Base workflow of flowSpy in use case 1 and 2

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Introduction

To validate the cellular subpopulations identified by flowSpy, we used a 13-marker panel mass cytometry dataset of healthy human bone marrow. This dataset was generated from Bendall et al [1] and completed quality control by Herring et al [2], which could be downloaded from FlowRepository database [3] (https://flowrepository.org/id/FR-FCM-ZY9R). The aim of this use case was to identify the cellular subpopulations and construct a tree-shaped trajectory, which could reveal the human hematopoietic differentiation hierarchy.

This tutorial contains key steps of **flowSpy** base workflow, including how to build an FSPY object, how to run clustering and dimensionality reduction, how to build a tree based on minimum spanning tree (MST) algorithm, how to run pseudotime and how to identify intermediate state cells.

Workflow

```
# Loading packages
suppressMessages({
library(ggplot2)
library(flowCore)
library(pheatmap)
library(flowSpy)
library(stringr)
###################################
# Read Mass Cytometry Data
# It can be downloaded via `git clone https://github.com/ytdai/flowSpy-dataset.git`
# fcs.path musted be modified based on the download directory from GitHub
fcs.path <- "FCS/usecase1_2/"</pre>
fcs.file <- paste0(fcs.path, "FR-FCM-ZY9R-Bone_Marrow_cytof.fcs")</pre>
# Get the expression matrix from FCS file
# Solution 1
# Read FCS data via flowCore::read.FCS
# Expression data matrix from this method need to
# be performed compensation adjustment and transformation
# manually using flowCore
cytof.data <- flowCore::read.FCS(filename = fcs.file)</pre>
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# show elements in mass cytometry data
cytof.data
```

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## flowFrame object 'FR-FCM-ZY9R-Bone_Marrow_cytof.fcs'
## with 236187 cells and 13 observables:
        name desc range minRange maxRange
## $P1
        CD3 <NA> 16384 -36.47161 16383
## $P2 CD45RA <NA> 16384 -49.93872 16383
## $P3 CD19 <NA> 16384 -85.81519 16383
## $P4 CD11b <NA> 16384 -50.06744 16383
## $P5 CD4 <NA> 16384 -22.94810 16383
         CD8 <NA> 16384 -81.21340 16383
## $P6
## $P7 CD34 <NA> 16384 -52.97938 16383
## $P8 CD20 <NA> 16384 -78.41647 16383
## $P9 CD33 <NA> 16384 -27.77563 16383
## $P10 CD123 <NA> 16384 -51.42798 16383
## $P11 CD38 <NA> 16384 -77.72259 16383
## $P12 CD90 <NA> 16384 -31.92096 16383
## $P13 CD45 <NA> 16384 -34.86934 16383
## 95 keywords are stored in the 'description' slot
# fetching expression data
exp.data <- cytof.data@exprs</pre>
# Solution 2
# Read FCS data via flowSpy::runExprsExtract
# ** This solution is recommended
# ** Use case 1 and 2 follow this solution
exp.data <- runExprsExtract(fcs.file, showDesc = FALSE, transformMethod = "autoLgcl")</pre>
# Fetching CD markers
markers <- colnames(exp.data)</pre>
markers.idx <- match(markers, colnames(exp.data))</pre>
# Build an FSPY object
# If you don't want to see the running log information, set verbose FALSE
# If there is only one case in your analysis workflow, you can just set stage "DO"
meta.data <- data.frame(cell = rownames(exp.data),</pre>
                        stage = "D0")
fspy <- createFSPY(raw.data = exp.data, markers = markers,</pre>
                   meta.data = meta.data,
                   normalization.method = "none",
                   verbose = T)
## 2020-02-24 15:18:34 [INFO] Number of cells in processing: 236187
## 2020-02-24 15:18:34 [INFO] rownames of meta.data and raw.data will be named using column
## 2020-02-24 15:18:34 [INFO] Index of markers in processing
## 2020-02-24 15:18:34 [INFO] Creating FSPY object.
## 2020-02-24 15:18:34 [INFO] No normalization and transformation
```

2020-02-24 15:18:35 [INFO] Build FSPY object succeed

```
# Cluster cells by SOM algorithm
# Set random seed to make results reproducible
set.seed(8)
fspy <- runCluster(fspy, cluster.method = "som", xdim = 10, ydim = 10, verbose = T)

