

# Package ‘RGenEDA’

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DEGs	<i>Access DEGs container</i>
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### Description

Access DEGs container

### Usage

DEGs(object, assay)

### Arguments

object	A geneda object
assay	The name of the DEGs slot to return

### Value

List with DEG (unfiltered data.frame) and optionally named filtered result sets

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DimReduction	<i>Access dimensional reduction results list</i>
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### Description

Access dimensional reduction results list

### Usage

DimReduction(object)

### Arguments

object	A geneda object
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### Value

List with Loadings, Eigenvectors, percent\_var

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distanceHeatmap	<i>distanceHeatmap</i>
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## Description

Compute a sample-by-sample distance matrix from a geneda object and plot a ggplot2 heatmap. Optionally subset metadata columns and reorder rows/columns by hierarchical clustering.

## Usage

```
distanceHeatmap(
  object,
  method = "euclidean",
  reorder = TRUE,
  meta_cols = NULL,
  palettes = NULL,
  return = c("object", "plot")
)
```

## Arguments

object	A geneda object
method	Distance method for stats::dist (default "euclidean")
reorder	Logical; if TRUE, reorder rows/cols by hclust on the distance matrix. Default TRUE
meta_cols	Optional character vector of metadata columns to display in the title/subtitle for quick reference (no annotation strips are drawn).
palettes	Optional named list of color vectors that can be used downstream (returned) if the caller wants to annotate elsewhere.
return	One of c("object", "plot"). If "plot", draws the heatmap immediately via grid and still returns the result list. Default "object".

## Value

A list with elements: dist\_matrix, order (character vector of sample names), heatmap (pheatmap object), palettes (as passed through)

## Examples

```
mock_norm <- matrix(rnorm(12, mean = 0, sd = 2), nrow = 4, ncol = 3)
colnames(mock_norm) <- paste0("Sample", 1:3)
rownames(mock_norm) <- paste0("Gene", 1:4)
mock_meta <- data.frame(condition = c("A", "B", "A"), row.names = colnames(mock_norm))
obj <- GenEDA(normalized = mock_norm, metadata = mock_meta)
colorList <- list(condition = c("A" = "red", "B" = "blue"))
distanceHeatmap(
  obj,
  meta_cols = c("condition"),
  palettes = colorList,
  return = "plot")
```

eigencorr

*eigencorr***Description**

Calculate Eigen-correlations from a geneda object and plot a publication-quality heatmap using ggplot2 with numeric labels and significance stars. For continuous variables, Pearson correlation is used. P values follow this convention:  $p < 0.001$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ,  $p < 0.05$  = three, two, one stars, respectively.

Requires PCA loadings in `DimReduction(object)`; does not recompute PCA.

**Usage**

```
eigencorr(object, num_pcs = 10, meta_cols = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

object	A geneda object containing normalized and metadata, and optionally <code>DimReduction</code> loadings.
num_pcs	Number of principal components to correlate.
meta_cols	Optional character vector of metadata column names to include. Defaults to all metadata columns.

**Value**

A list with elements: `cor_matrix`, `pval_matrix`, `stars`, `plot` (ggplot)

**Examples**

```
mock_norm <- matrix(rnorm(5000 * 6, mean = 0, sd = 2), nrow = 5000, ncol = 6)
colnames(mock_norm) <- paste0("Sample", 1:6)
rownames(mock_norm) <- paste0("Gene", 1:5000)

# Sample metadata
mock_meta <- data.frame(condition = c("A", "B", "A", "B", "A", "B"),
  row.names = colnames(mock_norm))

# Construct GenEDA object
obj <- GenEDA(normalized = mock_norm, metadata = mock_meta)

# Run PCA
obj <- RunPCA(obj)

# Compute eigencorrelation plot using first 5 PCs
ec <- eigencorr(obj, num_pcs = 5)
ec$plot
```

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extractEigen	<i>extractEigen</i>
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**Description**

Extract gene-level Eigen-vectors for PCs of interest and calculate percent variance.

**Usage**

```
extractEigen(object, component)
```

**Arguments**

object	A geneda object containing PCA results in the DimReduction slot
component	Principal component to use (i.e., PC1)

**Value**

A data-frame containing gene loading information and percent variation per gene

**Examples**

