# Package 'SQMtools'

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Description SqueezeMeta is a versatile pipeline for the automated analysis of metagenomics/metatranscriptomics data (http://github.com/jtamames/SqueezeMeta). This package provides functions loading SqueezeMeta results into R, filtering them based on different criteria, and visualizing the results using basic plots. The SqueezeMeta project (and any subsets of it generated by the different filtering functions) is parsed into a single object, whose different components (e.g. tables with the taxonomic or functional composition across samples, contig/gene abundance profiles) can be easily analyzed using other R packages such as vegan or DESeq2

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combineSQM

Combine several SQM objects

# Description

Combine an arbitrary number of SQM objects into a single SQM object. The input objects must be subsets of the same original SQM object (i.e. from the same SqueezeMeta run). For combining results from different runs please check combineSQMlite.

```
combineSQM(
    ...,
    tax_source = "orfs",
    trusted_functions_only = F,
    ignore_unclassified_functions = F,
    rescale_tpm = T,
    rescale_copy_number = T
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

... an arbitrary number of SQM objects

tax\_source

character. Features used for calculating aggregated abundances at the different taxonomic ranks. Either "orfs" or "contigs" (default "orfs"). If the objects being combined contain a subset of taxa or bins, this parameter can be set to TRUE.

trusted\_functions\_only

logical. If TRUE, only highly trusted functional annotations (best hit + best average) will be considered when generating aggregated function tables. If FALSE, best hit annotations will be used (default FALSE).

 $ignore\_unclassified\_functions$ 

logical. If FALSE, ORFs with no functional classification will be aggregated together into an "Unclassified" category. If TRUE, they will be ignored (default FALSE).

rescale\_tpm

logical. If TRUE, TPMs for KEGGs, COGs, and PFAMs will be recalculated (so that the TPMs in the subset actually add up to 1 million). Otherwise, perfunction TPMs will be calculated by aggregating the TPMs of the ORFs annotated with that function, and will thus keep the scaling present in the parent object (default TRUE).

rescale\_copy\_number

logical. If TRUE, copy numbers with be recalculated using the RecA/RadA coverages in the subset. Otherwise, RecA/RadA coverages will be taken from the parent object with the highest RecA/RadA coverages. By default it is set to TRUE, which means that the returned copy numbers will represent the average copy number per function *in the genomes of the selected bins or contigs*. If any SQM objects that are being combined contain a functional subset rather than a contig/bins subset, this parameter should be set to FALSE.

#### Value

A SQM object

#### See Also

subsetFun, subsetTax, combineSQMlite

```
data(Hadza)
# Select Carbohydrate metabolism ORFs in Bacteroidetes, and Amino acid metabolism ORFs in Proteobacteria
bact = subsetTax(Hadza, "phylum", "Bacteroidetes")
bact.carb = subsetFun(bact, "Carbohydrate metabolism")
proteo = subsetTax(Hadza, "phylum", "Proteobacteria")
proteo.amins = subsetFun(proteo, "Amino acid metabolism")
bact.carb_proteo.amins = combineSQM(bact.carb, proteo.amins, rescale_copy_number=F)
```

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combineSQMlite

Combine several SQM or SQMlite objects

## **Description**

Combine an arbitrary number of SQM or SQMlite objects into a single SQMlite object. This function accepts objects originating from different projects (i.e. different SqueezeMeta runs).

# Usage

```
combineSQMlite(...)
```

#### **Arguments**

... an arbitrary number of SQM or SQMlite objects

#### Value

A SQMlite object

#### See Also

```
subsetFun, subsetTax, combineSQM
```

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
data(Hadza)
# Load data coming from a different run
other = loadSQMlite("/path/to/other/project/tables") # e.g. if the project was run using sqm_reads
# (We could also use loadSQM to load the data as long as the data comes from a SqueezeMeta run)
combined = combineSQMlite(Hadza, other)
plotTaxonomy(combined, 'family') # Now we can plot together the samples from Hadza and the second project.
## End(Not run)
```

exportKrona

Export the taxonomy of a SQM object into a Krona Chart

## **Description**

Generate a krona chart containing the full taxonomy from a SQM object.

```
exportKrona(SQM, output_name = NA)
```

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## **Arguments**

SQM A SQM or SQMlite object.

output\_name character. Name of the output file containing the Krona charts in html format (default "<project\_name>.krona.html").

#### **Details**

Original code was kindly provided by Giuseppe D'Auria (dauria\_giu@gva.es).

#### See Also

plotTaxonomy for plotting the most abundant taxa of a SQM object.

## **Examples**

```
data(Hadza)
exportKrona(Hadza)
```

exportPathway

Export the functions of a SQM object into KEGG pathway maps

## Description

This function is a wrapper for the pathview package (Luo *et al.*, 2017. *Nucleic acids research*, 45:W501-W508). It will generate annotated KEGG pathway maps showing which reactions are present in the different samples. It will also generate legends with the color scales for each sample in separate png files.

```
exportPathway(
   SQM,
   pathway_id,
   count = "tpm",
   samples = NULL,
   split_samples = F,
   sample_colors = NULL,
   log_scale = F,
   fold_change_groups = NULL,
   fold_change_colors = NULL,
   max_scale_value = NULL,
   color_bins = 10,
   output_suffix = "pathview"
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

SQM A SQM or SQMlite object.

pathway\_id character. The five-number KEGG pathway identifier. A list of all pathway

identifiers can be found in https://www.genome.jp/kegg/pathway.html.

count character. Either "abund" for raw abundances, "percent" for percentages,

"bases" for raw base counts, "tpm" for TPM normalized values or "copy\_number" for copy numbers (default "tpm"). Note that a given count type might not available in this object (e.g. TPM or copy number in SQMlite objects originating

from a SQM reads project).

samples character. An optional vector with the names of the samples to export. If absent,

all samples will be exported (default NULL).

split\_samples logical. Generate a different output file for each sample (default FALSE).

sample\_colors character. An optional vector with the plotting colors for each sample (default

NULL).

log\_scale logical. Use a base 10 logarithmic transformation for the color scale. Will have

no effect if fold\_change\_groups is provided (default FALSE).

fold\_change\_groups

list. An optional list containing two vectors of samples. If provided, the function will generate a single plot displaying the  $\log 2$  fold-change between the average abundances of both groups of samples (  $\log(\text{second group / first group})$ ) (default

NULL).

fold\_change\_colors

character. An optional vector with the plotting colors of both groups in the fold-

change plot. Will be ignored if fold\_change\_group is not provided.

max\_scale\_value

numeric. Maximum value to include in the color scale. By default it is the maximum value in the selected samples (if plotting abundances in samples) or the

maximum absolute log2 fold-change (if plotting fold changes) (default NULL).

color\_bins numeric. Number of bins used to generate the gradient in the color scale (default

10).

output\_suffix character. Suffix to be added to the output files (default "pathview").

#### See Also

plotFunctions for plotting the most functions taxa of a SQM object.

