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AffiXcan-package      *A functional approach to impute GReX*

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## Description

Impute a GReX (Genetically Regulated Expression) for a set of genes in a sample of individuals, using a method based on the Total Binding Affinity (TBA) score. Statistical models to impute GReX can be trained on a training dataset where the real total expression values are known.

## Details

For every gene a linear regression model can be fitted on a training set of individuals where the real total expression values, the Total Binding Affinity (TBA) values for a set of genomic regions, and the covariates of the population genetic structure, are known. AffiXcan performs a principal component analysis (PCA) on the TBA values to fit a linear model using the formula:  $GReX \sim PC1 + PC2 + PC3 + \dots + COV1 + COV2 + \dots$ . Associations between the expressed genes and the regulatory regions, on which the TBA values have to be computed, are needed. TBA can be computed using "vcf\_rider" software (see references)

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## References

[https://github.com/vodkatad/vcf\\_rider](https://github.com/vodkatad/vcf_rider)

## Examples

```
trainingTbaPaths <- system.file("extdata", "training.tba.toydata.rds",
package="AffiXcan")

data(exprMatrix)
data(regionAssoc)
data(trainingCovariates)

assay <- "values"
```

```

training <- affiXcanTrain(exprMatrix=exprMatrix, assay=assay,
tbaPaths=trainingTbaPaths, regionAssoc=regionAssoc, cov=trainingCovariates,
varExplained=80, scale=TRUE)

testingTbaPaths <- system.file("extdata","testing.tba.toydata.rds",
package="AffiXcan")

exprmatrix <- affiXcanImpute(tbaPaths=testingTbaPaths, affiXcanTraining=training,
scale=TRUE)

```

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affiXcanBs

*Fit linear models and compute ANOVA p-values*


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## Description

Fit linear models and compute ANOVA p-values

## Usage

```

affiXcanBs(
  exprMatrix,
  assay,
  regionAssoc,
  pca,
  cov = NULL,
  BPPARAM = bpparam(),
  trainingSamples
)

```

## Arguments

|                              |  |
|------------------------------|--|
| <code>exprMatrix</code>      | A SummarizedExperiment object containing expression data   |
| <code>assay</code>           | A string with the name of the object in SummarizedExperiment::assays(exprMatrix) that contains expression values   |
| <code>regionAssoc</code>     | A data.frame with the associations between regulatory regions and expressed genes, and with colnames = c("REGULATORY_REGION", "EXPRESSED_REGION")  |
| <code>pca</code>             | A list, which is the returningObject\$pca from affiXcanPca()   |
| <code>cov</code>             | Optional; a data.frame with covariates values for the population structure where the columns are the PCs and the rows are the individual IDs; default is NULL  |
| <code>BPPARAM</code>         | A BiocParallelParam object. Default is bpparam(). For details on BiocParallelParam virtual base class see browseVignettes("BiocParallel")  |
| <code>trainingSamples</code> | A vector of strings. The identifiers (e.g. row names of MultiAssayExperiment objects from tbaPaths) of the samples that have to be considered in the training phase, and not used for the cross-validation |

**Value**

A list containing lists named as the EXPRESSED\_REGIONS found in the param regionAssoc. Each of these lists contain three objects:

- coefficients: An object containing the coefficients of the principal components used in the model, completely similar to the "coefficients" from the results of lm()
- p.val: The uncorrected anova p-value of the model
- r.sq: The coefficient of determination between the real total expression values and the imputed GReX, retrived from summary(model)\$r.squared
- corrected.p.val: The p-value of the model, corrected for multiple testing with benjamini-hochberg procedure

**Examples**

```
if (interactive()) {
  data(exprMatrix)
  data(trainingCovariates)
  data(regionAssoc)

  tbaPaths <- system.file("extdata", "training.tba.toydata.rds",
    package="AffiXcan")
  regionsCount <- overlookRegions(tbaPaths)
  assay <- "values"

  sampleNames <- colnames(exprMatrix)
  nSamples <- length(sampleNames)
  sampGroups <- subsetKFold(k=5, n=nSamples)
  for (i in seq(length(sampGroups))) {
    sampGroups[[i]] <- colnames(exprMatrix)[sampGroups[[i]]]
  }

  testingSamples <- sampGroups[[1]]
  trainingSamples <- sampleNames[!sampleNames %in% testingSamples]

  pca <- affiXcanPca(tbaPaths=tbaPaths, varExplained=80, scale=TRUE,
    regionsCount=regionsCount, trainingSamples=trainingSamples)

  bs <- affiXcanBs(exprMatrix=exprMatrix, assay=assay, regionAssoc=regionAssoc,
    pca=pca, cov=trainingCovariates, trainingSamples=trainingSamples)
}
```

