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| bettr-package | <i>bettr: a better way to explore what is best</i> |
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Description

The bettr package provides a better way to explore what is best :) Details about how to use the package can be found in the vignette. The main entry point is the `bettr()` function, which opens an interactive application for exploring data consisting of multiple parallel rankings of a set of entities (e.g., computational methods ranked by their performance based on several different metrics).

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See Also

- Useful links:
- <https://github.com/federicomarini/bettr>
  - Report bugs at <https://github.com/federicomarini/bettr/issues>

assembleSE

*Assemble all bettr input into a SummarizedExperiment object***Description**

Assemble all bettr input into a SummarizedExperiment object. This has the advantage of keeping all data together in a single object, and can be used as input to bettr or bettrGetReady, instead of providing the individual components.

**Usage**

```
assembleSE(
  df,
  idCol = "Method",
  metrics = setdiff(colnames(df), idCol),
  initialWeights = NULL,
  initialTransforms = list(),
  metricInfo = NULL,
  metricColors = NULL,
  idInfo = NULL,
  idColors = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

|                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| df                | A data.frame in wide format. Should contain one column with the IDs of the entities to be compared, and one column for each metric to use for the comparison.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| idCol             | Character scalar, indicating the name of the column of df and/or idInfo that contains IDs of the entities to be compared (e.g., methods).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| metrics           | Character vector, indicating which of the columns of df that correspond to metrics of interest. Only metrics included here will be displayed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| initialWeights    | Named numeric vector providing initial weights for each metric to use for aggregating them into a final score. Must contain one entry per metric included in metrics.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| initialTransforms | <p>Named list with initial values of transformation parameters for each metric. Each list entry should correspond to one metric, and take the form of a list with up to four elements, named:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>flip</b>: Logical scalar; whether or not to flip the sign of the metric values. Defaults to <code>FALSE</code>.</li> <li>* <b>offset</b>: Numeric scalar; offset to add to the (flipped) metric values. Defaults to <code>0</code>.</li> <li>* <b>transform</b>: Character scalar; one of 'None', 'z-score', '<code>\[0,1\]</code>', '<code>\[-1,1\]</code>', 'Rank', 'Rank+<code>\[0,1\]</code>' or 'z-score+<code>\[0,1\]</code>',</li> </ul> |

indicating which transform to apply to the metric values (after any flipping and/or adding the offset). Defaults to 'None'.  
 \* **cuts**: Numeric vector or `NULL`; the cut points that will be used to bin the metric values (after the other transformations). Defaults to `NULL`.

Only values deviating from the defaults need to be explicitly specified, the others will be initialized to their default values.

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|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>metricInfo</code>   | data.frame with annotations for metrics. Must have a column named 'Metric' identifying the respective metrics.                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <code>metricColors</code> | Named list with colors used for columns of <code>metricInfo</code> . Should follow the format required for <code>ComplexHeatmap</code> heatmap annotations. The list can include an entry named 'Metric', which contains a named vector with colors to use for metrics.                      |
| <code>idInfo</code>       | data.frame with annotations for entities. Must have a column named according to <code>idCol</code> identifying the respective entities.                                                                                                                                                      |
| <code>idColors</code>     | Named list with colors used for columns of <code>idInfo</code> . Should follow the format required for <code>ComplexHeatmap</code> heatmap annotations. The list can include an entry named according to <code>idCol</code> , which contains a named vector with colors to use for entities. |

## Value

A `SummarizedExperiment` object with rows corresponding to methods and columns corresponding to metrics.

## Author(s)

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## Examples

```
df <- data.frame(Method = c("M1", "M2", "M3"),
                 metric1 = c(1, 2, 3),
                 metric2 = c(3, 1, 2))
metricInfo <- data.frame(Metric = c("metric1", "metric2", "metric3"),
                         Group = c("G1", "G2", "G2"))
idInfo <- data.frame(Method = c("M1", "M2", "M3"),
                    Type = c("T1", "T1", "T2"))
bettrSE <- assembleSE(df = df, metricInfo = metricInfo, idInfo = idInfo)
```

bettr

*Launch bettr app to explore and aggregate performance metrics***Description**

Launch bettr app to explore and aggregate performance metrics

**Usage**

