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**Description** An implementation of the MaxLFQ algorithm by Cox et al. (2014) <[doi:10.1074/mcp.M113.031591](https://doi.org/10.1074/mcp.M113.031591)> in a comprehensive pipeline for processing proteomics data in data-independent acquisition mode (Pham et al. 2020 <[doi:10.1093/bioinformatics/btz961](https://doi.org/10.1093/bioinformatics/btz961)>). It offers additional options for protein quantification using the N most intense fragment ions, using all fragment ions, and a wrapper for the median polish algorithm by Tukey (1977, ISBN:0201076160). In general, the tool can be used to integrate multiple proportional observations into a single quantitative value.

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create\_protein\_list    *Creating a list of matrices of fragment ion intensities for all proteins*

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**Description**

For each protein, a numerical matrix is formed where the columns are samples and rows are fragment ions.

**Usage**

```
create_protein_list(preprocessed_data)
```

**Arguments**

preprocessed\_data  
A data frame of four components as output of the preprocess function.

**Value**

A list where each element contains the quantitative data of a protein. The column names are sample names and the row names fragment ions.

**Author(s)**

Thang V. Pham

## References

Pham TV, Henneman AA, Jimenez CR. iq: an R package to estimate relative protein abundances from ion quantification in DIA-MS-based proteomics. *Bioinformatics* 2020 Apr 15;36(8):2611-2613.

## See Also

[preprocess](#)

## Examples

```
data("spikeins")
head(spikeins)
# This example set of spike-in proteins has been 'median-normalized'.
norm_data <- iq::preprocess(spikeins, median_normalization = FALSE, pdf_out = NULL)
protein_list <- iq::create_protein_list(norm_data)
```

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create\_protein\_table *Protein quantification for a list of proteins*

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## Description

Travels through the input list and quantifies all proteins one by one.

## Usage

```
create_protein_table(protein_list, method = "maxLFQ", ...)
```

## Arguments

protein_list	The input protein list
method	Possible values are "maxLFQ", "median_polish", "topN", and "meanInt".
...	Additional parameters for individual quantitation methods.

## Value

A list of two components is returned

estimate	A table of protein abundances for all samples in log2 space.
annotation	A vector of annotations, one for each protein.

## Author(s)

Thang V. Pham

## References

Pham TV, Henneman AA, Jimenez CR. iq: an R package to estimate relative protein abundances from ion quantification in DIA-MS-based proteomics. *Bioinformatics* 2020 Apr 15;36(8):2611-2613.

## See Also

[create\\_protein\\_list](#), [maxLFQ](#), [median\\_polish](#), [topN](#), [meanInt](#)

## Examples

```
data("spikeins")
# This example set of spike-in proteins has been 'median-normalized'.
norm_data <- iq::preprocess(spikeins, median_normalization = FALSE, pdf_out = NULL)
protein_list <- iq::create_protein_list(norm_data)
result <- iq::create_protein_table(protein_list)
head(result)
```

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extract_annotation	<i>Protein annotation extraction</i>
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## Description

Extracts annotation columns from a long-format input

## Usage

```
extract_annotation(protein_ids, quant_table, primary_id = "PG.ProteinGroups",
                  annotation_columns = NULL)
```

## Arguments

protein_ids	A vector of protein ids.
quant_table	A long-format input table. The input is typically the same as input to the preprocess function.
primary_id	The column containing protein ids.
annotation_columns	A vector of columns for annotation.

## Value

A table of proteins and associated annotation extracted from the input.

## Author(s)

Thang V. Pham

## References

Pham TV, Henneman AA, Jimenez CR. iq: an R package to estimate relative protein abundances from ion quantification in DIA-MS-based proteomics. *Bioinformatics* 2020 Apr 15;36(8):2611-2613.

