Package ‘STdeconvolve’

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Description STdeconvolve as an unsupervised, reference-free approach to infer latent cell-type proportions and transcriptional profiles within multi-cellular spatially-resolved pixels from spatial transcriptomics (ST) datasets. STdeconvolve builds on latent Dirichlet allocation (LDA), a generative statistical model commonly used in natural language processing for discovering latent topics in collections of documents. In the context of natural language processing, given a count matrix of words in documents, LDA infers the distribution of words for each topic and the distribution of topics in each document. In the context of ST data, given a count matrix of gene expression in multi-cellular ST pixels, STdeconvolve applies LDA to infer the putative transcriptional profile for each cell-type and the proportional representation of each cell-type in each multi-cellular ST pixel.

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annotateCellTypesGSEA

Match deconvolved cell-types to ground truth cell-types based on transcriptional profiles

Description

Match deconvolved cell-types to ground truth cell-types by testing for enrichment of ground truth marker gene sets in the deconvolved transcriptional profiles. Uses liger::iterative.bulk.gsea.

Usage

annotateCellTypesGSEA(beta, gset, qval = 0.05)
**cleanCounts**

**Arguments**

- **beta**: cell-type (rows) x gene (columns) matrix of deconvolved cell-type transcriptional profiles
- **gset**: named list where each entry is a vector of marker genes for a given ground truth cell-type.
- **qval**: adjusted p-value threshold (default: 0.05)

**Value**

A list that contains

- **results**: A named list that contains sorted matrices for each deconvolved cell-type. The matrix rows are the ground truth cell-types ordered by significance, edge-score, and enrichment score of their gene sets in the deconvolved transcriptional profile of a given deconvolved cell-type.
- **predictions**: a named vector where the names are the deconvolved cell-types and the values are the best matched ground truth cell-type that is also positively enriched.

**Description**

Filter a counts matrix based on gene (row) and cell (column) requirements.

**Usage**

```r
cleanCounts(
  counts,  
  min.lib.size = 1,  
  max.lib.size = Inf,  
  min.reads = 1,  
  min.detected = 1,  
  verbose = FALSE,  
  plot = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

- **counts**: A sparse read count matrix. The rows correspond to genes, columns correspond to individual cells
- **min.lib.size**: Minimum number of genes detected in a cell. Cells with fewer genes will be removed (default: 1)
- **max.lib.size**: Maximum number of genes detected in a cell. Cells with more genes will be removed (default: Inf)
- **min.reads**: Minimum number of reads per gene. Genes with fewer reads will be removed (default: 1)
correlationPlot

- **min.detected**: Minimum number of cells a gene must be seen in. Genes not seen in a sufficient number of cells will be removed (default: 1)
- **verbose**: Verbosity (default: FALSE)
- **plot**: Whether to plot (default: FALSE)

**Value**

a filtered read count matrix

**Examples**

```r
data(mOB)
counts <- cleanCounts(mOB$counts, min.lib.size = 100)
```

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**correlationPlot**

Generate heatmap of correlations

**Description**

Visualize the correlations between topics stored in a matrix, typically one returned via `getCorrMtx()`. This function uses `ggplot2::geom_tile`.

**Usage**

```r
correlationPlot(
  mat,
  colLabs = NA,
  rowLabs = NA,
  title = NA,
  annotation = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

- **mat**: matrix with correlation values from -1 to 1
- **colLabs**: x-axis label for plot. These are the columns of the matrix, or specifically `m2` from `getCorrMtx`. (default: NULL)
- **rowLabs**: y-axis label for plot. These are the rows of the matrix, or specifically `m1` from `getCorrMtx`. (default: NULL)
- **title**: title of the plot. (default: NULL)
- **annotation**: Boolean to show the correlation values in the squares of the heatmap (default: FALSE)

**Value**

a heatmap of the values in the input mat
fitLDA

Find the optimal number of cell-types K for the LDA model

Description

The input for topicmodels::LDA needs to be a slam::as.simple_triplet_matrix (docs x words). Access a given model in the returned list via: lda$models$k. The models are objects from the R package "topicmodels". The LDA models have slots with additional information.

