

# Package ‘CytoMDS’

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Description

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**See Also**

Useful links:

- <https://uclouvain-cbio.github.io/CytoMDS>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/UCLouvain-CBIO/CytoMDS/issues>

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channelSummaryStats      *Summary statistics per channel computation*

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**Description**

Computation of summary statistic for selected channels, for all flowFrames of a flowSet, or for all expression matrices of a list. This method provides three different input modes:

- the user provides directly a flowCore::flowSet loaded in memory (RAM)
- the user provides directly a list of expression matrices of which the column names are the channel/marker names
- the user provides (1.) a number of samples nSamples; (2.) an ad-hoc function that takes as input an index between 1 and nSamples, and codes the method to load the corresponding expression matrix in memory;

**Usage**

```
channelSummaryStats(
  x,
  loadExprMatrixFUN = NULL,
  loadExprMatrixFUNArgs = NULL,
  channels = NULL,
  statFUNs = stats::median,
  verbose = FALSE,
  BPPARAM = BiocParallel::SerialParam(),
  BPOPTIONS = BiocParallel::bpoptions(packages = c("flowCore"))
)
```

**Arguments**

**x**                      can be:

- a flowCore::flowSet
- a list of expression matrices (Double matrix with named columns)
- the number of samples (integer >=1)

**loadExprMatrixFUN**      the function used to translate an integer index into an expression matrix. In other words, the function should code how to load the indexth expression matrix into memory. **IMPORTANT:** the expression matrix index should be the first function argument and should be named `exprMatrixIndex`.

**loadExprMatrixFUNArgs**      (optional) a named list containing additional input parameters of `loadExprMatrixFUN()`

**channels**              which channels needs to be included:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• if it is a character vector, it can refer to either the channel names, or the marker names</li> <li>• if it is a numeric vector, it refers to the indices of channels in <code>fs</code></li> <li>• if <code>NULL</code>, all scatter and fluorescent channels of <code>fs #'</code> will be selected.</li> </ul>
<code>statFUNs</code>	a list (possibly of length one) of functions to call to calculate the statistics, or a simple function. This list can be named, in that case, these names will be transferred to the returned list.
<code>verbose</code>	if <code>TRUE</code> , output a message after each single statistics calculation
<code>BPPARAM</code>	sets the <code>BPPARAM</code> back-end to be used for the computation. If not provided, will use <code>BiocParallel::SerialParam()</code> (no task parallelization)
<code>BPOPTIONS</code>	sets the <code>BPOPTIONS</code> to be passed to <code>bplapply()</code> function. Note that if you use a <code>SnowParams</code> back-end, you need to specify all the packages that need to be loaded for the different <code>CytoProcessingStep</code> to work properly (visibility of functions). As a minimum, the <code>flowCore</code> package needs to be loaded. (hence the default <code>BPOPTIONS = bpoptions(packages = c("flowCore"))</code> )

### Value

a list of named statistic matrices. In each stat matrix, the columns are the channel statistics for all `flowFrames` of the `flowSet`. Exception: if only one stat function (and not a list) is passed in `statFUNs`, the return value is simplified to the stat matrix itself.

### Examples

```
library(CytoPipeline)

data(OMIP021Samples)

# estimate scale transformations
# and transform the whole OMIP021Samples

transList <- estimateScaleTransforms(
  ff = OMIP021Samples[[1]],
  fluoMethod = "estimateLogicle",
  scatterMethod = "linearQuantile",
  scatterRefMarker = "BV785 - CD3")

OMIP021Trans <- CytoPipeline::applyScaleTransforms(
  OMIP021Samples,
  transList)

channelsOrMarkers <- c("FSC-A", "SSC-A", "BV785 - CD3")

# calculate mean for each 4 selected channels, for each 2 samples

channelMeans <- channelSummaryStats(
  OMIP021Trans,
  channels = channelsOrMarkers,
  statFUNs = mean)

# calculate median AND std deviation
# for each 4 selected channels, for each 2 samples

channelMedians <- channelSummaryStats(
```

```

OMIP021Trans,
channels = channelsOrMarkers,
statFUNs = list("median" = stats::median,
               "std.dev" = stats::sd))

```

computeMetricMDS

*metric MDS projection of sample*

## Description

Multi-dimensional scaling projection of samples, using a distance matrix as an input. The MDS algorithm is not the classical MDS (cmdscale alike, aka Torgerson's algorithm), but is the SMA-COF algorithm for metric distances that are not necessarily euclidean. After having obtained the projections on the `nDim` dimensions, we always apply svd decomposition to visualize as first axes the ones that contain the most variance of the projected dataset in `nDim` dimensions. Instead of being provided directly by the user, the `nDim` parameter can otherwise be found iteratively by finding the minimum `nDim` parameter that allows the projection to reach a target pseudo RSquare. If this is the case, the `maxDim` parameter is used to avoid looking for too big projection spaces.

