

# Package ‘SEtools’

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| aggSE | <i>aggSE</i> |
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## Description

Aggregates the rows of a ‘SummarizedExperiment’.

## Usage

```
aggSE(x, by, assayFun = NULL, rowDatFuns = list())
```

## Arguments

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <code>x</code>          | An object of class ‘SummarizedExperiment’   |
| <code>by</code>         | Vector by which to aggregate, or column of ‘rowData(x)’   |
| <code>assayFun</code>   | Function by which to aggregate, or a list of such functions (or vector of function names) of the same length as there are assays. If <code>NULL</code> will attempt to use an appropriate function (and notify the functions used), typically the mean.   |
| <code>rowDatFuns</code> | A named list providing functions by which to aggregate each <code>rowData</code> columns. If a given column has no specified function, the default will be used, i.e. logical are transformed into a proportion, numerics are aggregated by median, and unique factors/characters are pasted together. Use ‘rowDataFuns=NULL’ to discard <code>rowData</code> . |

## Value

An object of class ‘SummarizedExperiment’

## Examples

```
library(SummarizedExperiment)
data("SE", package="SEtools")
# arbitrary IDs for example aggregation:
rowData(SE)$otherID <- rep(LETTERS[1:10],each=10)
SE <- aggSE(SE, "otherID")
```

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| castSE | <i>castSE</i> |
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## Description

Casts a data.frame as a [SummarizedExperiment-class](#)

## Usage

```
castSE(  
  x,  
  rowNames = NULL,  
  colNames = NULL,  
  assayNames = NULL,  
  colData = NULL,  
  rowData = NULL,  
  sparse = FALSE  
)
```

## Arguments

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| x          | A data.frame  |
| rowNames   | Column of 'x' containing the row.names (if omitted, will build from 'rowData')    |
| colNames   | Column of 'x' containing the column names (if omitted, will build from 'colData') |
| assayNames | Columns of 'x' to turn into assays  |
| colData    | Columns of 'x' to use as colData  |
| rowData    | Columns of 'x' to use as rowData  |
| sparse     | Local, whether to keep the assays sparse.   |

## Value

A [SummarizedExperiment-class](#)

## Examples

```
d <- data.frame(transcript=rep(LETTERS[1:10],each=2), gene=rep(LETTERS[1:5],each=4),  
               count=rpois(20, 10), sample=letters[1:2])  
head(d)  
castSE(d, rowData=c("transcript","gene"), colNames="sample")
```

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| data | <i>Example dataset</i> |
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### Description

A `SummarizedExperiment-class` containing (a subset of) whole-hippocampus RNAseq of mice after different stressors.

### Value

a `SummarizedExperiment-class`.

### References

Floriou-Servou et al. (2018). Distinct Proteomic, Transcriptomic, and Epigenetic Stress Responses in Dorsal and Ventral Hippocampus. *Biological Psychiatry*, **84**(7): 531-541. DOI: 10.1016/j.biopsych.2018.02.003.

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| flattenPB | <i>flattenPB</i> |
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### Description

Flattens a pseudo-bulk `SummarizedExperiment` as produced by `'muscat::aggregateData'` so that all cell types are represented in a single assay. Optionally normalizes the data and calculates per-sample logFCs.

### Usage

```
flattenPB(pb, norm = TRUE, lfc_group = NULL)
```

### Arguments

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| pb        | a pseudo-bulk <code>SummarizedExperiment</code> as produced by <code>'muscat::aggregateData'</code> , with different celltypes/clusters are assays. |
| norm      | Logical; whether to calculate logcpm (TMM normalization).   |
| lfc_group | the colData column to use to calculate foldchange. If NULL (default), no fold-change assay will be computed.  |

### Value

A `SummarizedExperiment`

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| log2FC | <i>log2FC</i> |
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### Description

Generates log2(foldchange) matrix/assay, eventually on a per-batch fashion.

