

# Package ‘decontX’

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| decontX-package | <i>The 'decontX' package.</i> |
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**Description**

DecontX is a decontamination algorithm for single-cell RNA-seq data. DecontPro is a decontamination and background removal algorithm for single cell protein expression data such as CITE-seq or Total-seq.

**References**

Stan Development Team (2022). RStan: the R interface to Stan. R package version 2.21.7. <https://mc-stan.org>

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| .call_stan_vb | <i>Call Stan variational bayes for inference</i> |
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### Description

Call Stan variational bayes for inference

### Usage

```
.call_stan_vb(data, initial_condition)
```

### Arguments

|                   |                                 |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| data              | A list of input data for Stan.  |
| initial_condition | Initial values for Stan params. |

### Value

Stan output

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| .process_stan_vb_out | <i>Process Stan output.</i> |
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### Description

Process Stan output.

### Usage

```
.process_stan_vb_out(stan_vb_output, dat)
```

### Arguments

|                |                               |
|----------------|-------------------------------|
| stan_vb_output | Stan variational bayes output |
| dat            | List of data input to stan vb |

### Value

Decomposed counts based on Stan estimate.

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decontPro

*Decontaminate using decontPro*


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## Description

Decontaminate using decontPro

## Usage

```
decontPro(filtered_counts, cell_type, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
decontPro(
  filtered_counts,
  cell_type,
  delta_sd = 2e-05,
  background_sd = 2e-06,
  ambient_counts = NULL,
  ...
)

## S4 method for signature 'Seurat'
decontPro(
  filtered_counts,
  cell_type,
  delta_sd = 2e-05,
  background_sd = 2e-06,
  ambient_counts = NULL,
  ...
)

## S4 method for signature 'ANY'
decontPro(
  filtered_counts,
  cell_type,
  delta_sd = 2e-05,
  background_sd = 2e-06,
  ambient_counts = NULL,
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| filtered_counts | Count matrix NxM (feature x droplet) with only filtered droplets after cell calling. If this is a <a href="#">SingleCellExperiment</a> or a <a href="#">Seurat</a> object, expect counts in the assay slot. |
| cell_type       | 1xM 1-based integer vector indicating cell type of each droplet.                                                                                                                                            |
| ...             | Additional arguments for generics.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| delta_sd        | Prior variance for ambient contamination level. Default to 2e-5.                                                                                                                                            |

**background\_sd** Prior variance for background contamination level. Default to 2e-6.

**ambient\_counts** Count matrix NxM (feature x droplet) with only ambient droplets. Similar to `filtered_counts` param, if it is a wrapper object, expect counts in the assay slot. Default to NULL.

### Value

A list containing decontaminated counts, and estimated parameters.

### Examples

```
# Simulated count matrix with 100 features x 10 droplets
counts <- matrix(sample(1:10,
                        1000,
                        replace = TRUE),
                  ncol = 10)

# Cell type indicator
k <- c(1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4)

# Simulated ambient count matrix (optional input)
ambient_counts <- matrix(sample(1:2,
                                1000,
                                replace = TRUE),
                          ncol = 10)

# Decontamination
out <- decontPro(counts, k, 1e-2, 1e-2, ambient_counts)

# Decontaminated counts
decontaminated_counts <- out$decontaminated_counts
```

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decontX

*Contamination estimation with decontX*


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### Description

Identifies contamination from factors such as ambient RNA in single cell genomic datasets.

### Usage

```
decontX(x, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
decontX(
  x,
  assayName = "counts",
  z = NULL,
  batch = NULL,
  background = NULL,
  bgAssayName = NULL,
  bgBatch = NULL,
  maxIter = 500,
```

```

    delta = c(10, 10),
    estimateDelta = TRUE,
    convergence = 0.001,
    iterLogLik = 10,
    varGenes = 5000,
    dbscanEps = 1,
    seed = 12345,
    logfile = NULL,
    verbose = TRUE
)

