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liver	<i>Liver trajectory example data</i>
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Description

A liver data set contains two branches (hepatocyte and cholangiocyte).

Usage

```
data(liver, package = 'scHOT')
```

Format

A ‘list’ object.

MOB_subset	<i>MOB_subset spatial example data</i>
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Description

A MOB spatial data set.

Usage

```
data(MOB_subset, package = 'schOT')
```

Format

An object of class list of length 1.

params<-	<i>Setter functions for schOT objects</i>
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Description

Setter functions for schOT objects

Usage

```
params(x) <- value
```

Arguments

- | | |
|-------|--------------------------------|
| x | A schOT object |
| value | The value the slot should take |

Value

A schOT object

Examples

```
data(MOB_subset)
sce_MOB_subset <- MOB_subset$sce_MOB_subset
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_buildFromSCE(sce_MOB_subset,
  assayName = "logcounts",
  positionType = "spatial",
  positionColData = c("x", "y"))

params = list(higherOrderFunction = weightedSpearman,
  higherOrderFunctionType = "weighted")

params(scHOT_spatial) <- params
```

plotColouredExpression

plotColouredExpression

Description

the plotColouredExpression function plots an n-panel scatterplot of the gene pairs split by early, mid, and late in the sample ordering.

Usage

```
plotColouredExpression(
  scHOT,
  genes,
  genes_delimiter = "_",
  branches = NULL,
  ranked_by = NULL,
  subsetBranch = NULL,
  n = 3,
  fittedline = TRUE,
  assayName = NULL
)
```

Arguments

scHOT	A scHOT object.
genes	is either a single character string with a delimiter, or a length two character vector
genes_delimiter	is the delimiter to split into two gene names if genes is provided as a single character
branches	A character indicates that the colnames stored the branch information in colData

ranked_by	A character indicates that the colnames stored the ranking information of the cells in colData, such as trajectory time, if it is NULL, it will be ranked based on the branch information.
subsetBranch	subsetBranch is a character vector containing the names of the branches to be plotted. If NULL it will plot all branches
n	number of panels to split ranked samples into, default 3.
fittedline	logical default TRUE, add a lm straight line to the plot
assayName	the name of the assay that are used to plot.

Value

ggplot a ggplot object of scatterplots of expression split by sample ordering

Examples

```
data(liver)

scHOT_traj <- scHOT_buildFromMatrix(
  mat = liver$liver_branch_hep,
  cellData = list(pseudotime = liver$liver_pseudotime_hep),
  positionType = "trajectory",
  positionColData = "pseudotime")

scHOT_traj

plotColouredExpression(scHOT_traj, c("Cdt1", "Top2a"), n = 5)
```

plotEgoNetwork

plotEgoNetwork

Description

the plotEgoNetwork function plots network graphs with edges coloured by weights in the network

Usage

```
plotEgoNetwork(
  scHOT,
  hubnode,
  network,
  weight = "higherOrderStatistic",
  subset = FALSE,
  thresh = NULL
)
```

Arguments

scHOT	a scHOT object
hubnode	is a character vector of node(s) to include as hub nodes
network	is an igraph network
weight	A string indicates the column name stored in scHOT_output slot that are used as the weights of the network
subset	is a logical asking if you should subset based on the weight (default FALSE)
thresh	is the subset weight threshold

Value

igraph object containing the network graphed. Produces an igraph plot

plotHigherOrderSequence
plotHigherOrderSequence

Description

the plotHigherOrderSequence function plots weighted higher order statistic vectors (stored in higherOrderSequence) as line plots

Usage

```
plotHigherOrderSequence(
  scHOT,
  gene,
  positionType = NULL,
  branches = NULL,
  positionColData = NULL
)
```

Arguments

scHOT	A scHOT object with higherOrderSequence in scHOT_output slot
gene	is either a logical vector matching rows of entries in wcorsList, or a character of a gene
positionType	A string indicates the position type, either trajectory or spatial
branches	A character indicates that the colnames stored the branch information in colData (for trajectory type of data)
positionColData	A vector indicates column names of colData that stored the position information (for spatial type of data)

