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colNormalize	<i>Normalize each column of the input matrix by the column sum</i>
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**Description**

Normalize each column of the input matrix by the column sum

**Usage**

```
colNormalize(x, scaleFactor = NULL, log = FALSE, ...)

## Default S3 method:
colNormalize(x, scaleFactor = NULL, log = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'dgCMatrix'
colNormalize(x, scaleFactor = NULL, log = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'Seurat'
colNormalize(
  x,
  scaleFactor = NULL,
  log = FALSE,
  assay = NULL,
  layer = "counts",
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'SingleCellExperiment'
colNormalize(x, scaleFactor = NULL, log = FALSE, assay.type = "counts", ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	Feature by observation matrix. Alternatively, Seurat object or SingleCellExperiment object with raw counts available are also supported.
scaleFactor	Multiplier on normalized data. Default NULL.
log	Logical. Whether to take log <sub>1p</sub> transformation after scaling. Default FALSE
...	Additional arguments passed to methods
assay	For "Seurat" method, the specific assay to get data from. Default NULL to the default assay.
layer	For "Seurat" method, which layer of the assay to be used. Default "counts".
assay.type	For "SingleCellExperiment" method, the assay type to get data from. Default "counts".

**Value**

Normalized matrix of the same size

A Seurat object with normalized data in the specified slot of the specified assay.

A SingleCellExperiment object with normalized data in the specified assay. "normcounts" if log = FALSE and "logcounts" if log = TRUE.

**Examples**

```
rnaNorm <- colNormalize(rnaRaw)

# Seurat example
library(Seurat)
srt <- CreateSeuratObject(rnaRaw)
srt <- colNormalize(srt)

# SingleCellExperiment example
library(SingleCellExperiment)
sce <- SingleCellExperiment(assays = list(counts = rnaRaw))
sce <- colNormalize(sce)
```

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plotBinary

*Create binary plots*


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**Description**

Create binary plots that show similarity between single cells and two selected terminals in a barycentric coordinate. The two vertices are placed at the left and right of a 2D plot where x-axis measures the similarity. Y-axis is jittered for a clear view. A density (histogram) curve is added for indicating the distribution.

See [plotTernary](#) manual for more details.

**Usage**

```

plotBinary(x, ...)

## Default S3 method:
plotBinary(
  x,
  clusterVar,
  vertices,
  features = NULL,
  byCluster = NULL,
  processed = FALSE,
  method = c("euclidean", "cosine", "pearson", "spearman"),
  force = FALSE,
  sigma = 0.08,
  scale = TRUE,
  dotColor = "grey60",
  returnData = FALSE,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'Seurat'
plotBinary(
  x,
  layer = "counts",
  assay = NULL,
  clusterVar = NULL,
  processed = FALSE,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'SingleCellExperiment'
plotBinary(x, assay.type = "counts", clusterVar = NULL, processed = FALSE, ...)