## S4 method for signature 'ANY'
decontX(
  x,
  z = NULL,
  batch = NULL,
  background = NULL,
  bgBatch = NULL,
  maxIter = 500,
  delta = c(10, 10),
  estimateDelta = TRUE,
  convergence = 0.001,
  iterLogLik = 10,
  varGenes = 5000,
  dbscanEps = 1,
  seed = 12345,
  logfile = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE
)

```

## Arguments

|            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x          | A numeric matrix of counts or a <a href="#">SingleCellExperiment</a> with the matrix located in the assay slot under assayName. Cells in each batch will be subsetting and converted to a sparse matrix of class dgCMatix from package <a href="#">Matrix</a> before analysis. This object should only contain filtered cells after cell calling. Empty cell barcodes (low expression droplets before cell calling) are not needed to run DecontX. |
| ...        | For the generic, further arguments to pass to each method.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| assayName  | Character. Name of the assay to use if x is a <a href="#">SingleCellExperiment</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| z          | Numeric or character vector. Cell cluster labels. If NULL, PCA will be used to reduce the dimensionality of the dataset initially, 'umap' from the 'uwot' package will be used to further reduce the dataset to 2 dimensions and the 'dbscan' function from the 'dbscan' package will be used to identify clusters of broad cell types. Default NULL.                                                                                              |
| batch      | Numeric or character vector. Batch labels for cells. If batch labels are supplied, DecontX is run on cells from each batch separately. Cells run in different channels or assays should be considered different batches. Default NULL.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| background | A numeric matrix of counts or a <a href="#">SingleCellExperiment</a> with the matrix located in the assay slot under assayName. It should have the same data format as x except it contains the empty droplets instead of cells. When supplied, empirical                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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|               | distribution of transcripts from these empty droplets will be used as the contamination distribution. Default NULL.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| bgAssayName   | Character. Name of the assay to use if background is a <a href="#">SingleCellExperiment</a> . Default to same as assayName.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| bgBatch       | Numeric or character vector. Batch labels for background. Its unique values should be the same as those in batch, such that each batch of cells have their corresponding batch of empty droplets as background, pointed by this parameter. Default to NULL.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| maxIter       | Integer. Maximum iterations of the EM algorithm. Default 500.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| delta         | Numeric Vector of length 2. Concentration parameters for the Dirichlet prior for the contamination in each cell. The first element is the prior for the native counts while the second element is the prior for the contamination counts. These essentially act as pseudocounts for the native and contamination in each cell. If estimateDelta = TRUE, this is only used to produce a random sample of proportions for an initial value of contamination in each cell. Then <a href="#">fit_dirichlet</a> is used to update delta in each iteration. If estimateDelta = FALSE, then delta is fixed with these values for the entire inference procedure. Fixing delta and setting a high number in the second element will force decontX to be more aggressive and estimate higher levels of contamination at the expense of potentially removing native expression. Default c(10, 10). |
| estimateDelta | Boolean. Whether to update delta at each iteration.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| convergence   | Numeric. The EM algorithm will be stopped if the maximum difference in the contamination estimates between the previous and current iterations is less than this. Default 0.001.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| iterLogLik    | Integer. Calculate log likelihood every iterLogLik iteration. Default 10.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| varGenes      | Integer. The number of variable genes to use in dimensionality reduction before clustering. Variability is calculated using <a href="#">modelGeneVar</a> function from the 'scrn' package. Used only when z is not provided. Default 5000.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| dbscanEps     | Numeric. The clustering resolution parameter used in ' <a href="#">dbscan</a> ' to estimate broad cell clusters. Used only when z is not provided. Default 1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| seed          | Integer. Passed to <a href="#">with_seed</a> . For reproducibility, a default value of 12345 is used. If NULL, no calls to <a href="#">with_seed</a> are made.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| logfile       | Character. Messages will be redirected to a file named logfile. If NULL, messages will be printed to stdout. Default NULL.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| verbose       | Logical. Whether to print log messages. Default TRUE.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

## Value

If x is a matrix-like object, a list will be returned with the following items:

- decontXcounts:** The decontaminated matrix. Values obtained from the variational inference procedure may be non-integer. However, integer counts can be obtained by rounding, e.g. `round(decontXcounts)`.
- contamination:** Percentage of contamination in each cell.
- estimates:** List of estimated parameters for each batch. If z was not supplied, then the UMAP coordinates used to generate cell cluster labels will also be stored here.
- z:** Cell population/cluster labels used for analysis.
- runParams:** List of arguments used in the function call.

If `x` is a [SingleCellExperiment](#), then the decontaminated counts will be stored as an assay and can be accessed with `decontXcounts(x)`. The contamination values and cluster labels will be stored in `colData(x)`. `estimates` and `runParams` will be stored in `metadata(x)$decontX`. The UMAPs used to generate cell cluster labels will be stored in `reducedDims` slot in `x`.

### Author(s)

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### Examples

