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adt\_quality\_control Quality control for ADT count data

# Description

Compute per-cell QC metrics from an initialized matrix of ADT counts, and use the metrics to suggest filter thresholds to retain high-quality cells.

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### Usage

```
computeAdtQcMetrics(x, subsets, num.threads = 1)
suggestAdtQcThresholds(
  metrics,
  block = NULL,
  min.detected.drop = 0.1,
  num.mads = 3
)
filterAdtQcMetrics(thresholds, metrics, block = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

x A matrix-like object where rows are ADTs and columns are cells. Values are

expected to be counts.

subsets List of vectors specifying tag subsets of interest, typically control tags like IgGs.

Each vector may be logical (whether to keep each row), integer (row indices) or

character (row names).

num. threads Integer scalar specifying the number of threads to use.

metrics List with the same structure as produced by computeAdtQcMetrics.

block Factor specifying the block of origin (e.g., batch, sample) for each cell in metrics.

Alternatively NULL if all cells are from the same block.

For filterAdtQcMetrics, a blocking factor should be provided if block was

used to construct thresholds.

min.detected.drop

Minimum drop in the number of detected features from the median, in order to

consider a cell to be of low quality.

num.mads Number of median from the median, to define the threshold for outliers in each

metric.

thresholds List with the same structure as produced by suggestAdtQcThresholds.

# Value

For computeAdtQcMetrics, a list is returned containing:

- sum, a numeric vector containing the total ADT count for each cell.
- detected, an integer vector containing the number of detected tags per cell.
- subsets, a list of numeric vectors containing the total count of each control subset.

Each vector is of length equal to the number of cells.

For suggestAdtQcThresholds, a named list is returned:

- If block=NULL, the list contains:
  - detected, a numeric scalar containing the lower bound on the number of detected tags.

- subsets, a numeric vector containing the upper bound on the sum of counts in each control subset.
- Otherwise, if block is supplied, the list contains:
  - detected, a numeric vector containing the lower bound on the number of detected tags for each blocking level.
  - subsets, a list of numeric vectors containing the upper bound on the sum of counts in each control subset for each blocking level.

Each vector is of length equal to the number of levels in block and is named accordingly.

For filterAdtQcMetrics, a logical vector of length ncol(x) is returned indicating which cells are of high quality.

#### Author(s)

Aaron Lun

#### See Also

The compute\_adt\_qc\_metrics, compute\_adt\_qc\_filters and compute\_adt\_qc\_filters\_blocked functions in https://libscran.github.io/scran\_qc/, for the rationale of QC filtering on ADT counts.

# **Examples**

```
# Mocking a matrix:
library(Matrix)
x <- round(abs(rsparsematrix(1000, 100, 0.1) * 100))
# Mocking up a control set.
sub <- list(IgG=rbinom(nrow(x), 1, 0.1) > 0)

qc <- computeAdtQcMetrics(x, sub)
str(qc)

filt <- suggestAdtQcThresholds(qc)
str(filt)

keep <- filterAdtQcMetrics(filt, qc)
summary(keep)</pre>
```

### **Description**

Aggregate expression values across cells based on one or more grouping factors. This is primarily used to create pseudo-bulk profiles for each cluster/sample combination.

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# Usage

```
aggregateAcrossCells(x, factors, num.threads = 1)
```

### **Arguments**

A matrix-like object where rows correspond to genes or genomic features and columns correspond to cells. Values are typically expected to be counts.

factors A list or data frame containing one or more grouping factors, see combineFactors.

num. threads Integer specifying the number of threads to be used for aggregation.

#### Value

### A list containing:

- sums, a numeric matrix where each row corresponds to a gene and each column corresponds to a unique combination of grouping levels. Each entry contains the summed expression across all cells with that combination.
- detected, an integer matrix where each row corresponds to a gene and each column corresponds to a unique combination of grouping levels. Each entry contains the number of cells with detected expression in that combination.
- combinations, a data frame describing the levels for each unique combination of factors.
   Rows of this data frame correspond to columns of sums and detected, while columns correspond to the factors in factors.
- counts, the number of cells associated with each combination. Each entry corresponds to a row of combinations.
- index, an integer vector of length equal to the number of cells in x. This specifies the combination in combinations to which each cell was assigned.

#### Author(s)

Aaron Lun

### See Also

The aggregate\_across\_cells function in https://libscran.github.io/scran\_aggregate/, for the underlying implementation.

aggregateAcrossGenes, to aggregate expression values across gene sets.

### **Examples**

```
# Mocking a matrix:
library(Matrix)
x <- round(abs(rsparsematrix(1000, 100, 0.1) * 100))
# Simple aggregation:
clusters <- sample(LETTERS, 100, replace=TRUE)
agg <- aggregateAcrossCells(x, list(cluster=clusters))
str(agg)</pre>
```

```
# Multi-factor aggregation
samples <- sample(1:5, 100, replace=TRUE)
agg2 <- aggregateAcrossCells(x, list(cluster=clusters, sample=samples))
str(agg2)</pre>
```

aggregateAcrossGenes Aggregate expression across genes

### **Description**

Aggregate expression values across genes, potentially with weights. This is typically used to summarize expression values for gene sets into a single per-cell score.

# Usage

```
aggregateAcrossGenes(x, sets, average = FALSE, num.threads = 1)
```

### **Arguments**

х	A matrix-like object where rows correspond to genes or genomic features and columns correspond to cells. Values are typically expected to be counts.
sets	A list of integer vectors containing the row indices of genes in each set. Alternatively, each entry may be a list of length 2, containing an integer vector (row indices) and a numeric vector (weights).
average	Logical scalar indicating whether to compute the average rather than the sum.
num.threads	Integer specifying the number of threads to be used for aggregation.

# Value

A list of length equal to that of sets. Each entry is a numeric vector of length equal to the number of columns in x, containing the (weighted) sum/mean of expression values for the corresponding set across all cells.

# Author(s)

Aaron Lun

#### See Also

The aggregate\_across\_genes function in https://libscran.github.io/scran\_aggregate/, for the underlying implementation.

aggregateAcrossCells, to aggregate expression values across groups of cells.

### **Examples**

```
# Mocking a matrix:
library(Matrix)
x <- round(abs(rsparsematrix(1000, 100, 0.1) * 100))
# Unweighted aggregation:
sets <- list(
    foo = sample(nrow(x), 20),
    bar = sample(nrow(x), 10)
)
agg <- aggregateAcrossGenes(x, sets)
str(agg)
# Weighted aggregation:
sets <- list(
    foo = list(sample(nrow(x), 20), runif(20)),
    bar = list(sample(nrow(x), 10), runif(10))
)
agg2 <- aggregateAcrossGenes(x, sets, average = TRUE)
str(agg2)</pre>
```

analyze

Analyze single-cell data

### **Description**

Execute a simple single-cell analysis pipeline, starting from a count matrix and ending with clusters, visualizations and markers. This also supports integration of multiple modalities and correction of batch effects.

# Usage

```
analyze(
  rna.x,
  adt.x = NULL,
  crispr.x = NULL,
  block = NULL,
  rna.subsets = list(),
  adt.subsets = list(),
  suggestRnaQcThresholds.args = list(),
  suggestAdtQcThresholds.args = list(),
  suggestCrisprQcThresholds.args = list(),
  filter.cells = TRUE,
  centerSizeFactors.args = list(),
  computeClrm1Factors.args = list(),
  normalizeCounts.args = list(),
  modelGeneVariances.args = list(),
```

