# Package 'lemur'

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The parametric model is used to (1) align conditions, (2) predict log fold changes between conditions for all cells, and (3) identify cell neighborhoods with consistent log fold changes. For those neighborhoods, a pseudobulked differential expression test is conducted to assess which genes are significantly changed.

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 $. Dollar Names. lemur\_fit$ 

```
.DollarNames.lemur_fit
```

Access values from a lemur\_fit

# **Description**

Access values from a lemur\_fit

# Usage

```
## $3 method for class 'lemur_fit'
.DollarNames(x, pattern = "")
## $4 method for signature 'lemur_fit'
x$name
## $4 replacement method for signature 'lemur_fit'
x$name <- value</pre>
```

# **Arguments**

x the lemur\_fit

pattern the pattern from looking up potential values interactively

name the name of the value behind the dollar

value the replacement value. This only works for colData and rowData.

# Value

The respective value stored in the lemur\_fit object.

# See Also

lemur\_fit for more documentation on the accessor functions.

align_harmony	Enforce additional alignment of cell clusters beyond the direct differ-
	ential embedding

# Description

Enforce additional alignment of cell clusters beyond the direct differential embedding

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#### Usage

```
align_harmony(
   fit,
   design = fit$alignment_design,
   ridge_penalty = 0.01,
   max_iter = 10,
    ...,
   verbose = TRUE
)

align_by_grouping(
   fit,
   grouping,
   design = fit$alignment_design,
   ridge_penalty = 0.01,
   preserve_position_of_NAs = FALSE,
   verbose = TRUE
)
```

# **Arguments**

fit a lemur\_fit object

design a specification of the design (matrix or formula) that is used for the transforma-

tion. Default: fit\$design\_matrix

ridge\_penalty specification how much the flexibility of the transformation should be regular-

ized. Default: 0.01

max\_iter argument specific for align\_harmony. The number of iterations. Default: 10

. . . additional parameters that are passed on to relevant functions

verbose Should the method print information during the fitting. Default: TRUE.

grouping argument specific for align\_by\_grouping. Either a vector which assigns each

cell to one group or a matrix with ncol(fit) columns where the rows are a

soft-assignment to a cluster (i.e., columns sum to 1). NA's are allowed.

preserve\_position\_of\_NAs

argument specific for align\_by\_grouping. Boolean flag to decide if NAs in the grouping mean that these cells should stay where they are (if possible) or if

they are free to move around. Default: FALSE

#### Value

The fit object with the updated fit\end{and fit\alignment\_coefficients.

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```
cell_types <- sample(c("tumor cell", "neuron", "leukocyte"), size = ncol(fit), replace = TRUE)
fit_al1 <- align_by_grouping(fit, grouping = cell_types)

# Alternatively, use harmony to automatically group cells
fit_al2 <- align_harmony(fit)
fit_al2

# The alignment coefficients are a 3D array
fit_al2$alignment_coefficients</pre>
```

align\_impl

Align the points according to some grouping

# Description

Align the points according to some grouping

# Usage

```
align_impl(
  embedding,
  grouping,
  design_matrix,
  ridge_penalty = 0.01,
  preserve_position_of_NAs = FALSE,
  calculate_new_embedding = TRUE
)
```

# Value

A list with the new embedding and the coefficients

find\_de\_neighborhoods Find differential expression neighborhoods

# **Description**

Find differential expression neighborhoods

#### Usage

```
find_de_neighborhoods(
  fit,
  group_by,
  contrast = fit$contrast,
  selection_procedure = c("zscore", "contrast"),
  directions = c("random", "contrast", "axis_parallel"),
  min_neighborhood_size = 50,
  de_mat = SummarizedExperiment::assays(fit)[["DE"]],
  test_data = fit$test_data,
  test_data_col_data = NULL,
  test_method = c("glmGamPoi", "edgeR", "limma", "none"),
  continuous_assay_name = fit$use_assay,
  count_assay_name = "counts",
  size_factor_method = NULL,
  design = fit$design,
  alignment_design = fit$alignment_design,
  add_diff_in_diff = TRUE,
 make_neighborhoods_consistent = FALSE,
  skip_confounded_neighborhoods = FALSE,
  control_parameters = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

fit the lemur\_fit generated by lemur()

group\_by If the independent\_matrix is provided, group\_by defines how the pseudob-

ulks are formed.

contrast a specification which contrast to fit. This defaults to the contrast argument that

was used for test\_de and is stored in fit\$contrast.

selection\_procedure

specify the algorithm that is used to select the neighborhoods for each gene.

