

# Package ‘PLSDAbatch’

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**Description** A novel framework to correct for batch effects prior to any downstream analysis in microbiome data based on Projection to Latent Structures Discriminant Analysis. The main method is named “PLSDA-batch”. It first estimates treatment and batch variation with latent components, then subtracts batch-associated components from the data whilst preserving biological variation of interest. PLSDA-batch is highly suitable for microbiome data as it is non-parametric, multivariate and allows for ordination and data visualisation. Combined with centered log-ratio transformation for addressing uneven library sizes and compositional structure, PLSDA-batch addresses all characteristics of microbiome data that existing correction methods have ignored so far. Two other variants are proposed for 1/ unbalanced batch x treatment designs that are commonly encountered in studies with small sample sizes, and for 2/ selection of discriminative variables amongst treatment groups to avoid overfitting in classification problems. These two variants have widened the scope of applicability of PLSDA-batch to different data settings.

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| AD_data | <i>Anaerobic digestion study</i> |
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Description

This study explored the microbial indicators that could improve the efficacy of anaerobic digestion (AD) bioprocess and prevent its failure. The samples were treated with two different ranges of phenol concentration (effect of interest) and processed at five different dates (batch effect). This study includes a clear and strong batch effect with an approx. balanced batch x treatment design.

Usage

```
data('AD_data')
```

**Format**

A list containing three TreeSummarizedExperiment objects FullData, EgData and CorrectData:

**FullData** A TreeSummarizedExperiment object containing the counts of 75 samples and 567 OTUs. The meta data information of each sample is stored in the rowData, while the taxonomy of each OTU is stored in the colData.

**EgData** A TreeSummarizedExperiment object containing the values of 75 samples and 231 OTUs filtered and centered log ratio transformed from the FullData with raw counts. The rowData includes Y.trt and Y.bat. Y.trt is the effect of interest, which is a factor of phenol concentrations for each sample in the AD study; Y.bat is the batch effect, which is a factor of sample processing dates for each sample. The taxonomy of each OTU is stored in the colData. The rowTree is built based on the Y.bat.

**CorrectData** A TreeSummarizedExperiment object containing seven datasets before or after batch effect correction using different methods. Each assay includes 75 samples and 231 OTUs.

**Value**

None.

**Source**

The raw data were provided by Dr. Olivier Chapleur and published at the referenced article. Filtering and normalisation described in our package vignette.

**References**

Chapleur O, Madigou C, Civade R, Rodolphe Y, Mazéas L, Bouchez T (2016). “Increasing concentrations of phenol progressively affect anaerobic digestion of cellulose and associated microbial communities.” *Biodegradation*, **27**(1), 15–27.

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alignment\_score

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*Alignment Scores for Evaluating the Degree of Mixing Samples*


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**Description**

This function evaluates the degree of mixing samples from different batches in the batch corrected data. It is based on the dissimilarity matrix from Principal Component Analysis.

**Usage**

```
alignment_score(
  data,
  batch,
  var = 0.95,
  k = round(0.1 * nrow(data)),
  ncomp = 20
)
```

**Arguments**

|       |                                                                                                                                                                |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| data  | A numeric matrix. Samples are in rows, while variables are in columns. NAs are not allowed.                                                                    |
| batch | A factor or a class vector for the batch grouping information (categorical outcome variable). The length should be equal to the number of samples in the data. |
| var   | The proportion of data variance explained by the principal components, ranging from 0 to 1. Default value is 0.95.                                             |
| k     | Integer, the number of nearest neighbours. By default 10% of the number of samples are used.                                                                   |
| ncomp | Integer, the number of components for principal component analysis. Default value is 20.                                                                       |

**Value**

A numeric alignment score that ranges from 0 to 1, representing poor to perfect performance of mixing the samples from different batches.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Butler A, Hoffman P, Smibert P, Papalexi E, Satija R (2018). “Integrating single-cell transcriptomic data across different conditions, technologies, and species.” *Nature biotechnology*, **36**(5), 411–420.

**See Also**

[Scatter\\_Density](#), [box\\_plot](#), [density\\_plot](#) and [partVar\\_plot](#) as the other methods for batch effect detection and batch effect removal assessment.

