

# Package ‘fairsubset’

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### Usage

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

### Arguments

<code>input_list</code>	A list, data frame, or matrix. If matrix or data frame, columns should represent each sample's data.
<code>subset_setting</code>	Choose from <code>c("mean", "median", "ks")</code> . 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".
<code>manual_N</code>	To manually choose how many data points should be in each sample, enter an integer value here. Otherwise, <code>fairSubset</code> chooses the length of the sample with the most data. Defaults to <code>NULL</code> .
<code>random_subsets</code>	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
```

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