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cytoflexmix	<i>Logistic mixture regression</i>
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Description

Logistic mixture regression

Usage

```
cytoflexmix(
  df_samples_subset,
  protein_names,
  condition,
  group = "donor",
  cell_n_min = Inf,
  cell_n_subsample = 0,
  ks = seq_len(10),
  num_cores = 1
)
```

Arguments

<code>df_samples_subset</code>	Data frame or tibble with proteins counts, cell condition, and group information
<code>protein_names</code>	A vector of column names of protein to use in the analysis
<code>condition</code>	The column name of the condition variable
<code>group</code>	The column name of the group variable
<code>cell_n_min</code>	Remove samples that are below this cell counts threshold
<code>cell_n_subsample</code>	Subsample samples to have this maximum cell count
<code>ks</code>	A vector of cluster sizes
<code>num_cores</code>	Number of computing cores

Value

A list of class `cytoglm` containing

<code>flexmixfits</code>	list of flexmix objects
<code>df_samples_subset</code>	possibly subsampled <code>df_samples_subset</code> table
<code>protein_names</code>	input protein names
<code>condition</code>	input condition variable
<code>group</code>	input group names
<code>cell_n_min</code>	input <code>cell_n_min</code>

```

cell_n_subsample
      input cell_n_subsample
ks
      input ks
num_cores
      input num_cores

```

Examples

```

set.seed(23)
df <- generate_data()
protein_names <- names(df)[3:12]
df <- dplyr::mutate_at(df, protein_names, function(x) asinh(x/5))
mix_fit <- CytoGLMM::cytoflexmix(df,
                                protein_names = protein_names,
                                condition = "condition",
                                group = "donor",
                                ks = 2)

mix_fit

```

cytoglm

Fit GLM with bootstrap resampling

Description

Fit GLM with bootstrap resampling

Usage

```

cytoglm(
  df_samples_subset,
  protein_names,
  condition,
  group = "donor",
  covariate_names = NULL,
  cell_n_min = Inf,
  cell_n_subsample = 0,
  num_boot = 100,
  num_cores = 1
)

```

Arguments

<code>df_samples_subset</code>	Data frame or tibble with proteins counts, cell condition, and group information
<code>protein_names</code>	A vector of column names of protein to use in the analysis
<code>condition</code>	The column name of the condition variable
<code>group</code>	The column name of the group variable

covariate_names	The column names of covariates
cell_n_min	Remove samples that are below this cell counts threshold
cell_n_subsample	Subsample samples to have this maximum cell count
num_boot	Number of bootstrap samples
num_cores	Number of computing cores

Value

A list of class `cytoglm` containing

tb_coef	coefficient table
df_samples_subset	possibly subsampled df_samples_subset table
protein_names	input protein names
condition	input condition variable
group	input group names
covariate_names	input covariates
cell_n_min	input cell_n_min
cell_n_subsample	input cell_n_subsample
unpaired	true if unpaired samples were provided as input
num_boot	input num_boot
num_cores	input num_cores
formula_str	formula use in the regression model

Examples

```
set.seed(23)
df <- generate_data()
protein_names <- names(df)[3:12]
df <- dplyr::mutate_at(df, protein_names, function(x) asinh(x/5))
glm_fit <- CytoGLMM::cytoglm(df,
                             protein_names = protein_names,
                             condition = "condition",
                             group = "donor",
                             num_boot = 10) # in practice >=1000
glm_fit
```

cytoglmm

*Fit GLMM with method of moments***Description**

Fit GLMM with method of moments

Usage

```
cytoglmm(
  df_samples_subset,
  protein_names,
  condition,
  group = "donor",
  covariate_names = NULL,
  cell_n_min = Inf,
  cell_n_subsample = 0,
  num_cores = 1
)
```

