

# Package ‘SEtools’

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**Description** This includes a set of tools for working with the SummarizedExperiment class, including merging, melting, aggregation and plotting functions. In particular, SEtools offers a simple interface for plotting complex heatmaps from SE objects.

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aggSE

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## Description

Aggregates the rows of a ‘SummarizedExperiment’.

## Usage

```
aggSE(x, by, assayFun = NULL, rowDatFuns = list())
```

## Arguments

x	An object of class ‘SummarizedExperiment’
by	Vector by which to aggregate, or column of ‘rowData(x)’
assayFun	Function by which to aggregate, or a list of such functions (or vector of function names) of the same length as there are assays. If NULL will attempt to use an appropriate function (and notify the functions used), typically the mean.
rowDatFuns	A named list providing functions by which to aggregate each rowData columns. If a given column has no specified function, the default will be used, i.e. logical are transformed into a proportion, numerics are aggregated by median, and unique factors/characters are pasted together. Use ‘rowDataFuns=NULL’ to discard rowData.

## Value

An object of class ‘SummarizedExperiment’

**Examples**

```
library(SummarizedExperiment)
data("SE", package="SEtools")
# arbitrary IDs for example aggregation:
rowData(SE)$otherID <- rep(LETTERS[1:10],each=10)
SE <- aggSE(SE, "otherID")
```

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castSE

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**Description**

Casts a data.frame as a [SummarizedExperiment-class](#)

**Usage**

```
castSE(
  x,
  rowNames = NULL,
  colNames = NULL,
  assayNames = NULL,
  colData = NULL,
  rowData = NULL,
  sparse = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

x	A data.frame
rowNames	Column of 'x' containing the row.names (if omitted, will build from 'rowData')
colNames	Column of 'x' containing the column names (if omitted, will build from 'colData')
assayNames	Columns of 'x' to turn into assays
colData	Columns of 'x' to use as colData
rowData	Columns of 'x' to use as rowData
sparse	Local, whether to keep the assays sparse.

**Value**

A [SummarizedExperiment-class](#)

**Examples**

```
d <- data.frame(transcript=rep(LETTERS[1:10],each=2), gene=rep(LETTERS[1:5],each=4),
               count=rpois(20, 10), sample=letters[1:2])
head(d)
castSE(d, rowData=c("transcript","gene"), colNames="sample")
```

crossHm

*crossHm***Description**

These functions have been moved and will be deprecated from this package; please use the [sechm](https://bioconductor.org/p) package instead.

**Usage**

```
crossHm(
  ses,
  genes,
  do.scale = TRUE,
  uniqueScale = FALSE,
  assayName = .getDef("assayName"),
  sortBy = seq_along(ses),
  only.common = TRUE,
  cluster_cols = FALSE,
  cluster_rows = is.null(sortBy),
  toporder = NULL,
  hmcols = NULL,
  breaks = .getDef("breaks"),
  gaps_at = .getDef("gaps_at"),
  gaps_row = NULL,
  anno_rows = .getDef("anno_rows"),
  anno_columns = .getDef("anno_columns"),
  name = NULL,
  anno_colors = list(),
  show_rownames = NULL,
  merge_legends = FALSE,
  show_colnames = FALSE,
  rel.width = NULL,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

ses	A (named) list of <a href="#">SummarizedExperiment-class</a> .
genes	A vector of genes/row.names to plot.
do.scale	Logical; whether to scale rows in each SE (default TRUE).
uniqueScale	Logical; whether to force the same colorscale for each heatmap.
assayName	The name of the assay to use; if multiple names are given, the first available will be used. Defaults to "logcpm", "lognorm".
sortBy	Names or indexes of 'ses' to use for sorting rows (default all)