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affiXcanGReX

*Compute a GReX from variables and their coefficients for a set of genes*

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**Description**

Compute a GReX from variables and their coefficients for a set of genes

**Usage**

```
affiXcanGReX(affiXcanTraining, pcs, BPPARAM = bpparam())
```

**Arguments**

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| affiXcanTraining | The returning object from affiXcanTrain()  |
| pcs              | A list, which is the returning object from affiXcanPcs()   |
| BPPARAM          | A BiocParallelParam object. Default is bpparam(). For details on BiocParallel-Param virtual base class see browseVignettes("BiocParallel") |

**Value**

A SummarizedExperiment object containing the imputed GReX values

**Examples**

```

if (interactive()) {
  trainingTbaPaths <- system.file("extdata", "training.tba.toydata.rds",
  package="AffiXcan")

  data(exprMatrix)
  data(regionAssoc)
  data(trainingCovariates)

  assay <- "values"

  training <- affiXcanTrain(exprMatrix=exprMatrix, assay=assay,
  tbaPaths=trainingTbaPaths, regionAssoc=regionAssoc, cov=trainingCovariates,
  varExplained=80, scale=TRUE)

  testingTbaPaths <- system.file("extdata", "testing.tba.toydata.rds",
  package="AffiXcan")

  pcs <- affiXcanPcs(tbaPaths=testingTbaPaths, affiXcanTraining=training,
  scale=TRUE)

  exprmatrix <- affiXcanGReX(affiXcanTraining=training, pcs=pcs)
}

```

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affiXcanImpute

*Impute a GReX for each gene for which a model was generated*


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**Description**

Impute a GReX for each gene for which a model was generated

**Usage**

```
affiXcanImpute(tbaPaths, affiXcanTraining, scale = TRUE, BPPARAM = bpparam())
```

**Arguments**

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| tbaPaths         | A vector of strings, which are the paths to MultiAssayExperiment RDS files containing the tba values                                       |
| affiXcanTraining | The returning object from affiXcanTrain()  |
| scale            | A logical; if scale=FALSE the TBA values will be only centered, not scaled before performing PCA; default is TRUE                          |
| BPPARAM          | A BiocParallelParam object. Default is bpparam(). For details on BiocParallel-Param virtual base class see browseVignettes("BiocParallel") |

**Value**

A SummarizedExperiment object containing imputed GReX values

**Examples**

```

trainingTbaPaths <- system.file("extdata","training.tba.toydata.rds",
package="AffiXcan")

data(exprMatrix)
data(regionAssoc)
data(trainingCovariates)

assay <- "values"

training <- affiXcanTrain(exprMatrix=exprMatrix, assay=assay,
tbaPaths=trainingTbaPaths, regionAssoc=regionAssoc,
varExplained=80, scale=TRUE)

testingTbaPaths <- system.file("extdata","testing.tba.toydata.rds",
package="AffiXcan")

exprmatrix <- affiXcanImpute(tbaPaths=testingTbaPaths,
affiXcanTraining=training, scale=TRUE)

```

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| affiXcanPca | <i>Perform a PCA on each experiment found in MultiAssayExperiment objects</i> |
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**Description**

Perform a PCA on each experiment found in MultiAssayExperiment objects

**Usage**

```

affiXcanPca(
  tbaPaths,
  varExplained = 80,
  scale = TRUE,
  regionsCount,
  BPPARAM = bpparam(),
  trainingSamples
)

```

**Arguments**

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| tbaPaths        | A vector of strings, which are the paths to MultiAssayExperiment RDS files containing the tba values   |
| varExplained    | An integer between 0 and 100; varExplained=80 means that the principal components selected to fit the models must explain at least 80 percent of variation of TBA values; default is 80                    |
| scale           | A logical; if scale=FALSE the TBA values will be only centered, not scaled before performing PCA; default is TRUE  |
| regionsCount    | An integer, that is the summation of length(assays()) of every MultiAssayExperiment RDS object indicated in the param tbaPaths; it is the returning value from overlookRegions()                           |
| BPPARAM         | A BiocParallelParam object. Default is bpparam(). For details on BiocParallelParam virtual base class see browseVignettes("BiocParallel")  |
| trainingSamples | A vector of strings. The identifiers (e.g. row names of MultiAssayExperiment objects from tbaPaths) of the samples that have to be considered in the training phase, and not used for the cross-validation |