```
bettr(
  df,
  idCol = "Method",
  metrics = setdiff(colnames(df), idCol),
  initialWeights = NULL,
  initialTransforms = list(),
  metricInfo = NULL,
  metricColors = NULL,
  idInfo = NULL,
  idColors = NULL,
  weightResolution = 0.05,
  bsttheme = "darkly",
  appTitle = "bettr",
  bettrSE = NULL,
  addStopButton = TRUE,
  defaultWeight = 0.2
)
```

**Arguments**

- |                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| df                | A data.frame in wide format. Should contain one column with the IDs of the entities to be compared, and one column for each metric to use for the comparison.                                                                                                                                                                 |
| idCol             | Character scalar, indicating the name of the column of df and/or idInfo that contains IDs of the entities to be compared (e.g., methods).                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| metrics           | Character vector, indicating which of the columns of df that correspond to metrics of interest. Only metrics included here will be displayed.                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| initialWeights    | Named numeric vector providing initial weights for each metric to use for aggregating them into a final score. Must contain one entry per metric included in metrics.                                                                                                                                                         |
| initialTransforms | <p>Named list with initial values of transformation parameters for each metric. Each list entry should correspond to one metric, and take the form of a list with up to four elements, named:</p> <p>* <b>flip</b>: Logical scalar; whether or not to flip the sign of the metric values. Defaults to <code>FALSE</code>.</p> |

- \* **offset**: Numeric scalar; offset to add to the (flipped) metric values. Defaults to `0`.
- \* **transform**: Character scalar; one of 'None', 'z-score', '[0,1]', '[-1,1]', 'Rank', 'Rank+[0,1]' or 'z-score+[0,1]', indicating which transform to apply to the metric values (after any flipping and/or adding the offset). Defaults to 'None'.
- \* **cuts**: Numeric vector or `NULL`; the cut points that will be used to bin the metric values (after the other transformations). Defaults to `NULL`.

Only values deviating from the defaults need to be explicitly specified, the others will be initialized to their default values.

|                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>metricInfo</code>       | <code>data.frame</code> with annotations for metrics. Must have a column named 'Metric' identifying the respective metrics.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <code>metricColors</code>     | Named list with colors used for columns of <code>metricInfo</code> . Should follow the format required for <code>ComplexHeatmap</code> heatmap annotations. The list can include an entry named 'Metric', which contains a named vector with colors to use for metrics.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <code>idInfo</code>           | <code>data.frame</code> with annotations for entities. Must have a column named according to <code>idCol</code> identifying the respective entities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <code>idColors</code>         | Named list with colors used for columns of <code>idInfo</code> . Should follow the format required for <code>ComplexHeatmap</code> heatmap annotations. The list can include an entry named according to <code>idCol</code> , which contains a named vector with colors to use for entities.                                                                                                                                                 |
| <code>weightResolution</code> | Numeric scalar in (0,1), giving the resolution at which weights can be specified using the sliders in the interface.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <code>bstheme</code>          | Character scalar giving the bootswatch theme for the app (see <a href="https://bootswatch.com/">https://bootswatch.com/</a> ). Default 'darkly'.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <code>appTitle</code>         | Character scalar giving the title that will be used for the app. Defaults to 'bettr'.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <code>bettrSE</code>          | A <code>SummarizedExperiment</code> generated by <code>assembleSE</code> . If this is not <code>NULL</code> , <code>df</code> , <code>metrics</code> , <code>initialWeights</code> , <code>initialTransforms</code> , <code>metricInfo</code> , <code>metricColors</code> , <code>idInfo</code> and <code>idColors</code> arguments will be ignored and the information will be extracted from the <code>SummarizedExperiment</code> object. |
| <code>addStopButton</code>    | Logical scalar. If <code>TRUE</code> (default), will add a button to stop the app (by calling <code>shiny::stopApp</code> ).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <code>defaultWeight</code>    | Numeric scalar between 0 and 1, giving the default weight to assign to each metric.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

## Value

A shiny application

## Author(s)

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**Examples**

