

# Package ‘maple’

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fit\_maple

*Fit Maple multi-sample Bayesian spatial mixture model***Description**

This function allows you to detect sub-populations and explain membership with relevant covariates in multi-sample spatial transcriptomics experiments.

**Usage**

```
fit_maple(
  seurat_obj,
  K,
  emb = "PCs",
  n_dim = 8,
  covars = NULL,
  MCAR = FALSE,
  CAR = FALSE,
  smooth = TRUE,
  r = 3,
  nsim = 2000,
  burn = 1000,
  z_init = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

seurat_obj	An integrated Seurat object.
K	The number of sub-populations to infer. Each should be present in each sample.
emb	The cell spot embedding to use. Either one of "PCs", "scGNN", "harmony", "HVGs", or "SVGs".
n_dim	The number of dimensions to use.
covars	Column names of Seurat meta data to use as covariates. If none specified, will fit a global intercept and sample-indicator model for cell type membership probabilities.
MCAR	Logical. Include multivariate CAR random intercepts in gene expression model?
CAR	Logical. Include univariate CAR random intercepts in multinomial gene expression model?
smooth	Logical. Use manual spatial smoothing controlled by r parameter?
r	Spatial smoothing parameter for if smooth == TRUE. Should be greater than 0 with larger values enforcing stronger prior spatial association.
nsim	Number of total MCMC iterations to conduct.
burn	Number of initial MCMC iterations to discard as burn in. The number of saved iterations is nsim-burn.
z_init	Initialized cluster allocation vector to aid in MCMC convergence. If NULL z_init will be set using hierarchical clustering.

**Value**

A list of MCMC samples, including the MAP estimate of cluster indicators (z)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
brain1 <- LoadData("stxBrain", type = "anterior1")
brain2 <- LoadData("stxBrain", type = "anterior2")
brain1 <- SCTransform(brain1, assay = "Spatial", verbose = FALSE)
brain2 <- SCTransform(brain2, assay = "Spatial", verbose = FALSE)
brain <- merge(brain1,brain2)
DefaultAssay(brain) <- "SCT"
VariableFeatures(brain) <- c(VariableFeatures(brain1),VariableFeatures(brain2))
brain <- RunPCA(brain)
brain_fit_PCs <- fit_maple(brain,K = 6,emb = "PCs")

## End(Not run)
```

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get_maple_scores	<i>Get posterior probability scores</i>
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**Description**

This function allows you to compute posterior uncertainty and continuous phenotype scores

**Usage**

```
get_maple_scores(fit)
```

**Arguments**

fit                    A list returned by fit\_maple()

**Value**

A fit object (list)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
brain1 <- LoadData("stxBrain", type = "anterior1")
brain2 <- LoadData("stxBrain", type = "anterior2")
brain1 <- SCTransform(brain1, assay = "Spatial", verbose = FALSE)
brain2 <- SCTransform(brain2, assay = "Spatial", verbose = FALSE)
brain <- merge(brain1,brain2)
DefaultAssay(brain) <- "SCT"
VariableFeatures(brain) <- c(VariableFeatures(brain1),VariableFeatures(brain2))
```

```

brain <- RunPCA(brain)
brain_fit_PCs <- fit_maple(brain,K = 6,emb = "PCs")
brain_fit_scores <- get_maple_scores(brain_fit_PCs)

## End(Not run)

```

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maple\_viz

*Plot tissue architecture labels*


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## Description

This function allows you to plot (static or interactive) cell spot labels and uncertainty measures

## Usage

```

maple_viz(
  fit,
  pt.size = 1,
  interactive = FALSE,
  shade_uncertainty = FALSE,
  feature = NULL
)

```

## Arguments

fit	A list returned by fit_maple()
pt.size	The size of each cell spot point
interactive	Logical parameter controlling static or interactive nature of plot
shade_uncertainty	Logical parameter for shading of cell spots by posterior uncertainty. Must run get_maple_scores() first.
feature	A user-provided feature (e.g., gene of interest) to visualize over tissue spaces instead of sub-population labels.

## Value

A ggplot object or shiny app window

## Examples

```

## Not run:
brain1 <- LoadData("stxBrain", type = "anterior1")
brain2 <- LoadData("stxBrain", type = "anterior2")
brain1 <- SCTransform(brain1, assay = "Spatial", verbose = FALSE)
brain2 <- SCTransform(brain2, assay = "Spatial", verbose = FALSE)
brain <- merge(brain1,brain2)
DefaultAssay(brain) <- "SCT"

```

```
VariableFeatures(brain) <- c(VariableFeatures(brain1),VariableFeatures(brain2))
brain <- RunPCA(brain)
brain_fit_PCs <- fit_maple(brain,K = 6,emb = "PCs")
maple_viz(brain_fit_PCs)

## End(Not run)
```

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offset\_images

*Offset multiple Seurat images*

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## Description

Internal function for defining coordinates with from multi-sample Seurat objects

## Usage

```
offset_images(seurat_obj)
```

## Arguments

seurat\_obj      A Seurat object

## Value

A coordinate data frame

## Examples