## See Also

[preprocess](#)

## Examples

```
data("spikeins")
extra_names <- iq::extract_annotation(levels(spikeins$PG.ProteinGroups),
                                     spikeins,
                                     annotation_columns = c("PG.Genes", "PG.ProteinNames"))
```

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fast_MaxLFQ	<i>The MaxLFQ algorithm</i>
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## Description

A fast implementation of the MaxLFQ algorithm.

## Usage

```
fast_MaxLFQ(norm_data, row_names = NULL, col_names = NULL)
```

## Arguments

norm_data	A list of four vectors with equal length protein_list, sample_list, id and quant as prepared by the fast_preprocess function or the quant_table component returned by the fast_read function. Note that quant should contain log2 intensities.
row_names	A vector of character strings for row names. If NULL, unique values in the protein_list component of norm_data will be used. Otherwise, it should be the first column of the protein component returned by the fast_read.
col_names	A vector of character strings for column names. If NULL, unique values in the sample_list component of norm_data will be used. Otherwise, it should be the sample component returned by the fast_read.

## Value

A list is returned with two components

estimate	A quantification result table in log2 space.
annotation	A vector of strings indicating membership in case of multiple connected components for each row of estimate.

**Author(s)**

Thang V. Pham

**References**

Pham TV, Henneman AA, Jimenez CR. iq: an R package to estimate relative protein abundances from ion quantification in DIA-MS-based proteomics. *Bioinformatics* 2020 Apr 15;36(8):2611-2613.

**See Also**

[fast\\_read](#), [fast\\_preprocess](#)

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fast_preprocess	<i>Data filtering and normalization</i>
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**Description**

Filters out low intensities and performs median normalization.

**Usage**

```
fast_preprocess(quant_table,
                median_normalization = TRUE,
                log2_intensity_cutoff = 0,
                pdf_out = "qc-plots-fast.pdf",
                pdf_width = 12,
                pdf_height = 8,
                show_boxplot = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

quant_table	The quant_table component as returned by fast_read.
median_normalization	A logical value. The default TRUE value is to perform median normalization.
log2_intensity_cutoff	Entries lower than this value in log2 space are ignored. Plot a histogram of all intensities to set this parameter.
pdf_out	A character string specifying the name of the PDF output. A NULL value will suppress the PDF output.
pdf_width	Width of the pdf output in inches.
pdf_height	Height of the pdf output in inches.
show_boxplot	A logical value. The default TRUE value is to create boxplots of fragment intensities for each sample.

**Value**

A list is returned with the same components as input data in which low intensities are filtered out and median normalization is performed if requested.

**Author(s)**

Thang V. Pham

**References**

Pham TV, Henneman AA, Jimenez CR. iq: an R package to estimate relative protein abundances from ion quantification in DIA-MS-based proteomics. *Bioinformatics* 2020 Apr 15;36(8):2611-2613.

**See Also**

[fast\\_read](#)

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fast_read	<i>Reading data from an input file</i>
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**Description**

A highly efficient reading of a tab-separated text file for iq processing.

**Usage**

