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Description

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For a first overview see `vignette("MALDIquant-intro", package="MALDIquant")` and/or run `demo("MALDIquant")`.

Details

Package: MALDIquant
License: GPL (>= 3)
URL: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/malDIquant/>

Main classes:

- `MassPeaks`: Represents a peak list of a single spectrum.
- `MassSpectrum`: Represents a single spectrum.

The accompanying website (see below) provides example R scripts to illustrate the functionality of this package, too.

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References

S. Gibb and K. Strimmer. 2012. MALDIquant: a versatile R package for the analysis of mass spectrometry data. *Bioinformatics* 28: 2270-2271. <http://bioinformatics.oxfordjournals.org/content/28/17/2270.abstract>

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/malDIquant/>

See Also

- Introduction: `vignette("MALDIquant-intro", package="MALDIquant")`.
- Run demo files: `demo("MALDIquant")`.
- List all available manual pages: `library(help="MALDIquant")`.
- MALDIquant website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/malDIquant/>.
- more MALDIquant examples and complete analyses: <https://github.com/sgibb/MALDIquantExamples/>.

AbstractMassObject-class

Class "AbstractMassObject"

Description

[AbstractMassObject](#) is an abstract (means pure virtual) class. It is the parent class of [MassSpectrum](#) and [MassPeaks](#). It shouldn't create or handle by the user because it is for internal use only.

Derived classes

[MassPeaks](#), [MassSpectrum](#)

Slots

mass: numeric, mass or mass-to-charge ratio

intensity: numeric, intensities for measured mass-to-charge ratios

metaData: list, some metadata to describe the spectrum

Methods

[signature(x = "AbstractMassObject", i = "numeric"): Extracts a range of an [AbstractMassObject](#) object and returns a new one.

as.matrix signature(x = "AbstractMassObject"): Converts an [AbstractMassObject](#) object to a matrix with 2 columns (mass, intensity).

coordinates signature(object = "AbstractMassObject"): Accessor function for coordinates stored in object generated from imaging mass spectrometry data.

coordinates<- signature(object = "AbstractMassObject", value = "numeric|matrix") Replacement function for coordinates used in imaging mass spectrometry datasets.

intensity signature(object = "AbstractMassObject"): Accessor function for slot intensity.

intensity<- signature(object = "AbstractMassObject", value = "numeric") Replacement function for slot intensity.

isEmpty signature(object = "AbstractMassObject"): Returns TRUE if length of intensity is 0 or all intensity values are 0.

length signature(x = "AbstractMassObject"): Returns length of slot intensity.

lines signature(x = "AbstractMassObject"): Extended function for adding [AbstractMassObject](#) object as a line to a specific plot. See [lines](#) for details.

mass signature(object = "AbstractMassObject"): Accessor function for slot mass.

mass<- signature(object = "AbstractMassObject", value = "numeric") Replacement function for slot mass.

mz signature(object = "AbstractMassObject"): Accessor function for slot mass.

mz<- signature(object = "AbstractMassObject", value = "numeric") Replacement function for slot mass.

- metaData** signature(object = "AbstractMassObject"): Accessor function for slot metaData.
- metaData<-** signature(object = "AbstractMassObject"): Replacement function for slot metaData.
- plot** signature(x = "AbstractMassObject", y = "missing"): Extended function for plotting an AbstractMassObject object. See [plot, AbstractMassObject, missing-method](#) for details.
- points** signature(x = "AbstractMassObject"): Extended function for adding [AbstractMassObject](#) object as points to a specific plot. See [points](#) for details.
- trim** signature(object = "AbstractMassObject", range = "numeric"): Trim an AbstractMassObject object. See [trim, AbstractMassObject, numeric-method](#) for details.
- transformIntensity** signature(object = "AbstractMassObject"): Transforms the intensities of an AbstractMassObject object. See [transformIntensity, AbstractMassObject-method](#) for details.

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See Also

[MassPeaks](#), [MassSpectrum](#), [plot, AbstractMassObject, missing-method](#), [transformIntensity, AbstractMassObject](#), [trim, AbstractMassObject, numeric-method](#)

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

Examples

```
## load package
library("MALDIquant")

## create example spectrum
s <- createMassSpectrum(mass=1:10, intensity=11:20,
                       metaData=list(name="Example Spectrum"))

## get intensity
intensity(s)

## get mass
mass(s)

## get metaData
metaData(s)

## replace metaData
metaData(s) <- list(name="Spectrum")

## trim spectrum
trim(s, c(2, 9))

## select a range
s[3:6]
```

alignSpectra *Align MassSpectrum objects.*

Description

This function aligns a list of [MassSpectrum](#) objects (spectra alignment is also known as *warping/phase correction*).

Usage

```
alignSpectra(spectra, halfWindowSize=20, noiseMethod="MAD", SNR=2,  
             reference, tolerance=0.002, warpingMethod="lowess", ...)
```

Arguments

spectra	list, list of MassSpectrum objects.
halfWindowSize	numeric, half window size; see detectPeaks .
noiseMethod	a noise estimation method; see detectPeaks .
SNR	single numeric value. SNR is an abbreviation for <i>signal-to-noise-ratio</i> ; see detectPeaks .
reference	MassPeaks , reference object to which the samples (1) should be aligned. If missing referencePeaks is used; see determineWarpingFunctions .
tolerance	double, maximal relative deviation of a peak position (mass) to be considered as identical; see determineWarpingFunctions .
warpingMethod	used basic warping function; see determineWarpingFunctions .
...	arguments to be passed to detectPeaks , MassSpectrum-method .

Details

`alignSpectra` is a wrapper function around [detectPeaks](#), [determineWarpingFunctions](#) and [warpMassSpectra](#). Please call these functions manually if you need finer control (e.g. plotting of warping functions).

Value

Returns a list of aligned [MassSpectrum](#) objects.

Author(s)

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See Also

[detectPeaks](#), [determineWarpingFunctions](#), [referencePeaks](#), [warpMassSpectra](#), [MassSpectrum](#)
`demo("warping")`

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

Examples

```
## load package
library("MALDIquant")

## load example data
data("fiedler2009subset", package="MALDIquant")

## running typical workflow

## transform intensities
spectra <- transformIntensity(fiedler2009subset, method="sqrt")

## smooth spectra
spectra <- smoothIntensity(spectra, method="MovingAverage")

## baseline correction
spectra <- removeBaseline(spectra)

## align spectra
spectra <- alignSpectra(spectra)
```

averageMassSpectra *Averages [MassSpectrum](#) objects.*

Description

This function averages [MassSpectrum](#) objects.

Usage

```
averageMassSpectra(l, labels, method=c("mean", "median", "sum"), ...)
```

Arguments

<code>l</code>	list, list of MassSpectrum objects.
<code>labels</code>	list, list of factors (one for each MassSpectrum object) to do groupwise averaging.
<code>method</code>	used aggregation function.
<code>...</code>	arguments to be passed to underlying functions (currently only <code>mc.cores</code> is supported).

Details

The mass of the averaged [MassSpectrum](#) object will be the mass of the first non-empty [MassSpectrum](#) object (of each group).

Value

Returns a single (no labels given) or a [list](#) (labels given) of averaged [MassSpectrum](#) objects.

Author(s)

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See Also

[MassSpectrum](#), [mergeMassPeaks](#)

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

Examples

```
## load package
library("MALDIquant")

## create four MassSpectrum objects and add them to a list
s <- list(createMassSpectrum(mass=1:5, intensity=1:5),
          createMassSpectrum(mass=1:5, intensity=1:5),
          createMassSpectrum(mass=1:5, intensity=6:10),
          createMassSpectrum(mass=1:5, intensity=6:10))

## average all four MassSpectrum objects into a single new one
## by sum their intensities
## (no labels, returns only one new MassSpectrum object)
summedSpectra <- averageMassSpectra(s, method="sum")

## only average MassSpectrum objects in a group
## (e.g. useful for technical replicates)
## (two different labels, returns a list of two new MassPeaks objects)
groups <- factor(c("a", "a", "b", "b"), levels=c("a", "b"))
averagedSpectra <- averageMassSpectra(s, labels=groups, method="mean")
```

binPeaks

Align Peaks into discrete bins.

Description

This function looks for similar peaks (mass) across [MassPeaks](#) objects and equalizes their mass.

Usage

```
binPeaks(l, method=c("strict", "relaxed"), tolerance=0.002)
```


Arguments

l	list, list of MassPeaks objects.
method	bin creation rule. "strict" creates bins never containing two or more peaks of the same sample. "relaxed" allows multiple peaks of the same sample in one bin.
tolerance	double, maximal relative deviation of a peak position (mass) to be considered as identical.