```
# Generate matrix with contamination
s <- simulateContamination(seed = 12345)

library(SingleCellExperiment)
library(celda)
sce <- SingleCellExperiment(list(counts = s$observedCounts))
sce <- decontX(sce)

# Plot contamination on UMAP
plotDecontXContamination(sce)

# Plot decontX cluster labels
umap <- reducedDim(sce)
celda::plotDimReduceCluster(x = sce$decontX_clusters,
  dim1 = umap[, 1], dim2 = umap[, 2], )

# Plot percentage of marker genes detected
# in each cell cluster before decontamination
s$markers
plotDecontXMarkerPercentage(sce, markers = s$markers, assayName = "counts")

# Plot percentage of marker genes detected
# in each cell cluster after contamination
plotDecontXMarkerPercentage(sce, markers = s$markers,
  assayName = "decontXcounts")

# Plot percentage of marker genes detected in each cell
# comparing original and decontaminated counts side-by-side
plotDecontXMarkerPercentage(sce, markers = s$markers,
  assayName = c("counts", "decontXcounts"))

# Plot raw counts of individual markers genes before
# and after decontamination
plotDecontXMarkerExpression(sce, unlist(s$markers))
```

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decontXcounts

*Get or set decontaminated counts matrix*

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### Description

Gets or sets the decontaminated counts matrix from a [SingleCellExperiment](#) object.



**Usage**

```

decontXcounts(object, ...)

decontXcounts(object, ...) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
decontXcounts(object, ...)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
decontXcounts(object, ...) <- value

```

**Arguments**

object            A [SingleCellExperiment](#) object.

...                For the generic, further arguments to pass to each method.

value             A matrix to save as an assay called decontXcounts

**Value**

If getting, the assay from object with the name decontXcounts will be returned. If setting, a [SingleCellExperiment](#) object will be returned with decontXcounts listed in the assay slot.

**See Also**

[assay](#) and [assay<-](#)

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fastNormProp

*Fast normalization for numeric matrix*


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**Description**

Fast normalization for numeric matrix

**Usage**

```
fastNormProp(R_counts, R_alpha)
```

**Arguments**

R\_counts            An integer matrix

R\_alpha             A double value to be added to the matrix as a pseudocount

**Value**

A numeric matrix where the columns have been normalized to proportions

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|-----------------|----------------------------------------------|
| fastNormPropLog | <i>Fast normalization for numeric matrix</i> |
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**Description**

Fast normalization for numeric matrix

**Usage**

```
fastNormPropLog(R_counts, R_alpha)
```

**Arguments**

|          |                                                           |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| R_counts | An integer matrix                                         |
| R_alpha  | A double value to be added to the matrix as a pseudocount |

**Value**

A numeric matrix where the columns have been normalized to proportions

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|------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| fastNormPropSqrt | <i>Fast normalization for numeric matrix</i> |
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**Description**

Fast normalization for numeric matrix

**Usage**

```
fastNormPropSqrt(R_counts, R_alpha)
```

**Arguments**

|          |                                                           |
|----------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| R_counts | An integer matrix                                         |
| R_alpha  | A double value to be added to the matrix as a pseudocount |

**Value**

A numeric matrix where the columns have been normalized to proportions

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|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| nonzero | <i>get row and column indices of none zero elements in the matrix</i> |
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**Description**

get row and column indices of none zero elements in the matrix

**Usage**

```
nonzero(R_counts)
```

**Arguments**

R\_counts            A matrix

**Value**

An integer matrix where each row is a row, column indices pair

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|------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| plotBoxByCluster | <i>Boxplot of features grouped by cell type</i> |
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**Description**

Boxplot of features grouped by cell type

**Usage**

```
plotBoxByCluster(
  counts,
  decontaminated_counts,
  cell_type,
  features,
  file = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

counts            original count matrix of nADT x nDroplet.  
 decontaminated\_counts            decontaminated count matrix.  
 cell\_type            1xnDroplet vector of cell\_type.  
 features            names of ADT to plot  
 file            file name to save plot into a pdf. If omit, return ggplot object.