Arguments

<code>df_samples_subset</code>	Data frame or tibble with proteins counts, cell condition, and group information
<code>protein_names</code>	A vector of column names of protein to use in the analysis
<code>condition</code>	The column name of the condition variable
<code>group</code>	The column name of the group variable
<code>covariate_names</code>	The column names of covariates
<code>cell_n_min</code>	Remove samples that are below this cell counts threshold
<code>cell_n_subsample</code>	Subsample samples to have this maximum cell count
<code>num_cores</code>	Number of computing cores

ValueA list of class `cytoglm` containing

<code>glmmfit</code>	<code>mbest</code> object
<code>df_samples_subset</code>	possibly subsampled <code>df_samples_subset</code> table
<code>protein_names</code>	input protein names
<code>condition</code>	input condition variable
<code>group</code>	input group names

```
covariate_names      input covariates
cell_n_min           input cell_n_min
cell_n_subsample     input cell_n_subsample
num_cores            input num_cores
```

Examples

```
set.seed(23)
df <- generate_data()
protein_names <- names(df)[3:12]
df <- dplyr::mutate_at(df, protein_names, function(x) asinh(x/5))
glmm_fit <- CytoGLMM::cytoglmm(df,
                                protein_names = protein_names,
                                condition = "condition",
                                group = "donor")

glmm_fit
```

cytogroup	<i>Group-specific fixed effects model</i>
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Description

Group-specific fixed effects model

Usage

```
cytogroup(
  df_samples_subset,
  protein_names,
  condition,
  group = "donor",
  cell_n_min = Inf,
  cell_n_subsample = 0
)
```

Arguments

df_samples_subset	Data frame or tibble with proteins counts, cell condition, and group information
protein_names	A vector of column names of protein to use in the analysis
condition	The column name of the condition variable
group	The column name of the group variable
cell_n_min	Remove samples that are below this cell counts threshold
cell_n_subsample	Subsample samples to have this maximum cell count

Value

A list of class `cytoglm` containing

<code>groupfit</code>	<code>glm</code> object
<code>df_samples_subset</code>	possibly subsampled <code>df_samples_subset</code> table
<code>protein_names</code>	input protein names
<code>condition</code>	input condition variable
<code>group</code>	input group names
<code>cell_n_min</code>	input <code>cell_n_min</code>
<code>cell_n_subsample</code>	input <code>cell_n_subsample</code>

Examples

```
set.seed(23)
df <- generate_data()
protein_names <- names(df)[3:12]
df <- dplyr::mutate_at(df, protein_names, function(x) asinh(x/5))
group_fit <- CytoGLMM::cytogroup(df,
                                protein_names = protein_names,
                                condition = "condition",
                                group = "donor")

group_fit
```

cytostab	<i>Evaluate parameter stability with respect to gating scheme</i>
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Description

Evaluate parameter stability with respect to gating scheme

Usage

```
cytostab(
  df_samples_subset,
  protein_names,
  condition,
  group = "donor",
  cell_n_min = Inf,
  cell_n_subsample = 0
)
```

Arguments

`df_samples_subset` Data frame or tibble with proteins counts, cell condition, and group information

`protein_names` A vector of column names of protein to use in the analysis

`condition` The column name of the condition variable

`group` The column name of the group variable

`cell_n_min` Remove samples that are below this cell counts threshold

`cell_n_subsample` Subsample samples to have this maximum cell count

Value

A data frame

Examples

```
set.seed(23)
df <- generate_data()
protein_names <- names(df)[3:12]
df <- dplyr::mutate_at(df, protein_names, function(x) asinh(x/5))
stab <- CytoGLMM::cytostab(df,
                           protein_names = protein_names,
                           condition = "condition",
                           group = "donor")

stab
```

cyto_check	<i>Check if input to cytoxxx function have errors</i>
------------	---

Description

Check if input to cytoxxx function have errors

Usage

```
cyto_check(cell_n_subsample, cell_n_min, protein_names)
```

Arguments

`cell_n_subsample` Subsample samples to have this maximum cell count

`cell_n_min` A vector of column names of protein to use in the analysis

`protein_names` A vector of column names of protein to use in the analysis

Value

NULL.