Details

The algorithm is based on the following workflow:

1. Put all mass in a sorted vector.
2. Calculate differences between each neighbor.
3. Divide the mass vector at the largest gap (largest difference) and form a left and a right bin.
4. Rerun step 3 for the left and/or the right bin if they don't fulfill the following criteria:
 - All peaks in a bin are near to the mean ($\text{abs}(\text{mass} - \text{meanMass}) / \text{meanMass} < \text{tolerance}$).
 - `method == "strict"`: The bin doesn't contain two or more peaks of the same sample.

`method == "strict"`: The new peak positions (mass value) are the mean mass of a bin.

`method == "relaxed"`: The new peak positions for the highest peaks of each sample in a bin are generated by the mean mass of this peaks. The lower peaks are not changed.

Value

Returns a [list](#) of mass adjusted [MassPeaks](#) objects.

Author(s)

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See Also

[intensityMatrix](#), [MassPeaks](#)

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

Examples

```
## load package
library("MALDIquant")

## create two MassPeaks objects
p <- list(createMassPeaks(mass=seq(100, 500, 100), intensity=1:5),
          createMassPeaks(mass=c(seq(100.2, 300.2, 100), 395), intensity=1:4))

binnedPeaks <- binPeaks(p, tolerance=0.002)

## compare result
```

```

iM1 <- intensityMatrix(p)
iM2 <- intensityMatrix(binnedPeaks)

all(dim(iM1) == c(2, 9)) # TRUE
all(dim(iM2) == c(2, 6)) # TRUE

show(iM2)

## increase tolerance
binnedPeaks <- binPeaks(p, tolerance=0.1)

iM3 <- intensityMatrix(binnedPeaks)

all(dim(iM3) == c(2, 5)) # TRUE

show(iM3)

## differences between "strict" and "relaxed"
p <- c(createMassPeaks(mass=c(1, 1.01, 3), intensity=c(2, 1, 1)),
       createMassPeaks(mass=c(0.99, 3), intensity=rep(1, 2)),
       createMassPeaks(mass=c(1.02, 3), intensity=rep(1, 2)))

intensityMatrix(binPeaks(p, method="strict", tolerance=0.05))
intensityMatrix(binPeaks(p, method="relaxed", tolerance=0.05))

```

calibrateIntensity-methods

Calibrates intensities of a MassSpectrum object.

Description

This function calibrates (normalize) intensities of [MassSpectrum](#) objects.

Usage

```

## S4 method for signature 'MassSpectrum'
calibrateIntensity(object,
  method=c("TIC", "PQN", "median"), range, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'list'
calibrateIntensity(object,
  method=c("TIC", "PQN", "median"), range, ...)

```

Arguments

object	MassSpectrum object or a list of MassSpectrum objects.
method	the calibration method to be used. This should be one of "TIC", "PQN" or "median". See 'Details' section.
range	numeric of length 2, if given the scaling factor is calculated on the mass range from range[1L] to range[2L] and applied to the whole spectrum.

... arguments to be passed to other functions. Currently only `mc.cores` is supported if object is a list.

Details

A number of different calibration methods are provided:

"TIC": The TIC (*Total Ion Current*) of a `MassSpectrum` object is set to one. If range is given the TIC is only calculated for the intensities in the specified mass range.

"PQN": The PQN (*Probabilistic Quotient Normalization*) is described in *Dieterle et al 2006*. `calibrateIntensity` uses the following algorithm:

1. Calibrate all spectra using the "TIC" calibration.
2. Calculate a median reference spectrum.
3. Calculate the quotients of all intensities of the spectra with those of the reference spectrum.
4. Calculate the median of these quotients for each spectrum.
5. Divide all intensities of each spectrum by its median of quotients.

"median": The median of intensities of a `MassSpectrum` object is set to one.

Value

Returns a modified `MassSpectrum` object with calibrated intensities.

Author(s)

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References

F. Dieterle, A. Ross, G. Schlotterbeck, and Hans Senn. 2006. Probabilistic quotient normalization as robust method to account for dilution of complex biological mixtures. Application in 1H NMR metabonomics. *Analytical Chemistry* 78(13): 4281-4290.

See Also

[MassSpectrum](#)

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

Examples

```
## load package
library("MALDIquant")

## load example data
data("fiedler2009subset", package="MALDIquant")

## baseline correction
b <- removeBaseline(fiedler2009subset)
```

```
## calibrate intensity values
calibrateIntensity(b, method="TIC")

## calibrate intensity values using TIC for a specific mass range
calibrateIntensity(b, method="TIC", range=c(3000, 5000))
```

createMassPeaks *Creates a MassPeaks object.*

Description

This function creates a [MassPeaks](#) object. Normally it shouldn't be called by the user. Try [detectPeaks](#), [MassSpectrum-method](#) instead.

Usage

```
createMassPeaks(mass, intensity, snr=rep.int(NA_real_, length(intensity)),
                metaData=list())
```

Arguments

mass	vector, mass or mass-to-charge ratio.
intensity	vector, intensities for measured mass-to-charge ratios.
snr	vector, signal-to-noise ratios for intensity values.
metaData	list, some metadata to describe the peaks.

Value

Returns a [MassPeaks](#) object.

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See Also

[detectPeaks](#), [MassSpectrum-method](#), [MassPeaks](#)

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

Examples

```
## load package
library("MALDIquant")

## create a MassPeaks object by default constructor
s <- createMassPeaks(mass=1:100, intensity=rnorm(100)^2,
                    metaData=list(name="example peaks"))

## show some details
s
```

createMassSpectrum *Creates a MassSpectrum object.*

Description

This function creates a [MassSpectrum](#) object.

Usage

```
createMassSpectrum(mass, intensity, metaData=list())
```

Arguments

mass	vector, mass or mass-to-charge ratio
intensity	vector, intensities for measured mass-to-charge ratios
metaData	list, some metadata to describe the spectrum

Value

Returns a [MassSpectrum](#) object.

Author(s)

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See Also

[MassSpectrum](#)

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

Examples

```
## load package
library("MALDIquant")

## create a MassSpectrum object by default constructor
s <- createMassSpectrum(mass=1:100, intensity=rnorm(100)^2,
                       metaData=list(name="example spectrum"))

## show some details
s
```

detectPeaks-methods *Detects peaks in a MassSpectrum object.*

Description

This method looks for peaks in mass spectrometry data (represented by a [MassSpectrum](#) object). A peak is a local maximum above a user defined noise threshold.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'MassSpectrum'
detectPeaks(object,
  halfWindowSize=20, method=c("MAD", "SuperSmoother"), SNR=2,
  ...)
## S4 method for signature 'list'
detectPeaks(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	MassSpectrum object or a list of MassSpectrum objects.
halfWindowSize	numeric, half window size. The resulting window reaches from <code>mass[currentIndex-halfWindowSize]</code> to <code>mass[currentIndex+halfWindowSize]</code> . A local maximum have to be the highest one in the given window to be recognized as peak.
method	a noise estimation function; see estimateNoise , MassSpectrum-method .
SNR	single numeric value. SNR is an abbreviation for signal-to-noise-ratio. A local maximum has to be higher than <code>SNR*noise</code> to be recognize as peak.
...	arguments to be passed to estimateNoise , MassSpectrum-method . If object is a list <code>mc.cores</code> is also supported.

Value

Returns a [MassPeaks](#) object.

Author(s)

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See Also

[MassPeaks](#), [MassSpectrum](#), [estimateNoise](#), [MassSpectrum-method](#)

`demo("peaks")`

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

Examples

```
## load package
library("MALDIquant")

## load example data
data("fiedler2009subset", package="MALDIquant")

## choose only the first mass spectrum
s <- fiedler2009subset[[1]]

## transform intensities
s <- transformIntensity(s, method="sqrt")

## smoothing spectrum
s <- smoothIntensity(s, method="MovingAverage")

## remove baseline
s <- removeBaseline(s)

## plot spectrum
plot(s)

## call peak detection
p <- detectPeaks(s)

## draw peaks on the plot
points(p)

## label 10 highest peaks
top10 <- intensity(p) %in% sort(intensity(p), decreasing=TRUE)[1:10]
labelPeaks(p, index=top10)
```

determineWarpingFunctions

Determine warping functions of MassPeaks objects.

Description

This function determines a warping function for a list of [AbstractMassObject](#) objects (warping is also known as *phase correction/spectra alignment*).