## Usage

```

computeMetricMDS(
  pwDist,
  whichChannels = NULL,
  nDim = NULL,
  seed = NULL,
  targetPseudoRSq = 0.95,
  maxDim = 128,
  ...
)

```

## Arguments

<code>pwDist</code>	( <code>nSamples</code> rows, <code>nSamples</code> columns), previously calculated pairwise distances between samples, can be provided as : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a <code>DistSum</code> object</li> <li>• a <code>dist</code> object</li> <li>• a full symmetric square matrix, with 0. diagonal</li> </ul>
<code>whichChannels</code>	if <code>pwDist</code> has been provided as a <code>DistSum</code> object, a vector of channels to be included in the distances. In that case the distances have been computed as a sum of unidimensional distances for each channel, and the <code>DistSum</code> object allows to restrict the channel sets to be included in the distance accounting
<code>nDim</code>	number of dimensions of projection, as input to SMACOF algorithm if not provided, will be found iteratively using <code>targetPseudoRSq</code>
<code>seed</code>	seed to be set when launching SMACOF algorithm (e.g. when <code>init</code> is set to "random" but not only)
<code>targetPseudoRSq</code>	target pseudo RSquare to be reached (only used when <code>nDim</code> is set to <code>NULL</code> )
<code>maxDim</code>	in case <code>nDim</code> is found iteratively, maximum number of dimensions the search procedure is allowed to explore
<code>...</code>	additional parameters passed to SMACOF algorithm

**Value**

an object of S4 class MDS

**Examples**

```
library(CytoPipeline)

data(OMIP021Samples)

# estimate scale transformations
# and transform the whole OMIP021Samples

transList <- estimateScaleTransforms(
  ff = OMIP021Samples[[1]],
  fluoMethod = "estimateLogicle",
  scatterMethod = "linearQuantile",
  scatterRefMarker = "BV785 - CD3")

OMIP021Trans <- CytoPipeline::applyScaleTransforms(
  OMIP021Samples,
  transList)

# As there are only 2 samples in OMIP021Samples dataset,
# we create artificial samples that are random combinations of both samples

ffList <- c(
  flowCore::flowSet_to_list(OMIP021Trans),
  lapply(3:5,
    FUN = function(i) {
      aggregateAndSample(
        OMIP021Trans,
        seed = 10*i,
        nTotalEvents = 5000)[,1:22]
    })

fsNames <- c("Donor1", "Donor2", paste0("Agg",1:3))
names(ffList) <- fsNames

fsAll <- as(ffList,"flowSet")

flowCore::pData(fsAll)$type <- factor(c("real", "real", rep("synthetic", 3)))
flowCore::pData(fsAll)$grpId <- factor(c("D1", "D2", rep("Agg", 3)))

# calculate all pairwise distances

pwDist <- pairwiseEMDDist(fsAll,
  channels = c("FSC-A", "SSC-A"),
  verbose = FALSE)

# compute Metric MDS object with explicit number of dimensions
mdsObj <- computeMetricMDS(pwDist, nDim = 4, seed = 0)

dim <- nDim(mdsObj) # should be 4

#' # compute Metric MDS object by reaching a target pseudo RSquare
mdsObj2 <- computeMetricMDS(pwDist, seed = 0, targetPseudoRSq = 0.999)
```

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DistSum*DistSum class*

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**Description**

Class representing pairwise distances between multiple multidimensional distributions, when the distance is calculated as a sum of marginal distribution distances.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'DistSum'
show(object)

## S4 method for signature 'matrix'
DistSum(object)

## S4 method for signature 'list'
DistSum(object)

## S4 method for signature 'DistSum'
dim(x)

## S4 method for signature 'DistSum'
dimnames(x)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'DistSum,list'
dimnames(x) <- value

## S4 replacement method for signature 'DistSum,ANY'
dimnames(x) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'DistSum'
ncol(x)

## S4 method for signature 'DistSum'
colnames(x)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'DistSum'
colnames(x) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'DistSum'
nrow(x)

## S4 method for signature 'DistSum'
rownames(x)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'DistSum'
rownames(x) <- value
```

```

nFeatures(x)

## S4 method for signature 'DistSum'
featureNames(object)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'DistSum'
featureNames(object) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'DistSum,ANY,ANY,ANY'
x[i, j, ..., drop = TRUE]

## S4 method for signature 'DistSum,ANY,ANY,missing'
x[i, j, ..., drop = TRUE]

## S4 method for signature 'DistSum,ANY,missing,ANY'
x[i, j, ..., drop = TRUE]

## S4 method for signature 'DistSum,ANY,missing,missing'
x[i, j, ..., drop = TRUE]

## S4 method for signature 'DistSum'
as.matrix(x, whichFeatures = NULL)

distByFeature(distObj)

```

### Arguments

object	a DistSum object
x	a DistSum object
value	the new feature names to be assigned
i	the array index
j	the column index
...	other arguments (not used)
drop	not supported (set to FALSE)
whichFeatures	either an array of feature names, or an array of feature indices, or NULL If NULL, the full distance (for all features) will be returned If not NULL, whichFeatures array should not contain duplicates
distObj	a DistSum object

### Value

nothing

a data.frame, with 3 columns:

- featureName : self explanatory
- distanceContrib : unidimensional distance along the corresponding feature
- percentage : percentage of feture distance w.r.t. full distance



## Slots

**pwDistPerFeature** A list of matrix objects storing the contribution of each feature (dimension) of the multidimensional distributions to the full pairwise distance matrix. Note these matrices are not necessarily square symmetric matrices, as the DistSum could be occasionally used to store a given block of a bigger distance matrix.

## Examples