## S3 method for class 'simMat'
plotBinary(
  x,
  dotSize = 0.6,
  dotColor = "grey60",
  densLinewidth = 0.8,
  labelColors = c("#3B4992FF", "#EE0000FF"),
  title = NULL,
  ...
)

```

**Arguments**

**x** Input data. Can be a matrix or dgCMatix object with cells as columns, a Seurat or SingleCellExperiment object. "simMat" method takes intermedi-

	ate values.
...	Arguments passed to other methods.
clusterVar	A vector/factor assigning the cluster variable to each column of the matrix object. For "Seurat" method, NULL (default) for <code>Idents(x)</code> , or a variable name in <code>meta.data</code> slot. For "SingleCellExperiment" method, NULL (default) for <code>colLabels(x)</code> , or a variable name in <code>colData</code> slot.
vertices	Vector of three unique cluster names that will be used for plotting. Or a named list that groups clusters as three terminal vertices. There must not be any overlap between groups.
features	Valid matrix row subsetting index to select features for similarity calculation. Default NULL uses all available features.
byCluster	Default NULL to generate one plot with all cells. Set "all" to split cells in plot by cluster and returns a list of subplots for each cluster as well as the plot including all cells. Otherwise, a vector of cluster names to generate a list of subplots for the specified clusters.
processed	Logical. Whether the input matrix is already processed. TRUE will bypass internal preprocessing and input matrix will be directly used for similarity calculation. Default FALSE and raw count input is recommended. If missing in call, using <code>slot = "counts"</code> in "Seurat" method or using <code>assay.type = "counts"</code> in "SingleCellExperiment" method will force this argument to be FALSE and others for TRUE.
method	Similarity calculation method. Default "euclidean". Choose from "euclidean", "cosine", "pearson", "spearman".
force	Whether to force calculate the similarity when more than 500 features are detected, which is generally not recommended. Default FALSE.
sigma	Gaussian kernel parameter that controls the effect of variance. Only effective when using a distance metric (i.e. method is "euclidian" or "cosine"). Larger value tighten the dot spreading on figure. Default 0.08.
scale	Whether to min-max scale the distance matrix by clusters. Default TRUE.
returnData	Logical. Whether to return similarity data instead of generating plot. Default FALSE.
layer	For "Seurat" method, which layer of the assay to be used. Default "counts".
assay	For "Seurat" method, the specific assay to get data from. Default NULL to the default assay.
assay.type	For "SingleCellExperiment" methods. Which assay to use for calculating the similarity. Default "counts".
dotSize, dotColor	Dot aesthetics passed to <code>geom_point</code> . Default 0.6 and "grey60".
densLinewidth	Density plot line aesthetic. Default 0.8.
labelColors	Color of the axis lines and vertex labels. Default <code>c("#3B4992FF", "#EE0000FF")</code> (blue and red).
title	Title text of the plot. Default NULL.

**Value**

For 'simMat' method, a ggplot object. For other methods, a ggplot object when splitCluster = FALSE, or a list of ggplot objects when splitCluster = TRUE.

**Examples**

```
gene <- selectTopFeatures(rnaRaw, rnaCluster, c("RE", "OS"))
plotBinary(rnaRaw, rnaCluster, c("RE", "OS"), gene)

# Seurat example
library(Seurat)
srt <- CreateSeuratObject(rnaRaw)
Idents(srt) <- rnaCluster
gene <- selectTopFeatures(srt, vertices = c("OS", "RE"))
plotBinary(srt, features = gene, vertices = c("OS", "RE"))

# SingleCellExperiment example
library(SingleCellExperiment)
sce <- SingleCellExperiment(assays = list(counts = rnaRaw))
collabels(sce) <- rnaCluster
gene <- selectTopFeatures(sce, vertices = c("OS", "RE"))
plotBinary(sce, features = gene, vertices = c("OS", "RE"))
```

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plotQuaternary      *Create quaternary simplex plots*

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**Description**

Create quaternary plots that show similarity between single cells and selected four terminals in a baricentric coordinate.

See [plotTernary](#) for more details on methodologies.

A dynamic rotating view in a GIF image file can be created with [writeQuaternaryGIF](#). Package magick must be installed in advance. Linux users may refer to this [installation guide](#).

**Usage**

```
plotQuaternary(x, ...)

## Default S3 method:
plotQuaternary(
  x,
  clusterVar,
  vertices,
  features = NULL,
  veloGraph = NULL,
```

```
    byCluster = NULL,
    processed = FALSE,
    method = c("euclidean", "cosine", "pearson", "spearman"),
    force = FALSE,
    sigma = 0.05,
    scale = TRUE,
    dotColor = "grey60",
    returnData = FALSE,
    ...
)

## S3 method for class 'Seurat'
plotQuaternary(
  x,
  layer = "counts",
  assay = NULL,
  clusterVar = NULL,
  processed = FALSE,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'SingleCellExperiment'
plotQuaternary(
  x,
  assay.type = "counts",
  clusterVar = NULL,
  processed = FALSE,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'simMat'
plotQuaternary(
  x,
  veloMat = NULL,
  nGrid = 10,
  radius = 0.2,
  dotSize = 0.6,
  dotColor = "grey60",
  labelColors = c("#3B4992FF", "#EE0000FF", "#008B45FF", "#631879FF"),
  arrowLinewidth = 0.6,
  arrowAngle = 20,
  arrowLen = 0.1,
  vertexLabelSize = 1,
  edgelineWidth = 1,
  title = NULL,
  titleSize = 1,
  titleColor = "black",
  theta = 20,
```