**Examples**

```
library(TreeSummarizedExperiment) # for functions assays(),rowData()
data('sponge_data')
X <- assays(sponge_data)$Clr_value # centered log ratio transformed data
batch <- rowData(sponge_data)$Y.bat # batch information
names(batch) <- rownames(sponge_data)

alignment_score(data = X, batch = batch, var = 0.95, k = 3, ncomp = 20)
```

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box\_plot

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*Box Plot*

### Description

This function draws side-by-side box plots for each batch.

### Usage

```
box_plot(  
  df,  
  title = NULL,  
  batch.legend.title = "Batch",  
  ylab = "Value",  
  color.set = NULL,  
  x.angle = 0,  
  x.hjust = 0.5,  
  x.vjust = 0.5  
)
```

### Arguments

|                    |                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| df                 | A data frame used to draw the box plots.                                                                          |
| title              | Character, the plot title.                                                                                        |
| batch.legend.title | Character, the legend title of batches.                                                                           |
| ylab               | Character, y-axis title.                                                                                          |
| color.set          | A vector of character, indicating the set of colors to use. The colors are represented by hexadecimal color code. |
| x.angle            | Numeric, angle of x axis, in the range of 0 to 360.                                                               |
| x.hjust            | Numeric, horizontal justification of x axis, in the range of 0 to 1.                                              |
| x.vjust            | Numeric, vertical justification of x axis, in the range of 0 to 1.                                                |

### Value

None.

### Author(s)

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### See Also

[Scatter\\_Density](#), [density\\_plot](#), [alignment\\_score](#) and [partVar\\_plot](#) as the other methods for batch effect detection and batch effect removal assessment.

## Examples

```
# The first example
library(TreeSummarizedExperiment) # for functions assays(),rowData()
data('AD_data')
# centered log ratio transformed data
ad.clr <- assays(AD_data$EgData)$Clr_value
ad.batch <- rowData(AD_data$EgData)$Y.bat # batch information
names(ad.batch) <- rownames(AD_data$EgData)
ad.df <- data.frame(value = ad.clr[,1], batch = ad.batch)
box_plot(df = ad.df, title = 'OTU 12', x.angle = 30)

# The second example
colorlist <- rainbow(10)
box_plot(df = ad.df, title = 'OTU 12', color.set = colorlist, x.angle = 30)
```

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deflate\_mtx

*Matrix Deflation*


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## Description

This function removes the variance of given component  $t$  from the input matrix  $X$ .

$$\hat{X} = X - t(t^\top t)^{-1}t^\top X$$

It is a built-in function of PLSDA\_batch.

## Usage

```
deflate_mtx(X, t)
```

## Arguments

|     |                                                                                                                                  |
|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $X$ | A numeric matrix to be deflated. It assumes that samples are on the row, while variables are on the column. NAs are not allowed. |
| $t$ | A component to be deflated out from the matrix.                                                                                  |

## Value

A deflated matrix with the same dimension as the input matrix.

## Author(s)

Yiwen Wang, Kim-Anh Lê Cao

## References

Barker M, Rayens W (2003). “Partial least squares for discrimination.” *Journal of Chemometrics: A Journal of the Chemometrics Society*, **17**(3), 166–173.

**Examples**

```
# A built-in function of PLSDA_batch, not separately used.
# Not run
data('AD_data')
library(mixOmics)
library(TreeSummarizedExperiment)

X <- assays(AD_data$EgData)$Clr_value
ad_pca <- pca(X, ncomp = 3)
# the matrix without the information of PC1:
ad.def.mtx <- deflate_mtx(X, ad_pca$variates$X[,1])
```

density\_plot

*Density Plot***Description**

This function draws an overlap of multiple density plots for each batch.

**Usage**

```
density_plot(
  df,
  title = NULL,
  batch.legend.title = "Batch",
  xlab = "Value",
  color.set = NULL,
  title.hjust = 0.5
)
```

**Arguments**

|                    |                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| df                 | A data frame used to draw the density plots.                                                                      |
| title              | Character, the plot title.                                                                                        |
| batch.legend.title | Character, the legend title of batches.                                                                           |
| xlab               | Character, x-axis title.                                                                                          |
| color.set          | A vector of character, indicating the set of colors to use. The colors are represented by hexadecimal color code. |
| title.hjust        | Numeric, horizontal justification of the plot title, in the range of 0 to 1.                                      |

**Value**

None.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[Scatter\\_Density](#), [box\\_plot](#), [alignment\\_score](#) and [partVar\\_plot](#) as the other methods for batch effect detection and batch effect removal assessment.