```
# create a dummy distance matrix
# to do this we use `nPoints` points
# in an euclidian space of `nFeat` dimensions
nPoints <- 5
nFeat <- 7
M <- matrix(data = rnorm(nPoints * nFeat), ncol = nFeat)
rownames(M) <- paste0("point", 1:nPoints)
colnames(M) <- paste0("feat", 1:nFeat)

DList <- lapply(colnames(M),
FUN = function(colName) {
  D <- as.matrix(dist(
    M[, colName, drop = FALSE]))
  D
})

D <- Reduce(x = DList, f = function(A, B) A + B)

names(DList) <- colnames(M)

# Example of creating of a DistSum object based on the full distance matrix
distObj1 <- DistSum(D)
show(distObj1)

# Example of creation of a DistSum object based on a list of matrices
# representing the additive contribution of each feature
distObj2 <- DistSum(DList)

show(distObj2)

# getting dimensions
myDim <- dim(distObj2) # c(nPoints, nPoints)
ncols <- ncol(distObj2) # nPoints
nrows <- nrow(distObj2) # nPoints
nFeats <- nFeatures(distObj2) # nFeat
myFeatNames <- featureNames(distObj2) # paste0("feat", 1:nFeat)
myRowNames <- rownames(distObj2) # paste0("point", 1:nPoints)
myRowNames <- colnames(distObj2) # paste0("point", 1:nPoints)

# get full distance matrix
dd <- as.matrix(distObj2)

# get partial distance matrix for feature 1
dd1 <- as.matrix(distObj2, whichFeatures = 1)

# same thing, using feature name
dd1bis <- as.matrix(distObj2, whichFeatures = "feat1")
```

```
# getting partial distance for feature 1 & 2

ddPart <- as.matrix(distObj2, whichFeatures = colnames(M)[1:2])

# getting distance by feature
DF <- distByFeature(distObj2)
```

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**EMDDist**
*Calculate Earth Mover's distance between two samples*


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**Description**

Calculate Earth Mover's distance between two samples

**Usage**

```
EMDDist(
  x1,
  x2,
  channels = NULL,
  binSize = 0.05,
  minRange = -10,
  maxRange = 10,
  returnAll = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

x1	can be either a <code>flowCore::flowFrame</code> , or an expression matrix
x2	can be either a <code>flowCore::flowFrame</code> , or an expression matrix
channels	which channels (integer index(ices) or character(s)): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• if it is a character vector, it can refer to either the channel names, or the marker names if x1 and x2 have been provided as <code>flowCore::flowFrame</code></li> <li>• if it is a numeric vector, it refers to the indexes of channels in x1</li> <li>• if NULL : if x1 and x2 are provided as <code>flowCore::flowFrames</code>, all scatter and fluorescent channels of x1 will be selected; if x1 and x2 are provided as expression matrices, all colnames of x1 will be selected.</li> </ul>
binSize	size of equal bins to approximate the marginal distributions.
minRange	minimum value taken when approximating the marginal distributions
maxRange	maximum value taken when approximating the marginal distributions
returnAll	If TRUE, distributions and marginal distribution distances are returned as well. Default = FALSE.

**Value**

the Earth Mover's distance between x1 and x2, which is calculated by summing up all EMD approximates for the marginal distributions of each channel

**Examples**

```

library(CytoPipeline)

data(OMIP021Samples)

# estimate scale transformations
# and transform the whole OMIP021Samples

transList <- estimateScaleTransforms(
  ff = OMIP021Samples[[1]],
  fluoMethod = "estimateLogicle",
  scatterMethod = "linearQuantile",
  scatterRefMarker = "BV785 - CD3")

OMIP021Trans <- CytoPipeline::applyScaleTransforms(
  OMIP021Samples,
  transList)

# distance with itself (all channels at once)
# => should return 0
dist0 <- EMDDist(
  x1 = OMIP021Trans[[1]],
  x2 = OMIP021Trans[[1]])

# returning only distance, 2 channels
dist1 <- EMDDist(
  x1 = OMIP021Trans[[1]],
  x2 = OMIP021Trans[[2]],
  channels = c("FSC-A", "SSC-A"))

# using only one channel, passed by marker name
dist2 <- EMDDist(x1 = OMIP021Trans[[1]],
  x2 = OMIP021Trans[[2]],
  channels = c("BV785 - CD3"))

# using only one channel, passed by index
dist3 <- EMDDist(x1 = OMIP021Trans[[1]],
  x2 = OMIP021Trans[[2]],
  channels = 10)

dist2 == dist3

```

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ggplotDistFeatureImportance

*Plot of feature relative importance in distance*


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**Description**

ggplotDistFeatureImportance uses ggplot2 to provide a stacked bar plot of feature importance in a distance matrix.

**Usage**

```
ggplotDistFeatureImportance(distObj)
```

**Arguments**

`distObj` a `DistSum` object.

