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provided as low-level functions to allow a data structure-independent usage
across various R packages. This includes functions to calculate between ion
(adduct) and compound mass-to-charge ratios and masses or functions to work
with chemical formulas. The package provides also a set of adduct
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addElements   *Combine chemical formulae*

Description

addElements Add one chemical formula to another.

Usage

```
addElements(x, y)
```

Arguments

x	character strings with chemical formula
y	character strings with chemical formula that should be added from x

Value

character Resulting formula

Author(s)

Michael Witting and Sebastian Gibb

Examples

```
addElements("C6H12O6", "Na")

addElements("C6H12O6", c("Na", "H2O"))
```

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adductFormula   *Calculate a table of adduct (ionic) formulas*

Description

adductFormula calculates the chemical formulas for the specified adducts of provided chemical formulas.

Usage

```
adductFormula(formulas, adduct = "[M+H]+", standardize = TRUE)
```

Arguments

formulas	character with molecular formulas for which adduct formulas should be calculated.
adduct	character or data.frame of valid adduct. to be used. Custom adduct definitions can be provided via a data.frame but its format must follow [adducts()](#)
standardize	logical(1) whether to standardize the molecular formulas to the Hill notation system before calculating their mass.

Value

character matrix with *formula* rows and *adducts* columns containing all ion formulas. In case an ion can't be generated (eg. [M-NH3+H]+ in a molecule that doesn't have nitrogen), a NA is returned instead.

Author(s)

Roger Gine

See Also

[adductNames()](#) for a list of all available predefined adducts and [adducts()](#) for the adduct data.frame definition style.

Examples

```
# Calculate the ion formulas of glucose with adducts [M+H]+, [M+Na]+ and [M+K]+
adductFormula("C6H12O6", c("[M+H]+", "[M+Na]+", "[M+K]+"))

# > "[C6H13O6]+" "[C6H12O6Na]+" "[C6H12O6K]+"

# Use a custom set of adduct definitions (For instance, a iron (Fe2+) adduct)
custom_ads <- data.frame(name = "[M+Fe]2+", mass_multi = 0.5, charge = 2,
                         formula_add = "Fe", formula_sub = "C0",
                         positive = "TRUE")
adductFormula("C6H12O6", custom_ads)
```

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adductNames   *Retrieve names of supported adducts*

Description

adductNames returns all supported adduct definitions that can be used by [mass2mz()](#) and [mz2mass()](#).

adducts returns a data.frame with the adduct definitions.

Usage

```
adductNames(polarity = c("positive", "negative"))

adducts(polarity = c("positive", "negative"))
```

Arguments

polarity   character(1) defining the ion mode, either "positive" or "negative".

Value

for adductNames: character vector with all valid adduct names for the selected ion mode. For adducts: data.frame with the adduct definitions.

Author(s)

Michael Witting, Johannes Rainer

Examples

```
## retrieve names of adduct names in positive ion mode
adductNames(polarity = "positive")

## retrieve names of adduct names in negative ion mode
adductNames(polarity = "negative")
```

calculateKendrickMass   *Kendrick mass defects*

Description

Kendrick mass defect analysis is a way to analyze high-resolution MS data in order to identify homologous series. The Kendrick mass (KM) is calculated by choosing a specific molecular fragment (e.g. CH2) and settings its mass to an integer mass. In case of CH2 the mass of 14.01565 would be set to 14.The Kendrick mass defect (KMD) is defined as the difference between the KM and the nominial (integer) KM. All molecules of homologoues series, e.g. only differing in the number of CH2, will have an identical KMD. In an additional step the KMD can be referenced to the mass defect of specific lipid backbone and by this normalize values to the referenced KMD (RKMD). This leads to values of 0 for saturated species or -1, -2, -3, etc for unsaturated species.

Available functoins are:

- calculateKm: calculates the Kendrick mass from an exact mass for a specific molecular fragment, e.g. "CH2".

- calculateKmd: calculates the Kendrick mass defect from an exact mass for a specific molecular fragment, e.g. "CH2".

- calculateRkmd: calculates the referenced Kendrick mass defect from an exact mass for a specific molecular fragment, e.g. "CH2", and a reference KMD.