Value

ggplot object with line plots

Examples

```
data(liver)

schOT_traj <- schOT_buildFromMatrix(
  mat = liver$liver_branch_hep,
  cellData = list(pseudotime = liver$liver_pseudotime_hep),
  positionType = "trajectory",
  positionColData = "pseudotime")
schOT_traj
plotColouredExpression(schOT_traj, c("Cdt1", "Top2a"), n = 5)

schOT_traj <- schOT_addTestingScaffold(schOT_traj,
  t(as.matrix(c("Cdt1", "Top2a"))))
schOT_traj <- schOT_setWeightMatrix(schOT_traj,
  positionColData = c("pseudotime"),
  positionType = "trajectory",
  nrow.out = NULL,
  span = 0.25)
schOT_traj <- schOT_calculateGlobalHigherOrderFunction(schOT_traj,
  higherOrderFunction =
    weightedSpearman,
  higherOrderFunctionType =
    "weighted")

schOT_traj <- schOT_calculateHigherOrderTestStatistics(schOT_traj,
  higherOrderSummaryFunction =
    sd)

slot(schOT_traj, "schOT_output")
plotHigherOrderSequence(schOT_traj, c("Cdt1_Top2a"))
```

plotOrderedExpression *plotOrderedExpression*

Description

the plotOrderedExpression function plots expression vectors along branches and genes as ribbon plots

Usage

```
plotOrderedExpression(
  schOT,
  genes,
```

```

    positionType = NULL,
    branches = NULL,
    ranked_by = NULL,
    xvals = NULL,
    subsetBranch = NULL,
    facet = FALSE,
    positionColData = NULL,
    assayName = NULL
  )

```

Arguments

<code>scHOT</code>	A scHOT object, where the expression data is stored in the assay slot, with assay name "expression".
<code>genes</code>	is a character vector for gene names
<code>positionType</code>	A string indicates the position type, either trajectory or spatial
<code>branches</code>	A character indicates that the colnames stored the branch information in colData
<code>ranked_by</code>	A character indicates that the colnames stored the ranking information of the cells in colData, such as trajectory time
<code>xvals</code>	A character indicates that the colnames stored in colData of the x-values associated with the samples in branchData
<code>subsetBranch</code>	subsetBranch is a character vector containing the names of the branches to be plotted. If NULL it will plot all branches
<code>facet</code>	can either be FALSE, "branch", "gene", or "both"
<code>positionColData</code>	A vector indicates column names of colData that stored the position information (for spatial type of data)
<code>assayName</code>	the name of the assay that are used to plot.

Value

ggplot a ggplot object for ribbon plot with points

`positionColData<-` *Setter functions for scHOT objects*

Description

Setter functions for scHOT objects

Usage

```
positionColData(x) <- value
```

positionType<-

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Arguments

x	A scHOT object
value	The value the slot should take

Value

A scHOT object

Examples

```
data(MOB_subset)
sce_MOB_subset <- MOB_subset$sce_MOB_subset
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_buildFromSCE(sce_MOB_subset,
  assayName = "logcounts",
  positionType = "spatial",
  positionColData = c("x", "y"))

positionColData(scHOT_spatial) <- c("x", "y")
```

<i>positionType</i> <-	<i>Setter functions for scHOT objects</i>
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Description

Setter functions for scHOT objects

Usage

```
positionType(x) <- value
```

Arguments

x	A scHOT object
value	The value the slot should take

Value

A scHOT object

Examples

```
data(MOB_subset)
sce_MOB_subset <- MOB_subset$sce_MOB_subset
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_buildFromSCE(sce_MOB_subset,
  assayName = "logcounts",
  positionType = "spatial",
  positionColData = c("x", "y"))
```

```
positionType(scHOT_spatial) <- "spatial"
```