**Value**

Return a pdf file named file or a ggplot object.

**Examples**

```
# Simulate a dataset with 3 cells and 2 ADTs
counts <- matrix(c(60, 72, 52, 49, 89, 112),
  nrow = 2,
  dimnames = list(c('CD3', 'CD4'),
    c('CTGTTTACACCGCTAG',
      'CTCTACGGTGTGGCTC',
      'AGCAGCCAGGCTCATT')))

decontaminated_counts <- matrix(c(58, 36, 26, 45, 88, 110),
  nrow = 2,
  dimnames = list(c('CD3', 'CD4'),
    c('CTGTTTACACCGCTAG',
      'CTCTACGGTGTGGCTC',
      'AGCAGCCAGGCTCATT')))

plotBoxByCluster(counts,
  decontaminated_counts,
  c(1, 2, 1),
  c('CD3', 'CD4'))
```

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plotDecontXContamination

*Plots contamination on UMAP coordinates*


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**Description**

A scatter plot of the UMAP dimensions generated by DecontX with cells colored by the estimated percentage of contamination.

**Usage**

```
plotDecontXContamination(
  x,
  batch = NULL,
  colorScale = c("blue", "green", "yellow", "orange", "red"),
  size = 1
)
```

**Arguments**

|            |                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x          | Either a <a href="#">SingleCellExperiment</a> with decontX results stored in <code>metadata(x)\$decontX</code> or the result from running decontX on a count matrix.                       |
| batch      | Character. Batch of cells to plot. If NULL, then the first batch in the list will be selected. Default NULL.                                                                               |
| colorScale | Character vector. Contains the color spectrum to be passed to <code>scale_colour_gradientn</code> from package 'ggplot2'. Default <code>c("blue","green","yellow","orange","red")</code> . |
| size       | Numeric. Size of points in the scatterplot. Default 1.                                                                                                                                     |

**Value**

Returns a ggplot object.

**Author(s)**

Shiyi Yang, Joshua Campbell

**See Also**See [decontX](#) for a full example of how to estimate and plot contamination.**Examples**

```
# Generate matrix with contamination
s <- simulateContamination(seed = 12345)

library(SingleCellExperiment)
library(celda)
sce <- SingleCellExperiment(list(counts = s$observedCounts))
sce <- decontX(sce)

# Plot contamination on UMAP
plotDecontXContamination(sce)

# Plot decontX cluster labels
umap <- reducedDim(sce)
celda::plotDimReduceCluster(x = sce$decontX_clusters,
  dim1 = umap[, 1], dim2 = umap[, 2], )

# Plot percentage of marker genes detected
# in each cell cluster before decontamination
s$markers
plotDecontXMarkerPercentage(sce, markers = s$markers, assayName = "counts")

# Plot percentage of marker genes detected
# in each cell cluster after contamination
plotDecontXMarkerPercentage(sce, markers = s$markers,
  assayName = "decontXcounts")

# Plot percentage of marker genes detected in each cell
# comparing original and decontaminated counts side-by-side
plotDecontXMarkerPercentage(sce, markers = s$markers,
  assayName = c("counts", "decontXcounts"))

# Plot raw counts of individual markers genes before
# and after decontamination
plotDecontXMarkerExpression(sce, unlist(s$markers))
```

---

plotDecontXMarkerExpression

*Plots expression of marker genes before and after decontamination*


---

**Description**

Generates a violin plot that shows the counts of marker genes in cells across specific clusters or cell types. Can be used to view the expression of marker genes in different cell types before and after decontamination with [decontX](#).