```
data(Hadza)
```

```
exportPathway(Hadza, "00910", count = 'copy_number', output_suffix = "nitrogen_metabolism", sample_colors = c("recexportPathway(Hadza, "00250", count = 'tpm', output_suffix = "ala_asp_glu_metabolism_FoldChange", fold_change_groups
```

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exportTable

Export results in tabular format

#### **Description**

This function is a wrapper for R's write.table function.

#### Usage

```
exportTable(table, output_name)
```

## **Arguments**

table vector, matrix or data.frame. The table to be written.logical.

output\_name character. Name of the output file.

## **Examples**

```
data(Hadza)
Hadza.iron = subsetFun(Hadza, "iron")
# Write the taxonomic distribution at the genus level of all the genes related to iron.
exportTable(Hadza.iron$taxa$genus$percent, "Hadza.ironGenes.genus.tsv")
# Now write the distribution of the different iron-related COGs (Clusters of Orthologous Groups) across samples.
exportTable(Hadza.iron$functions$COG$tpm, "Hadza.ironGenes.COG.tsv")
# Now write all the information contained in the ORF table.
exportTable(Hadza.iron$orfs$table, "Hadza.ironGenes.orftable.tsv")
```

Hadza

Hadza hunter-gatherer gut metagenomes

### **Description**

Subset of 5 bins (and the associated contigs and genes) generated by running SqueezeMeta on two gut metagenomic samples obtained from two hunter-gatherers of the Hadza ethnic group.

#### Usage

```
data(Hadza)
```

#### **Format**

```
A SQM object; see loadSQM.
```

#### Source

SRR1927149, SRR1929485.

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#### References

Rampelli et al., 2015. Metagenome Sequencing of the Hadza Hunter-Gatherer Gut Microbiota. Curr. biol. 25:1682-93 (PubMed).

#### **Examples**

```
data(Hadza)
plotTaxonomy(Hadza, "genus", rescale=T)
plotFunctions(Hadza, "COG")
```

loadSQM

Load a SqueezeMeta project into R

## **Description**

This function takes the path to a project directory generated by SqueezeMeta (whose name is specified in the -p parameter of the SqueezeMeta.pl script) and parses the results into a SQM object.

## Usage