scHOT

scHOT

Description

A wrapper function to perform scHOT

Usage

```
scHOT(
  scHOT,
  testingScaffold = NULL,
  weightMatrix = NULL,
  positionType = NULL,
  positionColData = NULL,
  nrow.out = NULL,
  averageAcrossTrajectoryTies = FALSE,
  higherOrderFunction = NULL,
  higherOrderFunctionType = NULL,
  numberPermutations = 1000,
  numberScaffold = 100,
  storePermutations = TRUE,
  higherOrderSummaryFunction = sd,
  parallel = FALSE,
  BPPARAM = BiocParallel::SerialParam(),
  useperm_estimate = FALSE,
  nperm_estimate = 10000,
  maxDist = 0.1,
  plot = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

scHOT	A scHOT object
testingScaffold	A matrix with rows for each testing combination
weightMatrix	A matrix indicates the weight matrix for scHOT analysis
positionType	A string indicating the position type, either "trajectory" or "spatial"

<code>positionColData</code>	Either trajectory or spatial information for each sample. If <code>positionType</code> is "trajectory" then <code>positionColData</code> should be a character or numeric indicating the subset of <code>colData</code> of the <code>scHOT</code> object. If <code>positionType</code> is "spatial" then <code>positionColData</code> should be a character or numeric vector indicating the subset of <code>colData</code> that give the full spatial coordinates.
<code>nrow.out</code>	The number of weightings to include for testing, a smaller value is faster for computation
<code>averageAcrossTrajectoryTies</code>	Logical indicating whether ties in the trajectory should be given the same local weights
<code>higherOrderFunction</code>	A function object indicates the higher order function
<code>higherOrderFunctionType</code>	is "weighted" or "unweighted", determines if there is a weighting argument in the higher order function
<code>numberPermutations</code>	The number of permutations, set as 1000 by default
<code>numberScaffold</code>	The number of testing scaffolds to perform permutations, set as 100 by default
<code>storePermutations</code>	a logical flag on whether permutation values should be saved
<code>higherOrderSummaryFunction</code>	A function indicating the higher order summary function (default is standard deviation 'sd')
<code>parallel</code>	A logical input indicating whether to run the permutation test using multiple cores in parallel.
<code>BPPARAM</code>	A <code>BiocParallelParam</code> class object from the <code>BiocParallel</code> package is used. Default is <code>SerialParam()</code> .
<code>usenperm_estimate</code>	Logical (default FALSE) if number of neighbouring permutations should be used to estimate P-values, or if difference of global higher order statistic should be used
<code>nperm_estimate</code>	Number of neighbouring permutations to use for p-value estimation
<code>maxDist</code>	max difference of global higher order statistic to use for p-value estimation (default 0.1)
<code>plot</code>	A logical input indicating whether the results are plotted
<code>verbose</code>	A logical input indicating whether the intermediate steps will be printed
<code>...</code>	parameters for function <code>trajectoryWeightMatrix</code> or <code>spatialWeightMatrix</code>

Value

A `scHOT` object

Examples

```
data(MOB_subset)
sce_MOB_subset <- MOB_subset$sce_MOB_subset
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_buildFromSCE(sce_MOB_subset,
                                   assayName = "logcounts",
                                   positionType = "spatial",
                                   positionColData = c("x", "y"))
pairs <- matrix(c("Arrb1", "Mtor", "Dnm1l", "Gucy1b3"), ncol = 2, byrow = TRUE)
rownames(pairs) <- apply(pairs,1,paste0,collapse = "_")

scHOT_spatial <- scHOT(scHOT_spatial,
                      testingScaffold = pairs,
                      positionType = "spatial",
                      positionColData = c("x", "y"),
                      nrow.out = NULL,
                      higherOrderFunction = weightedSpearman,
                      higherOrderFunctionType = "weighted",
                      numberPermutations = 100,
                      higherOrderSummaryFunction = sd,
                      parallel = FALSE,
                      verbose = TRUE,
                      span = 0.05)
```

scHOT-class

scHOT class

Description

scHOT class

Slots

testingScaffold A matrix with rows for each testing combination

weightMatrix A matrix or dgCMatrix indicates the weight matrix

scHOT_output A data.frame or DtatFrame to store output from scHOT

params A list of parameters

positionType A character indicates the type of the position, either trajectory or spatial

positionColData A vector indicates column names of colData that stored the position informaton

```
scHOT_addTestingScaffold
      scHOT_addTestingScaffold
```

Description

Add a testing scaffold to a scHOT object

Usage

```
scHOT_addTestingScaffold(scHOT, testingScaffold)
```

Arguments

scHOT	A scHOT object
testingScaffold	A matrix with rows for each testing combination, and columns for level of dimensionality (1 for single gene etc.)

Value

A scHOT object with slot testingScaffold saved

Examples