### Usage

```
log2FC(
  x,
  fromAssay = NULL,
  controls,
  by = NULL,
  isLog = NULL,
  agFun = rowMeans,
  toAssay = "log2FC"
)
```

### Arguments

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| <code>x</code>         | A numeric matrix, or a ‘SummarizedExperiment’ object  |
| <code>fromAssay</code> | The assay to use if ‘x’ is a ‘SummarizedExperiment’   |
| <code>controls</code>  | A vector of which samples should be used as controls for foldchange calculations.                                       |
| <code>by</code>        | An optional vector indicating groups/batches by which the controls will be averaged to calculate per-group foldchanges. |
| <code>isLog</code>     | Logical; whether the data is log-transformed. If NULL, will attempt to figure it out from the data and/or assay name    |
| <code>agFun</code>     | Aggregation function for the baseline (default rowMeans)  |
| <code>toAssay</code>   | The name of the assay in which to save the output.  |

### Value

An object of same class as ‘x’; if a ‘SummarizedExperiment’, will have the additional assay named from ‘toAssay’.

### Examples

```
log2FC( matrix(rnorm(40), ncol=4), controls=1:2 )
```

mergeSEs

*mergeSEs***Description**

Merges a list of [SummarizedExperiment-class](#), either by row.names or through specified rowData fields. In cases of many-to-many (or one-to-many) mappings, ‘aggFun’ determines whether the records are aggregated by linking ID (if an aggregation method is given) or all combinations are returned (if ‘aggFun=NULL’ - default).

**Usage**

```
mergeSEs(
  ll,
  use.assays = NULL,
  do.scale = TRUE,
  commonOnly = TRUE,
  colColumns = NULL,
  mergeBy = NULL,
  aggFun = NULL,
  addDatasetPrefix = TRUE,
  defValues = list(),
  keepRowData = TRUE,
  BPPARAM = SerialParam()
)
```

**Arguments**

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| ll               | A (named) list of <a href="#">SummarizedExperiment-class</a>   |
| use.assays       | Names (or indexes) of the assays to use. By default, all common assays are used.   |
| do.scale         | A logical vector indicating (globally or for each assay) whether to perform row unit-variance scaling on each dataset before merging (default TRUE).   |
| commonOnly       | Logical; whether to restrict to rows present in all datasets (default TRUE).   |
| colColumns       | A character vector specifying ‘colData’ columns to include (if available in at least one of the datasets). If NULL, everything is kept.  |
| mergeBy          | The ‘rowData’ column to merge with. If NULL, row.names are used.   |
| aggFun           | The aggregation function to use when multiple rows have the same ‘mergeBy’ value. If merging multiple assays, a different function per assay can be passed as a named list (see <a href="#">aggSE</a> ). If NULL (default), entries will be reused to have each combination. |
| addDatasetPrefix | Logical; whether the name of the dataset should be appended to the sample names (default TRUE).  |
| defValues        | An optional named list of default ‘colData’ values when some columns are missing from some SEs.  |
| keepRowData      | Logical, whether to keep the rowData (default TRUE).   |
| BPPARAM          | For multithreading the aggregation step.   |

**Value**

An object of class [SummarizedExperiment-class](#)

**Examples**

```
data("SE", package="SEtools")
mergeSEs( list( se1=SE[,1:10], se2=SE[,11:20] ) )
```

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```
resetAllSEtoolsOptions
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```

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**Description**

Resets all global options relative to SEtools.

**Usage**

```
resetAllSEtoolsOptions()
```

**Value**

None

**Examples**

```
resetAllSEtoolsOptions()
```

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se2xls          se2xlsx
```

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**Description**

Writes a SummarizedExperiment to an excel/xlsx file. Requires the 'openxlsx' package.

**Usage**

```
se2xls(se, filename, addSheets = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

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| se        | The 'SummarizedExperiment'                               |
| filename  | xlsx file name   |
| addSheets | An optional list of additional tables to save as sheets. |

**Value**

Saves to file.