```
loadSQM(
  project_path,
  tax_mode = "allfilter",
  trusted_functions_only = F,
  engine = "data.frame"
)
```

### **Arguments**

character, project directory generated by SqueezeMeta. project\_path

tax\_mode

character, which taxonomic classification should be loaded? SqueezeMeta applies the identity thresholds described in Luo et al., 2014. Use allfilter for applying the minimum identity threshold to all taxa (default), prokfilter for applying the threshold to Bacteria and Archaea, but not to Eukaryotes, and nofilter for applying no thresholds at all.

trusted\_functions\_only

logical. If TRUE, only highly trusted functional annotations (best hit + best average) will be considered when generating aggregated function tables. If FALSE, best hit annotations will be used (default FALSE). Will only have an effect if the

project\_dir/results/tables is not already present.

engine

character. Engine used to load the ORFs and contigs tables. Either data.frame

(default) or data. table (significantly faster if your project is large).

#### Value

SQM object containing the parsed project.

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# **Prerequisites**

Run SqueezeMeta! An example call for running it would be: /path/to/SqueezeMeta/scripts/SqueezeMeta.pl

-m coassembly -f fastq\_dir -s samples\_file -p project\_dir

# The SQM object structure

The SQM object is a nested list which contains the following information:

lvl1	lvl2	lvl3	type	rows/names	columns	data
\$orfs	\$table		dataframe	orfs	misc. data	misc. data
	\$abund		numeric matrix	orfs	samples	abundances
	\$bases		numeric matrix	orfs	samples	abundances
	\$tpm		numeric matrix	orfs	samples	tpm
	\$seqs		character vector	orfs	(n/a)	sequences
	\$tax		character matrix	orfs	tax. ranks	taxonomy
\$contigs	\$table		dataframe	contigs	misc. data	misc. data
	\$abund		numeric matrix	contigs	samples	abundances
	\$tpm		numeric matrix	contigs	samples	tpm
	\$seqs		character vector	contigs	(n/a)	sequences
	\$tax		character matrix	contigs	tax. ranks	taxonomies
	\$bins		character matrix	contigs	bin. methods	bins
\$bins	\$table		dataframe	bins	misc. data	misc. data
	\$tpm		numeric matrix	bins	samples	tpm
	\$tax		character matrix	bins	tax. ranks	taxonomy
\$taxa	\$superkingdom	\$abund	numeric matrix	superkingdoms	samples	abundances
		\$percent	numeric matrix	superkingdoms	samples	percentages
	\$phylum	\$abund	numeric matrix	phyla	samples	abundances
		\$percent	numeric matrix	phyla	samples	percentages
	\$class	\$abund	numeric matrix	classes	samples	abundances
		\$percent	numeric matrix	classes	samples	percentages
	\$order	\$abund	numeric matrix	orders	samples	abundances
		\$percent	numeric matrix	orders	samples	percentages
	\$family	\$abund	numeric matrix	families	samples	abundances
		\$percent	numeric matrix	families	samples	percentages
	\$genus	\$abund	numeric matrix	genera	samples	abundances
		\$percent	numeric matrix	genera	samples	percentages
	\$species	\$abund	numeric matrix	species	samples	abundances
		\$percent	numeric matrix	species	samples	percentages
\$functions	\$KEGG	\$abund	numeric matrix	KEGG ids	samples	abundances
		\$bases	numeric matrix	KEGG ids	samples	abundances
		\$cov	numeric matrix	KEGG ids	samples	coverages
		\$tpm	numeric matrix	KEGG ids	samples	tpm
	4000	\$copy_number	numeric matrix	KEGG ids	samples	avg. copies
	\$COG	\$abund	numeric matrix	COG ids	samples	abundances
		\$bases	numeric matrix	COG ids	samples	abundances
		\$cov	numeric matrix	COG ids	samples	coverages
		\$tpm	numeric matrix	COG ids	samples	tpm

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		\$copy_number	numeric matrix	COG ids	samples	avg. copies
	\$PFAM	\$abund	numeric matrix	PFAM ids	samples	abundances
		\$bases	numeric matrix	PFAM ids	samples	abundances
		\$cov	numeric matrix	PFAM ids	samples	coverages
		\$tpm	numeric matrix	PFAM ids	samples	tpm
		\$copy_number	numeric matrix	PFAM ids	samples	avg. copies
\$total_reads	3		numeric vector	samples	(n/a)	total reads
\$misc	<pre>\$project_name</pre>		character vector	(empty)	(n/a)	project name
	\$samples		character vector	(empty)	(n/a)	samples
	\$tax_names_long	\$superkingdom	character vector	short names	(n/a)	full names
		\$phylum	character vector	short names	(n/a)	full names
		\$class	character vector	short names	(n/a)	full names
		\$order	character vector	short names	(n/a)	full names
		\$family	character vector	short names	(n/a)	full names
		\$genus	character vector	short names	(n/a)	full names
		\$species	character vector	short names	(n/a)	full names
	\$tax_names_short		character vector	full names	(n/a)	short names
	<b>\$KEGG_names</b>		character vector	KEGG ids	(n/a)	KEGG name
	<b>\$KEGG_paths</b>		character vector	KEGG ids	(n/a)	KEGG hiara
	<b>\$COG_names</b>		character vector	COG ids	(n/a)	COG names
	<b>\$COG_paths</b>		character vector	COG ids	(n/a)	COG hierard
	<pre>\$ext_annot_sources</pre>		character vector	COG ids	(n/a)	external data

If external databases for functional classification were provided to SqueezeMeta via the -extdb argument, the corresponding abundance (reads and bases), coverages, tpm and copy number profiles will be present in SQM\$functions (e.g. results for the CAZy database would be present in SQM\$functions\$CAZy). Additionally, the extended names of the features present in the external database will be present in SQM\$misc (e.g. SQM\$misc\$CAZy\_names).

```
## Not run:
# (outside R)
/path/to/SqueezeMeta/scripts/SqueezeMeta.pl -p Hadza -f raw -m coassembly -s test.samples # Run SqueezeMeta on the
/path/to/SqueezeMeta/utils/sqm2tables.py Hadza Hadza/results/tables # Generate the tabular outputs! They must be p
# now go into R
R
library(SQMtools)
Hadza = loadSQM("Hadza") # Where Hadza is the path to the SqueezeMeta output directory

## End(Not run)

data(Hadza)
# Which are the ten most abundant KEGG IDs in our data?
topKEGG = sort(rowSums(Hadza$functions$KEGG$tpm), decreasing=T)[1:11]
topKEGG = topKEGG[names(topKEGG)!="Unclassified"]
# Which functions do those KEGG IDs represent?
Hadza$misc$KEGG_names[topKEGG]
What is the relative abundance of the Gammaproteobacteria class across samples?
```

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```
Hadza$taxa$class$percent["Gammaproteobacteria",]
# Which information is stored in the orf, contig and bin tables?
colnames(Hadza$orfs$table)
colnames(Hadza$contigs$table)
colnames(Hadza$bins$table)
# What is the GC content distribution of my metagenome?
boxplot(Hadza$contigs$table[,"GC perc"]) # Not weighted by contig length or abundance!
```

loadSQMlite Load tables generated by sqm2tables.py, sqmreads2tables.py or combine-sqm-tables.py  $into\ R$ .

#### **Description**

This function takes the path to the output directory generated by sqm2tables.py, sqmreads2tables.py or combine-sqm-tables.py a SQMlite object. The SQMlite object will contain taxonomic and functional profiles, but no detailed information on ORFs, contigs or bins. However, it will also have a much smaller memory footprint. A SQMlite object can be used for plotting and exporting, but it can not be subsetted.

## Usage

```
loadSQMlite(tables_path, tax_mode = "allfilter")
```

## Arguments

tables_path	character, tables directory generated by sqm2table.py, sqmreads2tables.py or combine-sqm-tables.py.
tax_mode	character, which taxonomic classification should be loaded? SqueezeMeta applies the identity thresholds described in Luo <i>et al.</i> , 2014. Use allfilter for applying the minimum identity threshold to all taxa (default), prokfilter for applying the threshold to Bacteria and Archaea, but not to Eukaryotes, and nofilter for applying no thresholds at all.

#### Value

SQMlite object containing the parsed tables.