Usage

fitLDA(
  counts,
  Ks = seq(2, 10, by = 2),
  seed = 0,
  perc.rare.thresh = 0.05,
  ncores = 1,
  plot = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE
)

Arguments

counts Gene expression counts with pixels as rows and genes as columns
Ks vector of K parameters, or number of cell-types, to fit models with
seed Random seed
perc.rare.thresh the number of deconvolved cell-types with mean pixel proportion below this fraction used to assess performance of fitted models for each K. Recorded for each K. (default: 0.05)

Examples

data(mOB)
pos <- mOB$pos
cd <- mOB$counts
counts <- cleanCounts(cd, min.lib.size = 100)
corpus <- restrictCorpus(counts, removeAbove=1.0, removeBelow = 0.05)
ldas <- fitLDA(t(as.matrix(corpus)), Ks = 3)
optLDA <- optimalModel(models = ldas, opt = 3)
results <- getBetaTheta(optLDA, perc.filt = 0.05, betaScale = 1000)
deconProp <- results$theta
corMtx <- getCorrMtx(m1 = as.matrix(deconProp), m2 = as.matrix(deconProp), type = "t")
rownames(corMtx) <- paste0("X", seq(nrow(corMtx)))
colnames(corMtx) <- paste0("X", seq(ncol(corMtx)))
correlationPlot(mat = corMtx, title = "Proportional correlation", annotation = TRUE) +
  ggplot2::theme(axis.text.x = ggplot2::element_text(angle = 90, vjust = 0))
**Value**

A list that contains

- `models`: each fitted LDA model for a given K
- `kneedOptK`: the optimal K based on Kneed algorithm
- `minOptK`: the optimal K based on minimum
- `ctPropOptK`: Suggested upper bound on K. K in which number of returned cell-types with mean proportion < perc.rare.thresh starts to increase steadily.
- `numRare`: number of cell-types with mean pixel proportion < perc.rare.thresh for each K
- `perplexities`: perplexity scores for each model
- `fitCorpus`: the corpus that was used to fit each model
- `testCorpus`: the corpus used to compute model perplexity.

**Examples**

```r
data(mOB)
pos <- mOB$pos
cd <- mOB$counts
counts <- cleanCounts(cd, min.lib.size = 100)
corpus <- restrictCorpus(counts, removeAbove=1.0, removeBelow = 0.05)
ldas <- fitLDA(t(as.matrix(corpus)), Ks = 3, ncores=7)
```

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**getBetaTheta**

*Pull out cell-type proportions across pixels (theta) and cell-type gene probabilities (beta) matrices from fitted LDA models from fitLDA*

**Description**

Pull out cell-type proportions across pixels (theta) and cell-type gene probabilities (beta) matrices from fitted LDA models from fitLDA

**Usage**

```r
getBetaTheta(
  lda,
  corpus = NULL,
  perc.filt = 0.05,
  betaScale = 1,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```
getCorrMtx

Arguments

- **lda**: an LDA model from "topicmodels" R package. From list of models returned by fitLDA
- **corpus**: If corpus is NULL, then it will use the original corpus that the model was fitted to. Otherwise, compute deconvolved topics from this new corpus. Needs to be pixels x genes and nonnegative integer counts. Each row needs at least 1 nonzero entry (default: NULL)
- **perc.filt**: proportion threshold to remove cell-types in pixels (default: 0.05)
- **betaScale**: factor to scale the predicted cell-type gene expression profiles (default: 1)
- **verbose**: Boolean for verbosity (default: TRUE)

Value

A list that contains

- **beta**: cell-type (rows) by gene (columns) distribution matrix. Each row is a probability distribution of a cell-type expressing each gene in the corpus
- **theta**: pixel (rows) by cell-types (columns) distribution matrix. Each row is the cell-type composition for a given pixel

Examples

```r
data(mOB)
pos <- mOB$pos
cd <- mOB$counts
counts <- cleanCounts(cd, min.lib.size = 100)
corpus <- restrictCorpus(counts, removeAbove=1.0, removeBelow = 0.05)
ldas <- fitLDA(t(as.matrix(corpus)), Ks = 3, ncores=7)
optLDA <- optimalModel(models = ldas, opt = 3)
results <- getBetaTheta(optLDA, perc.filt = 0.05, betaScale = 1000)
head(results$theta)
head(results$beta)
```

getCorrMtx

Find Pearson’s correlations between topics (cell-types) with respect to their proportions across documents (pixels), i.e. thetas, or gene probabilities, i.e. betas.

Description

Find Pearson’s correlations between topics (cell-types) with respect to their proportions across documents (pixels), i.e. thetas, or gene probabilities, i.e. betas.

Usage

