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title: "Preprocessing FCM data in R"
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```{r setup, include=FALSE}
knitr::opts chunk$set(echo = FALSE)
Start fresh: remove all loaded variables:
```{r}
rm(list=ls())
graphics.off() # close all graphics, for efficiency
# Ensure flowCore library is loaded:
```{r}
library(flowCore)
setwd('./data')
To see a list of files in the 'fullFCS' folder, use dir(), it
returns a vector of file names
```{r}
files <- dir('./data/fullFCS/')</pre>
files
# To select the first file in the directory, subset the vector on
its first index:
firstFile <- paste('./data/fullFCS/', files[1], sep = "")</pre>
firstFile
f <- read.FCS(firstFile)</pre>
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# Compensation:
```{r}
?compensate
A spill-over matrix is often available within the meta data:
```{r}
M <- f@description$`SPILL`</pre>
f.comp <- compensate(f, M)</pre>
summary(f)
summary(f.comp)
# Now the file is compensated. Due to the large size of the
files, they have been compensated and truncated to only a few of
the colours to facilitate this workshop. They can be loaded:
load('./data/fs.RData')
length(fs)
fs[[1]]
# Removing margin events.
# Let's look at the scatter channels first. There are margin
events at the upper-end of the FSC-A channel:
```{r}
library(flowViz)
plot(fs[[1]], c("FSC-A", "SSC-A"), ylim = c(0, 1000),
smooth=FALSE)
abline(v = 250000, col = "blue", lwd = 3, lty = "dashed")
```{r}
margin.cells \leftarrow which(exprs(fs[[1]])[, "FSC-A"] >= 250000)
length(margin.cells)
nrow(fs[[1]])
# Calculate the percentage of cells on the FSC-A margin:
margin.percent <- 100 * length(margin.cells)/nrow(fs[[1]])</pre>
margin.percent
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```{r}
f <- fs[[1]]
Let us only plot those cells:
First, construct a matrix of the expression data:
A \leftarrow exprs(f)[, c("FSC-A", "SSC-A")]
dim(A)
A[1,]
plot(A, pch=".", ylim = c(0, 1000))
points(A[margin.cells,], pch=".", col = "red", cex=2)
legend('top', legend = paste("Margin Events:", margin.percent,
"%"), col = "red", pch = 19)
Now remove the cells on the margin:
f.clean.margin <- f[-margin.cells]</pre>
nrow(f.clean.margin)
Transformations
Try a simple transformation on some made up numbers:
```{r}
a < -c(1, 10, 100, 500, 1000)
log10(a)
asinh(a)
lgcl <- logicleTransform() # see ?transform for the flowCore</pre>
package
print(lgcl(a))
# Let's try the CD3 values now
```{r}
vals <- exprs(f.clean.margin)[, "R780-A"]</pre>
par(mfrow = c(2, 2), mar = c(3, 3, 3, 1), mgp=c(2, 1, 0))
plot(density(vals), xlim = c(0, 20000), main="Untransformed CD3"
values")
plot(density(log10(vals), na.rm=TRUE), main="Log Transform")
plot(density(asinh(vals)), main = "Asinh")
plot(density(lgcl(vals)), main = "Logicle")
Notice not much difference between log, arcsinh and logicle
transform for the SSC-A channel
Transformation: log
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```{r}
f <- f.clean.margin
par (mfrow = c(2, 2), mar = c(3,3,3,1), mgp=c(2,1,0))
plot(f, c("FSC-A", "SSC-A"), smooth=FALSE, ylim = c(0, 5000),
main = "No transformation")
# Simply replace the "SSC-A" values with the log10 transformed
values
exprs(f)[, 'SSC-A'] \leftarrow log10(exprs(f)[, 'SSC-A'])
plot(f, c("FSC-A", "SSC-A"), ylim = log10(c(1, 5000)),
smooth=FALSE, main = "Log Transformation")
# Arc sinh: almost identical for SSC-A
```{r}
f2 <- f.clean.margin
exprs(f2)[, "SSC-A"] \leftarrow asinh(exprs(f2)[, "SSC-A"])
plot(f2, c("FSC-A", "SSC-A"), ylim = asinh(c(0, 5000)),
smooth=FALSE, main = "Arcsinh")
Logicle transform
```{r}
f3 <- f.clean.margin
exprs(f3)[, "SSC-A"] \leftarrow lgcl(exprs(f3)[, "SSC-A"])
plot(f3, c("FSC-A", "SSC-A"), ylim = lgcl(c(0, 5000)),
smooth=FALSE, main = "Logicle")
# Try the same for CD3 (R780-A):
```{r}
f <- f.clean.margin</pre>
plot(f, c("FSC-A", "R780-A"), smooth=F, main = "No
transformation")
exprs(f)[, 'R780-A'] <- log10(exprs(f)[, 'R780-A'])
plot(f, c("FSC-A", "R780-A"), ylim = log10(c(1, 5000)),
smooth=FALSE, main = "Log Transformation")
legend('bottom',
legend=paste(round(100*length(which(exprs(f.clean.margin)))
"R780-A"] <1))/nrow(f), 2), "% cells on axis"))
Asinh
```{r}
f2 <- f.clean.margin
exprs(f2)[, "R780-A"] <- asinh(exprs(f2)[, "R780-A"])
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plot(f2, c("FSC-A", "R780-A"), ylim = asinh(c(-500, 5000)),
smooth=FALSE, main = "Arcsinh")
# Logicle transform
```{r}
f3 <- f.clean.margin
exprs(f3)[, "R780-A"] <- lgcl(exprs(f3)[, "R780-A"])
plot(f3, c("FSC-A", "R780-A"), ylim = lgcl(c(-500, 5000)),
smooth=FALSE, main = "Logicle")
Now use the estimateLogicle transform to apply to some other
channels
```{r}
lgcl <- estimateLogicle(f.clean.margin, colnames(f)[3:9])</pre>
f.trans <- transform(f.clean.margin, lqcl)</pre>
# Fancier plotting functionality from flowDensity
```{r}
library(GEOmap)
library(flowDensity)
par(mfrow = c(2,2), mar = c(3, 3, 3, 1), mgp=c(2, 1, 0))
plotDens(f.trans, c("FSC-A", "SSC-A"))
plotDens(f.trans, c(5, 8))
plotDens(f.trans, c(4, 7))
plotDens(f.trans, c(6, 9))
Now we must apply these steps to all samples!