```
mock_norm <- matrix(rnorm(12, mean = 0, sd = 2), nrow = 4, ncol = 3)
colnames(mock_norm) <- paste0("Sample", 1:3)
rownames(mock_norm) <- paste0("Gene", 1:4)
mock_meta <- data.frame(condition = c("A", "B", "A"), row.names = colnames(mock_norm))
obj <- GenEDA(normalized = mock_norm, metadata = mock_meta)
extractEigen(object = obj, component = "PC1")
```

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ExtractPCA	<i>Extract PCA Loadings and Metadata</i>
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**Description**

This function extracts PCA loadings stored in the DimReduction slot of a geneda object and combines them with the associated metadata. It ensures that the metadata has valid rownames and aligns the PCA loadings accordingly.

**Usage**

```
ExtractPCA(object)
```

**Arguments**

object	A geneda object containing PCA results in the DimReduction slot and sample-level metadata in the metadata slot.
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## Details

The function performs several checks:

- Ensures the input object is of class `geneda`.
- Verifies that the `DimReduction` slot contains PCA loadings.
- Confirms that the metadata has valid rownames.
- Reorders the PCA loadings to match the order of metadata rows.

If metadata rownames are missing or invalid, the function throws an error.

## Value

A `data.frame` combining PCA loadings and sample metadata, where rows correspond to samples and columns include principal component loadings and metadata fields.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# Example usage:
pca_results <- ExtractPCA(my_geneda_object)
head(pca_results)

## End(Not run)
```

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FilterDEGs

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*Filter DEGs by padj and absolute log2FoldChange*


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## Description

Filters the unfiltered DEGs in `DEGs$DEG` and stores the filtered results in a new named slot `DEGs[[assayName]]`. Multiple filtered result sets can be stored with different assay names.

## Usage

```
FilterDEGs(object, padj_thresh = 0.05, log2FC_thresh = 1, assayName)
```

## Arguments

<code>object</code>	A <code>geneda</code> object with <code>DEGs\$DEG</code> set
<code>padj_thresh</code>	Adjusted p-value threshold ( $\leq$ )
<code>log2FC_thresh</code>	Absolute log2 fold change threshold ( $\geq$ )
<code>assayName</code>	Character name for the filtered result set (e.g., "padj05_lfc1")

## Value

Updated `geneda` object with filtered results stored in `DEGs[[assayName]]`

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FindVariableFeatures	<i>Find and store highly variable genes (HVGs)</i>
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**Description**

Computes per-feature variance on `normalized(object)`, ranks genes by decreasing variance, and stores the top `nfeatures` gene IDs into the HVGs slot. Returns the updated object.

**Usage**

```
FindVariableFeatures(object, nfeatures)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	A geneda object
<code>nfeatures</code>	Number of HVGs to store

**Value**

Updated geneda object

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GenEDA	<i>Construct a geneda object</i>
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**Description**

Construct a geneda object

**Usage**

```
GenEDA(normalized, metadata, counts = NULL, DEGs = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>normalized</code>	Normalized expression matrix (features x samples).
<code>metadata</code>	Sample metadata data.frame with row names matching <code>colnames(normalized)</code> .
<code>counts</code>	Optional counts matrix (features x samples).
<code>DEGs</code>	Optional DEG results from DESeq2 Note: This constructor does not compute HVGs or PCA. Use <code>FindVariableFeatures()</code> and <code>RunPCA()</code> afterward.

**Value**

A geneda object.

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geneda-class	<i>geneda S4 class</i>
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### Description

An S4 container for exploratory genomic data analysis. Stores optional raw counts, normalized data, sample metadata, highly variable genes (HVGs), and PCA dimensionality reduction results.

### Slots

`counts` Optional counts matrix (features x samples). Can be NULL.

`normalized` Normalized expression matrix (features x samples).

`metadata` Sample-level metadata `data.frame` (rows = samples).

`HVGs` Character vector of selected highly variable gene IDs (row names).

`DimReduction` List for PCA results with Loadings, Eigenvectors, `percent_var`.

`DEGs` List container for differential expression results. Contains `DEG` (`data.frame`) for unfiltered results, and optionally named slots for filtered results (e.g., `DEGs$assay1`, `DEGs$assay2`).

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generatePCs	<i>generatePCs</i>
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### Description

Generate principal component analysis data that can be used in downstream analyses.

### Usage

```
generatePCs(mat, vars, nFeatures)
```

### Arguments

<code>mat</code>	A data matrix where rows are features and columns are samples
<code>vars</code>	A vector of gene variances (can calculate using <code>RGenEDA::plotVariance</code> )
<code>nFeatures</code>	Number of top features to generate principal components on.