**Value**

pca: A list containing lists named as the MultiAssayExperiment::experiments() found in the MultiAssayExperiment objects listed in the param tbaPaths. Each of these lists contain two objects:

- eigenvectors: A matrix containing eigenvectors for those principal components selected according to the param varExplained
- pcs: A matrix containing the principal components values selected according to the param varExplained
- eigenvalues: A vector containing eigenvalues for those principal components selected according to the param varExplained

**Examples**

```
if (interactive()) {
  data(exprMatrix)

  tbaPaths <- system.file("extdata", "training.tba.toydata.rds",
    package="AffiXcan")
  regionsCount <- overlookRegions(tbaPaths)

  sampleNames <- colnames(exprMatrix)
  nSamples <- length(sampleNames)
  sampGroups <- subsetKFold(k=3, n=nSamples)
  for (i in seq(length(sampGroups))) {
    sampGroups[[i]] <- colnames(exprMatrix)[sampGroups[[i]]]
  }

  testingSamples <- sampGroups[[1]]
  trainingSamples <- sampleNames[!sampleNames %in% testingSamples]

  pca <- affiXcanPca(tbaPaths=tbaPaths, varExplained=80, scale=TRUE,
    regionsCount=regionsCount, trainingSamples=trainingSamples)
}
```

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| affiXcanPcs | <i>Compute PCs in MultiAssayExperiment objects using eigenvectors given by user</i> |
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### Description

Compute PCs in MultiAssayExperiment objects using eigenvectors given by user

### Usage

```
affiXcanPcs(
  tbaPaths,
  affiXcanTraining,
  scale,
  BPPARAM = bpparam(),
  testingSamples = NULL
)
```

### Arguments

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| tbaPaths         | A vector of strings, which are the paths to MultiAssayExperiment RDS files containing the tba values   |
| affiXcanTraining | The returning object from affiXcanTrain()  |
| scale            | A logical; if scale=FALSE the TBA values will be only centered, not scaled before performing PCA   |
| BPPARAM          | A BiocParallelParam object. Default is bpparam(). For details on BiocParallelParam virtual base class see browseVignettes("BiocParallel")  |
| testingSamples   | A vector of strings. The identifiers (e.g. row names of MultiAssayExperiment objects from tbaPaths) of the samples that have not been considered in the training phase, to be used in the cross-validation; default is NULL; if is.null(testingSamples)==TRUE then no filtering is performed |

### Value

A list of matrices containing the principal components values of TBA for each region; each object of the list is named after the MultiAssayExperiment object from which it derives

### Examples

```
if (interactive()) {
  data(exprMatrix)
  data(trainingCovariates)
  data(regionAssoc)

  trainingTbaPaths <- system.file("extdata", "training.tba.toydata.rds",
  package="AffiXcan")
  testingTbaPaths <- system.file("extdata", "testing.tba.toydata.rds",
  package="AffiXcan")

  assay <- "values"
```



```

training <- affiXcanTrain(exprMatrix=exprMatrix, assay=assay,
  tbaPaths=trainingTbaPaths, regionAssoc=regionAssoc, cov=trainingCovariates,
  varExplained=80, scale=TRUE)

pcs <- affiXcanPcs(tbaPaths=testingTbaPaths, affiXcanTraining=training,
  scale=TRUE)
}

```

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affiXcanTrain

*Train the model needed to impute a GReX for each gene*


---

## Description

Train the model needed to impute a GReX for each gene

## Usage

```

affiXcanTrain(
  exprMatrix,
  assay,
  tbaPaths,
  regionAssoc,
  cov = NULL,
  varExplained = 80,
  scale = TRUE,
  BPPARAM = bpparam(),
  kfold = 1
)