```
## Not run:
brain1 <- LoadData("stxBrain", type = "anterior1")
brain2 <- LoadData("stxBrain", type = "anterior2")
brain1 <- SCTransform(brain1, assay = "Spatial", verbose = FALSE)
brain2 <- SCTransform(brain2, assay = "Spatial", verbose = FALSE)
brain <- merge(brain1,brain2)
DefaultAssay(brain) <- "SCT"
VariableFeatures(brain) <- c(VariableFeatures(brain1),VariableFeatures(brain2))
brain <- RunPCA(brain)
brain <- offset_images(brain)

## End(Not run)
```

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plot\_props\_alluvial     *Plot grouped alluvial plots of cell type proportions*

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### Description

This function allows you to visualize the relative abundance of sub-populations after running `fit_maple()`

### Usage

```
plot_props_alluvial(fit, group)
```

### Arguments

<code>fit</code>	A list returned by <code>fit_maple()</code>
<code>group</code>	A column name of <code>fit\$W</code> or a grouping vector of length <code>N</code> ( <code>nrow(fit\$W)</code> )

### Value

A ggplot object

### Examples

```
## Not run:
brain1 <- LoadData("stxBrain", type = "anterior1")
brain2 <- LoadData("stxBrain", type = "anterior2")
brain1 <- SCTransform(brain1, assay = "Spatial", verbose = FALSE)
brain2 <- SCTransform(brain2, assay = "Spatial", verbose = FALSE)
brain <- merge(brain1, brain2)
DefaultAssay(brain) <- "SCT"
VariableFeatures(brain) <- c(VariableFeatures(brain1), VariableFeatures(brain2))
brain <- RunPCA(brain)
brain_fit_PCs <- fit_maple(brain, K = 6, emb = "PCs")
plot_props_alluvial(brain_fit_PCs, group = brain$orig.ident)

## End(Not run)
```

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plot\_props\_grouped     *Plot grouped bar charts of cell type proportions*

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### Description

This function allows you to visualize the relative abundance of sub-populations after running `fit_maple()`

### Usage

```
plot_props_grouped(fit, group)
```

**Arguments**

`fit` A list returned by `fit_maple()`  
`group` A column name of `fit$W` or a grouping vector of length `N` (`nrow(fit$W)`)

**Value**

A ggplot object

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
brain1 <- LoadData("stxBrain", type = "anterior1")
brain2 <- LoadData("stxBrain", type = "anterior2")
brain1 <- SCTransform(brain1, assay = "Spatial", verbose = FALSE)
brain2 <- SCTransform(brain2, assay = "Spatial", verbose = FALSE)
brain <- merge(brain1, brain2)
DefaultAssay(brain) <- "SCT"
VariableFeatures(brain) <- c(VariableFeatures(brain1), VariableFeatures(brain2))
brain <- RunPCA(brain)
brain_fit_PCs <- fit_maple(brain, K = 6, emb = "PCs")
plot_props_grouped(brain_fit_PCs, group = brain$orig.ident)

## End(Not run)
```

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plot_props_pie	<i>Plot grouped pie charts of cell type proportions</i>
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**Description**

This function allows you to visualize the relative abundance of sub-populations after running `fit_maple()`

**Usage**

```
plot_props_pie(fit, group)
```

**Arguments**

`fit` A list returned by `fit_maple()`  
`group` A column name of `fit$W` or a grouping vector of length `N` (`nrow(fit$W)`)

**Value**

A ggplot object

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
brain1 <- LoadData("stxBrain", type = "anterior1")
brain2 <- LoadData("stxBrain", type = "anterior2")
brain1 <- SCTransform(brain1, assay = "Spatial", verbose = FALSE)
brain2 <- SCTransform(brain2, assay = "Spatial", verbose = FALSE)
brain <- merge(brain1,brain2)
DefaultAssay(brain) <- "SCT"
VariableFeatures(brain) <- c(VariableFeatures(brain1),VariableFeatures(brain2))
brain <- RunPCA(brain)
brain_fit_PCs <- fit_maple(brain,K = 6,emb = "PCs")
plot_props_pie(brain_fit_PCs, group = brain$orig.ident)

## End(Not run)
```

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plot\_props\_stacked      *Plot stacked bar charts of cell types proportions*

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**Description**

This function allows you to visualize the relative abundance of sub-populations after running `fit_maple()`

**Usage**

```
plot_props_stacked(fit, group)
```

**Arguments**

<code>fit</code>	A list returned by <code>fit_maple()</code>
<code>group</code>	A column name of <code>fit\$W</code> or a grouping vector of length <code>N</code> ( <code>nrow(fit\$W)</code> )

**Value**

A ggplot object

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
brain1 <- LoadData("stxBrain", type = "anterior1")
brain2 <- LoadData("stxBrain", type = "anterior2")
brain1 <- SCTransform(brain1, assay = "Spatial", verbose = FALSE)
brain2 <- SCTransform(brain2, assay = "Spatial", verbose = FALSE)
brain <- merge(brain1,brain2)
DefaultAssay(brain) <- "SCT"
VariableFeatures(brain) <- c(VariableFeatures(brain1),VariableFeatures(brain2))
brain <- RunPCA(brain)
brain_fit_PCs <- fit_maple(brain,K = 6,emb = "PCs")
plot_props_stacked(brain_fit_PCs, group = brain$orig.ident)

## End(Not run)
```



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