

# Package ‘CTSV’

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**Type** Package

**Title** Identification of cell-type-specific spatially variable genes  
accounting for excess zeros

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**Description** The R package CTSV implements the CTSV approach developed by Jinge Yu and Xiangyu Luo that detects cell-type-specific spatially variable genes accounting for excess zeros. CTSV directly models sparse raw count data through a zero-inflated negative binomial regression model, incorporates cell-type proportions, and performs hypothesis testing based on R package pscl. The package outputs p-values and q-values for genes in each cell type, and CTSV is scalable to datasets with tens of thousands of genes measured on hundreds of spots. CTSV can be installed in Windows, Linux, and Mac OS.

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## Examples

```
library(CTSV)
#read example data
data(CTSVexample_data)
spe <- CTSVexample_data[[1]]
W <- CTSVexample_data[[2]]
gamma_true <- CTSVexample_data[[3]]
# gene number
G <- nrow(spe)
# spot number
n <- ncol(spe)
# cell type number
K <- ncol(W)
G
n
K
# SV genes in each cell type:
rownames(W)[which(gamma_true[,1] == 1)]
rownames(W)[which(gamma_true[,2] == 1)]
# Number of SV genes at the aggregated level:
sum(rowSums(gamma_true)>0)
#--- Run CTSV ----
result <- CTSV(spe,W,num_core = 8)
# View on q-value matrix
head(result$qval)
# detect SV genes
re <- svGene(result$qval,0.05)
#SV genes in each cell type:
re$SVGene
```

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CTSVexample\_data      *A simulated data set*

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## Description

A simulated data set for demonstrating how to use the `ctsv` function.

**gamma\_true** A 20 by 2 0-1 matrix, indicator of SV genes.

**spe** A SpatialExperiment class.

**W** A 100 by 2 cell-type proportion matrix.

## Format

A list containing 3 elements.

**Examples**

```

library(SpatialExperiment)
rDirichlet <- function(n,alpha){
  l <- length(alpha)
  x <- matrix(rgamma(l * n, alpha), ncol = l, byrow = TRUE)
  sm <- x
  return(x/as.vector(sm))
}
seed <- 20210509
set.seed(seed)
# gene numbers
G <- 20
# cell type numbers
K <- 2
# spot numbers
n <- 100
# number of DE genes
DE_num <- 10
# drop out probability
pai <- 0.5
# parameter of NB distribution
size = 100

# coordinates of spots
loc <- NULL
for(i in 1:10){
  for(j in 1:10){
    loc <- rbind(loc,c(i,j))
  }
}
rownames(loc) <- paste0("spot",1:n)
colnames(loc) <- c("x","y")
NDE_scrna <- rnorm(G, mean=2, sd=0.2)
scrna_1 <- NDE_scrna
scrna_2 <- NDE_scrna
scrna_2[sample(1:G,DE_num,replace = FALSE)] <- rnorm(DE_num, mean=3, sd=0.2)
eta <- cbind(scrna_1,scrna_2)

gamma_true <- matrix(0, G, K)
gamma_true[11:13,1] <- 1
gamma_true[14:16,2] <- 1
beta1 <- matrix(0, G, K)
beta2 <- matrix(0, G, K)

# cell type proportion
W <- rDirichlet(n, c(1,2))
W <- t(W)

S <- t(loc) - colMeans(loc)
S <- t(S / apply(S, 1, sd))

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h1 <- S[,1]
h2 <- S[,2]
beta1[gamma_true == 1] <- 1
beta2[gamma_true == 1] <- 0.5

log_lambda <- eta
W <- t(W)
Y <- matrix(rnbinom(G*n,size = size, mu = exp(c(log_lambda))), G, n)
set.seed(5)
r_unif <- matrix(runif(G*n),G,n)
Y[r_unif <= pai] <- 0
colnames(Y) = rownames(loc)
rownames(W) = rownames(loc)
rownames(Y) <- paste0("gene",1:G)
spe <- SpatialExperiment(
  assay = list(counts = Y),
  colData = loc,
  spatialCoordsNames = c("x","y")
)
CTSvexample_data <- list(spe,W,gamma_true)

```

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svGene

*Report spatially variable genes*


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### Description

Report spatially variable genes

### Usage

```
svGene(Q_val, thre.alpha = 0.05)
```

### Arguments

Q_val	A G by 2K q-value matrix, where G is the number of genes and K is the number of cell types.
thre.alpha	numeric, a q-value threshold to control FDR less than thre.alpha.

### Value

A list with a G by 2K 0-1 matrix and a list with SV gene names in each cell type. The first K columns of the 0-1 matrix correspond to the coordinate of  $S_1$ , and the last K columns to the coordinate of  $S_2$ .

SV	A G by 2K 0-1 matrix. The first K columns correspond to the coordinate of $S_1$ , the last K columns to the coordinate of $S_2$ .
SVGene	A list with SV gene names in each cell type.

**Examples**

```
library(CTSV)
# Simulate a Q value matrix
K <- 2 # cell-type number
G <- 10 # gene number
set.seed(1)
Q_val <- matrix(runif(G*K,0,0.1),G,K)
rownames(Q_val) <- paste0("gene",seq_len(G))
# detect SV genes
re <- svGene(Q_val,0.05)
#SV genes in each cell type:
re$SVGene
```

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