```

## Arguments

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| exprMatrix   | A SummarizedExperiment object containing expression data  |
| assay        | A string with the name of the object in SummarizedExperiment::assays(exprMatrix) that contains expression values  |
| tbaPaths     | A vector of strings, which are the paths to MultiAssayExperiment RDS files containing the tba values  |
| regionAssoc  | A data.frame with the association between regulatory regions and expressed genes and with colnames = c("REGULATORY_REGION", "EXPRESSED_REGION")   |
| cov          | Optional. A data.frame with covariates values for the population structure where the columns are the PCs and the rows are the individual IIDs Default is NULL                           |
| varExplained | An integer between 0 and 100; varExplained=80 means that the principal components selected to fit the models must explain at least 80 percent of variation of TBA values; default is 80 |
| scale        | A logical; if scale=FALSE the TBA values will be only centered, not scaled before performing PCA; default is TRUE   |
| BPPARAM      | A BiocParallelParam object. Default is bpparam(). For details on BiocParallelParam virtual base class see browseVignettes("BiocParallel")   |

- kfold** An integer. The k definition of k-fold cross-validation on the training dataset. Default is 1. This argument controls the behavior of the function in the following way:
- `kfold<2`: train the models on the whole dataset, not performing the cross-validation
  - `kfold>=2`: perform the k-fold cross-validation

## Value

The output depends on the parameter `kfold`

If `kfold<2`: a list containing three objects: `pca`, `bs`, `regionsCount`

- `pca`: A list containing lists named as the `MultiAssayExperiment::experiments()` found in the `MultiAssayExperiment` objects listed in the param `tbaPaths`. Each of these lists contain two objects:
  - `eigenvectors`: A matrix containing eigenvectors for those principal components of the TBA selected according to the param `varExplained`
  - `pcs`: A matrix containing the principal components values of the TBA selected according to the param `varExplained`
  - `eigenvalues`: A vector containing eigenvalues for those principal components of the TBA selected according to the param `varExplained`
- `bs`: A list containing lists named as the `EXPRESSED_REGIONS` found in the param `regionAssoc` that have a correspondent rowname in the expression values stored `SummarizedExperiment::assays(exprMatrix)$assay`. Each of the lists in `bs` contains three objects:
  - `coefficients`: The coefficients of the principal components used in the model, completely similar to the "coefficients" from the results of `lm()`
  - `p.val`: The uncorrected anova pvalue of the model
  - `r.sq`: The coefficient of determination between the real total expression values and the imputed GReX, retrieved from `summary(model)$r.squared`
  - `corrected.p.val`: The p-value of the model, corrected for multiple testing with benjamini-hochberg procedure
- `regionsCount`: An integer, that is the number of genomic regions taken into account during the training phase

If `kfold>=2`: a list containing k-fold objects, named from 1 to `kfold` and corresponding to the different cross-validations [i]; each one of these objects is a list containing lists named as the expressed gene IDs [y] (i.e. the `rownames()` of the object in `SummarizedExperiment::assays(exprMatrix)` containing the expression values), for which a GReX could be imputed. Each of these inner lists contain two objects:

- `rho`: the pearson's correlation coefficient (R) between the real expression values and the imputed GReX for the cross-validation i on the expressed gene y, computed with `cor()`
- `rho.sq`: the coefficient of determination (R<sup>2</sup>) between the real expression values and the imputed GReX for the cross-validation i on the expressed gene y, computed as `pearson^2`
- `cor.test.p.val`: the p-value of the `cor.test()` between the real expression values and the imputed GReX for the cross-validation i on the expressed gene y
- `model.p.val`: The uncorrected anova pvalue of the model
- `model.corrected.p.val`: The p-value of the model, corrected for multiple testing with benjamini-hochberg procedure
- `model.r.sq`: the model's coefficient of determination (R<sup>2</sup>) on the training data

## Examples

```
if(interactive()) {
  trainingTbaPaths <- system.file("extdata","training.tba.toydata.rds",
  package="AffiXcan")

  data(exprMatrix)
  data(regionAssoc)
  data(trainingCovariates)

  assay <- "values"

  training <- affiXcanTrain(exprMatrix=exprMatrix, assay=assay,
  tbaPaths=trainingTbaPaths, regionAssoc=regionAssoc, cov=trainingCovariates,
  varExplained=80, scale=TRUE, kfold=3)
}
```