```

    phi = 0,
    interactive = FALSE,
    ...
)

```

### Arguments

x	Input data. Can be a matrix or dgMatrix object with cells as columns, a Seurat or SingleCellExperiment object. "simMat" method takes intermediate values.
...	Arguments passed to other methods.
clusterVar	A vector/factor assigning the cluster variable to each column of the matrix object. For "Seurat" method, NULL (default) for Idents(x), or a variable name in meta.data slot. For "SingleCellExperiment" method, NULL (default) for colLabels(x), or a variable name in colData slot.
vertices	Vector of three unique cluster names that will be used for plotting. Or a named list that groups clusters as three terminal vertices. There must not be any overlap between groups.
features	Valid matrix row subsetting index to select features for similarity calculation. Default NULL uses all available features.
veloGraph	Cell x cell dgMatrix object containing velocity information. Shows velocity grid-arrow layer when specified. Default NULL does not show velocity.
byCluster	Default NULL to generate one plot with all cells. Set "all" to split cells in plot by cluster and returns a list of subplots for each cluster as well as the plot including all cells. Otherwise, a vector of cluster names to generate a list of subplots for the specified clusters.
processed	Logical. Whether the input matrix is already processed. TRUE will bypass internal preprocessing and input matrix will be directly used for similarity calculation. Default FALSE and raw count input is recommended. If missing in call, using slot = "counts" in "Seurat" method or using assay.type = "counts" in "SingleCellExperiment" method will force this argument to be FALSE and others for TRUE.
method	Similarity calculation method. Default "euclidean". Choose from "euclidean", "cosine", "pearson", "spearman".
force	Whether to force calculate the similarity when more than 500 features are detected, which is generally not recommended. Default FALSE.
sigma	Gaussian kernel parameter that controls the effect of variance. Only effective when using a distance metric (i.e. method is "euclidian" or "cosine"). Larger values tighten the dot spreading on figure. Default 0.05.
scale	Whether to min-max scale the distance matrix by clusters. Default TRUE.
returnData	Logical. Whether to return similarity and aggregated velocity data if applicable instead of generating plot. Default FALSE.
layer	For "Seurat" method, which layer of the assay to be used. Default "counts".
assay	For "Seurat" method, the specific assay to get data from. Default NULL to the default assay.

assay.type	For "SingleCellExperiment" methods. Which assay to use for calculating the similarity. Default "counts".
veloMat	Aggregated velocity matrix. Output of aggrVeloGraph.
nGrid	Number of grids along the x-axis of the tetrahedron triangle. Default 10.
radius	Arrow length of unit velocity. Lower this when arrows point outside of the tetrahedron. Default 0.2.
dotSize, dotColor	Dot aesthetics. Default 0.6 and "grey60".
labelColors	Colors of the vertex labels. Default c("#3B4992FF", "#EE0000FF", "#008B45FF", "#631879FF") (blue, red, green and purple).
arrowLinewidth	Arrow aesthetics. Default 0.6.
arrowAngle, arrowLen	Arrow aesthetics passed to grid::arrow. The length of the arrow will be internally converted to unit object in inches. Default 20 and 0.1.
vertexLabelSize	Numeric, size of vertex text label relative to default size. Default 1.
edgeLinewidth	Controls the linewidth of the edges of the tetrahedron. Default 1.
title	Title text of the plot. Default NULL.
titleSize, titleColor	Setting on the main title text. Default 1, and "black".
theta, phi	Numeric scalar. The angles defining the viewing direction. theta gives the azimuthal direction and phi the colatitude. Default 20 and 0.
interactive	Logical. Whether to use "rgl" library to create interactive device. Default FALSE.

### Value

For "simMat" method, a "plist" (plot3D package product) object. For other methods, a "plist" object when splitCluster = FALSE, or a list of "plist" objects when splitCluster = TRUE. A "plist" object can be viewed with print(), show() or a direct run of the object variable name in interactive console.

### Examples