```
df <- data.frame(Method = c("M1", "M2", "M3"), metric1 = c(1, 2, 3),
                 metric2 = c(3, 1, 2), metric3 = factor(c("a", "a", "b")))
initialTransforms <- list(metric1 = list(flip = TRUE, offset = 4))
metricInfo <- data.frame(Metric = c("metric1", "metric2", "metric3"),
                        Group = c("G1", "G2", "G2"))
idInfo <- data.frame(Method = c("M1", "M2", "M3"),
                    Type = c("T1", "T1", "T2"))
metricColors <- list(Group = c(G1 = "red", G2 = "blue"))
if (interactive()) {
  bettr(df = df, idCol = "Method",
        metrics = c("metric1", "metric2", "metric3"),
        initialTransforms = initialTransforms,
        metricInfo = metricInfo, metricColors = metricColors,
        idInfo = idInfo)
}
```

bettrGetReady

*Prepare data for plotting with bettr***Description**

Prepare input data for plotting with bettr. This function replicates the steps that are performed in the shiny app.

**Usage**

```
bettrGetReady(
  df,
  idCol = "Method",
  metrics = setdiff(colnames(df), idCol),
  initialWeights = NULL,
  initialTransforms = list(),
  metricInfo = NULL,
  metricColors = NULL,
  idInfo = NULL,
  idColors = NULL,
  scoreMethod = "weighted mean",
  idOrdering = "high-to-low",
  showOnlyTopIds = FALSE,
  nbrTopIds = 10L,
  idTopNGrouping = NULL,
  keepIds = NULL,
  metricGrouping = NULL,
  metricCollapseGroup = FALSE,
  metricCollapseMethod = "mean",
  defaultWeight = 0.2,
```

```

    bettrSE = NULL
)

```

## Arguments

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>df</code>                | A <code>data.frame</code> in wide format. Should contain one column with the IDs of the entities to be compared, and one column for each metric to use for the comparison.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <code>idCol</code>             | Character scalar, indicating the name of the column of <code>df</code> and/or <code>idInfo</code> that contains IDs of the entities to be compared (e.g., methods).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <code>metrics</code>           | Character vector, indicating which of the columns of <code>df</code> that correspond to metrics of interest. Only metrics included here will be displayed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <code>initialWeights</code>    | Named numeric vector providing initial weights for each metric to use for aggregating them into a final score. Must contain one entry per metric included in <code>metrics</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <code>initialTransforms</code> | <p>Named list with initial values of transformation parameters for each metric. Each list entry should correspond to one metric, and take the form of a list with up to four elements, named:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* <b>flip</b>**: Logical scalar; whether or not to flip the sign of the metric values. Defaults to <code>FALSE</code>.</li> <li>* <b>offset</b>**: Numeric scalar; offset to add to the (flipped) metric values. Defaults to <code>0</code>.</li> <li>* <b>transform</b>**: Character scalar; one of <code>'None'</code>, <code>'z-score'</code>, <code>'\[0,1\]'</code>, <code>'\[−1,1\]'</code>, <code>'Rank'</code>, <code>'Rank+\[0,1\]'</code> or <code>'z-score+\[0,1\]'</code>, indicating which transform to apply to the metric values (after any flipping and/or adding the offset). Defaults to <code>'None'</code>.</li> <li>* <b>cuts</b>**: Numeric vector or <code>NULL</code>; the cut points that will be used to bin the metric values (after the other transformations). Defaults to <code>NULL</code>.</li> </ul> <p>Only values deviating from the defaults need to be explicitly specified, the others will be initialized to their default values.</p> |
| <code>metricInfo</code>        | <code>data.frame</code> with annotations for metrics. Must have a column named <code>'Metric'</code> identifying the respective metrics.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <code>metricColors</code>      | Named list with colors used for columns of <code>metricInfo</code> . Should follow the format required for <code>ComplexHeatmap</code> heatmap annotations. The list can include an entry named <code>'Metric'</code> , which contains a named vector with colors to use for metrics.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <code>idInfo</code>            | <code>data.frame</code> with annotations for entities. Must have a column named according to <code>idCol</code> identifying the respective entities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <code>idColors</code>          | Named list with colors used for columns of <code>idInfo</code> . Should follow the format required for <code>ComplexHeatmap</code> heatmap annotations. The list can include an entry named according to <code>idCol</code> , which contains a named vector with colors to use for entities.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

|                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| scoreMethod          | Character scalar specifying the scoring method, that is, how to aggregate scores across metrics. Should be one of "weighted mean", "weighted median", "weighted fraction highest" or "weighted fraction lowest".                                                         |
| idOrdering           | Character scalar indicating whether methods should be ranked with highest aggregated scores on top ("high-to-low") or opposite ("low-to-high").                                                                                                                          |
| showOnlyTopIds       | Logical scalar indicating whether to only retain the top N methods (ranked by the aggregated score).                                                                                                                                                                     |
| nbrTopIds            | If showOnlyTopIds is TRUE, the number of top-ranked methods to retain.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| idTopNGrouping       | If showOnlyTopIds is TRUE, a character scalar providing the name of a column in idInfo that groups the methods. If specified, the top nbrTopIds within each group will be retained.                                                                                      |
| keepIds              | Character vector indicating which methods (a subset of the values in df[[idCol]]) that should be considered. If NULL, all methods are considered.                                                                                                                        |
| metricGrouping       | A character scalar providing the name of a column in metricInfo by which metrics should be grouped. If NULL, no grouping is performed.                                                                                                                                   |
| metricCollapseGroup  | A logical scalar indicating whether metric values should be collapsed within each group defined by metricGrouping.                                                                                                                                                       |
| metricCollapseMethod | If metricCollapseGroup is TRUE, the way in which metric values are collapsed within a group. Should be one of "mean", "max" or "min".                                                                                                                                    |
| defaultWeight        | Numeric scalar between 0 and 1, giving the default weight to assign to each metric.                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| bettrSE              | A SummarizedExperiment generated by assembleSE. If this is not NULL, df, metrics, initialWeights, initialTransforms, metricInfo, metricColors, idInfo and idColors arguments will be ignored and the information will be extracted from the SummarizedExperiment object. |

## Value

A list of objects, which can be directly used as inputs for the bettr plotting functions. See the man page for the respective plotting function for more details.

## Author(s)

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## Examples

