boxplot.position.dodge input & defaults to the value of that input so that BOTH will actually be adjusted when only, say, boxplot.position.dodge = 0.3 is given.

do.raster

Logical. When set to TRUE, rasterizes the jitter plot layer, changing it from individually encoded points to a flattened set of pixels. This can be useful for editing in external programs (e.g. Illustrator) when there are many thousands of data points.

raster.dpi Number indicating dots/pixels per inch (dpi) to use for rasterization. Default = 300.

boxplot.width Scalar which sets the width/spread of the boxplot in the x direction

boxplot.color String which sets the color of the lines of the boxplot

boxplot.show.outliers

Logical, whether outliers should by including in the boxplot. Default is FALSE when there is a jitter plotted, TRUE if there is no jitter.

boxplot.outlier.size

Scalar which adjusts the size of points used to mark outliers

boxplot.fill Logical, whether the boxplot should be filled in or not. Known bug: when boxplot fill is turned off, outliers do not render.

boxplot.position.dodge

Scalar which adjusts the relative distance between boxplots when multiple are drawn per grouping (a.k.a. when group. by and color. by are not equal). By default, this input actually controls the value of jitter.position.dodge unless the jitter version is provided separately.

boxplot.lineweight

Scalar which adjusts the thickness of boxplot lines.

vlnplot.lineweight

Scalar which sets the thickness of the line that outlines the violin plots.

vlnplot.width Scalar which sets the width/spread of violin plots in the x direction vlnplot.scaling

String which sets how the widths of the of violin plots are set in relation to each other. Options are "area", "count", and "width". If the default is not right for your data, I recommend trying "width". For an explanation of each, see geom\_violin.

vlnplot.quantiles

Single number or numeric vector of values in [0,1] naming quantiles at which to draw a horizontal line within each violin plot. Example: c(0.1, 0.5, 0.9)

ridgeplot.lineweight

Scalar which sets the thickness of the ridgeplot outline.

ridgeplot.scale

Scalar which sets the distance/overlap between ridgeplots. A value of 1 means the tallest density curve just touches the baseline of the next higher one. Higher numbers lead to greater overlap. Default = 1.25

ridgeplot.ymax.expansion

Scalar which adjusts the minimal space between the top-most grouping and the top of the plot in order to ensure that the curve is not cut off by the plotting grid. The larger the value, the greater the space requested. When left as NA, dittoSeq will attempt to determine an ideal value itself based on the number of groups & linear interpolation between these goal posts: 0.6 when g <= 3, 0.1 when g == 12, and 0.05 when g >= 34, where g is the number of groups.

ridgeplot.shape

Either "smooth" or "hist", sets whether ridges will be smoothed (the typical, and default) versus rectangular like a histogram. (Note: as of the time shape "hist" was added, combination of jittered points is not supported by the stat\_binline that dittoSeq relies on.)

ridgeplot.bins Integer which sets how many chunks to break the x-axis into when ridgeplot.shape = "hist". Overridden by ridgeplot.binwidth when that input is provided.

ridgeplot.binwidth

Integer which sets the width of chunks to break the x-axis into when ridgeplot. shape = "hist". Takes precedence over ridgeplot.bins when provided.

add.line numeric value(s) where one or multiple line(s) should be added

line.linetype String which sets the type of line for add.line. Defaults to "dashed", but any ggplot linetype will work.

line.color String that sets the color(s) of the add.line line(s)

split.nrow, split.ncol

Integers which set the dimensions of faceting/splitting when a single metadata is given to split.by.

split.adjust A named list which allows extra parameters to be pushed through to the faceting

function call. List elements should be valid inputs to the faceting functions, e.g. 'list(scales = "free")'.

For options, when giving 1 metadata to split.by, see facet\_wrap, OR when

giving 2 metadatas to split.by, see facet\_grid.

legend. show Logical. Whether the legend should be displayed. Default = TRUE.

legend.title String or NULL, sets the title for the main legend which includes colors and data

representations.

data.out Logical. When set to TRUE, changes the output, from the plot alone, to a list

containing the plot (p) and data (data).

#### **Details**

Generally, this function will output a dittoPlot where each data point represents a gene (or metadata) rather than a cell/sample. Values are the summary (mean by default) of the values for each gene or metadata requested with vars, within each group set by group.by.

To start with, the data for each element of vars is obtained. When elements are genes/features, assay and slot are utilized to determine which expression data to use, and adjustment determines if and how the expression data might be adjusted. By default, a z-score adjustment is applied to all gene/feature vars. Note that this adjustment is applied *before* cells/samples subsetting.

x-axis groupings are then determined using group.by, and data for each variable is summarized using the summary.fxn.

Finally, data is plotted with the data representation types in plots.

#### Value

a ggplot object

Alternatively when data.out = TRUE, a list containing the plot ("p") and the underlying data as a dataframe ("data").

Alternatively when do.hover = TRUE, a plotly converted version of the plot where additional data will be displayed when the cursor is hovered over jitter points.

#### **Plot Customization**

The plots argument determines the types of **data representation** that will be generated, as well as their order from back to front. Options are "jitter", "boxplot", "vlnplot", and "ridgeplot".

Each plot type has specific associated options which are controlled by variables that start with their associated string. For example, all jitter adjustments start with "jitter.", such as jitter.size and jitter.width.

Inclusion of "ridgeplot" overrides "boxplot" and "vlnplot" presence and changes the plot to be horizontal.

Additionally:

- Colors can be adjusted with color.panel.
- Subgroupings: color.by can be utilized to split major group.by groupings into subgroups. When this is done in y-axis plotting, dittoSeq automatically ensures the centers of all geoms will align, but users will need to manually adjust jitter.width to less than 0.5/num\_subgroups to avoid overlaps. There are also three inputs through which one can use to control geom-center placement, but the easiest way to do all at once so is to just adjust vlnplot.width! The other two: boxplot.position.dodge, and jitter.position.dodge.

- Line(s) can be added at single or multiple value(s) by providing these values to add.line. Linetype and color are set with line.linetype, which is "dashed" by default, and line.color, which is "black" by default.
- Titles and axes labels can be adjusted with main, sub, xlab, ylab, and legend.title arguments.
- The **legend can be hidden** by setting legend. show = FALSE.
- y-axis zoom and tick marks can be adjusted using min, max, and y.breaks.
- x-axis labels and groupings can be changed / reordered using x.labels and x.reorder, and rotation of these labels can be turned on/off with x.labels.rotate = TRUE/FALSE.
- Shapes used in conjunction with shape. by can be adjusted with shape. panel.

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#### See Also

dittoPlot and multi\_dittoPlot for plotting of single or mutliple expression and metadata vars, each as separate plots, on a per cell/sample basis.

dittoDotPlot for an alternative representation of per-group summaries of multiple vars where all vars are displayed separately, but still in a single plot.

### **Examples**

```
example(importDittoBulk, echo = FALSE)
# Pick a set of genes
genes <- getGenes(myRNA)[1:30]</pre>
dittoPlotVarsAcrossGroups(
    myRNA, genes, group.by = "timepoint")
# Color can be controlled separately from grouping with 'color.by'
   Just note: all groupings must map to a single color.
dittoPlotVarsAcrossGroups(myRNA, genes, "timepoint",
    color.by = "conditions")
# To change it to have the violin plot in the back, a jitter on
# top of that, and a white boxplot with no fill in front:
dittoPlotVarsAcrossGroups(myRNA, genes, "timepoint",
    plots = c("vlnplot","jitter","boxplot"),
    boxplot.color = "white",
    boxplot.fill = FALSE)
## Data can be summarized in other ways by changing the summary.fxn input.
# median
dittoPlotVarsAcrossGroups(myRNA, genes, "timepoint",
    summary.fxn = median,
    adjustment = NULL)
# Percent non-zero expression ( = boring for this fake data)
percent <- function(x) {sum(x!=0)/length(x)}</pre>
dittoPlotVarsAcrossGroups(myRNA, genes, "timepoint",
    summary.fxn = percent,
    adjustment = NULL)
```

```
# To investigate the identities of outlier genes, we can turn on hovering
# (if the plotly package is available)
if (requireNamespace("plotly", quietly = TRUE)) {
    dittoPlotVarsAcrossGroups(
        myRNA, genes, "timepoint",
        do.hover = TRUE)
}
```