Broadly, selection\_procedure = "zscore" is faster but less precise than selection\_procedure

= "contrast".

directions a string to define

a string to define the algorithm to select the direction onto which the cells are projected before searching for the neighborhood. directions = "random" produces denser neighborhoods, whereas directions = "contrast" has usually

more power.

Alternatively, this can also be a matrix with one direction for each gene (i.e., a

matrix of size nrow(fit) \* fit\$n\_embedding).

min\_neighborhood\_size

the minimum number of cells per neighborhood. Default: 50.

de\_mat the matrix with the differential expression values and is only relevant if selection\_procedure

= "zscore" or directions = "random". Defaults to an assay called "DE" that

is produced by lemur::test\_de().

test\_data

a SummarizedExperiment object or a named list of matrices. The data is used to test if the neighborhood inferred on the training data contain a reliable significant change. If test\_method is "glmGamPoi" or "edgeR" a test using raw counts is conducted and two matching assays are needed: (1) the continuous assay (with continuous\_assay\_name) is projected onto the LEMUR fit to find the latent position of each cell and (2) the count assay (count\_assay\_name) is used for forming the pseudobulk. If test\_method == "limma", only the continuous assay is needed.

The arguments defaults to the test data split of when calling lemur().

test\_data\_col\_data

additional column data for the test\_data argument.

test\_method

choice of test for the pseudobulked differential expression. glmGamPoi and edgeR work on an count assay. limma works on the continuous assay.

continuous\_assay\_name, count\_assay\_name

the assay or list names of independent\_data.

size\_factor\_method

Set the procedure to calculate the size factor after pseudobulking. This argument is only relevant if test\_method is "glmGamPoi" or "edgeR". If fit is subsetted, using a vector with the sequencing depth per cell ensures reasonable results. Default: NULL which means that colSums(assay(fit\$test\_data, count\_assay\_name)) is used.

design, alignment\_design

the design to use for the fit. Default: fit\$design

add\_diff\_in\_diff

a boolean to specify if the log-fold change (plus significance) of the DE in the neighborhood against the DE in the complement of the neighborhood is calculated. If TRUE, the result includes three additional columns starting with "did\_" short for difference-in-difference. Default: TRUE.

make\_neighborhoods\_consistent

Include cells from outside the neighborhood if they are at least 10 times in the k-nearest neighbors of the cells inside the neighborhood. Secondly, remove cells from the neighborhood which are less than 10 times in the k-nearest neighbors of the other cells in the neighborhood. Default FALSE

skip\_confounded\_neighborhoods

Sometimes the inferred neighborhoods are not limited to a single cell state; this becomes problematic if the cells of the conditions compared in the contrast are unequally distributed between the cell states. Default: FALSE

control\_parameters

named list with additional parameters passed to underlying functions.

verbose Should the method print information during the fitting. Default: TRUE.

#### Value

a data frame with one entry per gene

name The gene name.

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neighborhood A list column where each element is a vector with the cell names included in that neighborhood.

n\_cells the number of cells in the neighborhood (lengths(neighborhood)).

sel\_statistic The statistic that is maximized by the selection\_procedure.

pval, adj\_pval, t\_statistic, lfc The p-value, Benjamini-Hochberg adjusted p-value (FDR), the t-statistic, and the log2 fold change of the differential expression test defined by contrast for the cells inside the neighborhood (calculated using test\_method). Only present if test\_data is not NULL.

did\_pval, did\_adj\_pval, did\_lfc The measurement if the differential expression of the cells inside the neighborhood is significantly different from the differential expression of the cells outside the neighborhood. Only present if add\_diff\_in\_diff = TRUE.

