

# Package ‘EnDecon’

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**Description** EnDecon is an ensemble learning method to estimate cell type abundances within spots for spatially resolved transcriptomics data by borrowing strengths from existing cell type deconvolution methods. EnDecon utilizes an optimization strategy for the combination of the base deconvolution results from twelve individual methods (designed for both bulk RNA-seq and SRT data) to produce a consensus deconvolution result. The current implementation of EnDecon integrates twelve state-of-the-art methods: CARD, cell2location, DeconRNASeq, DWLS, MuSiC (MuSiC weighted and MuSiC all gene), RCTD, SCDC, SpatialDWLS, SPOTlight, Stereoscope, and SVR.

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SCDC,  
spacexr,  
MuSiC,  
DeconRNASeq,  
DWLS,  
Seurat,  
SPOTlight,  
Giotto,  
spatstat.geom,  
CARD,  
NMF,  
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graphics,  
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data_process	<i>This function focuses on cleaning scRNA-seq and stRNA-seq datasets.</i>
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Description

This function focuses on cleaning scRNA-seq and stRNA-seq datasets.

Usage

```
data_process(  
  sc_exp,  
  sc_label,  
  spot_exp,  
  spot_loc,  
  gene_det_in_min_cells_per = 0.01,  
  expression_threshold = 1,  
  nUMI = 100,  
  verbose = FALSE,  
  plot = FALSE  
)
```

**Arguments**

sc_exp	scRNA-seq matrix, genes * cells. The format should be raw-counts. The matrix need include gene names and cell names.
sc_label	cell type information. The cells are need be divided into multiple category.
spot_exp	stRNA-seq matrix, genes * spots. The format should be raw counts. The matrix need include gene names and spot names.
spot_loc	coordinate matrix, spots * coordinates. The matrix need include spot names and coordinate name (x, y).
gene_det_in_min_cells_per	a floor variable. minimum percent of genes that need to be detected in a cell.
expression_threshold	a floor variable. Threshold to consider a gene expressed.
nUMI	a floor variable. minimum of read count that need to be detected in a cell or spot.
verbose	a logical variable that defines whether to print the processing flow of data process.
plot	a logical variable that defines whether to plot the selected genes and selected cell expression.

**Value**

a list includes processed scRNA-seq matrix, cell type, stRNA-seq matrix.

**Examples**

```
data("MVC.reference")
data("MVC.reference.cell.label")
data("MVC.ST")
data("MVC.ST.coor")
database <- data_process(MVC.reference, MVC.reference.cell.label, MVC.ST, MVC.ST.coor)
```

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EnDecon\_individual\_methods

*Running each base deconvolution method individually to obtain the base cell type deconvolution results on spatially resolved transcriptomics data.*

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**Description**

This function is implemented to perform individual deconvolution methods. The current implementation of EnDecon integrates twelve state-of-the-art methods: CARD, cell2location, DeconRNASeq, DWLS, MuSiC (MuSiC weighted and MuSiC all gene), RCTD, SCDC, SpatialDWLS, SPOTlight, Stereoscope, and SVR. These packages will be automatically installed along with EnDecon.

