

# Package ‘SCArray’

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Description

The package combines dense/sparse matrices stored in GDS files and the Bioconductor infrastructure framework to provide out-of-memory data storage and manipulation using the R programming language.

Details

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**Examples**

```
# a GDS file for SingleCellExperiment
fn <- system.file("extdata", "example.gds", package="SCArray")

sce <- scExperiment(fn)
sce

rm(sce)
```

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|            |                             |
|------------|-----------------------------|
| row_nnzero | <i>Numbers of Non-zeros</i> |
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**Description**

Calculates the numbers of non-zeros for each row or column of a matrix-like object.

**Usage**

```
row_nnzero(x, na.counted=NA, ...)
col_nnzero(x, na.counted=NA, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'matrix'
row_nnzero(x, na.counted=NA, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'Matrix'
row_nnzero(x, na.counted=NA, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'DelayedMatrix'
row_nnzero(x, na.counted=NA, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
row_nnzero(x, na.counted=NA, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'matrix'
col_nnzero(x, na.counted=NA, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'Matrix'
col_nnzero(x, na.counted=NA, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'DelayedMatrix'
col_nnzero(x, na.counted=NA, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
col_nnzero(x, na.counted=NA, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                      a matrix-like object

|            |                                                                                                                                         |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| na.counted | a logical: TRUE for counting NA/NaN as non-zero, FALSE for counting NA/NaN as zero, NA (default) for return NA when encountering NA/NaN |
| ...        | additional arguments passed to specific methods                                                                                         |

**Value**

Return an integer vector object for the numbers of non-zeros.

**Author(s)**

Xiuwen Zheng

**Examples**

```
# a GDS file for SingleCellExperiment
fn <- system.file("extdata", "example.gds", package="SCArray")

cnt <- scArray(fn, "counts")
cnt

row_nnzero(cnt, na.counted=TRUE)
col_nnzero(cnt, na.counted=TRUE)

rm(cnt)
```

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scArray

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*Get an DelayedArray instance*


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**Description**

Gets an DelayedArray instance from a single-cell omics GDS file.

**Usage**

```
scArray(gdsfile, varname)
```

**Arguments**

|         |                                                                                    |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| gdsfile | character for a file name, or a single-cell GDS object with class SCArrayFileClass |
| varname | character for the node name in the GDS file                                        |

**Value**

Return an object of class [DelayedArray](#).

**Author(s)**

Xiuwen Zheng

**See Also**[scOpen](#), [scExperiment](#)**Examples**

```
# a GDS file for SingleCellExperiment
fn <- system.file("extdata", "example.gds", package="SCArray")

