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Combining LEMs	<i>LEM combining methods</i>
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## Description

Methods to combine LinearEmbeddingMatrix objects.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'LinearEmbeddingMatrix'
rbind(..., deparse.level=1)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'LinearEmbeddingMatrix'
cbind(..., deparse.level=1)
```

## Arguments

... One or more LinearEmbeddingMatrix objects.  
 deparse.level An integer scalar; see ?base::cbind for a description of this argument.

## Details

For rbind, LinearEmbeddingMatrix objects are combined row-wise, i.e., rows in successive objects are appended to the first object. This corresponds to adding more samples to the first object. Note that featureLoadings and factorData will only be taken from the first element in the list; no checks are performed to determine whether they are consistent or not across objects.

For cbind, LinearEmbeddingMatrix objects are combined columns-wise, i.e., columns in successive objects are appended to the first object. This corresponds to adding more factors to the first object. featureLoadings will also be combined column-wise across objects, provided that the number of features is the same across objects. Similarly, factorData will be combined row-wise across objects.

Combining objects with and without row names will result in the removal of all row names; similarly for column names. Duplicate row names are currently supported by duplicate column names are not, and will be de-duplicated appropriately.

## Value

A LinearEmbeddingMatrix object containing all rows/columns of the supplied objects.

**Author(s)**

Aaron Lun

**Examples**

```
example(LinearEmbeddingMatrix, echo=FALSE) # using the class example
rbind(lem, lem)
cbind(lem, lem)
```

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Combining SCEs

*SCE combining methods*

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**Description**

Methods to combine SingleCellExperiment objects.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
rbind(..., deparse.level=1)

## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
cbind(..., deparse.level=1)
```

**Arguments**

... One or more SingleCellExperiment objects.  
deparse.level An integer scalar; see `?base::cbind` for a description of this argument.

**Details**

For `rbind`, SingleCellExperiment objects are combined row-wise, i.e., rows in successive objects are appended to the first object. Column metadata, experimental metadata and reducedDims coordinates will only be taken from the first element in the list.

For `cbind`, SingleCellExperiment objects are combined columns-wise, i.e., columns in successive objects are appended to the first object. reducedDims coordinates will be combined row-wise to reflect the addition of more cells. Row and experimental metadata will only be taken from the first element in the list.

**Value**

A SingleCellExperiment object containing all rows/columns of the supplied objects.

**Author(s)**

Aaron Lun

**Examples**

```
example(SingleCellExperiment, echo=FALSE) # using the class example
rbind(sce, sce)
cbind(sce, sce)
dim(reducedDims(sce)[[1]])
```

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Getter/setter methods *LinearEmbeddingMatrix* getters/setters

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## Description

Getter/setter methods for the `LinearEmbeddingMatrix` class.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'LinearEmbeddingMatrix'  
sampleFactors(x, withDimnames=TRUE)  
  
## S4 replacement method for signature 'LinearEmbeddingMatrix'  
sampleFactors(x) <- value  
  
## S4 method for signature 'LinearEmbeddingMatrix'  
featureLoadings(x, withDimnames=TRUE)  
  
## S4 replacement method for signature 'LinearEmbeddingMatrix'  
featureLoadings(x) <- value  
  
## S4 method for signature 'LinearEmbeddingMatrix'  
factorData(x)  
  
## S4 replacement method for signature 'LinearEmbeddingMatrix'  
factorData(x) <- value  
  
## S4 method for signature 'LinearEmbeddingMatrix'  
as.matrix(x, ...)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'LinearEmbeddingMatrix'  
dim(x)  
  
## S4 method for signature 'LinearEmbeddingMatrix'  
dimnames(x)  
  
## S4 replacement method for signature 'LinearEmbeddingMatrix'  
dimnames(x) <- value  
  
## S4 method for signature 'LinearEmbeddingMatrix'  
x$name  
  
## S4 replacement method for signature 'LinearEmbeddingMatrix'  
x$name <- value
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	A <code>LinearEmbeddingMatrix</code> object.
<code>value</code>	An appropriate value to assign to the relevant slot.
<code>withDimnames</code>	A logical scalar indicating whether dimension names should be attached to the returned object.

name            A string specifying a field of the factorData slot.  
 ...            Further arguments, ignored.