**Examples**

```
# The first example
library(TreeSummarizedExperiment) # for functions assays(),rowData()
data('AD_data')
# centered log ratio transformed data
ad.clr <- assays(AD_data$EgData)$Clr_value
ad.batch <- rowData(AD_data$EgData)$Y.bat # batch information
names(ad.batch) <- rownames(AD_data$EgData)
ad.df <- data.frame(value = ad.clr[,1], batch = ad.batch)
density_plot(df = ad.df, title = 'OTU 12')

# The second example
colorlist <- rainbow(10)
density_plot(df = ad.df, title = 'OTU 12', color.set = colorlist)
```

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linear\_regres

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*Linear Regression*


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**Description**

This function fits linear regression (linear model or linear mixed model) on each microbial variable and includes treatment and batch effects as covariates. It generates p-values, adjusted p-values for multiple comparisons, and evaluation metrics of model quality.

**Usage**

```
linear_regres(
  data,
  trt,
  batch.fix = NULL,
  batch.fix2 = NULL,
  batch.random = NULL,
  type = "linear model",
  p.adjust.method = "fdr"
)
```

**Arguments**

|                              |                                                                                                                                            |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>data</code>            | A data frame that contains the response variables for the linear regression. Samples as rows and variables as columns.                     |
| <code>trt</code>             | A factor or a class vector for the treatment grouping information (categorical outcome variable).                                          |
| <code>batch.fix</code>       | A factor or a class vector for the batch grouping information (categorical outcome variable), treated as a fixed effect in the model.      |
| <code>batch.fix2</code>      | A factor or a class vector for a second batch grouping information (categorical outcome variable), treated as a fixed effect in the model. |
| <code>batch.random</code>    | A factor or a class vector for the batch grouping information (categorical outcome variable), treated as a random effect in the model.     |
| <code>type</code>            | The type of model to be used for fitting, either 'linear model' or 'linear mixed model'.                                                   |
| <code>p.adjust.method</code> | The method to be used for p-value adjustment, either "holm", "hochberg", "hommel", "bonferroni", "BH", "BY", "fdr" or "none".              |

**Value**

`linear_regres` returns a list that contains the following components:

|                              |                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>type</code>            | The type of model used for fitting.                                                                                                                                                       |
| <code>model</code>           | Each object fitted.                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <code>raw.p</code>           | The p-values for each response variable.                                                                                                                                                  |
| <code>adj.p</code>           | The adjusted p-values for each response variable.                                                                                                                                         |
| <code>p.adjust.method</code> | The method used for p-value adjustment.                                                                                                                                                   |
| <code>R2</code>              | The proportion of variation in the response variable that is explained by the predictor variables. A higher R2 indicates a better model. Results for 'linear model' only.                 |
| <code>adj.R2</code>          | Adjusted R2 for many predictor variables in the model. Results for 'linear model' only.                                                                                                   |
| <code>cond.R2</code>         | The proportion of variation in the response variable that is explained by the "complete" model with all covariates. Results for 'linear mixed model' only. Similar to R2 in linear model. |
| <code>marg.R2</code>         | The proportion of variation in the response variable that is explained by the fixed effects part only. Results for 'linear mixed model' only.                                             |
| <code>RMSE</code>            | The average error performed by the model in predicting the outcome for an observation. A lower RMSE indicates a better model.                                                             |
| <code>RSE</code>             | also known as the model <i>sigma</i> , is a variant of the RMSE adjusted for the number of predictors in the model. A lower RSE indicates a better model.                                 |
| <code>AIC</code>             | A penalisation value for including additional predictor variables to a model. A lower AIC indicates a better model.                                                                       |
| <code>BIC</code>             | is a variant of AIC with a stronger penalty for including additional variables to the model.                                                                                              |

**Note**

R<sup>2</sup>, adj.R<sup>2</sup>, cond.R<sup>2</sup>, marg.R<sup>2</sup>, RMSE, RSE, AIC, BIC all include the results of two models: (i) the full input model; (ii) a model without batch effects. It can help to decide whether it is better to include batch effects.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Lüdtke D, Makowski D, Waggoner P, Patil I (2020). “performance: Assessment of Regression Models Performance.” *CRAN*. doi:10.5281/zenodo.3952174, R package, <https://easystats.github.io/performance/>.