# Examples

fold\_left

Fold left over a sequence

## **Description**

Fold left over a sequence Fold right over a sequence

#### Usage

```
fold_left(init)
fold_right(init)
```

#### **Arguments**

init initial value. If not specified NULL x the sequence to iterate over

FUN a function with first argument named elem and second argument named accum

#### Value

The final value of accum.

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
    # This produces ...
    fold_left(0)(1:10, \(elem, accum) accum + elem)
    # ... the same as
    sum(1:10)
## End(Not run)
```

```
glioblastoma_example_data
```

The glioblastoma\_example\_data dataset

#### **Description**

The dataset is a SingleCellExperiment object subset to 5,000 cells and 300 genes. The colData contain an entry for each cell from which patient it came and to which treatment condition it belonged ("ctrl" or "panobinostat").

#### **Details**

The original data was collected by Zhao et al. (2021).

#### Value

A SingleCellExperiment object.

#### References

 Zhao, Wenting, Athanassios Dovas, Eleonora Francesca Spinazzi, Hanna Mendes Levitin, Matei Alexandru Banu, Pavan Upadhyayula, Tejaswi Sudhakar, et al. "Deconvolution of Cell Type-Specific Drug Responses in Human Tumor Tissue with Single-Cell RNA-Seq." Genome Medicine 13, no. 1 (December 2021): 82. https://doi.org/10.1186/s13073-021-00894-y.

```
grassmann\_geodesic\_regression \\ Solve \ d(P, \ exp\_p(V*x))^2 \ for \ V
```

# Description

```
Solve d(P, exp_p(V * x))^2 for V
```

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#### Usage

```
grassmann_geodesic_regression(
  coordsystems,
  design,
  base_point,
  weights = 1,
  tangent_regression = FALSE
)
```

# Value

A three-dimensional array with the coefficients V.

grassmann\_lm

Solve  $||Y - exp_p(V * x) Y||^2_2$  for V

# **Description**

```
Solve ||Y - exp_p(V * x) Y ||^2_2 for V
```

# Usage

```
grassmann_lm(data, design, base_point, tangent_regression = FALSE)
```

#### Value

A three-dimensional array with the coefficients V.

harmony\_new\_object

Create an arbitrary Harmony object so that I can modify it later

# Description

Create an arbitrary Harmony object so that I can modify it later

# Usage

```
harmony_new_object()
```

# Value

The full harmony object (R6 reference class type).

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lemur Main function to fit the latent embedding multivariate regression (LEMUR) model

#### **Description**

Main function to fit the latent embedding multivariate regression (LEMUR) model

#### Usage

```
lemur(
  data,
  design = ~1,
  col_data = NULL,
  n_embedding = 15,
  linear_coefficient_estimator = c("linear", "cluster_median", "zero"),
  use_assay = "logcounts",
  test_fraction = 0.2,
  ...,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

# Arguments

data a matrix with observations in the columns and features in the rows. Or a SummarizedExperiment

/SingleCellExperiment object

design a formula referring to global objects or column in the colData of data and

col\_data argument

col\_data an optional data frame with ncol(data) rows.

n\_embedding the dimension of the \$k\$-plane that is rotated through space.

linear\_coefficient\_estimator

specify which estimator is used to center the conditions. "linear" runs simple regression it works well in many circumstances but can produce poor results if the composition of the cell types changes between conditions (e.g., one cell type disappears). "cluster\_median" works similar as "linear" but is robust against compositional changes. "zero" skips the centering step which is also robust against compositional changes. However, expression changes affecting

all cells equally are not regressed out.

use\_assay if data is a SummarizedExperiment / SingleCellExperiment object, which

assay should be used.

test\_fraction the fraction of cells that are split of before the model fit to keep an independent

set of test observations. Alternatively, a logical vector of length ncol(data).