cnt <- scArray(fn, "counts")
cnt

rm(cnt)
```

SCArray-classes

*Class list defined in SCArray***Description**

SCArrayFileClass is a class directly inheriting from `gds.class`. SC\_GDSArray is a `DelayedArray` with a `SCArraySeed`. SC\_GDSMatrix is 2-dim SC\_GDSArray.

The package combines dense/sparse matrices stored in GDS files and the Bioconductor infrastructure framework to provide out-of-memory data storage and manipulation using the R programming language.

**Author(s)**

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SCArray-stats

*SC\_GDSMatrix row/column summarization***Description**

The row/column summarization methods for the SC\_GDSMatrix matrix, extending the S4 methods in the **DelayedArray** and **DelayedMatrixStats** packages.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
rowSums(x, na.rm=FALSE, dims=1)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
colSums(x, na.rm=FALSE, dims=1)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
rowSums2(x, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, na.rm=FALSE, ..., useNames=NA)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
```

```

colSums2(x, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, na.rm=FALSE, ..., useNames=NA)

## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
rowLogSumExps(lx, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, na.rm=FALSE, ..., useNames=NA)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
colLogSumExps(lx, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, na.rm=FALSE, ..., useNames=NA)

## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
rowProds(x, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, na.rm=FALSE,
  method=c("direct", "expSumLog"), ..., useNames=NA)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
colProds(x, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, na.rm=FALSE,
  method=c("direct", "expSumLog"), ..., useNames=NA)

## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
rowMeans(x, na.rm=FALSE, dims=1)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
colMeans(x, na.rm=FALSE, dims=1)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
rowMeans2(x, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, na.rm=FALSE, ..., useNames=NA)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
colMeans2(x, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, na.rm=FALSE, ..., useNames=NA)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
rowWeightedMeans(x, w=NULL, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, na.rm=FALSE, ..., useNames=NA)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
colWeightedMeans(x, w=NULL, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, na.rm=FALSE, ..., useNames=NA)

## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
rowVars(x, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, na.rm=FALSE, center=NULL, ..., useNames=NA)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
colVars(x, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, na.rm=FALSE, center=NULL, ..., useNames=NA)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
rowWeightedVars(x, w=NULL, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, na.rm=FALSE, ..., useNames=NA)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
colWeightedVars(x, w=NULL, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, na.rm=FALSE, ..., useNames=NA)

## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
rowSds(x, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, na.rm=FALSE, center=NULL, ..., useNames=NA)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
colSds(x, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, na.rm=FALSE, center=NULL, ..., useNames=NA)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
rowWeightedSds(x, w=NULL, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, na.rm=FALSE, ..., useNames=NA)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
colWeightedSds(x, w=NULL, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, na.rm=FALSE, ..., useNames=NA)

## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
rowMins(x, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, na.rm=FALSE)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'

```

```

colMins(x, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, na.rm=FALSE)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
rowMaxs(x, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, na.rm=FALSE)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
colMaxs(x, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, na.rm=FALSE)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
rowRanges(x, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, na.rm=FALSE)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
colRanges(x, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, na.rm=FALSE)

# Get means and variances together for each row or column,
#   return a matrix with two columns for mean and variance
scRowMeanVar(x, na.rm=FALSE, useNames=FALSE, ...)
scColMeanVar(x, na.rm=FALSE, useNames=FALSE, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
scRowMeanVar(x, na.rm=FALSE, useNames=FALSE, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
scColMeanVar(x, na.rm=FALSE, useNames=FALSE, ...)

# Compute column sums across rows
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
rowsum(x, group, reorder=TRUE, na.rm=FALSE, ...)
# Compute row sums across columns
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
colsum(x, group, reorder=TRUE, na.rm=FALSE, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
rowAnyNAs(x, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, ..., useNames=NA)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
colAnyNAs(x, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, ..., useNames=NA)

## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
rowCollapse(x, idxs, rows=NULL, ..., useNames=NA)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
colCollapse(x, idxs, cols=NULL, ..., useNames=NA)

## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
rowDiffs(x, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, lag=1L,
  differences=1L, ..., useNames=NA)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
colDiffs(x, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, lag=1L,
  differences=1L, ..., useNames=NA)

## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
rowSdDiffs(x, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, na.rm=FALSE,
  diff=1L, trim=0, ..., useNames=NA)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
colSdDiffs(x, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, na.rm=FALSE,

```

```

diff=1L, trim=0, ..., useNames=NA)

## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
rowVarDiffs(x, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, na.rm=FALSE,
  diff=1L, trim=0, ..., useNames=NA)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
colVarDiffs(x, rows=NULL, cols=NULL, na.rm=FALSE,
  diff=1L, trim=0, ..., useNames=NA)

## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
rowAvgPerColSet(X, W=NULL, rows=NULL, S, FUN=rowMeans, ...,
  na.rm=NA, tFUN=FALSE)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
colAvgPerRowSet(X, W=NULL, cols=NULL, S, FUN=colMeans, ...,
  na.rm=NA, tFUN=FALSE)