dittoScatterPlot

Show RNAseq data overlayed on a scatter plot

## **Description**

Show RNAseq data overlayed on a scatter plot

## Usage

```
dittoScatterPlot(
  object,
  x.var,
  y.var,
  color.var = NULL,
  shape.by = NULL,
  split.by = NULL,
  extra.vars = NULL,
  cells.use = NULL,
  multivar.split.dir = c("col", "row"),
  show.others = FALSE,
  split.show.all.others = TRUE,
  size = 1,
  opacity = 1,
  color.panel = dittoColors(),
  colors = seq_along(color.panel),
  split.nrow = NULL,
  split.ncol = NULL,
  split.adjust = list(),
  assay.x = .default_assay(object),
  slot.x = .default_slot(object),
  adjustment.x = NULL,
  assay.y = .default_assay(object),
  slot.y = .default_slot(object),
  adjustment.y = NULL,
  assay.color = .default_assay(object),
  slot.color = .default_slot(object),
  adjustment.color = NULL,
  assay.extra = .default_assay(object),
  slot.extra = .default_slot(object),
  adjustment.extra = NULL,
  swap.rownames = NULL,
  shape.panel = c(16, 15, 17, 23, 25, 8),
```

```
rename.color.groups = NULL,
  rename.shape.groups = NULL,
 min.color = "#F0E442",
 max.color = "#0072B2",
 min = NA,
 max = NA,
 order = c("unordered", "increasing", "decreasing", "randomize"),
 xlab = x.var,
 ylab = y.var,
 main = "make",
  sub = NULL,
  theme = theme_bw(),
  do.hover = FALSE,
 hover.data = NULL,
 hover.assay = .default_assay(object),
 hover.slot = .default_slot(object),
 hover.adjustment = NULL,
 do.contour = FALSE,
  contour.color = "black",
  contour.linetype = 1,
  add.trajectory.lineages = NULL,
  add.trajectory.curves = NULL,
  trajectory.cluster.meta,
  trajectory.arrow.size = 0.15,
  do.letter = FALSE,
 do.ellipse = FALSE,
  do.label = FALSE,
  labels.size = 5,
  labels.highlight = TRUE,
  labels.repel = TRUE,
  labels.split.by = split.by,
  labels.repel.adjust = list(),
  legend.show = TRUE,
  legend.color.title = "make",
  legend.color.size = 5,
  legend.color.breaks = waiver(),
  legend.color.breaks.labels = waiver(),
  legend.shape.title = shape.by,
  legend.shape.size = 5,
 do.raster = FALSE,
 raster.dpi = 300,
 data.out = FALSE
)
```

## **Arguments**

object A Seurat, SingleCellExperiment, or SummarizedExperiment object.

x.var, y.var Single string giving a gene or metadata that will be used for the x- and y-axis of the scatterplot. Note: must be continuous.

Alternatively, can be a directly supplied numeric vector of length equal to the total number of cells/samples in object.

color . var Single string giving a gene or metadata that will set the color of cells/samples in

the plot.

Alternatively, can be a directly supplied numeric or string vector or a factor of length equal to the total number of cells/samples in object.

Single string giving a metadata (Note: must be discrete.) that will set the shape shape.by of cells/samples in the plot.

> Alternatively, can be a directly supplied string vector or a factor of length equal to the total number of cells/samples in object.

split.by 1 or 2 strings naming discrete metadata to use for splitting the cells/samples into multiple plots with ggplot faceting.

> When 2 metadatas are named, c(row,col), the first is used as rows and the second is used for columns of the resulting grid.

> When 1 metadata is named, shape control can be achieved with split.nrow and split.ncol

String vector providing names of any extra metadata to be stashed in the dataframe extra.vars supplied to ggplot(data).

Useful for making custom alterations after dittoSeq plot generation.

cells.use String vector of cells'/samples' names OR an integer vector specifying the indices of cells/samples which should be included.

> Alternatively, a Logical vector, the same length as the number of cells in the object, which sets which cells to include.

multivar.split.dir

"row" or "col", sets the direction of faceting used for 'var' values when var is given multiple genes or metadata, and when split.by is used to provide additional data to facet by.

Logical. FALSE by default, whether other cells should be shown in the backshow.others ground in light gray.

split.show.all.others

Logical which sets whether gray "others" cells of facets should include all cells of other facets (TRUE) versus just cells left out by cell.use (FALSE).

Number which sets the size of data points. Default = 1. size

opacity Number between 0 and 1. Great for when you have MANY overlapping points, this sets how solid the points should be: 1 = not see-through at all. 0 = invisible.Default = 1. (In terms of typical ggplot variables, = alpha)

color.panel String vector which sets the colors to draw from. dittoColors() by default, see dittoColors for contents.

colors Integer vector, the indexes / order, of colors from color.panel to actually use split.nrow, split.ncol

> Integers which set the dimensions of faceting/splitting when a single metadata is given to split.by.

split.adjust A named list which allows extra parameters to be pushed through to the faceting function call. List elements should be valid inputs to the faceting functions, e.g. 'list(scales = "free")'.

> For options, when giving 1 metadata to split.by, see facet\_wrap, OR when giving 2 metadatas to split.by, see facet\_grid.

assay.x, assay.y, assay.color, assay.extra, slot.x, slot.y, slot.color, slot.extra

> single strings or integers (SCEs and SEs) or an optionally named vector of such values that set which expression data to use for each given data target. See

GeneTargeting for specifics and examples – Seurat and SingleCellExperiment objects deal with these differently, and functionality additions in dittoSeq have led to some minimal divergence from the native methodologies.

adjustment.x, adjustment.y, adjustment.color, adjustment.extra

For the given data target, when targeting gene / feature expression, should that data be used directly (default) or should it be adjusted to be

- "z-score": scaled with the scale() function to produce a relative-to-mean z-score representation
- "relative.to.max": divided by the maximum expression value to give percent of max values between [0,1]

swap.rownames

optionally named string or string vector. For SummarizedExperiment or Single-CellExperiment objects, its value(s) specifies the column name of rowData(object) to be used to identify features instead of rownames(object). When targeting multiple modalities (alternative experiments), names can be used to specify which level / alternative experiment (use 'main' for the top-level) individual values should be used for. See GeneTargeting for more specifics and examples.

shape.panel

order

Vector of integers corresponding to ggplot shapes which sets what shapes to use. When discrete groupings are supplied by shape. by, this sets the panel of shapes. When nothing is supplied to shape.by, only the first value is used. Default is a set of 6, c(16,15,17,23,25,8), the first being a simple, solid, circle.

Note: Unfortunately, shapes can be hard to see when points are on top of each other & they are more slowly processed by the brain. For these reasons, even as a color blind person myself writing this code, I recommend use of colors for variables with many discrete values.

rename.color.groups, rename.shape.groups

String vector containing new names for the identities of the color or shape overlay groups.

min.color color for min value of color.var data. Default = yellow max.color color for max value of color.var data. Default = blue

min, max Number which sets the values associated with the minimum or maximum colors.

String. If the data should be plotted based on the order of the color data, sets whether to plot (from back to front) in "increasing", "decreasing", "randomize" order. If left as "unordered", plot order is simply based on the order of cells within the object.

xlab, ylab Strings which set the labels for the axes. To remove, set to NULL.

main String, sets the plot title. A default title is automatically generated if based on

color.var and shape.by when either are provided. To remove, set to NULL.

sub String, sets the plot subtitle.

theme A ggplot theme which will be applied before dittoSeq adjustments. Default =

theme\_bw(). See https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference/ggtheme.

html for other options and ideas.

do. hover Logical which controls whether the object will be converted to a plotly object so

that data about individual points will be displayed when you hover your cursor over them. hover data argument is used to determine what data to use.

hover.data String vector of gene and metadata names, example: c("meta1", "gene1", "meta2", "gene2")

which determines what data to show on hover when do.hover is set to TRUE.

hover.assay, hover.slot, hover.adjustment

Similar to the x, y, color, and extra versions, when showing expression data upon hover, these set what data will be shown.

do. contour Logical. Whether density-based contours should be displayed.

contour.color String that sets the color(s) of the do.contour contours.

contour.linetype

String or numeric which sets the type of line used for do.contour contours.

Defaults to "solid", but see linetype for other options.

add.trajectory.lineages

List of vectors representing trajectory paths, each from start-cluster to endcluster, where vector contents are the names of clusters provided in the trajectory.cluster.meta input.

If the slingshot package was used for trajectory analysis, you can provide add.trajectory.lineages = slingLineages('object').

add.trajectory.curves

List of matrices, each representing coordinates for a trajectory path, from start to end, where matrix columns represent x and y coordinates of the paths.

trajectory.cluster.meta

String name of metadata containing the clusters that were used for generating trajectories. Required when plotting trajectories using the add.trajectory.lineages method. Names of clusters inside the metadata should be the same as the contents of add.trajectory.lineages vectors.

trajectory.arrow.size

Number representing the size of trajectory arrows, in inches. Default = 0.15.

do.letter Logical which sets whether letters should be added on top of the colored dots. For extended colorblindness compatibility. NOTE: do.letter is ignored if do.hover = TRUE or shape.by is provided a metadata because lettering is in-

compatible with plotly and with changing the dots' to be different shapes.

do.ellipse Logical. Whether the groups should be surrounded by median-centered ellipses.

do.label Logical. Whether to add text labels near the center (median) of clusters for

grouping vars.

labels.size Size of the the labels text

labels.highlight

Logical. Whether the labels should have a box behind them

labels.repel Logical, that sets whether the labels' placements will be adjusted with ggrepel to avoid intersections between labels and plot bounds. TRUE by default.

labels.split.by

String of one or two metadata names which controls the facet-split calculations for label placements. Defaults to split.by, so generally there is no need to adjust this except when you are utilizing the extra.vars input to achieve manual faceting control.

labels.repel.adjust

A named list which allows extra parameters to be pushed through to ggrepel function calls. List elements should be valid inputs to the geom\_label\_repel by default, or geom\_text\_repel when labels.highlight = FALSE.

legend. show Logical. Whether any legend should be displayed. Default = TRUE.

legend.color.title, legend.shape.title

Strings which set the title for the color or shape legends.

legend.color.size, legend.shape.size

Numbers representing the size at which shapes should be plotted in the color and shape legends (for discrete variable plotting). Default = 5. \*Enlarging the icons in the colors legend is incredibly helpful for making colors more distinguishable by color blind individuals.