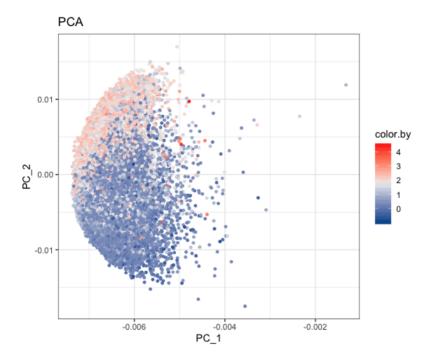
## 2020-02-24 15:18:35 [INFO] Calculating FlowSOM.

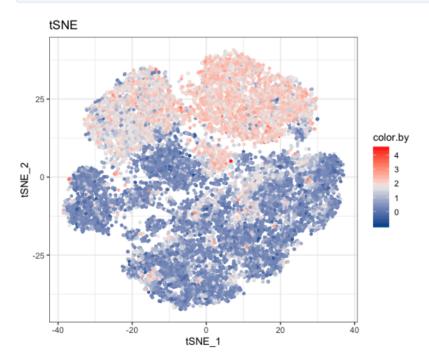
## 2020-02-24 15:18:38 [INFO] Calculating FlowSOM completed.</pre>
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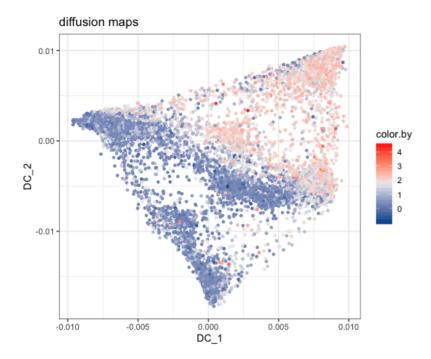
```
# Cluster based downsampling
# The total cell number is 236,187, and we can just keep 10% cells to reduce
# computation load and improve computation time.
# Downsampling by setting downsampleing.size 0.1
fspy <- processingCluster(fspy, perplexity = 5, downsampling.size = 0.1)
# Now only 23,664 cells are enrolled in the dimensionality reduction
fspy</pre>
```

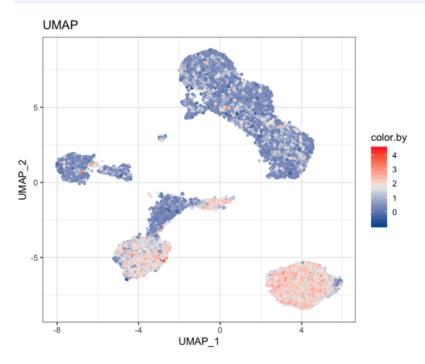
```
## FSPY Information:
## Input cell number: 236187 cells
## Enroll marker number: 13 markers
## Cells after downsampling: 23662 markers
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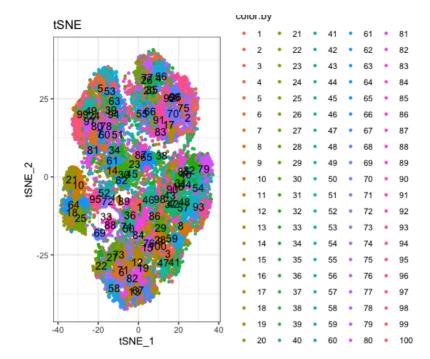
```
# run Principal Component Analysis (PCA)
fspy <- runFastPCA(fspy)</pre>
# run t-Distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding (tSNE)
set.seed(1)
fspy <- runTSNE(fspy, dims = 2)</pre>
# run Diffusion map
fspy <- runDiffusionMap(fspy)</pre>
# run Uniform Manifold Approximation and Projection (UMAP)
fspy <- runUMAP(fspy)</pre>
# This is visualization module
# Plot 2D PCA. And cells are colored by CD3 expression
plot2D(fspy, item.use = c("PC_1", "PC_2"), color.by = "CD3",
      alpha = 1, main = "PCA", category = "numeric") +
 scale_colour_gradientn(colors = c("#00599F","#EEEEEEE","#FF3222"))
```

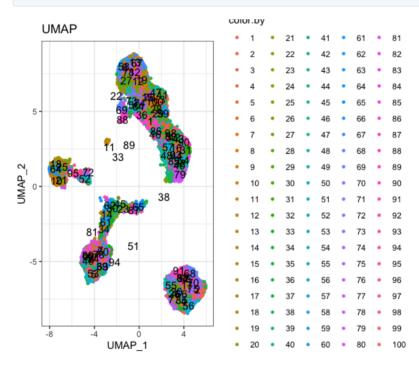






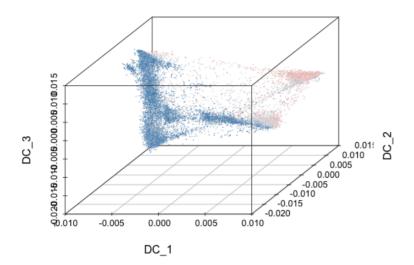




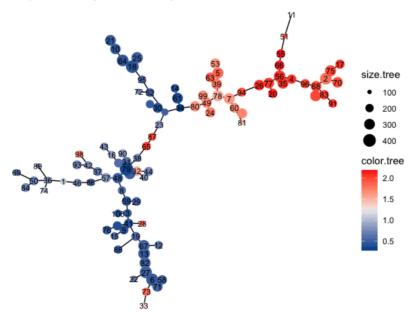