```r
getchrMtx(m1, m2, type = c("t", "b"), thresh = NULL, verbose = TRUE)
```
getOverdispersedGenes

Normalize gene expression variance relative to transcriptome-wide expectations (Modified from SCDE/PAGODA2 code)

Description

Normalizes gene expression magnitudes to with respect to its ratio to the transcriptome-wide expectation as determined by local regression on expression magnitude

Usage

getOverdispersedGenes(
  counts,
  gam.k = 5,
  alpha = 0.05,
  plot = FALSE,
  use.unadjusted.pvals = FALSE,
Arguments

counts
  Read count matrix. The rows correspond to genes, columns correspond to individual cells

gam.k
  Generalized additive model parameter; the dimension of the basis used to represent the smooth term (default: 5)

alpha
  Significance threshold (default: 0.05)

plot
  Whether to plot the results (default: FALSE)

use.unadjusted.pvals
  If true, will apply BH correction (default: FALSE)

do.par
  Whether to adjust par for plotting if plotting (default: TRUE)

max.adjusted.variance
  Ceiling on maximum variance after normalization to prevent infinites (default: 1e3)

min.adjusted.variance
  Floor on minimum variance after normalization (default: 1e-3)

verbose
  Verbosity (default: TRUE)

details
  If true, will return data frame of normalization parameters. Else will return list of overdispersed genes. (default: FALSE)

Value

If details is true, will return data frame of normalization parameters. Else will return list of overdispersed genes.

Examples

data(mOB)
od <- getOverdispersedGenes(counts = mOB$counts, gam.k = 5, alpha = 0.05, details = FALSE)
head(od)

od <- getOverdispersedGenes(counts = mOB$counts, gam.k = 5, alpha = 0.05, details = TRUE)
head(od$mat)
head(od$ods)
head(od$df)
lsatPairs

Function to get Hungarian sort pairs via clue::lsat

Description

Finds best matches between cell-types that correlate between beta or theta matrices that have been compared via getCorrMtx(). Each row is paired with a column in the output matrix from getCorrMtx(). If there are less rows than columns, then some columns will not be matched and not part of the output.

Usage

lsatPairs(mtx)

Arguments

 mtx output correlation matrix from getCorrMtx(). Must not have more rows than columns

Value

A list that contains

- pairs: output of clue::solve_LSAP. A vectorized object where for each position the first element is a row and the second is the paired column.
- rowix: the indices of the rows. Essentially seq_along(pairing)
- colsix: the indices of each column paired to each row

Examples

data(mOB)
pos <- mOB$pos
cd <- mOB$count
counts <- cleanCounts(cd, min.lib.size = 100)
corpus <- restrictCorpus(counts, removeAbove = 1.0, removeBelow = 0.05)
ldas <- fitLDA(t(as.matrix(corpus)), Ks = 3)
optLDA <- optimalModel(models = ldas, opt = 3)
results <- getBetaTheta(optLDA, perc.filt = 0.05, betaScale = 1000)
deconProp <- results$theta
corMtx <- getCorrMtx(m1 = as.matrix(deconProp), m2 = as.matrix(deconProp), type = "t")
pairs <- lsatPairs(corMtx)
pairs
Spatial transcriptomics of the mouse olfactory bulb

Description
Spatial transcriptomics of the mouse olfactory bulb

Usage
data(mOB)

Format
List where 'counts' is a sparse matrix with columns as voxels and rows as genes and 'pos' is a data frame of x and y position values per voxel

Source
https://science.sciencemag.org/content/353/6294/78

optimalModel

Description
Get the optimal LDA model

Usage
optimalModel(models, opt)

Arguments
models list returned from fitLDA
opt either "kneed" (kOpt1) or "min" (kOpt2), or designate a specific K. "kneed" = K vs perplexity inflection point. "min" = K corresponding to minimum perplexity "proportion" = K vs number of cell-type with mean proportion < 5% inflection point

Value
optimal LDA model fitted to the K based on opt parameter
Examples

```r
data(mOB)
pos <- mOB$pos
cd <- mOB$counts
counts <- cleanCounts(cd, min.lib.size = 100)
corpus <- restrictCorpus(counts, removeAbove=1.0, removeBelow = 0.05)
ldas <- fitLDA(t(as.matrix(corpus)), Ks = seq(2,4), ncores=7)
optLDA <- optimalModel(models = ldas, opt = "min")
```