```

### Arguments

|                                |                                                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x, lx, X</code>          | A <a href="#">SC_GDSMatrix</a> object (inherited from <code>DelayedMatrix</code> )                                                                |
| <code>dims</code>              | not used, it should be 1                                                                                                                          |
| <code>rows, cols</code>        | specify the subset of rows (and/or columns) to operate over; if NULL, no subsetting                                                               |
| <code>na.rm</code>             | if TRUE, missing values (NaN and NA) will be removed                                                                                              |
| <code>w</code>                 | NULL or a numeric vector for weights                                                                                                              |
| <code>W</code>                 | NULL or a matrix for weights                                                                                                                      |
| <code>center</code>            | NULL, or a vector of pre-calculated row (column) means                                                                                            |
| <code>useNames</code>          | if TRUE, the name attributes of result are set                                                                                                    |
| <code>method</code>            | "direct" (by default) or "expSumLog" (calculates the product via the logarithmic transform)                                                       |
| <code>group</code>             | a vector for grouping the rows or columns                                                                                                         |
| <code>reorder</code>           | if TRUE, order the resulting matrix as <code>sort(unique(group))</code> ; otherwise, it will be in the order that groups were encountered         |
| <code>idxs</code>              | An index vector specifying the columns (rows) to be extracted; the vector will be reused if the length is less than the number of columns or rows |
| <code>lag</code>               | the lag, an integer                                                                                                                               |
| <code>differences, diff</code> | the order of difference, an integer                                                                                                               |
| <code>trim</code>              | fraction of observations to be trimmed                                                                                                            |
| <code>S</code>                 | an integer matrix specifying the subsets, see <a href="#">rowAvgPerColSet</a>                                                                     |
| <code>FUN</code>               | summary statistic function, see <a href="#">rowAvgPerColSet</a>                                                                                   |
| <code>tFUN</code>              | If TRUE, X is transposed before it is passed to FUN, see <a href="#">rowAvgPerColSet</a>                                                          |
| <code>...</code>               | additional arguments passed to specific methods: BPPARAM can be specified (if not specified, <code>getAutoBPPARAM()</code> is used instead)       |

**Details**

All these operations are block-processed according to the data stored in the GDS file.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

- The **DelayedMatrixStats** package for more row/column summarization methods for [DelayedMatrix](#) objects.
- [DelayedArray-utils](#) for other common operations on [DelayedMatrix](#) objects.
- [DelayedMatrix](#) objects.
- [matrix](#) objects in base R.
- [getAutoBPPARAM](#), [BiocParallelParam](#) for parallel processing,
- The **MatrixGenerics** package for more row/column summarization methods.

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SCArray-utils

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*SC\_GDSArray subsetting, Ops, Math*


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**Description**

Subsetting, Arith, Compare, Logic and Math operations on the SC\_GDSArray object.

**Usage**

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

## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSArray'
Ops(e1, e2)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSArray'
Math(x)

# names(x) <- value
# dimnames(x) <- value

# Centers and/or scales the columns of a matrix
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
scale(x, center=TRUE, scale=TRUE)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSArray,SC_GDSArray'
pmin2(e1, e2)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSArray,vector'
pmin2(e1, e2)
## S4 method for signature 'vector,SC_GDSArray'
pmin2(e1, e2)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSArray,SC_GDSArray'
pmax2(e1, e2)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSArray,vector'
pmax2(e1, e2)
## S4 method for signature 'vector,SC_GDSArray'
pmax2(e1, e2)
```

### Arguments

|           |                                                                                    |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x         | A <a href="#">SC_GDSArray</a> or <a href="#">SC_GDSMatrix</a> object               |
| i, j, ... | indices specifying elements to extract                                             |
| drop      | if TRUE the result will be coerced to the lowest possible dimension                |
| e1, e2    | objects                                                                            |
| value     | NULL, a character vector for names<- or a list of character vectors for dimnames<- |
| center    | either a logical value or a numeric vector (e.g., FALSE or 0 for no centering)     |
| scale     | either a logical value or a numeric vector (e.g., TRUE or 1 for no scaling)        |

### Details

All these operations return a [SC\\_GDSArray](#) or [SC\\_GDSMatrix](#) object.

Arith: "+", "-", "\*", "^", "%%", "%/%", "/"

Compare: "==", ">", "<", "!=", "<=", ">="

Logic: "&", "|".

Ops: "Arith", "Compare", "Logic"

Math: "abs", "sign", "sqrt", "ceiling", "floor", "trunc", "cummax", "cummin", "cumprod",  
 "cumsum", "log", "log10", "log2", "log1p", "acos", "acosh", "asin", "asinh", "atan",  
 "atanh", "exp", "expm1", "cos", "cosh", "cospi", "sin", "sinh", "sinpi", "tan", "tanh",  
 "tanpi", "gamma", "lgamma", "digamma", "trigamma"

### Value

All these operations return a [SC\\_GDSArray](#) or [SC\\_GDSMatrix](#) object.

### Author(s)

Xiuwen Zheng

### See Also

[Ops](#), [Math](#), [SCArray-stats](#)

**Examples**