```
data(MOB_subset)
sce_MOB_subset <- MOB_subset$sce_MOB_subset
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_buildFromSCE(sce_MOB_subset,
  assayName = "logcounts",
  positionType = "spatial",
  positionColData = c("x", "y"))
pairs <- matrix(c("Arrb1", "Mtor", "Dnm1l", "Gucy1b3"), ncol = 2, byrow = TRUE)
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_addTestingScaffold(scHOT_spatial, pairs)
```

```
scHOT_buildFromMatrix  scHOT_buildFromMatrix
```

Description

Create scHOT object from a matrix

Usage

```
scHOT_buildFromMatrix(
  mat,
  cellData = NULL,
  positionType = NULL,
  positionColData = NULL
)
```

Arguments

mat	A matrix with rows for genes and columns for cells
cellData	A dataframe or DataFrame object with rows for cells
positionType	A string indicating the position type, either "trajectory" or "spatial"
positionColData	Strings indicate the position information stored in colData. If positionType is "trajectory" then positionColData should be a sortable vector if positionType is "spatial" then positionColData should be a matrix type object.

Value

A scHOT object

Examples

```
dat <- rbind(rnorm(50), rnorm(50), rnorm(50))
colnames(dat) <- paste0("cell_", 1:ncol(dat))
rownames(dat) <- c("gene_1", "gene_2", "gene_2")

scHOT <- scHOT_buildFromMatrix(dat, cellData = data.frame(1:ncol(dat)))
```

scHOT_buildFromSCE	<i>scHOT_buildFromSCE</i>
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Description

Create scHOT object from a SingleCellExperiment object

Usage

```
scHOT_buildFromSCE(
  sce,
  assayName = "counts",
  positionType = NULL,
  positionColData = NULL
)
```

Arguments

sce A SingleCellExperiment object
assayName is a single assay to pull out from sce as the expression matrix input of scHOT
positionType A string indicates the position type, either trajectory or spatial
positionColData Strings indicate the position information stored in colData. If positionType is "trajectory" then positionColData should be a sortable vector if positionType is "spatial" then positionColData should be a matrix type object.

Value

A scHOT object

Examples

```

library(SingleCellExperiment)
dat <- rbind(rnorm(50), rnorm(50), rnorm(50))
colnames(dat) <- paste0("cell_", 1:ncol(dat))
rownames(dat) <- c("gene_1", "gene_2", "gene_2")

sce <- SingleCellExperiment::SingleCellExperiment(assays =
S4Vectors::SimpleList(counts = dat))
scHOT <- scHOT_buildFromSCE(sce)

```

```

scHOT_calculateGlobalHigherOrderFunction
      scHOT_calculateGlobalHigherOrderFunction

```

Description

this calculates the global higher order function and stores it in the output if these aren't found in the params slot then they need to be specified here

Usage

```

scHOT_calculateGlobalHigherOrderFunction(
  scHOT,
  higherOrderFunction = NULL,
  higherOrderFunctionType = NULL
)

```

Arguments

scHOT A scHOT object

higherOrderFunction A function object indicating the higher order function

higherOrderFunctionType is "weighted" or "unweighted", determines if there is a weighting argument in the higher order function

Details

Calculates the global higher order function

Value

A scHOT object with scHOT_output\$globalHigherOrderFunction in slot scHOT_output saved

Examples

```
data(MOB_subset)
sce_MOB_subset <- MOB_subset$sce_MOB_subset
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_buildFromSCE(sce_MOB_subset,
                                     assayName = "logcounts",
                                     positionType = "spatial",
                                     positionColData = c("x", "y"))
pairs <- matrix(c("Arrb1", "Mtor", "Dnm1l", "Gucy1b3"), ncol = 2, byrow = TRUE)
rownames(pairs) <- apply(pairs, 1, paste0, collapse = "_")
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_addTestingScaffold(scHOT_spatial, pairs)
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_setWeightMatrix(scHOT_spatial,
                                       positionColData = c("x", "y"),
                                       positionType = "spatial",
                                       nrow.out = NULL,
                                       span = 0.05)
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_calculateGlobalHigherOrderFunction(
  scHOT_spatial,
  higherOrderFunction = weightedSpearman,
  higherOrderFunctionType = "weighted")
```

scHOT_calculateHigherOrderTestStatistics

scHOT_calculateHigherOrderTestStatistics

Description

Calculate and store the higherOrderSequence and higherOrderTestStatistic

Usage