only.common	Logical; whether to plot only rows common to all SEs (default TRUE).
cluster_cols	Logical; whether to cluster columns (default FALSE).
cluster_rows	Logical; whether to cluster rows (default TRUE if 'do.sortRows=FALSE', FALSE otherwise).
toporder	Optional vector of categories on which to supra-order when sorting rows, or name of a 'rowData' column to use for this purpose.
hmcpls	Colors for the heatmap.
breaks	Breaks for the heatmap colors. Alternatively, symmetrical breaks can be generated automatically by setting 'breaks' to a numerical value between 0 and 1. The value is passed as the 'split.prop' argument to the <a href="#">getBreaks</a> function, and indicates the proportion of the points to map to a linear scale, while the more extreme values will be plotted on a quantile scale. 'breaks=FALSE' will disable symmetrical scale and quantile capping, while retaining automatic breaks. 'breaks=1' will produce a symmetrical scale without quantile capping.
gaps_at	Columns of 'colData' to use to establish gaps between columns.
gaps_row	A named vector according to which rows will be split.
anno_rows	Columns of 'rowData' to use for annotation.
anno_columns	Columns of 'colData' to use for annotation.
name	The title of the heatmap key.
anno_colors	List of colors to use for annotation.
show_rownames	Whether to show row names (default TRUE if 50 rows or less).
merge_legends	Logical; passed to <a href="#">draw-HeatmapList-method</a>
show_colnames	Whether to show column names (default FALSE).
rel.width	Relative width of the heatmaps
...	Any other parameter passed to each call of <a href="#">Heatmap</a> .

## Details

Plot a multi-panel heatmap from a list of [SummarizedExperiment-class](#).

## Value

A Heatmap list.

## Examples

```
data("SE", package="SEtools")
se1 <- SE[,1:10]
se2 <- SE[,11:20]
se3 <- mergeSEs( list(se1=se1, se2=se2) )
```

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data	<i>Example dataset</i>
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**Description**

A `SummarizedExperiment-class` containing (a subset of) whole-hippocampus RNAseq of mice after different stressors.

**Value**

a `SummarizedExperiment-class`.

**References**

Floriou-Servou et al. (2018). Distinct Proteomic, Transcriptomic, and Epigenetic Stress Responses in Dorsal and Ventral Hippocampus. *Biological Psychiatry*, **84**(7): 531-541. DOI: 10.1016/j.biopsych.2018.02.003.

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flattenPB	<i>flattenPB</i>
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**Description**

Flattens a pseudo-bulk `SummarizedExperiment` as produced by ‘`muscat::aggregateData`’ so that all cell types are represented in a single assay. Optionally normalizes the data and calculates per-sample logFCs.

**Usage**

```
flattenPB(pb, norm = TRUE, lfc_group = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

pb	a pseudo-bulk <code>SummarizedExperiment</code> as produced by ‘ <code>muscat::aggregateData</code> ’, with different celltypes/clusters are assays.
norm	Logical; whether to calculate logcpm (TMM normalization).
lfc_group	the <code>colData</code> column to use to calculate foldchange. If <code>NULL</code> (default), no fold-change assay will be computed.

**Value**

A `SummarizedExperiment`

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getBreaks	<i>getBreaks</i>
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**Description**

Produces symmetrical breaks for a color scale, with the scale steps increasing for large values, which is useful to avoid outliers influencing too much the color scale.

**Usage**

```
getBreaks(x, n, split.prop = 0.98, symmetric = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	A matrix of log2FC (or any numerical values centered around 0)
<code>n</code>	The desired number of breaks.
<code>split.prop</code>	The proportion of the data points to plot on a linear scale; the remaining will be plotted on a scale with regular frequency per step (quantile).
<code>symmetric</code>	Logical; whether breaks should be symmetric around 0 (default TRUE)

**Value**

A vector of breaks of length = 'n'

**Examples**

```
dat <- rnorm(100, sd = 10)
getBreaks(dat, 10)
```

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log2FC	<i>log2FC</i>
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**Description**

Generates log2(foldchange) matrix/assay, eventually on a per-batch fashion.