### Value

A list consisting of 3 slots: Loadings, Eigenvectors, and `percent_var`



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getCounts	<i>Access counts matrix (avoid name clash with DESeq2::counts)</i>
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**Description**

Access counts matrix (avoid name clash with DESeq2::counts)

**Usage**

```
getCounts(object)
```

**Arguments**

object	A geneda object
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**Value**

Matrix or NULL

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getMetadata	<i>Access metadata (avoid name clash with S4 generics)</i>
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**Description**

Access metadata (avoid name clash with S4 generics)

**Usage**

```
getMetadata(object)
```

**Arguments**

object	A geneda object
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**Value**

data.frame

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getNormalized	<i>Access normalized matrix (avoid name clash with generics)</i>
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**Description**

Access normalized matrix (avoid name clash with generics)

**Usage**

```
getNormalized(object)
```

**Arguments**

object	A geneda object
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**Value**

Matrix

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HVGs	<i>Access HVG IDs</i>
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**Description**

Access HVG IDs

**Usage**

```
HVGs(object)
```

**Arguments**

object	A geneda object
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**Value**

Character vector

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ordcorr	<i>ordcorr</i>
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### Description

Calculate correlations between NMDS ordination axes (from beta diversity distances) and metadata, and plot a ggplot2 heatmap with numeric labels and significance stars.

For continuous variables, Pearson correlation is used. P values follow this convention:  $p < 0.001$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ,  $p < 0.05$  = three, two, one stars, respectively.

Default num\_mds is 10, but function will internally set max number of NMDS to be  $n-1$  where  $n$  is your number of samples.

### Usage

```
ordcorr(object, num_mds = 10, meta_cols = NULL, distance = "bray")
```

### Arguments

object	A geneda object containing normalized and metadata.
num_mds	Number of NMDS axes to correlate. Default = 10
meta_cols	Optional character vector of metadata column names to include. Defaults to all metadata columns.
distance	Distance metric for vegdist (default "bray").

### Value

A list with elements: cor\_matrix, pval\_matrix, stars, plot (ggplot), and variance explained (squared correlations between ordination distances and observed dissimilarities.)

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PlotCountDist	<i>PlotCountDist</i>
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### Description

Generates violin plots with embedded boxplots showing the distribution of normalized or VST-transformed RNA-Seq counts for each sample in a geneda object. Optionally, plots can be faceted by a metadata variable.

### Usage

```
PlotCountDist(object, split_by = NULL)
```

### Arguments

object	A geneda object containing normalized expression values in @normalized and sample metadata in @metadata.
split_by	Character. Optional column name from object@metadata used for faceting (default: NULL, no faceting).

**Value**

A ggplot2 object displaying the distribution of counts per sample.

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Basic plot without faceting
PlotCountDist(obj)

# Facet by a metadata variable "condition"
PlotCountDist(obj, split_by = "condition")

## End(Not run)

mock_norm <- matrix(rnorm(12, mean = 0, sd = 2), nrow = 4, ncol = 3)
colnames(mock_norm) <- paste0("Sample", 1:3)
rownames(mock_norm) <- paste0("Gene", 1:4)
mock_meta <- data.frame(condition = c("A","B","A"), row.names = colnames(mock_norm))
obj <- GenEDA(normalized = mock_norm, metadata = mock_meta)
PlotCountDist(obj)
```

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PlotEigenHeatmap

*PlotEigenHeatmap*


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**Description**

Generates a heatmap of the top genes contributing to a specific principal component from a geneda object. Genes are selected by absolute eigenvector loading for the chosen PC, and expression values are Z-score scaled per gene. Optionally annotate columns with metadata variables and add row annotations showing gene-level percent variance.

**Usage**

```
PlotEigenHeatmap(
  object,
  pc = "PC1",
  n = 25,
  annotate_by = NULL,
  annotate_colors = NULL,
  return = c("object", "plot")
)
```

**Arguments**

object	A geneda object containing normalized expression data and PCA in DimReduction.
pc	Character. Principal component to visualize (e.g., "PC1").
n	Integer. Number of genes to select by absolute loading (default: 25).
annotate_by	Character vector of metadata column names for column annotations (optional).
annotate_colors	Named list of color vectors for metadata columns. Names should match annotate_by.
return	One of c("object", "plot"). If "plot", draws the heatmap via grid.

**Value**

A list with topGenes (data.frame with EigenVector and PctVar), expression (scaled matrix), and heatmap (pheatmap object)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
mock_norm <- matrix(rnorm(12, mean = 0, sd = 2), nrow = 4, ncol = 3)
colnames(mock_norm) <- paste0("Sample", 1:3)
rownames(mock_norm) <- paste0("Gene", 1:4)
mock_meta <- data.frame(condition = c("A","B","A"), row.names = colnames(mock_norm))
obj <- GenEDA(normalized = mock_norm, metadata = mock_meta)
res <- PlotEigenHeatmap(obj, pc = "PC1", n = 25,
                        annotate_by = c("Condition"),
                        annotate_colors = list(Condition = c("A" = "#1b9e77", "B" = "#d95f02")))
grid::grid.newpage(); grid::grid.draw(res$heatmap$gtable)

## End(Not run)
```