```
fast_read(filename,  
          sample_id = "R.Condition",  
          primary_id = "PG.ProteinGroups",  
          secondary_id = c("EG.ModifiedSequence", "FG.Charge", "F.FrgIon", "F.Charge"),  
          intensity_col = "F.PeakArea",  
          annotation_col = c("PG.Genes", "PG.ProteinNames"),  
          filter_string_equal = c("F.ExcludedFromQuantification" = "False"),  
          filter_string_not_equal = NULL,  
          filter_double_less = c("PG.Qvalue" = "0.01", "EG.Qvalue" = "0.01"),  
          filter_double_greater = NULL,  
          intensity_col_sep = NULL,  
          intensity_col_id = NULL,  
          na_string = "0")
```

**Arguments**

filename	A long-format tab-separated text file with a primary column of protein identification, secondary columns of fragment ions, a column of sample names, a column for quantitative intensities, and extra columns for annotation.
primary_id	Unique values in this column form the list of proteins to be quantified.

secondary_id	A concatenation of these columns determines the fragment ions used for quantification.
sample_id	Unique values in this column form the list of samples.
intensity_col	The column for intensities.
annotation_col	Annotation columns
filter_string_equal	A named vector of strings. Only rows satisfying the condition are kept.
filter_string_not_equal	A named vector of strings. Only rows satisfying the condition are kept.
filter_double_less	A named vector of strings. Only rows satisfying the condition are kept. Default PG.Qvalue < 0.01 and EG.Qvalue < 0.01.
filter_double_greater	A named vector of strings. Only rows satisfying the condition are kept.
intensity_col_sep	A separator character when entries in the intensity column contain multiple values.
intensity_col_id	The column for identities of multiple quantitative values.
na_string	The value considered as NA.

### Details

When entries in the intensity column contain multiple values, this function will replicate entries in other column and the secondary\_id will be appended with corresponding entries in intensity\_col\_id when it is provided. Otherwise, integer values 1, 2, 3, etc... will be used.

### Value

A list is returned with following components

protein	A table of proteins in the first column followed by annotation columns.
sample	A vector of samples.
ion	A vector of fragment ions to be used for quantification.
quant_table	A list of four components: protein_list (index pointing to protein), sample_list (index pointing to sample), id (index pointing to ion), and quant (intensities).

### Author(s)

Thang V. Pham

### References

Pham TV, Henneman AA, Jimenez CR. iq: an R package to estimate relative protein abundances from ion quantification in DIA-MS-based proteomics. *Bioinformatics* 2020 Apr 15;36(8):2611-2613.

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maxLFQ

*The MaxLFQ algorithm for protein quantification*

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## Description

Estimates protein abundances by aiming to maintain the fragment intensity ratios between samples.

## Usage

maxLFQ(X)

## Arguments

X                    A matrix of ion intensities in log2 space. Columns are samples and rows are fragment ions.

## Value

A list of two components is returned

estimate            A vector with length equal to the number of columns of the input containing the protein abundances in log2 space.

annotation         An empty string if all quantified samples are connected. Otherwise, a string of membership of the connected components is returned.

## Author(s)

Thang V. Pham

## References

Cox J, Hein MY, Lubner CA, et al. Accurate proteome-wide label-free quantification by delayed normalization and maximal peptide ratio extraction, termed MaxLFQ. *Mol Cell Proteomics*. 2014;13(9):2513–2526.

Pham TV, Henneman AA, Jimenez CR. iq: an R package to estimate relative protein abundances from ion quantification in DIA-MS-based proteomics. *Bioinformatics* 2020 Apr 15;36(8):2611-2613.

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meanInt	<i>The meanInt algorithm for protein quantification</i>
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### Description

Estimates protein abundances by averaging all associated ion intensities

### Usage

```
meanInt(X, aggregation_in_log_space = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

X	A matrix of ion intensities in log2 space. Columns are samples and rows are fragment ions.
aggregation_in_log_space	A logical value. If FALSE, the data aggregation is performed in the original intensity space.

### Value

A list of two components is returned

estimate	A vector with length equal to the number of columns of the input containing the protein abundances in log2 space.
annotation	Reserved, currently an empty string.

### Author(s)

Thang V. Pham

### References

Pham TV, Henneman AA, Jimenez CR. iq: an R package to estimate relative protein abundances from ion quantification in DIA-MS-based proteomics. *Bioinformatics* 2020 Apr 15;36(8):2611-2613.

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median_polish	<i>A wrapper for the R implementation of the median polish algorithm</i>
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**Description**

Estimates protein abundances using the Tukey median polish algorithm.