```
chooseHighlyVariableGenes.args = list(),
  runPca.args = list(),
  use.rna.pcs = TRUE,
  use.adt.pcs = TRUE,
  use.crispr.pcs = TRUE,
  scaleByNeighbors.args = list(),
  correctMnn.args = list(),
  runUmap.args = list(),
  runTsne.args = list(),
  buildSnnGraph.args = list(),
  clusterGraph.args = list(),
  runAllNeighborSteps.args = list(),
  kmeans.clusters = NULL,
  clusterKmeans.args = list(),
  clusters.for.markers = c("graph", "kmeans"),
  scoreMarkers.args = list(),
  BNPARAM = AnnoyParam(),
  rna.assay = 1L,
  adt.assay = 1L,
  crispr.assay = 1L,
 num.threads = 3L
)
```

### **Arguments**

Matrix-like object containing RNA counts. This should have the same number rna.x of columns as the other \*.x arguments.

> Alternatively, a SummarizedExperiment instance containing such a matrix in its rna.assay.

Alternatively NULL, if no RNA counts are available.

adt.x Matrix-like object containing ADT counts. This should have the same number

of columns as the other \*.x arguments.

Alternatively, a SummarizedExperiment instance containing such a matrix in its adt.assay.

Alternatively NULL, if no ADT counts are available.

Matrix-like object containing ADT counts. This should have the same number crispr.x

of columns as the other \*.x arguments.

Alternatively, a SummarizedExperiment instance containing such a matrix in its crispr.assay.

Alternatively NULL, if no ADT counts are available.

block Factor specifying the block of origin (e.g., batch, sample) for each cell in the

\*\_x matrices. Alternatively NULL, if all cells are from the same block.

rna.subsets Gene subsets for quality control, typically used for mitochondrial genes. See the

subsets arguments in computeRnaQcMetrics for details.

adt.subsets ADT subsets for quality control, typically used for IgG controls. See the subsets

arguments in computeAdtQcMetrics for details.

suggestRnaQcThresholds.args

Named list of arguments to pass to suggestRnaQcThresholds.

suggestAdtQcThresholds.args

Named list of arguments to pass to suggestAdtQcThresholds.

suggestCrisprQcThresholds.args

Named list of arguments to pass to suggestCrisprQcThresholds.

filter.cells Logical scalar indicating whether to filter the count matrices to only retain highquality cells in all modalities. If FALSE, QC metrics and thresholds are still computed but are not used to filter the count matrices.

centerSizeFactors.args

Named list of arguments to pass to centerSizeFactors.

computeClrm1Factors.args

Named list of arguments to pass to computeClrm1Factors. Only used if adt.x is provided.

normalizeCounts.args

Named list of arguments to pass to normalizeCounts.

modelGeneVariances.args

Named list of arguments to pass to modelGeneVariances. Only used if rna.x is provided.

chooseHighlyVariableGenes.args

Named list of arguments to pass to chooseHighlyVariableGenes. Only used if rna.x is provided.

runPca. args Named list of arguments to pass to runPca.

Logical scalar indicating whether to use the RNA-derived PCs for downstream steps (i.e., clustering, visualization). Only used if rna.x is provided.

Logical scalar indicating whether to use the ADT-derived PCs for downstream steps (i.e., clustering, visualization). Only used if adt.x is provided.

use.crispr.pcs Logical scalar indicating whether to use the CRISPR-derived PCs for downstream steps (i.e., clustering, visualization). Only used if crispr.x is provided.

scaleByNeighbors.args

Named list of arguments to pass to scaleByNeighbors. Only used if multiple modalities are available and their corresponding use.\*.pcs arguments are TRUE.

correctMnn.args

Named list of arguments to pass to correctMnn. Only used if block is supplied.

runUmap.args Named list of arguments to pass to runUmap. If NULL, UMAP is not performed.

runTsne.args Named list of arguments to pass to runTsne. If NULL, t-SNE is not performed.

buildSnnGraph.args

Named list of arguments to pass to buildSnnGraph. Ignored if clusterGraph.args = NULL.

clusterGraph.args

Named list of arguments to pass to clusterGraph. If NULL, graph-based clustering is not performed.

runAllNeighborSteps.args

Named list of arguments to pass to runAllNeighborSteps.

kmeans.clusters

Integer scalar specifying the number of clusters to use in k-means clustering. If NULL, k-means clustering is not performed.

clusterKmeans.args

Named list of arguments to pass to clusterKmeans. Ignored if kmeans.clusters = NULL.

clusters.for.markers

Character vector of clustering algorithms (either "graph" or "kmeans", specifying the clustering to be used for marker detection. The first available clustering will be chosen.

scoreMarkers.args

Named list of arguments to pass to scoreMarkers. Ignored if no suitable clusterings are available.

BNPARAM A BiocNeighborParam instance specifying the nearest-neighbor search algo-

rithm to use.

rna. assay Integer scalar or string specifying the assay to use if rna. x is a SummarizedEx-

periment.

adt.assay Integer scalar or string specifying the assay to use if adt.x is a SummarizedEx-

periment.

crispr.assay Integer scalar or string specifying the assay to use if crispr.x is a Summarized-

Experiment.

num. threads Integer scalar specifying the number of threads to use in each step.

#### Value

List containing the results of the entire analysis:

- rna.qc.metrics: Results of computeRnaQcMetrics. If RNA data is not available, this is set to NULL instead.
- rna.qc.thresholds: Results of suggestRnaQcThresholds. If RNA data is not available, this is set to NULL instead.
- rna.qc.filter: Results of filterRnaQcMetrics. If RNA data is not available, this is set to NULL instead.
- adt.qc.metrics: Results of computeAdtQcMetrics. If ADT data is not available, this is set to NULL instead.
- adt.qc.thresholds: Results of suggestAdtQcThresholds. If ADT data is not available, this is set to NULL instead.
- adt.qc.filter: Results of filterAdtQcMetrics. If ADT data is not available, this is set to NULL instead.
- crispr.qc.metrics: Results of computeCrisprQcMetrics. If CRISPR data is not available, this
  is set to NULL instead.
- crispr.qc.thresholds: Results of suggestCrisprQcThresholds. If CRISPR data is not available, this is set to NULL instead.
- crispr.qc.filter: Results of filterCrisprQcMetrics. If CRISPR data is not available, this is set to NULL instead.

combined.qc.filter: Logical vector indicating which cells are of high quality and should be retained for downstream analyses.

- rna.filtered: Matrix of RNA counts that has been filtered to only contain the high-quality cells in combined.gc.filter. If RNA data is not available, this is set to NULL instead.
- adt.filtered: Matrix of ADT counts that has been filtered to only contain the high-quality cells in combined.qc.filter. If ADT data is not available, this is set to NULL instead.
- crispr.filtered: Matrix of CRISPR counts that has been filtered to only contain the high-quality cells in combined.gc.filter. If CRISPR data is not available, this is set to NULL instead.
- rna.size.factors: Size factors for the RNA count matrix, derived from the sum of counts for each cell and centered with centerSizeFactors. If RNA data is not available, this is set to NULL instead.
- rna.normalized: Matrix of (log-)normalized expression values derived from RNA counts, as computed by normalizeCounts using rna.size.factors. If RNA data is not available, this is set to NULL instead.
- adt.size.factors: Size factors for the ADT count matrix, computed by computeClrm1Factors and centered with centerSizeFactors. If ADT data is not available, this is set to NULL instead
- adt.normalized: Matrix of (log-)normalized expression values derived from ADT counts, as computed by normalizeCounts using adt.size.factors. If ADT data is not available, this is set to NULL instead.
- crispr.size.factors: Size factors for the CRISPR count matrix, derived from the sum of counts for each cell and centered with centerSizeFactors. If CRISPR data is not available, this is set to NULL instead.
- crispr.normalized: Matrix of (log-)normalized expression values derived from CRISPR counts, as computed by normalizeCounts using crispr.size.factors. If CRISPR data is not available, this is set to NULL instead.
- rna.gene.variances: Results of modelGeneVariances. If RNA data is not available, this is set to NULL instead.
- rna.highly.variable.genes: Results of chooseHighlyVariableGenes. If RNA data is not available, this is set to NULL instead.
- rna.pca: Results of calling runPca on rna.normalized with the rna.highly.variable.genes subset. If RNA data is not available, this is set to NULL instead.
- adt.pca: Results of calling runPca on adt.normalized. If ADT data is not available, this is set to NULL instead.
- crispr.pca: Results of calling runPca on crispr.normalized. If CRISPR data is not available, this is set to NULL instead.
- combined.pca: If only one modality is used for the downstream analysis, this is a string specifying the list element containing the components to be used, e.g., "rna.pca". If multiple modalities are to be combined for downstream analysis, this contains the results of scaleByNeighbors on the PCs of those modalities.
- block: Vector or factor containing the blocking factor for all cells (after filtering, if filter.cells = TRUE). This is set to NULL if no blocking factor was supplied.
- mnn.corrected: Results of correctMnn on the PCs in or referenced by combined.pca. If no blocking factor is supplied, this is set to "None" instead.

```
tsne: Results of runTsne. This is NULL if t-SNE was not performed.
```

- umap: Results of runUmap. This is NULL if UMAP was not performed.
- snn.graph: Results of buildSnnGraph. This is NULL if graph-based clustering was not performed, or if return.graph=FALSE in runAllNeighborSteps.
- graph.clusters: Results of clusterGraph. This is NULL if graph-based clustering was not performed.
- kmeans.clusters: Results of clusterKmeans. This is NULL if k-means clustering was not performed.
- clusters: Integer vector containing the cluster assignment for each cell (after filtering, if filter.cells = TRUE). This may be derived from graph.clusters or kmeans.clusters depending on the choice of clusters.for.markers. If no suitable clusterings are available, this is set to NULL.
- rna.markers: Results of calling scoreMarkers on rna.normalized. This is NULL if RNA data is not available or no suitable clusterings are available.
- adt.markers: Results of calling scoreMarkers on adt.normalized. This is NULL if ADT data is not available or no suitable clusterings are available.
- crispr.markers: Results of calling scoreMarkers on crispr.normalized. This is NULL if CRISPR data is not available or no suitable clusterings are available.

#### Author(s)

Aaron Lun

#### See Also

C++ libraries in https://github.com/libscran, which implement all of these steps.

convertAnalyzeResults, to convert the results into a SingleCellExperiment.

#### **Examples**

```
library(scRNAseq)
sce <- fetchDataset("zeisel-brain-2015", "2023-12-14", realize.assays=TRUE)
sce <- sce[,1:500] # smaller dataset for a faster runtime for R CMD check.
res <- analyze(
    sce,
    rna.subsets=list(mito=grep("^mt-", rownames(sce))),
    num.threads=2 # keep R CMD check happy
)
str(res)
convertAnalyzeResults(res)</pre>
```

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buildSnnGraph	Build a shared nearest neighbor graph	
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# **Description**

Build a shared nearest neighbor (SNN) graph where each node is a cell. Edges are formed between cells that share one or more nearest neighbors, weighted by the number or importance of those shared neighbors.

#### Usage