**Usage**

```

EnDecon_individual_methods(
  sc_exp,
  sc_label,
  spot_exp,
  spot_loc,
  gene_det_in_min_cells_per = 0.01,
  expression_threshold = 1,
  nUMI = 100,
  verbose = FALSE,
  plot = FALSE,
  python_env = NULL,
  use_gpu = FALSE,
  saving_results = FALSE,
  SCDC = TRUE,
  RCTD = TRUE,
  MuSiC = TRUE,
  DeconRNASeq = TRUE,
  DWLS = TRUE,
  SPOTlight = TRUE,
  SpatialDWLS = TRUE,
  Stereoscope = TRUE,
  cell2location = TRUE,
  CARD = TRUE,
  SCDC.iter.max = 1000,
  RCTD.CELL_MIN_INSTANCE = 10,
  MuSiC.iter.max = 1000,
  MuSiC.nu = 1e-04,
  MuSiC.eps = 0.01,
  DeconRNASeq.perc = 0.05,
  DWLS.parallel = TRUE,
  DWLS.is_select_DEGs = TRUE,
  SPOTlight.cl_n = 100,
  SPOTlight.hvg = 3000,
  SPOTlight.min_cont = 0.001,
  SpatialDWLS.findmarker_method = "gini",
  SpatialDWLS.ncp_spa = 100,
  SpatialDWLS.dimensions_to_use = 10,
  SpatialDWLS.k = 10,
  SpatialDWLS.resolution = 0.4,
  SpatialDWLS.n_iterations = 1000,
  SpatialDWLS.n_cell = 50,
  SpatialDWLS.is_select_DEGs = TRUE,
  Stereoscope.sc_training_plot = FALSE,
  Stereoscope.sc_training_save_trained_model = FALSE,
  Stereoscope.sc_max_epochs = 400,
  Stereoscope.sc_lr = 0.01,
  Stereoscope.st_training_plot = FALSE,