```
## Generate example data
df <- data.frame(Method = c("M1", "M2", "M3"),
                 metric1 = c(1, 2, 3),
                 metric2 = c(3, 1, 2))
metricInfo <- data.frame(Metric = c("metric1", "metric2", "metric3"),
                        Group = c("G1", "G2", "G2"))
idInfo <- data.frame(Method = c("M1", "M2", "M3"),
                    Type = c("T1", "T1", "T2"))
```

```

prepData <- bettrGetReady(df = df, idCol = "Method",
                        metricInfo = metricInfo, idInfo = idInfo)
prepData <- bettrGetReady(df = df, idCol = "Method",
                        metricInfo = metricInfo, idInfo = idInfo,
                        metricGrouping = "Group",
                        metricCollapseGroup = TRUE)

```

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| makeBarPolarPlot | <i>Create a bar/polar plot</i> |
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### Description

Create a bar/polar plot. The input arguments for this functions are typically generated using [bettrGetReady](#), which ensures that all required columns are available.

### Usage

```

makeBarPolarPlot(
  bettrList = NULL,
  plotdata,
  scoredata,
  idCol,
  metricCol = "Metric",
  valueCol = "ScaledValue",
  weightCol = "Weight",
  scoreCol = "Score",
  metricGroupCol = "metricGroup",
  metricColors,
  metricCollapseGroup = FALSE,
  metricGrouping = "---",
  methods = NULL,
  labelSize = 10,
  showComposition = FALSE,
  scaleFactorPolars = 1
)

```

### Arguments

|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| bettrList | A list, the output object from prepData. If bettrList is provided, arguments plotdata, scoredata, idCol, metricCol, valueCol, weightCol, scoreCol, metricGroupCol, metricInfo, metricColors, idInfo, idColors, metricCollapseGroup, metricGrouping and methods will be ignored and the corresponding values will be extracted from bettrList. This is the recommended way of calling the plotting functions, as it ensures compatibility of all components. |
| plotdata  | A data.frame with columns representing methods, metrics, scores, and weights. Typically obtained as prepData\$plotdata, where prepData is the output from bettrGetReady.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| scoredata           | A data.frame with columns representing methods, aggregated scores, and any other method annotations. Typically obtained as prepData\$scoredata, where prepData is the output from bettrGetReady.                      |
| idCol               | Character scalar indicating which column of plotdata and scoredata contains the method IDs.                                                                                                                           |
| metricCol           | Character scalar indicating which column of plotdata contains the metric IDs. Typically, "Metric".                                                                                                                    |
| valueCol            | Character scalar indicating which column of plotdata contains the metric values. Typically, "ScaledValue".                                                                                                            |
| weightCol           | Character scalar indicating which column of plotdata contains the weight values. Typically, "Weight".                                                                                                                 |
| scoreCol            | Character scalar indicating which column of scoredata contains the aggregated score values. Typically, "Score".                                                                                                       |
| metricGroupCol      | Character scalar indicating which column of plotdata contains the information about the metric group. Typically, "metricGroup".                                                                                       |
| metricColors        | Named list with colors used for the metrics and any other metric annotations. Typically obtained as prepData\$metricColors, where prepData is the output from bettrGetReady.                                          |
| metricCollapseGroup | Logical scalar indicating whether metrics should be collapsed by the group variable provided by metricGrouping. Typically obtained as prepData\$metricCollapseGroup, where prepData is the output from bettrGetReady. |
| metricGrouping      | Character scalar indicating the column of metricInfo that was used to group metrics. Typically obtained as prepData\$metricGrouping, where prepData is the output from bettrGetReady.                                 |
| methods             | Character vector containing the methods for which to make polar plots. If NULL (default), all methods will be used.                                                                                                   |
| labelSize           | Numeric scalar providing the size of the labels in the plot.                                                                                                                                                          |
| showComposition     | Logical scalar indicating whether to show the composition of the score in the bar plots. This is only interpretable if the scores are obtained via a weighted mean approach.                                          |
| scaleFactorPolars   | Numeric scalar giving the scale factor determining the size of the polar plots.                                                                                                                                       |

**Value**

A ggplot object.

**Author(s)**

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## Examples

```
## Generate example data
df <- data.frame(Method = c("M1", "M2", "M3"),
                 metric1 = c(1, 2, 3),
                 metric2 = c(3, 1, 2))
metricInfo <- data.frame(Metric = c("metric1", "metric2", "metric3"),
                        Group = c("G1", "G2", "G2"))
idInfo <- data.frame(Method = c("M1", "M2", "M3"),
                    Type = c("T1", "T1", "T2"))
prepData <- bettrGetReady(df = df, idCol = "Method",
                        metricInfo = metricInfo, idInfo = idInfo)
makeBarPolarPlot(bettrList = prepData, showComposition = TRUE)
```

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makeHeatmap

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*Create a summary heatmap*


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## Description

Create a summary heatmap. The input arguments for this functions are typically generated using [bettrGetReady](#), which ensures that all required columns are available.

## Usage