```
buildSnnGraph(
   x,
   num.neighbors = 10,
   weight.scheme = "ranked",
   num.threads = 1,
   BNPARAM = AnnoyParam()
)
```

### Arguments

X	For buildSnnGraph, a numeric matrix where rows are dimensions and columns are cells, typically containing a low-dimensional representation from, e.g., runPca. Alternatively, a named list of nearest-neighbor search results. This should contain index, an integer matrix where rows are neighbors and columns are cells. Each column contains 1-based indices for the nearest neighbors of the corresponding cell, ordered by increasing distance. The number of neighbors for each cell should be equal to num.neighbors, otherwise a warning is raised. Alternatively, an index constructed by buildIndex.
num.neighbors	Integer scalar specifying the number of neighbors to use to construct the graph.
weight.scheme	String specifying the weighting scheme to use for constructing the SNN graph. This can be "ranked" (default), "jaccard" or "number".
num.threads	Integer scalar specifying the number of threads to use. Only used if x is not a list of existing nearest-neighbor search results.
BNPARAM	A BiocNeighborParam object specifying the algorithm to use. Only used if x is not a list of existing nearest-neighbor search results.

### Value

If as.pointer=FALSE, a list is returned containing:

- vertices, an integer scalar specifying the number of vertices in the graph (i.e., cells in x).
- edges, an integer vector of 1-based indices for graph edges. Pairs of values represent the endpoints of an (undirected) edge, i.e., edges[1:2] form the first edge, edges[3:4] form the second edge and so on.
- weights, a numeric vector of weights for each edge. This has length equal to half the length of edges.

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#### Author(s)

Aaron Lun

#### See Also

The build\_snn\_graph function in https://libscran.github.io/scran\_graph\_cluster/, for details on the weighting scheme.

clusterGraph, to define clusters (i.e., communities) from the graph.

### **Examples**

```
data <- matrix(rnorm(10000), ncol=1000)
out <- buildSnnGraph(data)
str(out)

# We can use this to make an igraph::graph.
g <- igraph::make_undirected_graph(out$edges, n = out$vertices)
igraph::E(g)$weight <- out$weight</pre>
```

centerSizeFactors

Center size factors

# Description

Scale the size factors so they are centered at unity, which ensures that the scale of the counts is preserved (on average) after normalization.

#### Usage

```
centerSizeFactors(size.factors, block = NULL, mode = c("lowest", "per-block"))
```

# **Arguments**

block Vector or factor of length equal to size. factors, specifying the block of origin

for each cell. Alternatively NULL, in which case all cells are assumed to be in the

same block.

mode String specifying how to scale size factors across blocks. "lowest" will com-

pute the average size factor in each block, identify the lowest average across all blocks, and then scale all size factors by that value. "per-block" will compute the average size factor in each block, and then scale each size factor by the

average of block to which it belongs. Only used if block is provided.

### Value

Numeric vector of length equal to size. factors, containing the centered size factors.

# Author(s)

Aaron Lun

### See Also

The center\_size\_factors and center\_size\_factors\_blocked functions in https://libscran.github.io/scran\_norm/, for the rationale behind centering the size factors.

# **Examples**

```
centerSizeFactors(runif(100))
centerSizeFactors(runif(100), block=sample(3, 100, replace=TRUE))
```

 ${\tt choose Highly Variable Genes}$ 

Choose highly variable genes

# Description

Choose highly variable genes (HVGs) based on a variance-related statistic.

# Usage

```
chooseHighlyVariableGenes(
  stats,
  top = 4000,
  larger = TRUE,
  keep.ties = TRUE,
  bound = NULL
)
```

# Arguments

stats	Numeric vector of variances (or a related statistic) across all genes. Typically the residuals from modelGeneVariances are used here.
top	Integer specifying the number of top genes to retain. Note that the actual number of retained genes may not be equal to top, depending on the other options.
larger	Logical scalar indicating whether larger values of stats correspond to more variable genes. If TRUE, HVGs are defined as those with the largest values of stats.
keep.ties	Logical scalar indicating whether to keep tied values of stats, even if top may be exceeded.
bound	Numeric scalar specifying the lower bound (if larger=TRUE) or upper bound (otherwise) to be applied to stats. Genes are not considered to be HVGs if they do not pass this bound, even if they are within the top genes. Ignored if NULL.

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# Value

Integer vector containing the indices of genes in stats that are considered to be highly variable.

# Author(s)

Aaron Lun

### See Also

The choose\_highly\_variable\_genes function in https://libscran.github.io/scran\_variances/, for the underlying implementation.

# **Examples**

```
resids <- rexp(10000)
str(chooseHighlyVariableGenes(resids))</pre>
```

choosePseudoCount

Choose a suitable pseudo-count

# **Description**

Choose a suitable pseudo-count to control the bias introduced by log-transformation of normalized counts.

# Usage

```
choosePseudoCount(size.factors, quantile = 0.05, max.bias = 1, min.value = 1)
```

# **Arguments**

size.factors Numeric vector of size factors for all cells.

quantile Numeric scalar specifying the quantile to use for defining extreme size factors.

max.bias Numeric scalar specifying the maximum allowed bias.

min.value Numeric scalar specifying the minimum value for the pseudo-count.

# Value

A choice of pseudo-count for normalizeCounts.

### Author(s)

Aaron Lun

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### See Also

The choose\_pseudo\_count function in https://libscran.github.io/scran\_norm/, for the motivation behind calculating a larger pseudo-count.

### **Examples**

```
sf <- runif(100)
choosePseudoCount(sf)
choosePseudoCount(sf, quantile=0.01)
choosePseudoCount(sf, max.bias=0.5)</pre>
```

clusterGraph

Graph-based clustering of cells

### **Description**

Identify clusters of cells using a variety of community detection methods from a graph where similar cells are connected.

# Usage

```
clusterGraph(
    X,
    method = c("multilevel", "leiden", "walktrap"),
    multilevel.resolution = 1,
    leiden.resolution = 1,
    leiden.objective = c("modularity", "cpm"),
    walktrap.steps = 4,
    seed = 42
)
```

### **Arguments**

x List containing graph information or an external pointer to a graph, as returned by buildSnnGraph. Alternatively, an igraph object with edge weights.

method String specifying the algorithm to use.

multilevel.resolution

Numeric scalar specifying the resolution when method="multilevel".

leiden.resolution

Numeric scalar specifying the resolution when method="leiden".

leiden.objective

String specifying the objective function when method="leiden".

walktrap.steps Integer scalar specifying the number of steps to use when method="walktrap".

seed Integer scalar specifying the random seed to use for method="multilevel" or "leiden".

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#### Value

A list containing membership, an integer vector containing the cluster assignment for each cell; and status, an integer scalar indicating whether the algorithm completed successfully (0) or not (non-zero). Additional fields may be present depending on the method:

- For method="multilevel", the levels list contains the clustering result at each level of the algorithm. A modularity numeric vector also contains the modularity at each level, the highest of which corresponds to the reported membership.
- For method="leiden", a quality numeric scalar containg the quality of the partitioning.
- For method="walktrap", a merges matrix specifies the pair of cells or clusters that were merged at each step of the algorithm. A modularity numeric scalar also contains the modularity of the final partitioning.

# Author(s)

Aaron Lun

#### See Also

https://igraph.org/c/html/latest/igraph-Community.html, for the underlying implementation of each clustering method.

The various cluster\_\* functions in https://libscran.github.io/scran\_graph\_cluster/, for wrappers around the **igraph** code.

# **Examples**

```
data <- matrix(rnorm(10000), ncol=1000)
gout <- buildSnnGraph(data)
str(gout)

str(clusterGraph(gout))
str(clusterGraph(gout, method="leiden"))
str(clusterGraph(gout, method="walktrap"))</pre>
```

clusterKmeans

K-means clustering

### **Description**

Perform k-means clustering with a variety of different initialization and refinement algorithms.

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### Usage

```
clusterKmeans(
    x,
    k,
    init.method = c("var-part", "kmeans++", "random"),
    refine.method = c("hartigan-wong", "lloyd"),
    var.part.optimize.partition = TRUE,
    var.part.size.adjustment = 1,
    lloyd.iterations = 100,
    hartigan.wong.iterations = 10,
    hartigan.wong.quick.transfer.iterations = 50,
    hartigan.wong.quit.quick.transfer.failure = FALSE,
    seed = 5489L,
    num.threads = 1
)
```

#### **Arguments**

x Numeric matrix where rows are dimensions and columns are cells.

k Integer scalar specifying the number of clusters.

init.method String specifying the initialization method: variance partitioning ("var-part"),

kmeans++ ("kmeans++") or random initialization ("random").

refine.method String specifying the refinement method: Lloyd's algorithm ("lloyd") or the

Hartigan-Wong algorithm ("hartigan-wong").

var.part.optimize.partition

Logical scalar indicating whether each partition boundary should be optimized to reduce the sum of squares in the child partitions. Only used if init.method

= "var.part".

var.part.size.adjustment

Numeric scalar between 0 and 1, specifying the adjustment to the cluster size when prioritizing the next cluster to partition. Setting this to 0 will ignore the cluster size while setting this to 1 will generally favor larger clusters. Only used if init.method = "var.part".

lloyd.iterations

Integer scalar specifying the maximmum number of iterations for the Lloyd algorithm.

hartigan.wong.iterations

Integer scalar specifying the maximmum number of iterations for the Hartigan-Wong algorithm.

hartigan.wong.quick.transfer.iterations

Integer scalar specifying the maximmum number of quick transfer iterations for the Hartigan-Wong algorithm.

hartigan.wong.quit.quick.transfer.failure

Logical scalar indicating whether to quit the Hartigan-Wong algorithm upon convergence failure during quick transfer iterations.

seed Integer scalar specifying the seed to use for random or kmeans++ initialization.

num. threads Integer scalar specifying the number of threads to use.

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#### Value

By default, a list is returned containing:

- clusters, a factor containing the cluster assignments for each cell.
- centers, a numeric matrix with the coordinates of the cluster centroids (dimensions in rows, centers in columns).
- iterations, an integer scalar specifying the number of refinement iterations that were performed.
- status, an integer scalar specifying the convergence status. Any non-zero value indicates a convergence failure though the exact meaning depends on the choice of refine.method.

#### Author(s)

Aaron Lun

### See Also

https://ltla.github.io/CppKmeans/, which describes the various initialization and refinement algorithms in more detail.

# **Examples**