## Examples

```
data("SE", package="SEtools")
# not run
# se2xls(SE, filename="SE.xlsx")
```

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sehm

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## Description

Deprecated pheatmap wrapper for [SummarizedExperiment-class](#). **\*\*This function has been replaced by the `sehm` function from the ‘sehm’ package and is retained here solely for backward compatibility.\*\***

## Usage

```
sehm(
  se,
  genes,
  do.scale = FALSE,
  assayName = .getDef("assayName"),
  sortRowsOn = seq_len(ncol(se)),
  cluster_cols = FALSE,
  cluster_rows = is.null(sortRowsOn),
  toporder = NULL,
  hmcols = NULL,
  breaks = .getDef("breaks"),
  gaps_at = .getDef("gaps_at"),
  gaps_row = NULL,
  anno_rows = .getDef("anno_rows"),
  anno_columns = .getDef("anno_columns"),
  anno_colors = NULL,
  show_rownames = NULL,
  show_colnames = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

|                           |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| <code>se</code>           | A <a href="#">SummarizedExperiment-class</a> .   |
| <code>genes</code>        | An optional vector of genes (i.e. row names of ‘se’)   |
| <code>do.scale</code>     | Logical; whether to scale rows (default FALSE).  |
| <code>assayName</code>    | An optional vector of assayNames to use. The first available will be used, or the first assay if NULL. |
| <code>sortRowsOn</code>   | Sort rows by MDS polar order using the specified columns (default all)                                 |
| <code>cluster_cols</code> | Whether to cluster columns (default F)   |
| <code>cluster_rows</code> | Whether to cluster rows; default FALSE if ‘do.sortRows=TRUE’.  |



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| toporder      | Optional vector of categories on which to supra-order when sorting rows, or name of a 'rowData' column to use for this purpose.   |
| hmcols        | Colors for the heatmap.   |
| breaks        | Breaks for the heatmap colors. Alternatively, symmetrical breaks can be generated automatically by setting 'breaks' to a numerical value between 0 and 1. The value is passed as the 'split.prop' argument to the <a href="#">getBreaks</a> function, and indicates the proportion of the points to map to a linear scale, while the more extreme values will be plotted on a quantile scale. 'breaks=FALSE' will disable symmetrical scale and quantile capping, while retaining automatic breaks. 'breaks=1' will produce a symmetrical scale without quantile capping. |
| gaps_at       | Columns of 'colData' to use to establish gaps between columns.  |
| gaps_row      | Passed to the heatmap function; if missing, will be set automatically according to toporder.  |
| anno_rows     | Columns of 'rowData' to use for left annotation.  |
| anno_columns  | Columns of 'colData' to use for top annotation.   |
| anno_colors   | List of colors to use for annotation.   |
| show_rownames | Whether to show row names (default TRUE if less than 50 rows to plot).  |
| show_colnames | Whether to show column names (default FALSE).   |
| ...           | Further arguments passed to 'pheatmap'  |

**Value**

A heatmap.

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svacor

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**Description**

A wrapper around SVA-based correction, providing a corrected assay. If this is RNAseq data or similar, use a count assay with 'useVST=TRUE'; otherwise (e.g. proteomics) a log-normalized assay is recommended.

**Usage**

```
svacor(
  SE,
  form,
  form0 = ~1,
  assayName = NULL,
  regressOutNull = TRUE,
  useVST = TRUE,
  n.sv = NULL,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| SE             | An object of class ‘SummarizedExperiment‘.  |
| form           | The formula of the differential expression model  |
| form0          | An optional formula for the null model  |
| assayName      | The name (or index) of the assay to use.  |
| regressOutNull | Logical; whether to regress out the variables of ‘form0‘.                                       |
| useVST         | Logical; whether to use DESeq2’s variance-stabilizing transformation; (for count data!)         |
| n.sv           | The number of surrogate variables (if omitted, <a href="#">sva</a> will attempt to estimate it) |
| ...            | Any other argument passed to the <a href="#">sva</a> command.                                   |

**Value**

Returns the ‘SummarizedExperiment‘ with a ‘corrected‘ assay and the surrogate variables in ‘col-Data‘.

**Examples**

```
data("SE", package="SEtools")
SE <- svacor(SE, ~Condition)
```

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