```
# Plot 3D UMAP. And cells are colored by CD45RA markers expression
plot3D(fspy, item.use = c("DC_1", "DC_2", "DC_3"), color.by = "CD3",
    main = "diffusion maps CD3", category = "numeric", size = 0.2,
    color.theme = c("#00599F","#EEEEEEE","#FF3222"))
```

diffusion maps CD3



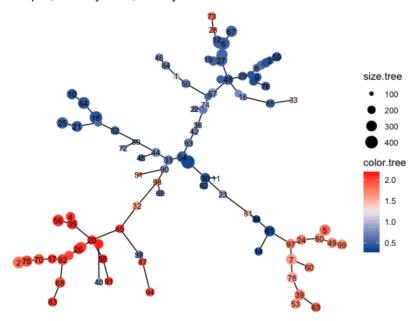
Tree plot, color.by: CD3, size.by: cell.number



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# 2. PCA
fspy <- buildTree(fspy, dim.type = "pca", dim.use = 1:4)</pre>
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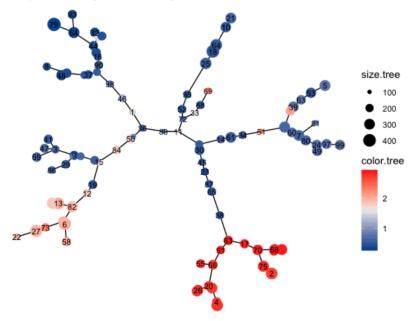
```
# Tree plot
plotTree(fspy, color.by = "CD3", show.node.name = T, cex.size = 1) +
    scale_colour_gradientn(colors = c("#00599F", "#EEEEEEE", "#FF3222"))
```

Tree plot, color.by: CD3, size.by: cell.number



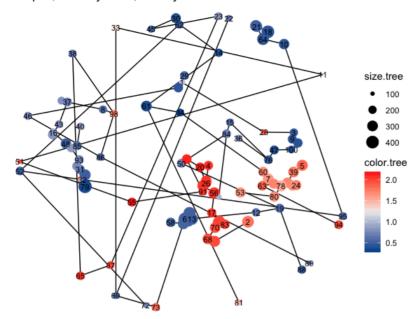
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# 3. tSNE
fspy <- buildTree(fspy, dim.type = "tsne", dim.use = 1:2)
# Tree plot
plotTree(fspy, color.by = "CD4", show.node.name = T, cex.size = 1) +
    scale_colour_gradientn(colors = c("#00599F", "#EEEEEEE", "#FF3222"))</pre>
```

