

# Package ‘Cepo’

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**Description**

Defining the identity of a cell is fundamental to understand the heterogeneity of cells to various environmental signals and perturbations. We present Cepo, a new method to explore cell identities from single-cell RNA-sequencing data using differential stability as a new metric to define cell identity genes. Cepo computes cell-type specific gene statistics pertaining to differential stable gene expression.

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cellbench	<i>cellbench</i>
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**Description**

A single-cell RNA-seq dataset adapted from [sc\\_mixology](#)

**Usage**

```
data(cellbench)
```

**Format**

An object of SingleCellExperiment class with 895 cells and 2001 genes.

**Source**

[https://github.com/LuyiTian/sc\\_mixology](https://github.com/LuyiTian/sc_mixology)

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**Description**

ExprsMat accepts various matrix objects, including DelayedArray and HDF5Array for out-of-memory computations. See vignette.

**Usage**

```
Cepo(
  exprsMat,
  cellTypes,
  minCells = 20,
  minCelltype = 3,
  exprsPct = NULL,
  logfc = NULL,
  computePvalue = NULL,
  variability = "CV",
  method = "weightedMean",
  weight = c(0.5, 0.5),
  workers = 1L,
  block = NULL,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>exprsMat</code>	Expression matrix where columns denote cells and rows denote genes
<code>cellTypes</code>	Vector of cell type labels
<code>minCells</code>	Integer indicating the minimum number of cells required within a cell type
<code>minCelltype</code>	Integer indicating the minimum number of cell types required in each batch
<code>exprsPct</code>	Percentage of lowly expressed genes to remove. Default to NULL to not remove any genes.
<code>logfc</code>	Numeric value indicating the threshold of log fold-change to use to filter genes.
<code>computePvalue</code>	Whether to compute p-values using bootstrap test. Default to NULL to not make computations. Set this to an integer to set the number of bootstraps needed (recommend to be at least 100).
<code>variability</code>	A character indicating the stability measure (CV, IQR, MAD, SD). Default is set to CV.
<code>method</code>	Character indicating the method for integration the two stability measures. By default this is set to 'weightedMean' with equal weights.
<code>weight</code>	Vector of two values indicating the weights for each stability measure. By default this value is <code>c(0.5, 0.5)</code> .
<code>workers</code>	Number of cores to use. Default to 1, which invokes <code>BiocParallel::SerialParam</code> . For workers greater than 1, see the <code>workers</code> argument in <code>BiocParallel::MulticoreParam</code> and <code>BiocParallel::SnowParam</code> .
<code>block</code>	Vector of batch labels
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments passed to <code>BiocParallel::MulticoreParam</code> and <code>BiocParallel::SnowParam</code> .

**Value**

Returns a list of key genes.

**Examples**

```
library(SingleCellExperiment)
data('cellbench', package = 'Cepo')
cellbench
cepoOutput <- Cepo(logcounts(cellbench), cellbench$celltype)
cepoOutput
```

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plotDensities

*Plot densities*


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**Description**

Plot densities

**Usage**

```
plotDensities(
  x,
  cepoOutput,
  nGenes = 2,
  assay = "logcounts",
  celltypeColumn,
  celltype = NULL,
  genes = NULL,
  plotType = c("histogram", "density"),
  color = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

x	a <a href="#">SummarizedExperiment</a> or a <a href="#">SingleCellExperiment</a> object.
cepoOutput	an output from <code>Cepo</code> or <code>doLimma/doVoom/doTtest/doWilcoxon</code> functions
nGenes	number of top genes from each celltype to plot. Default to 2.
assay	a character ('logcounts' by default), indicating the name of the assays(x) element which stores the expression data (i.e., <code>assays(x)\$name_assays_expression</code> ). We strongly encourage using normalized data, such as counts per million (CPM) or log-CPM.
celltypeColumn	a character, indicating the name of the name of the cell type column in the <code>colData(x)</code> .
celltype	a character, indicating the name of the cell type to plot. Default is <code>NULL</code> which selects all celltypes in the <code>cepoOutput</code> .
genes	a character vector, indicating the name of the genes to plot. Default to <code>NULL</code> , so that 2 top genes from each celltype will be plotted.
plotType	Either 'histogram' or 'density'
color	a named color vector. The names should correspond to the celltype argument above

**Value**

A `ggplot` object with cell-type specific densities for a gene.

A `ggplot` object.

**Examples**

```
library(SingleCellExperiment)
data('cellbench', package = 'Cepo')
cellbench
cepoOutput <- Cepo(logcounts(cellbench), cellbench$celltype)

plotDensities(
  x = cellbench,
  cepoOutput = cepoOutput,
  assay = 'logcounts',
  plotType = 'histogram',
  celltypeColumn = 'celltype'
)

plotDensities(
  x = cellbench,
  cepoOutput = cepoOutput,
  genes = c('PLTP', 'CPT1C', 'MEG3', 'SYCE1', 'MICOS10P3', 'HOXB7'),
  assay = 'logcounts',
  plotType = 'histogram',
  celltypeColumn = 'celltype'
)
```

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sce\_pancreas

*sce\_pancreas*

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**Description**

A subsampled single-cell RNA-seq dataset

**Usage**

```
data(sce_pancreas)
```

**Format**

An object of `SingleCellExperiment` class with 528 cells and 1358 genes.

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setCepoBPPARAM	<i>Setting parallel params based on operating platform</i>
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**Description**

Setting parallel params based on operating platform

**Usage**

```
setCepoBPPARAM(workers = 1L, ...)
```

**Arguments**

workers	Number of cores to use. Default to 1, which invokes <code>BiocParallel::SerialParam</code> . For workers greater than 1, see the <code>workers</code> argument in <code>BiocParallel::MulticoreParam</code> and <code>BiocParallel::SnowParam</code> .
...	Additional arguments passed to <code>BiocParallel::MulticoreParam</code> and <code>BiocParallel::SnowParam</code> .

**Value**

Parameters for parallel computing depending on OS

**Examples**

```
# system.time(BiocParallel::bplapply(1:3, FUN = function(i){Sys.sleep(i)},
# BPPARAM = setCepoBPPARAM(workers = 1)))
# system.time(BiocParallel::bplapply(1:3, FUN = function(i){Sys.sleep(i)},
# BPPARAM = setCepoBPPARAM(workers = 3)))
```

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topGenes	<i>Extract the top genes from the Cepo output</i>
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**Description**

Extract the top genes from the Cepo output

**Usage**

```
topGenes(object, n = 5, returnValues = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

object	Output from the Cepo function
n	Number of top genes to extract
returnValues	Whether to return the numeric value associated with the top selected genes

**Value**

Returns a list of key genes.

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1234)
n <- 50 ## genes, rows
p <- 100 ## cells, cols
exprsMat <- matrix(rpois(n * p, lambda = 5), nrow = n)
rownames(exprsMat) <- paste0('gene', 1:n)
colnames(exprsMat) <- paste0('cell', 1:p)
cellTypes <- sample(letters[1:3], size = p, replace = TRUE)
cepo_output <- Cepo(exprsMat = exprsMat, cellTypes = cellTypes)
cepo_output
topGenes(cepo_output, n = 2)
topGenes(cepo_output, n = 2, returnValues = TRUE)
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