**See Also**

[percentile\\_norm](#) and [PLSDA\\_batch](#) as the other methods for batch effect management.

**Examples**

```
library(TreeSummarizedExperiment) # for functions assays(),rowData()
data('AD_data')

# centered log ratio transformed data
ad.clr <- assays(AD_data$EgData)$Clr_value
ad.batch <- rowData(AD_data$EgData)$Y.bat # batch information
ad.trt <- rowData(AD_data$EgData)$Y.trt # treatment information
names(ad.batch) <- names(ad.trt) <- rownames(AD_data$EgData)
ad.lm <- linear_regres(data = ad.clr, trt = ad.trt,
                      batch.fix = ad.batch,
                      type = 'linear model')

ad.p.adj <- ad.lm$adj.p
head(ad.lm$AIC)
```

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partVar\_plot

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*Partitioned Variance Plot*


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**Description**

This function draws a partitioned variance plot explained by different sources.

**Usage**

```
partVar_plot(
  prop.df,
  text.cex = 3,
  x.angle = 60,
  x.hjust = 1,
  title = NULL,
  color.set = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

|           |                                                                                                                    |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| prop.df   | A data frame that contains the proportion of variance explained by different sources.                              |
| text.cex  | Numeric, the size of text on the plot.                                                                             |
| x.angle   | Numeric, angle of x axis, in the range of 0 to 360.                                                                |
| x.hjust   | Numeric, horizontal justification of x axis, in the range of 0 to 1.                                               |
| title     | Character, the plot title.                                                                                         |
| color.set | A vector of characters, indicating the set of colors to use. The colors are represented by hexadecimal color code. |

**Value**

None.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[Scatter\\_Density](#), [box\\_plot](#), [density\\_plot](#) and [alignment\\_score](#) as the other methods for batch effect detection and batch effect removal assessment.

**Examples**

```
## First example
library(vegan) # for function varpart()
library(TreeSummarizedExperiment) # for functions assays(),rowData()
data('AD_data')
# centered log ratio transformed data
ad.clr <- assays(AD_data$EgData)$Clr_value
ad.batch <- rowData(AD_data$EgData)$Y.bat # batch information
ad.trt <- rowData(AD_data$EgData)$Y.trt # treatment information
names(ad.batch) <- names(ad.trt) <- rownames(AD_data$EgData)

ad.factors.df <- data.frame(trt = ad.trt, batch = ad.batch)
rda.res <- varpart(ad.clr, ~ trt, ~ batch,
  data = ad.factors.df, scale = TRUE)
```

```

ad.prop.df <- data.frame(Treatment = NA, Batch = NA,
                        Intersection = NA,
                        Residuals = NA)
ad.prop.df[1,] <- rda.res$part$indfract$Adj.R.squared

ad.prop.df <- ad.prop.df[, c(1,3,2,4)]

ad.prop.df[ad.prop.df < 0] <- 0
ad.prop.df <- as.data.frame(t(apply(ad.prop.df, 1, function(x){x/sum(x)})))

partVar_plot(prop.df = ad.prop.df)

## Second example
# a list of data corrected from different methods
ad.corrected.list <- assays(AD_data$CorrectData)
ad.prop.df <- data.frame(Treatment = NA, Batch = NA,
                        Intersection = NA,
                        Residuals = NA)
for(i in seq_len(length(ad.corrected.list))){
  rda.res <- varpart(ad.corrected.list[[i]], ~ trt, ~ batch,
                    data = ad.factors.df, scale = TRUE)
  ad.prop.df[i, ] <- rda.res$part$indfract$Adj.R.squared}

rownames(ad.prop.df) <- names(ad.corrected.list)

ad.prop.df <- ad.prop.df[, c(1,3,2,4)]

ad.prop.df[ad.prop.df < 0] <- 0
ad.prop.df <- as.data.frame(t(apply(ad.prop.df, 1,
                                   function(x){x/sum(x)})))

partVar_plot(prop.df = ad.prop.df)

```

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pb\_color

*Color Palette for PLSDA-batch*


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## Description

The function outputs a vector of colors.

## Usage

```
pb_color(num.vector)
```

## Arguments

|            |                                                                                                      |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| num.vector | An integer vector specifying which color to use in the palette (there are only 25 colors available). |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

**Value**

A vector of colors (25 colors max.)

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
pb_color(seq_len(5))
```

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| percentileofscore | <i>Percentile score</i> |
|-------------------|-------------------------|

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**Description**

This function converts the relative abundance of microbial variables (i.e. bacterial taxa) in case (i.e. disease) samples to percentiles of the equivalent variables in control (i.e. healthy) samples. It is a built-in function of `percentile_norm`.

