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Note: users should have a working copy of flowClust 2.0

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# Description

Merges mixture components from the **flowClust** framework based on the entropy of clustering and provides a simple representation of complicated, non-convex cell populations.

# **Details**

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High density, non-convex cell populations in flow cytometry data often require multiple mixture components for a good model fit. The components are often overlapping, resulting in a complicated representation of individual cell populations. flowMerge merges overlapping mixture components (based on the max BIC flowClust model fit) in an iterative manner based on an entropy criterion, allowing these cell populations to be represented by individual mixture components while retaining the good model fitting properties of the BIC solution. Estimates of the number of clusters from a flowMerge model more accurately represent the "true" number of cell populations in the data. Running flowMerge is relatively straightforward. A flowClust object is converted to a flowObj object, which groups the model and the data (a flowFrame) into a single object. This is done by a call to flowObj(model, data) with a call to merge, which takes a flowObj object. The algorithm may be run in parallel on a multi-core machine or a networked cluster of machines. It uses the functionality in the snow package to achieve this. Parallelized calls to flowClust are available via the pFlowClust and pFlowMerge functions.

flowMerge has functionality to automatically select the "correct" number of clusters by fitting a piecewise linear model to the entropy of clustering vs number of clusters, and locating the position of the changepoint. The piecewise linear model fitting is invoked by a call to fitPiecewiseLinreg, which returns the location of the changepoint.

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#### References

Finak G, Bashasharti A, Brinkmann R, Gottardo R. Merging Mixture Model Components for Improved Cell Population Identification in High Throughput Flow Cytometry Data; Advances in Bioinformatics (To Appear)

#### See Also

```
flowClust,flowObj,pFlowMerge,pFlowClust,fitPiecewiseLinreg,merge,getData,link{plot}
```

```
#data(rituximab)
#data(RituximabFlowClustFit)
#o<-flowObj(flowClust.res[[which.max(flowMerge:::BIC(flowClust.res))]],rituximab);
#m<-merge(o);
#i<-fitPiecewiseLinreg(m);
#m<-m[[i]];
#plot(m,pch=20,level=0.9);</pre>
```

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Check output of snow clusters for errors

## **Description**

Overrides the snow checkForRemoteErrors function. Try errors are returned when cluster nodes produce errors, rather than completely aborting the computation. Not meant to be called by the user.

## Usage

checkForRemoteErrors(val)

#### **Arguments**

val

The result returned from an individual cluster node.

#### **Details**

This function is meant to be called internally, but must be exported so that it can hide the native checkForRemoteErrors function in the snow package.

#### Value

The result from the snow cluster node, or an object of type try-error if there was an error.

## Author(s)

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## References

Finak G, Bashasharti A, Brinkmann R, Gottardo R. Merging Mixture Model Components for Improved Cell Population Identification in High Throughput Flow Cytometry Data; Advances in Bioinformatics (To Appear)

#### See Also

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## **Description**

Fits a two-component piecewise linear regression to the entropy vs number of clusters for a list of merged cluster solutions.

## Usage

```
fitPiecewiseLinreg(x, plot=FALSE, normalized=TRUE, ...)
```

## Arguments

X	A "list" of flowMerge objects for 1 through K clusters derived from a single max BIC flowObj or flowClust object.
plot	A logical indicating whether to plot the fit or not. Default is FALSE.
normalized	A logical indicating whether the merging should be done using the normalized or unnormalized entropy
	Additional arguments not currently used.

#### **Details**

An S4 method that takes a list of flowMerge objects output by the merge method, extracts the entropy and fits a piecwise linear regression to the entropy vs number of clusters in order to find the postion of the changepoint. The location of the changepoint corresponds to the optimal merged cluster solution. The piecewise linear regression now is fitted to the entropy vs cumulative sum of merged observations at each number of clusters. This normalizes the change in entropy for the number of data points as described in Baudry et al.

#### Value

An integer value corresponding to the position of the changepoint.