#### The SQMlite object structure

The SQMlite object is a nested list which contains the following information:

lvl1	lvl2	lvl3	type	rows/names	columns	data
\$taxa	\$superkingdom	\$abund	numeric matrix	superkingdoms	samples	abundances
		\$percent	numeric matrix	superkingdoms	samples	percentages
	\$phylum	\$abund	numeric matrix	phyla	samples	abundances
		\$percent	numeric matrix	phyla	samples	percentages
	\$class	\$abund	numeric matrix	classes	samples	abundances

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		\$percent	numeric matrix	classes	samples	percentages
	\$order	\$abund	numeric matrix	orders	samples	abundances
		\$percent	numeric matrix	orders	samples	percentages
	\$family	\$abund	numeric matrix	families	samples	abundances
		\$percent	numeric matrix	families	samples	percentages
	\$genus	\$abund	numeric matrix	genera	samples	abundances
		\$percent	numeric matrix	genera	samples	percentages
	\$species	\$abund	numeric matrix	species	samples	abundances
		\$percent	numeric matrix	species	samples	percentages
\$functions	\$KEGG	\$abund	numeric matrix	KEGG ids	samples	abundances (read
		\$bases	numeric matrix	KEGG ids	samples	abundances (base
		\$tpm	numeric matrix	KEGG ids	samples	tpm
		\$copy_number	numeric matrix	KEGG ids	samples	avg. copies
	\$COG	\$abund	numeric matrix	COG ids	samples	abundances (read
		\$bases	numeric matrix	COG ids	samples	abundances (base
		\$tpm	numeric matrix	COG ids	samples	tpm
		\$copy_number	numeric matrix	COG ids	samples	avg. copies
	\$PFAM	\$abund	numeric matrix	PFAM ids	samples	abundances (read
		\$bases	numeric matrix	PFAM ids	samples	abundances (base
		\$tpm	numeric matrix	PFAM ids	samples	tpm
		\$copy_number	numeric matrix	PFAM ids	samples	avg. copies
\$total_reads			numeric vector	samples	(n/a)	total reads
\$misc	<pre>\$project_name</pre>		character vector	(empty)	(n/a)	project name
	\$samples		character vector	(empty)	(n/a)	samples
	\$tax_names_long	\$superkingdom	character vector	short names	(n/a)	full names
		\$phylum	character vector	short names	(n/a)	full names
		\$class	character vector	short names	(n/a)	full names
		\$order	character vector	short names	(n/a)	full names
		\$family	character vector	short names	(n/a)	full names
		\$genus	character vector	short names	(n/a)	full names
		\$species	character vector	short names	(n/a)	full names
	\$tax_names_short		character vector	full names	(n/a)	short names
	<b>\$KEGG_names</b>		character vector	KEGG ids	(n/a)	KEGG names
	<b>\$KEGG_paths</b>		character vector	KEGG ids	(n/a)	KEGG hiararchy
	\$COG_names		character vector	COG ids	(n/a)	COG names
	\$COG_paths		character vector	COG ids	(n/a)	COG hierarchy
	\$ext_annot_sources		character vector	(empty)	(n/a)	external database

If external databases for functional classification were provided to SqueezeMeta or SqueezeMeta\_reads via the -extdb argument, the corresponding abundance, tpm and copy number profiles will be present in SQM\$functions (e.g. results for the CAZy database would be present in SQM\$functions\$CAZy). Additionally, the extended names of the features present in the external database will be present in SQM\$misc (e.g. SQM\$misc\$CAZy\_names). Note that results generated by SqueezeMeta\_reads will contain only read abundances, but not bases, tpm or copy number estimations.

## See Also

plotBars and plotFunctions will plot the most abundant taxa and functions in a SQMlite object.

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exportKrona will generate Krona charts reporting the taxonomy in a SQMlite object.

## **Examples**

```
## Not run:
 # (outside R)
 /path/to/SqueezeMeta/scripts/SqueezeMeta.pl -p Hadza -f raw -m coassembly -s test.samples # Run SqueezeMeta on the
 /path/to/SqueezeMeta/utils/sqm2tables.py Hadza Hadza/results/tables # Generate the tabular outputs! They must be p
 # now go into R
 library(SQMtools)
 Hadza = loadSQMlite("Hadza/results/tables") # Where Hadza is the path to the SqueezeMeta output directory
 # Note that this is not the whole SQM project, just the directory containing the tables.
 # It would also work with tables generated by sqmreads2tables.py, or combine-sqm-tables.py
 # plotTaxonomy(Hadza)
 # plotFunctions(Hadza)
 # exportKrona(Hadza, 'myKronaTest.html')
 ## End(Not run)
                         Single Copy Phylogenetic Marker Genes from Sunagawa's group
MGK0s
                         (KOs)
```

## Description

Lists of Single Copy Phylogenetic Marker Genes. These are useful for transforming coverages or tpms into copy numbers. This is an alternative way of normalizing data in order to be able to compare functional profiles in samples with different sequencing depths.

#### Usage

data(MGKOs)

#### **Format**

Character vector with the KEGG identifiers for 10 Single Copy Phylogenetic Marker Genes.

#### References

Salazar, G *et al.* (2019). Gene Expression Changes and Community Turnover Differentially Shape the Global Ocean Metatranscriptome *Cell* **179**:1068-1083. (PubMed).

#### See Also

MGOGs for an equivalent list using OGs instead of KOs; USiCGs for an alternative set of single copy genes, and for examples on how to generate copy numbers.

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MGOGs	Single Copy Phylogenetic Marker Genes from Sunagawa's group (OGs)

### **Description**

Lists of Single Copy Phylogenetic Marker Genes. These are useful for transforming coverages or tpms into copy numbers. This is an alternative way of normalizing data in order to be able to compare functional profiles in samples with different sequencing depths.

#### Usage

```
data(MGOGs)
```

#### **Format**

Character vector with the COG identifiers for 10 Single Copy Phylogenetic Marker Genes.