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assoc2list

*Reorganize associations table in a list*

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## Description

Reorganize associations table in a list

## Usage

```
assoc2list(gene, regionAssoc)
```

## Arguments

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| gene        | A string; the name of an expressed gene   |
| regionAssoc | A data.frame with the associations between regulatory regions and expressed genes, and with colnames = c("REGULATORY_REGION", "EXPRESSED_REGION") |

## Value

A list of data frames, each of which has the same structure of the param regionAssoc, except that contains the information relative to one expressed gene

## Examples

```
if (interactive()) {
  data(regionAssoc)
  expressedRegions <- as.list(as.vector(unique(regionAssoc$EXPRESSED_REGION)))
  gene <- expressedRegions[[1]]
  assocList <- assoc2list(gene, regionAssoc)
}
```

---

 computeBs

*Fit a linear model to impute a GReX for a certain gene*


---

**Description**

Fit a linear model to impute a GReX for a certain gene

**Usage**

```
computeBs(assocRegions, pca, expr, covariates = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| assocRegions | A data.frame with the associations between regulatory regions and one expressed gene, and with colnames = c("REGULATORY_REGION", "EXPRESSED_REGION")           |
| pca          | The returningObject\$pca from affiXcanTrain()  |
| expr         | A matrix containing the real total expression values, where the columns are genes and the rows are individual IIDs   |
| covariates   | Optional; a data.frame with covariates values for the population structure where the columns are the PCs and the rows are the individual IIDs; default is NULL |

**Value**

A list containing three objects:

- coefficients: An object containing the coefficients of the principal components used in the model, completely similar to the "coefficients" from the results of lm()
- p.val: The uncorrected anova pvalue of the model
- r.sq: The coefficient of determination between the real total expression values and the imputed GReX, retrived from summary(model)\$r.squared

**Examples**

```
if (interactive()) {
  data(exprMatrix)
  data(trainingCovariates)
  data(regionAssoc)

  tbaPaths <- system.file("extdata", "training.tba.toydata.rds",
    package="AffiXcan")
  regionsCount <- overlookRegions(tbaPaths)
  assay <- "values"

  sampleNames <- colnames(exprMatrix)
  nSamples <- length(sampleNames)
  sampGroups <- subsetKFold(k=5, n=nSamples)
  for (i in seq(length(sampGroups))) {
    sampGroups[[i]] <- colnames(exprMatrix)[sampGroups[[i]]]
  }

  testingSamples <- sampGroups[[1]]
  trainingSamples <- sampleNames[!sampleNames %in% testingSamples]
```

```

pca <- affiXcanPca(tbaPaths=tbaPaths, varExplained=80, scale=TRUE,
regionsCount=regionsCount, trainingSamples=trainingSamples)

cov <- trainingCovariates
cov <- cov[rownames(cov) %in% trainingSamples,]

expr <- SummarizedExperiment::assays(exprMatrix)[[assay]]
expr <- expr[,colnames(expr) %in% trainingSamples]
expr <- t(as.data.frame(expr))

expressedRegions <- as.vector(unique(regionAssoc$EXPRESSED_REGION))
assocList <- BiocParallel::bplapply(X=expressedRegions, FUN=assoc2list,
regionAssoc)
names(assocList) <- expressedRegions
assocRegions <- assocList[[1]]

bs <- computeBs(assocRegions=assocRegions, pca=pca, expr=expr,
covariates=cov)
}

```

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|--------------------|---|
| computeCorrelation | <i>Compute R and R<sup>2</sup> on a particular row of two SummarizedExperiment assays</i> |
|--------------------|---|

---

## Description

Compute R and R<sup>2</sup> on a particular row of two SummarizedExperiment assays

## Usage

```
computeCorrelation(geneName, realExpr, imputedExpr)
```

## Arguments

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| geneName    | A string. The row name in realExpr and imputedExpr objects that identifies the vectors between which R and R <sup>2</sup> have to be computed |
| realExpr    | A SummarizedExperiment object containing expression data  |
| imputedExpr | The returning object of affiXcanImpute()  |

## Value

A list of two objects:

- rho: the pearson's correlation coefficient (R) between the real expression values and the imputed GReX for the cross-validation i on the expressed gene y, computed with cor()
- rho.sq: the coefficient of determination (R<sup>2</sup>) between the real expression values and the imputed GReX for the cross-validation i on the expressed gene y, computed as pearson<sup>2</sup>
- cor.test.p.val: the p-value of the cor.test() between the real expression values and the imputed GReX for the cross-validation i on the expressed gene y

**Examples**

