

# Package ‘decontX’

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decontX-package	<i>The 'decontX' package.</i>
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## Description

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## References

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.call\_stan\_vb      *Call Stan variational bayes for inference*

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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      *Process Stan output.*

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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(object, cell_type, ...)

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

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

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

## Arguments

object	Data matrix NxM (feature x droplet).
cell_type	1xM vector of cell type. 1-based.
...	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.

## Value

A list containing decontaminated counts, and estimated parameters.

## Examples

```
# Simulated count matrix
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)

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

# 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 subsetted and converted to a sparse matrix of class <code>dgCMatrx</code> 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 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 <code>estimateDelta = TRUE</code> , this is only used to produce a random sample of proportions for an initial value of contamination in each cell. Then <code>fit_dirichlet</code> is used to update delta in each iteration. If <code>estimateDelta = FALSE</code> , 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 <code>c(10, 10)</code> .
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 <code>modelGeneVar</code> function from the 'scran' package. Used only when z is not provided. Default 5000.
dbscanEps	Numeric. The clustering resolution parameter used in 'dbscan' to estimate broad cell clusters. Used only when z is not provided. Default 1.
seed	Integer. Passed to <code>with_seed</code> . For reproducibility, a default value of 12345 is used. If NULL, no calls to <code>with_seed</code> 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 <a href="#">SingleCellExperiment</a> 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	<i>Fast normalization for numeric matrix</i>
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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
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**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))

```

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```
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)**

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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plotDecontXMarkerPercentage

*Plots percentage of cells cell types expressing markers*

---

### 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 <a href="#">decontX</a> will be retrieved from the colData 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 colData of x. (i.e. colData(x)[,z]). 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 round(sqrt(length(markers))).
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
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# 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
```



```

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)**

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**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 <code>c(500, 1000)</code> .

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 <code>with_seed</code> . For reproducibility, a default value of 12345 is used. If NULL, no calls to <code>with_seed</code> 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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