- isRkmd: Checks if a calculated RKMD falls within a specific error range around an negative integer corresponding the number of double bonds, in case of CH2 as fragment.

Usage

```
calculateKm(x, fragment = 14/14.01565)

calculateKmd(x, fragment = 14/14.01565)

calculateRkmd(x, fragment = 14/14.01565, rkmd = 0.749206)

isRkmd(x, rkmdTolerance = 0.1)
```

Arguments

x	numeric with exact masses or calculated RKMDs in case of isRkmd.
fragment	numeric(1) or character(1) corresponding factor or molecular formula of molecular fragment, e.g. 14 / 14.01565 or "CH2" for CH2.
rkmd	numeric(1) KMD used for referencing of KMDs.
rkmdTolerance	numeric(1) Tolerance to check if RKMD fall around a negative integer corresponding to the number of double bonds

Value

numeric or boolean. All functions, except isRkmd return a numeric with same length as the input corresponding to the KM, KMD or RMKD. isRkmd returns a logical with TRUE or FALSE indicating if the RKMD falls within a specific range around a negative integer corresponding to the number of double bonds.

Author(s)

Michael Witting

Examples

```
calculateKm(760.5851)

calculateKmd(760.5851)

calculateRkmd(760.5851, rkmd = 0.749206)

isRkmd(calculateRkmd(760.5851, rkmd = 0.749206))
```

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calculateMass *Calculate exact mass*

Description

calculateMass calculates the exact mass from a formula.

Usage

```
calculateMass(x)
```

Arguments

x   character representing chemical formula(s) or a list of numeric with element counts such as returned by countElements().

Value

numeric Resulting exact mass.

Author(s)

Michael Witting

Examples

```
calculateMass("C6H12O6")
calculateMass("NH3")
calculateMass(c("C6H12O6", "NH3"))
calculateMass(c("C6H12O6", "[13C3]C3H12O6"))
```

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containsElements *Check if one formula is contained in another*

Description

containsElements checks if one sum formula is contained in another.

Usage

```
containsElements(x, y)
```

Arguments

x	character strings with a chemical formula
y	character strings with a chemical formula that shall be contained in x

Value

logical TRUE if y is contained in x

Author(s)

Michael Witting and Sebastian Gibb

Examples

```
containsElements("C6H12O6", "H2O")
containsElements("C6H12O6", "NH3")
```

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convertMtime *Convert migration times to effective mobility*

Description

convertMtime performs effective mobility scale transformation of CE(-MS) data, which is used to overcome variations of the migration times, caused by differences in the Electroosmotic Flow (EOF) between different runs. In order to monitor the EOF and perform the transformation, neutral or charged EOF markers are spiked into the sample before analysis. The information of the EOF markers (migration time and effective mobility) will be then used to perform the effective mobility transformation of the migration time scale.

Usage

```
convertMtime(
  x = numeric(),
  rtime = numeric(),
  mobility = numeric(),
  tR = 0,
  U = numeric(),
  L = numeric()
)
```

Arguments

x	numeric vector with migration times in minutes.
rtime	numeric vector that holds the migration times (in minutes) of either one or two EOF markers in the same run of which the migration time is going to be transformed.
mobility	numeric vector containing the respective effective mobility (in in mm^2 / (kV * min)) of the EOF markers. If two markers are used, one is expected to be the neutral marker, i.e. having a mobility of 0.
tR	numeric a single value that defines the time (in minutes) of the electrical field ramp. The default is 0.
U	numeric a single value that defines the voltage (in kV) applied. Note that for reversed polarity CE mode a negative value is needed. Is only used if the transformation is performed based on a single marker.
L	numeric a single value that defines the total length (in mm) of the capillary that was used for CE(-MS) analysis. Is only used if the transformation is performed based on a single marker.

Value

numeric vector of same length as x with effective mobility values.

Author(s)

Liesa Salzer

Examples

```
rtime <- c(10,20,30,40,50,60,70,80,90,100)
marker_rt <-  c(20,80)
mobility <- c(0, 2000)
convertMtime(rtime, marker_rt, mobility)
```

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correctRindex   *2-point correction of RIs*

Description

correctRindex performs correction of retention indices (RIs) based on reference substances. Even after conversion of RTs to RIs slight deviations might exist. These deviations can be further normalized, if they are linear, by using two metabolites for which the RIs are known (e.g. internal standards).