**Usage**

```
median_polish(X)
```

**Arguments**

X	A matrix of ion intensities in log2 space. Columns are samples and rows are fragment ions.
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**Value**

A list of two components is returned

estimate	A vector with length equal to the number of columns of the input containing the protein abundances in log2 space.
annotation	Reserved, currently an empty string

**Author(s)**

Thang V. Pham

**References**

Pham TV, Henneman AA, Jimenez CR. iq: an R package to estimate relative protein abundances from ion quantification in DIA-MS-based proteomics. *Bioinformatics* 2020 Apr 15;36(8):2611-2613.

Tukey JW. *Exploratory Data Analysis*, Reading Massachusetts: Addison-Wesley, 1977.

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plot_protein	<i>Plotting the underlying quantitative data for a protein</i>
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**Description**

Displays the underlying data for a protein.

**Usage**

```
plot_protein(X, main = "", col = NULL, split = 0.6, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>X</code>	Protein data matrix.
<code>main</code>	Title of the plot.
<code>col</code>	Colors of the rows of the data matrix.
<code>split</code>	Fraction of the plotting area for the main figure. The remaining one is for legend. Set this parameter to NULL to ignore the legend area.
<code>...</code>	Additional parameters for plotting.

**Value**

A NULL value is returned.

**Author(s)**

Thang V. Pham

**References**

Pham TV, Henneman AA, Jimenez CR. iq: an R package to estimate relative protein abundances from ion quantification in DIA-MS-based proteomics. *Bioinformatics* 2020 Apr 15;36(8):2611-2613.

**Examples**

```
data("spikeins")
head(spikeins)
# This example set of spike-in proteins has been 'median-normalized'.
norm_data <- iq::preprocess(spikeins, median_normalization = FALSE, pdf_out = NULL)
protein_list <- iq::create_protein_list(norm_data)
iq::plot_protein(protein_list$P00366, main = "Protein P00366", split = NULL)
```

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preprocess

*Data preprocessing for protein quantification*

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**Description**

Prepares a long-format input including removing low-intensity ions and performing median normalization.

**Usage**

```
preprocess(quant_table,
           primary_id = "PG.ProteinGroups",
           secondary_id = c("EG.ModifiedSequence", "FG.Charge", "F.FrgIon", "F.Charge"),
           sample_id = "R.Condition",
           intensity_col = "F.PeakArea",
```

```

median_normalization = TRUE,
log2_intensity_cutoff = 0,
pdf_out = "qc-plots.pdf",
pdf_width = 12,
pdf_height = 8,
intensity_col_sep = NULL,
intensity_col_id = NULL,
na_string = "0")

```

### Arguments

<code>quant_table</code>	A long-format table with a primary column of protein identification, secondary columns of fragment ions, a column of sample names, and a column for quantitative intensities.
<code>primary_id</code>	Unique values in this column form the list of proteins to be quantified.
<code>secondary_id</code>	A concatenation of these columns determines the fragment ions used for quantification.
<code>sample_id</code>	Unique values in this column form the list of samples.
<code>intensity_col</code>	The column for intensities.
<code>median_normalization</code>	A logical value. The default TRUE value is to perform median normalization.
<code>log2_intensity_cutoff</code>	Entries lower than this value in log2 space are ignored. Plot a histogram of all intensities to set this parameter.
<code>pdf_out</code>	A character string specifying the name of the PDF output. A NULL value will suppress the PDF output.
<code>pdf_width</code>	Width of the pdf output in inches.
<code>pdf_height</code>	Height of the pdf output in inches.
<code>intensity_col_sep</code>	A separator character when entries in the intensity column contain multiple values.
<code>intensity_col_id</code>	The column for identities of multiple quantitative values.
<code>na_string</code>	The value considered as NA.

### Details

When entries in the intensity column contain multiple values, this function will replicate entries in other column and the `secondary_id` will be appended with corresponding entries in `intensity_col_id` when it is provided. Otherwise, integer values 1, 2, 3, etc... will be used.

### Value

A data frame is returned with following components

`protein_list` A vector of proteins.

sample\_list     A vector of samples.  
 id             A vector of fragment ions to be used for quantification.  
 quant          A vector of log2 intensities.

**Author(s)**

Thang V. Pham

**References**

Pham TV, Henneman AA, Jimenez CR. iq: an R package to estimate relative protein abundances from ion quantification in DIA-MS-based proteomics. *Bioinformatics* 2020 Apr 15;36(8):2611-2613.

**Examples**