```
x <- t(as.matrix(iris[,1:4]))
clustering <- clusterKmeans(x, k=3)
table(clustering$clusters, iris[,"Species"])</pre>
```

combineFactors

Combine multiple factors

# **Description**

Combine multiple categorical factors based on the unique combinations of levels from each factor.

#### Usage

```
combineFactors(factors, keep.unused = FALSE)
```

### **Arguments**

factors List of vectors or factors of the same length. Corresponding elements across

all vectors/factors represent the combination of levels for a single observation. For factors, any existing levels are respected. For other vectors, the sorted and

unique values are used as levels.

Alternatively, a data frame where each column is a vector or factor and each row

corresponds to an observation.

keep.unused Logical scalar indicating whether to report unused combinations of levels.

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### Value

List containing levels, a data frame containing the sorted and unique combinations of levels from factors; and index, an integer vector specifying the index into levels for each observation.

### Author(s)

Aaron Lun

# See Also

The combine\_factors function in https://libscran.github.io/scran\_aggregate/, which provides the underlying implementation.

# **Examples**

```
combineFactors(list(
    sample(LETTERS[1:5], 100, replace=TRUE),
    sample(3, 100, replace=TRUE)
))

combineFactors(list(
    factor(sample(LETTERS[1:5], 10, replace=TRUE), LETTERS[1:5]),
    factor(sample(5, 10, replace=TRUE), 1:5)
), keep.unused=TRUE)
```

computeClrm1Factors

Compute size factors for ADT counts

# Description

Compute size factors from an ADT count matrix using the CLRm1 method.

# Usage

```
computeClrm1Factors(x, num.threads = 1)
```

# **Arguments**

A matrix-like object containing ADT count data. Rows correspond to tags and columns correspond to cells.

num. threads Number of threads to use.

# Value

Numeric vector containing the CLRm1 size factor for each cell. Note that these size factors are not centered and should be passed through, e.g., centerSizeFactors before normalization.

### Author(s)

Aaron Lun

#### See Also

https://github.com/libscran/clrm1, for a description of the CLRm1 method.

# **Examples**

```
library(Matrix)
x <- abs(rsparsematrix(1000, 100, 0.1) * 10)
head(computeClrm1Factors(x))</pre>
```

convertAnalyzeResults Convert analysis results into a SingleCellExperiment

# **Description**

Convert results from analyze into a SingleCellExperiment for further analysis with Bioconductor packages.

# Usage

```
convertAnalyzeResults(
  results,
  main.modality = NULL,
  flatten.qc.subsets = TRUE,
  include.per.block.variances = FALSE
)
```

# Arguments

results List of results produced by analyze.

main.modality String specifying the modality to use as the main experiment of a SingleCellEx-

periment.

flatten.qc.subsets

Logical scalar indicating whether QC metrics for subsets should be flattened in the column data. If FALSE, subset metrics are reported as a nested DataFrame.

include.per.block.variances

Logical scalar indicating whether the per-block variances should be reported as a nested DataFrame in the row data.

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#### Value

A SingleCellExperiment containing most of the analysis results. Filtered and normalized matrices are stored in the assays. QC metrics, size factors and clusterings are stored in the column data. Gene variances are stored in the row data. PCA, t-SNE and UMAP results are stored in the reduced dimensions. Further modalities are stored as alternative experiments.

### Author(s)

Aaron Lun

#### See Also

analyze, to generate results.

correctMnn

Batch correction with mutual nearest neighbors

# **Description**

Apply mutual nearest neighbor (MNN) correction to remove batch effects from a low-dimensional matrix.

# Usage

```
correctMnn(
    x,
    block,
    num.neighbors = 15,
    num.mads = 3,
    robust.iterations = 2,
    robust.trim = 0.25,
    mass.cap = NULL,
    order = NULL,
    reference.policy = c("max-rss", "max-size", "max-variance", "input"),
    BNPARAM = AnnoyParam(),
    num.threads = 1
)
```

### **Arguments**

Numeric matrix where rows are dimensions and columns are cells, typically

containing low-dimensional coordinates (e.g., from runPca).

block Factor specifying the block of origin (e.g., batch, sample) for each cell in x.

 ${\tt num.neighbors} \quad \text{Integer scalar specifying the number of neighbors to use when identifying MNN}$ 

pairs.

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num.mads Numeric scalar specifying the number of median absolute deviations to use for removing outliers in the center-of-mass calculations.

robust.iterations

Integer scalar specifying the number of iterations for robust calculation of the center of mass.

robust.trim Numeric scalar in [0, 1) specifying the trimming proportion for robust calcula-

tion of the center of mass.

mass.cap Integer scalar specifying the cap on the number of observations to use for center-

of-mass calculations on the reference dataset. A value of 100,000 may be appropriate for speeding up correction of very large datasets. If NULL, no cap is

used.

order Vector containing levels of batch in the desired merge order. If NULL, a suitable

merge order is automatically determined.

reference.policy

String specifying the policy to use to choose the first reference batch. This can be based on the largest batch ("max-size"), the most variable batch ("max-variance"), the batch with the largest residual sum of squares ("max-rss"), or the first specified input ("input"). Only used for automatic merges, i.e., when order=NULL.

BNPARAM A BiocNeighborParam object specifying the nearest-neighbor algorithm to use.

num. threads Integer scalar specifying the number of threads to use.

#### Value

# List containing:

- corrected, a numeric matrix of the same dimensions as x, containing the corrected values.
- merge.order, character vector containing the unique levels of batch in the automatically determined merge order. The first level in this vector is used as the reference batch; all other batches are iteratively merged to it.
- num.pairs, integer vector of length equal to the number of batches minus 1. This contains the number of MNN pairs at each merge.

#### Author(s)

Aaron Lun

# See Also

https://libscran.github.io/mnncorrect/, for more details on the underlying implementation.

# **Examples**

```
# Mocking up a dataset with multiple batches.
x <- matrix(rnorm(10000), nrow=10)
b <- sample(3, ncol(x), replace=TRUE)
x[,b==2] <- x[,b==2] + 3
x[,b==3] <- x[,b==3] + 5
lapply(split(colMeans(x), b), mean) # indeed the means differ...</pre>
```

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```
corrected <- correctMnn(x, b)
str(corrected)
lapply(split(colMeans(corrected$corrected), b), mean) # now merged.</pre>
```

```
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```

Quality control for CRISPR count data

# **Description**

Compute per-cell QC metrics from an initialized matrix of CRISPR counts, and use the metrics to suggest filter thresholds to retain high-quality cells.

# Usage

```
computeCrisprQcMetrics(x, num.threads = 1)
suggestCrisprQcThresholds(metrics, block = NULL, num.mads = 3)
filterCrisprQcMetrics(thresholds, metrics, block = NULL)
```

# **Arguments**

х	A matrix-like object where rows are CRISPRs and columns are cells. Values are expected to be counts.
num.threads	Integer scalar specifying the number of threads to use.
metrics	List with the same structure as produced by computeCrisprQcMetrics.
block	Factor specifying the block of origin (e.g., batch, sample) for each cell in metrics. Alternatively NULL if all cells are from the same block.
	For filterCrisprQcMetrics, a blocking factor should be provided if block was used to construct thresholds.
num.mads	Number of median from the median, to define the threshold for outliers in each metric.
thresholds	List with the same structure as produced by suggestCrisprQcThresholds.

# Value

For computeCrisprQcMetrics, a list is returned containing:

- sum, a numeric vector containing the total CRISPR count for each cell.
- detected, an integer vector containing the number of detected guides per cell.
- max.value, a numeric vector containing the count for the most abundant guide in cell.
- max. index, an integer vector containing the row index of the most abundant guide in cell.

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Each vector is of length equal to the number of cells.

For suggestCrisprQcThresholds, a named list is returned.

- If block=NULL, the list contains:
  - max.value, a numeric scalar containing the lower bound on the maximum counts for each blocking level.
- Otherwise, if block is supplied, the list contains:
  - max.value, a numeric vector containing the lower bound on the maximum counts for each blocking level.

Each vector is of length equal to the number of levels in block and is named accordingly.

For filterCrisprQcMetrics, a logical vector of length ncol(x) is returned indicating which cells are of high quality.

### Author(s)

Aaron Lun

#### See Also

The compute\_crispr\_qc\_metrics, compute\_crispr\_qc\_filters and compute\_crispr\_qc\_filters\_blocked functions in https://libscran.github.io/scran\_qc/, for the rationale of QC filtering on CRISPR counts.

# **Examples**