```

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Stereoscope.st_training_save_trained_model = FALSE,
Stereoscope.st_max_epochs = 400,
Stereoscope.st_lr = 0.01,
cell2location.sc_max_epochs = 1000,
cell2location.sc_lr = 0.002,
cell2location.st_N_cells_per_location = 30,
cell2location.st_detection_alpha = 200,
cell2location.st_max_epochs = 10000,
CARD.minCountGene = 100,
CARD.minCountSpot = 5
)

```

### Arguments

sc_exp	scRNA-seq matrix, genes * cells. The format should be raw-counts. The matrix need include gene names and cell names.
sc_label	cell type information. The cell need be divided into multiple categories.
spot_exp	stRNA-seq matrix, genes * spots. The format should be raw-counts. The matrix need include gene names and spot names.
spot_loc	coordinate matrix, spots * coordinates. The matrix need include spot names and coordinate name (x, y).
gene_det_in_min_cells_per	a floor variable. minimum percent # of genes that need to be detected in a cell.
expression_threshold	a floor variable. Threshold to consider a gene expressed.
nUMI	a floor variable. minimum # of read count that need to be detected in a cell or spot.
verbose	a logical variable that defines whether to print the processing flow of data process.
plot	a logical variable that defines whether to plot the selected genes and selected cell expression.
python_env	the path of python environment. We recommend user construct python environment by the .yml provided by ours.
use_gpu	a logical variable whether to use GPU to train Stereoscope and cell2location.
saving_results	a logical variable whether to save the results of individual deconvolution methods.
SCDC	a logical variable whether to apply SCDC.
RCTD	a logical variable whether to apply RCTD.
MuSiC	a logical variable whether to apply MuSiC all gene and MuSiC weighted.
DeconRNASeq	a logical variable whether to apply DeconRNASeq.
DWLS	a logical variable whether to apply DWLS and SVR.
SPOTlight	a logical variable whether to apply SPOTlight.
SpatialDWLS	a logical variable whether to apply SpatialDWLS.

Stereoscope	a logical variable whether to apply Stereoscope.
cell2location	a logical variable whether to apply cell2location.
CARD	a logical variable whether to apply CARD.
SCDC.iter.max	a integer variable represents the maximum number of iteration in WNNLS of SCDC.
RCTD.CELL_MIN_INSTANCE	a integer value represent the min cells in one cell type for reference scRNA-seq.
MuSiC.iter.max	a integer variable represents maximum iteration number of MuSiC training.
MuSiC.nu	a floor variable represents regulation parameter in MuSiC model.
MuSiC.eps	a floor variable represents threshold of convergence of training model.
DeconRNASeq.perc	a floor variable represents the values for filter cells.
DWLS.parallel	a logical variable indicating whether to apply DWL with multiple CPU. Default setting is TRUE.
DWLS.is_select_DEGs	a logical variable indicating whether to select genes for each cell type of scRNA-seq dataset. Default setting is TRUE.
SPOTlight.cl_n	integer variable indicating how many cells to keep from each cluster. If a cluster has $n < cl\_n$ then all cells will be selected, if it has more then $cl\_n$ will be sampled randomly. Default value is 100.
SPOTlight.hvg	integer variable that represents number of highly variable genes to use on top of the marker genes. Default values is 3000.
SPOTlight.min_cont	floor variable indicates the minimum contribution we expect from a cell in that spot. Default values is 0.001.
SpatialDWLS.findmarker_method	a string vector indicating method to use to detect differentially expressed genes.
SpatialDWLS.ncp_spa	a integer value indicating number of principal components to calculate. Default setting is 100.
SpatialDWLS.dimensions_to_use	a integer value indicating number of dimensions to use as input for constructing KNN network. Default setting is 10.
SpatialDWLS.k	a integer value indicating number of k neighbors to use for constructing KNN network. Default setting is 10.
SpatialDWLS.resolution	resolution in doLeidenCluster function in Giotto package. Default setting is 0.4.
SpatialDWLS.n_iterations	number of iterations to run the Leiden algorithm. If the number of iterations is negative, the Leiden algorithm is run until an iteration in which there was no improvement.
SpatialDWLS.n_cell	number of cells per spot. Default setting is 50.

`SpatialDWLS.is_select_DEGs`  
a logical value whether to select genes before applying for the SpatialDWLS.

`Stereoscope.sc_training_plot`  
a logical variable whether to plot the training loss indicating whether to increase the number of maximum epoch for training for scRNA-seq dataset. Default setting is FALSE.

`Stereoscope.sc_training_save_trained_model`  
a logical variable whether to save the trained model for scRNA-seq dataset. Default setting is FALSE.

`Stereoscope.sc_max_epochs`  
an integer variable indicating the maximum epoches for training scRNA-seq. Default setting is 400.

`Stereoscope.sc_lr`  
an integer variable indicating the learning rate for training scRNA-seq. Default setting is 0.01.

`Stereoscope.st_training_plot`  
a logical variable whether to plot the training loss indicating whether to increase the number of maximum epoch for training for stRNA-seq dataset. Default setting is FALSE.

`Stereoscope.st_training_save_trained_model`  
a logical variable whether to plot the training loss indicating whether to increase the number of maximum epoch for training for stRNA-seq dataset. Default setting is FALSE.

`Stereoscope.st_max_epochs`  
an integer variable indicating the maximum epoches for training sTRNA-seq. Default setting is 400.

`Stereoscope.st_lr`  
an integer variable indicating the learning rate for training sTRNA-seq. Default setting is 0.01.

`cell2location.sc_max_epochs`  
an integer variable indicating the maximum epoches for training scRNA-seq.

`cell2location.sc_lr`  
an integer variable indicating the learning rate for training scRNA-seq.

`cell2location.st_N_cells_per_location`  
a integer variable indicating the number of cells in each spot.

`cell2location.st_detection_alpha`  
a floor variable indicating the super-parameter of regularization.

`cell2location.st_max_epochs`  
an integer variable indicating the maximum epoches for training stRNA-seq.

`CARD.minCountGene`  
an integer variable indicating the minimum counts for each gene for the construct CARD object. Default setting is 100.

`CARD.minCountSpot`  
an integer variable indicating the minimum counts for each spatial location. Default setting is 5.

**Value**

a list contains all the results inferred by individual deconvolution methods. The elements of list is a matrix, spots \* cell-type.

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MVC.reference	<i>raw count matrix of reference scRNA-seq dataset</i>
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**Description**

We obtain the mouse primary visual cortex (VISp) scRNA-seq dataset from Smart-seq protocol. The raw count dataset contains the expression levels of 981 genes in 10549 cells. For details, please refer our article.

**Usage**