```
scHOT_calculateHigherOrderTestStatistics(
  scHOT,
  higherOrderSummaryFunction = stats::sd,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

scHOT	A scHOT object
higherOrderSummaryFunction	A function which indicates how the higher order sequence is summarised, default is sd
...	parameters for higherOrderSummaryFunction

Value

scHOT A scHOT object with results stored in scHOT_output slot

Examples

```
data(MOB_subset)
sce_MOB_subset <- MOB_subset$sce_MOB_subset
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_buildFromSCE(sce_MOB_subset,
                                   assayName = "logcounts",
                                   positionType = "spatial",
                                   positionColData = c("x", "y"))
pairs <- matrix(c("Arrb1", "Mtor", "Dnm1l", "Gucy1b3"), ncol = 2, byrow = TRUE)

rownames(pairs) <- apply(pairs, 1, paste0, collapse = "_")
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_addTestingScaffold(scHOT_spatial, pairs)

scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_setWeightMatrix(scHOT_spatial,
                                       positionColData = c("x", "y"),
                                       positionType = "spatial",
                                       nrow.out = NULL,
                                       span = 0.05)

scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_calculateGlobalHigherOrderFunction(
  scHOT_spatial,
  higherOrderFunction = weightedSpearman,
  higherOrderFunctionType = "weighted")
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_setPermutationScaffold(scHOT_spatial,
                                             numberPermutations = 100)

scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_calculateHigherOrderTestStatistics(
  scHOT_spatial,
  higherOrderSummaryFunction = sd)
```

scHOT_estimatePvalues *scHOT_estimatePvalues*

Description

Estimate p-values based on already run permutation tests

Usage

```
scHOT_estimatePvalues(
  scHOT,
  usenperm_estimate = FALSE,
  nperm_estimate = 10000,
  maxDist = 0.1,
  plot = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

scHOT	A scHOT object
usenperm_estimate	Logical (default FALSE) if number of neighbouring permutations should be used, or if difference of global higher order statistic should be used
nperm_estimate	Number of neighbouring permutations to use for p-value estimation
maxDist	max difference of global higher order statistic to use for p-value estimation (default 0.1)
plot	A logical input indicating whether the results are plotted
verbose	A logical input indicating whether the intermediate steps will be printed

Value

scHOT A scHOT object with results stored in scHOT_output slot

Examples

```
data(MOB_subset)
sce_MOB_subset <- MOB_subset$sce_MOB_subset
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_buildFromSCE(sce_MOB_subset,
                                   assayName = "logcounts",
                                   positionType = "spatial",
                                   positionColData = c("x", "y"))
pairs <- matrix(c("Arrb1", "Mtor", "Dnm1l", "Gucy1b3"), ncol = 2, byrow = TRUE)
rownames(pairs) <- apply(pairs, 1, paste0, collapse = "_")

scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_addTestingScaffold(scHOT_spatial, pairs)
```

```

scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_setWeightMatrix(scHOT_spatial,
                                       positionColData = c("x","y"),
                                       positionType = "spatial",
                                       nrow.out = NULL,
                                       span = 0.05)
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_calculateGlobalHigherOrderFunction(
  scHOT_spatial,
  higherOrderFunction = weightedSpearman,
  higherOrderFunctionType = "weighted")
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_setPermutationScaffold(scHOT_spatial,
                                              numberPermutations = 100)
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_calculateHigherOrderTestStatistics(
  scHOT_spatial,
  higherOrderSummaryFunction = sd)

scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_performPermutationTest(
  scHOT_spatial,
  verbose = TRUE,
  parallel = FALSE)

scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_estimatePvalues(scHOT_spatial)

```

scHOT_output<-

Setter functions for scHOT objects

Description

Setter functions for scHOT objects

Usage

```
scHOT_output(x) <- value
```

Arguments

x	A scHOT object
value	The value the slot should take

Value

A scHOT object

Examples

```

data(MOB_subset)
sce_MOB_subset <- MOB_subset$sce_MOB_subset
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_buildFromSCE(sce_MOB_subset,
  assayName = "logcounts",

```

```

positionType = "spatial",
positionColData = c("x", "y"))

scHOT_output(scHOT_spatial) <- data.frame()

```

```

scHOT_performPermutationTest
      scHOT_performPermutationTest

```

Description

Perform permutation test

Usage