```
makeHeatmap(
  bettrList = NULL,
  plotdata,
  scoredata,
  idCol,
  metricCol = "Metric",
  valueCol = "ScaledValue",
  weightCol = "Weight",
  scoreCol = "Score",
  metricGroupCol = "metricGroup",
  metricInfo,
  metricColors,
  idInfo,
  idColors,
  metricCollapseGroup = FALSE,
  metricGrouping = "---",
  labelSize = 10,
  showRowNames = TRUE,
  plotType = "Heatmap",
  rownamewidth_cm = 6,
  colnameheight_cm = 6
)
```

**Arguments**

|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| bettrList           | A list, the output object from prepData. If bettrList is provided, arguments plotdata, scoredata, idCol, metricCol, valueCol, weightCol, scoreCol, metricGroupCol, metricInfo, metricColors, idInfo, idColors, metricCollapseGroup, metricGrouping and methods will be ignored and the corresponding values will be extracted from bettrList. This is the recommended way of calling the plotting functions, as it ensures compatibility of all components. |
| plotdata            | A data.frame with columns representing methods, metrics, scores, and weights. Typically obtained as prepData\$plotdata, where prepData is the output from bettrGetReady.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| scoredata           | A data.frame with columns representing methods, aggregated scores, and any other method annotations. Typically obtained as prepData\$scoredata, where prepData is the output from bettrGetReady.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| idCol               | Character scalar indicating which column of plotdata and scoredata contains the method IDs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| metricCol           | Character scalar indicating which column of plotdata contains the metric IDs. Typically, "Metric".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| valueCol            | Character scalar indicating which column of plotdata contains the metric values. Typically, "ScaledValue".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| weightCol           | Character scalar indicating which column of plotdata contains the weight values. Typically, "Weight".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| scoreCol            | Character scalar indicating which column of scoredata contains the aggregated score values. Typically, "Score".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| metricGroupCol      | Character scalar indicating which column of plotdata contains the information about the metric group. Typically, "metricGroup".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| metricInfo          | data.frame with annotations for metrics. Typically obtained as prepData\$metricInfo, where prepData is the output from bettrGetReady.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| metricColors        | Named list with colors used for the metrics and any other metric annotations. Typically obtained as prepData\$metricColors, where prepData is the output from bettrGetReady.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| idInfo              | data.frame with annotations for entities. Typically obtained as prepData\$idInfo, where prepData is the output from bettrGetReady.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| idColors            | Named list with colors used for methods and any other method annotations. Typically obtained as prepData\$idColors, where prepData is the output from bettrGetReady.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| metricCollapseGroup | Logical scalar indicating whether metrics should be collapsed by the group variable provided by metricGrouping. Typically obtained as prepData\$metricCollapseGroup, where prepData is the output from bettrGetReady.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| metricGrouping      | Character scalar indicating the column of metricInfo that was used to group metrics. Typically obtained as prepData\$metricGrouping, where prepData is the output from bettrGetReady.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| labelSize           | Numeric scalar providing the size of the labels in the plot.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

showRowNames    Logical scalar indicating whether to show row (method) names in the heatmap.  
 plotType        Either "Heatmap" or "Dot plot" indicating the type of plot to construct.  
 rownamewidth\_cm, colnameheight\_cm  
                   Numeric scalars defining the width of row names and height of column names,  
                   in cm.

### Value

A [HeatmapList](#) object.

### Author(s)

Charlotte Soneson

### Examples

```