```
# Mocking a matrix:
library(Matrix)
x <- round(abs(rsparsematrix(100, 100, 0.1) * 100))
qc <- computeCrisprQcMetrics(x)
str(qc)
filt <- suggestCrisprQcThresholds(qc)
str(filt)
keep <- filterCrisprQcMetrics(filt, qc)
summary(keep)</pre>
```

fitVarianceTrend

Fit a mean-variance trend

# **Description**

Fit a trend to the per-cell variances with respect to the mean.

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# Usage

```
fitVarianceTrend(
  means,
  variances,
  mean.filter = TRUE,
  min.mean = 0.1,
  transform = TRUE,
  span = 0.3,
  use.min.width = FALSE,
  min.width = 1,
  min.window.count = 200,
  num.threads = 1
)
```

# **Arguments**

means	Numeric vector containing the mean (log-)expression for each gene.			
variances	Numeric vector containing the variance in the (log-)expression for each gene.			
mean.filter	Logical scalar indicating whether to filter on the means before trend fitting.			
min.mean	Numeric scalar specifying the minimum mean of genes to use in trend fitting. Only used if mean.filter=TRUE.			
transform	Logical scalar indicating whether a quarter-root transformation should be applied before trend fitting.			
span	$Numeric\ scalar\ specifying\ the\ span\ of\ the\ LOWESS\ smoother.\ Ignored\ if\ use\ .min\ .width=TRUE.$			
use.min.width	Logical scalar indicating whether a minimum width constraint should be applied to the LOWESS smoother. Useful to avoid overfitting in high-density intervals.			
min.width	Minimum width of the window to use when use.min.width=TRUE.			
min.window.count				
	Minimum number of observations in each window. Only used if use.min.width=TRUE.			

# Value

List containing fitted, the fitted values of the trend for each gene; and residuals, the residuals from the trend.

Number of threads to use.

# Author(s)

Aaron Lun

num.threads

# See Also

The fit\_variance\_trend function in https://libscran.github.io/scran\_variances/, for the underlying implementation.

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### **Examples**

```
x <- runif(1000)
y <- 2^rnorm(1000)
out <- fitVarianceTrend(x, y)

plot(x, y)
o <- order(x)
lines(x[o], out$fitted[o], col="red")</pre>
```

modelGeneVariances

Model per-gene variances in expression

# **Description**

Compute the variance in (log-)expression values for each gene, and model the trend in the variances with respect to the mean.

# Usage

```
modelGeneVariances(
    x,
    block = NULL,
    block.weight.policy = c("variable", "equal", "none"),
    variable.block.weight = c(0, 1000),
    mean.filter = TRUE,
    min.mean = 0.1,
    transform = TRUE,
    span = 0.3,
    use.min.width = FALSE,
    min.width = 1,
    min.window.count = 200,
    num.threads = 1
)
```

# **Arguments**

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A matrix-like object where rows correspond to genes or genomic features and columns correspond to cells. It is typically expected to contain log-expression values, e.g., from normalizeCounts.

block

Factor specifying the block of origin (e.g., batch, sample) for each cell in x. Alternatively NULL if all cells are from the same block.

block.weight.policy

String specifying the policy to use for weighting different blocks when computing the average for each statistic Only used if block is not NULL.

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variable.block.weight

Numeric vector of length 2, specifying the parameters for variable block weighting. The first and second values are used as the lower and upper bounds, respectively, for the variable weight calculation. Only used if block is not NULL and

block.weight.policy = "variable".

mean.filter Logical scalar indicating whether to filter on the means before trend fitting.

Min.mean Numeric scalar specifying the minimum mean of genes to use in trend fitting.
Only used if mean.filter=TRUE.

transform Logical scalar indicating whether a quarter-root transformation should be ap-

plied before trend fitting.

span Numeric scalar specifying the span of the LOWESS smoother. Ignored if use.min.width=TRUE.

use.min.width Logical scalar indicating whether a minimum width constraint should be applied

to the LOWESS smoother. Useful to avoid overfitting in high-density intervals.

min.width Minimum width of the window to use when use.min.width=TRUE.

min.window.count

Minimum number of observations in each window. Only used if use.min.width=TRUE.

num. threads Integer scalar specifying the number of threads to use.

#### Value

A list containing statistics. This is a data frame with the columns means, variances, fitted and residuals, each of which is a numeric vector containing the statistic of the same name across all genes.

If block is supplied, each of the column vectors described above contains the average across all blocks. The list will also contain per.block, a list of data frames containing the equivalent statistics for each block.

### Author(s)

Aaron Lun

#### See Also

The model\_gene\_variances function in https://libscran.github.io/scran\_variances/, for the underlying implementation.

fitVarianceTrend, which fits the mean-variance trend.

# **Examples**

```
library(Matrix)
x <- abs(rsparsematrix(1000, 100, 0.1) * 10)
out <- modelGeneVariances(x)
str(out)

# Throwing in some blocking.
block <- sample(letters[1:4], ncol(x), replace=TRUE)
out <- modelGeneVariances(x, block=block)
str(out)</pre>
```

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normalizeCounts

Normalize the count matrix

# Description

Apply scaling normalization to a count matrix to obtain log-transformed normalized expression values

# Usage

```
normalizeCounts(
    x,
    size.factors,
    log = TRUE,
    pseudo.count = 1,
    log.base = 2,
    preserve.sparsity = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

x A matrix-like object where rows correspond to genes or genomic features and

columns correspond to cells. Values are typically expected to be counts. Alter-

natively, an external pointer created by initializeCpp.

size. factors A numeric vector of length equal to the number of cells in x, containing positive

size factors for all cells.

log Logical scalar indicating whether log-transformation should be performed.

pseudo.count Numeric scalar specifying the positive pseudo-count to add before any log-

transformation. Ignored if log=FALSE.

log.base Numeric scalar specifying the base of the log-transformation. Ignored if log=FALSE.

preserve.sparsity

Logical scalar indicating whether to preserve sparsity for pseudo.count != 1. If TRUE, users should manually add log(pseudo.count, log.base) to the returned matrix to obtain the desired log-transformed expression values. Ignored

if log = FALSE or pseudo.count = 1.

#### Value

If x is a matrix-like object, a DelayedArray is returned containing the (log-transformed) normalized expression matrix.

If x is an external pointer produced by initializeCpp, a new external pointer is returned containing the normalized expression matrix.

# Author(s)

Aaron Lun

### See Also

The normalize\_counts function in https://libscran.github.io/scran\_norm/, for the rationale behind normalization and log-transformation.

# **Examples**

```
# Mocking a matrix:
library(Matrix)
x <- round(abs(rsparsematrix(1000, 100, 0.1) * 100))
sf <- centerSizeFactors(colSums(x))
normed <- normalizeCounts(x, size.factors=sf)
normed

# Passing a pointer.
ptr <- beachmat::initializeCpp(x)
optr <- normalizeCounts(ptr, sf)
optr</pre>
```

reportGroupMarkerStatistics

Report marker statistics for a single group

### **Description**

Combine all marker statistics for a single group into a data frame for easy inspection.

### Usage

```
reportGroupMarkerStatistics(
  results,
  group,
  effect.sizes = NULL,
  summaries = NULL,
  include.mean = TRUE,
  include.detected = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

results Named list of marker statistics, typically generated by scoreMarkers with all.pairwise=FALSE.
group String or integer scalar specifying the group of interest.
effect.sizes Character vector specifying the effect sizes of interest. If NULL, all effect sizes

character vector specifying the circuit sizes of interest. If well, the circuit

are reported in the returned data frame.

summaries Character vector specifying the summary statistics of interest. If NULL, all sum-

maries are reported in the returned data frame.

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include.mean Logical scalar indicating whether the mean expression should be reported in the returned data frame.

include.detected

Logical scalar indicating whether the proportion of detected cells should be reported in the returned data frame.

#### Value

Data frame where each row corresponds to a gene. Each column contains the requested statistics for group. Effect size summary columns are named as <EFFECT>.<SUMMARY>.

# Author(s)

Aaron Lun

### See Also

scoreMarkers, to generate results.

rna\_quality\_control

Quality control for RNA count data

# **Description**

Compute per-cell QC metrics from an initialized matrix of RNA counts, and use the metrics to suggest filter thresholds to retain high-quality cells.

### Usage