**Value**

a `ggplot` object

**See Also**

[pairwiseEMDDist](#)

**Examples**

```
library(CytoPipeline)

data(OMIP021Samples)

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transList <- estimateScaleTransforms(
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  scatterRefMarker = "BV785 - CD3")

OMIP021Trans <- CytoPipeline::applyScaleTransforms(
  OMIP021Samples,
  transList)

# As there are only 2 samples in OMIP021Samples dataset,
# we create artificial samples that are random combinations of both samples

ffList <- c(
  flowCore::flowSet_to_list(OMIP021Trans),
  lapply(3:5,
    FUN = function(i) {
      aggregateAndSample(
        OMIP021Trans,
        seed = 10*i,
        nTotalEvents = 5000)[,1:22]
    })

fsNames <- c("Donor1", "Donor2", paste0("Agg",1:3))
names(ffList) <- fsNames

fsAll <- as(ffList,"flowSet")

flowCore::pData(fsAll)$type <- factor(c("real", "real", rep("synthetic", 3)))
flowCore::pData(fsAll)$grpId <- factor(c("D1", "D2", rep("Agg", 3)))

# calculate all pairwise distances

pwDist <- pairwiseEMDDist(fsAll,
  channels = c("FSC-A", "SSC-A"),
  verbose = FALSE)
```

```
p <- ggplotDistFeatureImportance(pwDist)
```

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**ggplotMarginalDensities**

*Plot of channel intensity marginal densities*

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**Description**

ggplotMarginalDensities uses ggplot2 to draw plots of marginal densities of selected channels of a flowSet. If the flowSet contains several flowFrames, events are concatenated together per group, or all together in the absence of groups.

**Usage**

```
ggplotMarginalDensities(
  x,
  sampleSubset,
  channels,
  pDataForColour,
  pDataForGroup,
  nEventInSubsample = Inf,
  seed = NULL,
  transList
)
```

**Arguments**

x	a flowCore::flowSet (or a single flowCore::flowFrame)
sampleSubset	(optional) a logical vector, of the same length as x, indicating which flow frames to keep in the plot. Typically it is obtained through the evaluation of a logical condition the rows of phenoData(fs).
channels	(optional) - can be indices, or channel names, or markers.
pDataForColour	(optional) which variable of phenoData(fs) will be used as colour aesthetic. Should be a character.
pDataForGroup	(optional) which variable of phenoData(fs) will be used as group aesthetic. Should be a character. A separate marginal density will be calculated for each group and overlaid on the same channel density plots.
nEventInSubsample	how many event to take (per flowFrame of the flowSet) for marginal density approximation.
seed	if not null, used in subsampling.
transList	a flowCore::transformList that will be applied before plotting.

**Value**

a ggplot object

**Examples**

```

library(CytoPipeline)

data(OMIP021Samples)

# estimate scale transformations
# and transform the whole OMIP021Samples

transList <- estimateScaleTransforms(
  ff = OMIP021Samples[[1]],
  fluoMethod = "estimateLogicle",
  scatterMethod = "linearQuantile",
  scatterRefMarker = "BV785 - CD3")

OMIP021Trans <- CytoPipeline::applyScaleTransforms(
  OMIP021Samples,
  transList)

# As there are only 2 samples in OMIP021Samples dataset,
# we create artificial samples that are random combinations of both samples

ffList <- c(
  flowCore::flowSet_to_list(OMIP021Trans),
  lapply(3:5,
    FUN = function(i) {
      aggregateAndSample(
        OMIP021Trans,
        seed = 10*i,
        nTotalEvents = 5000)[,1:22]
    })

  fsNames <- c("Donor1", "Donor2", paste0("Agg",1:3))
  names(ffList) <- fsNames

  fsAll <- as(ffList,"flowSet")

  flowCore::pData(fsAll)$grpId <- factor(c("D1", "D2", rep("Agg", 3)))
  flowCore::pData(fsAll)$lbl <- paste0("S", 1:5)

  # plot densities, all samples together
  p <- ggplotMarginalDensities(fsAll)

  # plot densities, per sample
  p <- ggplotMarginalDensities(fsAll, pDataForGroup = "lbl")

  # plot densities, per sample and coloured by group
  p <- ggplotMarginalDensities(
    fsAll,
    pDataForGroup = "lbl",
    pDataForColour = "grpId")

```

## Description

ggplotSampleMDS uses ggplot2 to provide plots of Metric MDS results. By default, a pseudo Rsquare projection quality indicator, and the number of dimensions of the MDS projection are provided in sub-title