## Generate example data
df <- data.frame(Method = c("M1", "M2", "M3"),
                 metric1 = c(1, 2, 3),
                 metric2 = c(3, 1, 2))
metricInfo <- data.frame(Metric = c("metric1", "metric2", "metric3"),
                         Group = c("G1", "G2", "G2"))
idInfo <- data.frame(Method = c("M1", "M2", "M3"),
                     Type = c("T1", "T1", "T2"))
prepData <- bettrGetReady(df = df, idCol = "Method",
                         metricInfo = metricInfo, idInfo = idInfo)
makeHeatmap(bettrList = prepData, plotType = "Heatmap")
makeHeatmap(bettrList = prepData, plotType = "Dot plot")
```

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| makeParCoordPlot | <i>Create a parallel coordinates plot</i> |
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### Description

Create a parallel coordinates plot. The input arguments for this functions are typically generated using [bettrGetReady](#), which ensures that all required columns are available.

### Usage

```
makeParCoordPlot(
  bettrList = NULL,
  plotdata,
  idCol,
  metricCol = "Metric",
  valueCol = "ScaledValue",
  metricGroupCol = "metricGroup",
  metricColors,
```

```

    idColors,
    methods = NULL,
    metricGrouping = "---",
    highlightMethod = NULL,
    labelSize = 10
  )

```

## Arguments

|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| bettrList       | A list, the output object from prepData. If bettrList is provided, arguments plotdata, scoredata, idCol, metricCol, valueCol, weightCol, scoreCol, metricGroupCol, metricInfo, metricColors, idInfo, idColors, metricCollapseGroup, metricGrouping and methods will be ignored and the corresponding values will be extracted from bettrList. This is the recommended way of calling the plotting functions, as it ensures compatibility of all components. |
| plotdata        | A data.frame with columns representing methods, metrics, scores, and weights. Typically obtained as prepData\$plotdata, where prepData is the output from bettrGetReady.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| idCol           | Character scalar indicating which column of plotdata and scoredata contains the method IDs.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| metricCol       | Character scalar indicating which column of plotdata contains the metric IDs. Typically, "Metric".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| valueCol        | Character scalar indicating which column of plotdata contains the metric values. Typically, "ScaledValue".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| metricGroupCol  | Character scalar indicating which column of plotdata contains the information about the metric group. Typically, "metricGroup".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| metricColors    | Named list with colors used for the metrics and any other metric annotations. Typically obtained as prepData\$metricColors, where prepData is the output from bettrGetReady.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| idColors        | Named list with colors used for methods and any other method annotations. Typically obtained as prepData\$idColors, where prepData is the output from bettrGetReady.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| methods         | Character vector containing the methods to include. If NULL (default), all methods will be used.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| metricGrouping  | Character scalar indicating the column of metricInfo that was used to group metrics. Typically obtained as prepData\$metricGrouping, where prepData is the output from bettrGetReady.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| highlightMethod | Character scalar indicating a method that should be highlighted in the plot.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| labelSize       | Numeric scalar providing the size of the labels in the plot.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

## Value

A ggplot object.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
## Generate example data
df <- data.frame(Method = c("M1", "M2", "M3"),
                 metric1 = c(1, 2, 3),
                 metric2 = c(3, 1, 2))
metricInfo <- data.frame(Metric = c("metric1", "metric2", "metric3"),
                        Group = c("G1", "G2", "G2"))
idInfo <- data.frame(Method = c("M1", "M2", "M3"),
                    Type = c("T1", "T1", "T2"))
prepData <- bettrGetReady(df = df, idCol = "Method",
                        metricInfo = metricInfo, idInfo = idInfo)
makeParCoordPlot(bettrList = prepData, highlightMethod = "M2")
```

