

# Package ‘gg4way’

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.checkFeatures	<i>Missing features warning</i>
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Description

Warn about features not shared between x and y

Usage

.checkFeatures(DGEdata = DGEdata, x = x, y = y, ID = ID)

Arguments

DGEdata	The object to plot from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• limma: A <a href="#">MArrayLM</a> object from <a href="#">eBayes</a> or <a href="#">treat</a></li><li>• edgeR: A list of <a href="#">DGELRT</a> objects from <a href="#">glmQLFTest</a>, <a href="#">glmTreat</a>, or <a href="#">glmLRT</a></li><li>• DESeq2: a <a href="#">DESeqDataSet</a> from <a href="#">DESeq</a> or a list of <a href="#">DESeqResults</a> from <a href="#">results</a></li><li>• Other packages: A list of data.frames, see details section for more information</li></ul>
x	Character specifying the name of DGE results within the object for the x-axis
y	Character specifying the name of DGE results within the object for the y-axis
ID	Column name for gene IDs

Value

A character

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.checkNames	<i>Missing names check</i>
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## Description

Check for missing names in the DGEdata object

## Usage

```
.checkNames(  
  DGEdata = DGEdata,  
  x = x,  
  y = y,  
  ID = ID,  
  symbol = symbol,  
  logFC = logFC,  
  FDR = FDR  
)
```

## Arguments

DGEdata	The object to plot from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• limma: A <a href="#">MArrayLM</a> object from <a href="#">eBayes</a> or <a href="#">treat</a></li><li>• edgeR: A list of <a href="#">DGELRT</a> objects from <a href="#">glmQLFTest</a>, <a href="#">glmTreat</a>, or <a href="#">glmLRT</a></li><li>• DESeq2: a <a href="#">DESeqDataSet</a> from <a href="#">DESeq</a> or a list of <a href="#">DESeqResults</a> from <a href="#">results</a></li><li>• Other packages: A list of data.frames, see details section for more information</li></ul>
x	Character specifying the name of DGE results within the object for the x-axis
y	Character specifying the name of DGE results within the object for the y-axis
ID	Column name for gene IDs
symbol	Column name for gene symbols, which can be the same as the value for the ID column if not present in the object
logFC	Column name for logFC values
FDR	Column name for FDR values

## Value

A character

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*.plot4way**gg4way plot*

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**Description**

Creates a 4way plot

**Usage**

```
.plot4way(  
  DGEtibble = DGEtibble,  
  x = x,  
  y = y,  
  sep = sep,  
  logFCcutoff = logFCcutoff,  
  lineColor = lineColor,  
  colorKey = colorKey,  
  corRes = corRes,  
  textKey = textKey,  
  hjust = hjust,  
  vjust = vjust,  
  textSize = textSize,  
  label = label  
)
```

**Arguments**

x	Character specifying the name of DGE results within the object for the x-axis
y	Character specifying the name of DGE results within the object for the y-axis
sep	Character specifying the separator between conditions for the contrast name provided to the x and y arguments
logFCcutoff	Numeric for the absolute logFC cut-off for DEGs (default is 1)
lineColor	Color of lines
textSize	Numeric specifying size of text with gene overlap category totals, where 0 will remove the text
label	Character vector specifying the symbols of genes to label (FALSE for none, TRUE for all blue)

**Value**

A [ggplot](#)

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.prepareAnnotations	<i>Prepare annotations</i>
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## Description

Prepare text annotations of sums for plotting

## Usage

```
.prepareAnnotations(  
  totalTibble = totalTibble,  
  colorKey = colorKey,  
  textNudge = textNudge  
)
```

## Arguments

totalTibble	A <a href="#">tibble</a> of summarized counts
textNudge	Numeric specifying nudge of text with gene overlap category totals

## Value

A [tibble](#)

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.prepareData	<i>Prepare data</i>
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## Description

Prepare data for a 4way plot

## Usage

```
.prepareData(  
  DGEdata = DGEdata,  
  x = x,  
  y = y,  
  ID = ID,  
  symbol = symbol,  
  logFC = logFC,  
  FDR = FDR,  
  logFCcutoff = logFCcutoff,  
  FDRcutoff = FDRcutoff  
)
```

Arguments

DGEdata	The object to plot from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• limma: A <a href="#">MArrayLM</a> object from <a href="#">eBayes</a> or <a href="#">treat</a></li><li>• edgeR: A list of <a href="#">DGELRT</a> objects from <a href="#">glmQLFTest</a>, <a href="#">glmTreat</a>, or <a href="#">glmLRT</a></li><li>• DESeq2: a <a href="#">DESeqDataSet</a> from <a href="#">DESeq</a> or a list of <a href="#">DESeqResults</a> from <a href="#">results</a></li><li>• Other packages: A list of data.frames, see details section for more information</li></ul>
x	Character specifying the name of DGE results within the object for the x-axis
y	Character specifying the name of DGE results within the object for the y-axis
ID	Column name for gene IDs
symbol	Column name for gene symbols, which can be the same as the value for the ID column if not present in the object
logFC	Column name for logFC values
FDR	Column name for FDR values
logFCcutoff	Numeric for the absolute logFC cut-off for DEGs (default is 1)
FDRcutoff	Numeric for the FDR cut-off for DEGs (default is 0.05)

Value

A [tibble](#)

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.testCor	<i>Correlation test</i>
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Description

Test the correlation between DGE contrasts

Usage

```
.testCor(DGEtibble = DGEtibble)
```

Arguments

DGEtibble      A [tibble](#) of DGE results

Value

A numeric of the Pearson correlation

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<code>.tidyLabel</code>	<i>Tidy axis labels</i>
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**Description**