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legend.color.breaks

Numeric vector which sets the discrete values to label in the color-scale legend for continuous data.

legend.color.breaks.labels

String vector, with same length as legend.breaks, which sets the labels for the tick marks of the color-scale.

do.raster Logical. When set to TRUE, rasterizes the internal plot layer, changing it from

individually encoded points to a flattened set of pixels. This can be useful for editing in external programs (e.g. Illustrator) when there are many thousands of

data points.

raster.dpi Number indicating dots/pixels per inch (dpi) to use for rasterization. Default =

300.

data.out Logical. When set to TRUE, changes the output, from the plot alone, to a list

containing the plot ("p"), a data frame containing the underlying data for target cells ("Target\_data"), and a data frame containing the underlying data for non-

target cells ("Others\_data").

#### **Details**

This function creates a dataframe with X, Y, color, shape, and faceting data determined by x.var, y.var, color.var, shape.var, and split.by. Any extra gene or metadata requested with extra.var is added as well. For expression/counts data, assay, slot, and adjustment inputs (.x, .y, and .color) can be used to change which data is used, and if it should be adjusted in some way.

Next, if a set of cells or samples to use is indicated with the cells.use input, then the dataframe is split into Target\_data and Others\_data based on subsetting by the target cells/samples.

Finally, a scatter plot is created using these dataframes. Non-target cells are colored in gray if show.others=TRUE, and target cell data is displayed on top, colored and shaped based on the color.var- and shape.by-associated data. If split.by was used, the plot will be split into a matrix of panels based on the associated groupings.

# Value

a ggplot scatterplot where colored dots and/or shapes represent individual cells/samples. X and Y axes can be gene expression, numeric metadata, or manually supplied values.

Alternatively, if data.out=TRUE, a list containing three slots is output: the plot (named 'p'), a data.table containing the underlying data for target cells (named 'Target\_data'), and a data.table containing the underlying data for non-target cells (named 'Others\_data').

Alternatively, if do. hover is set to TRUE, the plot is coverted from ggplot to plotly & cell/sample information, determined by the hover. data input, is retrieved, added to the dataframe, and displayed upon hovering the cursor over the plot.

## Many characteristics of the plot can be adjusted using discrete inputs

- size and opacity can be used to adjust the size and transparency of the data points.
- Colors used can be adjusted with color.panel and/or colors for discrete data, or min, max, min.color, and max.color for continuous data.
- Shapes used can be adjusted with shape.panel.
- Color and shape labels can be changed using rename.color.groups and rename.shape.groups.
- Titles and axes labels can be adjusted with main, sub, xlab, ylab, and legend.title arguments.

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• Legends can also be adjusted in other ways, using variables that all start with "legend." for easy tab completion lookup.

#### Author(s)

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#### See Also

getGenes and getMetas to see what the x.var, y.var, color.var, shape.by, and hover.data options are of an object.

dittoDimPlot for making very similar data representations, but where dimensionality reduction (PCA, t-SNE, UMAP, etc.) dimensions are the scatterplot axes.

dittoDimHex and dittoScatterHex for showing very similar data representations, but where nearby cells are summarized together in hexagonal bins.

#### **Examples**

```
example(importDittoBulk, echo = FALSE)
myRNA
# Mock up some nCount_RNA and nFeature_RNA metadata
# == the default way to extract
myRNA$nCount_RNA <- runif(60,200,1000)</pre>
myRNA$nFeature_RNA <- myRNA$nCount_RNA*runif(60,0.95,1.05)</pre>
# and also percent.mito metadata
myRNA$percent.mito <- sample(c(runif(50,0,0.05),runif(10,0.05,0.2)))
dittoScatterPlot(
    myRNA, x.var = "nCount_RNA", y.var = "nFeature_RNA")
# Shapes or colors can be overlaid representing discrete metadata
  or (only colors) continuous metadata / expression data by providing
  metadata or gene names to 'color.var' and 'shape.by'
dittoScatterPlot(
    myRNA, x.var = "gene1", y.var = "gene2",
    color.var = "groups",
    shape.by = "SNP",
    size = 3)
dittoScatterPlot(
    myRNA, x.var = "gene1", y.var = "gene2",
    color.var = "gene3")
# Note: scatterplots like this can be very useful for dataset QC, especially
# with percentage of mitochondrial reads as the color overlay.
dittoScatterPlot(myRNA,
    x.var = "nCount_RNA", y.var = "nFeature_RNA",
    color.var = "percent.mito")
# Data can be "split" or faceted by a discrete variable as well.
dittoScatterPlot(myRNA, x.var = "gene1", y.var = "gene2",
    split.by = "timepoint") # single split.by element
dittoScatterPlot(myRNA, x.var = "gene1", y.var = "gene2",
    split.by = c("groups", "SNP")) # row and col split.by elements
# OR with 'extra.vars' plus manually faceting for added control
dittoScatterPlot(myRNA, x.var = "gene1", y.var = "gene2",
```

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```
extra.vars = c("SNP")) +
    facet_wrap("SNP", ncol = 1, strip.position = "left")
# Countours can also be added to help illuminate overlapping samples
dittoScatterPlot(myRNA, x.var = "gene1", y.var = "gene2",
    do.contour = TRUE)
# Multiple continuous metadata or genes can also be plotted together by
   giving that vector to 'color.var':
dittoScatterPlot(myRNA, x.var = "gene1", y.var = "gene2",
    color.var = c("gene3", "gene4"))
# This functionality can be combined with 1 additional 'split.by' variable,
   with the directionality then controlled via 'multivar.split.dir':
dittoScatterPlot(myRNA, x.var = "gene1", y.var = "gene2",
    color.var = c("gene3", "gene4"),
    split.by = "timepoint";
    multivar.split.dir = "col")
dittoScatterPlot(myRNA, x.var = "gene1", y.var = "gene2",
    color.var = c("gene3", "gene4"),
    split.by = "timepoint",
    multivar.split.dir = "row")
```

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# Description

This package was built to make the visualization of single-cell and bulk RNA-sequencing data pipeline-agnostic and accessible for both experienced and novice coders, and for color vision impaired individuals.

## **Details**

Includes many plotting functions (dittoPlot, dittoDimPlot, dittoBarPlot, dittoHeatmap, ...), helper funtions (meta, gene, isMeta, getMetas, ...), and color adjustment functions (Simulate, Darken, Lighten), to aid in making sense of RNA sequencing data. All included plotting functions produce a ggplot object (or pheatmap / Heatmap for dittoHeatmap) by default and can spit out a full plot with just a few arguments. Many additional arguments are available for customization to generate complex, publication-ready figures.

Default dittoColors are color blindness friendly and adapted from Wong B, "Points of view: Color blindness." Nature Methods, 2011.

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gene

Returns the expression values of a gene for all cells/samples

## **Description**

Returns the expression values of a gene for all cells/samples

## Usage