**Usage**

```
percentileofscore(df, control.index)
```

**Arguments**

`df` A data frame that contains the microbial variables and required to be converted into percentile scores. Samples as rows and variables as columns.

`control.index` A numeric vector that contains the indexes of control samples.

**Value**

A data frame of percentile scores for each microbial variable and each sample.

**References**

Gibbons SM, Duvallet C, Alm EJ (2018). “Correcting for batch effects in case-control microbiome studies.” *PLoS Computational Biology*, **14**(4), e1006102.

**Examples**

```
# A built-in function of percentile_norm, not separately used.
# Not run
library(TreeSummarizedExperiment)
data('AD_data')

ad.clr <- assays(AD_data$EgData)$Clr_value
ad.batch <- rowData(AD_data$EgData)$Y.bat
ad.trt <- rowData(AD_data$EgData)$Y.trt
names(ad.batch) <- names(ad.trt) <- rownames(AD_data$EgData)
trt.first.b <- ad.trt[ad.batch == '09/04/2015']
ad.first.b.pn <- percentileofscore(ad.clr[ad.batch == '09/04/2015', ],
                                which(trt.first.b == '0-0.5'))
```

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|                 |                                 |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| percentile_norm | <i>Percentile Normalisation</i> |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|

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**Description**

This function corrects for batch effects in case-control microbiome studies. Briefly, the relative abundance of microbial variables (i.e. bacterial taxa) in case (i.e. disease) samples are converted to percentiles of the equivalent variables in control (i.e. healthy) samples within a batch prior to pooling data across batches. Pooled batches must have similar case and control cohort definitions.

**Usage**

```
percentile_norm(data = data, batch = batch, trt = trt, ctrl.grp)
```

**Arguments**

|          |                                                                                                                                              |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| data     | A data frame that contains the microbial variables and required to be corrected for batch effects. Samples as rows and variables as columns. |
| batch    | A factor or a class vector for the batch grouping information (categorical outcome variable).                                                |
| trt      | A factor or a class vector for the treatment grouping information (categorical outcome variable).                                            |
| ctrl.grp | Character, the name of control samples (i.e. healthy).                                                                                       |

**Value**

A data frame that corrected for batch effects.

**Author(s)**

Yiwen Wang, Kim-Anh Lê Cao

## References

Gibbons SM, Duvallet C, Alm EJ (2018). “Correcting for batch effects in case-control microbiome studies.” *PLoS Computational Biology*, **14**(4), e1006102.

## See Also

[linear\\_regres](#) and [PLSDA\\_batch](#) as the other methods for batch effect management.

## Examples

```
library(TreeSummarizedExperiment) # for functions assays(),rowData()
data('AD_data')

# centered log ratio transformed data
ad.clr <- assays(AD_data$EgData)$Clr_value
ad.batch <- rowData(AD_data$EgData)$Y.bat # batch information
ad.trt <- rowData(AD_data$EgData)$Y.trt # treatment information
names(ad.batch) <- names(ad.trt) <- rownames(AD_data$EgData)
ad.PN <- percentile_norm(data = ad.clr, batch = ad.batch,
                        trt = ad.trt, ctrl.grp = '0-0.5')
```

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PLSDA

*Partial Least Squares Discriminant Analysis*

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## Description

This function estimates latent dimensions from the explanatory matrix  $X$ . The latent dimensions are maximally associated with the outcome matrix  $Y$ . It is a built-in function of `PLSDA_batch`.