generate_data	<i>Generate dataset for vignettes and simulation studies</i>
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Description

Generate dataset for vignettes and simulation studies

Usage

```
generate_data()
```

Value

`tibble` data frame

Examples

```
set.seed(23)
df <- generate_data()
str(df)
df
```

glmm_moment	<i>Generalized linear mixed model with maximum likelihood</i>
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Description

Generalized linear mixed model with maximum likelihood

Usage

```
glmm_moment(
  df_samples,
  protein_names,
  response,
  group = "donor",
  covariate_names = NULL,
  num_cores = 1
)
```

Arguments

df_samples	Data frame or tibble with proteins counts, cell condition, and group information
protein_names	A vector of column names of protein to use in the analysis
response	The column name of the condition variable
group	The column name of the group variable
covariate_names	The column names of covariates
num_cores	Number of computing cores

Value

`mbest` object

is_unpaired	<i>Check if samples match or paired on condition</i>
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Description

Check if samples match or paired on condition

Usage

```
is_unpaired(df_samples_subset, condition, group)
```

Arguments

df_samples_subset	Data frame or tibble with proteins counts, cell condition, and group information
condition	The column name of the condition variable
group	The column name of the group variable

Value

A boolean

plot.cytoflexmix	<i>Plot all components of mixture regression</i>
------------------	--

Description

Plot all components of mixture regression

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cytoflexmix'
plot(x, k = NULL, separate = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

x	A cytoflexmix class
k	Number of clusters
separate	create two separate ggplot2 objects
...	Other parameters

Value

[ggplot2](#) object

Examples

```
set.seed(23)
df <- generate_data()
protein_names <- names(df)[3:12]
df <- dplyr::mutate_at(df, protein_names, function(x) asinh(x/5))
mix_fit <- CytoGLMM::cytoflexmix(df,
                                protein_names = protein_names,
                                condition = "condition",
                                group = "donor",
                                ks = 2)

plot(mix_fit)
```

plot.cytoglm	<i>Plot bootstrapped coefficients</i>
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Description

Plot bootstrapped coefficients

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cytoglm'
plot(x, order = FALSE, separate = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

x	A cytoglmm class
order	Order the markers according to the mangintute of the coefficients
separate	create two separate ggplot2 objects
...	Other parameters

Value

[ggplot2](#) object

Examples

```
set.seed(23)
df <- generate_data()
protein_names <- names(df)[3:12]
df <- dplyr::mutate_at(df, protein_names, function(x) asinh(x/5))
glm_fit <- CytoGLMM::cytoglm(df,
                             protein_names = protein_names,
                             condition = "condition",
                             group = "donor",
                             num_boot = 10) # in practice >=1000
plot(glm_fit)
```

plot.cytoglmm

Plot fixded coefficients of random effects model

Description

Plot fixded coefficients of random effects model

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cytoglmm'
plot(x, order = FALSE, separate = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

x	A cytoglmm class
order	Order the markers according to the mangintute of the coefficients
separate	create two separate ggplot2 objects
...	Other parameters

Value

[ggplot2](#) object

Examples

[illegible]

plot.cytogroup	<i>Plot fixed coefficients of group-specific fixed effects model</i>
----------------	--

Description

Plot fixed coefficients of group-specific fixed effects model

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cytgroup'
plot(x, order = FALSE, separate = FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

x	A cytoglmm class
order	Order the markers according to the mangintute of the coefficients
separate	create two separate <code>ggplot2</code> objects
...	Other parameters

Value

ggplot2 object

Examples

[illegible]

plot_coeff	<i>Helper function to plot regression coefficient</i>
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Description

Helper function to plot regression coefficient

Usage

```
plot_coeff(  
  tb,  
  title_str,  
  title_str_right,  
  xlab_str,  
  redline = 0,  
  order = FALSE,  
  separate = FALSE  
)
```

Arguments

tb	A data frame
title_str	Title string for summary plot
title_str_right	Title for bootstrap sample plot
xlab_str	Label on x-axis
redline	Point on x-axis to draw the red line
order	Order the markers according to the magnitude of the coefficients
separate	Plot both summary and bootstrap samples