### Details

Any value to assign to `sampleFactors` and `featureLoadings` should be matrix-like objects, while `factorData` should be a `DataFrame` - see [LinearEmbeddingMatrix](#) for details.

The `as.matrix` method will return the matrix of sample factors, consistent with the fact that the `LinearEmbeddingMatrix` mimics a sample-factor matrix. However, unlike the `sampleFactors` method, this is always guaranteed to return an ordinary R matrix, even if an alternative representation was stored in the slot. This ensures consistency with `as.matrix` methods for other matrix-like S4 classes.

For assignment to `dimnames`, a list of length 2 should be used containing vectors of row and column names.

### Value

For the getter methods `sampleFactors`, `featureLoadings` and `factorData`, the value of the slot with the same name is returned. For the corresponding setter methods, a `LinearEmbeddingMatrix` is returned with modifications to the named slot.

For `dim`, the dimensions of the `sampleFactors` slot are returned in an integer vector of length 2. For `dimnames`, a list of length 2 containing the row and column names is returned. For `as.matrix`, an ordinary matrix derived from `sampleFactors` is returned.

For `$`, the value of the named field of the `factorData` slot is returned. For `$<-`, a `LinearEmbeddingMatrix` is returned with the modified field in `factorData`.

### Author(s)

Keegan Korthauer, Davide Risso and Aaron Lun

### See Also

[LinearEmbeddingMatrix](#)

### Examples

```
example(LinearEmbeddingMatrix, echo=FALSE) # Using the class example

sampleFactors(lem)
sampleFactors(lem) <- sampleFactors(lem) * -1

featureLoadings(lem)
featureLoadings(lem) <- featureLoadings(lem) * -1

factorData(lem)
factorData(lem)$whee <- 1

nrow(lem)
ncol(lem)
colnames(lem) <- LETTERS[seq_len(ncol(lem))]
as.matrix(lem)
```

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LinearEmbeddingMatrix *LinearEmbeddingMatrix class*

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### Description

A description of the LinearEmbeddingMatrix class for storing low-dimensional embeddings from linear dimensionality reduction methods.

### Usage

```
LinearEmbeddingMatrix(sampleFactors = matrix(nrow = 0, ncol = 0),
  featureLoadings = matrix(nrow = 0, ncol = 0), factorData = NULL,
  metadata = list())
```

### Arguments

sampleFactors	A matrix-like object of sample embeddings, where rows are samples and columns are factors.
featureLoadings	A matrix-like object of feature loadings, where rows are features and columns are factors.
factorData	A DataFrame containing factor-level information, with one row per factor.
metadata	An optional list of arbitrary content describing the overall experiment.

### Details

The LinearEmbeddingMatrix class is a matrix-like object that supports `dim`, `dimnames` and `as.matrix`. It is designed for the storage of results from linear dimensionality reduction methods like principal components analysis (PCA), factor analysis and non-negative matrix factorization.

The `sampleFactors` slot is intended to store The low-dimensional representation of the samples, such as the principal coordinates from PCA. The feature loadings contributing to each factor are stored in `featureLoadings`, and should have the same number of columns as `sampleFactors`. The `factorData` stores additional factor-level information, such as the percentage of variance explained by each factor, and should have the same number of rows as `sampleFactors`.

The intended use of this class is to allow PCA and other results to be stored in the `reducedDims` slot of a `SingleCellExperiment` object. This means that feature loadings remain attached to the embedding, allowing it to be used in downstream analyses.

### Value

A LinearEmbeddingMatrix object is returned from the constructor.

### Author(s)

Aaron Lun, Davide Risso and Keegan Korthauer

### Examples

```
lem <- LinearEmbeddingMatrix(matrix(rnorm(1000), ncol=5),
  matrix(runif(20000), ncol=5))
lem
```

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Miscellaneous LEM      *Miscellaneous LEM methods*

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**Description**

Various methods for the LinearEmbeddingMatrix class.