**Usage**

```
log2FC(
  x,
  fromAssay = NULL,
  controls,
  by = NULL,
  isLog = NULL,
  agFun = rowMeans,
  toAssay = "log2FC"
)
```

**Arguments**

x	A numeric matrix, or a ‘SummarizedExperiment’ object
fromAssay	The assay to use if ‘x’ is a ‘SummarizedExperiment’
controls	A vector of which samples should be used as controls for foldchange calculations.
by	An optional vector indicating groups/batches by which the controls will be averaged to calculate per-group foldchanges.
isLog	Logical; whether the data is log-transformed. If NULL, will attempt to figure it out from the data and/or assay name
agFun	Aggregation function for the baseline (default rowMeans)
toAssay	The name of the assay in which to save the output.

**Value**

An object of same class as ‘x’; if a ‘SummarizedExperiment’, will have the additional assay named from ‘toAssay’.

**Examples**

```
log2FC( matrix(rnorm(40), ncol=4), controls=1:2 )
```

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meltSE	<i>meltSE</i>
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**Description**

Melts a SE object into a [ggplot](#)-ready long data.frame.

**Usage**

```
meltSE(x, genes, assayName = NULL, colDat.columns = NULL, rowDat.columns = NA)
```

**Arguments**

x	An object of class <a href="#">SummarizedExperiment-class</a>
genes	A vector of genes to include. Use ‘genes=NULL’ to include all.
assayName	The name(s) of the assay(s) to use. If NULL and the assays are named, all of them will be included (if they are not named, the first one will be used).
colDat.columns	The colData columns to include (defaults includes all). Use ‘colDat.columns=NA’ in order not to include any.
rowDat.columns	The rowData columns to include (none included by default). Use ‘rowData=NULL’ to include all.



**Value**

A data.frame.

**Examples**

```
data("SE", package="SEtools")
head(meltSE(SE, "Fos"))
```

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mergeSEs

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**Description**

Merges a list of [SummarizedExperiment-class](#), either by row.names or through specified rowData fields. In cases of many-to-many (or one-to-many) mappings, ‘aggFun’ determines whether the records are aggregated by linking ID (if an aggregation method is given) or all combinations are returned (if ‘aggFun=NULL’ - default).

**Usage**

```
mergeSEs(
  ll,
  use.assays = NULL,
  do.scale = TRUE,
  commonOnly = TRUE,
  colColumns = NULL,
  mergeBy = NULL,
  aggFun = NULL,
  addDatasetPrefix = TRUE,
  defValues = list(),
  keepRowData = TRUE,
  BPPARAM = SerialParam()
)
```

**Arguments**

ll	A (named) list of <a href="#">SummarizedExperiment-class</a>
use.assays	Names (or indexes) of the assays to use. By default, all common assays are used.
do.scale	A logical vector indicating (globally or for each assay) whether to perform row unit-variance scaling on each dataset before merging (default TRUE).
commonOnly	Logical; whether to restrict to rows present in all datasets (default TRUE).
colColumns	A character vector specifying ‘colData’ columns to include (if available in at least one of the datasets). If NULL, everything is kept.
mergeBy	The ‘rowData’ column to merge with. If NULL, row.names are used.

aggFun	The aggregation function to use when multiple rows have the same ‘mergeBy’ value. If merging multiple assays, a different function per assay can be passed as a named list (see <a href="#">aggSE</a> ). If NULL (default), entries will be reused to have each combination.
addDatasetPrefix	Logical; whether the name of the dataset should be appended to the sample names (default TRUE).
defValues	An optional named list of default ‘colData’ values when some columns are missing from some SEs.
keepRowData	Logical, whether to keep the rowData (default TRUE).
BPPARAM	For multithreading the aggregation step.

