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MALDIquant-package	<i>Quantitative Analysis of Mass Spectrometry Data</i>
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## Description

MALDIquant provides a complete analysis pipeline for MALDI-TOF and other 2-dimensional mass spectrometry data. Distinctive features include baseline subtraction methods such as TopHat or SNIP, peak alignment using warping functions, handling of replicated measurements as well as allowing spectra with different resolutions.

For a first overview 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", package="MALDIquant")`.
- Run demo files: `demo("MALDIquant")`.
- List all available manual pages: `library(help="MALDIquant")`.
- MALDIquant website: <http://strimmerlab.org/software/malDIquant/>.

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AbstractMassObject-class

*Class "AbstractMassObject"*

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### 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).

**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.

**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-method](#), [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]
```

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alignSpectra	<i>Align MassSpectrum objects.</i>
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### 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 <a href="#">MassSpectrum</a> objects.
halfWindowSize	numeric, half window size; see <a href="#">detectPeaks</a> .
noiseMethod	a noise estimation method; see <a href="#">detectPeaks</a> .
SNR	single numeric value. SNR is an abbreviation for <i>signal-to-noise-ratio</i> ; see <a href="#">detectPeaks</a> .
reference	<a href="#">MassPeaks</a> , reference object to which the samples (1) should be aligned. If missing <a href="#">referencePeaks</a> is used; see <a href="#">determineWarpingFunctions</a> .

tolerance      double, maximal deviation of a peak position (mass) to be considered as identical; see [determineWarpingFunctions](#).

warpingMethod      used basic warping function; see [determineWarpingFunctions](#).

### 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)
```

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averageMassSpectra	Averages <a href="#">MassSpectrum</a> objects.
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## Description

This function averages [MassSpectrum](#) objects.

## Usage

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

## Arguments

l	list, list of <a href="#">MassSpectrum</a> objects.
labels	list, list of <a href="#">factors</a> (one for each <a href="#">MassSpectrum</a> object) to do groupwise averaging.
method	used aggregation function.

## 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")
```

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binPeaks

Align Peaks into discrete bins.

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## 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 <a href="#">MassPeaks</a> 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 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.



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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))

## only keep peaks which occur in all MassPeaks objects
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))
```

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**calibrateIntensity-methods***Calibrates intensities of a MassSpectrum object.*

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**Description**

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

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

object	<a href="#">MassSpectrum</a> object or a list of <a href="#">MassSpectrum</a> objects.
method	the calibration method to be used. This should be one of "TIC", "PQN" or "median". See 'Details' section.
...	arguments to be passed to other functions (unneeded until now).

**Details**

A number of different calibration methods are provided:

"TIC": The TIC (*Total Ion Current*) of a [MassSpectrum](#) object is set to one.

"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")
```

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createMassPeaks	<i>Creates a MassPeaks object.</i>
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## 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=as.double(rep(NA, 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.

**Author(s)**

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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
```

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createMassSpectrum	<i>Creates a MassSpectrum object.</i>
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**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
```

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detectPeaks-methods	<i>Detects peaks in a MassSpectrum object.</i>
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**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,
             ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	<a href="#">MassSpectrum</a> object or a list of <a href="#">MassSpectrum</a> 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 <a href="#">estimateNoise,MassSpectrum-method</a> .
SNR	single numeric value. SNR is an abbreviation for <i>signal-to-noise-ratio</i> . A local maximum has to be higher than <code>SNR*noise</code> to be recognize as peak.
...	arguments to be passed to <a href="#">estimateNoise,MassSpectrum-method</a> .

**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)
```

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determineWarpingFunctions

*Determine warping functions of MassPeaks objects.*

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## 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

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

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estimateBaseline-methods

*Estimates the baseline of a MassSpectrum object.*


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## 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	<a href="#">MassSpectrum</a> 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.

"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](#) ( $k = 2 * \text{halfWindowSize} + 1$ ) 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":  
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### See Also

[MassSpectrum](#), [removeBaseline](#), [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]]

## 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")

```

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

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## 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	<a href="#">MassSpectrum</a> 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](mailto: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))
```

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fiedler2009subset	<i>Example Mass Spectra (raw)</i>
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### 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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 ISSN 1557-3265; doi:10.1158/1078-0432.CCR-08-2701

<http://clincancerres.aacrjournals.org/content/15/11/3812>

### See Also

[MassSpectrum-class](#)

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

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filterPeaks	<i>Removes less frequent peaks.</i>
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### Description

This function removes infrequently occurring peaks in a list of [MassPeaks](#) objects.

### Usage

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

### Arguments

l	list, list of <a href="#">MassPeaks</a> objects.
minFrequency	double, remove all peaks which occur in less than minFrequency*length(l) <a href="#">MassPeaks</a> objects. It is a relative threshold.
minNumber	double, remove all peaks which occur in less than minNumber <a href="#">MassPeaks</a> objects. It is an absolute threshold.
labels	factor, (one for each <a href="#">MassPeaks</a> object) to do groupwise filtering. The <i>levels</i> of the factor label define the groups. If not specified a single group is assumed.
mergeWhitelists	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 minFrequency.