```
computeRnaQcMetrics(x, subsets, num.threads = 1)
suggestRnaQcThresholds(metrics, block = NULL, num.mads = 3)
filterRnaQcMetrics(thresholds, metrics, block = NULL)
```

# Arguments

X	A matrix-like object where rows are genes and columns are cells. Values are expected to be counts.
subsets	List of vectors specifying gene subsets of interest, typically for control-like features like mitochondrial genes or spike-in transcripts. Each vector may be logical (whether to keep each row), integer (row indices) or character (row names).
num.threads	Integer scalar specifying the number of threads to use.
metrics	List with the same structure as produced by computeRnaQcMetrics.

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block Factor specifying the block of origin (e.g., batch, sample) for each cell in metrics.

Alternatively NULL if all cells are from the same block.

For filterRnaQcMetrics, a blocking factor should be provided if block was

used to construct thresholds.

num.mads Number of median from the median, to define the threshold for outliers in each

metric.

thresholds List with the same structure as produced by suggestRnaQcThresholds.

### Value

For computeRnaQcMetrics, a list is returned containing:

• sum, a numeric vector containing the total RNA count for each cell.

- detected, an integer vector containing the number of detected genes per cell.
- subsets, a list of numeric vectors containing the proportion of counts in each feature subset.

Each vector is of length equal to the number of cells.

For suggestRnaQcThresholds, a named list is returned.

- If block=NULL, the list contains:
  - sum, a numeric scalar containing the lower bound on the sum.
  - detected, a numeric scalar containing the lower bound on the number of detected genes.
  - subsets, a numeric vector containing the upper bound on the sum of counts in each feature subset.
- Otherwise, if block is supplied, the list contains:
  - sum, a numeric vector containing the lower bound on the sum for each blocking level.
  - detected, a numeric vector containing the lower bound on the number of detected genes for each blocking level.
  - subsets, a list of numeric vectors containing the upper bound on the sum of counts in each feature subset for each blocking level.

Each vector is of length equal to the number of levels in block and is named accordingly.

For filterRnaQcMetrics, a logical vector of length ncol(x) is returned indicating which cells are of high quality.

# Author(s)

Aaron Lun

# See Also

The compute\_rna\_qc\_metrics, compute\_rna\_qc\_filters and compute\_rna\_qc\_filters\_blocked functions in https://libscran.github.io/scran\_qc/, for the rationale of QC filtering on ADT counts.

### **Examples**

```
# Mocking a matrix:
library(Matrix)
x <- round(abs(rsparsematrix(1000, 100, 0.1) * 100))

# Mocking up a control set.
sub <- list(mito=rbinom(nrow(x), 1, 0.1) > 0)

qc <- computeRnaQcMetrics(x, sub)
str(qc)

filt <- suggestRnaQcThresholds(qc)
str(filt)

keep <- filterRnaQcMetrics(filt, qc)
summary(keep)</pre>
```

runAllNeighborSteps

Run all neighbor-related steps

# **Description**

Run all steps that require a nearest-neighbor search. This includs runUmap, runTsne and buildSnnGraph with clusterGraph. The idea is to build the index once, perform the neighbor search, and run each task in parallel to save time.

# Usage

```
runAllNeighborSteps(
    x,
    runUmap.args = list(),
    runTsne.args = list(),
    buildSnnGraph.args = list(),
    clusterGraph.args = list(),
    BNPARAM = AnnoyParam(),
    return.graph = FALSE,
    collapse.search = FALSE,
    num.threads = 3
)
```

# Arguments

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Numeric matrix where rows are dimensions and columns are cells, typically containing a low-dimensional representation from, e.g., runPca.

Alternatively, an index constructed by buildIndex.

runUmap.args

Named list of further arguments to pass to runUmap. This can be set to NULL to omit the UMAP.

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runTsne.args Named list of further arguments to pass to runTsne. This can be set to NULL to

omit the t-SNE.

buildSnnGraph.args

Named list of further arguments to pass to buildSnnGraph. Ignored if clusterGraph.args=NULL.

clusterGraph.args

Named list of further arguments to pass to clusterGraph. This can be set to

NULL to omit the clustering.

BNPARAM A BiocNeighborParam instance specifying the nearest-neighbor search algo-

rithm to use.

return.graph Logical scalar indicating whether to return the output of buildSnnGraph. By

default, only the output of clusterGraph is returned.

collapse.search

Logical scalar indicating whether to collapse the nearest-neighbor search for each step into a single search. Steps that need fewer neighbors will take a subset of the neighbors from the collapsed search. This is faster but may not give the same results as separate searches for some algorithms (e.g., approximate

searches).

num. threads Integer scalar specifying the number of threads to use. At least one thread should

be available for each step.

#### Value

A named list containing the results of each step. See each individual function for the format of the results.

#### Author(s)

Aaron Lun

#### **Examples**

```
x <- t(as.matrix(iris[,1:4]))
# (Turning down the number of threads so that R CMD check is happy.)
res <- runAllNeighborSteps(x, num.threads=2)
str(res)</pre>
```

runPca

Principal components analysis

# Description

Run a PCA on the gene-by-cell log-expression matrix to obtain a low-dimensional representation for downstream analyses.

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#### Usage

```
runPca(
  Χ,
 number = 25,
  scale = FALSE,
 block = NULL,
 block.weight.policy = c("variable", "equal", "none"),
  variable.block.weight = c(0, 1000),
  components.from.residuals = FALSE,
  extra.work = 7,
 iterations = 1000,
  seed = 5489,
 realized = TRUE,
 num.threads = 1
)
```

#### **Arguments**

Х

A matrix-like object where rows correspond to genes or genomic features and columns correspond to cells. Typically, the matrix is expected to contain logexpression values, and the rows should be filtered to relevant (e.g., highly variable) genes.

number

Integer scalar specifying the number of PCs to retain.

scale

Logical scalar indicating whether to scale all genes to have the same variance.

block

Factor specifying the block of origin (e.g., batch, sample) for each cell in x.

Alternatively NULL if all cells are from the same block.

block.weight.policy

String specifying the policy to use for weighting different blocks when computing the average for each statistic. Only used if block is not NULL.

variable.block.weight

Numeric vector of length 2, specifying the parameters for variable block weighting. The first and second values are used as the lower and upper bounds, respectively, for the variable weight calculation. Only used if block is not NULL and block.weight.policy = "variable".

components.from.residuals

Logical scalar indicating whether to compute the PC scores from the residuals in the presence of a blocking factor. By default, the residuals are only used to compute the rotation matrix, and the original expression values of the cells are projected onto this new space. Only used if block is not NULL.

extra.work

Integer scalar specifying the extra dimensions for the IRLBA workspace.

iterations

Integer scalar specifying the maximum number of restart iterations for IRLBA.

seed

Integer scalar specifying the seed for the initial random vector in IRLBA.

realized

Logical scalar indicating whether to realize x into an optimal memory layout for

IRLBA. This speeds up computation at the cost of increased memory usage.

num.threads

Number of threads to use.

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### Value

List containing:

• components, a matrix of PC scores. Rows are dimensions (i.e., PCs) and columns are cells.

- rotation, the rotation matrix. Rows are genes and columns are dimensions.
- variance.explained, the vector of variances explained by each PC.
- total.variance, the total variance in the dataset.
- center, a numeric vector containing the mean for each gene. If block is provided, this is instead a matrix containing the mean for each gene (column) in each block (row).
- scale, a numeric vector containing the scaling for each gene. Only reported if scale=TRUE.

### Author(s)

Aaron Lun

### See Also

https://libscran.github.io/scran\_pca/, for more details on the PCA. In particular, the documentation for the blocked\_pca function explains the blocking strategy.

# Examples

```
library(Matrix)
x <- abs(rsparsematrix(1000, 100, 0.1) * 10)
y <- normalizeCounts(x, size.factors=centerSizeFactors(colSums(x)))
# A simple PCA:
out <- runPca(y)
str(out)
# Blocking on uninteresting factors:
block <- sample(LETTERS[1:3], ncol(y), replace=TRUE)
bout <- runPca(y, block=block)
str(bout)</pre>
```

runTsne

t-stochastic neighbor embedding

## **Description**

Compute t-SNE coordinates to visualize similarities between cells.

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### Usage

```
runTsne(
  Χ,
  perplexity = 30,
  num.neighbors = tsnePerplexityToNeighbors(perplexity),
 max.depth = 20,
 leaf.approximation = FALSE,
 max.iterations = 500,
  seed = 42,
 num.threads = 1,
 BNPARAM = AnnoyParam()
)
tsnePerplexityToNeighbors(perplexity)
```

#### **Arguments**

Χ

Numeric matrix where rows are dimensions and columns are cells, typically containing a low-dimensional representation from, e.g., runPca.

Alternatively, a named list of nearest-neighbor search results like that returned by findKNN. This should contain index, an integer matrix where rows are neighbors and columns are cells; and distance, a numeric matrix of the same dimensions containing the distances to each neighbor. Each column contains 1-based indices for the nearest neighbors of the corresponding cell, ordered by increasing distance. The number of neighbors should be the same as num.neighbors, otherwise a warning is raised.

Alternatively, an index constructed by buildIndex.

perplexity

Numeric scalar specifying the perplexity to use in the t-SNE algorithm.

num.neighbors

Integer scalar specifying the number of neighbors, typically derived from perplexity.

max.depth

Integer scalar specifying the maximum depth of the Barnes-Hut quadtree. Smaller

values (7-10) improve speed at the cost of accuracy.

leaf.approximation

Logical scalar indicating whether to use the "leaf approximation" approach, which sacrifices some accuracy for greater speed. Only effective when max.depth is small enough for multiple cells to be assigned to the same leaf node of the

quadtree.

max.iterations Integer scalar specifying the maximum number of iterations to perform.

seed

Integer scalar specifying the seed to use for generating the initial coordinates.

num.threads

Integer scalar specifying the number of threads to use.

**BNPARAM** 

A BiocNeighborParam object specifying the algorithm to use. Only used if x is not a prebuilt index or a list of existing nearest-neighbor search results.

# Value

For runTsne, a numeric matrix where rows are cells and columns are the two dimensions of the embedding.

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For tsnePerplexityToNeighbors, an integer scalar specifying the number of neighbors to use for a given perplexity.

## Author(s)

Aaron Lun

### See Also

https://libscran.github.io/gdtsne/, for an explanation of the approximations.

# **Examples**