Tree plot, color.by: CD4, size.by: cell.number



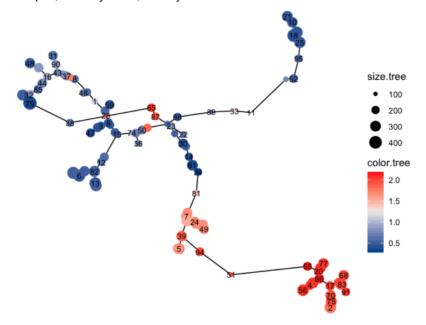
```
# 4. Diffusion maps
fspy <- buildTree(fspy, dim.type = "dc", dim.use = 1:3)
# Tree plot
plotTree(fspy, color.by = "CD3", show.node.name = T, cex.size = 1) +
    scale_colour_gradientn(colors = c("#00599F", "#EEEEEEE", "#FF3222"))</pre>
```

Tree plot, color.by: CD3, size.by: cell.number



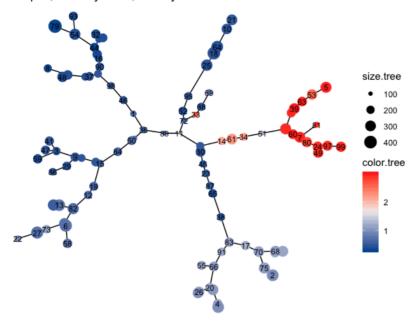
```
# 5. UMAP
fspy <- buildTree(fspy, dim.type = "umap", dim.use = 1:2)
# Tree plot
plotTree(fspy, color.by = "CD3", show.node.name = T, cex.size = 1) +
    scale_colour_gradientn(colors = c("#00599F", "#EEEEEEE", "#FF3222"))</pre>
```

Tree plot, color.by: CD3, size.by: cell.number



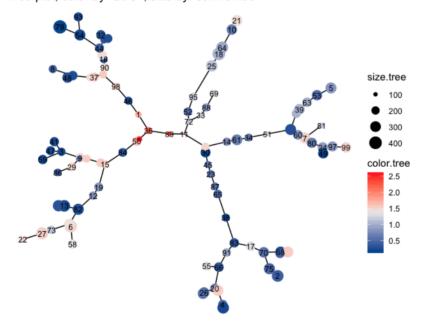
```
# The topology of a trajectory is mainly based on the interrelation
# of cell clusters, coordinates and dimensions, and in use case 1 and
# 2, we use "tsne" to construct the trajectory
fspy <- buildTree(fspy, dim.type = "tsne", dim.use = 1:2)
# Tree plot
plotTree(fspy, color.by = "CD8", show.node.name = T, cex.size = 1) +
    scale_colour_gradientn(colors = c("#00599F", "#EEEEEEE", "#FF3222"))</pre>
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Tree plot, color.by: CD8, size.by: cell.number



```
plotTree(fspy, color.by = "CD34", show.node.name = T, cex.size = 1) +
    scale_colour_gradientn(colors = c("#00599F", "#EEEEEEE", "#FF3222"))
```

Tree plot, color.by: CD34, size.by: cell.number



```
############# Modify branch id
fspy@meta.data$branch.id[fspy@meta.data$branch.id %in% c(5,2,10)] = "CD4 T cells"
fspy@meta.data$branch.id[fspy@meta.data$branch.id %in% c(7,13)] = "CD8 T cells"
fspy@meta.data$branch.id[fspy@meta.data$branch.id %in% c(1,6,12)] = "Megakaryocytic"
fspy@meta.data$branch.id[fspy@meta.data$branch.id %in% c(3)] = "Dendritic cells"
fspy@meta.data$branch.id[fspy@meta.data$branch.id %in% c(11)] = "B cells"
fspy@meta.data$branch.id[fspy@meta.data$branch.id %in% c(4,8,9,14)] = "Myeloid"

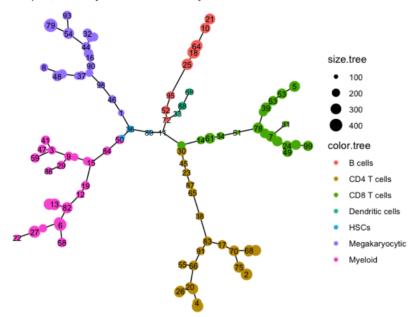
fspy@meta.data$branch.id[fspy@meta.data$cluster.id %in% c(74,36,89,11)] = "HSCs"
fspy@meta.data$branch.id[fspy@meta.data$cluster.id %in% c(62,14)] = "CD8 T cells"
fspy@meta.data$branch.id[fspy@meta.data$cluster.id %in% c(72)] = "B cells"