#### References

Salazar, G *et al.* (2019). Gene Expression Changes and Community Turnover Differentially Shape the Global Ocean Metatranscriptome *Cell* **179**:1068-1083. (PubMed).

#### See Also

MGKOs for an equivalent list using KOs instead of OGs; USiCGs for an alternative set of single copy genes, and for examples on how to generate copy numbers.

mostAbundant

Get the N most abundant rows from a numeric table

#### **Description**

Return a subset of an input matrix or data frame, containing only the N most abundant rows, sorted. Alternatively, a custom set of rows can be returned.

```
mostAbundant(data, N = 10, items = NULL, others = F, rescale = F)
```

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## Arguments

data	numeric matrix or data frame
N	integer Number of rows to return (default 10).
items	Character vector. Custom row names to return. If provided, it will override N (default NULL).
others	logical. If TRUE, an extra row will be returned containing the aggregated abundances of the elements not selected with N or items (default FALSE).
rescale	logical. Scale result to percentages column-wise (default FALSE).

#### Value

A matrix or data frame (same as input) with the selected rows.

## **Examples**

```
data(Hadza)
Hadza.carb = subsetFun(Hadza, "Carbohydrate metabolism")
# Which are the 20 most abundant KEGG functions in the ORFs related to carbohydrate metabolism?
topCarb = mostAbundant(Hadza.carb$functions$KEGG$tpm, N=20)
# Now print them with nice names
rownames(topCarb) = paste(rownames(topCarb), Hadza.carb$misc$KEGG_names[rownames(topCarb)], sep="; ")
topCarb
We can pass this to any R function
heatmap(topCarb)
But for convenience we provide wrappers for plotting ggplot2 heatmaps and barplots
plotHeatmap(topCarb, label_y="TPM")
plotBars(topCarb, label_y="TPM")
```

plotBars

Plot a barplot using ggplot2

# Description

Plot a ggplot2 barplot from a matrix or data frame. The data should be in tabular format (e.g. features in rows and samples in columns).

```
plotBars(
  data,
  label_x = "Samples",
  label_y = "Abundances",
  label_fill = "Features",
  color = NULL,
  base_size = 11,
  max_scale_value = NULL
)
```

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## **Arguments**

data	Numeric matrix or data frame.
label_x	character Label for the x axis (default "Samples").
label_y	character Label for the y axis (default "Abundances").
label_fill	character Label for color categories (default "Features").
color	Vector with custom colors for the different features. If empty, the default ggplot2 palette will be used (default NULL).
base_size	numeric. Base font size (default 11).
max_scale_value	
	numeric. Maximum value to include in the y axis. By default it is handled automatically by ggplot2 (default NULL).

#### Value

a ggplot2 plot object.

## See Also

plotTaxonomy for plotting the most abundant taxa of a SQM object; plotHeatmap for plotting a heatmap with arbitrary data; mostAbundant for selecting the most abundant rows in a dataframe or matrix.

## **Examples**

```
data(Hadza)
sk = Hadza$taxa$superkingdom$abund
plotBars(sk, label_y = "Raw reads", label_fill = "Superkingdom")
```

plotFunctions

Heatmap of the most abundant functions in a SQM object

## **Description**

This function selects the most abundant functions across all samples in a SQM object and represents their abundances in a heatmap. Alternatively, a custom set of functions can be represented.

```
plotFunctions(
   SQM,
   fun_level = "KEGG",
   count = "tpm",
   N = 25,
   fun = NULL,
   samples = NULL,
   ignore_unmapped = T,
```

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```
ignore_unclassified = T,
gradient_col = c("ghostwhite", "dodgerblue4"),
base_size = 11
)
```

#### **Arguments**

SQM A SQM or SQMlite object.

fun\_level character. Either "KEGG", "COG", "PFAM" or any other custom database used for

annotation (default "KEGG").

count character. Either "abund" for raw abundances, "percent" for percentages,

"bases" for raw base counts, "tpm" for TPM normalized values or "copy\_number" for copy numbers (default "tpm"). Note that a given count type might not available in this object (e.g. TPM or copy number in SQMlite objects originating

from a SQM reads project).

N integer Plot the N most abundant functions (default 25).

fun character. Custom functions to plot. If provided, it will override N (default

NULL).

samples character. Character vector with the names of the samples to include in the plot.

Can also be used to plot the samples in a custom order. If not provided, all

samples will be plotted (default NULL).

ignore\_unmapped

logical. Don't include unmapped ORFs in the plot (default TRUE).

ignore\_unclassified

logical. Don't include unclassified ORFs in the plot (default TRUE).

gradient\_col A vector of two colors representing the low and high ends of the color gradient

(default c("ghostwhite", "dodgerblue4")).

base\_size numeric. Base font size (default 11).

#### Value

a ggplot2 plot object.

#### See Also

plotTaxonomy for plotting the most abundant taxa of a SQM object; plotBars and plotHeatmap for plotting barplots or heatmaps with arbitrary data.

```
data(Hadza)
plotFunctions(Hadza)
```

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plotHeatmap

Plot a heatmap using ggplot2

#### **Description**

Plot a ggplot2 heatmap from a matrix or data frame. The data should be in tabular format (e.g. features in rows and samples in columns).

## Usage

```
plotHeatmap(
  data,
  label_x = "Samples",
  label_y = "Features",
  label_fill = "Abundance",
  gradient_col = c("ghostwhite", "dodgerblue4"),
  base_size = 11
)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
numeric matrix or data frame.

label_x character Label for the x axis (default "Samples").

label_y character Label for the y axis (default "Features").

label_fill character Label for color scale (default "Abundance").

gradient_col A vector of two colors representing the low and high ends of the color gradient (default c("ghostwhite", "dodgerblue4")).

base_size numeric. Base font size (default 11).
```

#### Value

A ggplot2 plot object.

#### See Also

plotFunctions for plotting the top functional categories of a SQM object; plotBars for plotting a barplot with arbitrary data; mostAbundant for selecting the most abundant rows in a dataframe or matrix.