Default: 20% (0.2).

... additional parameters that are passed on to the internal function lemur\_impl.

verbose Should the method print information during the fitting. Default: TRUE.

lemur\_fit-class

#### Value

An object of class lemur\_fit which extends SingleCellExperiment. Accordingly, all functions that work for sce's also work for lemur\_fit's. In addition, we give easy access to the fitted values using the dollar notation (e.g., fit\$embedding). For details see the lemur\_fit help page.

#### References

• Ahlmann-Eltze, C. & Huber, W. (2023). Analysis of multi-condition single-cell data with latent embedding multivariate regression. bioRxiv https://doi.org/10.1101/2023.03.06.531268

#### See Also

```
align_by_grouping, align_harmony, test_de, find_de_neighborhoods
```

## **Examples**

```
data(glioblastoma_example_data)
fit <- lemur(glioblastoma_example_data, design = ~ patient_id + condition, n_emb = 5)
fit</pre>
```

lemur\_fit-class

The lemur\_fit class

#### **Description**

The lemur\_fit class extends SingleCellExperiment and provides additional accessors to get the values of the values produced by lemur.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'lemur_fit,ANY,ANY',ANY'
x[i, j, ..., drop = TRUE]
## S4 method for signature 'lemur_fit'
design(object)
```

# Arguments

```
x, i, j, ..., drop the lemur_fit object and indices for the [ subsetting operator object the lemur_fit object for the BiocGenerics::design generic
```

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#### **Details**

```
To access the values produced by lemur, use the dollar notation ($):
fit$n_embedding the number of embedding dimensions.
fit$design the specification of the design in lemur. Usually this is a stats::formula.
fit$base_point a matrix (nrow(fit) * fit$n_embedding) with the base point for the Grass-
    mann exponential map.
with the coefficients for the exponential map.
fit$embedding a matrix (fit$n_embedding * ncol(fit)) with the low dimensional position for
    each cell.
fit$design_matrix a matrix with covariates for each cell (ncol(fit) * ncol(fit$design_matrix)).
fit$linear_coefficients a matrix (nrow(fit) * ncol(fit$design_matrix)) with the coeffi-
    cients for the linear regression.
fit$alignment_coefficients a 3D tensor with the coefficients for the alignment (fit$n_embedding
    * fit$n_embedding * ncol(fit$design_matrix))
fit$alignment_design an alternative design specification for the alignment. This is typically a
    stats::formula.
fit$alignment_design_matrix an alternative design matrix specification for the alignment.
fit$contrast a parsed version of the contrast specification from the test_de function or NULL.
fit$colData the column annotation DataFrame.
```

#### Value

An object of class lemur\_fit.

fit\$rowData the row annotation DataFrame.

## See Also

lemur, predict, residuals

# **Examples**

one\_hot\_encoding

mply\_dbl

Iterating function that returns a matrix

# Description

The length of x determines the number of rows. The length of FUN(x[i]) determines the number of columns. Must match ncol.

# Usage

```
mply_dbl(x, FUN, ncol = 1, ...)
stack_rows(x)
stack_cols(x)
```

# Arguments

x the sequence that is mapped to a matrix

FUN the function that returns a vector of length ncol

ncol the length of the output vector

additional arguments that are passed to FUN

#### Value

A matrix with length(x) / nrow(x) rows and ncol columns. For  $msply_dbl$  the number of columns depends on the output of FUN.

#### **Functions**

- stack\_rows(): Each list element becomes a row in a matrix
- stack\_cols(): Each list element becomes a row in a matrix

one\_hot\_encoding

Take a vector and convert it to a one-hot encoded matrix

## **Description**

Take a vector and convert it to a one-hot encoded matrix

#### Usage