```

scHOT_performPermutationTest(
  scHOT,
  verbose = FALSE,
  parallel = FALSE,
  BPPARAM = BiocParallel::SerialParam()
)

```

Arguments

scHOT	A scHOT object
verbose	A logical input indicates whether the intermediate steps will be printed
parallel	A logical input indicates whether run the permutation test using multiple cores in parallel.
BPPARAM	A BiocParallelParam class object from the BiocParallel package is used. Default is SerialParam().

Value

scHOT A scHOT object with results stored in scHOT_output slot

Examples

```

data(MOB_subset)
sce_MOB_subset <- MOB_subset$sce_MOB_subset
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_buildFromSCE(sce_MOB_subset,
                                     assayName = "logcounts",
                                     positionType = "spatial",
                                     positionColData = c("x", "y"))
pairs <- matrix(c("Arrb1", "Mtor", "Dnm1l", "Gucylb3"), ncol = 2, byrow = TRUE)
rownames(pairs) <- apply(pairs,1,paste0,collapse = "_")
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_addTestingScaffold(scHOT_spatial, pairs)
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_setWeightMatrix(scHOT_spatial,

```

```

                                positionColData = c("x","y"),
                                positionType = "spatial",
                                nrow.out = NULL,
                                span = 0.05)
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_calculateGlobalHigherOrderFunction(
  scHOT_spatial,
  higherOrderFunction = weightedSpearman,
  higherOrderFunctionType = "weighted")
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_setPermutationScaffold(scHOT_spatial,
                                              numberPermutations = 100)
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_calculateHigherOrderTestStatistics(
  scHOT_spatial,
  higherOrderSummaryFunction = sd)

scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_performPermutationTest(
  scHOT_spatial,
  verbose = TRUE,
  parallel = FALSE)

```

scHOT_plotPermutationDistributions

scHOT_plotPermutationDistributions

Description

the scHOT_plotPermutationDistributions function plots the permutation test statistics as a diagnostic plot for estimating p-values

Usage

```
scHOT_plotPermutationDistributions(scHOT)
```

Arguments

scHOT a scHOT object

Value

ggplot graph of global higher order function and the permutation scHOT test statistics. This should have a continuous pattern to be reliably used for p-value estimation

```
scHOT_setPermutationScaffold
      scHOT_setPermutationScaffold
```

Description

Set permutation scaffold

Usage

```
scHOT_setPermutationScaffold(
  scHOT,
  numberPermutations = 1000,
  numberScaffold = 100,
  storePermutations = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

scHOT	A scHOT object
numberPermutations	The number of permutations, set as 1000 by default
numberScaffold	The number of scaffold, set as 100 by default, minimum 6. if you want all combinations to do permutations then set, numberScaffold much higher than the testingScaffold
storePermutations	a logical flag on whether Permutations should be stored, or discarded once used

Value

A scHOT object with storePermutations in slot scHOT_output saved

Examples

```
data(MOB_subset)
sce_MOB_subset <- MOB_subset$sce_MOB_subset
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_buildFromSCE(sce_MOB_subset,
                                   assayName = "logcounts",
                                   positionType = "spatial",
                                   positionColData = c("x", "y"))
pairs <- matrix(c("Arrb1", "Mtor", "Dnm1l", "Gucy1b3"), ncol = 2, byrow = TRUE)
rownames(pairs) <- apply(pairs, 1, paste0, collapse = "_")
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_addTestingScaffold(scHOT_spatial, pairs)
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_setWeightMatrix(scHOT_spatial,
                                       positionColData = c("x", "y"),
                                       positionType = "spatial",
                                       nrow.out = NULL,
                                       span = 0.05)
```

```

scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_calculateGlobalHigherOrderFunction(
  scHOT_spatial,
  higherOrderFunction = weightedSpearman,
  higherOrderFunctionType = "weighted")
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_setPermutationScaffold(scHOT_spatial,
                                              numberPermutations = 100)

```

scHOT_setWeightMatrix *scHOT_setWeightMatrix*

Description

Create scHOT object from a SingleCellExperiment object

Usage

```

scHOT_setWeightMatrix(
  scHOT,
  weightMatrix = NULL,
  positionType = NULL,
  positionColData = NULL,
  nrow.out = NULL,
  averageAcrossTrajectoryTies = FALSE,
  ...
)