**Usage**

```
plotDecontXMarkerExpression(
  x,
  markers,
  groupClusters = NULL,
  assayName = c("counts", "decontXcounts"),
  z = NULL,
  exactMatch = TRUE,
  by = "rownames",
  log1p = FALSE,
  ncol = NULL,
  plotDots = FALSE,
  dotSize = 0.1
)
```

**Arguments**

|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x             | Either a <a href="#">SingleCellExperiment</a> or a matrix-like object of counts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| markers       | Character Vector or List. A character vector or list of character vectors with the names of the marker genes of interest.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| groupClusters | List. A named list that allows cell clusters labels coded in z to be regrouped and renamed on the fly. For example, <code>list(Tcells=c(1, 2), Bcells=7)</code> would recode clusters 1 and 2 to "Tcells" and cluster 7 to "Bcells". Note that if this is used, clusters in z not found in groupClusters will be excluded. Default NULL.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| assayName     | Character vector. Name(s) of the assay(s) to plot if x is a <a href="#">SingleCellExperiment</a> . If more than one assay is listed, then side-by-side violin plots will be generated. Default <code>c("counts", "decontXcounts")</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| z             | Character, Integer, or Vector. Indicates the cluster labels for each cell. If x is a <a href="#">SingleCellExperiment</a> and z = NULL, then the cluster labels from <code>decontX</code> will be retrieved from the <code>colData</code> of x (i.e. <code>colData(x)\$decontX_clusters</code> ). If z is a single character or integer, then that column will be retrieved from <code>colData</code> of x. (i.e. <code>colData(x)[,z]</code> ). If x is a counts matrix, then z will need to be a vector the same length as the number of columns in x that indicate the cluster to which each cell belongs. Default NULL. |
| exactMatch    | Boolean. Whether to only identify exact matches for the markers or to identify partial matches using <code>grep</code> . See <a href="#">retrieveFeatureIndex</a> for more details. Default TRUE.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| by            | Character. Where to search for the markers if x is a <a href="#">SingleCellExperiment</a> . See <a href="#">retrieveFeatureIndex</a> for more details. If x is a matrix, then this must be set to "rownames". Default "rownames".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| log1p         | Boolean. Whether to apply the function <code>log1p</code> to the data before plotting. This function will add a pseudocount of 1 and then log transform the expression values. Default FALSE.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| ncol          | Integer. Number of columns to make in the plot. Default NULL.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| plotDots      | Boolean. If TRUE, the expression of features will be plotted as points in addition to the violin curve. Default FALSE.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| dotSize       | Numeric. Size of points if <code>plotDots = TRUE</code> . Default 0.1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

**Value**

Returns a ggplot object.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**See [decontX](#) for a full example of how to estimate and plot contamination.**Examples**

```
# Generate matrix with contamination
s <- simulateContamination(seed = 12345)

library(SingleCellExperiment)
library(celda)
sce <- SingleCellExperiment(list(counts = s$observedCounts))
sce <- decontX(sce)

# Plot contamination on UMAP
plotDecontXContamination(sce)

# Plot decontX cluster labels
umap <- reducedDim(sce)
celda::plotDimReduceCluster(x = sce$decontX_clusters,
  dim1 = umap[, 1], dim2 = umap[, 2], )

# Plot percentage of marker genes detected
# in each cell cluster before decontamination
s$markers
plotDecontXMarkerPercentage(sce, markers = s$markers, assayName = "counts")

# Plot percentage of marker genes detected
# in each cell cluster after contamination
plotDecontXMarkerPercentage(sce, markers = s$markers,
  assayName = "decontXcounts")

# Plot percentage of marker genes detected in each cell
# comparing original and decontaminated counts side-by-side
plotDecontXMarkerPercentage(sce, markers = s$markers,
  assayName = c("counts", "decontXcounts"))

# Plot raw counts of individual markers genes before
# and after decontamination
plotDecontXMarkerExpression(sce, unlist(s$markers))
```

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plotDecontXMarkerPercentage

*Plots percentage of cells cell types expressing markers*


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**Description**

Generates a barplot that shows the percentage of cells within clusters or cell types that have detectable levels of given marker genes. Can be used to view the expression of marker genes in different cell types before and after decontamination with [decontX](#).