```
one_hot_encoding(groups)
```

#### Value

A matrix with length(unique(groups)) rows and length(groups) columns.

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#### **Description**

Predict values from lemur\_fit object

# Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'lemur_fit'
predict(
  object,
  newdata = NULL,
  newdesign = NULL,
  newcondition = NULL,
  embedding = object$embedding,
  with_linear_model = TRUE,
  with_embedding = TRUE,
  with_alignment = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

#### **Arguments**

object an lemur\_fit object newdata a data.frame which passed to model.matrix with design to make the newdesign matrix a matrix with the covariates for which the output is predicted. If NULL, the newdesign object\$design\_matrix is used. If it is a vector it is repeated ncol(embedding) times to create a design matrix with the same entry for each cell. an unquoted expression with a call to cond() specifying the covariates of the newcondition prediction. See the contrast argument in test de for more details. Note that combinations of multiple calls to cond() are not allowed (e.g., cond(a = 1) cond(a = 2)). If specified, newdata and newdesign are ignored. embedding the low-dimensional cell position for which the output is predicted. with\_linear\_model a boolean to indicate if the linear regression offset is included in the prediction. with\_embedding a boolean to indicate if the embedding contributes to the output. with\_alignment a boolean to indicate if the alignment effect is removed from the output. additional parameters passed to predict\_impl. . . .

#### Value

A matrix with the same dimension nrow(object) \* nrow(newdesign).

#### See Also

```
residuals
```

# **Examples**

# **Description**

Project new data onto the latent spaces of an existing lemur fit

#### Usage

```
project_on_lemur_fit(
   fit,
   data,
   col_data = NULL,
   use_assay = "logcounts",
   design = fit$design,
   alignment_design = fit$alignment_design,
   return = c("matrix", "lemur_fit")
)
```

#### **Arguments**

fit	an lemur_fit object
data	a matrix with observations in the columns and features in the rows. Or a SummarizedExperiment / SingleCellExperiment object. The features must match the features in fit.
col_data	col_data an optional data frame with ncol(data) rows.
use_assay	if data is a SummarizedExperiment / SingleCellExperiment object, which assay should be used.

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design, alignment\_design

the design formulas or design matrices that are used to project the data on the correct latent subspace. Both default to the designs from the fit object.

return

which data structure is returned.

#### Value

Either a matrix with the low-dimensional embeddings of the data or an object of class lemur\_fit wrapping that embedding.

# **Examples**

pseudoinverse

Moore-Penrose pseudoinverse calculated via SVD

# **Description**

In the simplest case, the pseudoinverse is

$$X^{+} = (X^{T}X)^{-1}X^{T}.$$

# Usage

pseudoinverse(X)

#### **Arguments**

Χ

a matrix X

#### **Details**

To handle the more general case, the pseudoinverse can expressed using a SVD  $X = UDV^T$ :

$$X^+ = VD^{-1}U^T$$

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# Value

```
The matrix X^+.
```

```
recursive_least_squares
```

Iteratively calculate the least squares solution

# **Description**

Both functions are for testing purposes. There is a faster implementation called cum\_brls\_which\_abs\_max.

# Usage

```
recursive_least_squares(y, X)
bulked_recursive_least_squares_contrast(
   y,
   X,
   group,
   contrast,
   ridge_penalty = 1e-06
)
```

# Arguments

y a vector with observations

X a design matrix

# Value

a matrix where column i is the solution to  $y[1:i] \sim X[1:i,]$ .

reexports

Objects exported from other packages

# Description

These objects are imported from other packages. Follow the links below to see their documentation.

```
glmGamPoi vars
```

# Value

```
see glmGamPoi::vars.
```

#### **Examples**

```
# `vars` quotes expressions (just like in dplyr)
vars(condition, sample)
```

```
residuals, lemur_fit-method
```

Predict values from lemur\_fit object

# **Description**

Predict values from lemur\_fit object

# Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'lemur_fit'
residuals(object, with_linear_model = TRUE, with_embedding = TRUE, ...)
```

# **Arguments**

#### Value

A matrix with the same dimension dim(object).

## See Also

```
predict.lemur_fit
```

# **Examples**

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ridge\_regression

Ridge regression

# **Description**

The function does not treat the intercept special.