```

Arguments

scHOT	A scHOT object
weightMatrix	A matrix indicating the weight matrix for scHOT analysis, such as the output from 'trajectoryWeightMatrix' or 'spatialWeightMatrix'. If this is not NULL then other parameters are ignored.
positionType	A string indicating the position type, either "trajectory" or "spatial"
positionColData	Either trajectory or spatial information for each sample. If positionType is "trajectory" then positionColData should be a character or numeric indicating the subset of colData of the scHOT object. If positionType is "spatial" then positionColData should be a character or numeric vector indicating the subset of colData that give the full spatial coordinates.
nrow.out	The number of weightings to include for testing, a smaller value is faster for computation
averageAcrossTrajectoryTies	Logical indicating whether ties in the trajectory should be given the same local weights
...	parameters for function trajectoryWeightMatrix or spatialWeightMatrix

Value

A scHOT object with slot weightMatrix saved

Examples

```
data(MOB_subset)
sce_MOB_subset <- MOB_subset$sce_MOB_subset
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_buildFromSCE(sce_MOB_subset,
                                   assayName = "logcounts",
                                   positionType = "spatial",
                                   positionColData = c("x", "y"))
pairs <- matrix(c("Arrb1", "Mtor", "Dnm1l", "Gucy1b3"), ncol = 2, byrow = TRUE)
rownames(pairs) <- apply(pairs,1,paste0,collapse = "_")
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_addTestingScaffold(scHOT_spatial, pairs)
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_setWeightMatrix(scHOT_spatial,
                                       positionColData = c("x","y"),
                                       positionType = "spatial",
                                       nrow.out = NULL,
                                       span = 0.05)
```

scHOT_stripOutput

scHOT_stripOutput

Description

Strip the scHOT output

Usage

```
scHOT_stripOutput(scHOT, force = TRUE, store = FALSE, file_name = NULL)
```

Arguments

scHOT	A scHOT object
force	A logical indicates whther forcing stripping the scHOT output
store	A logical flag on whether the scHOT should be stored as .rds file
file_name	A string indicates the file name of the scHOT will be stored

Value

A scHOT object with scHOT_output striped

Examples

```

data(MOB_subset)
sce_MOB_subset <- MOB_subset$sce_MOB_subset
schOT_spatial <- schOT_buildFromSCE(sce_MOB_subset,
                                   assayName = "logcounts",
                                   positionType = "spatial",
                                   positionColData = c("x", "y"))

schOT_spatial <- schOT_stripOutput(schOT_spatial)

```

spatialWeightMatrix	<i>spatialWeightMatrix</i>
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Description

Create weight matrix for spatial data

Usage

```
spatialWeightMatrix(x, span = NULL)
```

Arguments

x	a matrix with rows corresponding to cells and columns corresponding to dimensions to calculate Euclidean distance
span	proportion of samples to include on either side, default is 13/(number of rows in 'x'), corresponding roughly to points within a diamond shape distance away

Value

A weighted matrix

Examples

```

spat_x <- rnorm(50)
spat_y <- rnorm(50)
spat_coord <- cbind(spat_x, spat_y)
W <- spatialWeightMatrix(spat_coord)

```

```
testingScaffold<-      Setter functions for scHOT objects
```

Description

Setter functions for scHOT objects

Usage

```
testingScaffold(x) <- value
```

Arguments

x	A scHOT object
value	The value the slot should take

Value

A scHOT object

Examples

```
data(MOB_subset)
sce_MOB_subset <- MOB_subset$sce_MOB_subset
scHOT_spatial <- scHOT_buildFromSCE(sce_MOB_subset,
  assayName = "logcounts",
  positionType = "spatial",
  positionColData = c("x", "y"))

pairs <- t(combn(rownames(sce_MOB_subset),2))
rownames(pairs) <- apply(pairs,1,paste0,collapse = "_")

testingScaffold(scHOT_spatial) <- pairs
```

```
thin      thin
```

Description

The thin function extracts the rows of a matrix evenly so that roughly n number of rows remain. Used for thinning down the weight matrix to speed up overall computation.

Usage

```
thin(W, n = 100)
```

Arguments

W	matrix
n	rough number of rows to keep

Value

matrix of thinned matrix keeping only roughly n rows.