```r
perplexityPlot(models = ldas, corpus = corpus)
```

perplexityPlot  
Plot the perplexity and rare cell-types versus fitted Ks

Description

the same plot returned by fitLDA() but now callable as a separate function.

Usage

```r
perplexityPlot(models, corpus = NULL, perc.rare.thresh = 0.05)
```

Arguments

- `models` list returned from fitLDA
- `corpus` If corpus is NULL, then it will use the original corpus that the model was fitted to. Otherwise, compute deconvolved topics from this new corpus. Needs to be pixels x genes and nonnegative integer counts. Each row needs at least 1 nonzero entry (default: NULL)
- `perc.rare.thresh` the number of deconvolved cell-types with mean pixel proportion below this fraction used to assess performance of fitted models for each K. Recorded for each K. (default: 0.05)

Value

a plot indicating the perplexity and number of rare cell-types of a list of fitted LDA models

Examples

```r
data(mOB)
pos <- mOB$pos
cd <- mOB$counts
counts <- cleanCounts(cd, min.lib.size = 100)
corpus <- restrictCorpus(counts, removeAbove=1.0, removeBelow = 0.05)
ldas <- fitLDA(t(as.matrix(corpus)), Ks = seq(2,4))
perplexityPlot(models = ldas, corpus = corpus)
```
preprocess

Pre-process ST pixel gene count matrices to construct corpus for input into LDA

Description

Takes pixel (row) x gene (columns) matrix and filters out poor genes and pixels. Then selects for genes to be included in final corpus for input into LDA. If the pixel IDs are made up of their positions in "XxY" these can be extracted as the pixel position coordinates (a characteristic of Stahl datasets).

Order of filtering options:
1. Selection to use specific genes only
2. `cleanCounts` to remove poor pixels and genes
3. Remove top expressed genes in matrix
4. Remove specific genes based on grepl pattern matching
5. Remove genes that appear in more/less than a percentage of pixels
6. Use the over dispersed genes computed from the remaining genes after filtering steps 1-5 (if selected)
7. Choice to use the top over dispersed genes based on -log10(p.adj)

Usage

preprocess(
  dat,
  extractPos = FALSE,
  selected.genes = NA,
  nTopGenes = NA,
  genes.to.remove = NA,
  removeAbove = NA,
  removeBelow = NA,
  min.reads = 1,
  min.lib.size = 1,
  min.detected = 1,
  ODgenes = TRUE,
  nTopOD = 1000,
  od.genes.alpha = 0.05,
  gam.k = 5,
  verbose = TRUE,
  plot = TRUE
)

Arguments

dat pixel (row) x gene (columns) mtx with gene counts OR path to it

extractPos Boolean to extract pixel positional coordinates from pixel name names (default: FALSE)
selected.genes  vector of gene names to use specifically for the corpus (default: NA)
nTopGenes     integer for number of top expressed genes to remove (default: NA)
gen. to.remove vector of gene names or patterns for matching to genes to remove (default: NA).
ex: c("^mt-") or c("^MT", "^RPL", "^MRPL")
removeAbove   non-negative numeric <=1 to use as a percentage. Removes genes present in this
             fraction or more of pixels (default: NA)
removeBelow   non-negative numeric <=1 to use as a percentage. Removes genes present in this
             fraction or less of pixels (default: NA)
min.reads     cleanCounts() param; minimum number of reads to keep a gene (default: 1)
min.lib.size  cleanCounts() param; minimum number of counts a pixel needs to keep (default: 1)
min.detected  cleanCounts() param; minimum number of pixels a gene needs to have been
detected in to keep (default: 1)
ODgenes       Boolean to use getOverdispersedGenes() for the corpus genes (default: TRUE)
nTopOD        number of top over dispersed genes to use. int (default: 1000). If the number of
             overdispersed genes is less then this number will use all of them, or set to NA to
             use all overdispersed genes.
od.genes.alpha alpha parameter for getOverdispersedGenes(). Higher = less stringent and more
             over dispersed genes returned (default: 0.05)
gam.k         gam.k parameter for getOverdispersedGenes(). Dimension of the "basis" func-
             tions in the GAM used to fit, higher = "smoother" (default: 5)
verbose       control verbosity (default: TRUE)
plot          control if plots are returned (default: TRUE)

Value

A list that contains

- corpus: (pixels x genes) matrix of the counts of the selected genes
- slm: slam::as.simple_triplet_matrix(corpus); required format for topicmodels::LDA input
- positions: matrix of x and y coordinates of pixels rownames = pixels, colnames = "x", "y"

Examples

data(mOB)
cd <- mOB$counts
corpus <- preprocess(t(cd), removeAbove = 0.95, removeBelow = 0.05)
restrictCorpus

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<td>restrictCorpus</td>
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**Description**
identifies over dispersed genes across pixels to use as informative words (genes) in topic modeling. Also allows ability to restrict over dispersed genes to those that occur in more than and/or less than selected fractions of pixels in corpus. Limits to the top 1000 overdispersed genes in order to keep the corpus to a reasonable size.

**Usage**