makePolarPlot

*Create a polar plot***Description**

Create a polar plot. The input arguments for this functions are typically generated using [bettrGetReady](#), which ensures that all required columns are available.

**Usage**

```
makePolarPlot(
  bettrList = NULL,
  plotdata,
  idCol,
  metricCol = "Metric",
  valueCol = "ScaledValue",
  metricGroupCol = "metricGroup",
  metricColors,
  metricCollapseGroup = FALSE,
  metricGrouping = "---",
  labelSize = 10
)
```

**Arguments**

**bettrList** A list, the output object from `prepData`. If `bettrList` is provided, arguments `plotdata`, `scoredata`, `idCol`, `metricCol`, `valueCol`, `weightCol`, `scoreCol`, `metricGroupCol`, `metricInfo`, `metricColors`, `idInfo`, `idColors`, `metricCollapseGroup`, `metricGrouping` and `methods` will be ignored and the corresponding values will be extracted from `bettrList`. This is the recommended way of calling the plotting functions, as it ensures compatibility of all components.

|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| plotdata            | A data.frame with columns representing methods, metrics, scores, and weights. Typically obtained as prepData\$plotdata, where prepData is the output from bettrGetReady.                                              |
| idCol               | Character scalar indicating which column of plotdata and scoredData contains the method IDs.                                                                                                                          |
| metricCol           | Character scalar indicating which column of plotdata contains the metric IDs. Typically, "Metric".                                                                                                                    |
| valueCol            | Character scalar indicating which column of plotdata contains the metric values. Typically, "ScaledValue".                                                                                                            |
| metricGroupCol      | Character scalar indicating which column of plotdata contains the information about the metric group. Typically, "metricGroup".                                                                                       |
| metricColors        | Named list with colors used for the metrics and any other metric annotations. Typically obtained as prepData\$metricColors, where prepData is the output from bettrGetReady.                                          |
| metricCollapseGroup | Logical scalar indicating whether metrics should be collapsed by the group variable provided by metricGrouping. Typically obtained as prepData\$metricCollapseGroup, where prepData is the output from bettrGetReady. |
| metricGrouping      | Character scalar indicating the column of metricInfo that was used to group metrics. Typically obtained as prepData\$metricGrouping, where prepData is the output from bettrGetReady.                                 |
| labelSize           | Numeric scalar providing the size of the labels in the plot.                                                                                                                                                          |

### Value

A ggplot object.

### Author(s)

Charlotte Soneson

### Examples

```
## Generate example data
df <- data.frame(Method = c("M1", "M2", "M3"),
                 metric1 = c(1, 2, 3),
                 metric2 = c(3, 1, 2))
metricInfo <- data.frame(Metric = c("metric1", "metric2", "metric3"),
                        Group = c("G1", "G2", "G2"))
idInfo <- data.frame(Method = c("M1", "M2", "M3"),
                    Type = c("T1", "T1", "T2"))
prepData <- bettrGetReady(df = df, idCol = "Method",
                        metricInfo = metricInfo, idInfo = idInfo)
makePolarPlot(bettrList = prepData)
```

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