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

object            A LinearEmbeddingMatrix object.

**Details**

The show method will print out information about the data contained in object. This includes the number of samples, the number of factors, the number of genes and the fields available in factorData.

**Value**

A message is printed to screen describing the data stored in object.

**Author(s)**

Davide Risso

**See Also**

[LinearEmbeddingMatrix](#)

**Examples**

```
example(LinearEmbeddingMatrix, echo=FALSE) # Using the class example  
show(lem)
```

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Miscellaneous SCE      *Miscellaneous SCE methods*

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**Description**

Various methods for the SingleCellExperiment class.

**Usage**

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

```
## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'  
objectVersion(x)
```

**Arguments**

x, object      A SingleCellExperiment object.

**Details**

The show method will print out information about the data contained in object. This describes the stored assays and row/column metadata, as done in [show, SummarizedExperiment-method](#). The names of the reducedDims slot and the names of the spike-ins (see [spikeNames](#)) are also reported.

The objectVersion method will return the version of the package with which x was constructed. This is useful for checking if the object is up to date relative to the latest versions of the package.

**Value**

For show, a message is printed to screen describing the data stored in object.

For objectVersion, an object of class [package\\_version](#) is returned.

**See Also**

[SingleCellExperiment](#)

**Examples**

```
example(SingleCellExperiment, echo=FALSE) # Using the class example
show(sce)
objectVersion(sce)
```

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namedAssays

*Named assay fields*

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**Description**

Convenience methods to get or set named assay fields.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
counts(object, ...)
## S4 replacement method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
counts(object, ...) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
normcounts(object, ...)
## S4 replacement method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
normcounts(object, ...) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
logcounts(object, ...)
## S4 replacement method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
logcounts(object, ...) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
```



```

cpm(object, ...)
## S4 replacement method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
cpm(object, ...) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
tpm(object, ...)
## S4 replacement method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
tpm(object, ...) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
weights(object, ...)
## S4 replacement method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
weights(object, ...) <- value

```

### Arguments

**object**            A `SingleCellExperiment` object.

**value**            A numeric matrix of the same dimensions as `object`.

**...**            May contain `withDimnames`, which is forwarded to [assays](#).

### Details

These are wrapper methods for getting or setting `assay(object, i=X, ...)` where `X` is the name of the method. For example, `counts` will get or set `X="counts"`. This provide some convenience for users as well as encouraging standardization of naming across packages.

Our suggested interpretation of the fields are as follows:

**counts:** Raw count data, e.g., number of reads or transcripts.

**normcounts:** Normalized values on the same scale as the original counts. For example, counts divided by cell-specific size factors that are centred at unity.

**logcounts:** Log-transformed counts or count-like values. In most cases, this will be defined as log-transformed `normcounts`, e.g., using log base 2 and a pseudo-count of 1.

**cpm:** Counts-per-million. This is the read count for each gene in each cell, divided by the library size of each cell in millions.

**tpm:** Transcripts-per-million. This is the number of transcripts for each gene in each cell, divided by the total number of transcripts in that cell (in millions).

**weights:** A matrix of weights, e.g., observational weights to be used in differential expression analysis.

### Value

Each method returns a matrix from the correspondingly named field in the `assays` slot.

### Author(s)

Aaron Lun

### See Also

[SingleCellExperiment](#)

**Examples**

```

example(SingleCellExperiment, echo=FALSE) # Using the class example
counts(sce) <- matrix(rnorm(nrow(sce)*ncol(sce)), ncol=ncol(sce))
dim(counts(sce))

# One possible way of computing normalized "counts"
sf <- 2^rnorm(ncol(sce))
sf <- sf/mean(sf)
normcounts(sce) <- t(t(counts(sce))/sf)
dim(normcounts(sce))

# One possible way of computing log-counts
logcounts(sce) <- log2(normcounts(sce)+1)
dim(normcounts(sce))

```

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Reduced dimensions      *Reduced dimensions methods*

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**Description**

Methods to get or set the dimensionality reduction results.

**Usage**