```
data("spikeins")
head(spikeins)
# This example set of spike-in proteins has been 'median-normalized'.
norm_data <- iq::preprocess(spikeins, median_normalization = FALSE, pdf_out = NULL)
```

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process\_long\_format     *Long format to a wide format table using the MaxLFQ algorithm*

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**Description**

A convenient function combining multiple steps to process a long format table using the MaxLFQ algorithm.

**Usage**

```
process_long_format(input_filename,
                   output_filename,
                   sample_id = "File.Name",
                   primary_id = "Protein.Group",
                   secondary_id = "Precursor.Id",
                   intensity_col = "Fragment.Quant.Corrected",
                   annotation_col = NULL,
                   filter_string_equal = NULL,
                   filter_string_not_equal = NULL,
                   filter_double_less = c("Q.Value" = "0.01", "PG.Q.Value" = "0.01"),
                   filter_double_greater = NULL,
                   intensity_col_sep = ";",
                   intensity_col_id = NULL,
                   na_string = "0",
```

```

normalization = "median",
log2_intensity_cutoff = 0,
pdf_out = "qc-plots.pdf",
pdf_width = 12,
pdf_height = 8,
show_boxplot = TRUE,
peptide_extractor = NULL)

```

## Arguments

See filename in [fast\\_read](#).  
output\_filename  
Output filename.  
sample\_id See sample\_id in [fast\\_read](#).  
primary\_id See primary\_id in [fast\\_read](#).  
secondary\_id See secondary\_id in [fast\\_read](#).  
intensity\_col See intensity\_col in [fast\\_read](#).  
annotation\_col See annotation\_col in [fast\\_read](#).  
filter\_string\_equal  
See filter\_string\_equal in [fast\\_read](#).  
filter\_string\_not\_equal  
See filter\_string\_not\_equal in [fast\\_read](#).  
filter\_double\_less  
See filter\_double\_less in [fast\\_read](#).  
filter\_double\_greater  
See filter\_double\_greater in [fast\\_read](#).  
intensity\_col\_sep  
See intensity\_col\_sep in [fast\\_read](#).  
intensity\_col\_id  
See intensity\_col\_id in [fast\\_read](#).  
na\_string See intensity\_col\_id in [fast\\_read](#).  
normalization Normalization type. Possible values are median and none. The default value median is for median normalization in [fast\\_preprocess](#).  
log2\_intensity\_cutoff  
See log2\_intensity\_cutoff in [fast\\_preprocess](#).  
pdf\_out See pdf\_out in [fast\\_preprocess](#).  
pdf\_width See pdf\_width in [fast\\_preprocess](#).  
pdf\_height See pdf\_height in [fast\\_preprocess](#).  
show\_boxplot See show\_boxplot in [fast\\_preprocess](#).  
peptide\_extractor  
A function to parse peptides.

**Value**

After processing with `fast_read`, `fast_preprocess`, and `fast_MaxLFQ`, the result table is written to `output_filename`. The quantification values are in log2 space. A NULL value is returned. If `peptide_extractor` is not NULL, fragment statistics for each protein will be calculated based on the result of the extractor function. Counting the number of peptides contributing to a protein is possible using an appropriate extractor function. An example value for `peptide_extractor` is `function(x) gsub("[0-9].*$", "", x)`, which removes the charge state and fragment descriptors in an ion descriptor to obtain unique peptide sequences. One can examine the ion component returned by the `fast_read` function to derive a regular expression to be used in the `gsub` function above.

**Author(s)**

Thang V. Pham

**References**

Pham TV, Henneman AA, Jimenez CR. iq: an R package to estimate relative protein abundances from ion quantification in DIA-MS-based proteomics. *Bioinformatics* 2020 Apr 15;36(8):2611-2613.

**See Also**

[fast\\_read](#), [fast\\_preprocess](#), [fast\\_MaxLFQ](#)

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process\_wide\_format    *Merging rows with identical values in a particular column in a table*

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**Description**

Collapses rows with identical values in a particular column in a table. When the values in each row are proportional such as intensities of multiple fragments of a protein, the MaxLFQ algorithm is recommended.

**Usage**