## Usage

```
ggplotSampleMDS(
  mdsObj,
  pData,
  sampleSubset,
  projectionAxes = c(1, 2),
  biplot = FALSE,
  biplotType = c("correlation", "regression"),
  extVariables,
  pDataForColour,
  pDataForShape,
  pDataForLabel,
  pDataForAdditionalLabelling,
  pointSize = 1,
  pointSizeReflectingStress = FALSE,
  title = "Multi Dimensional Scaling",
  displayPointLabels = TRUE,
  pointLabelSize = 3.88,
  repelPointLabels = TRUE,
  displayArrowLabels = TRUE,
  arrowLabelSize = 3.88,
  repelArrowLabels = FALSE,
  arrowThreshold = 0.8,
  flipXAxis = FALSE,
  flipYAxis = FALSE,
  displayPseudoRSq = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

<code>mdsObj</code>	a MDS object, output of the <code>computeMetricMDS()</code> method.
<code>pData</code>	(optional) a data.frame providing user input sample data. These can be design of experiment variables, phenotype data per sample,... and will be used to highlight sample categories in the plot and/or for subsetting.
<code>sampleSubset</code>	(optional) a logical vector, of size <code>nrow(pData)</code> , which is by construction the nb of samples, indicating which samples to keep in the plot. Typically it is obtained through the evaluation of a logical condition on <code>pData</code> rows.
<code>projectionAxes</code>	which two axes should be plotted (should be a numeric vector of length 2)
<code>biplot</code>	if TRUE, adds projection of external variables
<code>biplotType</code>	type of biplot used: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>if "correlation", projection of external variables will be according to Pearson correlations w.r.t. projection axes (arrow x &amp; y coordinates)</li> </ul>

- if "regression", a linear regression of external variables using the 2 projection axes as explanatory variables is performed, and the projection of external variables will be according to regression coefficients (arrow direction) and R square of regression (arrow size)
- extVariables** are used to generate a biplot these are the external variables that will be used in the biplot. They should be provided as a matrix with named columns corresponding to the variables. The number of rows should be the same as the number of samples. The matrix might contain some NA's, in that case only complete rows will be used to calculate biplot arrows.
- pDataForColour** (optional) which pData variable will be used as colour aesthetic. Should be a character.
- pDataForShape** (optional) which pData variable will be used as shape aesthetic. Should be a character.
- pDataForLabel** (optional) which pData variable will be used as point labels in the plot. Should be a character. If missing, point labels will be set equal to point names defined in MDS object (if not NULL, otherwise no labels will be set).
- pDataForAdditionalLabelling** (optional) which pData variable(s) will be added to the ggplot mapping, as to make them available for *plotly* tooltipping. Should be an array of character. Note this works only if biplot=FALSE, as biplots contain circle and arrows that are currently not supported under ggplotly.
- pointSize** size of all points on the plots - only when pointSizeReflectingStress is FALSE.
- pointSizeReflectingStress** if TRUE, size of points will appear proportional to stress by point, i.e. the bigger the sample point appears, the less accurate its representation is (in terms of distances w.r.t. other points)
- title** title to give to the plot
- displayPointLabels** if TRUE, displays labels attached to points (see pDataForLabels for the setting of the label values)
- pointLabelSize** size of point labels (default: 3.88 as in geom\_text())
- repelPointLabels** if TRUE, uses ggrepel::geom\_text\_repel() instead of ggplot2::geom\_text() (try to split the labels such that they do not overlap) for the points
- displayArrowLabels** if TRUE, displays arrows labels (only with biplot)
- arrowLabelSize** size of arrow labels (default: 3.88 as in geom\_text())
- repelArrowLabels** if TRUE, uses ggrepel::geom\_text\_repel() instead of ggplot2::geom\_text() for the arrows (only with biplot)
- arrowThreshold** (only with biplot), arrows will be made barely visible if their length is (in absolute value) less than this threshold.
- flipXAxis** if TRUE, take the opposite of x values (provided as it might ease low dimensional projection comparisons)
- flipYAxis** if TRUE, take the opposite of y values (provided as it might ease low dimensional projection comparisons)
- displayPseudoRSq** if TRUE, display pseudo RSquare in subtitle, on top of nb of dimensions
- ... additional parameters passed to ggrepel::geom\_text\_repel() (if used)



**Value**

a ggplot object

**See Also**

[ggplotSampleMDSWrapBiplots](#), [ggplotSampleMDSShepard](#), [computeMetricMDS](#)

**Examples**

```
library(CytoPipeline)

data(OMIP021Samples)

# estimate scale transformations
# and transform the whole OMIP021Samples

transList <- estimateScaleTransforms(
  ff = OMIP021Samples[[1]],
  fluoMethod = "estimateLogicle",
  scatterMethod = "linearQuantile",
  scatterRefMarker = "BV785 - CD3")

OMIP021Trans <- CytoPipeline::applyScaleTransforms(
  OMIP021Samples,
  transList)

# As there are only 2 samples in OMIP021Samples dataset,
# we create artificial samples that are random combinations of both samples

ffList <- c(
  flowCore::flowSet_to_list(OMIP021Trans),
  lapply(3:5,
    FUN = function(i) {
      aggregateAndSample(
        OMIP021Trans,
        seed = 10*i,
        nTotalEvents = 5000)[,1:22]
    })

fsNames <- c("Donor1", "Donor2", paste0("Agg",1:3))
names(ffList) <- fsNames

fsAll <- as(ffList,"flowSet")

flowCore::pData(fsAll)$type <- factor(c("real", "real", rep("synthetic", 3)))
flowCore::pData(fsAll)$grpId <- factor(c("D1", "D2", rep("Agg", 3)))

# calculate all pairwise distances

pwDist <- pairwiseEMDDist(fsAll,
  channels = c("FSC-A", "SSC-A"),
  verbose = FALSE)

# compute Metric MDS object with explicit number of dimensions
mdsObj <- computeMetricMDS(pwDist, nDim = 4, seed = 0)
```