Value

[ggplot2](#) object or list of two objects if separate is true

plot_heatmap	<i>Heatmap of median marker expression</i>
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Description

Heatmap of median marker expression

Usage

```
plot_heatmap(
  df_samples,
  sample_info_names,
  protein_names,
  arrange_by_1,
  arrange_by_2 = "",
  cluster_cols = FALSE,
  fun = median
)
```

Arguments

<code>df_samples</code>	Data frame or tibble with proteins counts, cell condition, and group information
<code>sample_info_names</code>	Column names that contain information about the cell, e.g. donor, condition, file name, or cell type
<code>protein_names</code>	A vector of column names of protein to use in the analysis
<code>arrange_by_1</code>	Column name
<code>arrange_by_2</code>	Column name
<code>cluster_cols</code>	Apply hierarchical cluster to columns
<code>fun</code>	Summary statistics of marker expression

Value

`pheatmap` object

Examples

```
set.seed(23)
df <- generate_data()
protein_names <- names(df)[3:12]
df <- dplyr::mutate_at(df, protein_names, function(x) asinh(x/5))
CytoGLMM::plot_heatmap(df,
  protein_names = protein_names,
  sample_info_names = c("donor", "condition"),
  arrange_by_1 = "condition")
```

plot_lda

LDA on marker expression

Description

LDA on marker expression

Usage

```
plot_lda(
  df_samples,
  protein_names,
  group,
  cor_scaling_factor = 1,
  arrow_color = "black",
  marker_color = "black",
  marker_size = 5
)
```

Arguments

df_samples	Data frame or tibble with proteins counts, cell condition, and group information
protein_names	A vector of column names of protein to use in the analysis
group	The column name of the group variable
cor_scaling_factor	Scaling factor of circle of correlations
arrow_color	Color of correlation circle
marker_color	Colors of marker names
marker_size	Size of markerr names

Value

`ggplot2` object

Examples

```
set.seed(23)
df <- generate_data()
protein_names <- names(df)[3:12]
df <- dplyr::mutate_at(df, protein_names, function(x) asinh(x/5))
df$condition <- rep(c("A", "B", "C", "D"), each = length(df$condition)/4)
CytoGLMM::plot_lda(df,
  protein_names = protein_names,
  group = "condition",
  cor_scaling_factor = 2)
```

plot_mds

MDS on median marker expression

Description

MDS on median marker expression

Usage

```
plot_mds(
  df_samples,
  protein_names,
  sample_info_names,
  color,
  sample_label = ""
)
```

Arguments

df_samples	Data frame or tibble with proteins counts, cell condition, and group information
protein_names	A vector of column names of protein to use in the analysis
sample_info_names	Column names that contain information about the cell, e.g. donor, condition, file name, or cell type
color	Column name
sample_label	Column name

Value

`cowplot` object

Examples

```
set.seed(23)
df <- generate_data()
protein_names <- names(df)[3:12]
df <- dplyr::mutate_at(df, protein_names, function(x) asinh(x/5))
CytoGLMM::plot_mds(df,
  protein_names = protein_names,
  sample_info_names = c("donor", "condition"),
  color = "condition")
```

plot_model_selection *Plot model selection to choose number optimal number of clusters*

Description

Plot model selection to choose number optimal number of clusters

Usage

```
plot_model_selection(fit, k = NULL)
```

Arguments

fit	A cytoflexmix class
k	Number of clusters

Value

cowplot object

Examples

```
set.seed(23)
df <- generate_data()
protein_names <- names(df)[3:12]
df <- dplyr::mutate_at(df, protein_names, function(x) asinh(x/5))
mix_fit <- CytoGLMM::cytoflexmix(df,
                                protein_names = protein_names,
                                condition = "condition",
                                group = "donor",
                                ks = 1:2)
plot_model_selection(mix_fit)
```

plot_prcomp

Plot PCA of subsampled data using ggplot

Description

Plot PCA of subsampled data using ggplot

Usage

```
plot_prcomp(
  df_samples,
  protein_names,
  color_var = "treatment",
  subsample_size = 10000,
  repel = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

df_samples	Data frame or tibble with proteins counts, cell condition, and group information
protein_names	A vector of column names of protein to use in the analysis
color_var	A column name
subsample_size	Subsample per color_var variable
repel	Repel labels

Value

cowplot object

Examples

