

	Objective Function	Deconvolution Type	Solver	Marker Selection	Value	Ref
CIBERSORT	$\arg \min_{\beta, v, \epsilon} C \sum_m a_m - \mathbf{s}_m \cdot \beta _{\epsilon} + \frac{1}{2} \beta ^2 + v\epsilon$	Reference	svm	Differentially-expressed (DE'ed), prioritized by fold change, not expressed in non-hematopoietic cells	β^+	13
CIBERSORTx	$\arg \min_{\beta, v, \epsilon} C \sum_m a_m^* - \mathbf{s}_m \cdot \beta _{\epsilon} + \frac{1}{2} \beta ^2 + v\epsilon$	Reference	svm	DE'ed, prioritized by fold change, not expressed in non-hematopoietic cells	β^+	29
EPIC	$\arg \min_{\substack{\beta \\ \text{s.t. } \beta_m \geq 0 \forall m \\ \sum_m \beta_m \leq 1}} \sum_m w_m^{\text{EPIC}} (a_m - \mathbf{s}_m \cdot \beta)^2$	Referene	constrOptim	DE'ed, not expressed in non-hematopoietic tissues, similarly expressed in healthy and malignant tissues	β	14
MCP-Counter		Enrichment		DE'ed across hierarchy of purified expression profiles, specific to cell type	$\frac{1}{ M_c } \sum_{m \in M_c} a_m$	15
quanTIseq	$\arg \min_{\substack{\beta \\ \text{s.t. } \beta_m \geq 0 \forall m \\ \sum_m \beta_m \leq 1}} \sum_m (a_m - \mathbf{s}_m \cdot \beta)^2$	Reference	lsei	Correlated with random fractions in simulated admixtures, specific to cell type, expressed in tumors, not expressed in non-hematopoietic tissues,	β	17
xCell		Enrichment		not very highly expressed DE'ed, specific to cell type, not expressed in carcinomas	ssGSEA mapped to linear scale	18
Aginome-XMU	DNN trained to predict random fractions in simulated admixtures	Other		None	Fractions predicted by DNN	30
Biogem	$\arg \min_{\beta} \sum_m [w_H(a_m - \mathbf{s}_m \cdot \beta)]^2 (a_m - \mathbf{s}_m \cdot \beta)^2$	Reference	rlm		β	33
DA_505	$\arg \min_{\mathbf{b}_c} (\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_c - \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{M_c} \cdot \mathbf{b}_c ^2) + \lambda_2 \mathbf{b}_c ^2 + \lambda_1 \mathbf{b}_c _1$	Other		Identified by RF regression against random fractions in simulated admixtures	$\mathbf{A}_{M_c} \cdot \mathbf{b}_c$	
mitten_TDC19		Enrichment		Correlated with random fractions in simulated admixtures	$\sum_{m \in M_c} a_m$	

M_c : set of markers for cell type c

$\mathbf{A}_{M_c}, \tilde{\mathbf{A}}_{M_c}$: input or simulated admixture matrices,
respectively, subset to markers for cell type c

\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{a}^* : input or batch-corrected admixture
expression vector, respectively

a_m : expression for marker m in admixture \mathbf{a}

\mathbf{S} : marker \times cell type signature matrix

\mathbf{s}_m : expression vector for marker m
across cell types (i.e., column of \mathbf{S})

$\beta^+ \equiv (\beta_0^+, \beta_1^+, \dots)$ with $\beta_i^+ \equiv \max(\beta_i, 0)$

$|e|_{\epsilon} \equiv 0$ if $|e| < \epsilon$; $|e| - \epsilon$ otherwise

$w_H(e) \equiv 1$ if $|e| < k$; $k/|e|$ otherwise

w_m^{EPIC} : weight giving marker m importance
relative to its variability

$\tilde{\mathbf{p}}_c$: vector of proportions of cell type c in simulated admixtures