**Usage**

```
plotDecontXMarkerPercentage(
  x,
  markers,
  groupClusters = NULL,
  assayName = c("counts", "decontXcounts"),
  z = NULL,
  threshold = 1,
  exactMatch = TRUE,
  by = "rownames",
  ncol = round(sqrt(length(markers))),
  labelBars = TRUE,
  labelSize = 3
)
```

**Arguments**

|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x             | Either a <a href="#">SingleCellExperiment</a> or a matrix-like object of counts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| markers       | List. A named list indicating the marker genes for each cell type of interest. Multiple markers can be supplied for each cell type. For example, <code>list(Tcell_Markers=c("CD3E", "CD3D"), Bcell_Markers=c("CD79A", "CD79B", "MS4A1"))</code> would specify markers for human T-cells and B-cells. A cell will be considered "positive" for a cell type if it has a count greater than threshold for at least one of the marker genes in the list.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| groupClusters | List. A named list that allows cell clusters labels coded in z to be regrouped and renamed on the fly. For example, <code>list(Tcells=c(1, 2), Bcells=7)</code> would recode clusters 1 and 2 to "Tcells" and cluster 7 to "Bcells". Note that if this is used, clusters in z not found in groupClusters will be excluded from the barplot. Default NULL.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| assayName     | Character vector. Name(s) of the assay(s) to plot if x is a <a href="#">SingleCellExperiment</a> . If more than one assay is listed, then side-by-side barplots will be generated. Default <code>c("counts", "decontXcounts")</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| z             | Character, Integer, or Vector. Indicates the cluster labels for each cell. If x is a <a href="#">SingleCellExperiment</a> and z = NULL, then the cluster labels from <code>decontX</code> will be retrieved from the <code>colData</code> of x (i.e. <code>colData(x)\$decontX_clusters</code> ). If z is a single character or integer, then that column will be retrieved from <code>colData</code> of x. (i.e. <code>colData(x)[, z]</code> ). If x is a counts matrix, then z will need to be a vector the same length as the number of columns in x that indicate the cluster to which each cell belongs. Default NULL. |
| threshold     | Numeric. Markers greater than or equal to this value will be considered detected in a cell. Default 1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| exactMatch    | Boolean. Whether to only identify exact matches for the markers or to identify partial matches using <a href="#">grep</a> . See <a href="#">retrieveFeatureIndex</a> for more details. Default TRUE.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| by            | Character. Where to search for the markers if x is a <a href="#">SingleCellExperiment</a> . See <a href="#">retrieveFeatureIndex</a> for more details. If x is a matrix, then this must be set to "rownames". Default "rownames".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| ncol          | Integer. Number of columns to make in the plot. Default <code>round(sqrt(length(markers)))</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| labelBars     | Boolean. Whether to display percentages above each bar Default TRUE.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| labelSize     | Numeric. Size of the percentage labels in the barplot. Default 3.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |



**Value**

Returns a ggplot object.

**Author(s)**

Shiyi Yang, Joshua Campbell

**See Also**

See [decontX](#) for a full example of how to estimate and plot contamination.

**Examples**

```
# Generate matrix with contamination
s <- simulateContamination(seed = 12345)

library(SingleCellExperiment)
library(celda)
sce <- SingleCellExperiment(list(counts = s$observedCounts))
sce <- decontX(sce)

# Plot contamination on UMAP
plotDecontXContamination(sce)

# Plot decontX cluster labels
umap <- reducedDim(sce)
celda::plotDimReduceCluster(x = sce$decontX_clusters,
  dim1 = umap[, 1], dim2 = umap[, 2], )

# Plot percentage of marker genes detected
# in each cell cluster before decontamination
s$markers
plotDecontXMarkerPercentage(sce, markers = s$markers, assayName = "counts")

# Plot percentage of marker genes detected
# in each cell cluster after contamination
plotDecontXMarkerPercentage(sce, markers = s$markers,
  assayName = "decontXcounts")

# Plot percentage of marker genes detected in each cell
# comparing original and decontaminated counts side-by-side
plotDecontXMarkerPercentage(sce, markers = s$markers,
  assayName = c("counts", "decontXcounts"))

# Plot raw counts of individual markers genes before
# and after decontamination
plotDecontXMarkerExpression(sce, unlist(s$markers))
```

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plotDensity

*Density of each ADT, raw counts overlapped with decontaminated counts*

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**Description**

Density of each ADT, raw counts overlapped with decontaminated counts

**Usage**

```
plotDensity(counts, decontaminated_counts, features, file = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

counts                original count matrix of nADT x nDroplet.  
 decontaminated\_counts        decontaminated count matrix.  
 features            names of ADT to plot  
 file                file name to save plot into a pdf. If omit, return ggplot object.

**Value**

Return a pdf file named file or a ggplot object.

**Examples**