```
gene(
   gene,
   object,
   assay = .default_assay(object),
   slot = .default_slot(object),
   adjustment = NULL,
   adj.fxn = NULL,
   swap.rownames = NULL
)
```

#### **Arguments**

gene

quoted "gene" name = REQUIRED. the gene whose expression data should be retrieved.

object

A Seurat, SingleCellExperiment, or SummarizedExperiment object.

assay, slot

single strings or integers (SCEs and SEs) or a vector of such values that set which expression data to use. See GeneTargeting for specifics and examples – Seurat and SingleCellExperiment objects deal with these differently, and functionality additions in dittoSeq have led to some minimal divergence from the native methodologies.

adjustment

Should expression data be used directly (default) or should it be adjusted to be

- "z-score": scaled with the scale() function to produce a relative-to-mean z-score representation
- "relative.to.max": divided by the maximum expression value to give percent of max values between [0,1]

adj.fxn

A function which takes a vector (of metadata values) and returns a vector of the same length.

For example, function(x)  $\{\log 2(x)\}\$  or as.factor

swap.rownames

optionally named string or string vector. For SummarizedExperiment or Single-CellExperiment objects, its value(s) specifies the column name of rowData(object) to be used to identify features instead of rownames(object). When targeting multiple modalities (alternative experiments), names can be used to specify which level / alternative experiment (use 'main' for the top-level) individual values should be used for. See GeneTargeting for more specifics and examples.

## Value

Returns the expression values of a gene for all cells/samples.

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#### **Examples**

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Control of Gene/Feature targeting

# **Description**

Control of Gene/Feature targeting

#### Overview

As of dittoSeq version 1.15.2, we made it possible to target genes / features from across multiple modalities. Here, we describe intricacies of how 'assay', 'slot', and 'swap.rownames' inputs now work to allow for this purpose.

Control of gene/feature targeting in dittoSeq functions aims to blend seamlessly with how similar control works in Seurat, SingleCellExperiment (SCE), and other packages that deal with these data structures. However, as we've built in new features into dittoSeq, and the Seurat and SCE-package maintainers extend their tools as well, some divergence was to be expected.

The way Seurat and SingleCellExperiment objects hold data from multiple modalities is quite distinct, thus it is worth describing each distinctly.

It's also important to note, that both structures utilize the term 'assay', but they utilize it for distinct meanings. Keep that in mind because we chose to stick with the native terminologies within dittoSeq in order maintain intuitiveness with other Seurat or SCE data accession methods. In other words, rather than enforcing a new consistent paradigm, the native Seurat 'assay' meaning is respected for Seurat objects, and the native SCE 'assay' meaning is respected for SCE objects.

#### **Defaults**

When not provided by the user, the defaults for assay and slot inputs are:

- Seurat-v3+: assay = DefaultAssay(object), slot = "data"
- Seurat-v2 (v2 pre-dates Seurat's own multi-modal capabilities): assay is not used, slot = "data"
- SingleCellExperiment or SummarizedExperiment: assay = whichever of "logcounts", "norm-counts", or "counts" are found to exist first, prioritized in that order, otherwise the first assay of object's top-level / primary modality; slot is not used.

The default for swap.rownames is NULL, a.k.a. not used.

#### Control of Gene/Feature targeting in Seurat objects

For Seurat objects, dittoSeq uses of its assay and slot inputs for gene/feature retrieval control, and ultimately makes use of Seurat's GetAssayData function for extracting data. (See: '?SeuratO-bject::GetAssayData')

To allow targeting of features across multiple modalities, we allow provision of multiple assay names to dittoSeq's version of the 'assay' input. Internally, dittoSeq will then loop through all values of 'assay', making a separate calls to GetAssayData for each assay.

Otherwise, dittoSeq's assay and slot inputs work exactly the same as described in Seurat's documentation.

Phrased another way, it works via inputs:

- assay takes the name(s) of Seurat Assays to target. Examples: "RNA" or c("RNA", "ADT")
- slot "counts", "data", or "scale.data". Directs which 'slot' of data from the targeted assays to extract from. Example: "data"

As an example, if you wanted to plot raw counts data from 1) the CD4 gene of the RNA assay and 2) the CD4.1 marker of an ADT assay, you would:

- 1. point the var or vars input of the plotter to c("CD4", "CD4.1")
- 2. target both modalities via assay = c("RNA", "ADT") (Note that "RNA" and "ADT" are the default assay names typically used, but you do need to match with what is in your own Seurat object if your assays are named differently.)
- 3. target the raw counts data via slot = "counts"

# Control of Gene/Feature targeting in SingleCellExperiment objects

For SCE objects, dittoSeq makes use of its assay input for both modality and data form (the meaning of 'assay' for SCEs) control, and ultimately makes use of the assay and altExp functions for extracting data.

Additionally, we allow use of the swap.rownames input to allow targeting & display of alternative gene/feature names. The implementation here is that rownames of the extracted assay data are swapped out for the given rowData column of the object (or altExp). When used, note that you will need to use these swapped names for targeting genes / features with gene, var, or vars inputs.

In SCE objects themselves, the primary modality's expression data are stored in 'assay's of the SCE object. You might have one assay containing raw data, and another containing log-normalized data. Additional details of genes/features of this modality, possibly including alternative gene names, can be stored in the object's 'rowData' slot. When additional modalities are collected, the way to store them is via a nested SCE object called an "alternative experiment". Any number of these

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can be stored in the 'altExps' slot of the SCE object. Each alternative experiment can contain any number of assays. Again each will often have one representing raw data and another representing a normalized form of that data. And, these alternative experiments might also make use of their rowData to store additional characteristics or names of each gene/feature.

The system feels a bit more complicated here, because the SCE system is itself a bit more complicated. But the hope is that this system becomes simple to work with once learned!

To allow targeting of features across multiple modalities, dittoSeq's assay input can be given:

- Simplest form: a single string or string vector where values are either the names of an assay of the primary modality OR the name of an alternative experiment to target, with 'main' as an indicator for the primary modality and 'altexp' as a shortcut for indicating "the first altExp". In this form, when 'main', 'altexp', or the actual name of an alternative experiment are used, the first assay of that targeted modality will be used.
- Explicit form: a named string or named vector of string values where names indicate the modality/experiment to target and values indicate what assays of those experiments to target. Here again, you can use 'main' or 'altexp' as names to mean the primary modality and "the first altExp", respectively.
- These methods can also be combined. A few examples:
  - Using the simplified method only: assay = c('main', 'altexp', 'hto') will target the
    first assays each of the main object, of the first alternative experiment of the object, and
    also of an alternative experiment named 'hto'.
  - Using the explicit form only: assay = c('main'='logexp', 'adt'='clr', 'altexp'='raw') will target 1) the logexp-named assay of the main object, 2) the clr-named assay of an alternative experiment named 'adt', and 3) the raw-named assay of the first alternative experiment of the object.
  - Using a combination of the two: assay = c('logexp', 'adt'='clr') will target 1) the logexp-named assay of the primary modilty, unless there is an alternative experiment named 'logexp' which will lead to grabbing the first assay of that modality, and 2) the clr-named assay of an alternative experiment named 'adt'.

The swap.rownames input allows swapping to alternative names for genes/features via provision of a column name of rowData(object). The values of that rowData column are then used to identify and label features of the moadilty's assays instead of the original rownames of the assays. To allow swap.rownames to also work with the multi-modality access system in the most simplified way, the swap.rownames input also has both a simple and an explicit provision system:

- Simple form: a single string or string vector where all modalities will be checked for the presence of a these values in colnames of their rowData. If multiple matches are found, priority goes to the earlier value. Values of matched rowData columns are then set (internally to dittoSeq only) as the rownames of the modality.
- Explicit form: similar to the explicit assay use, a named string or named vector of string values where names indicate the modality/experiment to target and values indicate columns to look for among the given modality's rowData. 'main' should be used as the name / indicator for the primary modality, and 'altexp' can be used as a shortcut for indicating "the first altExp".
- Examples:
  - Simplified1: Using assay = c('main', 'altexp'), swap.rownames = "SYMBOL" with an object where the primary modality rowData has a SYMBOL column and the first alternative experiment's rowData is empty, will lead to swapping to the SYMBOL values for main modality features and use of original rownames for the alternative experiment's features. (You will also see a warning indicating that the rownames were not swapped for the alternative experiment.)

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 Simplified2: Using assay = c('main', 'altexp'), swap.rownames = "SYMBOL" with an object where both modalities' rowData have a SYMBOL column, will lead to swapping to the SYMBOL values both modalities (and no warning).

Explicit: Using assay = c('main', 'altexp'), swap.rownames = c(main="SYMBOL") with an object where both modalities' rowData have a SYMBOL column, will lead to swapping to the SYMBOL values for main modality only.

As a full example, if you wanted to plot from 1) the raw 'counts' assay for a CD4 gene of the primary modality and 2) the normalized 'logexp' assay for a CD4.1 marker of an alternative experiment assay named 'ADT', but where 3) the rownames of these modalities are Ensembl ids while gene symbol names are held in a rowData column of both modalities that is named "symbols", the simplest provision method is:

- 1. point the var or vars input of the plotter to c("CD4", "CD4.1")
- 2. target the counts assay of the primary modality and logexp assay of the ADT alternative experiment via assay = c('counts', ADT = 'logexp')
- 3. swap to the symbol names of features from both modlities by also giving swap.rownames = "symbols"

#### Some edge-cases for SingleCellExperiment objects

Some choices within dittoSeq's multi-modality implementation for SCEs were made with a prioritization of ease over creation of edge-cases. Thus, a few known edge-cases exist:

- Avoid naming alternative experiments as 'main' or 'altexp'. Because these tokens have been
  chosen as indicators of "top-level data", and "the first alternative experiment", respectively,
  any alternative experiment given one of these names will not be able to be reliably accessed
  via dittoSeq's system.
- Explicit-path is required for top-level assays named 'altexp' Use assay = c(main='altexp') for a top-level assay named 'altexp'. Because we think the "simple path" is usefully simpler for cases where it works, assay = 'altexp' and assay = c('main'='altexp') are not equivalent. The explicit method MUST be used to extract from an assay named 'altexp' because assay = 'altexp' will instead target the first assay of the first altExp of the SCE.

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getGenes

Returns the names of all genes of a target object.

## Description

Returns the names of all genes of a target object.

## Usage

```
getGenes(object, assay = .default_assay(object), swap.rownames = NULL)
```

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#### **Arguments**

object A Seurat, SingleCellExperiment, or SummarizedExperiment object.

assay Single string or integer that sets which set of seq data inside the object to check.

swap.rownames optionally named string or string vector. For SummarizedExperiment or Single-

CellExperiment objects, its value(s) specifies the column name of rowData(object) to be used to identify features instead of rownames(object). When targeting multiple modalities (alternative experiments), names can be used to specify which level / alternative experiment (use 'main' for the top-level) individual values should be used for. See GeneTargeting for more specifics and examples.

#### Value

A string vector, returns the names of all genes of the object for the requested assay.

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#### See Also

```
isGene for returning all genes in an object
gene for obtaining the expression data of genes
```

#### **Examples**

```
example(importDittoBulk, echo = FALSE)
getGenes(object = myRNA, assay = "counts")

# To see all genes of an object for the default assay that dittoSeq would use
# leave out the assay input
getGenes(myRNA)

# Seurat
# pbmc <- Seurat::pbmc_small
# # To see all genes of an object of a particular assay
# getGenes(pbmc, assay = "RNA")</pre>
```

getMetas

Returns the names of all meta.data slots of a target object.

## **Description**

Returns the names of all meta.data slots of a target object.

# Usage