```

if (interactive()) {
  trainingTbaPaths <- system.file("extdata", "training.tba.toydata.rds",
    package="AffiXcan")

  data(exprMatrix)
  data(regionAssoc)
  data(trainingCovariates)

  assay <- "values"

  training <- affiXcanTrain(exprMatrix=exprMatrix, assay=assay,
    tbaPaths=trainingTbaPaths, regionAssoc=regionAssoc, cov=trainingCovariates,
    varExplained=80, scale=TRUE)

  imputedExpr <- affiXcanImpute(tbaPaths=trainingTbaPaths,
    affiXcanTraining=training, scale=TRUE)
  realExpr <- exprMatrix

  geneName <- "ENSG00000256377.1"
  imputedExpr <- SummarizedExperiment::assays(imputedExpr)$GReX
  realExpr <- SummarizedExperiment::assays(realExpr)[[assay]]

  correlation <- computeCorrelation(geneName, realExpr, imputedExpr)
}

```

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computeExpr

*Compute the imputed GReX for a certain gene on a set of individuals*


---

**Description**

Compute the imputed GReX for a certain gene on a set of individuals

**Usage**

```
computeExpr(bs, pcs)
```

**Arguments**

|     |   |
|-----|---|
| bs  | <p>A list containing three objects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• coefficients: An object containing the coefficients of the principal components used in the model, completely similar to the "coefficients" object from the results of <code>lm()</code></li> <li>• p.val: The uncorrected anova pvalue of the model</li> <li>• r.sq: The coefficient of determination between the real total expression values and the imputed GReX, retrieved from <code>summary(model)\$r.squared</code></li> </ul> |
| pcs | A list, which is the returning object of <code>affiXcanPcs()</code>   |

**Value**

A vector of imputed GReX values

**Examples**

```

if (interactive()) {
  trainingTbaPaths <- system.file("extdata", "training.tba.toydata.rds",
    package="AffiXcan")

  data(exprMatrix)
  data(regionAssoc)
  data(trainingCovariates)

  assay <- "values"

  training <- affiXcanTrain(exprMatrix=exprMatrix, assay=assay,
    tbaPaths=trainingTbaPaths, regionAssoc=regionAssoc, cov=trainingCovariates,
    varExplained=80, scale=TRUE)

  testingTbaPaths <- system.file("extdata", "testing.tba.toydata.rds",
    package="AffiXcan")

  pcs <- affiXcanPcs(tbaPaths=testingTbaPaths, affiXcanTraining=training,
    scale=TRUE)

  region <- "ENSG00000256377.1"
  bs <- training$bs[[region]]

  exprmatrix <- computeExpr(bs=bs, pcs=pcs)
}

```

---

computePca

*Perform a PCA on a matrix where columns are variables*


---

**Description**

Perform a PCA on a matrix where columns are variables

**Usage**

```
computePca(data, varExplained = 80, scale = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| data         | A matrix containing the TBA values for a certain genomic region; columns are PWMs, rows are individuals IIDs  |
| varExplained | An integer between 0 and 100; varExplained=80 means that the principal components selected to fit the models must explain at least 80 percent of variation of TBA values; default is 80 |
| scale        | A logical; if scale=FALSE the TBA values will be only centered, not scaled before performing PCA; default is TRUE   |

**Value**

A list containing two objects:

- `eigenvectors`: A matrix containing eigenvectors for those principal components selected according to the param `varExplained`
- `pcs`: A matrix containing the principal components values selected according to the param `varExplained`
- `eigenvalues`: A vector containing eigenvalues for those principal components selected according to the param `varExplained`

**Examples**

```
if (interactive()) {
  data(exprMatrix)
  sampleNames <- colnames(exprMatrix)
  nSamples <- length(sampleNames)
  sampGroups <- subsetKFold(k=3, n=nSamples)
  for (i in seq(length(sampGroups))) {
    sampGroups[[i]] <- colnames(exprMatrix)[sampGroups[[i]]]
  }
  testingSamples <- sampGroups[[i]]
  trainingSamples <- sampleNames[!sampleNames %in% testingSamples]

  tbaMatrixMAE <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "training.tba.toydata.rds",
  package="AffiXcan"))
  tbaMatrixMAE <- MultiAssayExperiment::subsetByRow(tbaMatrixMAE,
  trainingSamples)
  tbaMatrix <- MultiAssayExperiment::experiments(tbaMatrixMAE)
  tba <- tbaMatrix$ENSG00000256377.1

  pca <- computePca(data=tba, varExplained=80, scale=TRUE)
}
```