```

dim <- nDim(mdsObj) # should be 4

#' # compute Metric MDS object by reaching a target pseudo RSquare
mdsObj2 <- computeMetricMDS(pwDist, seed = 0, targetPseudoRSq = 0.999)

# plot mds projection on axes 1 and 2,
# use 'grpId' for colour, 'type' for shape, and no label

p_12 <- ggplotSampleMDS(
  mdsObj = mdsObj,
  pData = flowCore::pData(fsAll),
  projectionAxes = c(1,2),
  pDataForColour = "grpId",
  pDataForShape = "type")

# plot mds projection on axes 3 and 4,
# use 'grpId' for colour, and 'name' as point label

p_34 <- ggplotSampleMDS(
  mdsObj = mdsObj,
  pData = flowCore::pData(fsAll),
  projectionAxes = c(3,4),
  pDataForColour = "grpId",
  pDataForLabel = "name")

# plot mds projection on axes 1 and 2,
# use 'group' for colour, 'type' for shape, and 'name' as point label
# have sample point size reflecting 'stress'
# i.e. quality of projection w.r.t. distances to other points

p12_Stress <- ggplotSampleMDS(
  mdsObj = mdsObj,
  pData = flowCore::pData(fsAll),
  projectionAxes = c(1,2),
  pDataForColour = "grpId",
  pDataForLabel = "name",
  pDataForShape = "type",
  pointSizeReflectingStress = TRUE)

# try to associate axes with median of each channel
# => use bi-plot

extVars <- channelSummaryStats(
  fsAll,
  channels = c("FSC-A", "SSC-A"),
  statFUNs = stats::median)

bp_12 <- ggplotSampleMDS(
  mdsObj = mdsObj,
  pData = flowCore::pData(fsAll),
  projectionAxes = c(1,2),
  biplot = TRUE,
  extVariables = extVars,
  pDataForColour = "grpId",

```

```

    pDataForShape = "type",
    seed = 0)

bp_34 <- ggplotSampleMDS(
  mdsObj = mdsObj,
  pData = flowCore::pData(fsAll),
  projectionAxes = c(3,4),
  biplot = TRUE,
  extVariables = extVars,
  pDataForColour = "grpId",
  pDataForLabel = "name",
  seed = 0)

```

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ggplotSampleMDSShepard

*Plot of Metric MDS object - Shepard diagram*


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### Description

ggplotSampleMDSShepard uses ggplot2 to provide plot of Metric MDS results. Shepard diagram provides a scatter plot of :

- on the x axis, the high dimensional pairwise distances between each sample pairs
- on the y axis, the corresponding pairwise distances in the obtained low dimensional projection

### Usage

```

ggplotSampleMDSShepard(
  mdsObj,
  nDim,
  title = "Multi Dimensional Scaling - Shepard's diagram",
  pointSize = 0.5,
  lineWidth = 0.5,
  displayPseudoRSq = TRUE
)

```

### Arguments

mdsObj	a MDS object, output of the computeMetricMDS() method.
nDim	(optional) number of dimensions to use when calculating Shepard's diagram and pseudoRSquare. If missing, it will be set equal to the number of projection dimensions as calculated in mdsObj
title	title to give to the plot
pointSize	point size in plot
lineWidth	line width in plot
displayPseudoRSq	if TRUE, display pseudo RSquare in subtitle, on top of nb of dimensions

### Value

a ggplot object

**See Also**

[ggplotSampleMDS](#), [computeMetricMDS](#)

**Examples**

```
library(CytoPipeline)

data(OMIP021Samples)

# estimate scale transformations
# and transform the whole OMIP021Samples

transList <- estimateScaleTransforms(
  ff = OMIP021Samples[[1]],
  fluoMethod = "estimateLogicle",
  scatterMethod = "linearQuantile",
  scatterRefMarker = "BV785 - CD3")

OMIP021Trans <- CytoPipeline::applyScaleTransforms(
  OMIP021Samples,
  transList)

ffList <- c(
  flowCore::flowSet_to_list(OMIP021Trans),
  lapply(3:5,
    FUN = function(i) {
      aggregateAndSample(
        OMIP021Trans,
        seed = 10*i,
        nTotalEvents = 5000)[,1:22]
    })
)

fsNames <- c("Donor1", "Donor2", paste0("Agg",1:3))
names(ffList) <- fsNames

fsAll <- as(ffList,"flowSet")

flowCore::pData(fsAll)$type <- factor(c("real", "real", rep("synthetic", 3)))
flowCore::pData(fsAll)$grpId <- factor(c("D1", "D2", rep("Agg", 3)))

# calculate all pairwise distances

pwDist <- pairwiseEMDDist(fsAll,
  channels = c("FSC-A", "SSC-A"),
  verbose = FALSE)

# compute Metric MDS object with explicit number of dimensions
mdsObj <- computeMetricMDS(pwDist, nDim = 4, seed = 0)

dim <- nDim(mdsObj) # should be 4

#' # compute Metric MDS object by reaching a target pseudo RSquare
mdsObj2 <- computeMetricMDS(pwDist, seed = 0, targetPseudoRSq = 0.999)