```

## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
reducedDim(x, type=1, withDimnames=TRUE)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
reducedDim(x, type=1) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
reducedDims(x, withDimnames=TRUE)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
reducedDims(x) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
reducedDimNames(x)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment,character'
reducedDimNames(x) <- value

```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	A <code>SingleCellExperiment</code> object.
<code>type</code>	A string containing the name for the dimensionality reduction results or a numeric index containing the position of the desired dimensionality reduction result.
<code>withDimnames</code>	A logical scalar indicating whether each set of results should be returned with row names matching <code>colnames(x)</code> . This can be turned off for greater efficiency.

**value** For `reducedDim<-`, a matrix (usually double-precision) of coordinates, for each cell (row) and dimension (column).  
For `reducedDims<-`, a named `SimpleList` object containing such matrices.  
For `reducedDimNames<-`, a character vector containing the names of all dimensionality reduction results.

### Details

Dimensionality reduction is often used to interpreting the results of single-cell data analysis. These methods allow the results of dimensionality reduction methods to be stored in a `SingleCellExperiment` object. Multiple results can be stored in a single object by assigning to different type in `reducedDim<-`.

If `value` is `NULL` for `reducedDim<-`, the set of results corresponding to `type` is removed from the object. If `value` is `NULL` for `reducedDims<-`, all dimensionality reduction results are removed.

Note that the `reducedDims` slot must *always* be named for consistency. Unnamed results assigned via `reducedDim<-` or `reducedDims<-` will be assigned empty names.

### Value

For `reducedDim`, a numeric matrix is returned containing coordinates for cells (rows) and dimensions (columns).

For `reducedDims`, a named `SimpleList` of matrices is returned, with one matrix for each type of dimensionality reduction method.

For `reducedDimNames`, a character vector containing the names of the elements in `reducedDims`.

For `reducedDim<-` and `reducedDims<-`, a `SingleCellExperiment` object is returned with updated results in the `reducedDims` slot.

### Author(s)

Aaron Lun

### See Also

[SingleCellExperiment-class](#)

### Examples

```
example(SingleCellExperiment, echo=FALSE)
reducedDim(sce, "PCA")
reducedDim(sce, "tSNE")
reducedDims(sce)

reducedDim(sce, "PCA") <- NULL
reducedDims(sce)

reducedDims(sce) <- SimpleList()
reducedDims(sce)
```

SCE colData

*SCE col/rowData methods***Description**

Methods to obtain column- or row-level metadata from the `SingleCellExperiment` class.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
colData(x, ..., internal=FALSE)

## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
rowData(x, ..., internal=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	A <code>SingleCellExperiment</code> object.
<code>...</code>	Further arguments to be passed to the methods for <a href="#">SummarizedExperiment</a> objects, such as <code>use.names</code> .
<code>internal</code>	Whether the information contained in the internal slots should be returned.

**Details**

It may sometimes be useful to return both the visible and the internal `colData` in a single `DataFrame` (see [SingleCellExperiment-class](#)). This can be achieved by using `colData(x, internal=TRUE)`, which will return the stored `colData` along with the `int_colData` (currently the [sizeFactors](#)). Similarly, `rowData(x, internal=TRUE)` will return the stored `rowData` along with the `int_rowData` (currently the columns corresponding to [isSpike](#)). Warnings will be raised in the event of any name clashes.

**Value**

`colData` and `rowData` return a `DataFrame` with number of rows equal to `ncol(x)` and `nrow(x)`, respectively.

**See Also**

[SingleCellExperiment](#)

**Examples**

```
example(SingleCellExperiment, echo=FALSE) # Using the class example
sizeFactors(sce) <- runif(ncol(sce))
isSpike(sce, "ERCC") <- rbinom(nrow(sce), 1, 0.2)==1
rowData(sce, internal=TRUE)
colData(sce, internal=TRUE)
```

## Description

Methods to get or set internal fields from the `SingleCellExperiment` class.

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'  
int_elementMetadata(x)  
  
## S4 replacement method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'  
int_elementMetadata(x) <- value  
  
## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'  
int_colData(x)  
  
## S4 replacement method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'  
int_colData(x) <- value  
  
## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'  
int_metadata(x)  
  
## S4 replacement method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'  
int_metadata(x) <- value
```

## Arguments

<code>x</code>	A <code>SingleCellExperiment</code> object.
<code>value</code>	For <code>int_elementMetadata</code> , a <a href="#">DataFrame</a> with number of rows equal to <code>nrow(x)</code> . For <code>int_colData</code> , a <code>DataFrame</code> with number of rows equal to <code>ncol(x)</code> . For <code>int_metadata</code> , a list.