```r
restrictCorpus(
  counts,
  removeAbove = 1,
  removeBelow = 0.05,
  alpha = 0.05,
  nTopOD = 1000,
  plot = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

- `counts` genes x pixels gene count matrix
- `removeAbove` remove over dispersed genes that are present in more than this fraction of pixels (default: 1.0)
- `removeBelow` remove over dispersed genes that are present in less than this fraction of pixels (default: 0.05)
- `alpha` alpha parameter for getOverdispersedGenes(). Higher = less stringent and more overdispersed genes returned (default: 0.05)
- `nTopOD` number of top over dispersed genes to use. int (default: 1000). If the number of overdispersed genes is less then this number will use all of them, or set to NA to use all overdispersed genes.
- `plot` return histogram plots of genes per pixel and pixels per genes for over dispersed genes and after corpus restriction. (default: FALSE)
- `verbose` (default: TRUE)

**Value**
a gene by pixel matrix where the remaining genes have been filtered
Examples

data(mOB)
corpus <- restrictCorpus(counts = mOB$counts)
corpus

topGenes Returns top n genes of each deconvolved cell-type for a given beta matrix

Description

For a given beta matrix (cell-type gene distribution matrix), returns the top n genes based on their probability.

Usage

topGenes(beta, n = 10)

Arguments

beta beta matrix (cell-type gene distribution matrix)
n number of top genes for each deconvolved cell-type to return (default: 10)

Value

a list where each item is a vector of the top genes and their associated probabilities for a given deconvolved cell-type

Examples

data(mOB)
pos <- mOB$pos
cd <- mOB$counts
counts <- cleanCounts(cd, min.lib.size = 100)
corpus <- restrictCorpus(counts, removeAbove=1.0, removeBelow = 0.05)
ldas <- fitLDA(t(as.matrix(corpus)), Ks = 3, ncores=7)
optLDA <- optimalModel(models = ldas, opt = 3)
results <- getBetaTheta(optLDA, perc.filt = 0.05, betaScale = 1000)
deonGexp <- results$beta
genes <- topGenes(deconGexp)
vizAllTopics

Visualize all topic proportions across pixels with scatterpie

Description
Note: visualizes all cell-types in theta at once (could be individual cell-types or cell-type-clusters) so for accuracy of the proportions of each cell-type in a pixel, the row (pixel) should sum to 1.

Usage
vizAllTopics(
  theta,
  pos,
  topicOrder = seq(ncol(theta)),
  topicCols = rainbow(ncol(theta)),
  groups = NA,
  group_cols = NA,
  r = max(0.4, max(pos)/nrow(pos) * 4),
  lwd = 0.5,
  showLegend = TRUE,
  plotTitle = NA,
  overlay = NA
)

Arguments
theta
document (pixel) x cell-type proportion matrix
pos
position of pixels, as data.frame with x and y columns
topicOrder
order of topics in theta to visualize as a numeric vector and same length as topicCols (default: seq(ncol(theta)))
topicCols
Vector of colors for each of the cell-types to be visualized. Same length and order as topicOrder (default: rainbow(ncol(theta)))
groups
Indicates color of the scatterpie strokes (borders) with the goal of coloring them by their assigned group. This can be a vector or factor indicating the group of each pixel. Needs to be in the same order as the pixel rows in "theta" (default: NA)
group_cols
Color labels for the groups. Can be a vector or factor. (default: NA)
r
Radius of the scatterpie circles. Adjust based on positions of pixels (default: max(0.4, max(pos)/nrow(pos)*4))
lwd
Width of lines of the pie charts. Increasing helps visualize group_cols if being used.
showLegend
Boolean to show the legend indicating cell-types and their color
plotTitle
add title to the resulting plot (default: NA)
overlay
raster image of an H&E tissue (for example) to plot the scatterpies on top of (default: NA)
Value

a plot of scatterpies, where each scatterpie represents a pixel in space based on the x,y coordinates and the components represent the proportion of each cell-type at that pixel.