### 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](mailto: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
```

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

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## 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
```

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intensityMatrix	<i>Converts a list of MassPeaks objects into a matrix.</i>
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## Description

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

## Usage

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

## Arguments

peaks	list, list of <a href="#">MassPeaks</a> objects.
spectra	list, list of <a href="#">MassSpectrum</a> 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. The column names of the returned [matrix](#) store 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)

```

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isMassSpectrum

*Tests for MassSpectrum or MassPeaks object.*


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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)**

Sebastian Gibb <mail@sebastiangibb.de>

**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
```

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isMassSpectrumList	<i>Tests a list of MassSpectrum or MassPeaks objects.</i>
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**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
```

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labelPeaks-methods	<i>Draws peak labels to plot.</i>
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**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,
```

```
avoidOverlap=FALSE,
arrowLength=0, arrowLwd=0.5, arrowCol=1,
...)
```

### Arguments

object	<a href="#">MassPeaks</a> 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 <a href="#">text</a> .
cex	numeric, font size, see <a href="#">par</a> .
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 <a href="#">arrows</a> .
...	arguments to be passed to <a href="#">text</a> .

### 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)
```

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MassPeaks-class

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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.



**Author(s)**

Sebastian Gibb <mail@sebastiangibb.de>

**See Also**

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

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

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MassSpectrum-class	Class "MassSpectrum"
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**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"): Smoothes 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)**

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**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)
```

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mergeMassPeaks	<i>Merges <a href="#">MassPeaks</a> 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**

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

**Value**

Returns a single (no labels given) or a `list` (labels given) of merged `MassPeaks` objects.

**Author(s)**

Sebastian Gibb <mail@sebastiangibb.de>

**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)
```

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="mass", 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	<a href="#">MassSpectrum</a> object.
col	line colour, see <a href="#">par</a> .
xlab	title for the x-axis, see <a href="#">title</a> .
ylab	title for the y-axis, see <a href="#">title</a> .
type	type of plot: see <a href="#">plot</a> .
xlim	the x limits (x1, x2) of the plot, see <a href="#">plot.default</a> .
ylim	the y limits (y1, y2) of the plot, see <a href="#">plot.default</a> .
main	title for the plot, see <a href="#">title</a> .
sub	sub title for the plot, see <a href="#">title</a> .
cex.sub	sub title font size, see <a href="#">par</a> .
col.sub	sub title color, see <a href="#">par</a> .
abline.col	colour for horizontal line at y=0.
...	arguments to be passed to <a href="#">plot</a> .

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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)
```

---

plotImsSlice

*Plots an Imaging Mass Spectrometry dataset.*


---

## Description

This function allows to plot a slice of an Imaging Mass Spectrometry dataset represented by a list of [AbstractMassObject](#) objects.

## Usage

```
plotImsSlice(x, range=c(0, Inf),
             sub=paste0("m/z: ", range[1L], "-", range[2L], ""),
             removeEmptyRows=TRUE, removeEmptyCols=TRUE,
             colRamp=colorRamp(c("black", "blue", "green", "yellow", "red")),
             interpolate=FALSE, ...)
```

## Arguments

x	list, list of <a href="#">MassSpectrum</a> / <a href="#">MassPeaks</a> objects.
range	double, length 2, range/thickness of the slice.
sub	character, sub title for the plot, see <a href="#">title</a> .
removeEmptyRows	logical, Should empty rows be removed?
removeEmptyCols	logical, Should empty columns be removed?
colRamp	colours as colorRamp function, see <a href="#">colorRamp</a> for details.
interpolate	logical, use linear interpolation when drawing the image, see <a href="#">rasterImage</a> for details.
...	arguments to be passed to <a href="#">plot</a> .

## 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](#), [plot](#), [MassSpectrum](#), [missing-method](#)

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

Example: <https://github.com/sgibb/MALDIquantExamples/blob/master/vignettes/ims.Rnw>

Shiny example: <http://spark.rstudio.com/sgibb/ims/>, <https://github.com/sgibb/ims-shiny/>

## Examples

```
## Not run:
plotImSlice(spectra, range = c(3361.8, 3362.8))

## End(Not run)
```

---

referencePeaks	<i>Creates a reference <a href="#">MassPeaks</a> object.</i>
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---

## 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

<code>l</code>	list, list of <a href="#">MassPeaks</a> objects.
<code>method</code>	bin creation rule (see <a href="#">binPeaks</a> ).
<code>minFrequency</code>	double, remove all peaks which occur in less than <code>minFrequency*length(l)</code> <a href="#">MassPeaks</a> objects.
<code>tolerance</code>	double, maximal 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"),
  ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	<a href="#">MassSpectrum</a> object or a list of <a href="#">MassSpectrum</a> objects.
method	used baseline estimation method, one of "SNIP", "TopHat", "ConvexHull" or "median". See <a href="#">estimateBaseline,MassSpectrum-method</a> for details.
...	arguments to be passed to <a href="#">estimateBaseline,MassSpectrum-method</a> .

**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	<a href="#">AbstractMassObject</a> object or a list of <a href="#">AbstractMassObject</a> 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.

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## 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"))
```

### Arguments

object	<a href="#">AbstractMassObject</a> object or a list of <a href="#">AbstractMassObject</a> objects.
method	used transformation method.

### 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

These method trims an [AbstractMassObject](#) object. This 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)
```

### Arguments

object	<a href="#">AbstractMassObject</a> object or a list of <a href="#">AbstractMassObject</a> 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 <a href="#">AbstractMassObject</a> .

### 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)
```

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warpMassSpectra	<i>Run warping functions on AbstractMassObject objects.</i>
-----------------	---

---

## Description

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

## Usage

```
warpMassPeaks(l, w)

warpMassSpectra(l, w)
```

## Arguments

<code>l</code>	list, list of <a href="#">MassPeaks</a> or <a href="#">MassSpectrum</a> objects.
<code>w</code>	a list of warping functions determined by <a href="#">determineWarpingFunctions</a> . Has to be of the same length as <code>l</code> .

## 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)

Sebastian Gibb <mail@sebastiangibb.de>

**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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