## Usage

```
PLSDA(X, Y, ncomp, keepX = rep(ncol(X), ncomp), tol = 1e-06, max.iter = 500)
```

## Arguments

|                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>X</code>        | A numeric matrix that is centered and scaled as an explanatory matrix. NAs are not allowed.                                                                                                                              |
| <code>Y</code>        | A dummy matrix that is centered and scaled as an outcome matrix.                                                                                                                                                         |
| <code>ncomp</code>    | Integer, the number of dimensions to include in the model.                                                                                                                                                               |
| <code>keepX</code>    | A numeric vector of length <code>ncomp</code> , the number of variables to keep in $X$ -loadings. By default all variables are kept in the model. A valid input of <code>keepX</code> extends PLSDA to a sparse version. |
| <code>tol</code>      | Numeric, convergence stopping value.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>max.iter</code> | Integer, the maximum number of iterations.                                                                                                                                                                               |

**Value**

PLSDA returns a list that contains the following components:

|                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>original_data</code> | The original explanatory matrix $X$ and outcome matrix $Y$ .                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <code>defl_data</code>     | The centered and scaled deflated matrices ( $\hat{X}$ and $\hat{Y}$ ) after removing the variance of latent components calculated with estimated latent dimensions.                                                               |
| <code>latent_comp</code>   | The latent components calculated with estimated latent dimensions.                                                                                                                                                                |
| <code>loadings</code>      | The estimated latent dimensions.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <code>iters</code>         | Number of iterations of the algorithm for each component.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <code>exp_var</code>       | The amount of data variance explained per component (note that contrary to PCA, this amount may not decrease as the aim of the method is not to maximise the variance, but the covariance between $X$ and the dummy matrix $Y$ ). |

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Barker M, Rayens W (2003). “Partial least squares for discrimination.” *Journal of Chemometrics: A Journal of the Chemometrics Society*, **17**(3), 166–173.

**Examples**

```
# A built-in function of PLSDA_batch, not separately used.
# Not run
data('AD_data')
library(mixOmics)
library(TreeSummarizedExperiment)

X <- assays(AD_data$EgData)$Clr_value
Y.trt <- rowData(AD_data$EgData)$Y.trt
names(Y.trt) <- rownames(AD_data$EgData)

X.scale <- scale(X, center = TRUE, scale = TRUE)

# convert Y.trt to be a dummy matrix
Y.trt.mat <- unmap(as.numeric(Y.trt))
Y.trt.scale <- scale(Y.trt.mat, center = TRUE, scale = TRUE)

ad_plsda.trt <- PLSDA(X.scale, Y.trt.scale, ncomp = 1)
# the latent components associated with Y.trt:
X.compnt <- ad_plsda.trt$latent_comp$t
```

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|             |                                                                                |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| PLSDA_batch | <i>Partial Least Squares Discriminant Analysis for Batch Effect Correction</i> |
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## Description

This function removes batch variation from the input data given the batch grouping information and the number of associated components with PLSDA-batch. For sparse PLSDA-batch, the number of variables to keep for each treatment related component is needed (keepX.trt). For weighted PLSDA-batch, the balance should be set to FALSE, and it cannot deal with the nested batch x treatment design.