```
getMetas(object, names.only = TRUE)
```

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## **Arguments**

object A Seurat, SingleCellExperiment, or SummarizedExperiment object.

names.only Logical, TRUE by default, which sets whether just the names should be output

versus the entire metadata dataframe.

#### Value

A string vector of the names of all metadata slots of the object, or alternatively the entire dataframe of metadatas if names.only is set to FALSE

# Author(s)

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#### See Also

```
isMeta for checking if certain metadata slots exist in an object meta for obtaining the contants of metadata slots
```

## **Examples**

```
example(importDittoBulk, echo = FALSE)
# To see all metadata slots of an object
getMetas(myRNA)
# To retrieve the entire metadata matrix
getMetas(myRNA, names.only = FALSE)
```

getReductions

Returns the names of all dimensionality reduction slots of a target object.

## **Description**

Returns the names of all dimensionality reduction slots of a target object.

# Usage

```
getReductions(object)
```

## **Arguments**

object

A Seurat, SingleCellExperiment, or SummarizedExperiment object.

## Value

A string vector of the names of all dimensionality reduction slots of the object. These represent the options for the reduction.use input of dittoDimPlot.

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#### **Examples**

```
example("addDimReduction", echo = FALSE)
# To see all metadata slots of an object
getReductions(myRNA)
```

importDemux

Extracts Demuxlet information into a pre-made SingleCellExperiment or Seurat object

## **Description**

Extracts Demuxlet information into a pre-made SingleCellExperiment or Seurat object

## Usage

```
importDemux(
  object,
  raw.cell.names = NULL,
  lane.meta = NULL,
  lane.names = NA,
  demuxlet.best,
  trim.before_ = TRUE,
  bypass.check = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

# **Arguments**

object A pre-made Seurat(v3+) or SingleCellExperiment object to add demuxlet infor-

mation to.

raw.cell.names A string vector consisting of the raw cell barcodes of the object as they would

have been output by cellranger aggr. Format per cell.name = NNN...NNN-# where NNN...NNN are the cell barcode nucleotides, and # is the lane number. This input should be used when additional information has been added directly into the cell names outside of Seurat's standard merge prefix: "user-text\_".

lane.meta A string which names a metadata slot that contains which cells came from which

droplet-generation wells.

lane.names String vector which sets how the lanes should be named (if you want to give

them something different from the default = Lane1, Lane2, Lane3...)

demuxlet.best String or String vector pointing to the location(s) of the .best output file from

running of demuxlet.

Alternatively, a data.frame representing an already imported .best matrix.

trim.before\_ Logical which sets whether any characters in front of an "\_" should be deleted

from the raw.cell.names before matching with demuxlet barcodes.

bypass.check Logical which sets whether the function should run even when meta.data slots

would be over-written.

verbose whether to print messages about the stage of this process that is currently being

run & also the summary at the end.

#### Details

The function takes in a previously generated Seurat or SingleCellExperiment (SCE) object.

It also takes in demuxlet information either in the form of: (1) the location of a single demuxlet.best out file, (2) the locations of multiple demuxlet.best output files, (3) a user-constructed data.frame created by reading in a demuxlet.best file.

Then it matches barcodes and adds demuxlet-information to the Seurat or SCE as metadata.

For a note on how best to utilize this function with multi-lane droplet-based data, see the devoted section below.

# Specifically:

- 1. If a metadata slot name is provided to lane.meta, information in that metadata slot is copied into a metadata slot called "Lane". Alternatively, if lane.meta is left as NULL, separate lanes are assumed to be marked by distinct values of "-#" at the end of cell names, as is the typical output of the 10X cellranger count & aggr pipeline.
- (1a. If demuxlet.best was provided as a set of separate file locations (recommended usage in conjunction with 'cellranger aggr'), the "-#" at the ends of BARCODEs columns from these files are incremented on read-in so that they can match the incrementation applied by cellranger aggr. See the section on multi-lane scRNAseq for more.)
- 2. Barcodes in the demuxlet .best data are then matched to barcodes in the object. The cell names, colnames(object), are used by default for this matching, but if these have been modified from what would have been given to demuxlet outside of -# at the end or \*\*\*\_'s at the beginning, as can be added in common merge functions raw.cell.names can be provided and these cell names used instead.
- 3. Singlet/doublet/ambiguous calls and sample identities (1st only for doublets) are parsed and carried into metadata.
- 4. Finally, a summary of the results including mean number of SNPs and percentages of singlets and doublets is output unless verbose is set to FALSE.

# Value

The Seurat or SingleCellExperiment object with metadata added for "Sample" calls and other relevant statistics.

#### Metadata Added

Lane information and demuxlet calls and statistics are imported into the object as these metadata:

- Lane = guided by lane.meta import input or "-#"s in barcodes, represents the separate droplet-generation lanes.
- Sample = The sample call, parsed from the BEST column
- demux.doublet.call = whether the sample was a singlet (SNG), doublet (DBL), or ambiguious (AMB), parsed from the BEST column
- demux.RD.TOTL = RD.TOTL column
- demux.RD.PASS = RD.PASS column

- demux.RD.UNIQ = RD.UNIQ column
- demux.N.SNP = N.SNP column
- demux.PRB.DBL = PRB.DBL column

• demux.barcode.dup = (Only generated when TRUEs will exist) whether a cell's barcode in the demuxlet.best refered to only 1 cell in the object. (When TRUE, indicates that cells from distinct lanes were interpretted together by demuxlet. These will often be mistakenly called as doublets.)

#### For data from multi-(droplet-gen-)lane scRNAseq

There are many different ways such data might initially be processed which will affect its accessibility to importDemux().

**Initial Processing:** 10X recommends running cellranger counts individually for each well/lane. Non-10X droplet-based data from separate lanes should also be processed separately, at least for the steps of collecting reads for individual cells. NOT processing such droplet lanes separately will create artificial doublets from cells that ended up with similar barcodes, but in separate dropletgen lanes. Thus, proper processing initially leads to creation of separate counts matrices for each droplet-generation lane.

**Combining data from each lane:** These per-lane counts matrices can be combined in various ways. All options will alter the cell barcode names in a way that makes them unique across lanes, but this uniquification is achieved varies.

Counts table combination methods generally do not adjust adjust BAM files – specifically the cell names embedded within the BAM files which is demuxlet uses for its BARCODEs column. Thus cell names data may needs to be modified in a proper way in order to make the object's cell names and demuxlet.best's BARCODEs match.

**Running Demuxlet:** Demuxlet should also be run, separately, on the BAM files of each individual lane. Imporperly running demuxlet on a combined BAM file can lead to loss of lane information and then to generation of artificial doublet calls for cells of distinct wells that received simiar barcodes. The BAM file associated with each demuxlet run is what is used for generating the BARCODE column of the demuxlet output.

**How importDemux() handles barcode matching:** importDemux is built to work with the 'cell-ranger aggr' pipeline by default, but can be used for demuxlet datasets processed differently as well (Option 2).

- Option 1: When you merge matrices of all lanes with **cellranger aggr before R import**, aggr's barcode uniquification method is to increment a "-1", "-2", "-3", ... "-#" that is appended to the end of all barcode names. The number is incremented for each succesive lane. Note that lane-numbers depend on the order in which they were supplied to cellranger aggr.
  - to use: Simply supply a demuxlet.best a vector containing the locations of the sepearate
     '.best' outputs for each lane, in the same order that lanes were provided to aggr.
     importDemux will adjust the "-#" in the demuxlet.best BARCODEs automatically before performing the matching step.
- Option 2: When you instead **import** your counts data into a Seurat or SingleCellExperiment, and **then merge** the separate objects into one, the uniquification method is dependent on your particular method.
  - to use: For these methods, it is easiest to 1) import your counts data, 2) transfer in your demuxlet info with importDemux() to each lane's object idividually (You can supply unique lane identifiers to the lane. names input.), and then 3) merge the separate objects.
- Extra notes for any alternative cases:

For Seurat's merge(), user-defined strings can be appended to the start of the barcodes, followed by an "\_". By default, importDemux() will ignore these, but such ignorance can be controlled with the trim.before\_input.

 Alternatively, cell names that are consistent with the demuxlet.best BARCODEs can be supplied to the raw.cell.names input.

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#### See Also

Included QC visualizations:

demux.calls.summary for plotting the number of sample annotations assigned within each lane.

demux. SNP. summary for plotting the number of SNPs measured per cell.

Or, see Kang et al. Nature Biotechnology, 2018 https://www.nature.com/articles/nbt.4042 for more information about the demuxlet cell-sample deconvolution method.