## Author(s)

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```

#### References

Finak G, Bashasharti A, Brinkmann R, Gottardo R. Merging Mixture Model Components for Improved Cell Population Identification in High Throughput Flow Cytometry Data; Advances in Bioinformatics (To Appear)

## See Also

merge

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## **Examples**

```
#data(rituximab)
#data(RituximabFlowClustFit)
#o<-flowObj(flowClust.res[[which.max(BIC(flowClust.res))]],rituximab);
#m<-merge(o)
#i<-fitPiecewiseLinreg(m);</pre>
```

fitPiecewiseLinreg-methods

Methods for fitPiecewiseLinreg in flowMerge package

## **Description**

Methods for the function fitPiecewiseLinreg in the package flowMerge

## Methods

x = "list" A list of flowMerge objectes derived from a call to the merge function.

#### References

Finak G, Bashasharti A, Brinkmann R, Gottardo R. Merging Mixture Model Components for Improved Cell Population Identification in High Throughput Flow Cytometry Data; Advances in Bioinformatics (To Appear)

flagOutliers

Update the flagOutliers slot in a flowMerge object

## **Description**

Update the flagOutliers slot in a flowMerge object. This method is internal and called automatically from within the merging code.

## Usage

```
flagOutliers(object,...)
```

## **Arguments**

object An object of type flowMerge
... Additional arguments, currently unused

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flagOutliers-methods

Methods to update the flagOutliers slot in a flowMerge object.

# Description

Methods that update the flagOutliers slot in a flowMerge object so that they reflec the outliers in the new merged clustering. This is an internal function, not meant for user consumption. It is called from within the merge method.

#### Methods

object = "flowMerge" Update the flagOutliers slot for an object of type flowMerge

flowClust.res

A flowClust model fitted to the rituximab data for 1:10 clusters.

## Description

The Rituximab data set accessible via data(rituximab) in the flowClust package fitted to a flow-Clust model containing from one to ten components. The results are in the object flowClust.res.

## Usage

data(RituximabFlowClustFit)

#### **Format**

The format is: flowClust.res is a flowClustList, where each element of the list is a flowClust model of the rituximab data, for K=1 through K=10 components, respectively. The structure of flowClustList and flowClust can be found in the corresponding documentation of the flowClust package. The format of the rituximab data is found in the documentation for that data set.

#### **Details**

The models have been precomputed for use in flowMerge examples to save computation time. flowClust was called on the rituximab data to generate these models with the following command: flowClust.res<-flowClust(rituximab,K=1:10,B=1000,B.init=100,tol=1e-5,tol.init=1e-2,nu=4,randomStart

## Source

Gasparetto, M., Gentry, T., Sebti, S., O'Bryan, E., Nimmanapalli, R., Blaskovich, M. A., Bhalla, K., Rizzieri, D., Haaland, P., Dunne, J. and Smith, C. (2004) Identification of compounds that enhance the anti-lymphoma activity of rituximab using flow cytometric high-content screening. *J. Immunol. Methods* **292**, 59-71.

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## **Examples**

```
#data(RituximabFlowClustFit)
#summary(flowClust.res);
```

flowMerge-class

Class "flowMerge"

## **Description**

A class to represent flowMerge objects

## **Objects from the Class**

The object unites the flowMerge model output and the data being modeled and contains additional slots for various characteristics of a merged cluster solution, including the entropy of clustering.

#### Slots

merged: The number of observations merged at the current step in the algorithm.

mtree: A tree-structured graph representing the order of merged components in the model. Inspired by SPADE. (Bendall et al.)

entropy: The entropy of clustering of the current solution.

DATA: An environment whose first element contains the flowFrame with the data modeled by this flowMerge object

expName: See the flowClust package for details

varNames: See the flowClust package for details

K: The number of clusters in the merged solution. See the flowClust package for details

w: The proportions for each component in the merged solution. See the flowClust package for details

mu: The means of the components in the merged solution. See the flowClust package for details

sigma: The covraiances of the components in the merged solution. See the flowClust package for details

lambda: See the flowClust package for details

nu: See the flowClust package for details

z: See the flowClust package for details

u: The uncertainties for each data point.

label: See the flowClust package for details

uncertainty: See the flowClust package for details

ruleOutliers: See the flowClust package for details

flagOutliers: See the flowClust package for details

rm.min: See the flowClust package for details

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```
rm.max: See the flowClust package for details logLike: See the flowClust package for details BIC: See the flowClust package for details ICL: See the flowClust package for details
```

#### **Extends**

```
Class "flowObj", directly. Class "flowClust", by class "flowObj", distance 2.
```

## Methods