# Run differential expressed markers of different branch
diff.info <- runDiff(fspy)
head(diff.info)</pre>
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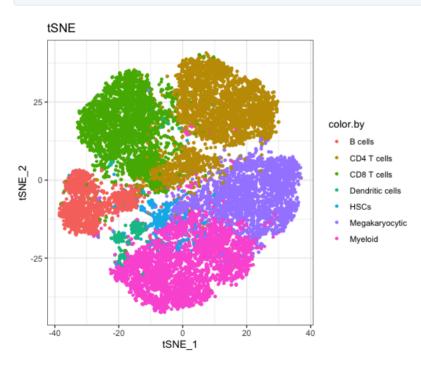
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logFC AveExpr t
                                           P.Value
                                                      adi.P.Val
##
## CD8
          1.9703425 1.077508 196.15117 0.000000e+00 0.000000e+00 11415.3546
## CD45RA 0.8177313 1.618059 59.23528 0.000000e+00 0.000000e+00 1625.7650
          0.7563940 2.342068 55.48696 0.000000e+00 0.000000e+00 1437.0040
## CD45
## CD33 -0.7952377 1.794166 -43.38217 0.000000e+00 0.000000e+00
                                                                895.2394
## CD4
       -0.6033601 1.250727 -37.34068 1.403120e-296 3.648112e-296 667.1611
        0.4563564 1.097588 35.70954 4.560437e-272 9.880948e-272 610.7608
## CD3
##
             branch.contrast Gene
## CD8
       CD8 T cells_vs_other
                               CD8
## CD45RA CD8 T cells_vs_other CD45RA
## CD45 CD8 T cells_vs_other
                              CD45