Usage

```
correctRindex(x, y)
```

Arguments

x	numeric vector with retention indices, calculated by indexRtime
y	data.frame containing two columns. The first is expected to contain the measured RIs of the reference substances and the second the reference RIs.

Value

numeric vector of same length than x with corrected retention indices. Values are floating point decimals. If integer values shall be used conversion has to be performed manually.

Author(s)

Michael Witting

Examples

```
ref <- data.frame(rindex = c(110, 210),
refindex = c(100, 200))
rindex <- c(110, 210)
correctRindex(rindex, ref)
```

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countElements   *Count elements in a chemical formula*

Description

countElements parses strings representing a chemical formula into a named vector of element counts.

Usage

```
countElements(x)
```

Arguments

x   character() representing a chemical formula.

Value

list of integer with the element counts (names being elements).

Author(s)

Michael Witting and Sebastian Gibb

See Also

pasteElements()

Examples

```
countElements(c("C6H12O6", "C11H12N2O2"))
```

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formula2mz   *Calculate mass-to-charge ratio from a formula*

Description

formula2mz calculates the m/z values from a list of molecular formulas and adduct definitions.

Custom adduct definitions can be passed to the adduct parameter in form of a data.frame. This data.frame is expected to have columns "mass_add" and "mass_multi" defining the *additive* and *multiplicative* part of the calculation. See adducts() for examples.

Usage

```
formula2mz(formula, adduct = "[M+H]+", standardize = TRUE)
```

Arguments

formula	character with one or more valid molecular formulas for which their adduct m/z shall be calculated.
adduct	either a character specifying the name(s) of the adduct(s) for which the m/z should be calculated or a data.frame with the adduct definition. See [adductNames()](#) for supported adduct names and the description for more information on the expected format if a data.frame is provided.
standardize	logical whether to standardize the molecular formulas to the Hill notation system before calculating their mass.

Value

Numeric matrix with same number of rows than elements in formula and number of columns being equal to the length of adduct (adduct names are used as column names). Each column thus represents the m/z of formula for each defined adduct.

Author(s)

Roger Gine

Examples

```
## Calculate m/z values of adducts of a list of formulas
formulas <- c("C6H12O6", "C9H11NO3", "C16H13ClN2O")
ads <- c("[M+H]+", "[M+Na]+", "[2M+H]+", "[M]+")
formula2mz(formulas, ads)
formula2mz(formulas, adductNames()) #All available adducts

## Use custom-defined adducts as input
custom_ads <- data.frame(mass_add = c(1, 2, 3), mass_multi = c(1, 2, 0.5))
formula2mz(formulas, custom_ads)

## Use standardize = FALSE to keep formula unaltered
formula2mz("H12C6O6")
formula2mz("H12C6O6", standardize = FALSE)
```

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indexRtime   *Convert retention times to retention indices*

Description

indexRtime uses a list of known substances to convert retention times (RTs) to retention indices (RIs). By this retention information is normalized for differences in experimental settings, such as gradient delay volume, dead volume or flow rate. By default linear interpolation is performed, other ways of calculation can supplied as function.

Usage

```
indexRtime(x, y, FUN = rtiLinear, ...)
```

Arguments

x	numeric vector with retention times
y	data.framedata.frame containing two columns, where the first holds the retention times of the indexing substances and the second the actual index value
FUN	function function defining how the conversion is performed, default is linear interpolation
...	additional parameter used by FUN

Value

numeric vector of same length as x with retention indices. Values floating point decimals. If integer values shall be used conversion has to be performed manually

Author(s)

Michael Witting

Examples

```
rti <- data.frame(rtime = c(1,2,3),
rindex = c(100,200,300))
rtime <- c(1.5, 2.5)
indexRtime(rtime, rti)
```

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internalStandardMixNames

Get names of internal standard mixes provided by the package

Description

internalStandardMixNames returns available names of internal standard mixes provided by the MetaboCoreUtils package.