```
fn <- system.file("extdata", "example.gds", package="SCArray")

x <- scArray(fn, "counts")

x[1:8, 1:32]
x > 0
pmin2(x, 1)
log1p(x)
scale(x)

rm(x)
```

scConvGDS

*Create a GDS file***Description**

Creates a single-cell GDS file from an R object.

**Usage**

```
scConvGDS(obj, outfn, assay.name=NULL, save.sp=TRUE,
  type=c("float32", "float64", "int32"), compress="LZMA_RA", clean=TRUE, verbose=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|            |                                                                                                                                       |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| obj        | a dense/sparse matrix, DelayedMatrix, SummarizedExperiment or SingleCell-Experiment                                                   |
| outfn      | the output file name in GDS format                                                                                                    |
| assay.name | a character vector for assay names or NULL; if NULL, to include all available assays, otherwise only include the assays in assay.name |
| save.sp    | if TRUE, save it to a sparse matrix in GDS; otherwise, store dense matrix                                                             |
| type       | numeric data type in the output file                                                                                                  |
| compress   | the compression method, see <a href="#">add.gdsn</a> ; or "" for no data compression                                                  |
| clean      | TRUE                                                                                                                                  |
| verbose    | if TRUE, show information                                                                                                             |

**Value**

Return the path of the output file.

**Author(s)**

Xiuwen Zheng

**See Also**

[scOpen](#), [scClose](#), [scMEX2GDS](#), [scHDF2GDS](#)

**Examples**

```
# load a SingleCellExperiment object
fn <- system.file("extdata", "example.rds", package="SCArray")
sce <- readRDS(fn)
sce

scConvGDS(sce, "test.gds")

# remove the temporary file
unlink("test.gds")
```

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scExperiment

*Get a SummarizedExperiment*


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**Description**

Gets an instance of `SingleCellExperiment` or `SummarizedExperiment`.

**Usage**

```
scExperiment(gdsfile, sce=TRUE, use.names=TRUE, load.row=TRUE, load.col=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|                        |                                                                                                                                             |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>gdsfile</code>   | character for a file name, or a single-cell GDS object with class <code>SCArrayFileClass</code>                                             |
| <code>sce</code>       | if <code>TRUE</code> , return an instance of <code>SingleCellExperiment</code> , otherwise an instance of <code>SummarizedExperiment</code> |
| <code>use.names</code> | if <code>TRUE</code> , load dimnames from 'feature.id' and 'sample.id'                                                                      |
| <code>load.row</code>  | <code>TRUE</code> for loading <code>rowData</code> from the gds node "feature.data" in <code>gdsfile</code>                                 |
| <code>load.col</code>  | <code>TRUE</code> for loading <code>colData</code> from the gds node "sample.data" in <code>gdsfile</code>                                  |

**Value**

Return an instance of [SingleCellExperiment](#) or [SummarizedExperiment](#).

**Author(s)**

Xiuwen Zheng

**See Also**

[scOpen](#), [scClose](#)

### Examples