Examples

data(mOB)
pos <- mOB$pos
cd <- mOB$counts
annot <- mOB$annot
counts <- cleanCounts(cd, min.lib.size = 100)
corpus <- restrictCorpus(counts, removeAbove=1.0, removeBelow = 0.05)
slda <- fitLDA(t(as.matrix(corpus)), Ks = 3)
optLDA <- optimalModel(models = slda, opt = 3)
results <- getBetaTheta(optLDA, perc.filt = 0.05, betaScale = 1000)
deconProp <- results$theta
vizAllTopics(deconProp, pos, groups = annot, group_cols = rainbow(length(levels(annot))), r=0.4)

vizGeneCounts

Visualize gene counts for a given gene in the pixels. Can also see group assignment of spots.

Description

Visualize one gene at a time.

Usage

vizGeneCounts(
  df,
  gene,
  groups = NA,
  group_cols = NA,
  winsorize = 0,
  size = 7,
  stroke = 0.5,
  alpha = 1,
  plotTitle = NA,
  showLegend = TRUE
)

Arguments

df data.frame where rows are spots and columns must be at least: "x", "y" for spot positions in space and "gene" column that is counts of a gene for each spot.
gene column name of the gene counts in df to be visualized
vizTopic

Description
Visualize the pixel proportions of a single topic.

Usage

vizTopic(
  theta,
  pos,
  topic,
  groups = NA,
  group_cols = NA,
  size = 2,
  stroke = 0.3,
  alpha = 1,
  low = "white",
  high = "red",
  plotTitle = NULL,
  showLegend = FALSE)

Value
a plot where each point is a pixel colored by the expression level of the selected gene

Examples
data(mOB)
pos <- mOB$pos
cd <- mOB$counts
counts <- cleanCounts(cd, min.lib.size = 100)
df <- merge(as.data.frame(pos), as.data.frame(t(as.matrix(counts))), by = 0)
vizGeneCounts(df = df, gene = "Sox11",
              size = 3, stroke = 0.1, plotTitle = "Sox11",
              winsorize = 0.05, showLegend = TRUE)
`vizTopic`

```r
plotTitle = NA,
showLegend = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

- `theta` : document (pixel) x cell-type proportion matrix
- `pos` : position of pixels, as data.frame with `x` and `y` columns
- `topic` : the index of the topic
- `groups` : colors the pixel border lines based on a group or cell layer they belong to. Needs to be a character or named vector of assigned groups for each pixel. Ex: c("0", "1", "0", ...)
- `group_cols` : color labels for the groups. Ex: c("0" = "gray", "1" = "red")
- `size` : size of the geom_points to plot (default: 2)
- `stroke` : thickness of the geom_point lines to help in emphasizing groups (default: 0.5)
- `alpha` : alpha value of colored pixels (default: 1)
- `low` : sets the color for the low end of the topic proportion color scale (default: "white")
- `high` : sets the color the the high end of the topic proportion color scale (default: "red")
- `plotTitle` : option to add a title to the plot (character)
- `showLegend` : Boolean to show the plot legend

**Value**

a plot where each point is a pixel colored by the proportion of the selected cell-type

**Examples**

```r
data(mOB)
pos <- mOB$pos
cd <- mOB$counts
counts <- cleanCounts(cd, min.lib.size = 100)
corpus <- restrictCorpus(counts, removeAbove=1.0, removeBelow = 0.05)
ldas <- fitLDA(t(as.matrix(corpus)), Ks = 3)
optLDA <- optimalModel(models = ldas, opt = 3)
results <- getBetaTheta(optLDA, perc.filt = 0.05, betaScale = 1000)
deconProp <- results$theta
vizTopic(theta = deconProp, pos = pos, topic = "3", plotTitle = "X3",
         size = 5, stroke = 1, alpha = 0.5, low = "white", high = "red")
```
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