Usage

```
determineWarpingFunctions(l, reference, tolerance=0.002,
                          method=c("lowess", "linear", "quadratic", "cubic"),
                          plot=FALSE, plotInteractive=FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

l	list, list of <code>MassPeaks</code> objects.
reference	<code>MassPeaks</code> , reference object to which the samples (l) should be aligned. If missing <code>referencePeaks</code> is used.
tolerance	double, maximal relative deviation of a peak position (mass) to be considered as identical.
method	used basic warping function.
plot	logical, if TRUE a warping plot is drawn for each sample.
plotInteractive	logical, if FALSE a non-interactive device (e.g. pdf) is used for warping plots.
...	arguments to be passed to <code>warpingFunction</code>

Details

`warpingFunction`: `determineWarpingFunctions` estimates a warping function to overcome the difference between mass in reference and in the current sample. To calculate the differences each reference peak would match with the highest sample peak in the nearer neighborhood (defined by mass of reference peak*tolerance).

`plotInteractive`: If `plot` is TRUE a lot of output is created (each sample in l gets its own plot). That's why a non-interactive device is recommended:

```
## create a device
pdf()
## calculate warping functions
w <- determineWarpingFunctions(p, plot=TRUE)
## close device
dev.off()
```

Value

Returns a list of individual warping functions.

Author(s)

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See Also

[referencePeaks](#), [warpMassPeaks](#), [warpMassSpectra](#), [MassPeaks](#)

`demo("warping")`

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

Examples

```
## load package
library("MALDIquant")

## create a reference MassPeaks object
r <- createMassPeaks(mass=1:5, intensity=1:5)

## create test samples
p <- list(createMassPeaks(mass=((1:5)*1.01), intensity=1:5),
          createMassPeaks(mass=((1:5)*0.99), intensity=1:5))

## create an interactive device with 2 rows
par(mfrow=c(2, 1))
## calculate warping function
## (using a linear function as basic warping function)
## and show warping plot
w <- determineWarpingFunctions(p, tolerance=0.02, method="linear",
                              plot=TRUE, plotInteractive=TRUE)
par(mfrow=c(1, 1))

## w contains the individual warping functions
warpedPeaks <- warpMassPeaks(p, w)

## compare results
all(mass(r) == mass(warpedPeaks[[1]])) # TRUE
all(mass(r) == mass(warpedPeaks[[2]])) # TRUE

## realistic example

## load example data
data("fiedler2009subset", package="MALDIquant")

## running typical workflow

## use only four spectra of the subset
spectra <- fiedler2009subset[1:4]

## transform intensities
spectra <- transformIntensity(spectra, method="sqrt")

## smooth spectra
spectra <- smoothIntensity(spectra, method="MovingAverage")

## baseline correction
spectra <- removeBaseline(spectra)

## detect peaks
peaks <- detectPeaks(spectra)

## create an interactive device with 2 rows
```

```

par(mfrow=c(4, 1))
## calculate warping functions (using LOWESS based basic function [default])
w <- determineWarpingFunctions(peaks, plot=TRUE, plotInteractive=TRUE)
par(mfrow=c(1, 1))

## realistic example with user defined reference/calibration peaks

## use the workflow above for fiedler2009subset

## create reference peaks
refPeaks <- createMassPeaks(mass=c(1207, 1264, 1351, 1466, 1616, 2769, 2932,
                                   3191, 3262, 4091, 4209, 5904, 7762, 9285),
                             intensity=rep(1, 14))

## create an interactive device with 2 rows
par(mfrow=c(4, 1))
## calculate warping functions (using a quadratic function as basic function)
w <- determineWarpingFunctions(peaks, reference=refPeaks, method="quadratic",
                               plot=TRUE, plotInteractive=TRUE)
par(mfrow=c(1, 1))

```

estimateBaseline-methods

Estimates the baseline of a MassSpectrum object.

Description

This method estimates the baseline of mass spectrometry data (represented by a [MassSpectrum](#) object).

Usage

```

## S4 method for signature 'MassSpectrum'
estimateBaseline(object,
  method=c("SNIP", "TopHat", "ConvexHull", "median"),
  ...)

```

Arguments

object	MassSpectrum object
method	used baseline estimation method, one of "SNIP", "TopHat", "ConvexHull" or "median".
...	arguments to be passed to method

Details

"SNIP": This baseline estimation is based on the Statistics-sensitive Non-linear Iterative Peak-clipping algorithm (SNIP) described in Ryan et al 1988.

The algorithm based on the following equation:

$$y_i(k) = \min\left\{y_i, \frac{(y_{i-k} + y_{i+k})}{2}\right\}$$

It has two additional arguments namely `iterations` and `decreasing`. `iterations` controls the window size (k ; similar to `halfWindowSize` in "TopHat", "Median") of the algorithm. The resulting window reaches from `mass[cur_index-iterations]` to `mass[cur_index+iterations]`. `decreasing`: In Morhac 2009 a decreasing clipping window is suggested to get a smoother baseline. For `decreasing = TRUE` (`decreasing = FALSE`) $k=iterations$ is decreased (increased) by one until zero (`iterations`) is reached. The default setting is `decreasing = TRUE`.

"TopHat": This algorithm applies a moving minimum (erosion filter) and subsequently a moving maximum (dilation filter) filter on the intensity values. The implementation is based on van Herk 1996. It has an additional `halfWindowSize` argument determining the half size of the moving window for the TopHat filter. The resulting window reaches from `mass[cur_index-halfWindowSize]` to `mass[cur_index+halfWindowSize]`.

"ConvexHull": The baseline estimation is based on a convex hull constructed below the spectrum.

"median": This baseline estimation uses a moving median. It is based on `runmed`. The additional argument `halfWindowSize` corresponds to the k argument in `runmed` ($k = 2 * halfWindowSize + 1$) and controls the half size of the moving window. The resulting window reaches from `mass[cur_index-halfWindowSize]` to `mass[cur_index+halfWindowSize]`.

Value

Returns a two column matrix (first column: mass, second column: intensity) of the estimated baseline.

Author(s)

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References

"SNIP":

C.G. Ryan, E. Clayton, W.L. Griffin, S.H. Sie, and D.R. Cousens. 1988. Snip, a statistics-sensitive background treatment for the quantitative analysis of pixe spectra in geoscience applications. Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research Section B: Beam Interactions with Materials and Atoms, 34(3): 396-402.

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"TopHat":

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See Also

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Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

Examples

```
## load package
library("MALDIquant")

## load example data
data("fiedler2009subset", package="MALDIquant")

## choose only the first mass spectrum
s <- fiedler2009subset[[1]]

## SNIP
plot(s)

## estimate baseline
b <- estimateBaseline(s, method="SNIP", iterations=100)

## draw baseline on the plot
lines(b, col="red")

## TopHat
plot(s)

## estimate baseline (try different parameters)
b1 <- estimateBaseline(s, method="TopHat", halfWindowSize=75)
b2 <- estimateBaseline(s, method="TopHat", halfWindowSize=150)

## draw baselines on the plot
lines(b1, col=2)
lines(b2, col=3)

## draw legend
legend(x="topright", lwd=1, legend=paste0("halfWindowSize=", c(75, 150)),
      col=c(2, 3))

## ConvexHull
```

```
plot(s)

## estimate baseline
b <- estimateBaseline(s, method="ConvexHull")

## draw baseline on the plot
lines(b, col="red")

## Median
plot(s)

## estimate baseline
b <- estimateBaseline(s, method="median")

## draw baseline on the plot
lines(b, col="red")
```

estimateNoise-methods *Estimates the noise of a MassSpectrum object.*

Description

This method estimates the noise of mass spectrometry data (represented by a [MassSpectrum](#) object).

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'MassSpectrum'
estimateNoise(object,
  method=c("MAD", "SuperSmoother"),
  ...)
```

Arguments

object	MassSpectrum object
method	used noise estimation method, one of "MAD" or "SuperSmoother".
...	arguments to be passed to method.

Details

"MAD": This function estimates the noise of mass spectrometry data by calculating the median absolute deviation, see also [mad](#).

"SuperSmoother": This function estimates the noise of mass spectrometry data using Friedman's Super Smoother. Please refer [supsmu](#) for details and additional arguments.

Value

Returns a two column matrix (first column: mass, second column: intensity) of the estimated noise.

Author(s)

Sebastian Gibb <mail@sebastiangibb.de>

See Also

[MassSpectrum](#), [detectPeaks](#), [MassSpectrum-method](#), [mad](#), [supsmu](#)

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

Examples

```
## load package
library("MALDIquant")

## load example data
data("fiedler2009subset", package="MALDIquant")

## choose only the first mass spectrum
s <- fiedler2009subset[[1]]

## transform intensities
s <- transformIntensity(s, method="sqrt")

## remove baseline
s <- removeBaseline(s)

## plot spectrum
plot(s)

## estimate noise
nm <- estimateNoise(s, method="MAD")
nss <- estimateNoise(s, method="SuperSmoother")

## draw noise on the plot
lines(nm, col=2)
lines(nss, col=4)

## draw legend
legend(x="topright", lwd=1, legend=c("MAD", "SuperSmoother"),
      col=c(2, 4))
```

fiedler2009subset *Example Mass Spectra (raw)*

Description

This dataset contains 16 example mass spectra. It is used to demonstrate the usage of [MALDIquant-package](#).