## CD33 CD8 T cells_vs_other
                               CD33
## CD4
        CD8 T cells_vs_other
                               CD4
## CD3
         CD8 T cells_vs_other
                                CD3
```

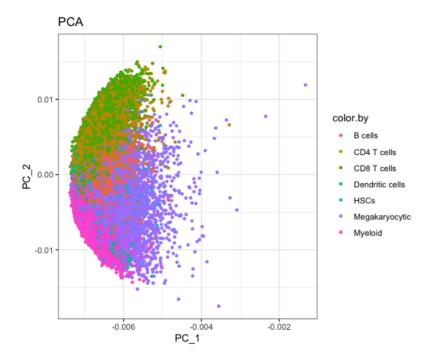
```
# plot tree
plotTree(fspy, color.by = "branch.id", show.node.name = T, cex.size = 1)
```

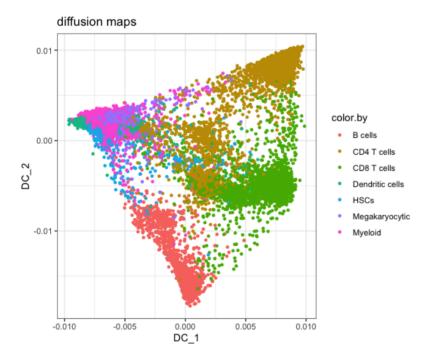
Tree plot, color.by: branch.id, size.by: cell.number



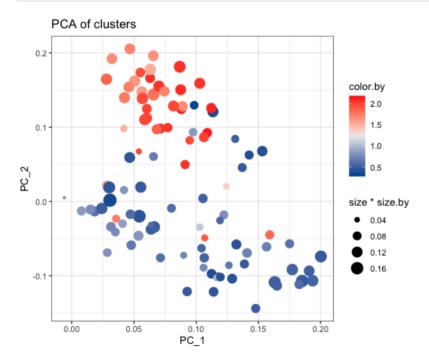
2D plot of cluster in FSPY size * size.by 0.4 20 1.2 1.6 tSNE_2 color.by B cells CD4 T cells Dendritic cells -20 Megakaryocytic Myeloid -40 tSNE_1

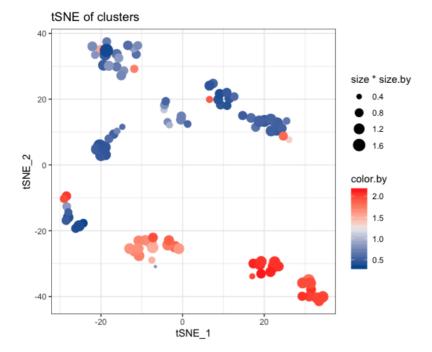


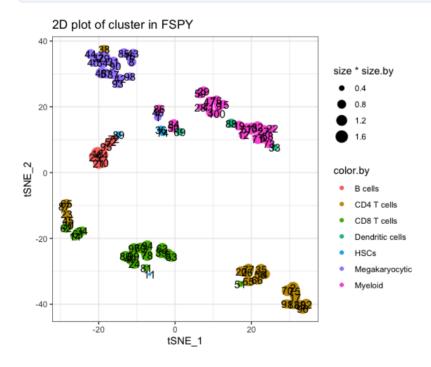




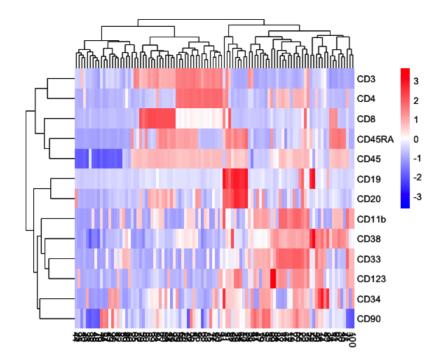
Color.by B cells CD4 T cells CD8 T cells Dendritic cells HSCs Megakaryocytic Myeloid



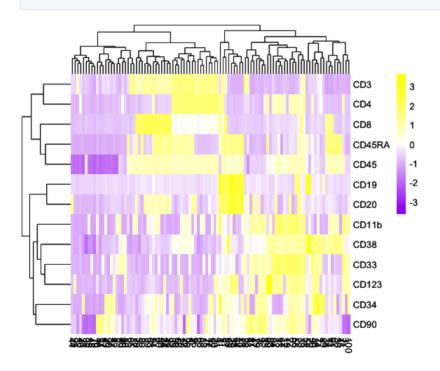




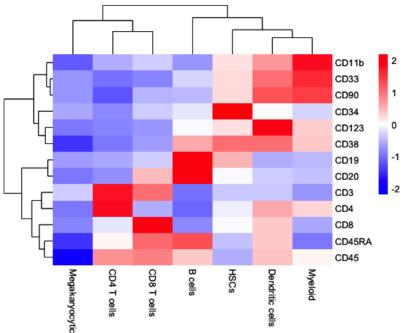
plot heatmap of clusters and branches
plotClusterHeatmap(fspy)



plotClusterHeatmap(fspy, color = colorRampPalette(c("purple","white","yellow"))(100))



plotBranchHeatmap(fspy, clustering_method = "ward.D")