---

`computePcs`

*Compute a matrix product between variables and eigenvectors*

---

**Description**

Compute a matrix product between variables and eigenvectors

**Usage**

```
computePcs(region, tbaMatrix, scale, pca)
```

**Arguments**

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| <code>region</code>    | A string, which is the name of the object in the list <code>MultiAssayExperiment::experiments(tbaMatrix)</code> that contains the TBA values of the genomic region of interest (see the param <code>tbaMatrix</code> ) |
| <code>tbaMatrix</code> | A <code>MultiAssayExperiment</code> object containing the TBA values   |
| <code>scale</code>     | A logical; if <code>scale=FALSE</code> the TBA values will be only centered, not scaled before performing PCA  |
| <code>pca</code>       | The returning <code>Object\$pca</code> from <code>affiXcanTrain()</code>   |



**Value**

A data.frame containing the principal components values of the TBA in a certain genomic region, as the result of the matrix product between the TBA values and the eigenvectors

**Examples**

```
if (interactive()) {
  trainingTbaPaths <- system.file("extdata", "training.tba.toydata.rds",
    package="AffiXcan")

  data(exprMatrix)
  data(regionAssoc)
  data(trainingCovariates)

  assay <- "values"

  training <- affiXcanTrain(exprMatrix=exprMatrix, assay=assay,
    tbaPaths=trainingTbaPaths, regionAssoc=regionAssoc, cov=trainingCovariates,
    varExplained=80, scale=TRUE)

  region <- "ENSG00000256377.1"

  tbaMatrixMAE <- readRDS(system.file("extdata", "training.tba.toydata.rds",
    package="AffiXcan"))

  pca <- training$pca
  pcs <- computePcs(region=region, tbaMatrix=tbaMatrixMAE, scale=TRUE, pca=pca)
}
```

---

 computeRSquared

*Compute R and R<sup>2</sup> between rows of two SummarizedExperiment assays*

---

**Description**

Compute R and R<sup>2</sup> between rows of two SummarizedExperiment assays

**Usage**

```
computeRSquared(
  realExpr,
  imputedExpr,
  assay,
  testingSamples = NULL,
  BPPARAM = bpparam()
)
```

**Arguments**

`realExpr` A SummarizedExperiment object containing expression data  
`imputedExpr` The returning object of `affiXcanImpute()`

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| assay          | A string with the name of the object in SummarizedExperiment::assays(realExpr) that contains expression values   |
| testingSamples | A vector of strings. The identifiers of the samples that have to be considered by the function; default is NULL; if is.null(testingSamples)==TRUE then no filtering is performed |
| BPPARAM        | A BiocParallelParam object. Default is bpparam(). For details on BiocParallelParam virtual base class see browseVignettes("BiocParallel")  |

### Value

A list of lists; inner lists are named after the rows for which the correlation between realExpr and imputedExpr have been computed; inner lists contain two objects:

- rho: the pearson's correlation coefficient (R) between the real expression values and the imputed GReX for the cross-validation i on the expressed gene y, computed with cor()
- rho.sq: the coefficient of determination ( $R^2$ ) between the real expression values and the imputed GReX for the cross-validation i on the expressed gene y, computed as pearson<sup>2</sup>
- cor.test.p.val: the p-value of the cor.test() between the real expression values and the imputed GReX for the cross-validation i on the expressed gene y

### Examples

```
if (interactive()) {
  trainingTbaPaths <- system.file("extdata", "training.tba.toydata.rds",
    package="AffiXcan")

  data(exprMatrix)
  data(regionAssoc)
  data(trainingCovariates)

  assay <- "values"

  training <- affiXcanTrain(exprMatrix=exprMatrix, assay=assay,
    tbaPaths=trainingTbaPaths, regionAssoc=regionAssoc, cov=trainingCovariates,
    varExplained=80, scale=TRUE)

  imputedExpr <- affiXcanImpute(tbaPaths=trainingTbaPaths,
    affiXcanTraining=training, scale=TRUE)
  realExpr <- exprMatrix

  correlation <- computeRSquared(realExpr, imputedExpr, assay)
}
```

---

exprMatrix

*Expression data of two genes for 229 individuals*

---

### Description

Toy dataset used in examples to describe affiXcanTrain() function.