```
process_wide_format(input_filename,
                    output_filename,
                    id_column,
                    quant_columns,
                    data_in_log_space = FALSE,
                    annotation_columns = NULL,
                    method = "maxLFQ")
```

## Arguments

input_filename	Input filename of a tab-separated value text file.
output_filename	Output filename.
id_column	The column where unique values will be kept. Rows with identical values in this column are merged. Rows with empty values here are removed.
quant_columns	Columns containing numerical data to be merged.
data_in_log_space	A logical value. If FALSE, the numerical data will be log2-transformed.
annotation_columns	Columns in the input file apart from id_column and quant_columns that will be kept in the output.
method	Method for merging. Default value is "maxLFQ". Possible values are "maxLFQ", "maxLFQ_R", "median_polish", "top3", "top5", "meanInt", "maxInt", "sum", "least_na" and any function for collapsing a numerical matrix to a row vector.

## Details

Method "maxLFQ\_R" implements the MaxLFQ algorithm pure R. It is slower than "maxLFQ".

Method "maxInt" selects row with maximum intensity (top 1).

Method "sum" sum all intensities.

Method "least\_na" selects row with the least number of missing values.

The value of method can be a function such as `function(x) log2(colSums(2^x, na.rm = TRUE))` for summing all intensities in the original space.

## Value

The result table is written to output\_filename. A NULL value is returned.

## Author(s)

Thang V. Pham

## References

Pham TV, Henneman AA, Jimenez CR. iq: an R package to estimate relative protein abundances from ion quantification in DIA-MS-based proteomics. *Bioinformatics* 2020 Apr 15;36(8):2611-2613.

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`spikeins`*An example dataset of 12 spike-in proteins*

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**Description**

A subset of the Bruderer 2015 dataset containing 12 spike-in proteins. The full dataset was exported from the Spectronaut software. The complete dataset has been median-normalized.

**Usage**

```
data("spikeins")
```

**Format**

A data frame with 18189 observations on the following 9 variables.

R.Condition Sample names.

PG.ProteinGroups Protein identifiers.

EG.ModifiedSequence Sequence of the fragment ions.

FG.Charge Fragment group charge.

F.FrgIon Fragment ions.

F.Charge Fragment charges.

F.PeakArea Quantitative values.

PG.Genes Gene names.

PG.ProteinNames Protein names.

**Examples**

```
data("spikeins")  
head(spikeins)
```

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`topN`*The topN algorithm for protein quantification*

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**Description**

Estimates protein abundances using the N most intense ions.

**Usage**

```
topN(X, N = 3, aggregation_in_log_space = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

X	A matrix of ion intensities in log2 space. Columns are samples and rows are fragment ions.
N	The number of top ions used for quantification.
aggregation_in_log_space	A logical value. If FALSE, data aggregation is performed in the original intensity space.

**Value**

A list of two components is returned

estimate	A vector with length equal to the number of columns of the input containing the protein abundances in log2 space.
annotation	Reserved, currently an empty string.

**Author(s)**

Thang V. Pham

**References**

Pham TV, Henneman AA, Jimenez CR. iq: an R package to estimate relative protein abundances from ion quantification in DIA-MS-based proteomics. *Bioinformatics* 2020 Apr 15;36(8):2611-2613.

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