Usage

```
internalStandardMixNames()
```

Value

character names of available IS mixes

Author(s)

Michael Witting

Examples

```
internalStandardMixNames()
```

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internalStandards *Get definitions for internal standards*

Description

`internalStandards` returns a table with metabolite standards available in commercial internal standard mixes. The returned data frame contains the following columns:

- `"name"`: the name of the standard
- `"formula_salt"`: chemical formula of the salt that was used to produce the standard mix
- `"formula_metabolite"`: chemical formula of the metabolite in free form
- `"smiles_salt"`: SMILES of the salt that was used to produced the standard mix
- `"smiles_metabolite"`: SMILES of the metabolite in free form
- `"mol_weight_salt"`: molecular (average) weight of the salt (can be used for calculation of molar concentration, etc.)
- `"exact_mass_metabolite"`: exact mass of free metabolites
- `"conc"`: concentration of the metabolite in ug/mL (of salt form)
- `"mix"`: name of internal standard mix

Usage

```
internalStandards(mix = "QReSS")
```

Arguments

mix   character(1) Name of the internal standard mix that shall be returned. One of
                internalStandardMixNames().

Value

`data.frame` data on internal standards

Author(s)

Michael Witting

See Also

internalStandardMixNames() for provided internal standard mixes.

Examples

```
internalStandards(mix = "QReSS")
internalStandards(mix = "UltimateSplashOne")
```

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isotopicSubstitutionMatrix

Definitions of isotopic substitutions

Description

In order to identify potential isotopologues based on only m/z and intensity values with the isotopologues()
function, sets of pre-calculated parameters are required. This function returns such parameter sets
estimated on different sources/databases. The nomenclature used to describe isotopes follows the
following convention: the number of neutrons is provided in [as a prefix to the element and the
number of atoms of the element as suffix. [13]C2[37]Cl3 describes thus an isotopic substitution
containing 2 ^{13}C isotopes and 3 [37]Cl isotopes.

Each row in the returned data.frame is associated with an isotopic substitution (which can involve
isotopes of several elements or different isotopes of the same element). In general for each isotopic
substitution multiple rows are present in the data.frame. Each row provides parameters to compute
bounds (for the ratio between the isotopologue peak and the monoisotopic one) on a certain mass
range. The provided isotopic substitutions are in general the most frequently observed substitutions
in the database (e.g. HMDB) on which they were defined. Parameters (columns) defined for each
isotopic substitution are:

- "minmass": the minimal mass of a compound for which the isotopic substitution was found.
  Peaks with a mass lower than this will most likely not have the respective isotopic substitution.

- "maxmass": the maximal mass of a compound for which the isotopic substitution was found.
  Peaks with a mass higher than this will most likely not have the respective isotopic substitution.

- "md": the mass difference between the monoisotopic peak and a peak of an isotopologue
  characterized by the respective isotopic substitution.

- "leftend": left endpoint of the mass interval.

- "rightend": right endpoint of the mass interval.

- "LBint": intercept of the lower bound line on the mass interval whose endpoints are "leftend"
  and "rightend".

- "LBslope": slope of the lower bound line on the mass interval.

- "UBint": intercept of the upper bound line on the mass interval.

- "UBslope": slope of the upper bound line on the mass interval.

Usage

```
isotopicSubstitutionMatrix(source = c("HMDB_NEUTRAL"))
```

Arguments

source   character(1) defining the set of predefined parameters and isotopologue definitions to return.

Value

data.frame with parameters to detect the defined isotopic substitutions

Available pre-calculated substitution matrices

- source = "HMDB": most common isotopic substitutions and parameters for these have been calculated for all compounds from the Human Metabolome Database (HMDB, July 2021). Note that the substitutions were calculated on the **neutral masses** (i.e. the chemical formulas of the compounds, not considering any adducts).

Author(s)

Andrea Vicini

Examples

```
## Get the substitution matrix calculated on HMDB
isotopicSubstitutionMatrix("HMDB_NEUTRAL")
```

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    isotopologues   *Identfying isotopologue peaks in MS data*

Description

Given a spectrum (i.e. a peak matrix with m/z and intensity values) the function identifies groups of potential isotopologue peaks based on pre-defined mass differences and intensity (probability) ratios that need to be passed to the function with the substDefinition parameter. Each isotopic substitution in a compound determines a certain isotopologue and it is associated with a certain mass difference of that with respect to the monoisotopic isotopologue. Also each substitution in a compound is linked to a certain ratio between the intensities of the peaks of the corresponding isotopologue and the monoisotopic one. This ratio isn't the same for isotopologues corresponding to the same isotopic substitution but to different compounds. Through the substDefinition parameter we provide upper and lower values to compute bounds for each isotopic substitution dependent on the peak's mass.