## **Examples**

```
#Prep: loading in an example dataset and sample demuxlet data
example("importDittoBulk", echo = FALSE)
demux <- demuxlet.example</pre>
colnames(myRNA) <- demux$BARCODE[seq_len(ncol(myRNA))]</pre>
###
### Method 1: Lanes info stored in a metadata
###
# Notice there is a groups metadata in this Seurat object.
getMetas(myRNA)
# We will treat these as if that holds Lane information
# Now, running importDemux:
myRNA <- importDemux(</pre>
    myRNA,
    lane.meta = "groups",
    demuxlet.best = demux)
# Note, importDemux can also take in the location of the .best file.
   myRNA <- importDemux(</pre>
#
        object = myRNA,
#
        lane.meta = "groups",
#
        demuxlet.best = "Location/filename.best")
# demux.SNP.summary() and demux.calls.summary() can now be used.
demux.SNP.summary(myRNA)
demux.calls.summary(myRNA)
### Method 2: cellranger aggr combined data (denoted with "-#" in barcodes)
# If cellranger aggr was used, lanes will be denoted by "-1", "-2", ... "-#"
  at the ends of Seurat cellnames.
```

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```
# Demuxlet should be run on each lane individually.
# Provided locations of each demuxlet.best output file, *in the same order
# that lanes were provided to cellranger aggr* this function will then
# adjust the "-#" within the .best BARCODEs automatically before matching
#
# myRNA <- importDemux(
    object = myRNA,
    demuxlet.best = c(
        "Location/filename1.best",
        "Location/filename2.best"),
# ane.names = c("g1", "g2"))</pre>
```

importDittoBulk

import bulk sequencing data into a SingleCellExperiment format that will work with other dittoSeq functions.

## **Description**

import bulk sequencing data into a SingleCellExperiment format that will work with other dittoSeq functions.

## Usage

```
importDittoBulk(x, reductions = NULL, metadata = NULL, combine_metadata = TRUE)
```

#### **Arguments**

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A DGEList, or SummarizedExperiment (includes DESeqDataSet) class object containing the sequencing data to be imported.

Alternatively, for import from a raw matrix format, a named list of matrices (or matrix-like objects) where names will become the assay names of the eventual SCE.

NOTE: As of dittoSeq version 1.1.11, all dittoSeq functions can work directly with SummarizedExperiment objects, so this import function is nolonger required for such data.

reductions

A named list of dimensionality reduction embeddings matrices. Names will become the names of the dimensionality reductions and how each will be used with the reduction.use input of dittoDimPlot and dittoDimHex.

For each matrix, rows of the matrices should represent the different samples of the dataset, and columns the different dimensions.

metadata

A data.frame (or data.frame-like object) where rows represent samples and named columns represent the extra information about such samples that should be accessible to visualizations. The names of these columns can then be used to retrieve and plot such data in any dittoSeq visualization.

combine\_metadata

Logical which sets whether original colData (DESeqDataSet/SummarizedExperiment) or \$samples (DGEList) from x should be retained.

When x is a SummarizedExperiment or DGEList:

 When FALSE, sample metadata inside x (colData or \$samples) is ignored entirely. 88 importDittoBulk

• When TRUE (the default), metadata inside x is combined with what is provided to the metadata input; but names must be unique, so when there are similarly named slots, the **values provided to the** metadata **input take priority.** 

#### Value

A SingleCellExperiment object...

that contains all assays (SummarizedExperiment; includes DESeqDataSets), all standard slots (DGE-List; see below for specifics), or expression matrices of the input x, as well as any dimensionality reductions provided to reductions, and any provided metadata stored in colData.

## Note about SummarizedExperiments

As of dittoSeq version 1.1.11, all dittoSeq functions can work directly with SummarizedExperiment objects, so this import function is nolonger required for such data.

#### Note on assay names

One recommended assay to create if it is not already present in your dataset, is a log-normalized version of the counts data. The logNormCounts function of the scater package is an easy way to make such a slot.

dittoSeq visualizations default to grabbing expression data from an assay named logcounts > norm-counts > counts

#### See Also

SingleCellExperiment for more information about this storage structure.

# Examples

```
library(SingleCellExperiment)
# Generate some random data
nsamples <- 60
exp <- matrix(rpois(1000*nsamples, 20), ncol=nsamples)</pre>
colnames(exp) <- paste0("sample", seq_len(ncol(exp)))</pre>
rownames(exp) <- paste0("gene", seq_len(nrow(exp)))</pre>
logexp <- log2(exp + 1)
# Dimensionality Reductions
pca <- matrix(runif(nsamples*5,-2,2), nsamples)</pre>
tsne <- matrix(rnorm(nsamples*2), nsamples)</pre>
# Some Metadata
conds <- factor(rep(c("condition1", "condition2"), each=nsamples/2)) timept <- rep(c("d0", "d3", "d6", "d9"), each = 15)
genome <- rep(c(rep(TRUE,7),rep(FALSE,8)), 4)</pre>
grps <- sample(c("A","B","C","D"), nsamples, TRUE)</pre>
clusts <- as.character(1*(tsne[,1]>0&tsne[,2]>0) + \frac{1}{2}
                           2*(tsne[,1]<0&tsne[,2]>0) +
                           3*(tsne[,1]>0&tsne[,2]<0) +
                           4*(tsne[,1]<0&tsne[,2]<0))
score1 <- seq_len(nsamples)/2</pre>
score2 <- rnorm(nsamples)</pre>
```

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```
### We can import the counts directly
myRNA <- importDittoBulk(</pre>
    x = list(counts = exp,
         logcounts = logexp))
### Adding metadata & PCA or other dimensionality reductions
# We can add these directly during import, or after.
myRNA <- importDittoBulk(</pre>
    x = list(counts = exp.
        logcounts = logexp),
    metadata = data.frame(
        conditions = conds,
        timepoint = timept,
        SNP = genome,
        groups = grps),
    reductions = list(
        pca = pca))
myRNA$clustering <- clusts</pre>
myRNA <- addDimReduction(</pre>
    myRNA,
    embeddings = tsne,
    name = "tsne")
# (other packages SCE manipulations can also be used)
### When we import from SummarizedExperiment, all metadata is retained.
# The object is just 'upgraded' to hold extra slots.
# The output is the same, aside from a message when metadata are replaced.
se <- SummarizedExperiment(</pre>
    list(counts = exp, logcounts = logexp))
myRNA <- importDittoBulk(</pre>
    x = se,
    metadata = data.frame(
        conditions = conds,
        timepoint = timept,
        SNP = genome,
        groups = grps,
        clustering = clusts,
        score1 = score1,
        score2 = score2),
    reductions = list(
        pca = pca,
        tsne = tsne))
myRNA
### For DESeq2, how we might have made this:
# DESeqDataSets are SummarizedExperiments, and behave similarly
# library(DESeq2)
# dds <- DESeqDataSetFromMatrix(</pre>
     exp, data.frame(conditions), ~ conditions)
# dds <- DESeq(dds)</pre>
# dds_ditto <- importDittoBulk(dds)</pre>
### For edgeR, DGELists are a separate beast.
```

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```
# dittoSeq imports what I know to commonly be inside them, but please submit
# an issue on the github (dtm2451/dittoSeq) if more should be retained.
# library(edgeR)
# dgelist <- DGEList(counts=exp, group=conditions)
# dge_ditto <- importDittoBulk(dgelist)</pre>
```

isBulk

Retrieve whether a given object would be treated as bulk versus singlecell by dittoSeq

## **Description**

Retrieve whether a given object would be treated as bulk versus single-cell by dittoSeq

## Usage

```
isBulk(object)
```

## **Arguments**

object

A target Seurat, SingleCellExperiment, or SummarizedExperiment object

## Value

Logical: whether the provided object would be treated as bulk data by dittoSeq.

- TRUE for SummarizedExperiments that are not SCEs, and for SCEs with \$bulk = TRUE in their internal metadata.
- FALSE for any other object type and for SCEs without such internal metadata

# See Also

setBulk to (add to and) set the internal metadata of an SCE to say whether the object repressents bulk data.

## **Examples**

```
example(importDittoBulk, echo = FALSE)
myRNA

isBulk(myRNA)

scRNA <- setBulk(myRNA, FALSE)
isBulk(scRNA)</pre>
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isGene

Tests if input is the name of a gene in a target object.

#### **Description**

Tests if input is the name of a gene in a target object.

## Usage

```
isGene(
  test,
  object,
  assay = .default_assay(object),
  return.values = FALSE,
  swap.rownames = NULL
)
```

## **Arguments**

test String or vector of strings, the "potential.gene.name"(s) to check for.

object A Seurat, SingleCellExperiment, or SummarizedExperiment object.

assay single string or integer that sets which set of seq data inside the object to check.

return.values Logical which sets whether the function returns a logical TRUE/FALSE versus the

TRUE test values . Default = FALSE REQUIRED, unless 'DEFAULT <- "object" '

has been run.

swap.rownames optionally named string or string vector. For SummarizedExperiment or Single-

CellExperiment objects, its value(s) specifies the column name of rowData(object) to be used to identify features instead of rownames(object). When targeting multiple modalities (alternative experiments), names can be used to specify which level / alternative experiment (use 'main' for the top-level) individual values should be used for. See GeneTargeting for more specifics and examples.

## Value

Returns a logical vector indicating whether each instance in test is a rowname within the requested assay of the object. Alternatively, returns the values of test that were indeed rownames if return.values = TRUE.

## Author(s)

Daniel Bunis

#### See Also

```
getGenes for returning all genes in an object
gene for obtaining the expression data of genes
```

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#### **Examples**

isMeta

Tests if an input is the name of a meta.data slot in a target object.

# Description

Tests if an input is the name of a meta.data slot in a target object.