```
set.seed(23)
df <- generate_data()
protein_names <- names(df)[3:12]
df <- dplyr::mutate_at(df, protein_names, function(x) asinh(x/5))
CytoGLMM::plot_prcomp(df,
                      protein_names = protein_names,
                      color_var = "condition")
```

```
print.cytoglm
```

```
Extact and print bootstrap GLM fit
```

Description

Extact and print bootstrap GLM fit

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cytoglm'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

```
x                A cytoglm class
...              Other parameters
```

Value

NULL.

Examples

```
set.seed(23)
df <- generate_data()
protein_names <- names(df)[3:12]
df <- dplyr::mutate_at(df, protein_names, function(x) asinh(x/5))
glm_fit <- CytoGLMM::cytoglm(df,
                             protein_names = protein_names,
                             condition = "condition",
                             group = "donor",
                             num_boot = 10) # in practice >=1000

print(glm_fit)
```

print.cytoglmm	<i>Extact and print GLMM fit</i>
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Description

Extact and print GLMM fit

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cytoglmm'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x	A cytoglmm class
...	Other parameters

Value

NULL.

Examples

```
set.seed(23)
df <- generate_data()
protein_names <- names(df)[3:12]
df <- dplyr::mutate_at(df, protein_names, function(x) asinh(x/5))
glmm_fit <- CytoGLMM::cytoglmm(df,
                               protein_names = protein_names,
                               condition = "condition",
                               group = "donor")

print(glmm_fit)
```

remove_samples	<i>Remove samples based on low cell counts</i>
----------------	--

Description

Remove samples based on low cell counts

Usage

```
remove_samples(df_samples_subset, condition, group, unpaired, cell_n_min)
```

Arguments

df_samples_subset	Data frame or tibble with proteins counts, cell condition, and group information
condition	The column name of the condition variable
group	The column name of the group variable
unpaired	true if unpaired samples were provided as input
cell_n_min	Remove samples that are below this cell counts threshold

Value

NULL.

summary.cytoglm	<i>Extact and calculate p-values of bootstrap GLM fit</i>
-----------------	---

Description

Extact and calculate p-values of bootstrap GLM fit

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cytoglm'
summary(object, method = "BH", ...)
```

Arguments

object	A cytoglm class
method	Multiple comparison adjustment method
...	Other parameters

Value

[tibble](#) data frame

Examples

```
set.seed(23)
df <- generate_data()
protein_names <- names(df)[3:12]
df <- dplyr::mutate_at(df, protein_names, function(x) asinh(x/5))
glm_fit <- CytoGLMM::cytoglm(df,
                             protein_names = protein_names,
                             condition = "condition",
                             group = "donor",
                             num_boot = 10) # in practice >=1000

summary(glm_fit)
```

summary.cytoglmm	<i>Extract and calculate p-values of GLMM fit</i>
------------------	---

Description

Extract and calculate p-values of GLMM fit

Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'cytoglmm'  
summary(object, method = "BH", ...)
```

Arguments

object	A cytoglmm class
method	Multiple comparison adjustment method
...	Other parameters

Value

[tibble](#) data frame

Examples

```
set.seed(23)  
df <- generate_data()  
protein_names = names(df)[3:12]  
df <- dplyr::mutate_at(df, protein_names, function(x) asinh(x/5))  
glmm_fit <- CytoGLMM::cytoglmm(df,  
                                protein_names = protein_names,  
                                condition = "condition",  
                                group = "donor")  
  
summary(glmm_fit)
```

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