Usage

```
isotopologues(
  x,
  substDefinition = isotopicSubstitutionMatrix(),
  tolerance = 0,
  ppm = 20,
```

```
    seedMz = numeric(),
    charge = 1
)
```

Arguments

x	matrix with spectrum data (columns `mz` and `intensity`).
substDefinition	
	matrix or `data.frame` with definition of isotopic substitutions (columns `"name"` and `"md"` are among the mandatory columns). The rows in this matrix have to be ordered by column `md` in increasing order. See `isotopicSubstitutionMatrix()` for more information on the format and content.
tolerance	`numeric(1)` representing the absolute tolerance for the relaxed matching of m/z values of peaks. See `MsCoreUtils::closest()` for details.
ppm	`numeric(1)` representing a relative, value-specific parts-per-million (PPM) tolerance for the relaxed matching of m/z values of peaks. See `MsCoreUtils::closest()` for details.
seedMz	numeric vector of **ordered** m/z values. If provided, the function checks if there are peaks in `x` which m/z match them. If any, it looks for groups where the first peak is one of the matched ones.
charge	`numeric(1)` representing the expected charge of the ionized compounds.

Details

The function iterates over the peaks (rows) in `x`. For each peak (which is assumed to be the monoisotopic peak) it searches other peaks in `x` with a difference in mass matching (given `ppm` and `tolerance`) any of the pre-defined mass differences in `substDefinitions` (column `"md"`). The mass is obtained by multiplying the m/z of the peaks for the `charge` expected for the ionized compounds.

For matching peaks, the function next evaluates whether their intensity is within the expected (pre-defined) intensity range. Using `"LBint"`, `"LBslope"`, `"UBint"`, `"UBslope"` of the previously matched isotopic substitution in `substDefinition`, the function estimates a (mass dependent) lower and upper intensity ratio limit based on the peak's mass.

When some peaks are grouped together their indexes are excluded from the set of indexes that are searched for further groups (i.e. peaks already assigned to an isotopologue group are not considered/tested again thus each peak can only be part of one isotopologue group).

Value

`list` of `integer` vectors. Each `integer` vector contains the indixes of the rows in `x` with potential isotopologues of the same compound.

Author(s)

Andrea Vicini

Examples

```
## Read theoretical isotope pattern (high resolution) from example file
x <- read.table(system.file("exampleSpectra",
    "serine-alpha-lactose-caffeine.txt", package = "MetaboCoreUtils"),
    header = TRUE)
x <- x[order(x$mz), ]
plot(x$mz, x$intensity, type = "h")

isos <- isotopologues(x, ppm = 5)
isos

## highlight them in the plot
for (i in seq_along(isos)) {
    z <- isos[[i]]
    points(x$mz[z], x$intensity[z], col = i + 1)
}
```

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mass2mz   *Calculate mass-to-charge ratio*

Description

mass2mz calculates the m/z value from a neutral mass and an adduct definition.

Custom adduct definitions can be passed to the adduct parameter in form of a data.frame. This data.frame is expected to have columns "mass_add" and "mass_multi" defining the *additive* and *multiplicative* part of the calculation. See [adducts()](#) for examples.

Usage

```
mass2mz(x, adduct = "[M+H]+")
```

Arguments

x	numeric neutral mass for which the adduct m/z shall be calculated.
adduct	either a character specifying the name(s) of the adduct(s) for which the m/z should be calculated or a data.frame with the adduct definition. See [adductNames()](#) for supported adduct names and the description for more information on the expected format if a data.frame is provided.

Value

numeric matrix with same number of rows than elements in x and number of columns being equal to the length of adduct (adduct names are used as column names). Each column thus represents the m/z of x for each defined adduct.

Author(s)

Michael Witting, Johannes Rainer

See Also

[mz2mass()](#) for the reverse calculation, [adductNames()](#) for supported adduct definitions.