```
x <- t(as.matrix(iris[,1:4]))
embedding <- runTsne(x)
plot(embedding[,1], embedding[,2], col=iris[,5])</pre>
```

runUmap

Uniform manifold approxation and projection

# **Description**

Compute UMAP coordinates to visualize similarities between cells.

## Usage

```
runUmap(
    x,
    num.dim = 2,
    num.neighbors = 15,
    num.epochs = NULL,
    min.dist = 0.1,
    seed = 1234567890,
    num.threads = 1,
    parallel.optimization = FALSE,
    BNPARAM = AnnoyParam()
)
```

# Arguments

Χ

Numeric matrix where rows are dimensions and columns are cells, typically containing a low-dimensional representation from, e.g., runPca.

Alternatively, a named list of nearest-neighbor search results like that returned by findKNN. This should contain index, an integer matrix where rows are neighbors and columns are cells; and distance, a numeric matrix of the same dimensions containing the distances to each neighbor. Each column contains 1-based 40 sanitizeSizeFactors

indices for the nearest neighbors of the corresponding cell, ordered by increasing distance. The number of neighbors should be the same as num.neighbors, otherwise a warning is raised.

Alternatively, an index constructed by buildIndex.

num.dim Integer scalar specifying the number of dimensions of the output embedding.

num.neighbors Integer scalar specifying the number of neighbors to use in the UMAP algorithm.

num.epochs Integer scalar specifying the number of epochs to perform. If set to NULL, an

appropriate number of epochs is chosen based on ncol(x).

min.dist Numeric scalar specifying the minimum distance between points.

seed Integer scalar specifying the seed to use.

num. threads Integer scalar specifying the number of threads to use.

parallel.optimization

Logical scalar specifying whether to parallelize the optimization step.

BNPARAM A BiocNeighborParam object specifying the algorithm to use. Only used if x is

not a prebuilt index or a list of existing nearest-neighbor search results.

### Value

A numeric matrix where rows are cells and columns are the two dimensions of the embedding.

#### Author(s)

Aaron Lun

#### See Also

https://libscran.github.io/umappp/, for details on the underlying implementation.

#### **Examples**

```
x <- t(as.matrix(iris[,1:4]))
embedding <- runUmap(x)
plot(embedding[,1], embedding[,2], col=iris[,5])</pre>
```

sanitizeSizeFactors Sanitize size factors

# Description

Replace invalid size factors, i.e., zero, negative, infinite or NaN values.

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### Usage

```
sanitizeSizeFactors(
  size.factors,
  replace.zero = TRUE,
  replace.negative = TRUE,
  replace.infinite = TRUE,
  replace.nan = TRUE
)
```

# Arguments

size.factors Numeric vector of size factors across cells.

replace.zero Logical scalar indicating whether to replace size factors of zero with the lowest

positive factor. If FALSE, zeros are retained.

replace.negative

Logical scalar indicating whether to replace negative size factors with the lowest positive factor. If FALSE, negative values are retained.

replace.infinite

Logical scalar indicating whether to replace infinite size factors with the largest

positive factor. If FALSE, infinite values are retained.

replace.nan Logical scalar indicating whether to replace NaN size factors with unity. If

FALSE, NaN values are retained.

#### Value

Numeric vector of length equal to size. factors, containing the sanitized size factors.

### Author(s)

Aaron Lun

# See Also

The sanitize\_size\_factors function in https://libscran.github.io/scran\_norm/, for more details on the sanitization.

```
sf <- 2^rnorm(100)
sf[1] <- 0
sf[2] <- -1
sf[3] <- Inf
sf[4] <- NaN
sanitizeSizeFactors(sf)</pre>
```

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scaleByNeighbors

Scale and combine multiple embeddings

#### **Description**

Scale multiple embeddings (usually derived from different modalities across the same set of cells) so that their within-population variances are comparable, and then combine them into a single embedding matrix for combined downstream analysis.

# Usage

```
scaleByNeighbors(
   x,
   num.neighbors = 20,
   num.threads = 1,
   weights = NULL,
   BNPARAM = AnnoyParam()
)
```

## Arguments

Χ

List of numeric matrices of principal components or other embeddings, one for each modality. For each entry, rows are dimensions and columns are cells. All entries should have the same number of columns but may have different numbers

num.neighbors

Integer scalar specifying the number of neighbors to use to define the scaling

factor.

num.threads

Integer scalar specifying the number of threads to use.

weights

Numeric vector of length equal to that of x, specifying the weights to apply to each modality. Each value represents a multiplier of the within-population variance of its modality, i.e., larger values increase the contribution of that modality in the combined output matrix. NULL is equivalent to an all-1 vector, i.e., all

modalities are scaled to have the same within-population variance.

BNPARAM A BiocNeighborParam object specifying how to perform the neighbor search.

## Value

List containing scaling, a vector of scaling factors to be aplied to each embedding; and combined, a numeric matrix formed by scaling each entry of x and then rbinding them together.

#### Author(s)

Aaron Lun

## See Also

https://libscran.github.io/mumosa/, for the basis and caveats of this approach.

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# **Examples**

```
pcs <- list(
    gene = matrix(rnorm(10000), ncol=200),
    protein = matrix(rnorm(1000, sd=3), ncol=200),
    guide = matrix(rnorm(2000, sd=5), ncol=200)
)

out <- scaleByNeighbors(pcs)
out$scaling
dim(out$combined)</pre>
```

scoreGeneSet

Score gene set activity for each cell

# Description

Compute per-cell scores for a gene set, defined as the column sums of a rank-1 approximation to the submatrix for the gene set. This uses the same approach implemented in the **GSDecon** package by Jason Hackney.

# Usage

```
scoreGeneSet(
    x,
    set,
    rank = 1,
    scale = FALSE,
    block = NULL,
    block.weight.policy = c("variable", "equal", "none"),
    variable.block.weight = c(0, 1000),
    extra.work = 7,
    iterations = 1000,
    seed = 5489,
    realized = TRUE,
    num.threads = 1
)
```

# Arguments

X	A matrix-like object where rows correspond to genes or genomic features and columns correspond to cells. Typically, the matrix is expected to contain log-expression values.
set	Integer, logical or character vector specifying the rows that belong to the gene set.
rank	Integer scalar specifying the rank of the approximation.
scale	Logical scalar indicating whether to scale all genes to have the same variance.

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block Factor specifying the block of origin (e.g., batch, sample) for each cell in x. Alternatively NULL if all cells are from the same block.

block.weight.policy

String specifying the policy to use for weighting different blocks when computing the average for each statistic. Only used if block is not NULL.

variable.block.weight

Numeric vector of length 2, specifying the parameters for variable block weighting. The first and second values are used as the lower and upper bounds, respectively, for the variable weight calculation. Only used if block is not NULL and block.weight.policy = "variable".

extra.work Integer scalar specifying the extra dimensions for the IRLBA workspace.

iterations Integer scalar specifying the maximum number of restart iterations for IRLBA.

seed Integer scalar specifying the seed for the initial random vector in IRLBA.

realized Logical scalar indicating whether to realize x into an optimal memory layout for

IRLBA. This speeds up computation at the cost of increased memory usage.

num. threads Number of threads to use.

#### Value

List containing scores, a numeric vector of per-cell scores for each column in x; and weights, a numeric vector of per-gene weights for each gene in set.

#### Author(s)

Aaron Lun

#### See Also

https://libscran.github.io/gsdecon/, for more details on the underlying algorithm. In particular, the documentation for the compute\_blocked function explains the blocking strategy.

```
library(Matrix) 
 x \leftarrow \text{round(abs(rsparsematrix(1000, 100, 0.1) * 100))}

normed \leftarrow \text{normalizeCounts(}x, \text{size.factors=centerSizeFactors(colSums(}x)))

scoreGeneSet(normed, set=c(1,3,5,10,20,100))
```

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scoreMarkers

Score marker genes

# **Description**

Score marker genes for each group using a variety of effect sizes from pairwise comparisons between groups. This includes Cohen's d, the area under the curve (AUC), the difference in the means (delta-mean) and the difference in the proportion of detected cells (delta-detected).

## Usage