```
# a GDS file for SingleCellExperiment
fn <- system.file("extdata", "example.gds", package="SCArray")

sce <- scExperiment(fn)
sce

remove(sce)
```

---

scGetFiles

*File names for on-disk backend*

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### Description

Get a list of file names for DelayedArray with an on-disk backend.

### Usage

```
scGetFiles(object, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSArray'
scGetFiles(object, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'SummarizedExperiment'
scGetFiles(object, ...)
```

### Arguments

|        |                                                    |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------|
| object | input R object (e.g., a GDS-specific DelayedArray) |
| ...    | additional arguments passed to specific methods    |

### Value

Return a character vector storing file names.

### Author(s)

Xiuwen Zheng

### See Also

[path](#)

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`scHDF2GDS`*Convert HDF5 files to GDS*

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## Description

Creates a single-cell GDS file from Cell Ranger HDF5 files.

## Usage

```
scHDF2GDS(h5_fn, outfn, group=c("matrix", "mm10"), feature_path=character(),
  type=c("float32", "float64", "int32"), compress="LZMA_RA", clean=TRUE,
  verbose=TRUE)
```

## Arguments

|                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>h5_fn</code>        | the input HDF5 file name                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <code>outfn</code>        | the output file name in GDS format                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <code>group</code>        | the name of the group in the HDF5 file where the sparse matrix is stored; if there are more than one group names, the first existing group in the HDF5 file is used; "mm10" is usually used for 10x Genomics datasets |
| <code>feature_path</code> | a character vector for feature variables, otherwise detecting automatically using "genes", "gene_names" and "features/*" when available                                                                               |
| <code>type</code>         | numeric data type in the output file                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <code>compress</code>     | the compression method, see <a href="#">add.gdsn</a>                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <code>clean</code>        | TRUE                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <code>verbose</code>      | if TRUE, show information                                                                                                                                                                                             |

## Details

The packages **rhdf5** and **HDF5Array** should be installed.

## Value

Return the path of the output file.

## Author(s)

Xiuwen Zheng

## See Also

[scConvGDS](#), [scMEX2GDS](#)

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`scMemory`*Load Data to Memory*

---

**Description**

Loads the internal data to memory for any on-disk object.

**Usage**

```
scMemory(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'DelayedArray'
scMemory(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'SummarizedExperiment'
scMemory(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|                  |                                                 |
|------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>   | input R object (e.g., a DelayedArray)           |
| <code>...</code> | additional arguments passed to specific methods |

**Value**

Return an object (it maybe a different type compared with `x`).

**Author(s)**

Xiuwen Zheng

**Examples**

```
suppressPackageStartupMessages(library(DelayedArray))

m <- matrix(1:12, nrow=3)
(mat <- DelayedArray(m))

str(scMemory(mat))
```

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`scMEX2GDS`*Convert MEX files to GDS*

---

**Description**

Creates a single-cell GDS file from Cell Ranger MEX files.

**Usage**

```
scMEX2GDS(feature_fn, barcode_fn, mtx_fn, outfn,
  feature_colnm=c("id", "gene", "feature_type"),
  type=c("float32", "float64", "int32"), compress="LZMA_RA", clean=TRUE,
  verbose=TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|               |                                                      |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| feature_fn    | the input file name for features                     |
| barcode_fn    | the input file name for barcodes                     |
| mtx_fn        | the input count matrix in MEX format                 |
| outfn         | the output file name in GDS format                   |
| feature_colnm | the column names used in feature_fn                  |
| type          | numeric data type in the output file                 |
| compress      | the compression method, see <a href="#">add.gdsn</a> |
| clean         | TRUE                                                 |
| verbose       | if TRUE, show information                            |

**Value**

Return the path of the output file.

**Author(s)**

Xiuwen Zheng

**See Also**

[scConvGDS](#), [schDF2GDS](#)

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scNumSplit

*Split a number*


---

**Description**

Splits a number into multiple groups with equal size.

**Usage**