**Value**

An object of class [SummarizedExperiment-class](#)

**Examples**

```
data("SE", package="SEtools")
mergeSEs( list( se1=SE[,1:10], se2=SE[,11:20] ) )
```

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qualitativeColors      *qualitativeColors*

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**Description**

qualitativeColors

**Usage**

```
qualitativeColors(names, ...)
```

**Arguments**

names	The names to which the colors are to be assigned, or an integer indicating the desired number of colors
...	passed to ‘randomcoloR::distinctColorPalette’

**Value**

A vector (eventually named) of colors

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```
resetAllSEtoolsOptions  
    resetAllSEtoolsOptions
```

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**Description**

Resets all global options relative to SEtools.

**Usage**

```
resetAllSEtoolsOptions()
```

**Value**

None

**Examples**

```
resetAllSEtoolsOptions()
```

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```
scale2          scale2
```

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**Description**

A wrapper for non-centered unit-variance scaling

**Usage**

```
scale2(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A matrix whose rows are to be scaled.

**Value**

A matrix of dimensions like x

**Examples**

```
scale2(matrix(1:9,nrow=3))
```

SE-heatmap

*Heatmap wrappers for `SummarizedExperiment`-class.***Description**

These functions have been moved and will be deprecated from this package; please use the `[sechm]`(<https://bioconductor.org/packages/4.1/bioc/html/sechm/>) package instead.

**Usage**

```
sechm(
  se,
  genes,
  do.scale = FALSE,
  assayName = .getDef("assayName"),
  sortRowsOn = seq_len(ncol(se)),
  cluster_cols = FALSE,
  cluster_rows = is.null(sortRowsOn),
  toporder = NULL,
  hmcols = NULL,
  breaks = .getDef("breaks"),
  gaps_at = .getDef("gaps_at"),
  gaps_row = NULL,
  anno_rows = .getDef("anno_rows"),
  anno_columns = .getDef("anno_columns"),
  name = NULL,
  anno_colors = list(),
  show_rownames = NULL,
  show_colnames = FALSE,
  isMult = FALSE,
  show_heatmap_legend = !isMult,
  show_annotation_legend = TRUE,
  annorow_title_side = ifelse(show_colnames, "bottom", "top"),
  mark = NULL,
  right_annotation = NULL,
  includeMissing = FALSE,
  sort.method = "MDS_angle",
  ...
)

sehm(
  se,
  genes,
  do.scale = FALSE,
  assayName = .getDef("assayName"),
  sortRowsOn = seq_len(ncol(se)),
  cluster_cols = FALSE,
```

```

cluster_rows = is.null(sortRowsOn),
toporder = NULL,
hmcols = NULL,
breaks = .getDef("breaks"),
gaps_at = .getDef("gaps_at"),
gaps_row = NULL,
anno_rows = .getDef("anno_rows"),
anno_columns = .getDef("anno_columns"),
anno_colors = .getAnnoCols(se),
show_rownames = NULL,
show_colnames = FALSE,
...
)

```

### Arguments

se	A <a href="#">SummarizedExperiment-class</a> .
genes	An optional vector of genes (i.e. row names of 'se')
do.scale	Logical; whether to scale rows (default FALSE).
assayName	An optional vector of assayNames to use. The first available will be used, or the first assay if NULL.
sortRowsOn	Sort rows by MDS polar order using the specified columns (default all)
cluster_cols	Whether to cluster columns (default F)
cluster_rows	Whether to cluster rows; default FALSE if 'do.sortRows=TRUE'.
toporder	Optional vector of categories on which to supra-order when sorting rows, or name of a 'rowData' column to use for this purpose.
hmcols	Colors for the heatmap.
breaks	Breaks for the heatmap colors. Alternatively, symmetrical breaks can be generated automatically by setting 'breaks' to a numerical value between 0 and 1. The value is passed as the 'split.prop' argument to the <a href="#">getBreaks</a> function, and indicates the proportion of the points to map to a linear scale, while the more extreme values will be plotted on a quantile scale. 'breaks=FALSE' will disable symmetrical scale and quantile capping, while retaining automatic breaks. 'breaks=1' will produce a symmetrical scale without quantile capping.
gaps_at	Columns of 'colData' to use to establish gaps between columns.
gaps_row	Passed to the heatmap function; if missing, will be set automatically according to toporder.
anno_rows	Columns of 'rowData' to use for annotation.
anno_columns	Columns of 'colData' to use for annotation.
name	The name of the heatmap, eventually appearing as title of the color scale.
anno_colors	List of colors to use for annotation.
show_rownames	Whether to show row names (default TRUE if 50 rows or less).
show_colnames	Whether to show column names (default FALSE).

isMult Logical; used to silence labels when plotting multiple heatmaps  
 show\_heatmap\_legend Logical; whether to show heatmap legend  
 show\_annotation\_legend Logical; whether to show the annotation legend.  
 mark An optional vector of gene names to highlight.  
 right\_annotation Passed to 'ComplexHeatmap::Heatmap'  
 includeMissing Logical; whether to include missing genes (default FALSE)  
 sort.method Method to use for row sorting (see [sortRows](#))  
 ... Further arguments passed to 'pheatmap' ('sehm') or 'Heatmap' ('sechm').  
 annorows\_title\_side Side (top or bottom) of row annotation names

**Value**

A a [Heatmap-class](#).

**Examples**