# Shepard diagrams
```

```

p2D <- ggplotSampleMDSShepard(
  mdsObj,
  nDim = 2,
  pointSize = 1,
  title = "Shepard with 2 dimensions")

p3D <- ggplotSampleMDSShepard(
  mdsObj,
  nDim = 3,
  title = "Shepard with 3 dimensions")
#'
pDefD <- ggplotSampleMDSShepard(
  mdsObj,
  title = "Shepard with default nb of dimensions")

```

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ggplotSampleMDSWrapBiplots

*SampleMDS biplot wrapping*


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## Description

ggplotSampleMDSWrapBiplots calls ggplotSampleMDS repeatedly to generate biplots with different sets of external variables and align them in a grid using the patchwork package, in a similar fashion as ggplot2::facet\_wrap() does.

## Usage

```

ggplotSampleMDSWrapBiplots(
  mdsObj,
  extVariableList,
  ncol = NULL,
  nrow = NULL,
  byrow = NULL,
  displayLegend = TRUE,
  ...
)

```

## Arguments

mdsObj	a MDS object, output of the computeMetricMDS() method
extVariableList	should be a named list of external variable matrices Each element of the list should be a matrix with named columns corresponding to the variables. The number of rows should be the same as the number of samples.
ncol	passed to patchwork::wrap_plots()
nrow	passed to patchwork::wrap_plots()
byrow	passed to patchwork::wrap_plots()
displayLegend	if FALSE, will de-active the legend display
...	additional parameters passed to ggplotSampleMDS() (if used)

**Value**

a ggplot object

**See Also**

[ggplotSampleMDS](#), [ggplotSampleMDSShepard](#), [computeMetricMDS](#)

**Examples**

```
library(CytoPipeline)

data(OMIP021Samples)

# estimate scale transformations
# and transform the whole OMIP021Samples

transList <- estimateScaleTransforms(
  ff = OMIP021Samples[[1]],
  fluoMethod = "estimateLogicle",
  scatterMethod = "linearQuantile",
  scatterRefMarker = "BV785 - CD3")

OMIP021Trans <- CytoPipeline::applyScaleTransforms(
  OMIP021Samples,
  transList)

# As there are only 2 samples in OMIP021Samples dataset,
# we create artificial samples that are random combinations of both samples

ffList <- c(
  flowCore::flowSet_to_list(OMIP021Trans),
  lapply(3:5,
    FUN = function(i) {
      aggregateAndSample(
        OMIP021Trans,
        seed = 10*i,
        nTotalEvents = 5000)[,1:22]
    })

fsNames <- c("Donor1", "Donor2", paste0("Agg",1:3))
names(ffList) <- fsNames

fsAll <- as(ffList,"flowSet")

flowCore::pData(fsAll)$type <- factor(c("real", "real", rep("synthetic", 3)))
flowCore::pData(fsAll)$grpId <- factor(c("D1", "D2", rep("Agg", 3)))

# calculate all pairwise distances

pwDist <- pairwiseEMDDist(fsAll,
  channels = c("FSC-A", "SSC-A"),
  verbose = FALSE)

# compute Metric MDS object with explicit number of dimensions
mdsObj <- computeMetricMDS(pwDist, nDim = 4, seed = 0)
```

```

dim <- nDim(mdsObj) # should be 4

#' # compute Metric MDS object by reaching a target pseudo RSquare
mdsObj2 <- computeMetricMDS(pwDist, seed = 0, targetPseudoRSq = 0.999)

# plot mds projection on axes 1 and 2,
# use 'group' for colour, 'type' for shape, and no label

p_12 <- ggplotSampleMDS(
  mdsObj = mdsObj,
  pData = flowCore::pData(fsAll),
  projectionAxes = c(1,2),
  pDataForColour = "grpId",
  pDataForShape = "type")

# try to associate axes with median or std deviation of each channel
# => use bi-plots

extVarList <- channelSummaryStats(
  fsAll,
  channels = c("FSC-A", "SSC-A"),
  statFUNs = c("median" = stats::median,
               "std.dev" = stats::sd))

bpFull <- ggplotSampleMDSWrapBiplots(
  mdsObj = mdsObj,
  extVariableList = extVarList,
  pData = flowCore::pData(fsAll),
  projectionAxes = c(1,2),
  pDataForColour = "group",
  pDataForShape = "type",
  seed = 0)

```

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MDS-class

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*MDS class*


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## Description

Class representing Multi Dimensional Scaling (MDS) projection.

returns the value of the stress criterion, minimized by the SMACOF algorithm.

returns a vector of `nPoints` dimension, containing the stress indicator per point. The stress minimization criterion can indeed be allocated per represented point. The more the stress of a particular point, the less accurate its distances w.r.t. the other points.

## Usage

```

## S4 method for signature 'MDS'
show(object)

nDim(x)

```

```

nPoints(x)

pwDist(x)

projections(x)

projDist(x)

stress(x)

spp(x)

eigenVals(x)

pctvar(x)

RSq(x)

RSqVec(x)