Process axis labels from contrast names

**Usage**

```
.tidyLabel(label = NULL, sep = " vs ", labelType = c("x", "y"))
```

**Arguments**

label	Character vector specifying the symbols of genes to label (FALSE for none, TRUE for all blue)
sep	Character specifying the separator between conditions for the contrast name provided to the x and y arguments

**Value**

A [call](#)

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<code>.totalCounts</code>	<i>Summarize counts</i>
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**Description**

Create a summary table counts for DGE contrast overlaps for shared (quadrants) and non-shared (lines) DEGs

**Usage**

```
.totalCounts(DGEtibble = DGEtibble, x = x, y = y, logFCcutoff = logFCcutoff)
```

**Arguments**

DGEtibble	A <a href="#">tibble</a> of DGE results
x	Character specifying the name of DGE results within the object for the x-axis
y	Character specifying the name of DGE results within the object for the y-axis
logFCcutoff	Numeric for the absolute logFC cut-off for DEGs (default is 1)

**Value**

A [tibble](#)

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`airwayFit`*airwayFit data*

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**Description**

Generate example data from the [airway](#) data package using [eBayes](#)

**Usage**

```
data(airwayFit)
```

**Format**

An object of class `MArrayLM` with 14516 rows and 2 columns.

**Value**

A [MArrayLM](#)

**Source**

[airway](#)

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`extractors`*Helper Functions for gg4way*

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**Description**

These helper functions provide data used in the plot:

<code>getCor</code>	Get the correlation of the logFC of all genes
<code>getShared</code>	Get only the shared genes that pass the thresholds
<code>getTotals</code>	Get the totals of overlap categories

**Usage**

```
getCor(p1)
```

```
getShared(p1)
```

```
getTotals(p1)
```



**Arguments**

p1                      The plot from [gg4way](#)

**Value**

Each function returns a different result:

getCor	A numeric
getShared	A <a href="#">tibble</a>
getTotals	A <a href="#">tabyl</a>

**Examples**

```
data("airwayFit")
p1 <- airwayFit |>
  gg4way(x = "N61311 vs N052611",
        y = "N061011 vs N052611")

## Correlation
getCor(p1)

## Shared
getShared(p1)

## Totals
getTotals(p1)
```

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*Create a 4way plot*


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**Description**

Create a 4way plot to compare the logFC values from two contrasts of differential gene expression.

**Usage**

```
## Default S3 method:
gg4way(
  DGEdata,
  x = NULL,
  y = NULL,
  ID = "ID",
  symbol = "symbol",
  logFC = "logFC",
```

```

FDR = "adj.P.Val",
sep = " vs ",
FDRcutoff = 0.05,
logFCcutoff = 1,
label = FALSE,
colorVector = c("grey80", "firebrick", "forestgreen", "mediumblue"),
lineColor = "grey60",
textSize = 4,
textNudge = 0.25,
...
)

```

## Arguments

DGEdata	<p>The object to plot from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• limma: A <a href="#">MArrayLM</a> object from <a href="#">eBayes</a> or <a href="#">treat</a></li> <li>• edgeR: A list of <a href="#">DGEList</a> objects from <a href="#">glmQLFTest</a>, <a href="#">glmTreat</a>, or <a href="#">glmLRT</a></li> <li>• DESeq2: a <a href="#">DESeqDataSet</a> from <a href="#">DESeq</a> or a list of <a href="#">DESeqResults</a> from <a href="#">results</a></li> <li>• Other packages: A list of data.frames, see details section for more information</li> </ul>
x	Character specifying the name of DGE results within the object for the x-axis
y	Character specifying the name of DGE results within the object for the y-axis
ID	Column name for gene IDs
symbol	Column name for gene symbols, which can be the same as the value for the ID column if not present in the object
logFC	Column name for logFC values
FDR	Column name for FDR values
sep	Character specifying the separator between conditions for the contrast name provided to the x and y arguments
FDRcutoff	Numeric for the FDR cut-off for DEGs (default is 0.05)
logFCcutoff	Numeric for the absolute logFC cut-off for DEGs (default is 1)
label	Character vector specifying the symbols of genes to label (FALSE for none, TRUE for all blue)
colorVector	Character vector of colors in the following order: "not significant", "significant in x", "significant in y", "significant in both"
lineColor	Color of lines
textSize	Numeric specifying size of text with gene overlap category totals, where 0 will remove the text
textNudge	Numeric specifying nudge of text with gene overlap category totals
...	Support for additional arguments used internally by <code>gg4way.MArrayLM</code> , <code>gg4way.list</code> , and <code>gg4way.DESeqDataSet</code>

## Details

When a named list of data.frames is provided to the DGEdata argument, each data.frame can follow the defaults and have the following columns or specify alternate names for the following to the ID, symbol, logFC, and FDR arguments:

ID	Character vector with the feature ID (i.e. EnsemblID)
symbol	Optional character vector with gene symbol for labels
logFC	Numeric with the logFC
adj.P.Val	Numeric with the FDR

The correlation coefficient is useful for comparing across multiple plots. However, it is important to consider whether there are any common factors when comparing values, since that can result in a larger value. Some examples are contrasts with covariates that are shared between groups or contrasts with the same control group.

## Value

A [ggplot](#)

## Examples

```
data("airwayFit")
airwayFit |>
  gg4way(x = "N61311 vs N052611",
        y = "N061011 vs N052611")
```

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