```
data(Hadza)
topPFAM = mostAbundant(Hadza$functions$PFAM$tpm)
topPFAM = topPFAM[rownames(topPFAM) != "Unclassified",] # Take out the Unclassified ORFs.
plotHeatmap(topPFAM, label_x = "Samples", label_y = "PFAMs", label_fill = "TPM")
```

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plotTaxonomy

Barplot of the most abundant taxa in a SQM object

## Description

This function selects the most abundant taxa across all samples in a SQM object and represents their abundances in a barplot. Alternatively, a custom set of taxa can be represented.

## Usage

```
plotTaxonomy(
  SQM,
  rank = "phylum",
  count = "percent",
 N = 15,
  tax = NULL,
  others = T,
  samples = NULL,
  nocds = "treat_separately",
  ignore_unmapped = F,
  ignore_unclassified = F,
  no_partial_classifications = F,
  rescale = F,
  color = NULL,
 base_size = 11,
 max_scale_value = NULL
)
```

## **Arguments**

SQM	A SQM or a SQMlite object.
rank	Taxonomic rank to plot (default phylum).
count	character. Either "percent" for percentages, or "abund" for raw abundances (default "percent").
N	integer Plot the N most abundant taxa (default 15).
tax	character. Custom taxa to plot. If provided, it will override N (default NULL).
others	logical. Collapse the abundances of least abundant taxa, and include the result in the plot (default TRUE).
samples	character. Character vector with the names of the samples to include in the plot. Can also be used to plot the samples in a custom order. If not provided, all samples will be plotted (default NULL).
nocds	character. Either "treat_separately" to treat reads annotated as No CDS separately, "treat_as_unclassified" to treat them as Unclassified or "ignore" to ignore them in the plot (default "treat_separately").

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ignore\_unmapped

logical. Don't include unmapped reads in the plot (default FALSE).

ignore\_unclassified

logical. Don't include unclassified reads in the plot (default FALSE).

no\_partial\_classifications

logical. Treat reads not fully classified at the requested level (e.g. "Unclassified bacteroidetes" at the class level or below) as fully unclassified. This takes effect before ignore\_unclassified, so if both are TRUE the plot will only contain

fully classified contigs (default FALSE).

rescale logical. Re-scale results to percentages (default FALSE).

color Vector with custom colors for the different features. If empty, we will use our

own hand-picked pallete if N<=15, and the default ggplot2 palette otherwise

(default NULL).

base\_size numeric. Base font size (default 11).

max\_scale\_value

numeric. Maximum value to include in the y axis. By default it is handled automatically by ggplot2 (default NULL).

#### Value

a ggplot2 plot object.

#### See Also

plotFunctions for plotting the most abundant functions of a SQM object; plotBars and plotHeatmap for plotting barplots or heatmaps with arbitrary data.

#### **Examples**

```
data(Hadza)
Hadza.amin = subsetFun(Hadza, "Amino acid metabolism")
# Taxonomic distribution of amino acid metabolism ORFs at the family level.
plotTaxonomy(Hadza.amin, "family")
```

RecA

RecA/RadA recombinase

## **Description**

The recombination protein RecA/RadA is essential for the repair and maintenance of DNA, and has homologs in every bacteria and archaea. By dividing the coverage of functions by the coverage of RecA, abundances can be transformed into copy numbers, which can be used to compare functional profiles in samples with different sequencing depths. RecA-derived copy numbers are available in the SQM object (SQM\$functions\$<annotation\_type>\$copy\_number).

### Usage

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## **Format**

Character vector with the COG identifier for RecA/RadA.

#### Source

EggNOG Database.

## **Examples**

rowMaxs

Return a vector with the row-wise maxima of a matrix or dataframe.

## **Description**

Return a vector with the row-wise maxima of a matrix or dataframe.

## Usage

rowMaxs(table)

rowMins

Return a vector with the row-wise minima of a matrix or dataframe.

# Description

Return a vector with the row-wise minima of a matrix or dataframe.

## Usage

rowMins(table)

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subsetBins

Create a SQM object containing only the requested bins, and the contigs and ORFs contained in them.

## **Description**

Create a SQM object containing only the requested bins, and the contigs and ORFs contained in them.

## Usage

```
subsetBins(
   SQM,
   bins,
   trusted_functions_only = F,
   ignore_unclassified_functions = F,
   rescale_tpm = T,
   rescale_copy_number = T
)
```

## Arguments

SQM object to be subsetted.

bins character. Vector of bins to be selected.

trusted\_functions\_only

logical. If TRUE, only highly trusted functional annotations (best hit + best average) will be considered when generating aggregated function tables. If FALSE, best hit annotations will be used (default FALSE).

ignore\_unclassified\_functions

logical. If FALSE, ORFs with no functional classification will be aggregated together into an "Unclassified" category. If TRUE, they will be ignored (default FALSE).

rescale\_tpm

logical. If TRUE, TPMs for KEGGs, COGs, and PFAMs will be recalculated (so that the TPMs in the subset actually add up to 1 million). Otherwise, perfunction TPMs will be calculated by aggregating the TPMs of the ORFs annotated with that function, and will thus keep the scaling present in the parent object. By default it is set to TRUE, which means that the returned TPMs will be scaled *by million of reads of the selected bins*.

rescale\_copy\_number

logical. If TRUE, copy numbers with be recalculated using the RecA/RadA coverages in the subset. Otherwise, RecA/RadA coverages will be taken from the parent object. By default it is set to TRUE, which means that the returned copy numbers for each function will represent the average copy number of that function *per genome of the selected bins*.

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#### Value

SQM object containing only the requested bins.

#### See Also