```
getData signature(obj = "flowMerge"): Retrieves the flowFrame in the DATA environment slot.
plot signature(x = "flowMerge", y = "missing"): Plots the clusters in this object.
summary signature(x="flowMerge"): Prints a summary of the object.
show signature(x="flowMerge"): Prints information about the object.
```

## Author(s)

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#### References

Finak G, Bashasharti A, Brinkmann R, Gottardo R. Merging Mixture Model Components for Improved Cell Population Identification in High Throughput Flow Cytometry Data (Submitted)

## See Also

flowObj-class

flowMerge-internal

Internal flowMerge functions

## **Description**

Internal functions for extracting the BIC, ICL or entropy from a list of flowClus, flowObj, or flowMerge objects.

#### References

Finak G, Bashasharti A, Brinkmann R, Gottardo R. Merging Mixture Model Components for Improved Cell Population Identification in High Throughput Flow Cytometry Data; Advances in Bioinformatics (To Appear)

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flowObj

Create a flowObj object from a flowClust and flowFrame object

## **Description**

Convenience method that creates a flowObj object from a flowClust and flowFrame object, so as to group the model and data together. Useful for high-throughput analysis where one may want to access the data to compute other statistics.

# Usage

```
flowObj(flowC = NULL, flowF = NULL)
```

## **Arguments**

flowC A flowClust object representing the model fit

flowF A flowFrame object on which the flowClust model is based.

#### **Details**

```
Calls the new("flowObj",..) constructor.
```

#### Value

An object of class flowObj-class

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## References

Finak G, Bashasharti A, Brinkmann R, Gottardo R. Merging Mixture Model Components for Improved Cell Population Identification in High Throughput Flow Cytometry Data; Advances in Bioinformatics (To Appear)

## See Also

flowObj-class

```
#data(rituximab)
#data(RituximabFlowClustFit)
#o<-flowObj(flowClust.res[[which.max(flowMerge:::BIC(flowClust.res))]],rituximab);
#m<-merge(o);</pre>
```

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Class "flowObj"

## Description

A class inheriting from flowClust that groups the model and data in a single object.

## **Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by calls of the form new("flowObj", ...). Has a convenience method flowObj(flowClustObj, flowFrameObj) for creating instances of the class.

#### Slots

DATA: An "environment" that holds a pointer to the flowFrame data in position [[1]].

expName: As described in the flowClust documentation

varNames: As described in the flowClust documentation

K: As described in the flowClust documentation

w: As described in the flowClust documentation

mu: As described in the flowClust documentation

sigma: As described in the flowClust documentation

lambda: As described in the flowClust documentation

nu: As described in the flowClust documentation

z: As described in the flowClust documentation

u: As described in the flowClust documentation

label: As described in the flowClust documentation

uncertainty: As described in the flowClust documentation

ruleOutliers: As described in the flowClust documentation

flagOutliers: As described in the flowClust documentation

rm.min: As described in the flowClust documentation

rm.max: As described in the flowClust documentation

logLike: As described in the flowClust documentation

BIC: As described in the flowClust documentation

ICL: As described in the flowClust documentation

#### Extends

Class "flowClust", directly.

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## Methods

getData signature(obj = "flowObj"): Retreives the contents of the DATA environment

merge signature(x = "flowObj", y = "missing"): the flowMerge algorithm is called via this
function on objects of type flowObj.

plot signature(x = "flowObj", y = "missing"): A simplified plotting method. Does not require specification of the data since it is contained in the flowObj object. Takes most of the same parameters as plot.flowClust, except the data parameter

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#### References

Finak G, Bashasharti A, Brinkmann R, Gottardo R. Merging Mixture Model Components for Improved Cell Population Identification in High Throughput Flow Cytometry Data; Advances in Bioinformatics (To Appear)

## See Also

flowMerge-class, flowObj

initPFlowMerge

Initialize a SNOW cluster for use with flowMerge

## Description

Initializes a snow cluster for use with flowMerge, ensures that the flowMerge library is loaded in all environments. Not meant to be called by the user

# Usage

```
initPFlowMerge(cl)
```

## Arguments

cl

A snow cluster

#### **Details**

A valid snow cluster.

## Author(s)

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## References

Finak G, Bashasharti A, Brinkmann R, Gottardo R. Merging Mixture Model Components for Improved Cell Population Identification in High Throughput Flow Cytometry Data; Advances in Bioinformatics (To Appear)

## See Also

pFlowMerge

map

Map matrix of probabilities to class assignments.

## **Description**

Traverse the rows of a matrix of probabilities of size n x k, where the n rows are samples, and the k columns are the probability of assignment of the sample to each of k classes. The most probable class assignment is selected for each row and a vector of classes is returned.

## Usage

```
map(z, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

z A matrix of probabilities.