```
scNumSplit(num, BPPARAM=getAutoBPPARAM())
```

**Arguments**

|         |                                                                                                                              |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| num     | a length-one number (the total count) for splitting (must be $\geq 0$ )                                                      |
| BPPARAM | NULL, a number for the number of groups, or a BiocParallelParam object; if not specified, call <code>getAutoBPPARAM()</code> |

**Value**

Return a list of length-two numeric vectors for the start and end positions. BPPARAM=NULL is as the same as BPPARAM=1, if it is a BiocParallelParam object, call bpnworkers() to get the number of groups.

**Author(s)**

Xiuwen Zheng

**See Also**

[getAutoBPPARAM](#), [BiocParallelParam](#), [bpnworkers](#)

**Examples**

```
scNumSplit(100, NULL)
scNumSplit(100, 0)
scNumSplit(100, 1)
scNumSplit(100, 3)
scNumSplit(100)

scNumSplit(0) # zero-length
```

---

scObj

*DelayedArray Object in GDS*


---

**Description**

Convert to SC\_GDSArray/SC\_GDSMatrix for utilizing GDS specific functions.

**Usage**

```
scObj(obj, verbose=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|         |                                                                     |
|---------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| obj     | a SummarizedExperiment, SingleCellExperiment or DelayedArray object |
| verbose | if TRUE, show information                                           |

**Value**

Return the object obj with the object class DelayedArray replaced by the class SC\_GDSMatrix or SC\_GDSArray.

**Author(s)**

Xiuwen Zheng

**See Also**[scArray](#), [scExperiment](#)

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`scOpen`*Open/Close a Single-cell GDS File*

---

**Description**

Opens or closes a single-cell GDS file.

**Usage**

```
scOpen(gdsfn, readonly=TRUE, allow.duplicate=TRUE)
scClose(gdsfile)
```

**Arguments**

|                              |                                                                                                             |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>gdsfn</code>           | the input file name                                                                                         |
| <code>readonly</code>        | whether read-only or not                                                                                    |
| <code>allow.duplicate</code> | if TRUE, it is allowed to open a GDS file with read-only mode when it has been opened in the same R session |
| <code>gdsfile</code>         | a single-cell GDS object with class <code>SCArrayFileClass</code>                                           |

**Value**

Return an object of class `SCArrayFileClass` inherited from [gds.class](#).

**Author(s)**

Xiuwen Zheng

**See Also**[scArray](#)**Examples**

```
# a GDS file for SingleCellExperiment
fn <- system.file("extdata", "example.gds", package="SCArray")

# open the GDS file
(f <- scOpen(fn))

# read a GDS file
cell.id <- read.gdsn(index.gdsn(f, "feature.id"))
samp.id <- read.gdsn(index.gdsn(f, "sample.id"))
```

```
# get a DelayedArray object
(cnt <- scArray(f, "counts"))

scClose(f)
```

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|             |                    |
|-------------|--------------------|
| scReplaceNA | <i>Replacement</i> |
|-------------|--------------------|

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### Description

Replace NA/NaN in a GDS-specific DelayedArray by a specified value.

### Usage

```
scReplaceNA(x, v=0L)
```

### Arguments

|   |                                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| x | a SC_GDSArray object                 |
| v | a length-one double or integer value |

### Value

Return an object with the class SC\_GDSMatrix or SC\_GDSArray.

### Author(s)

Xiuwen Zheng

### See Also

[scSetMin](#), [scSetMax](#), [scSetBounds](#)

### Examples

```
suppressPackageStartupMessages(library(DelayedArray))

m <- matrix(1:12, nrow=3)
m[2, c(1,3)] <- NA
(mat <- DelayedArray(m))

new_m <- scObj(mat) # wrap a in-memory DelayedMatrix
class(new_m) # SC_GDSMatrix

scReplaceNA(new_m, 999)
```

---

scRowAutoGrid

Automatic grids for matrix-like objects

---

## Description

Create automatic grids (RegularArrayGrid or ArbitraryArrayGrid for sparse matrices) to use for block processing of matrix-like objects, where the blocks are made of full rows or full columns.