```
gene <- selectTopFeatures(rnaRaw, rnaCluster, c("RE", "OS", "CH", "ORT"))
plotQuaternary(rnaRaw, rnaCluster, c("RE", "OS", "CH", "ORT"), gene)

# Seurat example
library(Seurat)
srt <- CreateSeuratObject(rnaRaw)
Idents(srt) <- rnaCluster
gene <- selectTopFeatures(srt, vertices = c("OS", "RE", "CH", "ORT"))
plotQuaternary(srt, features = gene,
               vertices = c("OS", "RE", "CH", "ORT"))

# SingleCellExperiment example
library(SingleCellExperiment)
```

```
sce <- SingleCellExperiment(assays = list(counts = rnaRaw))
collLabels(sce) <- rnaCluster
gene <- selectTopFeatures(sce, vertices = c("OS", "RE", "CH", "ORT"))
plotQuaternary(sce, features = gene,
               vertices = c("OS", "RE", "CH", "ORT"))
```

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plotTernary

*Create ternary plots*


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### Description

Create ternary plots that show similarity between single cells and selected three terminals in a ternary baricentric coordinate.

### Usage

```
plotTernary(x, ...)

## Default S3 method:
plotTernary(
  x,
  clusterVar,
  vertices,
  features = NULL,
  veloGraph = NULL,
  byCluster = NULL,
  processed = FALSE,
  method = c("euclidean", "cosine", "pearson", "spearman"),
  force = FALSE,
  sigma = 0.08,
  scale = TRUE,
  dotColor = "grey60",
  returnData = FALSE,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'Seurat'
plotTernary(
  x,
  layer = "counts",
  assay = NULL,
  clusterVar = NULL,
  processed = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

```

## S3 method for class 'SingleCellExperiment'
plotTernary(
  x,
  assay.type = "counts",
  clusterVar = NULL,
  processed = FALSE,
  ...
)

## S3 method for class 'simMat'
plotTernary(
  x,
  title = NULL,
  veloMat = NULL,
  nGrid = 10,
  radius = 0.1,
  dotSize = 0.6,
  dotColor = "grey60",
  labelColors = c("#3B4992FF", "#EE0000FF", "#008B45FF"),
  vertexLabelSize = 5,
  vertexLabelDrift = 0.03,
  axisBreak = 5,
  axisTextShow = TRUE,
  axisTextSize = 4,
  axisTextDrift = 0.02,
  gridLineAlpha = 0.6,
  arrowLinewidth = 0.25,
  arrowAngle = 20,
  arrowLen = 0.2,
  titleSize = 14,
  equilateral = TRUE,
  margin = 0.1,
  ...
)

```

### Arguments

x	Input data. Can be a matrix or dgCMatrx object with cells as columns, a Seurat or SingleCellExperiment object. "simMat" method takes intermediate values.
...	Arguments passed to other methods.
clusterVar	A vector/factor assigning the cluster variable to each column of the matrix object. For "Seurat" method, NULL (default) for Idents(x), or a variable name in meta.data slot. For "SingleCellExperiment" method, NULL (default) for colLabels(x), or a variable name in colData slot.
vertices	Vector of three unique cluster names that will be used for plotting. Or a named list that groups clusters as three terminal vertices. There must not be any overlap between groups.