... Additional arguments, not currently used.

## Value

A vector of class assignments of lenght n.

## Author(s)

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```
z<-t(apply(t(replicate(100,rgamma(5,0.1,1))),1,function(x)x/sum(x)));
map(z);</pre>
```

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merge

Merge clusters in flow cytometry data

#### **Description**

Merge the clusters in a flowClust solution using the cluster merging algorithm and entropy criterion.

## Usage

```
merge(x, y, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

Χ A flowObj object created from a flowClust object and a flowFrame using the flowObj constructor. missing У

Additional arguments. i.e. metric="entropy" | "mahalanobis"

#### **Details**

Run the cluster merging algorithm on the max BIC solution from a call to flowClust. The optional argument, metric specifies the measure used for clustering. Either "mahalanobis" or "entropy". Defaults to "entropy".

## Value

A list of unnamed flowMerge objects. The first element of the list corresponds to the 1-cluster merged solution. The second element corresponds to the 2-cluster merged solution, and so on.

#### Author(s)

```
Greg Finak «greg.finak@ircm.qc.cq»
```

#### References

Finak G, Bashasharti A, Brinkmann R, Gottardo R. Merging Mixture Model Components for Improved Cell Population Identification in High Throughput Flow Cytometry Data (Submitted)

## See Also

```
flowClust,flowObj
```

```
#data(rituximab)
#data(RituximabFlowClustFit)
#o<-flowObj(flowClust.res[[which.max(BIC(flowClust.res))]],rituximab)</pre>
#m<-merge(o);</pre>
```

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## **Description**

Merge mixture components in a flowObj derived from a flowClust result and a flowFrame using the cluster merging algorithm.

## Value

An unnamed list of flowMerge objects with the kth element corresponding to the k-cluster merged solution.

#### Methods

```
x = "ANY", y = "ANY" The generic method. Should not be called. x = "flowObj", y = "missing" The merge method for a flowObj.
```

## References

Finak G, Bashasharti A, Brinkmann R, Gottardo R. Merging Mixture Model Components for Improved Cell Population Identification in High Throughput Flow Cytometry Data (To Appear)

## **Examples**

```
#data(rituximab)
#data(RituximabFlowClustFit)
#o<-flowObj(flowClust.res[[which.max(flowMerge:::BIC(flowClust.res))]],rituximab);
#m<-merge(o);</pre>
```

mergeClusters

Cluster merging not meant to be called by the user

## **Description**

Internal cluster merging function.

## Usage

```
mergeClusters(object, metric)
```

# Arguments

object	not meant to be called by the user
metric	not meant to be called by the user

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## **Details**

Not meant to be called by the user

#### Value

Not meant to be called by the user

## Author(s)

```
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```

#### References

Finak G, Bashasharti A, Brinkmann R, Gottardo R. Merging Mixture Model Components for Improved Cell Population Identification in High Throughput Flow Cytometry Data (Submitted)

## See Also

merge

mergeClusters2

Cluster merging not meant to be called by the user

## **Description**

Internal function not meant to be called by the user.

# Usage

```
mergeClusters2(object, a, b)
```

## **Arguments**

object Internal function not meant to be called by the user.

a Internal function not meant to be called by the user.

b Internal function not meant to be called by the user.

#### **Details**

Internal function not meant to be called by the user.

#### Value

Internal function not meant to be called by the user.

## Author(s)

```
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```

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## References

Finak G, Bashasharti A, Brinkmann R, Gottardo R. Merging Mixture Model Components for Improved Cell Population Identification in High Throughput Flow Cytometry Data (Submitted)

## See Also

merge

**NENT** 

Extract the Normalized Entropy

## **Description**

Extracts the normalized entropy from a list of flowMerge objects.