## Usage

```
PLSDA_batch(
  X,
  Y.trt = NULL,
  Y.bat,
  ncomp.trt = 2,
  ncomp.bat = 2,
  keepX.trt = rep(ncol(X), ncomp.trt),
  keepX.bat = rep(ncol(X), ncomp.bat),
  max.iter = 500,
  tol = 1e-06,
  near.zero.var = TRUE,
  balance = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| X         | A numeric matrix as an explanatory matrix. NAs are not allowed.                                                                                                                                            |
| Y.trt     | A factor or a class vector for the treatment grouping information (categorical outcome variable). Without the input of Y.trt, treatment variation cannot be preserved before correcting for batch effects. |
| Y.bat     | A factor or a class vector for the batch grouping information (categorical outcome variable).                                                                                                              |
| ncomp.trt | Integer, the number of treatment associated dimensions to include in the model.                                                                                                                            |
| ncomp.bat | Integer, the number of batch associated dimensions to include in the model.                                                                                                                                |
| keepX.trt | A numeric vector of length ncomp.trt, the number of variables to keep in X-loadings. By default all variables are kept in the model. A valid input of keepX.trt extends PLSDA-batch to a sparse version.   |
| keepX.bat | A numeric vector of length ncomp.bat, the number of variables to keep in X-loadings. By default all variables are kept in the model. We usually use the default setting.                                   |
| max.iter  | Integer, the maximum number of iterations.                                                                                                                                                                 |

|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| tol           | Numeric, convergence stopping value.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| near.zero.var | Logical, should be set to TRUE in particular for data with many zero values. Setting this argument to FALSE (when appropriate) will speed up the computations. Default value is TRUE.                                                                                         |
| balance       | Logical, should be set to TRUE, if the batch x treatment design is balanced (or complete). Setting this argument to FALSE extends PLSDA-batch to weighted PLSDA-batch. wPLSDA-batch can deal with highly unbalanced designs but not the nested design. Default value is TRUE. |

### Value

PLSDA\_batch returns a list that contains the following components:

|                        |                                                                                             |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| X                      | The original explanatory matrix X.                                                          |
| X.nobatch              | The batch corrected matrix with the same dimension as the input matrix.                     |
| X.notrt                | The matrix from which treatment variation is removed.                                       |
| Y                      | The original outcome variables Y.trt and Y.bat.                                             |
| latent_var.trt         | The treatment associated latent components calculated with corresponding latent dimensions. |
| latent_var.bat         | The batch associated latent components calculated with corresponding latent dimensions.     |
| loadings.trt           | The estimated treatment associated latent dimensions.                                       |
| loadings.bat           | The estimated batch associated latent dimensions.                                           |
| tol                    | The tolerance used in the iterative algorithm, convergence stopping value.                  |
| max.iter               | The maximum number of iterations.                                                           |
| iter.trt               | Number of iterations of the algorithm for each treatment associated component.              |
| iter.bat               | Number of iterations of the algorithm for each batch associated component.                  |
| explained_variance.trt | The amount of data variance explained per treatment associated component.                   |
| explained_variance.bat | The amount of data variance explained per batch associated component.                       |
| weight                 | The sample weights, all 1 for a balanced batch x treatment design.                          |

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### References

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- Wang Y, Lê Cao K (2023). “PLSDA-batch: a multivariate framework to correct for batch effects in microbiome data.” *Briefings in Bioinformatics*, **24**(2), bbac622.

**See Also**

[linear\\_regres](#) and [percentile\\_norm](#) as the other methods for batch effect management.

**Examples**

```
## First example
## PLSDA-batch
library(TreeSummarizedExperiment) # for functions assays(),rowData()
data('AD_data')
X <- assays(AD_data$EgData)$Clr_value # centered log ratio transformed data
Y.trt <- rowData(AD_data$EgData)$Y.trt # treatment information
Y.bat <- rowData(AD_data$EgData)$Y.bat # batch information
names(Y.bat) <- names(Y.trt) <- rownames(AD_data$EgData)
ad_plsda_batch <- PLSDA_batch(X, Y.trt, Y.bat, ncomp.trt = 1, ncomp.bat = 5)
ad_X.corrected <- ad_plsda_batch$X.nobatch # batch corrected data

## Second example
## sparse PLSDA-batch
ad_splsda_batch <- PLSDA_batch(X, Y.trt, Y.bat, ncomp.trt = 1,
                              keepX.trt = 30, ncomp.bat = 5)
```

PreFL

*Prefiltering for Microbiome Data***Description**

This function prefilters the data to remove samples or microbial variables with excess zeroes.

**Usage**

```
PreFL(data, keep.spl = 10, keep.var = 0.01)
```

**Arguments**

|                       |                                                                           |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>data</code>     | The data to be prefiltered. The samples in rows and variables in columns. |
| <code>keep.spl</code> | The minimum counts of a sample to be kept.                                |
| <code>keep.var</code> | The minimum proportion of counts of a variable to be kept.                |

**Value**

PreFL returns a list that contains the following components:

|                          |                                            |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <code>data.filter</code> | The filtered data matrix.                  |
| <code>sample.idx</code>  | The indexes of samples kept.               |
| <code>var.idx</code>     | The indexes of variables kept.             |
| <code>zero.prob</code>   | The proportion of zeros of the input data. |

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**References**

Le Cao K, Costello M, Lakis VA, Bartolo F, Chua X, Brazeilles R, Rondeau P (2016). "MixMC: a multivariate statistical framework to gain insight into microbial communities." *PloS One*, **11**(8), e0160169.

**Examples**

```
library(TreeSummarizedExperiment) # for functions assays()
data('AD_data')

ad.count <- assays(AD_data$FullData)$Count # microbial count data
ad.filter.res <- PreFL(data = ad.count)