Usage

```
fiedler2009subset
```

Format

A list containing 16 `MassSpectrum-class` objects.

Details

The dataset is a subset of data used in *Fiedler et al 2009*.

It contains spectra of 8 different patients (each one has 2 technical replicates).

list_index	laboratory	patient_id	sex	age	type
1	Leipzig	LC77	male	37	control
2	Leipzig	LC77	male	37	control
3	Leipzig	LC213	female	51	control
4	Leipzig	LC213	female	51	control
5	Leipzig	LT178	male	58	cancer
6	Leipzig	LT178	male	58	cancer
7	Leipzig	LT157	male	60	cancer
8	Leipzig	LT157	male	60	cancer
9	Heidelberg	HC49	male	43	control
10	Heidelberg	HC49	male	43	control
11	Heidelberg	HC54	female	71	control
12	Heidelberg	HC54	female	71	control
13	Heidelberg	HT151	male	53	cancer
14	Heidelberg	HT151	male	53	cancer
15	Heidelberg	HT429	female	58	cancer
16	Heidelberg	HT429	female	58	cancer

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See Also

[MassSpectrum-class](#)

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

Description

This function removes infrequently occurring peaks in a list of `MassPeaks` objects.

Usage

```
filterPeaks(l, minFrequency, minNumber, labels, mergeWhitelists=FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>l</code>	list, list of <code>MassPeaks</code> objects.
<code>minFrequency</code>	double, remove all peaks which occur in less than <code>minFrequency*length(l)</code> <code>MassPeaks</code> objects. It is a relative threshold.
<code>minNumber</code>	double, remove all peaks which occur in less than <code>minNumber</code> <code>MassPeaks</code> objects. It is an absolute threshold.
<code>labels</code>	factor, (one for each <code>MassPeaks</code> object) to do groupwise filtering. The <i>levels</i> of the factor <code>label</code> define the groups. If not specified a single group is assumed.
<code>mergeWhitelists</code>	logical, if FALSE the filtering criteria are applied groupwise. If TRUE peaks that survive the filtering in one group (level of labels) these peaks are also kept in other groups even if their frequencies are below <code>minFrequency</code> .

Details

For `mergeWhitelists=FALSE` the filtering uses a separate peak whitelist for each group specified by `labels`, and is done independently in each group. For `mergeWhitelists=TRUE` the peak whitelists are combined, which means that peaks that occur frequently in at least one group are also kept in all other groups.

If both `minFrequency` and `minNumber` arguments are specified the more stringent threshold is used.

Value

Returns a `list` of filtered `MassPeaks` objects.

Author(s)

Sebastian Gibb <mail@sebastiangibb.de>

See Also

[intensityMatrix](#), [MassPeaks](#)

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

Examples

```

## load package
library("MALDIquant")

## create four MassPeaks objects and add them to the list
p <- list(createMassPeaks(mass=1:2, intensity=1:2),
          createMassPeaks(mass=1:3, intensity=1:3),
          createMassPeaks(mass=1:4, intensity=1:4),
          createMassPeaks(mass=1:5, intensity=1:5))

## only keep peaks which occur in all MassPeaks objects
filteredPeaks <- filterPeaks(p, minFrequency=1)

## compare result
intensities <- intensityMatrix(filteredPeaks)

## peaks at mass 3,4,5 are removed
all(dim(intensities) == c(4, 2)) # TRUE
all(intensities[,1] == 1)      # TRUE
all(intensities[,2] == 2)      # TRUE

## only keep peaks which occur in all MassPeaks objects in a group
## (e.g. useful for technical replicates)
groups <- factor(c("a", "a", "b", "b"), levels=c("a", "b"))
filteredPeaks <- filterPeaks(p, minFrequency=1, labels=groups)

## peaks at mass 3 were removed in group "a"
filteredPeaks[groups == "a"]

## peaks at mass 5 were removed in group "b"
filteredPeaks[groups == "b"]

## only keep peaks which occur at least twice in a group
groups <- factor(c("a", "a", "b", "b", "b"), levels=c("a", "b"))
filteredPeaks <- filterPeaks(c(p, p[[3]]), minNumber=2, labels=groups)

## peaks at mass 3 were removed in group "a"
filteredPeaks[groups == "a"]

## peaks at mass 5 were removed in group "b"
filteredPeaks[groups == "b"]

## apply different minFrequency arguments to each group
groups <- factor(c("a", "a", "b", "b", "b"), levels=c("a", "b"))
filteredPeaks <- filterPeaks(c(p, p[[3]]), minFrequency=c(1, 2/3), labels=groups)
intensityMatrix(filteredPeaks)
#      1 2 3 4
#[1,] 1 2 NA NA
#[2,] 1 2 NA NA
#[3,] 1 2 3 4
#[4,] 1 2 3 4
#[4,] 1 2 3 4

```

```
## demonstrate the use of mergeWhitelists
groups <- factor(c("a", "a", "b", "b"), levels=c("a", "b"))

## default behaviour
filteredPeaks <- filterPeaks(p, minNumber=2, labels=groups)
intensityMatrix(filteredPeaks)
#      1 2 3 4
#[1,] 1 2 NA NA
#[2,] 1 2 NA NA
#[3,] 1 2 3 4
#[4,] 1 2 3 4

## use mergeWhitelists=TRUE to keep peaks of group "a" that match all filtering
## criteria in group "b"
## (please note that mass == 3 is not removed in the second MassPeaks object)
filteredPeaks <- filterPeaks(p, minNumber=2, labels=groups,
                             mergeWhitelists=TRUE)
intensityMatrix(filteredPeaks)
#      1 2 3 4
#[1,] 1 2 NA NA
#[2,] 1 2 3 NA
#[3,] 1 2 3 4
#[4,] 1 2 3 4
```

findEmptyMassObjects *Finds or removes empty AbstractMassObject objects in a list.*

Description

These functions look for empty [AbstractMassObject](#) objects in a [list](#).

Usage

```
findEmptyMassObjects(l)
```

```
removeEmptyMassObjects(l)
```

Arguments

l list, list of [AbstractMassObject](#) where empty objects should be found or removed.

Value

findEmptyMassObjects: Returns a [vector](#) of indices referring to empty [AbstractMassObject](#) objects.

removeEmptyMassObjects: Returns a [list](#) of [AbstractMassObject](#) objects but without empty ones.

Author(s)

Sebastian Gibb <mail@sebastiangibb.de>

See Also

[isEmpty](#), [AbstractMassObject-method](#), [AbstractMassObject](#)

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

Examples

```
## load package
library("MALDIquant")

## create list
peakList <- list()

## create two MassPeaks objects and add them to the list
peakList[[1]] <- createMassPeaks(mass=1:100, intensity=1:100,
                                metaData=list(name="example 1"))
peakList[[2]] <- createMassPeaks(mass=1:100, intensity=1:100,
                                metaData=list(name="example 2"))

## find empty objects (there should not be any one)
findEmptyMassObjects(peakList)

## add an empty MassPeaks object to the list
peakList[[3]] <- createMassPeaks(mass=double(), intensity=double(),
                                metaData=list(name="empty MassPeaks object"))

## look for empty objects (isEmptyIdx == 3)
(isEmptyIdx <- findEmptyMassObjects(peakList))

## to remove all empty MassObjects from a list
length(peakList) # 3
peakList <- removeEmptyMassObjects(peakList)
length(peakList) # 2; WARNING: all indices could changed
```

intensityMatrix

Converts a list of MassPeaks objects into a matrix.

Description

This function converts a [list](#) of [MassPeaks](#) objects into a [matrix](#).

Usage

```
intensityMatrix(peaks, spectra)
```

Arguments

peaks	list, list of MassPeaks objects.
spectra	list, list of MassSpectrum objects. If a peak is missing the corresponding intensity value of the spectrum is used. If spectra is missing NA is used instead.

Details

peaks have to be binned by [binPeaks](#) before calling [intensityMatrix](#).

Value

Returns a [matrix](#) containing intensities of all [MassPeaks](#) objects of peaks and interpolated intensity values for missing peaks if spectra was given or NA otherwise.

The [matrix](#) has `length(peaks)` rows (one row for each sample) and `length(unique(mass))` columns. There is an additional attribute "mass" that stores the mass values.

Author(s)

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See Also

[binPeaks](#), [MassPeaks](#), [MassSpectrum](#)

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

Examples

```
## load package
library("MALDIquant")

## create example MassPeaks objects
p <- list(createMassPeaks(mass=1:4,
                        intensity=11:14,
                        metaData=list(name="test mass peaks 1")),
         createMassPeaks(mass=2:5,
                        intensity=22:25,
                        metaData=list(name="test mass peaks 2")))