#### Usage

NENT(x)

## **Arguments**

Х

A list of flowMerge objects

#### **Details**

The normalized entropy is extracted from a flowMerge object by computing  $\frac{E}{K*n}$  where E is the entropy, and K and n are the number of clusters and data points, respectively.

#### Value

Returns a vector of normalized entropy values for the flowMerge objects.

# Warning

This function doesn't do enough error checking and will try to extract the entropy from a list of anything.

## Author(s)

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## References

Finak G, Bashasharti A, Brinkmann R, Gottardo R. Merging Mixture Model Components for Improved Cell Population Identification in High Throughput Flow Cytometry Data; Advances in Bioinformatics (To Appear)

pFlowClust

## See Also

ENT,merge,flowMerge-class

# **Examples**

```
#data(RituximabFlowClustFit)
#data(rituximab)
#o<-flowObj(flowClust.res[[which.max(flowMerge:::BIC(flowClust.res))]],rituximab);
#m<-merge(o);
#flowMerge:::ENT(m);
#flowMerge:::NENT(m);</pre>
```

pFlowClust

Parallelized FlowClust

# Description

A parallelized call to flowClust via the snow package and framework. Not called by the user.

## Usage

```
pFlowClust(flowData,cl, K = 1:15, B.init = 100,
    tol.init = 0.01, tol = 1e-05, B = 1000,
    randomStart = 50, nu = 4, nu.est = 1,
    trans = 1, varNames = NA)
```

## **Arguments**

flowData	The data object, must be a flowFrame, flowSet or list of flowFrames
cl	The snow cluster object
K	The number of clusters to try for each flowFrame. Can be a vector. This is what is parallelized across processors.
B.init	See flowClust documentation
tol.init	See flowClust documentation
tol	See flowClust documentation
В	See flowClust documentation
randomStart	See flowClust documentation
nu	See flowClust documentation
nu.est	See flowClust documentation
trans	See flowClust documentation
varNames	See flowClust documentation

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#### **Details**

Calls flowClust via the clusterMap method of the snow package. Parallelizes the computation of multiple components for a single flowFrame in a loop over multiple flowFrames. If the snow cluster is NULL, will make the call via mapply.

#### Value

Returns a list of lists of flowClust objects The outer list corresponds to the flowFrames passed into the method. The inner list corresponds to the K cluster solutions passed into the method, for each flowFrame (ie If the input is a list of two flowFrames, and K=1:10, then the result is a list of length 2. Each element of the list is itself a list of length 10. The kth element of the inner list is the flowClust k cluster solution.)

#### Author(s)

```
Greg Finak «greg.finak@ircm.qc.ca»
```

## References

Finak G, Bashasharti A, Brinkmann R, Gottardo R. Merging Mixture Model Components for Improved Cell Population Identification in High Throughput Flow Cytometry Data (Submitted)

#### See Also

flowClust,snow

pFlowMerge

Parellel call to flowMerge

## **Description**

Calls the flowMerge methods to compute the merged solution from a flowClust object or set of objects in a parallelized manner using the snow framework.

# Usage

```
pFlowMerge(flowData, cl, K = 1:15,
    B.init = 100, tol.init = 0.01, tol = 1e-05,
    B = 500, randomStart = 10, nu = 4, nu.est = 0,
    trans = 1, varNames = NA)
```

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## **Arguments**

flowData	The data to be fit. A list of flowFrames, a flowSet or a flowFrame
cl	The snow cluster object. Can be NULL to call the non-parallel version of flow-Clust
K	See flowClust documentation
B.init	See flowClust documentation
tol.init	See flowClust documentation
tol	See flowClust documentation
В	See flowClust documentation
randomStart	See flowClust documentation
nu	See flowClust documentation
nu.est	See flowClust documentation
trans	See flowClust documentation
varNames	See flowClust documentation

## **Details**

Makes a parallelized call to flowClust. Parses the results to extract the max BIC solution, merges clusters, finds the optimal k-cluster solution using the entropy and returns it. If cl is NULL, a non-parallel call is made to the flowClust function.

#### Value

A list of flowMerge objects. One per flowFrame passed into the method.

#### Warning

This function does not do any special memory management. A large data set will likely cause it to run out of memory and start swapping incessantly. If you have lots of data, it's best to feed it piecewise to pFlowClust.