## Usage

```
isMeta(test, object, return.values = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

test String or vector of strings, the "potential.metadata.name"(s) to check for.

object A Seurat, SingleCellExperiment, or SummarizedExperiment object.

return.values Logical which sets whether the function returns a logical TRUE/FALSE versus the

TRUE test values . Default = FALSE

#### **Details**

For Seurat objects, also returns TRUE for the input "ident" because, for all dittoSeq visualizations, "ident" will retrieve a Seurat objects' clustering slot.

#### Value

Returns a logical or logical vector indicating whether each instance in test is a meta.data slot within the object. Alternatively, returns the values of test that were indeed metadata slots if return.values = TRUE.

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# Author(s)

**Daniel Bunis** 

#### See Also

```
getMetas for returning all metadata slots of an object
meta for obtaining the contants of metadata slots
```

#### **Examples**

```
example(importDittoBulk, echo = FALSE)
# To check if something is a metadata slot
isMeta("timepoint", object = myRNA) # FTRUE
isMeta("nCount_RNA", object = myRNA) # FALSE
# To test if many things are metadata of an object
isMeta(c("age","groups"), myRNA) # FALSE, TRUE
# 'return.values' input is especially useful in these cases.
isMeta(c("age", "groups"), myRNA,
    return.values = TRUE)
# Alternatively, to see all metadata slots of an object, use getMetas
getMetas(myRNA)
```

Lighten

Lightens input colors by a set amount

## **Description**

A wrapper for the lighten function of the colorspace package.

## Usage

```
Lighten(colors, percent.change = 0.25, relative = TRUE)
```

## **Arguments**

colors the color(s) input. Can be a list of colors, for example, /codedittoColors(). percent.change # between 0 and 1. the percentage to darken by. Defaults to 0.25 if not given. TRUE/FALSE. Whether the percentage should be a relative change versus an relative

absolute one. Default = TRUE.

## Value

Return a lighter version of the color in hexadecimal color form (="#RRGGBB" in base 16)

## Author(s)

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#### **Examples**

```
Lighten("blue") #"blue" = "#0000FF"
#Output: "#4040FF"
Lighten(dittoColors()[1:8]) #Works for multiple color inputs as well.
```

meta

Returns the values of a meta.data for all cells/samples

## **Description**

Returns the values of a meta.data for all cells/samples

## Usage

```
meta(meta, object, adjustment = NULL, adj.fxn = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

meta String, the name of the "metadata" slot to grab. OR "ident" to retireve the clus-

tering of a Seurat object.

object A Seurat, SingleCellExperiment, or SummarizedExperiment object.

adjustment A recognized string indicating whether numeric metadata should be used di-

rectly (default) versus adjusted to be

• "z-score": scaled with the scale() function to produce a relative-to-mean z-score representation

z-score representation

• "relative.to.max": divided by the maximum expression value to give percent of max values between [0,1]

Ignored if the target metadata is not numeric.

adj.fxn A function which takes a vector (of metadata values) and returns a vector of the

same length.

For example, function(x)  $\{\log 2(x)\}\$  or as. factor

## **Details**

Retrieves the values of a metadata slot from object, or the clustering slot if meta = "ident" and the object is a Seurat.

If adjustment or adj.fxn are provided, then these requested adjustments are applied to these values (adjustment first). Note: Alterations via adjustment are only applied when metadata is numeric, but adj.fxn alterations are applied to metadata of any type.

Lastly, outputs these values are named as the cells'/samples' names.

#### Value

A named vector.

## Author(s)

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#### See Also

```
metaLevels for returning just the unique discrete identities that exist within a metadata slot getMetas for returning all metadata slots of an object isMeta for testing whether something is the name of a metadata slot
```

#### **Examples**

```
example(importDittoBulk, echo = FALSE)
meta("groups", object = myRNA)

myRNA$numbers <- seq_len(ncol(myRNA))
meta("numbers", myRNA, adjustment = "z-score")
meta("numbers", myRNA, adj.fxn = as.factor)
meta("numbers", myRNA, adj.fxn = function(x) {log2(x)})</pre>
```

metaLevels

Gives the distinct values of a meta.data slot (or ident)

## **Description**

Gives the distinct values of a meta.data slot (or ident)

## Usage

```
metaLevels(meta, object, cells.use = NULL, used.only = TRUE)
```

# Arguments

meta	quoted "meta.data.slot" name = REQUIRED. the meta.data slot whose potential values should be retrieved.
object	A Seurat, SingleCellExperiment, or SummarizedExperiment object.
cells.use	String vector of cells'/samples' names OR an integer vector specifying the indices of cells/samples which should be included.
	Alternatively, a Logical vector, the same length as the number of cells in the object, which sets which cells to include.
used.only	TRUE by default, for target metadata that are factors, whether levels nonexistent in the target data should be ignored.

## Value

String vector, the distinct values of a metadata slot (factor or not) among all cells/samples, or for a subset of cells/samples. (Alternatively, returns the distinct values of clustering if meta = "ident" and the object is a Seurat object).

## Author(s)

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#### See Also

```
meta for returning an entire metadata slots of an object, not just the potential levels getMetas for returning all metadata slots of an object isMeta for testing whether something is the name of a metadata slot
```

#### **Examples**

```
example(importDittoBulk, echo = FALSE)

metaLevels("clustering", object = myRNA)

# Note: Set 'used.only' (default = TRUE) to FALSE to show unused levels
# of metadata that are already factors. By default, only the in use options
# of a metadata are shown.
metaLevels("clustering", myRNA,
    used.only = FALSE)
```

multi\_dittoDimPlot

Generates dittoDimPlots for multiple features.

# **Description**

Generates dittoDimPlots for multiple features.

## Usage

```
multi_dittoDimPlot(
  object,
  vars,
  ncol = NULL,
  nrow = NULL,
  axes.labels.show = FALSE,
  list.out = FALSE,
  OUT.List = NULL,
    ...,
  xlab = NA,
  ylab = NA,
  data.out = FALSE,
  do.hover = FALSE,
  legend.show = FALSE
)
```

## **Arguments**

object A Seurat, SingleCellExperiment, or SummarizedExperiment object.

vars c("var1","var2","var3",...). A vector of vars ('var' in regular dittoDimPlot) from which to generate the separate plots.

ncol, nrow Integer or NULL. How many columns or rows the plots should be arranged into.

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```
axes.labels.show

Logical. Whether axis labels should be shown. Subordinate to xlab and ylab.

list.out

Logical. (Default = FALSE) When set to TRUE, a list of the individual plots, named by the vars being shown in each, is output instead of the combined multi-plot.

OUT.List

Deprecated. Use list.out

..., xlab, ylab, data.out, do.hover, legend.show
other parameters passed to dittoDimPlot.
```

## **Details**

Given multiple 'var' parameters to vars, this function creates a dittoDimPlot for each one, with minor defaulting tweaks (see below).

By default, these dittoDimPlots are arranged into a grid. Alternatively, if list.out is set to TRUE, they are output as a list with each plot named as the vars being shown.

All parameters that can be adjusted in dittoDimPlot can be adjusted here, but the only input that will change between plots is var.

#### Value

A set of dittoDimPlots either arranged into a grid (default), or output as a list.

## Slight tweaks to dittoDimPlot defaults

- axes labels are not shown by default to save space (control with axes.labels.show or xlab and ylab)
- legends are also not shown to save space (control with legend.show)

#### Author(s)

**Daniel Bunis** 

#### See Also

 $\label{lem:multi_dittoDimPlotVaryCells} for an alternate \ dittoDimPlot \ multi-plotter \ where \ the \ cells/samples \ are \ varied \ between \ plots.$ 

dittoDimPlot for the base dittoDimPlot plotting function and details on all accepted inputs.

## **Examples**

```
multi_dittoDimPlotVaryCells
```

Generates multiple dittoDimPlots, for a single feature, where each showing different cells

#### **Description**

Generates multiple dittoDimPlots, for a single feature, where each showing different cells

# Usage