features	Valid matrix row subsetting index to select features for similarity calculation. Default NULL uses all available features.
veloGraph	Cell x cell dgCMatrx object containing velocity information. Shows velocity grid-arrow layer when specified. Default NULL does not show velocity.
byCluster	Default NULL to generate one plot with all cells. Set "all" to split cells in plot by cluster and returns a list of subplots for each cluster as well as the plot including all cells. Otherwise, a vector of cluster names to generate a list of subplots for the specified clusters.
processed	Logical. Whether the input matrix is already processed. TRUE will bypass internal preprocessing and input matrix will be directly used for similarity calculation. Default FALSE and raw count input is recommended. If missing in call, using slot = "counts" in "Seurat" method or using assay.type = "counts" in "SingleCellExperiment" method will force this argument to be FALSE and others for TRUE.
method	Similarity calculation method. Default "euclidean". Choose from "euclidean", "cosine", "pearson", "spearman".
force	Whether to force calculate the similarity when more then 500 features are detected, which is generally not recommended. Default FALSE.
sigma	Gaussian kernel parameter that controls the effect of variance. Only effective when using a distance metric (i.e. method is "euclidian" or "cosine"). Larger values tighten the dot spreading on figure. Default 0.08.
scale	Whether to min-max scale the distance matrix by clusters. Default TRUE.
returnData	Logical. Whether to return similarity and aggregated velocity data if applicable instead of generating plot. Default FALSE.
layer	For "Seurat" method, which layer of the assay to be used. Default "counts".
assay	For "Seurat" method, the specific assay to get data from. Default NULL to the default assay.
assay.type	For "SingleCellExperiment" methods. Which assay to use for calculating the similarity. Default "counts".
title	Title text of the plot. Default NULL.
veloMat	Aggregated velocity matrix. Output of aggrVeloGraph.
nGrid	Number of grids along the bottom side of the equilateral triangle. Default 10.
radius	Arrow length of unit velocity. Lower this when arrows point outside of the coordinate. Default 0.1.
dotSize, dotColor	Dot aesthetics passed to <code>geom_point</code> . Default 0.6 and "grey60".
labelColors	Colors of the axis lines and vertex labels. Default <code>c("#3B492FF", "#EE0000FF", "#008B45FF")</code> (blue, red and green)
vertexLabelSize, vertexLabelDrift	Adjustment on the three vertex text labels. Drift means the distance that the labels should be moved against the center of the plot. Default size 5, drifted distance 0.03.
axisBreak	Number of breaks to be labeled along axis. Default 5.

axisTextShow	Logical, whether to show axis text. Default TRUE.
axisTextSize, axisTextDrift	Similar to the vertex adjustment applied to the text label along the axis breaks. Default size 4, drifted distance 0.02.
gridLineAlpha	Transparency of background grid lines. Default 0.6.
arrowLinewidth, arrowAngle, arrowLen	Arrow aesthetics, see Details.
titleSize	Size of title text. Default 14.
equilateral	Logical, whether to always display the triangle as equilateral. Default TRUE.
margin	Margin allowed around of the triangle plotting region when equilateral = TRUE

## Details

**Argument inheritance** - For matrix/dgCMatrix ("default" method), we first calculate the similarity matrix and obtain a "simMat" object. Then the "simMat" method is internally called. For data container objects (e.g. Seurat), we obtain the correct data matrix first and then call the "default" method. The arguments inherits as the flow described above.

**The calculation of similarity matrix** - The similarity is calculated either by converting a distance metric ("euclidean" or "cosine") with Gaussian kernel, or directly computed with correlation metrics ("pearson" or "spearman"). The centroid of each terminal is obtained first, and the specified metric from each cell to each terminal is calculated. The similarity matrix (n cells by v terminals) is lastly normalized to sum to 1 for each cell, so it becomes a barycentric coordinate.

**Arrow aesthetics parameters** - The shape of arrows is controlled by 3 arguments. Considering an arrow as the combination of a line segment and a triangle, arrowLinewidth controls the width of the line as well as the edge line of the triangle; arrowAngle equals to angle of the arrow-tip vertex of the triangle divided by 2 (e.g. the triangle is equilateral when arrowAngle = 20); arrowLen controls the absolute length from the arrow-tip vertex to its opposite edge.

## Value

For "simMat" method, a ggplot object. For other methods, a ggplot object when splitCluster = FALSE, or a list of ggplot objects when splitCluster = TRUE.

