

Package ‘alabaster.bumpy’

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Title Save and Load BumpyMatrices to/from file

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Description Save BumpyMatrix objects into file artifacts, and load them back into memory.
This is a more portable alternative to serialization of such objects into RDS files.
Each artifact is associated with metadata for further interpretation;
downstream applications can enrich this metadata with context-specific properties.

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readBumpyDataFrameMatrix

Read a BumpyDataFrameMatrix from disk

Description

Read a [BumpyDataFrameMatrix](#) from its on-disk representation.

Usage

```
readBumpyDataFrameMatrix(path, metadata, ...)
```

Arguments

path	String containing a path to a directory, itself created using the saveObject method for BumpyDataFrameMatrix objects.
metadata	Named list of metadata for this object, see readObjectFile for details.
...	Further arguments passed to internal altReadObject calls.

Value

A [BumpyDataFrameMatrix](#) object.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
# Mocking up a BumpyMatrix.
library(BumpyMatrix)
library(S4Vectors)
df <- DataFrame(x=runif(100), y=runif(100))
f <- factor(sample(letters[1:20], nrow(df), replace=TRUE), letters[1:20])
out <- S4Vectors::split(df, f)
mat <- BumpyMatrix(out, c(5, 4))

# Saving it:
tmp <- tempfile()
saveObject(mat, tmp)

# Reading it:
readBumpyDataFrameMatrix(tmp)
```

`saveObject,BumpyDataFrameMatrix-method`*Save a BumpyDataFrameMatrix to disk*

Description

Save a [BumpyDataFrameMatrix](#) to its on-disk representation.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'BumpyDataFrameMatrix'
saveObject(x, path, ...)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	A BumpyDataFrameMatrix object.
<code>path</code>	String containing the path to a directory in which to save <code>x</code> .
<code>...</code>	Further arguments to pass to specific methods.

Value

`x` is saved into `path` and `NULL` is invisibly returned.

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out <- S4Vectors::split(df, f)
mat <- BumpyMatrix(out, c(5, 4))

# Saving it:
tmp <- tempfile()
saveObject(mat, tmp)
```

`useBumpyHDF5`*Save BumpyMatrix data to HDF5*

Description

Use HDF5 for the underlying data frame, i.e., obtained after [unlisting](#) the [BumpyMatrix](#). This is less intuitive than a CSV but preserves the precision of floating-point numbers.

Usage

```
useBumpyHDF5(use)
```

Arguments

<code>use</code>	Logical scalar indicating whether to save in HDF5.
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Value

If `use` is missing, a logical scalar is returned indicating whether data should be saved in HDF5.

If `use` is provided, it is used to set the corresponding flag globally. The previous value of the flag is returned invisibly.

Examples

```
useBumpyHDF5()  
  
old <- useBumpyHDF5(FALSE)  
useBumpyHDF5()  
  
# Setting it back.  
useBumpyHDF5(old)
```

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