```
multi_dittoDimPlotVaryCells(
  object,
  var,
  vary.cells.meta,
  vary.cells.levels = metaLevels(vary.cells.meta, object),
  show.titles = TRUE,
  show.allcells.plot = TRUE,
  allcells.main = "All Cells",
  show.legend.single = TRUE,
  show.legend.plots = FALSE,
  show.legend.allcells.plot = FALSE,
  nrow = NULL,
  ncol = NULL,
  list.out = FALSE,
  OUT.List = NULL,
  assay = .default_assay(object),
  slot = .default_slot(object),
  adjustment = NULL,
  min = NULL,
  max = NULL,
  color.panel = dittoColors(),
  colors = seq_along(color.panel),
  data.out = FALSE,
  do.hover = FALSE,
  swap.rownames = NULL
)
```

## **Arguments**

object A Seurat, SingleCellExperiment, or SummarizedExperiment object.

var String name of a "gene" or "metadata" (or "ident" for a Seurat object) to use for coloring the plots. This is the data that will be displayed, using colors, for

each cell/sample.

Alternatively, can be a vector of same length as there are cells/samples in the object. Discrete or continuous data both work.

vary.cells.meta

String name of a metadata that should be used for selecting which cells to show in each "VaryCells" dittoDimPlot.

vary.cells.levels

The values/groupings of the vary.cells.meta metadata for which to generate a plot.

show.titles

Logical which sets whether grouping-levels should be used as titles for the individual VaryCell plots. Default = TRUE.

show.allcells.plot

Logical which sets whether an additional plot showing all of the cells should be added.

allcells.main String which adjusts the title of the allcells plot. Default = "All Cells". Set to NULL to remove.

show.legend.single

Logical which sets whether to add a single legend as an additional plot. Default = TRUE

show.legend.plots

Logical which sets whether or not legends should be plotted in inidividual VaryCell plots. Default = FALSE.

show.legend.allcells.plot

Logical which sets whether or a legend should be plotted in the allcells plot. Default = FALSE.

ncol, nrow Integers which set dimensions of the plot grid when list.out = FALSE.

Logical which controls whether the list of plots should be returned as a list instead of as a single grid arrangement of the plots.

OUT.List Deprecated. Use list.out

..., color.panel, colors, min, max, assay, slot, adjustment, data.out, do.hover, swap.rownames

additional parameters passed to dittoDimPlot.

All parameters of dittoDimPlot can be utilized and adjusted except for cells.use, main, and legend.show which are handled with alternative methods here. A few suggestions: reduction.use for setting which dimensionality reduction space to use. xlab and ylab can be set to NULL to remove the axes labels and provide extra room for the data. size can be used to adjust the size of the dots.

#### **Details**

This function generates separate dittoDimPlots that show the same target data, but each for distinct cells

How cells are separated into distinct plots is controlled with the vary.cells.meta parameter. Individual dittoDimPlots are created for all levels of var.cells.meta groupings given to the vary.cells.levels input (default = all).

The function then appends a plot containing all cell/samples when show.allcells.plot = TRUE, with title of this plot controlled by allcells.main, as well as as single legend when show.legend.single = TRUE.

By default, these dittoDimPlots are output in a grid (default) with ncol columns and nrow rows, Alternatively, if list.out is set to TRUE, they are returned as a list. In the list, the VaryCell plots will be named by the levels of vary.cells.meta that they contain, and the optional allcells plot and single legend will be named "allcells" and "legend", respectively.

Either continuous or discrete var data can be displayed.

• For continuous data, the range of potential values is calculated at the start, and set, so that colors represent the same value across all plots.

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For discrete data, colors used in each plot are adjusted so that colors represent the same groupings across all plots.

#### Value

A set of dittoDimPlots either arranged into a grid (default), or output as a list.

## Author(s)

**Daniel Bunis** 

#### See Also

multi\_dittoDimPlot for an alternate dittoDimPlot multi-plotter where vars are varied across plots rather than cells/samples

dittoDimPlot for the base dittoDimPlot plotting function and details on all accepted inputs.

## **Examples**

```
example(importDittoBulk, echo = FALSE)
# This function can be used to quickly scan for differences in expression
  within or across clusters/cell types.
multi_dittoDimPlotVaryCells(myRNA, "gene1", vary.cells.meta = "clustering")
# Output as list instead
multi_dittoDimPlotVaryCells(myRNA, "gene1", vary.cells.meta = "clustering",
    list.out = TRUE)
# This function is also great for generating separate plots of each individual
   grouping of a tsne/PCA/umap. This can be useful to check for dispersion
   of groups that might otherwise be hidden behind other cells/samples.
   The effect is similar to faceting, but: all distinct plots are treated
   separately rather than being just a part of the whole, and with portrayal
   of all cells/samples in an additional plot by default.
   To do so, set 'var' and 'vary.cells.meta' the same.
multi_dittoDimPlotVaryCells(myRNA, "clustering", vary.cells.meta = "clustering")
# The function can also be used to quickly visualize how separate clustering
   resolutions match up to each other, or perhaps how certain conditions of
   cells disperse across clusters.
# (For an alternative method of viewing, and easily quantifying, how discrete
   conditions of cells disperse across clusters, see '?dittoBarPlot')
multi_dittoDimPlotVaryCells(myRNA, "groups", vary.cells.meta = "clustering")
```

multi\_dittoPlot

Generates dittoPlots for multiple features.

## **Description**

Generates dittoPlots for multiple features.

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#### Usage

```
multi_dittoPlot(
  object,
  vars,
  group.by,
  ncol = 3,
  nrow = NULL,
  main = "var",
  ylab = NULL,
  list.out = FALSE,
  OUT.List = NULL,
  ...,
  xlab = NULL,
  data.out = FALSE,
  do.hover = FALSE,
  legend.show = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

object A Seurat, SingleCellExperiment, or SummarizedExperiment object.  $c("var1","var2","var3",...). \ A vector of gene or metadata names from which to$ vars generate the separate plots String representing the name of a metadata to use for separating the cells/samples group.by into discrete groups. Integer or NULL. How many columns or rows the plots should be arranged into. ncol, nrow String which sets whether / how plot titles or y-axis labels should be added to main, ylab each individual plot • When set to "var", the vars names alone will be used. • When set to "make", the default dittoPlot behavior will be observed: For y-axis labels, gene vars will become "'var' expression". Equivalent to "var" for main. • When set as any other string, that string will be used as the title / y-axis label for every plot. • When set to NULL, titles / axes labels will not be added. list.out Logical. (Default = FALSE) When set to TRUE, a list of the individual plots, named by the vars being shown in each, is output instead of the combined multi-plot. OUT.List Deprecated. Use list.out ..., xlab, data.out, do.hover, legend.show

## **Details**

Given multiple 'var' parameters to vars, this function creates a dittoPlot for each one, with minor defaulting tweaks (see below).

other paramters passed along to dittoPlot.

By default, these dittoPlots are arranged into a grid. Alternatively, if list.out is set to TRUE, they are output as a list with each plot named as the vars being shown.

All parameters that can be adjusted in dittoPlot can be adjusted here, but the only input that will change between plots is the var.

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#### Value

A set of dittoPlots either arranged into a grid (default), or output as a list.

#### Slight tweaks to dittoPlot defaults

- axes labels are not shown by default to save space (control with xlab and ylab)
- legends are also not shown to save space (control with legend.show)

#### Author(s)

**Daniel Bunis** 

#### See Also

dittoPlot for the single plot version of this function and details on all accepted inputs.

dittoDotPlot and dittoPlotVarsAcrossGroups to show, in a single plot, per-group summaries of the values for multiple vars.

## **Examples**

```
example(importDittoBulk, echo = FALSE)
genes <- getGenes(myRNA)[1:4]</pre>
multi_dittoPlot(myRNA,
   vars = c("gene1", "gene2", "gene3", "gene4"),
   group.by = "clustering")
#To make it output a grid that is 2x2, to add y-axis labels
# instead of titles, and to show legends...
#Make grid 2x2 (only one of these needed)
   nrow = 2, ncol = 2,
   main = NULL, ylab = "make", #Add y axis labels instead of titles
                              #Show legends
   legend.show = TRUE)
# Output as list instead
multi_dittoPlot(myRNA, c("gene1", "gene2", "gene3", "gene4"), "clustering",
   list.out = TRUE)
```

setBulk

Set whether a SingleCellExperiment object should be treated as bulk versus single-cell by dittoSeq

# Description

Set whether a SingleCellExperiment object should be treated as bulk versus single-cell by dittoSeq

## Usage

```
setBulk(object, set = TRUE)
## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
setBulk(object, set = TRUE)
```

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## **Arguments**

object A target SingleCellExperiment object
set Logical, whether the object should be considered as bulk (TRUE) or not (FALSE)

#### Value

A SingleCellExperiment object with "bulk" internal metadata set to set

# **Examples**

```
example(importDittoBulk, echo = FALSE)
myRNA

isBulk(myRNA)

scRNA <- setBulk(myRNA, FALSE)
isBulk(scRNA)

# Now, if we make a heatmap with this data, we will see that single-cell
# defaults (ordering by the first 'annot.by' & cell names not shown) are used.
dittoHeatmap(scRNA, getGenes(scRNA)[1:30],
    annot.by = c("clustering", "groups"),
    main = "isBulk(object) == FALSE")</pre>
```

Simulate

Simulates what a colorblind person would see for any dittoSeq plot!

# Description

Essentially a wrapper function for colorspace's deutan(), protan(), and tritan() functions. This function will output any dittoSeq plot as it might look to an individual with one of the common forms of colorblindness: deutanopia/deutanomaly, the most common, is when the cones mainly responsible for red vision are defective. Protanopia/protanomaly is when the cones mainly responsible for green vision are defective. In tritanopia/tritanomaly, the defective cones are responsible for blue vision. Note: there are more severe color deficiencies that are even more rare. Unfortunately, for these types of color vision deficiency, only non-color methods, like lettering or shapes, will do much to help.

#### Usage

```
Simulate(
  type = c("deutan", "protan", "tritan"),
  plot.function,
  ...,
  color.panel = dittoColors(),
  min.color = "#F0E442",
  max.color = "#0072B2"
)
```

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## **Arguments**

type The type of colorblindness that you want to simulate for. Options: "deutan",

"protan", "tritan". Anything else, and you will get an error.

plot. function The plotting function that you want to use/simulate. not quoted. and make sure

to remove the () that R will try to add.

... other paramters that can be given to dittoSeq plotting functions, including color.panel,

used in exactly the same way they are used for those functions. (contrary to the look of this documentation, color.panel will still default to dittoColors() when

not provided.)

color.panel, min.color, max.color

The set of colors to be used.

#### Value

Outputs a dittoSeq plot with the color.panel / min.color & max.color updated as it might look to a colorblind individual.

Note: Does not currently adjust dittoHeatmap.

## Author(s)

**Daniel Bunis** 

# **Examples**

```
example(importDittoBulk, echo = FALSE)
Simulate("deutan", dittoDimPlot, object=myRNA, var="clustering", size = 2)
Simulate("protan", dittoDimPlot, myRNA, "clustering", size = 2)
Simulate("tritan", dittoDimPlot, myRNA, "clustering", size = 2)
```

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