GoF(x)

smacofRes(x)

```

### Arguments

object	a MDS object
x	a MDS object

### Value

nothing

### Slots

nDim numeric, nb of dimensions of the projection

pwDist An object of class dist storing the triangular relevant part of the symmetric, zero diagonal pairwise distance matrix (nPoints \* nPoints), BEFORE projection.

proj The projection matrix, resulting from MDS

projDist An object of class dist storing the triangular relevant part of the symmetric, zero diagonal pairwise distance matrix (nPoints \* nPoints), AFTER projection.

eigen numeric, vector of nDim length, containing the eigen values of the PCA that is applied after the Smacof algorithm.

pctvar numeric, vector of nDim length, containing the percentage of explained variance per axis.

RSq numeric, vector of pseudo R square indicators, as a function of number of dimensions. RSq[nDim] is the global pseudo R square, as displayed on plots.

GoF numeric, vector of goodness of fit indicators, as a function of number of dimensions. GoF[nDim] is the global goodness of fit.

Note pseudo R square and goodness of fit indicators are essentially the same indicator, only the definition of total sum of squares differ:



- for pseudo RSq: TSS is calculated using the mean pairwise distance as minimum
- for goodness of fit: TSS is calculated using 0 as minimum

smacofRes an object of class 'smacofB' containing the algorithmic optimization results, for example stress and stress per point, as returned by `smacof::smacofSym()` method.

## Examples

```
nHD <- 10
nLD <- 2
nPoints <- 20

# generate uniformly distributed points in 10 dimensions
points <- matrix(
  data = runif(n = nPoints * nHD),
  nrow = nPoints)

# calculate euclidian distances
pwDist <- dist(points)

# compute Metric MDS object by reaching a target pseudo RSquare
mdsObj <- computeMetricMDS(pwDist, targetPseudoRSq = 0.95)

show(mdsObj)
```

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pairwiseEMDDist

*Pairwise Earth Mover's Distance calculation*

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## Description

Computation of all EMD between pairs of flowFrames belonging to a flowSet. This method provides three different input modes:

- the user provides directly a `flowCore::flowSet` loaded in memory (RAM).
- the user provides directly a list of expression matrices loaded in RAM, of which the column names are the channel/marker names
- the user provides (1.) a number of samples `nSamples`; (2.) an ad-hoc function that takes as input an index between 1 and `nSamples`, and codes the method to load the corresponding expression matrix in memory; Optional row and column ranges can be provided to limit the calculation to a specific rectangle of the matrix. These i.e. can be specified as a way to split heavy calculations of large distance matrices on several computation nodes.

## Usage

```
pairwiseEMDDist(
  x,
  rowRange = c(1, nSamples),
  colRange = c(min(rowRange), nSamples),
  loadExprMatrixFUN = NULL,
  loadExprMatrixFUNArgs = NULL,
```

```

channels = NULL,
verbose = FALSE,
BPPARAM = BiocParallel::SerialParam(),
BPOPTIONS = BiocParallel::bpoptions(packages = c("flowCore")),
binSize = 0.05,
minRange = -10,
maxRange = 10
)

```

## Arguments

x	can be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a flowCore::flowSet</li> <li>• a list of expression matrices (Double matrix with named columns)</li> <li>• the number of samples (integer &gt;=1)</li> </ul>
rowRange	the range of rows of the distance matrix to be calculated
colRange	the range of columns of the distance matrix to be calculated
loadExprMatrixFUN	the function used to translate an integer index into an expression matrix. In other words, the function should code how to load the indexth expression matrix into memory. IMPORTANT: the expression matrix index should be the first function argument and should be named exprMatrixIndex.
loadExprMatrixFUNArgs	(optional) a named list containing additional input parameters of loadExprMatrixFUN()
channels	which channels (integer index(ices) or character(s)): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• if it is a character vector, it can refer to either the channel names, or the marker names</li> <li>• if it is a numeric vector, it refers to the indexes of channels in fs</li> <li>• if NULL all scatter and fluorescent channels of fs #' will be selected</li> </ul>
verbose	if TRUE, output a message after each single distance calculation
BPPARAM	sets the BPPARAM back-end to be used for the computation. If not provided, will use BiocParallel::SerialParam() (no task parallelization)
BPOPTIONS	sets the BPOPTIONS to be passed to bplapply() function. Note that if you use a SnowParams back-end, you need to specify all the packages that need to be loaded for the different CytoProcessingStep to work properly (visibility of functions). As a minimum, the flowCore package needs to be loaded. (hence the default BPOPTIONS = bpoptions(packages = c("flowCore")) )
binSize	size of equal bins to approximate the marginal distributions.
minRange	minimum value taken when approximating the marginal distributions
maxRange	maximum value taken when approximating the marginal distributions

## Value

a distance matrix of pairwise distances (full symmetric with 0. diagonal)

**Examples**

```
library(CytoPipeline)

data(OMIP021Samples)

# estimate scale transformations
# and transform the whole OMIP021Samples

transList <- estimateScaleTransforms(
  ff = OMIP021Samples[[1]],
  fluoMethod = "estimateLogicle",
  scatterMethod = "linearQuantile",
  scatterRefMarker = "BV785 - CD3")

OMIP021Trans <- CytoPipeline::applyScaleTransforms(
  OMIP021Samples,
  transList)

# calculate pairwise distances using only FSC-A & SSC-A channels
pwDist <- pairwiseEMDDist(
  x = OMIP021Trans,
  channels = c("FSC-A", "SSC-A"))
```

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