## Usage

```
scRowAutoGrid(x, force=FALSE, nnzero=NULL)
scColAutoGrid(x, force=FALSE, nnzero=NULL)
```

## Arguments

|        |                                                                                                                                        |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x      | a matrix-like object (e.g., a SC_GDSMatrix object)                                                                                     |
| force  | a logical, only applicable when x is a sparse in-memory matrix or a sparse SC_GDSMatrix object, see details                            |
| nnzero | a numeric vector for the numbers of non-zeros for rows or columns, NULL (default) for calling row_nnzero() or col_nnzero() when needed |

## Details

The functions return regular RegularArrayGrid (calling rowAutoGrid() or colAutoGrid), when x is neither a sparse in-memory matrix nor a sparse SC\_GDSMatrix object; otherwise, make use of the information of the numbers of non-zeros to create ArbitraryArrayGrid for more efficient grids. When force is applicable and force=TRUE, the functions return ArbitraryArrayGrid which needs the nnzero values. For force=FALSE, scRowAutoGrid() returns ArbitraryArrayGrid when x is not transposed, and scColAutoGrid() returns ArbitraryArrayGrid when x is transposed. If nnzero=NULL and it is needed, the numbers of non-zeros for rows or columns will be calculated internally. For a large matrix, it is more efficient when nnzero is pre-defined. The internal block size can be controlled by setAutoBlockSize(). If the number of blocks in ArbitraryArrayGrid is more than RegularArrayGrid, the functions return RegularArrayGrid instead when force is not TRUE.

Usually, `gd <- scRowAutoGrid()` or `gd <- scColAutoGrid()` is used together with `blockApply(, grid=gd, as.sparse=attr(gd, "as.sparse"))` or `blockReduce(, grid=gd, as.sparse=attr(gd, "as.sparse"))` to take advantage of sparse matrices.

## Value

Return an object of RegularArrayGrid or ArbitraryArrayGrid. `attr(, "as.sparse")` is a suggested logical value for `as.sparse` in `blockApply()` or `blockReduce()`.

## Author(s)

Xiuwen Zheng

**See Also**

[rowAutoGrid](#), [colAutoGrid](#), [setAutoBlockSize](#), [blockApply](#), [blockReduce](#)

**Examples**

```
# a GDS file for SingleCellExperiment
fn <- system.file("extdata", "example.gds", package="SCArray")

cnt <- scArray(fn, "counts")
cnt

setAutoBlockSize(1048576) # use 1MB

scRowAutoGrid(cnt) # it returns RegularArrayGrid since cnt is not very sparse
rowAutoGrid(cnt)
scRowAutoGrid(cnt, force=TRUE) # ArbitraryArrayGrid

library(Matrix)
cnt2 <- Diagonal(1e5) # a very sparse matrix

scRowAutoGrid(cnt2) # 5 blocks
length(rowAutoGrid(cnt2)) # 100000

scColAutoGrid(cnt2) # 5 blocks
length(colAutoGrid(cnt2)) # 100000 blocks

setAutoBlockSize() # reset

rm(cnt)
```

---

scRunPCA

---

*Perform PCA on SC\_GDSMatrix and expression data*


---

**Description**

Perform a Principal Components Analysis (PCA) on cells in the SingleCellExperiment object.