```
data("SE", package="SEtools")
sehm(SE, row.names(SE)[1:10], do.scale=TRUE)
```

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 se2xls

*se2xlsx*


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**Description**

Writes a SummarizedExperiment to an excel/xlsx file. Requires the 'openxlsx' package.

**Usage**

```
se2xls(se, filename, addSheets = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

se The 'SummarizedExperiment'  
 filename xlsx file name  
 addSheets An optional list of additional tables to save as sheets.

**Value**

Saves to file.

**Examples**

```
data("SE", package="SEtools")
# not run
# se2xls(SE, filename="SE.xlsx")
```

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sortRows	<i>sortRows</i>
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**Description**

sortRows

**Usage**

```
sortRows(
  x,
  z = FALSE,
  toporder = NULL,
  na.rm = FALSE,
  method = "MDS_angle",
  toporder.meth = "before"
)
```

**Arguments**

x	A numeric matrix or data.frame.
z	Whether to scale rows for the purpose of calculating order (default FALSE).
toporder	Optional vector of categories (length=nrow(x)) on which to supra-order when sorting rows.
na.rm	Whether to remove missing values and invariant rows (default FALSE).
method	Serialization method; 'MDS_angle' (default) or 'R2E' recommended.
toporder.meth	Whether to perform higher-order sorting 'before' (default) or 'after' the lower-order sorting.

**Value**

A reordered matrix or data.frame.

**Examples**

```
# random data
m <- matrix( round(rnorm(100,mean=10, sd=2)), nrow=10,
             dimnames=list(LETTERS[1:10], letters[11:20]) )
m
sortRows(m)
```

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svacor	<i>svacor</i>
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### Description

A wrapper around SVA-based correction, providing a corrected assay. If this is RNAseq data or similar, use a count assay with ‘useVST=TRUE’; otherwise (e.g. proteomics) a log-normalized assay is recommended.

### Usage

```
svacor(
  SE,
  form,
  form0 = ~1,
  assayName = NULL,
  regressOutNull = TRUE,
  useVST = TRUE,
  n.sv = NULL,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

SE	An object of class ‘SummarizedExperiment’.
form	The formula of the differential expression model
form0	An optional formula for the null model
assayName	The name (or index) of the assay to use.
regressOutNull	Logical; whether to regress out the variables of ‘form0’.
useVST	Logical; whether to use DESeq2’s variance-stabilizing transformation; (for count data!)
n.sv	The number of surrogate variables (if omitted, <a href="#">sva</a> will attempt to estimate it)
...	Any other argument passed to the <a href="#">sva</a> command.

### Value

Returns the ‘SummarizedExperiment’ with a ‘corrected’ assay and the surrogate variables in ‘col-Data’.



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