Examples

```
W = trajectoryWeightMatrix(500)
W_small = thin(W, n = 100)
```

trajectoryWeightMatrix
<i>trajectoryWeightMatrix</i>

Description

Create weight matrix for trajectory data

Usage

```
trajectoryWeightMatrix(n, type = NULL, span = NULL)
```

Arguments

n	indicates the number of cels
type	Type of weight matrix, one of "triangular" (default), "block", and "harmonic"
span	proportion of samples to include on either side, default is 0.25

Value

A weighted matrix

Examples

```
W <- trajectoryWeightMatrix(100)
W <- trajectoryWeightMatrix(100, type = "triangular")
W <- trajectoryWeightMatrix(100, type = "block")
W <- trajectoryWeightMatrix(100, type = "harmonic")
```

weightedPearson	<i>weightedPearson</i>
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Description

the weightedPearson function

Usage

```
weightedPearson(x, y, w = 1)
```

Arguments

x	x and y are data vectors
y	x and y are data vectors
w	weight vector, values should be between 0 and 1

Value

numeric weighted correlation value between x and y

Examples

```
x = rnorm(100)
y = rnorm(100)
w = runif(100)
weightedPearson(x,y,w)
```

weightedSpearman	<i>weightedSpearman</i>
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Description

the weightedSpearman function

Usage

```
weightedSpearman(x, y, w = 1)
```

Arguments

x	x and y are data vectors
y	x and y are data vectors
w	weight vector, values should be between 0 and 1

Value

numeric weighted correlation value between x and y

Examples

```
x = rnorm(100)
y = rnorm(100)
w = runif(100)
weightedSpearman(x,y,w)
```

weightedVariance	<i>weightedVariance</i>
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Description

the weightedVariance function

Usage

```
weightedVariance(x, y = NULL, w)
```

Arguments

x	x is a data vector
y	default to NULL, if given it is ignored
w	weight vector, values should be between 0 and 1

Value

numeric weighted variance value for x

Examples

```
x = rnorm(100)
w = runif(100)
weightedVariance(x,w = w)
```

weightedZIKendall	<i>weightedZIKendall</i>
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Description

the weightedZIKendall function calculates weighted τ^* , where τ^* is described in Pimentel et al (2015) doi:10.1016/j.spl.2014.09.002. This association measure is defined for zero-inflated, non-negative random variables.

Usage

```
weightedZIKendall(x, y, w = 1)
```

Arguments

x	x and y are non-negative data vectors
y	x and y are non-negative data vectors
w	weight vector, values should be between 0 and 1

Value

numeric weighted τ^* association value between x and y

Examples

```
x = pmax(0, rnorm(100))
y = pmax(0, rnorm(100))
w = runif(100)
weightedZIKendall(x, y, w)
```

weightedZISpearman	<i>weightedZISpearman</i>
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Description

the weightedZISpearman function calculates weighted ρ^* , where ρ^* is described in Pimentel et al (2009). This association measure is defined for zero-inflated, non-negative random variables.

Usage

```
weightedZISpearman(x, y, w = 1)
```

Arguments

x	x and y are non-negative data vectors
y	x and y are non-negative data vectors
w	weight vector, values should be between 0 and 1

Value

numeric weighted rho* association value between x and y

Pimentel, Ronald Silva, "Kendall's Tau and Spearman's Rho for Zero-Inflated Data" (2009). Dissertations. 721. <https://scholarworks.wmich.edu/dissertations/721>

Examples

```
x = pmax(0,rnorm(100))
y = pmax(0,rnorm(100))
w = runif(100)
weightedZISpearman(x,y,w)
```

weightMatrix<- *Setter functions for scHOT objects*

Description

Setter functions for scHOT objects

Usage

```
weightMatrix(x) <- value
```

Arguments

x	A scHOT object
value	The value the slot should take

Value

A scHOT object

Examples

```
library(SingleCellExperiment)

data(MOB_subset)
sce_MOB_subset <- MOB_subset$sce_MOB_subset
schOT_spatial <- schOT_buildFromSCE(sce_MOB_subset,
  assayName = "logcounts",
  positionType = "spatial",
  positionColData = c("x", "y"))

W <- spatialWeightMatrix(colData(schOT_spatial)[,slot(schOT_spatial, "positionColData")])

weightMatrix(schOT_spatial) <- W
```

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