## Details

These functions are intended for package developers who want to add protected fields to a `SingleCellExperiment`. They should *not* be used by ordinary users of the **SingleCellExperiment** package.

Package developers intending to use these methods should read the development vignette for instructions.

## Value

A `SingleCellExperiment` object equivalent to `x` but with modified internal fields.

## See Also

[SingleCellExperiment](#)

**Examples**

```
example(SingleCellExperiment, echo=FALSE) # Using the class example
int_metadata(sce)$whee <- 1
```

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SingleCellExperiment *SingleCellExperiment class*

---

**Description**

A description of the SingleCellExperiment class for storing single-cell sequencing data.

**Usage**

```
SingleCellExperiment(..., reducedDims=SimpleList())
```

**Arguments**

... Arguments to pass to the SummarizedExperiment constructor.  
 reducedDims A SimpleList object containing matrices of cell coordinates in reduced space.

**Details**

The SingleCellExperiment class inherits from the [SummarizedExperiment](#) class, with several additional slots:

**reducedDims:** A SimpleList containing matrices of cell coordinates.

**int\_elementMetadata:** A DataFrame containing internal row metadata (for each genomic feature).

**int\_colData:** A DataFrame containing internal column metadata (for each cell).

**int\_metadata:** A list containing internal experiment metadata.

The intended use of this class is the same as that for SummarizedExperiment instances. Rows should represent genomic features such as genes, while columns represent samples - in this case, single cells. Different quantifications (e.g., counts, CPMs, log-expression) can be stored simultaneously in the [assays](#) slot. Row and column metadata can be attached using [rowData](#) and [colData](#), respectively.

The additional reducedDims slot allows storage of results from multiple dimensionality reduction methods, e.g., PCA or t-SNE. Each element of the SimpleList should be a matrix of coordinates for all cells from one reduction method. The number of rows of each matrix should be equal to the number of cells in the SingleCellExperiment object.

The internal metadata slots are not intended for external use. Please use the appropriate getter/setter functions instead, such as [isSpike](#) or [sizeFactors](#). Package developers should refer to the suggestions in [?int\\_metadata](#).

**Value**

A SingleCellExperiment object is returned from the constructor.

**Author(s)**

Aaron Lun and Davide Risso

**See Also**

[isSpike](#), [sizeFactors](#), [reducedDims](#)

**Examples**

```
ncells <- 100
u <- matrix(rpois(20000, 5), ncol=ncells)
v <- log2(u + 1)

pca <- matrix(runif(ncells*5), ncells)
tsne <- matrix(rnorm(ncells*2), ncells)

sce <- SingleCellExperiment(assays=list(counts=u, logcounts=v),
  reducedDims=SimpleList(PCA=pca, tSNE=tsne))
sce

## coercion from SummarizedExperiment
se <- SummarizedExperiment(assays=list(counts=u, logcounts=v))
as(se, "SingleCellExperiment")
```

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Size factor methods     *Size factors methods*

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**Description**

Gets or sets the size factors for all cells.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
sizeFactors(object, type=NULL)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
sizeFactors(object, type=NULL) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
clearSizeFactors(object)

## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
sizeFactorNames(object)
```

**Arguments**

object	A SingleCellExperiment object.
type	A string specifying the <i>type</i> of size factor to get or set.
value	A numeric vector of size factors for all cells.

## Details

A size factor is a scaling factor used to divide the raw counts of a particular cell to obtain normalized expression values. The `sizeFactors` methods can be used to get or set size factors for all cells.

The `type` argument allows storage of multiple vectors of size factors (e.g., different values for spike-ins versus endogenous genes). If `type` is `NULL`, a “default” set of size factors is stored or returned.

If `value` is `NULL` for `isSpike<-`, size factors of `type` will be removed from object. All size factors can be removed from object by using the `clearSizeFactors` method.

The `sizeFactorNames` method will return the names of all stored size factor sets. This does not include the default set of size factors (obtained with `isSpike(..., type=NULL)`) as these are unnamed.

## Value

For `sizeFactors`, a numeric vector is returned containing size factors of the set `type` for all cells. If `type` is not available, `NULL` is returned instead.

For `sizeFactors<-`, a `SingleCellExperiment` is returned with size factors stored in the internal metadata fields.

For `clearSizeFactors`, a `SingleCellExperiment` is returned with no size factor information.

For `sizeFactorNames`, a character vector is returned containing the names of all named size factor sets.

## Author(s)

Aaron Lun

## See Also

[SingleCellExperiment-class](#)

## Examples

```
example(SingleCellExperiment, echo=FALSE) # Using the class example
sizeFactors(sce) <- runif(ncol(sce))
sizeFactors(sce)

sizeFactors(sce, "ERCC") <- runif(ncol(sce))
sizeFactors(sce, "ERCC")
sizeFactors(sce) # unchanged.

sizeFactors(sce, "ERCC") <- NULL
sizeFactors(sce, "ERCC")
```



**Description**

Gets or sets the rows corresponding to spike-in transcripts.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment,character'
isSpike(x, type)

## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment,missing'
isSpike(x, type)

## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment,NULL'
isSpike(x, type)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment,character'
isSpike(x, type) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
clearSpikes(x)

## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment'
spikeNames(x)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	A <code>SingleCellExperiment</code> object.
<code>type</code>	A string containing the name of the spike-in set.
<code>value</code>	A vector indicating which rows correspond to spike-in transcripts.

**Details**

Spike-in transcripts may be added during library preparation in single-cell RNA sequencing experiments. These usually need to be handled differently during data analysis, compared to the endogenous genes. Thus, it is important to indicate which rows correspond to spike-in transcripts.

The `isSpike<-` method accepts any value that indicates which rows correspond to spike-ins. This can be a logical or integer subsetting vector, or a vector of row names. The `type` should be set to the name of the spike-in set, e.g., "ERCC" or "SIRV".

In this manner, multiple types of spike-in sets are supported for a single experiment. This is useful not only when different spike-ins are used, but also for different mixtures of the same set (e.g., ERCC mixes 1 and 2). The names of all available spike-in sets can be obtained using `spikeNames`.

To remove spike-ins for a particular set, `value` should be set to `NULL` when using `isSpike<-`. To remove all spike-in information, `clearSpikes` should be used to obtain a new `SingleCellExperiment` object with no spike-ins specified.

In previous versions ( $\leq 1.1.1$ ), if `value` was `NULL` in `isSpike<-`, all existing spike-in sets would be removed. This behaviour is now deprecated, and `clearSpikes` should be used instead. Also,

if type was missing or NULL for `isSpike<-`, the spike-in set would be automatically assigned an empty name. This is also deprecated, and all spike-ins should be given a user-supplied name.

The `isSpike` getter methods will return a logical vector indicatng which rows represent spike-ins of the set specified by type. If type is missing or NULL, the vector will instead indicate whether each row is in *any* spike-in set. If type is specified but not available, an error will be raised.

### Value

For `isSpike`, a logical vector is returned indicating whether each row is in the specified set type or any set.

For `isSpike<-`, a `SingleCellExperiment` is returned with spike-in information stored in the internal metadata fields.

For `spikeNames`, a character vector is returned containing the names of available spike-in sets.

For `clearSpikes`, a `SingleCellExperiment` is returned with no spike-in information.

### Author(s)

Aaron Lun

### See Also

[SingleCellExperiment-class](#)

### Examples