# The proportion of zeroes of the AD count data
ad.zero.prob <- ad.filter.res$zero.prob

# The filtered AD count data
ad.filter <- ad.filter.res$data.filter
```

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Scatter\_Density

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*Principal Component Analysis (PCA) with Density Plots per Component*


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**Description**

This function draws a PCA sample plot with density plots per principal component.

**Usage**

```
Scatter_Density(
  object,
  batch = NULL,
  trt = NULL,
  xlim = NULL,
  ylim = NULL,
  color.set = NULL,
  batch.legend.title = "Batch",
  trt.legend.title = "Treatment",
  density.lwd = 0.2,
  title = NULL,
  title.cex = 1.5,
  legend.cex = 0.7,
```

```
    legend.title.cex = 0.75
  )
```

### Arguments

|                                 |                                                                                                                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>object</code>             | The object of class PCA.                                                                                          |
| <code>batch</code>              | A factor or a class vector for the batch grouping information (categorical outcome variable).                     |
| <code>trt</code>                | A factor or a class vector for the treatment grouping information (categorical outcome variable).                 |
| <code>xlim</code>               | A numeric vector of length 2, indicating the x coordinate ranges.                                                 |
| <code>ylim</code>               | A numeric vector of length 2, indicating the y coordinate ranges.                                                 |
| <code>color.set</code>          | A vector of character, indicating the set of colors to use. The colors are represented by hexadecimal color code. |
| <code>batch.legend.title</code> | Character, the legend title of batches.                                                                           |
| <code>trt.legend.title</code>   | Character, the legend title of treatments.                                                                        |
| <code>density.lwd</code>        | Numeric, the thickness of density lines.                                                                          |
| <code>title</code>              | Character, the plot title.                                                                                        |
| <code>title.cex</code>          | Numeric, the size of plot title.                                                                                  |
| <code>legend.cex</code>         | Numeric, the size of legends.                                                                                     |
| <code>legend.title.cex</code>   | Numeric, the size of legend title.                                                                                |

### Value

None.

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### See Also

[box\\_plot](#), [density\\_plot](#), [alignment\\_score](#) and [partVar\\_plot](#) as the other methods for batch effect detection and batch effect removal assessment.

### Examples

```
# The first example
library(mixOmics) # for function pca()
library(TreeSummarizedExperiment) # for functions assays(),rowData()
data('AD_data')
# centered log ratio transformed data
ad.clr <- assays(AD_data$EgData)$Clr_value
ad.pca.before <- pca(ad.clr, ncomp = 3, scale = TRUE)
```

```

ad.batch <- rowData(AD_data$EgData)$Y.bat # batch information
ad.trt <- rowData(AD_data$EgData)$Y.trt # treatment information
names(ad.batch) <- names(ad.trt) <- rownames(AD_data$EgData)
Scatter_Density(object = ad.pca.before, batch = ad.batch, trt = ad.trt)

# The second example
colorlist <- rainbow(10)
Scatter_Density(object = ad.pca.before, batch = ad.batch, trt = ad.trt,
                 color.set = colorlist)

```

sponge\_data

*Sponge A. aerophoba study*

### Description

This study investigated the relationship between metabolite concentration and microbial abundance of specific sponge tissues. The samples were collected from two types of tissues (Ectosome vs. Choanosome) and processed on two separate denaturing gradient gels in electrophoresis. This study includes relative abundance data only and a completely balanced batch x treatment design.

### Usage

```
data('sponge_data')
```

### Format

A TreeSummarizedExperiment object containing the relative abundance (Tss\_value) and centered log ratio transformed values (Clr\_value) of 32 samples and 24 OTUs. The rowData includes Y.trt and Y.bat. Y.trt is the effect of interest, which is a factor of sponge tissues for each sample in the sponge study; Y.bat is the batch effect, which is a factor of electrophoresis gels where each sample processed. The rowTree is built based on the Y.bat.

### Value

None.

### Source

The raw data were downloaded from the referenced article. Filtering and normalisation described in [https://evayiwang.github.io/PLSDAbatch\\_workflow/](https://evayiwang.github.io/PLSDAbatch_workflow/).

### References

Sacristán-Soriano O, Banaigs B, Casamayor EO, Becerro MA (2011). “Exploring the links between natural products and bacterial assemblages in the sponge *Aplysina aerophoba*.” *Appl. Environ. Microbiol.*, **77**(3), 862–870.

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