Instead of just removing margins, let's also remove high/low-
scatter cells
(http://jid.oxfordjournals.org/content/201/2/272.full.pdf for
gating strategy on this data set)
```{r}
graphics.off()
load('./data/fs.RData')
# We can use a for loop to loop through all samples and apply the
same steps. Here is a simple for loop:
for (i in 1:3){
 print (i^2)
}
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for (chan in colnames(fs)[4:ncol(fs[[1]])]){
 print (chan)
}
# Generate a pooled frame to define debris gate:
```{r}
source("./code/supportCode/support functions.R") # support
functions provided by Radina, examine later to see what you can
use when you fly home!
global.frame <- getGlobalFrame(fs)</pre>
plot(global.frame, c("FSC-A", "SSC-A"), ylim = c(0, 1000),
smooth=F)
abline(v = c(35000, 125000), col = "blue", lwd = 2)
abline(h = 600, col = "blue", lwd = 2)
Instead of dot plots, let's look at this 1 dimension at a time:
plot(density(exprs(global.frame)[, "FSC-A"]))
abline(v=125000)
abline(v=35000)
plot(density(exprs(global.frame)[, "SSC-A"]), xlim = c(0, 1000))
abline(v=600)
Plot these gates over all frames to ensure they are appropriate
```{r}
par(mfrow = c(5,4), mar = c(2,2,0,0))
for (i in 1:20){
 plot(fs[[i]], c("FSC-A", "SSC-A"), ylim = c(0, 1000), smooth=F)
  abline(v = 35000, col = "blue", lwd=2)
  abline(v=125000, col = "blue", lwd = 2)
  abline(h=600, col = "blue", lwd = 2)
}
# Apply debris gate to whole flow set:
# First, start with a copy of the original flowSet 'fs' (normally
you will work directly with 'fs' itself)
```{r}
clean.fs <- fs</pre>
for (i in 1:20) { # Loop over the length of the flowSet
 f <- fs[[i]]
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First restrict the FSC-A values:
 fsc.indices <- intersect(which(exprs(f)[, "FSC-A"] < 125000),</pre>
which(exprs(f)[, "FSC-A"] > 35000))
 # Then restrict SSC-A values and intersect with FSC-A
restriction above:
 ssc.indices <- intersect(which(exprs(f)[, "SSC-A"] > 0),
which(exprs(f)[, "SSC-A"] < 600))
 non.debris.indices <- intersect(fsc.indices, ssc.indices)</pre>
 # Now only select the non debris cells and place the cleaned up
flowFrame into the flowSet:
 f.clean <- f[non.debris.indices]</pre>
 clean.fs[[i]] <- f.clean</pre>
}
See the results:
```{r}
par(mfrow = c(5,4), mar = c(2,2,1,1), mgp=c(2, 1, 0))
for (i in 1:20){
 plotDens(clean.fs[[i]], c("FSC-A", "SSC-A"), main = "")
}
# Create a new pooled sample to estimate parameters for logicle
transform:
```{r}
global.frame <- getGlobalFrame(clean.fs)</pre>
lgcl <- estimateLogicle(global.frame, colnames(fs)[3:9])</pre>
Apply the transformation to each sample in a for loop
similarly to above.
Apply the transformation to each sample in a for loop similarly
to above.
Note that if your transformation looks bad, you will have to
sometimes using a pooled sample does not work well -- consider
representative sample instead, or using the generic logicle
transform instead
of the estimateLogicle. You may even try 'asinh'.
```{r}
trans.fs <- clean.fs
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for (i in 1:20){
   trans.fs[[i]] <- transform(clean.fs[[i]], lgcl)
}
# See the results for CD3 and the viability channel:
par(mfrow = c(5, 4), mar = c(2, 2, 2, 1))
for (i in 1:20){
   plotDens(trans.fs[[i]], c(5, 8))
}</pre>
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