## converts MassPeaks objects into a matrix
intensityMatrix(p)

## realistic example

## load example data
data("fiedler2009subset", package="MALDIquant")

## transform intensities
s <- transformIntensity(fiedler2009subset, method="sqrt")
```

```
## smoothing spectrum
s <- smoothIntensity(s, method="MovingAverage")

## remove baseline
s <- removeBaseline(s)

## call peak detection
p <- detectPeaks(s)

## bin peaks
p <- binPeaks(p)

## convert MassPeaks objects into a matrix with missing intensity
## values
intensityMatrix(p)

## convert MassPeaks and MassSpectrum objects into a matrix without
## missing intensity values
intensityMatrix(p, s)
```

isMassSpectrum	<i>Tests for MassSpectrum or MassPeaks object.</i>
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Description

These functions test for a [MassSpectrum](#) or [MassPeaks](#) object.

Usage

```
isMassSpectrum(x)
```

```
isMassPeaks(x)
```

Arguments

x object to be tested.

Value

Returns `TRUE` or `FALSE` depending on whether its argument is an [MassSpectrum](#) or [MassPeaks](#) object.

Author(s)

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See Also

[MassPeaks](#), [MassSpectrum](#), [AbstractMassObject](#)

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

Examples

```
## load package
library("MALDIquant")

## create a MassPeaks object
peaks <- createMassPeaks(mass=1:100, intensity=1:100,
                        metaData=list(name="example 1"))

## test
isMassPeaks(peaks)      # returns TRUE
isMassSpectrum(peaks)  # returns FALSE
isMassPeaks(double())  # returns FALSE
```

isMassSpectrumList *Tests a list of MassSpectrum or MassPeaks objects.*

Description

These functions test a [list](#) whether containing [MassSpectrum](#) or [MassSpectrum](#) objects.

Usage

```
isMassSpectrumList(x)

isMassPeaksList(x)
```

Arguments

x object to be tested.

Value

Returns [TRUE](#) or [FALSE](#) depending on whether its argument is a [list](#) of [MassSpectrum](#) or [MassPeaks](#) objects.

Author(s)

Sebastian Gibb <mail@sebastiangibb.de>

See Also

[MassPeaks](#), [MassSpectrum](#), [AbstractMassObject](#)

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/malDIquant/>

Examples

```
## load package
library("MALDIquant")

## create list
p <- list()

## test list
isMassPeaksList(p) # returns FALSE

## create two MassPeaks objects and add them to the list
p <- createMassPeaks(mass=1:100, intensity=1:100,
                    metaData=list(name="example 1"))
p <- createMassPeaks(mass=1:100, intensity=1:100,
                    metaData=list(name="example 2"))

## test list
isMassPeaksList(p) # returns TRUE
isMassSpectrumList(p) # returns FALSE
```

labelPeaks-methods *Draws peak labels to plot.*

Description

[labelPeaks](#) draws the corresponding mass values on top of the peaks stored in a [MassPeaks](#) object to a plot.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'MassPeaks'
labelPeaks(object,
  index,
  mass,
  labels,
  digits=3, underline=TRUE,
  verticalOffset=abs(diff(par("usr")[3:4]))*0.01,
  absoluteVerticalPos,
  adj=c(0.5, 0), cex=0.7, srt=0,
  avoidOverlap=FALSE,
  arrowLength=0, arrowLwd=0.5, arrowCol=1,
  ...)
```

Arguments

object	MassPeaks object.
index	integer/logical, indices of peaks to label.
mass	numeric, mass of peaks to label.

labels character, use labels instead of mass values as peak label.
digits integer, number of decimal places.
underline logical, underline peak values?
verticalOffset numeric, move label vertically (relative to peak height).
absoluteVerticalPos numeric, absolute y value for the label. If missing verticalOffset is used.
adj numeric, adjust text to the left, center, right and top, center, bottom; see [text](#).
cex numeric, font size, see [par](#).
srt numeric, the label rotation in degrees.
avoidOverlap logical, try to find label coordinates to avoid overlap.
arrowLength, arrowLwd, arrowCol arrow parameters, possible vectors. NA values in arrowCol cause the arrow to be omitted, see [arrows](#).
... arguments to be passed to [text](#).

Details

Please note that avoidOverlap = TRUE is just supported for srt %% 90 == 0 (means srt has to be a multiple of 90 degree).

Author(s)

Sebastian Gibb

See Also

[MassPeaks](#), [plot](#), [AbstractMassObject](#), [missing-method](#)

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

Examples

```

## load package
library("MALDIquant")

## create a MassPeaks object from scratch
p <- createMassPeaks(mass=1:20, intensity=sample(x=100:10000, size=20),
                    metaData=list(name="example"))

## plot peaks
plot(p)

## label the first 5 peaks
labelPeaks(p, index=1:5)

## label all peaks in mass range 15 to 20
labelPeaks(p, mass=15:20, underline=FALSE)

## label highest peaks (top 5)

```



```
top5 <- intensity(p) %in% sort(intensity(p), decreasing=TRUE)[1:5]
labelPeaks(p, index=top5, col="red")

## real example
data("fiedler2009subset")

## a simplified preprocessing
r <- removeBaseline(fiedler2009subset[[1]])
p <- detectPeaks(r)
plot(p)

## label highest peaks (top 10) and avoid label overlap
top10 <- sort(intensity(p), decreasing=TRUE, index.return=TRUE)$ix[1:10]
labelPeaks(p, index=top10, avoidOverlap=TRUE, digits=1)

## use own labels and rotate by 90 degree
plot(p)
labelPeaks(p, index=top10, labels=paste("TOP", 1:10), underline=FALSE,
           srt=90, adj=c(0, 0.5), col=2)
```

MALDIquant-parallel *Parallel Support in Package MALDIquant*

Description

MALDIquant offers multi-core support using [mclapply](#) and [mcmapply](#). This approach is limited to unix-based platforms.

Please note that not all functions benefit from parallelisation. Often the overhead to create/copy objects outrun the time saving of parallel runs. This is true for functions that are very fast to compute (e.g. sqrt-transformation). That's why the default value for the `mc.cores` argument in all functions is 1L. It depends on the size of the dataset which step (often only [removeBaseline](#) and [detectPeaks](#)) benefits from parallelisation.

In general it is faster to encapsulate the complete workflow into a function and parallelise it using [mclapply](#) instead of using the `mc.cores` argument of each method. The reason is the reduced overhead for object management (only one split/combine is needed instead of doing these operations in each function again and again).

Details

The following functions/methods support the `mc.cores` argument:

- [trim,list,numeric-method](#)
- [transformIntensity,list-method](#)
- [smoothIntensity,list-method](#)
- [removeBaseline,list-method](#)
- [calibrateIntensity,list-method](#)
- [detectPeaks,list-method](#)

- [alignSpectra](#)
- [averageMassSpectra](#)
- [mergeMassPeaks](#)

See Also

[mclapply](#), [mcmapply](#)

Examples

```
## load package
library("MALDIquant")

## load example data
data("fiedler2009subset", package="MALDIquant")

## run single-core baseline correction
print(system.time(
  b1 <- removeBaseline(fiedler2009subset, method="SNIP")
))

if(.Platform$OS.type == "unix") {
  ## run multi-core baseline correction
  print(system.time(
    b2 <- removeBaseline(fiedler2009subset, method="SNIP", mc.cores=2)
  ))
  stopifnot(all.equal(b1, b2))
}

## parallelise complete workflow
workflow <- function(spectra, cores) {
  s <- transformIntensity(spectra, method="sqrt", mc.cores=cores)
  s <- smoothIntensity(s, method="SavitzkyGolay", halfWindowSize=10,
    mc.cores=cores)
  s <- removeBaseline(s, method="SNIP", iterations=100, mc.cores=cores)
  s <- calibrateIntensity(s, method="TIC", mc.cores=cores)
  detectPeaks(s, method="MAD", halfWindowSize=20, SNR=2, mc.cores=cores)
}

if(.Platform$OS.type == "unix") {
  ## parallelise the complete workflow is often faster because the overhead is
  ## reduced
  print(system.time(
    p1 <- unlist(parallel::mclapply(fiedler2009subset,
      function(x)workflow(list(x), cores=1),
      mc.cores=2), use.names=FALSE)
  ))
  print(system.time(
    p2 <- workflow(fiedler2009subset, cores=2)
  ))
  stopifnot(all.equal(p1, p2))
}
```

MassPeaks-class	Class "MassPeaks"
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Description

[MassPeaks](#) represents extracted peaks of a single spectrum of a MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry measurement.

Objects from the Class

[createMassPeaks](#): Creates a [MassPeaks](#) object.