## Examples

```
gene <- selectTopFeatures(rnaRaw, rnaCluster, c("OS", "RE", "CH"))
plotTernary(rnaRaw, rnaCluster, c("OS", "RE", "CH"), gene)

# Seurat example
library(Seurat)
srt <- CreateSeuratObject(rnaRaw)
Idents(srt) <- rnaCluster
gene <- selectTopFeatures(srt, vertices = c("OS", "RE", "CH"))
plotTernary(srt, features = gene, vertices = c("OS", "RE", "CH"))

# SingleCellExperiment example
```

```
library(SingleCellExperiment)
sce <- SingleCellExperiment(assays = list(counts = rnaRaw))
collLabels(sce) <- rnaCluster
gene <- selectTopFeatures(sce, vertices = c("OS", "RE", "CH"))
plotTernary(sce, features = gene, vertices = c("OS", "RE", "CH"))
```

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rnaCluster	<i>Major cell type annotation of the example mouse bone marrow data</i>
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### Description

Major cell type annotation of the example mouse bone marrow data

### Usage

```
rnaCluster
```

### Format

factor object

### Source

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-023-38034-2>

### References

Matsushita, Y., Liu, J., Chu, A.K.Y. et al. Bone marrow endosteal stem cells dictate active osteogenesis and aggressive tumorigenesis. *Nat Commun* 14, 2383 (2023).

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rnaRaw	<i>Mouse bone marrow scRNAseq example data</i>
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### Description

Mouse bone marrow scRNAseq example data

### Usage

```
rnaRaw
```

### Format

[dgCMatrx](#) object

**Source**

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-023-38034-2>

**References**

Matsushita, Y., Liu, J., Chu, A.K.Y. et al. Bone marrow endosteal stem cells dictate active osteogenesis and aggressive tumorigenesis. *Nat Commun* 14, 2383 (2023).

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rnaVelo

*Velocity graph of the example mouse bone marrow data*

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**Description**

Velocity graph of the example mouse bone marrow data

**Usage**

rnaVelo

**Format**

[dgCMatrix](#) object

**Source**

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-023-38034-2>

**References**

Matsushita, Y., Liu, J., Chu, A.K.Y. et al. Bone marrow endosteal stem cells dictate active osteogenesis and aggressive tumorigenesis. *Nat Commun* 14, 2383 (2023).

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selectTopFeatures

*Pick top differentially presented features for similarity calculation*

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**Description**

Performs wilcoxon rank-sum test on input matrix. While `clusterVar` and `vertices` together defines the groups of cells to be set as terminals of the simplex, this function will test each of these groups against the rest of the cells. The U-Statistics (`statistic`), p-value (`pval`) and adjusted p-value (`padj`), together with average presence in group (`avgExpr`), log fold-change (`logFC`), AUC (`auc`), percentage in group (`pct_in`) and percentage out of group (`pct_out`) will be calculated. Set `returnStats = TRUE` to return the full statistics table.

Top features are selected by sorting primarily on adjusted p-value, and secondarily on log fold-change, after filtering for up-regulated features.