```
# Simulate a dataset with 3 cells and 2 ADTs
counts <- matrix(c(60, 72, 52, 49, 89, 112),
  nrow = 2,
  dimnames = list(c('CD3', 'CD4'),
    c('CTGTTTACACCGCTAG',
      'CTCTACGGTGTGGCTC',
      'AGCAGCCAGGCTCATT'))))

decontaminated_counts <- matrix(c(58, 36, 26, 45, 88, 110),
  nrow = 2,
  dimnames = list(c('CD3', 'CD4'),
    c('CTGTTTACACCGCTAG',
      'CTCTACGGTGTGGCTC',
      'AGCAGCCAGGCTCATT'))))

plotDensity(counts,
  decontaminated_counts,
  c('CD3', 'CD4'))
```

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retrieveFeatureIndex    *Retrieve row index for a set of features*

---

**Description**

This will return indices of features among the rownames or rowData of a data.frame, matrix, or a [SummarizedExperiment](#) object including a [SingleCellExperiment](#). Partial matching (i.e. grepping) can be used by setting exactMatch = FALSE.

**Usage**

```
retrieveFeatureIndex(
  features,
  x,
  by = "rownames",
  exactMatch = TRUE,
  removeNA = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

|            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| features   | Character vector of feature names to find in the rows of x.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| x          | A data.frame, matrix, or <a href="#">SingleCellExperiment</a> object to search.                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| by         | Character. Where to search for features in x. If set to "rownames" then the features will be searched for among rownames(x). If x inherits from class <a href="#">SummarizedExperiment</a> , then by can be one of the fields in the row annotation data.frame (i.e. one of colnames(rowData(x))). |
| exactMatch | Boolean. Whether to only identify exact matches or to identify partial matches using <a href="#">grep</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| removeNA   | Boolean. If set to FALSE, features not found in x will be given NA and the returned vector will be the same length as features. If set to TRUE, then the NA values will be removed from the returned vector. Default FALSE.                                                                        |

**Value**

A vector of row indices for the matching features in x.

**Author(s)**

Yusuke Koga, Joshua Campbell

**See Also**

'[retrieveFeatureInfo](#)' from package 'scater' and [link{regex}](#) for how to use regular expressions when exactMatch = FALSE.

**Examples**

```
counts <- matrix(sample(1:10, 20*10, replace = TRUE),
                 nrow = 20, ncol = 10,
                 dimnames = list(paste0("Gene_", 1:20),
                                paste0("Cell_", 1:10)))
retrieveFeatureIndex(c("Gene_1", "Gene_5"), counts)
retrieveFeatureIndex(c("Gene_1", "Gene_5"), counts, exactMatch = FALSE)
```

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simulateContamination *Simulate contaminated count matrix*

---

**Description**

This function generates a list containing two count matrices – one for real expression, the other one for contamination, as well as other parameters used in the simulation which can be useful for running decontamination.

**Usage**

```
simulateContamination(
  C = 300,
  G = 100,
  K = 3,
  NRange = c(500, 1000),
  beta = 0.1,
  delta = c(1, 10),
  numMarkers = 3,
  seed = 12345
)
```

**Arguments**

|            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| C          | Integer. Number of cells to be simulated. Default 300.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| G          | Integer. Number of genes to be simulated. Default 100.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| K          | Integer. Number of cell populations to be simulated. Default 3.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| NRange     | Integer vector. A vector of length 2 that specifies the lower and upper bounds of the number of counts generated for each cell. Default c(500, 1000).                                                                                                                                                     |
| beta       | Numeric. Concentration parameter for Phi. Default 0.1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| delta      | Numeric or Numeric vector. Concentration parameter for Theta. If input as a single numeric value, symmetric values for beta distribution are specified; if input as a vector of length 2, the two values will be the shape1 and shape2 parameters of the beta distribution respectively. Default c(1, 5). |
| numMarkers | Integer. Number of markers for each cell population. Default 3.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| seed       | Integer. Passed to <a href="#">with_seed</a> . For reproducibility, a default value of 12345 is used. If NULL, no calls to <a href="#">with_seed</a> are made.                                                                                                                                            |

**Value**

A list containing the nativeMatrix (real expression), observedMatrix (real expression + contamination), as well as other parameters used in the simulation.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
contaminationSim <- simulateContamination(K = 3, delta = c(1, 10))
```

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