```
example(SingleCellExperiment, echo=FALSE) # Using the class example
isSpike(sce, "ERCC") <- 1:10
isSpike(sce)

isSpike(sce, "SIRV") <- 11:20
spikeNames(sce)
which(isSpike(sce))
which(isSpike(sce, "SIRV"))

isSpike(sce, "ERCC") <- NULL
spikeNames(sce)
```

### Description

Methods to subset `LinearEmbeddingMatrix` objects.

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'LinearEmbeddingMatrix,ANY,ANY'
x[i, j, ..., drop=TRUE]

## S4 replacement method for signature
## 'LinearEmbeddingMatrix,ANY,ANY,LinearEmbeddingMatrix'
x[i, j] <- value
```

**Arguments**

x	A LinearEmbeddingMatrix object.
i, j	A vector of logical or integer subscripts, indicating the rows and columns to be subsetting for i and j, respectively.
...	Extra arguments that are ignored.
drop	A logical scalar indicating whether the result should be coerced to the lowest possible dimension.
value	A LinearEmbeddingMatrix object with number of rows equal to length of i (or that of x, if i is not specified). The number of columns must be equal to the length of j (or number of columns in x, if j is not specified).

**Details**

Subsetting yields a LinearEmbeddingMatrix object containing the specified rows (samples) and columns (factors). If column subsetting is performed, values of featureLoadings and factorData will be modified to retain only the selected factors.

If drop=TRUE and the subsetting would produce dimensions of length 1, those dimensions are dropped and a vector is returned directly from sampleFactors. This mimics the expected behaviour from a matrix-like object. Users should set drop=FALSE to ensure that a LinearEmbeddingMatrix is returned.

For subset replacement, if neither i or j are set, x will be effectively replaced by value. However, row and column names will *not* change, consistent with replacement in ordinary matrices.

**Value**

For [, a subsetting LinearEmbeddingMatrix object is returned.

For [<-, a modified LinearEmbeddingMatrix object is returned.

**Author(s)**

Aaron Lun

**See Also**

[LinearEmbeddingMatrix-class](#)

**Examples**

```
example(LinearEmbeddingMatrix, echo=FALSE) # using the class example

lem[1:10,]
lem[,1:5]

lem2 <- lem
lem2[1:10,] <- lem[11:20,]
```

**Description**

Methods to subset SingleCellExperiment objects.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment,ANY,ANY'  
x[i, j, ..., drop=TRUE]
```

```
## S4 replacement method for signature 'SingleCellExperiment,ANY,ANY,SingleCellExperiment'  
x[i, j] <- value
```

**Arguments**

x	A SingleCellExperiment object.
i, j	A vector of logical or integer subscripts, indicating the rows and columns to be subsetting for i and j, respectively.
...	Extra arguments to be passed to <a href="#">[, SummarizedExperiment-method.</a>
drop	A logical scalar that is ignored.
value	A SingleCellExperiment object with number of rows equal to length of i (or that of x, if i is not specified). The number of columns must be equal to the length of j (or number of columns in x, if j is not specified).

**Details**

Subsetting yields a SingleCellExperiment object containing the specified rows (features) and columns (cells). Internal row and column metadata fields will also be subsetting so that methods such as [isSpike](#) are still valid. If column subsetting is performed, values of the reducedDims will be modified to retain only the selected cells.

Subset assignment will replace the assay values and metadata of the specified rows or columns in x with those in value. If both i and j are set, the relevant block of assay values will be replaced, along with the metadata for the affected rows and columns. If neither i or j are set, x will be turned into value.

**Value**

For `[` and `subset`, a subsetting SingleCellExperiment object is returned.

For `[<-`, a modified SingleCellExperiment object is returned.

**Author(s)**

Aaron Lun

**See Also**

[SingleCellExperiment-class](#)

**Examples**

```
example(SingleCellExperiment, echo=FALSE) # using the class example

sce[1:10,]
sce[,1:5]

sce2 <- sce
sce2[1:10,] <- sce[11:20,]

# Can also use subset()
sce$WHEE <- sample(LETTERS, ncol(sce), replace=TRUE)
subset(sce, , WHEE=="A")

# Can also use split()
split(sce, sample(LETTERS, nrow(sce), replace=TRUE))
```

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