**Usage**

```
selectTopFeatures(x, clusterVar, vertices, ...)
```

```
## Default S3 method:
selectTopFeatures(
  x,
  clusterVar,
  vertices,
  nTop = 30,
  processed = FALSE,
  lfcThresh = 0.1,
  returnStats = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'Seurat'
selectTopFeatures(
  x,
  clusterVar = NULL,
  vertices,
  assay = NULL,
  layer = "counts",
  processed = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'SingleCellExperiment'
selectTopFeatures(
  x,
  clusterVar = NULL,
  vertices,
  assay.type = "counts",
  processed = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	Dense or sparse matrix, observation per column. Preferably a raw count matrix. Alternatively, a Seurat object or a SingleCellExperiment object.
<code>clusterVar</code>	A vector/factor assigning the cluster variable to each column of the matrix object. For "Seurat" method, NULL (default) for <code>Idents(x)</code> , or a variable name in <code>meta.data</code> slot. For "SingleCellExperiment" method, NULL (default) for <code>colLabels(x)</code> , or a variable name in <code>colData</code> slot.
<code>vertices</code>	Vector of cluster names that will be used for plotting. Or a named list that groups clusters as a terminal vertex. There must not be any overlap between groups.
<code>...</code>	Arguments passed to methods.

nTop	Number of top differentially presented features per terminal. Default 30.
processed	Logical. Whether the input matrix is already processed. TRUE will bypass internal preprocessing and input matrix will be directly used for rank-sum calculation. Default FALSE and raw count input is recommended.
lfcThresh	Threshold on log fold-change to identify up-regulated features. Default 0.1.
returnStats	Logical. Whether to return the full statistics table rather than returning the selected genes. Default FALSE
assay	Assay name of the Seurat object to be used. Default NULL.
layer	For "Seurat" method, which layer of the assay to be used. Default "counts".
assay.type	Assay name of the SingleCellExperiment object to be used. Default "counts".

**Value**

When returnStats = FALSE (default), a character vector of at most length(unique(vertices))\*nTop feature names. When returnStats = TRUE, a data.frame of wilcoxon rank sum test statistics.

**Examples**

```
selectTopFeatures(rnaRaw, rnaCluster, c("OS", "RE"))

# Seurat example
library(Seurat)
srt <- CreateSeuratObject(rnaRaw)
Idents(srt) <- rnaCluster
gene <- selectTopFeatures(srt, vertices = c("OS", "RE"))

# SingleCellExperiment example
library(SingleCellExperiment)
sce <- SingleCellExperiment(assays = list(counts = rnaRaw))
collLabels(sce) <- rnaCluster
gene <- selectTopFeatures(sce, vertices = c("OS", "RE"))
```

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show,plist-method      *Show plist object produced with plot3D package*

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**Description**

Show plist object produced with plot3D package

**Usage**

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

## S3 method for class 'plist'
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object, x           plist object  
 ...                Graphic parameters passed to `plot`. `mar` is pre-specified.

**Value**

No return value. It displays the plot described in a 'plist' object returned by `plotQuaternary`, internally created by package 'plot3D'.

**Examples**

```
gene <- selectTopFeatures(rnaRaw, rnaCluster, c("RE", "OS", "CH", "ORT"))
plistObj <- plotQuaternary(rnaRaw, rnaCluster, c("RE", "OS", "CH", "ORT"), gene)
print(plistObj)
# equivalent to
show(plistObj)
```

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writeQuaternaryGIF	<i>Create GIF image for dynamic rotating view of 3D quaternary simplex plot</i>
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**Description**

Create GIF image for dynamic rotating view of 3D quaternary simplex plot

**Usage**

```
writeQuaternaryGIF(
  x,
  ...,
  cluster = NULL,
  gifPath = "quaternary.gif",
  tmpDir = tempdir(),
  fps = 10,
  degreePerFrame = 10
)
```

**Arguments**

x                    Input object that `plotQuaternary` accepts.  
 ...                 All other arguments needed for `plotQuaternary`. Must be specified with exact argument names instead of a positional manner.  
 cluster             One cluster that exists in `clusterVar`, if users need to view the plot for specific group. Default NULL plot all cells.  
 gifPath             Output GIF image file path. Default "quaternary.gif"

`tmpDir` A temporary directory to store all PNG files for all perspectives created. Default `tempdir()`.

`fps` Number of frame per second, must be a factor of 100. Default 10.

`degreePerFrame` Number of degree that the tetrahedron is rotated per frame. Default 10.

**Value**

No object is returned. The `tmpDir` folder will be created with  $360 / \text{degreePerFrame}$  PNG image files in it. A GIF image file will be created at `gifPath`.

**Examples**

```
gene <- selectTopFeatures(rnaRaw, rnaCluster, c("RE", "OS", "CH", "ORT"))

writeQuaternaryGIF(rnaRaw, clusterVar = rnaCluster, features = gene,
  vertices = c("RE", "OS", "CH", "ORT"),
  gifPath = paste0(tempfile(), ".gif"))
```

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