**Usage**

```
scRunPCA(sce, ncomponents=50, ntop=500, subset_row=NULL, scale=FALSE,
  altexp=NULL, name="PCA", exprs_values="logcounts", dimred=NULL,
  n_dimred=NULL, BSPARAM=NULL, BPPARAM=SerialParam(), verbose=TRUE)

## S4 method for signature 'SC_GDSMatrix'
runPCA(x, rank, center=TRUE, scale=FALSE, get.rotation=TRUE,
  get.pcs=TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|                   |                                                                                                                                                                        |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| sce               | a SingleCellExperiment or SummarizedExperiment object                                                                                                                  |
| x                 | a SC_GDSMatrix object                                                                                                                                                  |
| ncomponents, rank | # of calculated principal components                                                                                                                                   |
| ntop              | # of features with the highest variances to use for PCA                                                                                                                |
| subset_row        | specifying the subset of features to use                                                                                                                               |
| center            | if TRUE, expression values will be centered                                                                                                                            |
| scale             | if TRUE, expression values will be standardized                                                                                                                        |
| altexp            | String or integer scalar specifying an alternative experiment containing the input data                                                                                |
| name              | the name to be used to store the result in reducedDims                                                                                                                 |
| exprs_values      | the assay name containing the expression values                                                                                                                        |
| dimred            | String or integer scalar specifying the existing dimensionality reduction results to use                                                                               |
| n_dimred          | Integer scalar or vector specifying the dimensions to use if dimred is specified                                                                                       |
| BSPARAM           | A BiocSingularParam object specifying which algorithm to be used in runPCA in the BiocSingular package                                                                 |
| BPPARAM           | A BiocParallelParam object for parallelized calculation                                                                                                                |
| get.rotation      | if TRUE, return rotation vectors                                                                                                                                       |
| get.pcs           | if TRUE, return principal component scores                                                                                                                             |
| verbose           | if TRUE, show information                                                                                                                                              |
| ...               | For runPCA, this contains further arguments to pass to runSVD, including BSPARAM to specify the algorithm that should be used, and BPPARAM to control parallelization. |

**Details**

The function `runPCA()` simply calls `runSVD` and converts the results into a format similar to that returned by `prcomp`.

BSPARAM can be one of

`ExactParam()`: exact SVD with `runExactSVD`.

`Ir1baParam()`: approximate SVD with `irlba` via `runIr1baSVD`.

`RandomParam()`: approximate SVD with `rsvd` via `runRandomSVD`.

`FastAutoParam()`: fast approximate SVD, chosen based on the matrix representation.

`fold=1` in `BiocSingularParam` is used for the situation that the covariance matrix is relatively small, and running SVD on the small covariance matrix can be more efficient. When `fold=Inf`, running SVD on the matrix directly and will read the matrix multiple times. If it is a file-based matrix, `fold=Inf` could be slow.

**Value**

Returns a SingleCellExperiment object containing the PC coordinate matrix in `reducedDims(..., name)`. The attributes of the PC coordinate matrix have "percentVar", "varExplained" and "rotation" (see `scater::runPCA` for more details).

**Author(s)**

Xiuwen Zheng

**See Also**

[runSVD](#) for the underlying SVD function.  
[?BiocSingularParam](#) for the SVD algorithm choices.  
[runPCA](#).

**Examples**

```
library(BiocSingular)

# a GDS file for SingleCellExperiment
fn <- system.file("extdata", "example.gds", package="SCArray")

x <- scArray(fn, "counts")
x <- x[1:200, ]
x

pc <- runPCA(x, BSPARAM=ExactParam(fold=1)) # using covariance matrix
str(pc)

rm(x)
```

---

scSetBounds

*Set the bounds*


---

**Description**

Set the maximum and/or minimum on a GDS-specific DelayedArray.

**Usage**

```
scSetMax(x, vmax)
scSetMin(x, vmin)
scSetBounds(x, vmin=NaN, vmax=NaN)
```

**Arguments**

|      |                      |
|------|----------------------|
| x    | a SC_GDSArray object |
| vmax | maximum, length-one  |
| vmin | minimum, length-one  |

**Value**

Return an object with the class SC\_GDSMatrix or SC\_GDSArray.

**Author(s)**

Xiuwen Zheng

**See Also**

[scReplaceNA](#)

**Examples**

```
suppressPackageStartupMessages(library(DelayedArray))

m <- matrix(1:12, nrow=3)
(mat <- DelayedArray(m))

new_m <- scObj(mat) # wrap a in-memory DelayedMatrix
class(new_m) # SC_GDSMatrix

scSetMax(new_m, 5)
scSetMin(new_m, 5)
scSetBounds(new_m, 4, 9)
```

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