```
# Pseudotime
# Set HSPCs as root cells
fspy <- defRootCells(fspy, root.cells = c(36,89,11))</pre>
fspy <- runPseudotime(fspy, verbose = T, dim.type = "raw")</pre>
## 2020-02-24 15:29:22 [INFO] Calculating Pseudotime.
## 2020-02-24 15:29:22 [INFO] Pseudotime exists in meta.data, it will be replaced.
## 2020-02-24 15:29:22 [INFO] The log data will be used to calculate trajectory
## 2020-02-24 15:31:08 [INFO] Calculating Pseudotime completed.
###### Intermediate state cells for CD8 T cells
fspy <- defLeafCells(fspy, leaf.cells = c(99,97))</pre>
fspy <- runWalk(fspy, backward.walk = F, verbose = T)</pre>
\#\# 2020-02-24 15:31:08 [INFO] Calculating walk between root.cells and leaf.cells .
## 2020-02-24 15:31:12 [INFO] Generating an adjacency matrix.
## 2020-02-24 15:32:43 [INF0] Walk forward.
## 2020-02-24 15:32:47 [INFO] Calculating walk completed.
```

fspy@meta.data\$traj.value.log.CD8T <- fspy@meta.data\$traj.value.log</pre>

Intermediate state cells for CD4 T cells
fspy <- defLeafCells(fspy, leaf.cells = c(56,4,2))</pre>

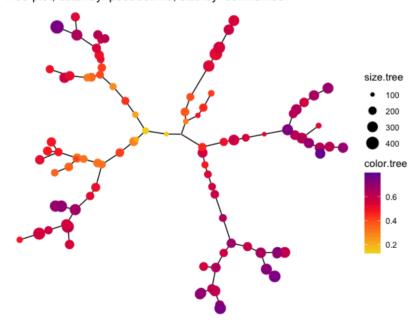
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## 2020-02-24 15:32:47 [INFO] leaf.cells in FSPY object exist, they will be replaced.
fspy <- runWalk(fspy, backward.walk = F, verbose = T)</pre>
\#\# 2020-02-24 15:32:47 [INFO] Calculating walk between root.cells and leaf.cells .
## 2020-02-24 15:32:51 [INFO] Generating an adjacency matrix.
## 2020-02-24 15:34:14 [INFO] Walk forward.
## 2020-02-24 15:34:22 [INFO] Calculating walk completed.
fspy@meta.data$traj.value.log.CD4T <- fspy@meta.data$traj.value.log</pre>
###### Intermediate state cells for DCs
fspy <- defLeafCells(fspy, leaf.cells = c(88))</pre>
## 2020-02-24 15:34:22 [INFO] leaf.cells in FSPY object exist, they will be replaced.
fspy <- runWalk(fspy, backward.walk = F)</pre>
fspy@meta.data$traj.value.log.DC <- fspy@meta.data$traj.value.log</pre>
###### Intermediate state cells for B cells
fspy <- defLeafCells(fspy, leaf.cells = c(10,21))</pre>
## 2020-02-24 15:35:59 [INFO] leaf.cells in FSPY object exist, they will be replaced.
fspy <- runWalk(fspy, backward.walk = F)</pre>
fspy@meta.data$traj.value.log.B <- fspy@meta.data$traj.value.log</pre>
###### Intermediate state cells for monocytes and granulocytes
fspy <- defLeafCells(fspy, leaf.cells = c(22,27))</pre>
## 2020-02-24 15:37:40 [INFO] leaf.cells in FSPY object exist, they will be replaced.
fspy <- runWalk(fspy, backward.walk = F)</pre>
fspy@meta.data$traj.value.log.MY <- fspy@meta.data$traj.value.log</pre>
###### Intermediate state cells for megakaryocyte and erythrocyte
fspy <- defLeafCells(fspy, leaf.cells = c(79,93))</pre>
## 2020-02-24 15:39:09 [INFO] leaf.cells in FSPY object exist, they will be replaced.
fspy <- runWalk(fspy, backward.walk = F)</pre>
fspy@meta.data$traj.value.log.ME <- fspy@meta.data$traj.value.log</pre>
# Plot 2D tSNE.
fspy@meta.data$stage <- fspy@meta.data$branch.id</pre>
plot2D(fspy, item.use = c("tSNE_1", "tSNE_2"), category = "numeric",
```

```
size = 1, color.by = "pseudotime") +
scale_colour_gradientn(colors = c("#F4D31D", "#FF3222","#7A06A0"))
```



```
# Tree plot
plotTree(fspy, color.by = "pseudotime", cex.size = 1) +
scale_colour_gradientn(colors = c("#F4D31D","#FF3222","#7A06A0"))
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Tree plot, color.by: pseudotime, size.by: cell.number