Examples

```
exact_mass <- c(100, 200, 250)
adduct <- "[M+H]+"

## Calculate m/z of [M+H]+ adduct from neutral mass
mass2mz(exact_mass, adduct)

exact_mass <- 100
adduct <- "[M+Na]+"

## Calculate m/z of [M+Na]+ adduct from neutral mass
mass2mz(exact_mass, adduct)

## Calculate m/z of multiple adducts from neutral mass
mass2mz(exact_mass, adduct = adductNames())

## Provide a custom adduct definition.
adds <- data.frame(mass_add = c(1, 2, 3), mass_multi = c(1, 2, 0.5))
rownames(adds) <- c("a", "b", "c")
mass2mz(c(100, 200), adds)
```

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  multiplyElements   *Multiply chemical formulas by a scalar*

Description

multiplyElements Multiply the number of atoms of each element by a constant, positive, integer

Usage

```
multiplyElements(x, k)
```

Arguments

x	character strings with chemical formula
k	numeric(1) positive integer by which each formula will be multiplied.

Value

character strings with the standardized chemical formula.

Author(s)

Roger Gine

Examples

```
multiplyElements("H2O", 3)

multiplyElements(c("C6H12O6", "Na", "CH4O"), 2)
```

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mz2mass   *Calculate neutral mass*

Description

mz2mass calculates the neutral mass from a given m/z value and adduct definition.

Custom adduct definitions can be passed to the adduct parameter in form of a data.frame. This data.frame is expected to have columns "mass_add" and "mass_multi" defining the *additive* and *multiplicative* part of the calculation. See [adducts()](#) for examples.

Usage

```
mz2mass(x, adduct = "[M+H]+")
```

Arguments

x   numeric m/z value for which the neutral mass shall be calculated.

adduct   either a character specifying the name(s) of the adduct(s) for which the m/z
             should be calculated or a data.frame with the adduct definition. See [adductNames()](#)
             for supported adduct names and the description for more information on the ex-
             pected format if a data.frame is provided.

Value

numeric matrix with same number of rows than elements in x and number of columns being equal
to the length of adduct (adduct names are used as column names. Each column thus represents the
neutral mass of x for each defined adduct.

Author(s)

Michael Witting, Johannes Rainer

See Also

[mass2mz()](#) for the reverse calculation, [adductNames()](#) for supported adduct definitions.

Examples

```
ion_mass <- c(100, 200, 300)
adduct <- "[M+H]+"

## Calculate m/z of [M+H]+ adduct from neutral mass
mz2mass(ion_mass, adduct)

ion_mass <- 100
adduct <- "[M+Na]+"

## Calculate m/z of [M+Na]+ adduct from neutral mass
mz2mass(ion_mass, adduct)

## Provide a custom adduct definition.
adds <- data.frame(mass_add = c(1, 2, 3), mass_multi = c(1, 2, 0.5))
rownames(adds) <- c("a", "b", "c")
mz2mass(c(100, 200), adds)
```

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pasteElements   *Create chemical formula from a named vector*

Description

pasteElements creates a chemical formula from element counts (such as returned by countElements()).

Usage

```
pasteElements(x)
```

Arguments

x   list/integer with element counts, names being individual elements.

Value

character() with the chemical formulas.

Author(s)

Michael Witting and Sebastian Gibb

See Also

countElements()

Examples

```
elements <- c("C" = 6, "H" = 12, "O" = 6)
pasteElements(elements)
```

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standardizeFormula   *Standardize a chemical formula*

Description

standardizeFormula standardizes a supplied chemical formula according to the Hill notation system.

Usage

```
standardizeFormula(x)
```

Arguments

x   character, strings with the chemical formula to standardize.

Value

character strings with the standardized chemical formula.

Author(s)

Michael Witting and Sebastian Gibb

See Also

pasteElements() countElements()

Examples

```
standardizeFormula("C6O6H12")
```

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subtractElements   *subtract two chemical formula*

Description

subtractElements subtracts one chemical formula from another.

Usage

```
subtractElements(x, y)
```

Arguments

x   character strings with chemical formula

y   character strings with chemical formula that should be subtracted from x

Value

character Resulting formula

Author(s)

Michael Witting and Sebastian Gibb

Examples

```
subtractElements("C6H12O6", "H2O")

subtractElements("C6H12O6", "NH3")
```

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