```
subsetContigs, subsetORFs
```

#### **Examples**

```
data(Hadza)
# Which are the two most complete bins?
topBinNames = rownames(Hadza$bins$table)[order(Hadza$bins$table[,"Completeness"], decreasing=T)][1:2]
topBins = subsetBins(Hadza, topBinNames)
```

subsetContigs

Select contigs

#### **Description**

Create a SQM object containing only the requested contigs, the ORFs contained in them and the bins that contain them.

## Usage

```
subsetContigs(
   SQM,
   contigs,
   trusted_functions_only = F,
   ignore_unclassified_functions = F,
   rescale_tpm = F,
   rescale_copy_number = F
```

## **Arguments**

SQM object to be subsetted.

contigs character. Vector of contigs to be selected.

trusted\_functions\_only

logical. If TRUE, only highly trusted functional annotations (best hit + best average) will be considered when generating aggregated function tables. If FALSE, best hit annotations will be used (default FALSE).

ignore\_unclassified\_functions

logical. If FALSE, ORFs with no functional classification will be aggregated together into an "Unclassified" category. If TRUE, they will be ignored (default FALSE).

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rescale\_tpm

logical. If TRUE, TPMs for KEGGs, COGs, and PFAMs will be recalculated (so that the TPMs in the subset actually add up to 1 million). Otherwise, perfunction TPMs will be calculated by aggregating the TPMs of the ORFs annotated with that function, and will thus keep the scaling present in the parent object (default FALSE).

rescale\_copy\_number

logical. If TRUE, copy numbers with be recalculated using the RecA/RadA coverages in the subset. Otherwise, RecA/RadA coverages will be taken from the parent object. By default it is set to FALSE, which means that the returned copy numbers for each function will represent the average copy number of that function per genome in the parent object.

#### Value

SQM object containing only the selected contigs.

#### See Also

subsetORFs

## **Examples**

```
data(Hadza)
# Which contigs have a GC content below 40?
lowGCcontigNames = rownames(Hadza$contigs$table[Hadza$contigs$table[,"GC perc"]<40,])
lowGCcontigs = subsetContigs(Hadza, lowGCcontigNames)
hist(lowGCcontigs$contigs$table[,"GC perc"])</pre>
```

subsetFun

Filter results by function

#### **Description**

Create a SQM object containing only the ORFs with a given function, and the contigs and bins that contain them.

```
subsetFun(
   SQM,
   fun,
   columns = NULL,
   ignore_case = T,
   fixed = F,
   trusted_functions_only = F,
   ignore_unclassified_functions = F,
   rescale_tpm = F,
   rescale_copy_number = F
```

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#### **Arguments**

SQM object to be subsetted.

fun character. Pattern to search for in the different functional classifications.

columns character. Restrict the search to the provided column names from SQM\$orfs\$table.

If not provided the search will be performed in all the columns containing func-

tional information (default NULL).

ignore\_case logical Make pattern matching case-insensitive (default TRUE).

fixed logical. If TRUE, pattern is a string to be matched as is. If FALSE the pattern is

treated as a regular expression (default FALSE).

trusted\_functions\_only

logical. If TRUE, only highly trusted functional annotations (best hit + best average) will be considered when generating aggregated function tables. If FALSE,

best hit annotations will be used (default FALSE).

ignore\_unclassified\_functions

logical. If FALSE, ORFs with no functional classification will be aggregated together into an "Unclassified" category. If TRUE, they will be ignored (default

FALSE).

rescale\_tpm logical. If TRUE, TPMs for KEGGs, COGs, and PFAMs will be recalculated

(so that the TPMs in the subset actually add up to 1 million). Otherwise, perfunction TPMs will be calculated by aggregating the TPMs of the ORFs annotated with that function, and will thus keep the scaling present in the parent

object (default FALSE).

rescale\_copy\_number

logical. If TRUE, copy numbers with be recalculated using the RecA/RadA coverages in the subset. Otherwise, RecA/RadA coverages will be taken from the parent object. By default it is set to FALSE, which means that the returned copy numbers for each function will represent the average copy number of that functions are the control of th

tion per genome in the parent object.

#### Value

SQM object containing only the requested function.

#### See Also

subsetTax, subsetORFs, combineSQM. The most abundant items of a particular table contained in a SQM object can be eselected with mostAbundant.

```
data(Hadza)
Hadza.iron = subsetFun(Hadza, "iron")
Hadza.carb = subsetFun(Hadza, "Carbohydrate metabolism")
# Search for multiple patterns using regular expressions
Hadza.twoKOs = subsetFun(Hadza, "K00812|K00813", fixed=F)
```

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subsetORFs

Select ORFs

#### **Description**

Create a SQM object containing only the requested ORFs, and the contigs and bins that contain them. Internally, all the other subset functions in this package end up calling subsetORFs to do the work for them.

## Usage

```
subsetORFs(
   SQM,
   orfs,
   tax_source = "orfs",
   trusted_functions_only = F,
   ignore_unclassified_functions = F,
   rescale_tpm = F,
   rescale_copy_number = F,
   contigs_override = NULL
)
```

#### Arguments

SQM object to be subsetted.

orfs character. Vector of ORFs to be selected.

tax\_source character. Features used for calculating aggregated abundances at the different

taxonomic ranks. Either "orfs" or "contigs" (default "orfs").

trusted\_functions\_only

logical. If TRUE, only highly trusted functional annotations (best hit + best average) will be considered when generating aggregated function tables. If FALSE, best hit annotations will be used (default FALSE).

 $ignore\_unclassified\_functions$ 

logical. If FALSE, ORFs with no functional classification will be aggregated together into an "Unclassified" category. If TRUE, they will be ignored (default FALSE).

rescale\_tpm

logical. If TRUE, TPMs for KEGGs, COGs, and PFAMs will be recalculated (so that the TPMs in the subset actually add up to 1 million). Otherwise, perfunction TPMs will be calculated by aggregating the TPMs of the ORFs annotated with that function, and will thus keep the scaling present in the parent object (default FALSE).

rescale\_copy\_number

logical. If TRUE, copy numbers with be recalculated using the RecA/RadA coverages in the subset. Otherwise, RecA/RadA coverages will be taken from the parent object. By default it is set to FALSE, which means that the returned copy numbers for each function will represent the average copy number of that function per genome in the parent object.

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## Value

SQM object containing the requested ORFs.

## A note on contig/bins subsetting

While this function selects the contigs and bins that contain the desired orfs, it DOES NOT recalculate contig/bin abundance and statistics based on the selected ORFs only. This means that the abundances presented in tables such as SQM\$contig\$abund or SQM\$bins\$tpm will still refer to the complete contigs and bins, regardless of whether only a fraction of their ORFs are actually present in the returned SQM object. This is also true for the statistics presented in SQM\$contigs\$table and SQM\$bins\$table.

## **Examples**