```
scoreMarkers(
    x,
    groups,
    block = NULL,
    block.weight.policy = c("variable", "equal", "none"),
    variable.block.weight = c(0, 1000),
    compute.delta.mean = TRUE,
    compute.delta.detected = TRUE,
    compute.cohens.d = TRUE,
    compute.auc = TRUE,
    threshold = 0,
    all.pairwise = FALSE,
    num.threads = 1
)
```

#### **Arguments**

Х

A matrix-like object where rows correspond to genes or genomic features and columns correspond to cells. It is typically expected to contain log-expression values, e.g., from normalizeCounts.

groups

A vector specifying the group assignment for each cell in x.

block

Factor specifying the block of origin (e.g., batch, sample) for each cell in x. Alternatively NULL if all cells are from the same block.

block.weight.policy

String specifying the policy to use for weighting different blocks when computing the average for each statistic Only used if block is not NULL.

variable.block.weight

Numeric vector of length 2, specifying the parameters for variable block weighting. The first and second values are used as the lower and upper bounds, respectively, for the variable weight calculation. Only used if block is not NULL and block.weight.policy = "variable".

compute.delta.mean

Logical scalar indicating whether to compute the delta-means, i.e., the log-fold change when x contains log-expression values.

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compute.delta.detected

Logical scalar indicating whether to compute the delta-detected, i.e., differences in the proportion of cells with detected expression.

compute.cohens.d

Logical scalar indicating whether to compute Cohen's d.

compute.auc Logical scalar indicating whether to compute the AUC. Setting this to FALSE

can improve speed and memory efficiency.

threshold Non-negative numeric scalar specifying the minimum threshold on the differ-

ences in means (i.e., the log-fold change, if x contains log-expression values).

This is incorporated into the effect sizes for Cohen's d and the AUC.

all.pairwise Logical scalar indicating whether to report the full effects for every pairwise

comparison between groups.

num. threads Integer scalar specifying the number of threads to use.

#### Value

If all.pairwise=FALSE, a named list is returned containing:

- mean, a numeric matrix containing the mean expression for each group. Each row is a gene and each column is a group.
- detected, a numeric matrix containing the proportion of detected cells in each group. Each row is a gene and each column is a group.
- cohens.d, a list of data frames where each data frame corresponds to a group. Each row of each data frame represents a gene, while each column contains a summary of Cohen's d from pairwise comparisons to all other groups. This includes the min, mean, median, max and min.rank-check out?summarizeEffects for details. Omitted if compute.cohens.d=FALSE.
- auc, a list like cohens.d but containing the summaries of the AUCs from each pairwise comparison. Omitted if compute.auc=FALSE.
- delta.mean, a list like cohens.d but containing the summaries of the delta-mean from each pairwise comparison. Omitted if compute.delta.mean=FALSE.
- delta.detected, a list like cohens.d but containing the summaries of the delta-detected from each pairwise comparison. Omitted if compute.delta.detected=FALSE.

If all.pairwise=TRUE, a list is returned containing:

- mean, a numeric matrix containing the mean expression for each group. Each row is a gene and each column is a group.
- detected, a numeric matrix containing the proportion of detected cells in each group. Each row is a gene and each column is a group.
- cohens.d, a 3-dimensional numeric array containing the Cohen's d from each pairwise comparison between groups. The extents of the first two dimensions are equal to the number of groups, while the extent of the final dimension is equal to the number of genes. The entry [i, j, k] represents Cohen's d from the comparison of group j over group i for gene k. Omitted if compute.cohens.d=FALSE.
- auc, an array like cohens.d but containing the AUCs from each pairwise comparison. Omitted if compute.auc=FALSE.

- delta.mean, an array like cohens.d but containing the delta-mean from each pairwise comparison. Omitted if compute.delta.mean=FALSE.
- delta.detected, an array like cohens.d but containing the delta-detected from each pairwise comparison. Omitted if compute.delta.detected=FALSE.

### See Also

The score\_markers\_summary and the score\_markers\_pairwise function (for all.pairwise=FALSE and TRUE, respectively) in <a href="https://libscran.github.io/scran\_markers/">https://libscran.github.io/scran\_markers/</a>, which describes the rationale behind the choice of effect sizes and summary statistics. Also see their blocked equivalents score\_markers\_summary\_blocked and score\_markers\_pairwise\_blocked when block is not NULL.

summarizeEffects, to summarize the pairwise effects returned when all.pairwise=TRUE. reportGroupMarkerStatistics, to consolidate the statistics for a single group into its own data frame.

# **Examples**

```
# Mocking a matrix:
library(Matrix)
x <- round(abs(rsparsematrix(1000, 100, 0.1) * 100))
normed <- normalizeCounts(x, size.factors=centerSizeFactors(colSums(x)))
# Compute marker summaries for each group:
g <- sample(letters[1:4], ncol(x), replace=TRUE)
scores <- scoreMarkers(normed, g)
names(scores)
head(scores$mean)
head(scores$cohens.d[["a"]])
# Report marker statistics for a single group:
reportGroupMarkerStatistics(scores, "b")</pre>
```

subsampleByNeighbors Subsample cells based on their neighbors

# Description

Subsample a dataset by selecting cells to represent all of their nearest neighbors.

# Usage

```
subsampleByNeighbors(
    x,
    num.neighbors = 20,
    min.remaining = 10,
    num.threads = 1,
```

```
BNPARAM = AnnoyParam()
)
```

#### Arguments

Х

A numeric matrix where rows are dimensions and columns are cells, typically containing a low-dimensional representation from, e.g., runPca.

Alternatively, an index constructed by buildIndex.

Alternatively, a list containing existing nearest-neighbor search results. This should contain:

- index, an integer matrix where rows are neighbors and columns are cells. Each column contains 1-based indices for the nearest neighbors of the corresponding cell, ordered by increasing distance.
- distance, a numeric matrix of the same dimensions as index, containing the distances to each of the nearest neighbors.

The number of neighbors should be equal to num. neighbors, otherwise a warning is raised.

num.neighbors

Integer scalar specifying the number of neighbors to use. Larger values result in greater downsampling. Only used if x does not contain existing nearest-neighbor results.

min.remaining

Integer scalar specifying the minimum number of remaining (i.e., unselected) neighbors that a cell must have in order to be considered for selection. This should be less than or equal to num.neighbors.

num.threads

Integer scalar specifying the number of threads to use for the nearest-neighbor search. Only used if x does not contain existing nearest-neighbor results.

**BNPARAM** 

A BiocNeighborParam object specifying the algorithm to use. Only used if x

does not contain existing nearest-neighbor results.

#### Value

Integer vector with the indices of the selected cells in the subsample.

## Author(s)

Aaron Lun

#### See Also

https://libscran.github.io/nenesub/, for more details on the underlying algorithm.

```
x <- matrix(rnorm(10000), nrow=2)
keep <- subsampleByNeighbors(x, 10)
plot(x[1,], x[2,])
points(x[1,keep], x[2,keep], col="red")
legend('topright', col=c('black', 'red'), legend=c('all', 'subsample'), pch=1)</pre>
```

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#### **Description**

For each group, summarize the effect sizes for all pairwise comparisons to other groups. This yields a set of summary statistics that can be used to rank marker genes for each group.

## Usage

```
summarizeEffects(effects, num.threads = 1)
```

## **Arguments**

effects A 3-dimensional numeric containing the effect sizes from each pairwise com-

parison between groups. The extents of the first two dimensions are equal to the number of groups, while the extent of the final dimension is equal to the number of genes. The entry [i, j, k] represents the effect size from the comparison of group j against group i for gene k. See also the output of scoreMarkers with

all.pairwise=TRUE.

num. threads Integer scalar specifying the number of threads to use.

#### **Details**

Each summary statistic can be used to prioritize different sets of marker genes for the group of interest, by ranking them in decreasing order according to said statistic:

- min contains the minimum effect size across all comparisons involving the group of interest. Using this to define markers will focus on genes that are upregulated in all comparisons.
- mean contains the mean effect size across all comparisons involving the group of interest.
   Using this to define markers will focus on genes that are generally upregulated.
- median contains the median effect size across all comparisons involving the group of interest. Using this to define markers will focus on genes that are upregulated in most comparisons.
- max contains the maximum effect size across all comparisons involving the group of interest.
   Using this to define markers will focus on genes that are upregulated in at least one comparison.

The min.rank is a more exotic summary statistic, containing the minimum rank for each gene across all comparisons involving the group of interest. This is defined by ranking the effect sizes across genes within each comparison, and then taking the minimum of these ranks across comparisons. Taking all genes with min.rank <= T will yield a set containing the top T genes from each comparison; the idea is to ensure that there are at least T genes that can distinguish the group of interest from the others.

#### Value

List of data frames containing summary statistics for the effect sizes. Each data frame corresponds to a group, each row corresponds to a gene, and each column contains a single summary.

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### Author(s)

Aaron Lun

#### See Also

The summarize\_effects function in https://libscran.github.io/scran\_markers/, for more details on the statistics.

scoreMarkers, to compute the pairwise effects in the first place.

# **Examples**

```
# Mocking a matrix:
library(Matrix)
x <- round(abs(rsparsematrix(1000, 100, 0.1) * 100))
normed <- normalizeCounts(x, size.factors=centerSizeFactors(colSums(x)))
g <- sample(letters[1:4], ncol(x), replace=TRUE)
effects <- scoreMarkers(normed, g, all.pairwise=TRUE)
summarized <- summarizeEffects(effects$cohens.d)
str(summarized)</pre>
```

testEnrichment

Test for gene set enrichment

#### **Description**

Perform a hypergeometric test for enrichment of interesting genes (e.g., markers) in one or more pre-defined gene sets.

# Usage

```
testEnrichment(x, sets, universe, log = FALSE, num.threads = 1)
```

### **Arguments**

x Vector of identifiers for the interesting genes.

sets List of vectors of identifiers for the pre-defined gene sets.

universe Vector of identifiers for the universe of genes in the dataset. It is expected that

x is a subset of universe. Alternatively, an integer scalar specifying the size of

the universe.

log Logical scalar indicating whether to report the log-transformed p-values.

num. threads Integer scalar specifying the number of threads to use.

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# Value

Numeric vector of (log-transformed) p-values to test for significant enrichment of x in each entry of sets.

# Author(s)

Aaron Lun

# See Also

phyper and https://libscran.github.io/phyper/, which is the basis for the underlying calculation.

```
testEnrichment(
   x=LETTERS[1:5],
   sets=list(
        first=LETTERS[1:10],
        second=LETTERS[1:5 * 2],
        third=LETTERS[10:20]
   ),
   universe=LETTERS
)
```

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