## Author(s)

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## References

Finak G, Bashasharti A, Brinkmann R, Gottardo R. Merging Mixture Model Components for Improved Cell Population Identification in High Throughput Flow Cytometry Data (Submitted)

#### See Also

pFlowClust,flowClust,merge,snow, fitPiecewiseLinreg

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## **Examples**

```
data(rituximab)
#Parallelized call below:
## Not run: cl<-makeSOCKcluster(rep("finakg@localhost",7))
## Not run: result<-pFlowMerge(rituximab,cl,varNames=c("FSC.H","SSC.H"))
## Not run: plot(result)
#cl<-NULL;
#result<-pFlowMerge(rituximab,cl=NULL,varNames=c("FSC.H","SSC.H"),K=1:8);
#plot(result);</pre>
```

plot-methods

Methods for plotting flowMerge and flowObj classes

## **Description**

Plots all possible two-dimensional projections of the parameters in a flowMerge or flowObj object and does not require specification of the flowFrame since a pointer to the data is stored in the object. Informative axis names are used, rather than the usual FL1/FL2/FS/SS channel names. This function can take most of the usual additional arguments provided to plot for the flowClust package, although some, like the axis names and the data are fixed. In order for flowMerge objects to display outliers correctly with plot (following merging), the updateU method must be called on them first.

## Methods

```
x = "flowMerge", y = "missing" \times is a flowMerge object.

x = "flowObj", y = "missing" \times is a flowObj object.
```

## See Also

flowClust

```
#data(rituximab)
#data(RituximabFlowClustFit)
#o<-flowObj(flowClust.res[[which.max(flowMerge:::BIC(flowClust.res))]],rituximab);
#m<-merge(o);
#i<-fitPiecewiseLinreg(m);
#m<-m[[i]];
#plot(m,pch=20,level=0.9);</pre>
```

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ptree

Generate a Function to Plot The Merging Tree

## **Description**

This function generates and returns a new function which can be used to plot the merging tree for a flowMerge model, with nodes highlighted based on the expression of different parameters for each cell population.

## Usage

```
ptree(x,y)
```

## **Arguments**

x A character string of the name of the variable holding the list of merged models returned from flowMerge

y The index of the best fitting merged model in that list

#### **Details**

ptree will generate a function that will plot the merging tree from a flowMerge model. Nodes will be colored by the intensity of staining of that population in a given dimension. Calling f<-ptree("model.name",fitPiecewiseLinreg(model.name)) will assign the function to f. Calling f(3) will plot the merging tree with nodes hightlighted according to parameter 3, presuming that there are that many parameters in the model.

## Value

Returns a function

## **Side Effects**

A plot will be drawn on the current device.

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## See Also

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Describe a flowObj or flowMerge object

# Description

Accessors to describe a flowObj or flowMerge object.

#### Methods

```
object = "flowMerge" Describe a flowMerge object.
object = "flowObj" Describe a flowObj object.
```

split-methods

Split data in a flowMerge object by cluster

# Description

Split method defined for flowMerge objects. Pulls out the population based on cluster number.

## Methods

\itemx = "flowMerge", f = "missing" Split a flowMerge object into its component clusters.

summary-methods

Summary methods for flowMerge

# Description

Summary method for flowMerge objects.

## Methods

```
object = "flowMerge" Summarize a flowMerge object.
object = "flowObj" Summarize a flowObj object
```

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updateU

Update uncertainties

## Description

Updates the uncertainties in a flowMerge ojbect after merging clusters. This function is now internal and no longer exported. It is called automatically within the cluster merging method.

#### **Usage**

```
updateU(object)
```

## **Arguments**

object

An object of type flowMerge

## **Details**

Updates the u slot of the flowMerge object following merging. The update is computation intensive, and so, is not automatically performed on each flowMerge object. Should only be done on objects used in further analysis.

#### Value

A flowMerge object with the u slot updated to reflect the new parameter values.

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# See Also

flowMerge-class,merge

```
#data(rituximab)
#data(RituximabFlowClustFit)
#o<-flowObj(flowClust.res[[which.max(flowMerge:::BIC(flowClust.res))]],rituximab);
#m<-merge(o);
#i<-fitPiecewiseLinreg(m);
#m<-m[[i]];
#plot(m,pch=20,level=0.9);</pre>
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