# Usage

```
ridge_regression(Y, X, ridge_penalty = 0, weights = rep(1, nrow(X)))
```

# **Arguments**

Y the observations matrix (features x samples)
X the design matrix (samples x covariates)

ridge\_penalty a numeric vector or matrix of size (covariates or covariates x covariates

respectively)

weights a vector of observation weights

#### Value

The matrix of coefficients.

stack\_slice

Make a cube from a list of matrices

# **Description**

The length of the list will become the third dimension of the cube.

#### Usage

```
stack_slice(x)
destack_slice(x)
```

# Arguments

x a list of vectors/matrices that are stacked

# Value

A three-dimensional array.

#### **Functions**

• destack\_slice(): Make a list of matrices from a cube

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test\_de

Predict log fold changes between conditions for each cell

#### **Description**

Predict log fold changes between conditions for each cell

#### Usage

```
test_de(
  fit,
  contrast,
  embedding = NULL,
  consider = c("embedding+linear", "embedding", "linear"),
  new_assay_name = "DE"
)
```

#### **Arguments**

fit the result of calling lemur()

contrast Specification of the contrast: a call to cond() specifying a full observation (e.g.

cond(treatment = "A", sex = "male") - cond(treatment = "C", sex = "male")
to compare treatment A vs C for male observations). Unspecified factors default

to the reference level.

embedding matrix of size  $n_{embedding} \times n$  that specifies where in the latent space the

differential expression is tested. It defaults to the position of all cells from the

original fit.

consider specify which part of the model are considered for the differential expression

test.

new\_assay\_name the name of the assay added to the fit object. Default: "DE".

# Value

If is.null(embedding) the fit object with a new assay called "DE". Otherwise return a matrix with the differential expression values.

#### See Also

find\_de\_neighborhoods

# **Examples**

```
library(SummarizedExperiment)
library(SingleCellExperiment)

data(glioblastoma_example_data)
fit <- lemur(glioblastoma_example_data, design = ~ patient_id + condition,</pre>
```

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```
n_emb = 5, verbose = FALSE)
# Optional alignment
# fit <- align_harmony(fit)
fit <- test_de(fit, contrast = cond(condition = "panobinostat") - cond(condition = "ctrl"))
# The fit object contains a new assay called "DE"
assayNames(fit)

# The DE assay captures differences between conditions
is_ctrl_cond <- fit$colData$condition == "ctrl"
mean(logcounts(fit)[1,!is_ctrl_cond]) - mean(logcounts(fit)[1,is_ctrl_cond])
mean(assay(fit, "DE")[1,])</pre>
```

test\_global

Differential embedding for each condition

# **Description**

Differential embedding for each condition

# Usage

```
test_global(
  fit,
  contrast,
  reduced_design = NULL,
  consider = c("embedding+linear", "embedding", "linear"),
  variance_est = c("analytical", "resampling", "none"),
  verbose = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

#### **Arguments**

fit the result of calling lemur() contrast Specification of the contrast: a call to cond() specifying a full observation (e.g. cond(treatment = "A", sex = "male") - cond(treatment = "C", sex = "male") to compare treatment A vs C for male observations). Unspecified factors default to the reference level. reduced\_design an alternative specification of the null hypothesis. consider specify which part of the model are considered for the differential expression How or if the variance should be estimated. 'analytical' is only compatible variance\_est with consider = "linear". 'resampling' is the most flexible (to adapt the number of resampling iterations, set n\_resampling\_iter. Default: 100) verbose should the method print information during the fitting. Default: TRUE. additional arguments.

# Value

a data.frame

%zero\_dom\_mat\_mult%

Helper function that makes sure that NA \* 0 = 0 in matrix multiply

# Description

Helper function that makes sure that NA \* 0 = 0 in matrix multiply

# Usage

```
X %zero_dom_mat_mult% Y
```

# Arguments

X a matrix of size n\*m
Y a matrix of size m\*p

#### Value

a matrix of size n\*p

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