# Package 'fairsubset'

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## Usage

```
fairSubset(
  input_list,
  subset_setting = "mean",
  manual_N = NULL,
  random_subsets = 1000
)
```

## **Arguments**

input\_list A list, data frame, or matrix. If matrix or data frame, columns should represent each sample's data.

subset\_setting Choose from c("mean", "median", "ks"). Mean or median will use these averages to choose the best subset. "ks" will use the Kolmogorov Smirnov test to choose the best subset. Defaults to "mean".

manual\_N To manually choose how many data points should be in each sample, enter an integer value here. Otherwise, fairSubset chooses the length of the sample with the most data. Defaults to NULL.

random\_subsets To manually choose how many random subsets should be used to choose the best subset, enter an integer value here. Defaults to 1000.

#### Value

Returns a list.

\$best\_subset is a data.frame containing data best representative of original data, given the parameters chosen for fairsubset

\$worst\_subset is a data.frame containing data as far from the original as observed in all randomly chosen subsets. It is used solely as a comparator for the worst case scenario from randomly choosing subsets

\$report is a data.frame of averages and variation regarding original data, best subset, and worst subset

\$warning is a character string. If != "", it represents known errors

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## Examples

```
input_list <- list(a= stats::rnorm(100, mean = 3, sd = 2),
b = stats::rnorm(50, mean = 5, sd = 5),
c= stats::rnorm(75, mean = 2, sd = 0.5))
fairSubset(input_list, subset_setting = "mean", manual_N = 10, random_subsets = 1000)$report</pre>
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