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PlotHVGVariance	<i>PlotHVGVariance</i>
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**Description**

Plot variance for all genes (features) on a geneda object using ggplot2.

**Usage**

```
PlotHVGVariance(object, transform = NULL, dropTopN = 0)
```

**Arguments**

object	A geneda object created by GenEDA().
transform	One of c("log") to log-transform variance, or NULL for none. Default = NULL
dropTopN	Number of top-most variable genes to drop prior to plotting. Default = 0

**Value**

A ggplot2 object visualizing the variance of HVGs

**Examples**

```
# obj <- GenEDA(vsd, meta)
# p <- PlotHVGVariance(obj, transform = "log")
# print(p)
```

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PlotMA	<i>PlotMA</i>
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**Description**

Plot MA plot from a geneda object. Requires that you have ran SetDEGs on your object following differential expression in DESeq2.

**Usage**

```
PlotMA(object, alpha, fc, title = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

object	A geneda object containing DEGs from SetDEGs method
alpha	Threshold for adjusted p-values (padj column from DESeq2)
fc	Absolute value log2Fold-change magnitude threshold (log2FoldChange column)
title	Optional character vector of what plot should be titled.

**Value**

A ggplot2 object

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PlotPCA	<i>Plot PCA results from a GenEDA object</i>
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**Description**

Visualize principal component analysis (PCA) results stored within a GenEDA object. This function extracts PCA data via [ExtractPCA](#) and provides a flexible ggplot2-based visualization interface.

**Usage**

```
PlotPCA(
  object,
  x = 1,
  y = 2,
  color_by,
  colors = NULL,
  split_by = NULL,
  shape_by = NULL,
  return_data = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

object	A GenEDA object containing PCA results in the DimReduction slot.
x	Numeric or character. The principal component to plot on the x-axis (e.g., 1 or "PC1").
y	Numeric or character. The principal component to plot on the y-axis (e.g., 2 or "PC2").
color_by	Character. Column name in the metadata used to color points.
colors	Vector. Custom colors to use for plotting
split_by	Character (optional). Column name in metadata used for faceting (creates separate panels).
shape_by	Character (optional). Column name in metadata used to control point shape.
return_data	Logical (default = FALSE), whether or not to return pca dataframe for more custom plotting.

**Value**

A ggplot object displaying the PCA scatter plot, or a list of pca\_df and plot if return\_data = TRUE

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
p <- PlotPCA(obj, x = 1, y = 2, color_by = "condition",
             colors = c("untreated" = "red", "treated" = "blue"),
             split_by = "library")
p

## End(Not run)
```

RunPCA

*Run PCA and store in DimReduction***Description**

Uses generatePCs() under the hood. If HVGs are empty, selects HVGs via FindVariableFeatures(object, nfeatures) with default nfeatures = 2000. If HVGs are present, the PCA uses NFEATURES = length(HVGs(object)). This aligns the PCA feature count with the HVG selection while allowing an explicit override of nfeatures when empty.

**Usage**

```
RunPCA(object, nfeatures = 2000)
```

**Arguments**

object	A geneda object
nfeatures	Number of features to use when HVGs are empty. Default = 2000

**Value**

Updated geneda object with DimReduction filled

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SetDEGs	<i>Set unfiltered DEGs on the object</i>
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**Description**

Set unfiltered DEGs on the object

**Usage**

```
SetDEGs(object, deg_table)
```

**Arguments**

object	A geneda object
deg_table	A data.frame of DESeq2-like results containing at least columns log2FoldChange and padj

**Value**

Updated geneda object with DEGs\$DEG set

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show,geneda-method	<i>Show method for geneda</i>
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**Description**

Show method for geneda

Show method for geneda

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'geneda'  
show(object)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'geneda'  
show(object)
```

**Arguments**

object	A geneda object
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