```
data(Hadza)
# Select the 100 most abundant ORFs in our dataset.
mostAbundantORFnames = names(sort(rowSums(Hadza$orfs$tpm), decreasing=T))[1:100]
mostAbundantORFs = subsetORFs(Hadza, mostAbundantORFnames)
```

subsetRand

Select random ORFs

## Description

Create a random subset of a SQM object.

#### Usage

```
subsetRand(SQM, N)
```

## Arguments

SQM object to be subsetted.

N numeric. number of random ORFs to select.

#### Value

SQM object containing a random subset of ORFs.

#### See Also

subsetORFs

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subsetTax

Filter results by taxonomy

## **Description**

Create a SQM object containing only the contigs with a given consensus taxonomy, the ORFs contained in them and the bins that contain them.

### Usage

```
subsetTax(
   SQM,
   rank,
   tax,
   trusted_functions_only = F,
   ignore_unclassified_functions = F,
   rescale_tpm = T,
   rescale_copy_number = T
)
```

## **Arguments**

SQM object to be subsetted.

rank character. The taxonomic rank from which to select the desired taxa (superkingdom,

phylum, class, order, family, genus, species)

tax character. The taxon to select.

trusted\_functions\_only

logical. If TRUE, only highly trusted functional annotations (best hit + best average) will be considered when generating aggregated function tables. If FALSE, best hit annotations will be used (default FALSE).

ignore\_unclassified\_functions

logical. If FALSE, ORFs with no functional classification will be aggregated together into an "Unclassified" category. If TRUE, they will be ignored (default FALSE).

rescale\_tpm

logical. If TRUE, TPMs for KEGGs, COGs, and PFAMs will be recalculated (so that the TPMs in the subset actually add up to 1 million). Otherwise, perfunction TPMs will be calculated by aggregating the TPMs of the ORFs annotated with that function, and will thus keep the scaling present in the parent object. By default it is set to TRUE, which means that the returned TPMs will be scaled *by million of reads of the selected taxon*.

rescale\_copy\_number

logical. If TRUE, copy numbers with be recalculated using the RecA/RadA coverages in the subset. Otherwise, RecA/RadA coverages will be taken from the parent object. By default it is set to TRUE, which means that the returned copy numbers for each function will represent the average copy number of that function *per genome of the selected taxon*.

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## Value

SQM object containing only the requested taxon.

#### See Also

subsetFun, subsetContigs, combineSQM. The most abundant items of a particular table contained in a SQM object can be eselected with mostAbundant.

## **Examples**

```
data(Hadza)
Hadza.Escherichia = subsetTax(Hadza, "genus", "Escherichia")
Hadza.Bacteroidetes = subsetTax(Hadza, "phylum", "Bacteroidetes")
```

summary.SQM

summary method for class SQM

## **Description**

Computes different statistics of the data contained in the SQM object.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'SQM'
summary(SQM)
```

## Value

A list of summary statistics.

summary.SQMlite

summary method for class SQMlite

## **Description**

Computes different statistics of the data contained in the SQMlite object.

#### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'SQMlite'
summary(SQM)
```

## Value

A list of summary statistics.

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USiCGs

Universal Single-Copy Genes

#### Description

Lists of Universal Single Copy Genes for Bacteria and Archaea. These are useful for transforming coverages or tpms into copy numbers. This is an alternative way of normalizing data in order to be able to compare functional profiles in samples with different sequencing depths.

## Usage

```
data(USiCGs)
```

#### **Format**

Character vector with the KEGG identifiers for 15 Universal Single Copy Genes.

#### Source

```
Carr et al., 2013. Table S1.
```

#### References

Carr, Shen-Orr & Borenstein (2013). Reconstructing the Genomic Content of Microbiome Taxa through Shotgun Metagenomic Deconvolution *PLoS Comput. Biol.* **9**:e1003292. (PubMed).

```
data(Hadza)
data(USiCGs)
### Let's look at the Universal Single Copy Gene distribution in our samples.
KEGG.tpm = Hadza$functions$KEGG$tpm
all(USiCGs %in% rownames(KEGG.tpm)) # Are all the USiCGs present in our dataset?
# Plot a boxplot of USiCGs tpms and calculate median USiCGs tpm.
# This looks weird in the test dataset because it contains only a small subset of the metagenomes.
# In a set of complete metagenomes USiCGs should have fairly similar TPM averages
# and low dispersion across samples.
boxplot(t(KEGG.tpm[USiCGs,]), names=USiCGs, ylab="TPM", col="slateblue2")

### Now let's calculate the average copy numbers of each function.
# We do it for KEGG annotations here, but we could also do it for COGs or PFAMs.
USiCGs.cov = apply(Hadza$functions$KEGG$cov[USiCGs,], 2, median)
# Sample-wise division by the median USiCG coverage.
KEGG.copynumber = t(t(Hadza$functions$KEGG$cov) / USiCGs.cov)
```

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