Extends

Class [AbstractMassObject](#), directly.

Slots

snr: vector, signal-to-noise ratio

Methods

labelPeaks signature(x = "MassPeaks"): Draws peak labels to plot. See [labelPeaks, MassPeaks-method](#) for details.

monoisotopicPeaks signature(x = "MassPeaks"): Finds monoisotopic peaks in peak lists. See [monoisotopicPeaks, MassPeaks-method](#) for details.

Author(s)

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See Also

[createMassPeaks](#), [detectPeaks](#), [MassSpectrum-method](#), [labelPeaks](#), [MassPeaks-method](#), [AbstractMassObject](#)

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

MassSpectrum-class *Class "MassSpectrum"*

Description

[MassSpectrum](#) represents a single spectrum of a MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry measurement. It provides an easy framework for doing some preprocessing steps like peak detection, baseline correction and much more.

Objects from the Class

[createMassSpectrum](#): Creates a [MassSpectrum](#) object.

Extends

Class [AbstractMassObject](#), directly.

Methods

calibrateIntensity signature(x = "MassSpectrum"): Calibrates the intensity of a [MassSpectrum](#) object. See [calibrateIntensity,MassSpectrum-method](#) for details.

detectPeaks signature(x = "MassSpectrum"): Look for local maxima and estimate noise to extract peaks out of a [MassSpectrum](#) object. See [detectPeaks,MassSpectrum-method](#) for details.

estimateBaseline signature(x = "MassSpectrum"): Estimates the baseline of a [MassSpectrum](#) object. See [estimateBaseline,MassSpectrum-method](#) for details.

estimateNoise signature(x = "MassSpectrum"): Estimates the noise of a [MassSpectrum](#) object. See [estimateNoise,MassSpectrum-method](#) for details.

isRegular signature(object = "MassSpectrum"): Returns FALSE if the frequency of mass values with irregular intervals is greater than threshold (because object was measured in *centroid* mode or some intensity values were filtered).

removeBaseline signature(x = "MassSpectrum"): Estimates and removes the baseline of a [MassSpectrum](#) object. See [removeBaseline,MassSpectrum-method](#) for details.

smoothIntensity signature(object = "MassSpectrum"): Smooths the intensities of an [MassSpectrum](#) object. See [smoothIntensity,MassSpectrum-method](#) for details.

totalIonCurrent signature(object = "MassSpectrum"): Accessor function for Total Ion Current (TIC, area under the curve).

Author(s)

Sebastian Gibb <mail@sebastiangibb.de>

See Also

[createMassSpectrum](#), [calibrateIntensity](#), [MassSpectrum-method](#), [detectPeaks](#), [MassSpectrum-method](#), [estimateBaseline](#), [MassSpectrum-method](#), [estimateNoise](#), [MassSpectrum-method](#), [removeBaseline](#), [MassSpectrum-method](#), [smoothIntensity](#), [MassSpectrum-method](#), [AbstractMassObject](#)

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

Examples

```
## load package
library("MALDIquant")

## create a MassSpectrum object by default constructor
s <- createMassSpectrum(mass=1:100, intensity=rnorm(100)^2,
                       metaData=list(name="example"))

## show some details
s

## plot spectrum
plot(s)

## get TIC
totalIonCurrent(s)

## modify intensity and metaData
intensity(s)[1:50] <- 0
metaData(s) <- list(name="modified example")

## plot again
plot(s)
```

match.closest

Relaxed Value Matching

Description

`match.closest` returns a vector of the positions of (first) matches its first arguments in its second. In contrast to the similar `match` it just accept numeric arguments but has an additional tolerance argument that allows relaxed matching.

Usage

```
match.closest(x, table, tolerance = Inf, nomatch = NA_integer_)
```

Arguments

x	numeric, the values to be matched.
table	numeric, the values to be matched against. In contrast to <code>match</code> table has to be sorted in increasing order.
tolerance	numeric, accepted tolerance. Use <code>Inf</code> to match without restrictions. Could be of length one or the same length as <code>table</code> .
nomatch	numeric, if the difference between the value in <code>x</code> and <code>table</code> is larger than <code>tolerance</code> <code>nomatch</code> is returned. Has to be of length one.

Value

An integer vector of the same length as `x` giving the closest position in `table` of the first match or `nomatch` if there is no match.

See Also

[match](#)

Examples

```
library("MALDIquant")
match.closest(c(1.1, 1.4, 9.8), 1:10)
# [1] 1 1 10
match.closest(c(1.1, 1.4, 9.8), 1:10, tolerance=0.25)
# [1] 1 NA 10
match.closest(c(1.1, 1.4, 9.8), 1:10, tolerance=0.25, nomatch=0)
# [1] 1 0 10

## this function is most useful if you want to subset an intensityMatrix
## by a few (reference) peaks

## create an example intensityMatrix
im <- matrix(1:10, nrow=2, dimnames=list(NULL, 1:5))
attr(im, "mass") <- 1:5
im
#      1 2 3 4 5
# [1,] 1 3 5 7 9
# [2,] 2 4 6 8 10
# attr(,"mass")
# [1] 1 2 3 4 5

## reference peaks
ref <- c(2.2, 4.8)

im[, match.closest(ref, attr(im, "mass"), tolerance=0.25, nomatch=0)]
#      2 5
# [1,] 3 9
# [2,] 4 10
```

mergeMassPeaks	<i>Merges MassPeaks objects.</i>
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Description

This function merges [MassPeaks](#) objects.

Usage

```
mergeMassPeaks(l, labels, method=c("mean", "median", "sum"), ignore.na=TRUE,
  ...)
```

Arguments

<code>l</code>	list, list of MassPeaks objects.
<code>labels</code>	list, list of factors (one for each MassPeaks object) to do groupwise merging.
<code>method</code>	used merge method.
<code>ignore.na</code>	Should NA (positions where a peak is missing) ignored (<code>ignore.na=TRUE</code>) or treated as zero (<code>ignore.na=FALSE</code>)?
<code>...</code>	arguments to be passed to underlying functions (currently only <code>mc.cores</code> is supported).

Value

Returns a single (no labels given) or a [list](#) (labels given) of merged [MassPeaks](#) objects.

Author(s)

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See Also

[MassPeaks](#), [averageMassSpectra](#)

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

Examples

```
## load package
library("MALDIquant")

## create four MassPeaks objects and add them to the list
p <- list(createMassPeaks(mass=1:2, intensity=1:2),
  createMassPeaks(mass=1:3, intensity=1:3),
  createMassPeaks(mass=1:4, intensity=1:4),
  createMassPeaks(mass=1:5, intensity=1:5))

## merge all four MassPeaks objects into a single new one
```

```
## by sum their intensities
## (no labels, returns only one new MassPeaks object)
mergedPeaks <- mergeMassPeaks(p, method="sum")

## only merge MassPeaks objects in a group
## (two different labels, returns a list of two new MassPeaks objects)
groups <- factor(c("a", "a", "b", "b"), levels=c("a", "b"))
mergedPeaks <- mergeMassPeaks(p, labels=groups, method="mean")

## the same, but treat NA as zero
mergedPeaks <- mergeMassPeaks(p, labels=groups, method="mean", ignore.na=FALSE)
```

monoisotopicPeaks-methods

Finds monoisotopic peaks in a MassPeaks object.

Description

This method looks for monoisotopic peaks in peak list data (represented by a [MassPeaks](#) objects). It is based on the poisson model for isotopic patterns described in Breen et al 2000.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'MassPeaks'
monoisotopicPeaks(object,
  minCor=0.95, tolerance=1e-4, distance=1.00235, size=3L:10L)
## S4 method for signature 'list'
monoisotopicPeaks(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	MassPeaks object or a list of MassPeaks objects.
minCor	double, minimal correlation between the peak pattern generated by the model and the experimental peaks in the MassPeaks object to be recognized as isotopic pattern.
tolerance	double, maximal relative deviation of peaks position (mass) to be considered as isotopic distance ($\text{abs}(((\text{mass}[i]+\text{distance})-\text{mass}[i+1])/ \text{mass}[i]) < \text{tolerance})$).
distance	double, distance between two consecutive peaks in an isotopic pattern (default value taken from Park et al 2008). Could contain more than one value, e.g. $\text{distance}=(1:3)^{-1}$ to find isotopic patterns for multiple charged patterns (e.g. 1+, 2+, and 3+). Please note that the order matters here if there is a monoisotopic peak for charge state 1 and 3 it would be reported as charge 1 for $\text{distance}=(1:3)^{-1}$ and as 3 for $\text{distance}=(3:1)^{-1}$ respectively.
size	double, size (length) of isotopic pattern, longer patterns are preferred over shorter ones.
...	arguments to be passed to monoisotopicPeaks, MassPeaks-method . If object is a list <code>mc.cores</code> is also supported.