```
data(MVC.reference)
```

**Format**

a large matrix

**Examples**

```
data(MVC.reference)
```

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MVC.reference.cell.label	<i>cell type labels of reference cells for the third scenario in our simulation study.</i>
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**Description**

cell type labels of reference cells for the third scenario in our simulation study.

**Usage**

```
data(MVC.reference.cell.label)
```

**Format**

a vector

**Examples**

```
data(MVC.reference)
```



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MVC.ST	<i>raw count of spatially resolved transcriptomics data for the third scenario in our simulation study. select a public STARmap dataset, which contains the expression levels of 10,000 genes in 973 cells from the mouse visual cortex at the single-cell resolution and is refined with six neocortical layers. To generate coarse-grained SRT data from single-cell resolution data, we define one spot-based region by the size of the grid and aggregate the gene expression level that fall into each spot. After gridding, a total of 175 spots are simulated and each spot covers 1~13 cells.</i>
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### Description

raw count of spatially resolved transcriptomics data for the third scenario in our simulation study. select a public STARmap dataset, which contains the expression levels of 10,000 genes in 973 cells from the mouse visual cortex at the single-cell resolution and is refined with six neocortical layers. To generate coarse-grained SRT data from single-cell resolution data, we define one spot-based region by the size of the grid and aggregate the gene expression level that fall into each spot. After gridding, a total of 175 spots are simulated and each spot covers 1~13 cells.

### Usage

```
data(MVC.ST)
```

### Format

a large matrix

### Examples

```
data(MVC.ST)
```

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MVC.ST.coor	<i>coordinate of spots for the spatially resolved transcriptomics data for the third scenario in our simulation study.</i>
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### Description

coordinate of spots for the MVC.ST data. The center of the grids are served as the coordinates of the corresponding generated spots.

### Usage

```
data(MVC.ST.coor)
```

**Format**

a list

**Examples**

```
data(MVC.ST.coor)
```

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solve_ensemble	<i>Ensemble the results of individual deconvolution results. This function uses the weighted median methods to integrate the results obtained by individual deconvolution methods.</i>
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**Description**

Ensemble the results of individual deconvolution results. This function uses the weighted median methods to integrate the results obtained by individual deconvolution methods.

**Usage**

```
solve_ensemble(
  Results.Deconv,
  lambda = NULL,
  prob.quantile = 0.5,
  niter = 100,
  epsilon = 1e-05
)
```

**Arguments**

Results.Deconv	a list contains all the results of individual deconvolution methods. The elements of list is a matrix, spots * cell-type.
lambda	hyper-parameter constrain the weight of individual methods for ensemble. If the parameter is set to NULL, then, we will adopt the value in our algorithm.
prob.quantile	numeric of probabilities with values in [0,1]. Default setting is 0.5.
niter	a positive integer represents the maximum number of updating algorithm. Default setting is 100.
epsilon	a parameter represents the stop criterion.

**Value**

a list contains a matrix of the ensemble deconvolution result and a vector of the weight assigned to individual methods.

**Examples**

```
data("MVC.reference")
data("MVC.reference.cell.label")
data("MVC.ST")
data("MVC.ST.coor")
##### path on ubuntu platform on our computer
python_env <- "~/conda/envs/EnDecon_GPU/bin/python"
##### we use all the genes for the deconvolutioin
Results.Deconv <- EnDecon_individual_methods(MVC.reference, MVC.reference.cell.label,
MVC.ST, MVC.ST.coor, python_env = python_env, use_gpu = TRUE,
RCTD.CELL_MIN_INSTANCE = 10, gene_det_in_min_cells_per = 0,
expression_threshold = 0, nUMI = 1, DWLS.is_select_DEGs = FALSE,
SpatialDWLS.is_select_DEGs = FALSE)
ensemble.results <- solve_ensemble(Results.Deconv)
```

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