### Usage

```
data(exprMatrix)
```

**Format**

An object of class SummarizedExperiment.

**Details**

The data consist in a SummarizedExperiment object that contains a matrix of expression values (RPKM) of two randomly chosen genes ("ENSG00000139269.2" and "ENSG00000256377.1") for 229 individuals of european descent. The data was retrieved subsetting the RNA-sequencing data of EBV-transformed lymphocytes from the GEUVADIS public dataset (see 'source')

**Source**

<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/arrayexpress/files/E-GEUV-3/>

**Examples**

```
library(SummarizedExperiment)
data(exprMatrix)
toyExpressionMatrix <- assays(exprMatrix)$values
```

---

|                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| overlookRegions | <i>Count the number of genomic regions on which the TBA was computed</i> |
|-----------------|--|

---

**Description**

Count the number of genomic regions on which the TBA was computed

**Usage**

```
overlookRegions(tbaPaths)
```

**Arguments**

tbaPaths      A vector of strings, which are the paths to MultiAssayExperiment RDS files containing the tba values

**Value**

An integer, that is the summation of length(assays()) of every MultiAssayExperiment RDS object indicated in the param tbaPaths

**Examples**

```
if (interactive()) {
  testingTbaPaths <- system.file("extdata", "testing.tba.toydata.rds",
  package="AffiXcan")

  regionsCount <- overlookRegions(tbaPaths=testingTbaPaths)
}
```

---

 regionAssoc

*Associations between regulatory regions and expressed genes*


---

### Description

Toy data used in examples to describe `affiXcanTrain()` and `affiXcanImpute()` functions.

### Usage

```
data(regionAssoc)
```

### Format

An object of class `data.frame`

### Details

The object consists in a `data.frame` with two columns: for every "EXPRESSED\_REGION" are listed the associated "REGULATORY\_REGION"(s). For the illustrative purpose there are only two expressed genes: "ENSG00000139269.2" and "ENSG00000256377.1" (the same names are used in the `SummarizedExperiment` object containing the expression matrix, see `help(exprMatrix)` ).

For every gene, the associated regulatory regions were retrieved among the enhancers predicted by preSTIGE, a tool developed by O. Corradin et al. (<https://genome.cshlp.org/content/24/1/1.full>), in EBV-transformed lymphocytes cell lines. The name of the regulatory region being identical to the name of the expressed gene means that the regulatory region refers to a genomic window that spans at least for 2 Kbp and includes the most upstream TSS of the gene.

### Examples

```
data(regionAssoc)
head(regionAssoc)
```

---

 subsetKFold

*Split the numbers from 1 to n in k equally-sized lists*


---

### Description

Split the numbers from 1 to n in k equally-sized lists

### Usage

```
subsetKFold(k, n)
```

### Arguments

**k** An integer. The number of groups in which the first n natural numbers are to be splitted

**n** An integer. Defines the interval 1..n

**Value**

A list of lists; the first natural n numbers equally distributed across k lists

**Examples**

```
sampGroups <- subsetKFold(k=5, n=23)
```

---

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| trainingCovariates | <i>Covariates of the population structure for 229 individuals</i> |
|--------------------|---|

---

**Description**

Toy data used in examples to describe affiXcanTrain() function.

**Usage**

```
data(trainingCovariates)
```

**Format**

An object of class `data.frame`

**Details**

This object consists in a `data.frame` where columns are the first three principal components of the population genetic structure and rows are individuals' IDs. These individuals are the same whom expression values are stored in the expression matrix (see `help(exprMatrix)` )

Genotypes of the individuals were downloaded from the GEUVADIS public dataset (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/arrayexpress/files/E-GEUV-1/>) in `vcf` format. Following L. Price et al. (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0002929708003534>), long range linkage disequilibrium (LRLD) regions were first filtered out with `vcf-tools`. Then, following J. Novembre et al. ([www.nature.com/articles/nature07331](http://www.nature.com/articles/nature07331)), non-common alleles (MAF < 0.05) were filtered out with `vcftools` and LD pruning was performed with `plink`. Finally, principal components were computed with `eigenstrat`.

**Examples**

```
data(trainingCovariates)
head(trainingCovariates)
```

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