Value

Returns a [MassPeaks](#) object with monoisotopic peaks only.

Author(s)

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References

K. Park, J.Y. Yoon, S. Lee, E. Paek, H. Park, H.J. Jung, and S.W. Lee. 2008. Isotopic peak intensity ratio based algorithm for determination of isotopic clusters and monoisotopic masses of polypeptides from high-resolution mass spectrometric data. *Analytical Chemistry*, 80: 7294-7303.

E.J. Breen, F.G. Hopwood, K.L. Williams, and M.R. Wilkins. 2000. Automatic poisson peak harvesting for high throughput protein identification. *Electrophoresis* 21: 2243-2251.

See Also

[MassPeaks](#), [detectPeaks](#), [MassSpectrum-method](#)

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

Examples

```
## load package
library("MALDIquant")

## create example peaks
p <- createMassPeaks(mass=995:1005,
                    intensity=c(100, 10, 30, 10, 40, # noise
                               550, 330, 110, 10, # isotopic pattern
                               5, 15)) # more noise

m <- monoisotopicPeaks(p)
as.matrix(m)

## plot the peaks and mark the monoisotopic one
plot(p)
points(m, col=2, pch=4)
```

msiSlices

Turn a list of AbstractMassObjects into a mass spectrometry imaging slice.

Description

This function turns a mass spectrometry imaging dataset represented by a list of [AbstractMassObject](#) objects into an [intensityMatrix](#) for each slice (stored in an array).

Usage

```
msiSlices(x, center, tolerance, method=c("sum", "mean", "median"), adjust=TRUE)
```

Arguments

x	a list of MassSpectrum / MassPeaks objects.
center	double, the center mas value of each slice.
tolerance	double, specifies the thickness of the slices (center + c(-tolerance, tolerance)).
method	used aggregation function.
adjust	logical, if TRUE the lowest coordinates of the mass spectrometry imaging dataset are set to c(x=1, y=1) to avoid NA values at the borders.

Details

Each [MassSpectrum](#)/[MassPeaks](#) object in x must contain a list named `imaging` with an element `pos` that stores the x and y value of the spectrum, e.g.:

```
> metaData(spectra[[1]])$imaging$pos
x y
1 5
```

Value

Returns an [array](#) of three dimensions. The first and second dimensions contains the x and y coordinates of the image. The third dimension represents the index of the center of each slice. There are two additional attributes, namely "center" and "tolerance" which store the original center and tolerance information.

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See Also

[AbstractMassObject](#), [MassSpectrum](#), [MassPeaks](#), [coordinates](#), [AbstractMassObject-method](#), [plotMsiSlice](#), [list-method](#)

Please find real examples on:

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

Vignette: <https://github.com/sgibb/MALDIquantExamples/raw/master/inst/doc/nyakas2013.pdf>

Shiny: <https://github.com/sgibb/ims-shiny/>

Examples

```
## load package
library("MALDIquant")

## load example data
data("fiedler2009subset", package="MALDIquant")

## please note: this is NOT a MSI data set
## we just add some coordinates for demonstration
coordinates(fiedler2009subset) <- cbind(x=rep(1:4, 2), y=rep(1:2, each=4))

slices <- msiSlices(fiedler2009subset, center=c(5864.49, 8936.97),
                    tolerance=0.25)

slices
```

plot-methods

Plots an AbstractMassObject object.

Description

This is an overloaded method to allow plotting of an [AbstractMassObject](#) object.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'AbstractMassObject,missing'
plot(x, col="black",
     xlab=expression(italic(m/z)), ylab="intensity",
     type=ifelse(isMassPeaks(x), "h", "l"),
     xlim=c(ifelse(length(x@mass), min(x@mass, na.rm=TRUE), 0),
            ifelse(length(x@mass), max(x@mass, na.rm=TRUE), 1)),
     ylim=c(0, ifelse(length(x@intensity), max(x@intensity, na.rm=TRUE), 1)),
     main=x@metaData$name, sub=x@metaData$file,
     cex.sub=0.75, col.sub="#808080",
     abline.col="#808080", ...)
```

Arguments

x	MassSpectrum object.
col	line colour, see par .
xlab	title for the x-axis, see title .
ylab	title for the y-axis, see title .
type	type of plot: see plot .
xlim	the x limits (x1, x2) of the plot, see plot.default .
ylim	the y limits (y1, y2) of the plot, see plot.default .
main	title for the plot, see title .

sub sub title for the plot, see [title](#).
cex.sub sub title font size, see [par](#).
col.sub sub title color, see [par](#).
abline.col colour for horizontal line at y=0.
... arguments to be passed to [plot](#).

Author(s)

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See Also

[AbstractMassObject](#)

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

Examples

```
## load package
library("MALDIquant")

## create a MassSpectrum object by default constructor
s <- createMassSpectrum(mass=1:100, intensity=rnorm(100)^2,
                       metaData=list(name="example"))

## show some details
s

## plot spectrum
plot(s)
```

plotMsiSlice-methods *Plots a Mass Spectrometry Imaging dataset.*

Description

This function allows to plot a slice of a mass spectrometry imaging dataset represented by a list of [AbstractMassObject](#) objects or an array or a matrix.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'list'
plotMsiSlice(x, center, tolerance,
             colRamp=colorRamp(c("black", "blue", "green", "yellow", "red")),
             interpolate=FALSE, legend=TRUE, alignLabels=FALSE, combine=FALSE,
             ...)
## S4 method for signature 'array'
plotMsiSlice(x,
```

```

    colRamp=colorRamp(c("black", "blue", "green", "yellow", "red")),
    interpolate=FALSE, legend=TRUE, alignLabels=FALSE, combine=FALSE,
    plotInteractive=FALSE, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'matrix'
plotMsiSlice(x,
  colRamp=colorRamp(c("black", "blue", "green", "yellow", "red")),
  interpolate=FALSE, scale=TRUE, legend=scale, ...)

```

Arguments

x	The mass spectrometry imaging dataset. It could be a list of MassSpectrum/MassPeaks objects or an array (e.g. generated by msiSlices) or a matrix.
center	double, if x is a list of MassSpectrum/MassPeaks objects this argument represent the <i>center</i> mass value of the slices, see msiSlices for details.
tolerance	double, if center is given tolerance specifies the thickness of the slices (center + c(-tolerance, see msiSlices for details).
colRamp	colours as colorRamp function, see colorRamp for details. If combine=TRUE multiple colour functions must be applied as list with an length that equals the number of given centers.
interpolate	logical, use linear interpolation when drawing the image, see rasterImage for details.
scale	logical, if TRUE all values are divided by the maximal value of the slice to get values between 0 and 1.
legend	logical, if TRUE a reference color gradient is plotted on the right hand side of the plot. The upper color represents the highest value in the slice and the lower color the lowest value respectively. The legend is disabled if scale=FALSE.
alignLabels	logical, if combine=TRUE and alignLabels=TRUE the center positions below the legend are aligned on the right margin otherwise the aligned to their corresponding gradient.
combine	logical, if TRUE multiple centers are plotted in one image. Therefore it would be necessary to apply a list of colRamp functions (one function for each center). The intensity values for each center of each pixel are compared against each other and the highest scaled intensity determines the center (and the corresponding colRamp).
plotInteractive	logical, if the slice array contains multiple centers, combine=FALSE and an interactive plotting device is used a warning is thrown and only the first center would be plotted. Use plotInteractive=TRUE to overwrite this behaviour and to plot multiple centers on an interactive device.
...	arguments to be passed to plot , e.g. main.

Details

Each [MassSpectrum/MassPeaks](#) object in x must contain a list named `imaging` with an element `pos` that stores the x and y value of the spectrum, e.g.:

```
> metaData(spectra[[1]])$imaging$pos
x y
1 5
```

Author(s)

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See Also

[AbstractMassObject](#), [MassSpectrum](#), [MassPeaks](#), [coordinates](#), [AbstractMassObject-method](#), [msiSlices](#), [plot](#), [MassSpectrum](#), [missing-method](#)

Please find real examples on:

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Vignette: <https://github.com/sgibb/MALDIquantExamples/raw/master/inst/doc/nyakas2013.pdf>

Shiny: <https://github.com/sgibb/ims-shiny/>

Examples

```
## load package
library("MALDIquant")

## load example data
data("fiedler2009subset", package="MALDIquant")

## please note: this is NOT a MSI data set
## we just add some coordinates for demonstration
coordinates(fiedler2009subset) <- cbind(x=rep(1:4, 2), y=rep(1:2, each=4))

plotMsiSlice(fiedler2009subset, center=8936.97, tolerance=0.25)

plotMsiSlice(fiedler2009subset, center=c(5864.49, 8936.97), tolerance=0.25,
             combine=TRUE,
             colRamp=list(colorRamp(c("#000000", "#FF00FF")),
                          colorRamp(c("#000000", "#00FF00"))))
```

referencePeaks

Creates a reference [MassPeaks](#) object.