```
# pseudotime density
plotPseudotimeDensity(fspy, adjust = 2)
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Density of pseudotime color.by B cells CD4 T cells CD8 T cells Dendritic cells HSCs Megakaryocytic Myeloid

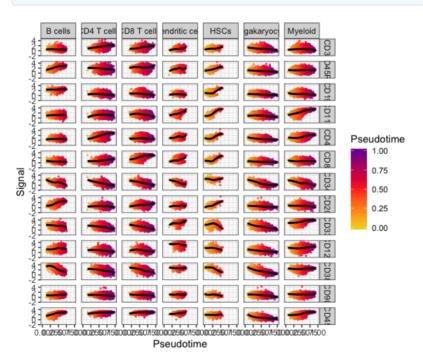
0.75

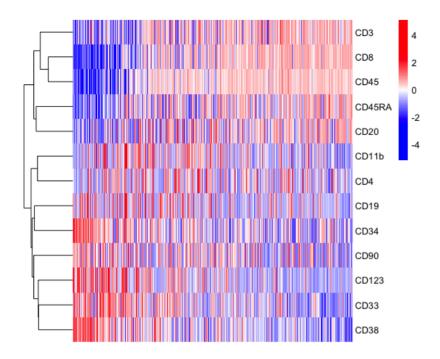
pseudotime

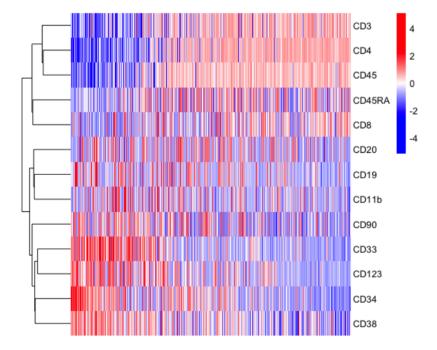
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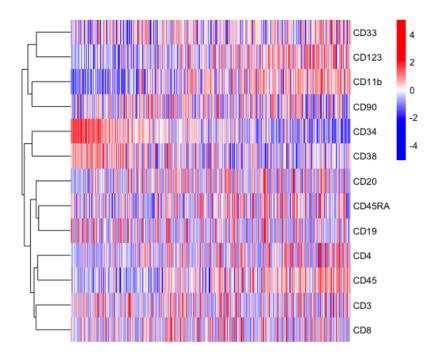
0.25

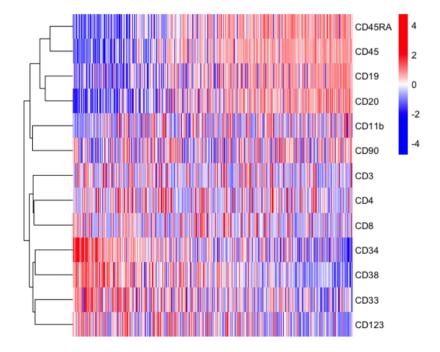
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plotPseudotimeTraj(fspy, var.cols = T) +
scale_colour_gradientn(colors = c("#F4D31D", "#FF3222","#7A06A0"))
```

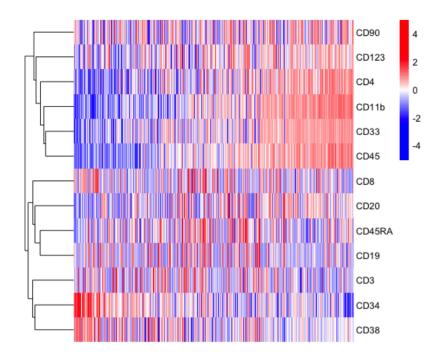


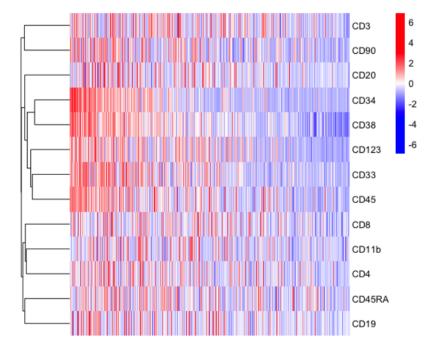












Session information

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sessionInfo()
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## R version 3.6.1 (2019-07-05)
## Platform: x86_64-apple-darwin15.6.0 (64-bit)
## Running under: macOS Catalina 10.15.3
##
## Matrix products: default
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## BLAS: /Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions/3.6/Resources/lib/libRblas.0.dylib
## LAPACK: /Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions/3.6/Resources/lib/libRlapack.dylib
##
## [1] en US.UTF-8/en US.UTF-8/en US.UTF-8/c/en US.UTF-8
## attached base packages:
## [1] stats graphics grDevices utils datasets methods base
## other attached packages:
## [1] stringr_1.4.0 flowSpy_1.0.2 igraph_1.2.4.2 pheatmap_1.0.12
## [5] flowCore_1.52.1 ggplot2_3.2.1
## loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
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## [3] ks 1.11.7
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[9] ranger_0.12.1 BiocParallel_1.20.1
## [5] tidyselect_1.0.0
##
    [9] ranger_0.12.1
##
##
   [11] Rtsne_0.15
                                scatterpie_0.1.4
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                               destiny_3.0.1
umap_0.2.4.1
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                          Biobase_2.46.0
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## [23] SingleCellExperiment_1.8.0 flowClust_3.24.0
## [25] robustbase_0.93-5 vcd_1.4-5
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