Description

This function creates a reference [MassPeaks](#) object (also called *Anchor Peaks*) from a list of [MassPeaks](#) objects.

Generally it is a combination of [binPeaks](#) and [filterPeaks](#)

Usage

```
referencePeaks(l, method=c("strict", "relaxed"), minFrequency=0.9,  
              tolerance=0.002)
```

Arguments

l	list, list of MassPeaks objects.
method	bin creation rule (see binPeaks).
minFrequency	double, remove all peaks which occur in less than minFrequency*length(l) MassPeaks objects.
tolerance	double, maximal relative deviation of a peak position (mass) to be considered as identical.

Value

Returns a new [MassPeaks](#) objects.
The [intensity](#) slot of the returned [MassPeaks](#) represents the frequency of this mass position in all samples.

Author(s)

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See Also

[binPeaks](#), [filterPeaks](#), [MassPeaks](#)

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

Examples

```
## load package  
library("MALDIquant")  
  
## create four MassPeaks objects and add them to the list  
p<- list(createMassPeaks(mass=1:2, intensity=1:2),  
         createMassPeaks(mass=1:3, intensity=1:3),  
         createMassPeaks(mass=1:4, intensity=1:4),  
         createMassPeaks(mass=1:5, intensity=1:5))  
  
## only use peaks which occur in all MassPeaks objects as reference peaks  
refPeaks <- referencePeaks(p, minFrequency=1)  
  
mass(refPeaks)      # 1:2  
intensity(refPeaks) # c(1, 1)
```

removeBaseline-methods

Removes the baseline of a MassSpectrum object.

Description

This method removes the baseline of mass spectrometry data (represented by a [MassSpectrum](#) object).

The intensity of the mass spectrometry data would be reduced by baseline.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'MassSpectrum'  
removeBaseline(object,  
  method=c("SNIP", "TopHat", "ConvexHull", "median"),  
  ...)  
## S4 method for signature 'list'  
removeBaseline(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	MassSpectrum object or a list of MassSpectrum objects.
method	used baseline estimation method, one of "SNIP", "TopHat", "ConvexHull" or "median". See estimateBaseline,MassSpectrum-method for details.
...	arguments to be passed to estimateBaseline,MassSpectrum-method . If object is a list <code>mc.cores</code> is also supported.

Value

Returns a modified [MassSpectrum](#) object with reduced intensities.

Author(s)

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See Also

[MassSpectrum](#), [estimateBaseline,MassSpectrum-method](#)

`demo("baseline")`

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

Examples

```
## load package
library("MALDIquant")

## load example data
data("fiedler2009subset", package="MALDIquant")

## choose only the first mass spectrum
s <- fiedler2009subset[[1]]

## plot spectrum
plot(s)

## subtract baseline
b <- removeBaseline(s, method="SNIP")

## draw modified spectrum on the plot
lines(b, col="blue")
```

smoothIntensity-methods

Smooths intensities of a MassSpectrum object.

Description

This method smooths the intensity values of a [MassSpectrum](#) object.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'MassSpectrum'
smoothIntensity(object,
  method=c("SavitzkyGolay", "MovingAverage"), halfWindowSize,
  ...)
```

Arguments

object	AbstractMassObject object or a list of AbstractMassObject objects.
method	used smoothing method, one of "SavitzkyGolay" or "MovingAverage".
halfWindowSize	half window size. The resulting window reaches from <code>mass[currentIndex-halfWindowSize]</code> to <code>mass[currentIndex+halfWindowSize]</code> (window size is $2*halfWindowSize+1$). The best size differs depending on the selected method.
...	arguments to be passed to method. SavitzkyGolay has an additional <code>polynomialOrder</code> argument (default: 3) to control the order of the filter. Unused for MovingAverage

Details

halfWindowSize: Depends on the selected method. For the SavitzkyGolay the halfWindowSize should be smaller than *FWHM* of the peaks (full width at half maximum; please find details in Bromba and Ziegler 1981). In general the halfWindowSize for the MovingAverage has to be much smaller than for SavitzkyGolay to conserve the peak shape.

Author(s)

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References

A. Savitzky and M. J. Golay. 1964. Smoothing and differentiation of data by simplified least squares procedures. *Analytical chemistry*, 36(8), 1627-1639.

M. U. Bromba and H. Ziegler. 1981. Application hints for Savitzky-Golay digital smoothing filters. *Analytical Chemistry*, 53(11), 1583-1586.

See Also

[MassSpectrum](#)

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

Examples

```
## load package
library("MALDIquant")

## load example data
data("fiedler2009subset", package="MALDIquant")

## smooth spectra
s <- smoothIntensity(fiedler2009subset, method="MovingAverage",
                    halfWindowSize=2)

## or
s <- smoothIntensity(fiedler2009subset, method="SavitzkyGolay",
                    halfWindowSize=10)
```

transformIntensity-methods

Transforms intensities of an AbstractMassObject object.

Description

This method performs a transformation (e.g. sqrt-transformation) on the intensities of an [AbstractMassObject](#) object.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'AbstractMassObject'  
transformIntensity(object,  
  method=c("sqrt", "log", "log2", "log10"))  
## S4 method for signature 'list'  
transformIntensity(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	AbstractMassObject object or a list of AbstractMassObject objects.
method	used transformation method.
...	arguments to be passed to underlying functions. If object is a list <code>mc.cores</code> is also supported.

Author(s)

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See Also

[AbstractMassObject](#), [MassSpectrum](#)

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

Examples

```
## load package  
library("MALDIquant")  
  
## load example data  
data("fiedler2009subset", package="MALDIquant")  
  
## choose only the first mass spectrum  
s <- fiedler2009subset[[1]]  
  
## transform spectrum  
t <- transformIntensity(s, method="sqrt")  
  
## plot spectrum  
par(mfrow=c(2, 1))  
plot(s, main="raw spectrum")  
plot(t, main="transformed spectrum")  
par(mfrow=c(1, 1))
```

trim-methods

Trim an AbstractMassObject object.

Description

This method trims an [AbstractMassObject](#) object. That is useful if some mass ranges should be excluded from further analysis.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'AbstractMassObject,numeric'  
trim(object, range)  
## S4 method for signature 'list,numeric'  
trim(object, range, ...)  
## S4 method for signature 'list,missing'  
trim(object, range, ...)
```

Arguments

object	AbstractMassObject object or a list of AbstractMassObject objects.
range	numeric, limits of trimming (left/minimal mass, right/maximal mass). If missing it is automatically determined (largest overlapping mass range) for a list of AbstractMassObject .
...	arguments to be passed to underlying functions (currently only <code>mc.cores</code> is supported).

Author(s)

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See Also

[AbstractMassObject](#), [MassPeaks](#), [MassSpectrum](#)

Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

Examples

```
## load package  
library("MALDIquant")  
  
## load example data  
data("fiedler2009subset", package="MALDIquant")  
  
## select only one spectrum  
s <- fiedler2009subset[[1]]  
  
## remove all mass lower 3000
```

```
trim(s, range=c(3000, Inf))

## remove all mass higher 8000
trim(s, range=c(0, 8000))

## remove all mass lower 3000 and higher 8000
trim(s, range=c(3000, 8000))

## choose largest overlapping mass range for all spectra
trim(fiedler2009subset)
```

warpMassSpectra *Run warping functions on AbstractMassObject objects.*

Description

These functions run warping functions on [AbstractMassObject](#) objects (warping is also known as *phase correction*).

Usage

```
warpMassPeaks(l, w)

warpMassSpectra(l, w)
```

Arguments

l list, list of [MassPeaks](#) or [MassSpectrum](#) objects.
w a list of warping functions determined by [determineWarpingFunctions](#). Has to be of the same length as **l**.

Details

The warping function **w** is called in the following way:

$$newMass = oldMass + w(oldMass)$$

Value

Returns a list of warped [MassPeaks](#) or [MassSpectrum](#) objects.

Author(s)

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See Also

[determineWarpingFunctions](#), [MassPeaks](#), [MassSpectrum](#)
Website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/maldiquant/>

Examples

```
## load package
library("MALDIquant")

## create a MassPeaks object
p <- createMassPeaks(mass=1:5, intensity=1:5)

## stupid warping function for demonstration
## (please use determineWarpingFunctions in real life applications)
simpleWarp <- function(x) { return(1) }

## run warping function
w <- warpMassPeaks(list(p), list(simpleWarp))[[1]]

## compare results
all(mass(w) == mass(p)+1) # TRUE
```

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