scRNA-seq Cheatsheet

The tables below consist of valuable functions or commands that will help you through this module.

Each table represents a different library/tool and its corresponding commands.

Please note that these tables are not intended to tell you all the information you need to know about each command.

The hyperlinks found in each piece of code will take you to the documentation for further information on the usage of each command.

Base R

Read the Base R documentation here.

Library/Package	Piece of Code	What it's called	What it does
Base R	rowSums()	Row sums	Calculates sums for each row
Base R	colSums()	Column sums	Calculates sums for each column
Base R	t()	Transpose	Returns the transpose of a matrix or data frame
Base R	prcomp()	Principal Components Analysis	Executes a principal components analysis on specified matrix or data frame
Base R	<pre><- function(x) { <code> }</code></pre>	Function	Creates a function that would take the defined parameters as input and execute the commands within the curly braces

ggplot2

Read the ggplot2 documentation here.

Library/Package	Piece of Code	What it's called	What it does
ggplot2	<pre>geom_vline()</pre>	geom vertical line	Adds ggplot2 layer with a vertical line plotted

scran , scater , SingleCellExperiment

Read the scran package documentation here, and a vignette on its usage here.

Read the scater package documentation here, and a vignette on its usage here.

Read the SingleCellExperiment package documentation here, and a vignette on its usage here.

In addition to the links above, Amezquita et al. is a useful paper on the single-cell analysis workflow involving the SingleCellExperiment object.

Library/Package	Piece of Code	What it's called	What it does
SingleCellExperiment	SingleCellExperiment()	Single Cell Experiment	Creates a SingleCellExperiment object
SingleCellExperiment	colData()	Column Data	Extracts and stores cell-level metadata that describes features of the SingleCellExperiment object
SingleCellExperiment	rowData()	Row Data	Extracts and stores gene-level metadata that describes features of the SingleCellExperiment object

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SingleCellExperiment	logcounts()	Log counts	Stores or extracts log-transformed single- cell experiment count data as an assay of the SingleCellExperiment object
SingleCellExperiment	counts()	Counts	Stores or extracts raw single-cell experiment count data as an assay of the SingleCellExperiment object
scran	quickCluster()	Quick Clustering	Groups similar cells into clusters which are stored in the SingleCellExperiment object and are used for the calculation of size factors by scran::computeSumFactors
scran	<pre>computeSumFactors()</pre>	Compute Sum Factors	Returns a numeric vector of computed sum factors for each cell cluster stored in the SingleCellExperiment object. The cluster-based size factors are deconvolved into cell-based size factors that are stored in the SingleCellExperiment object and used by the scran::normalize function for the normalization of each cell's gene expression profile
scater	normalize()	Normalize	Returns the SingleCellExperiment object with normalized expression values for each cell, using the size factors stored in the object
scran	getTopHVGs()	Get top highly variable genes	Identify variable genes in a SingleCellExperiment object, based on variance
scran	modelGeneVar()	model per gene variance	Model the per gene variance of a SingleCellExperiment object
scran	findMarkers()	Find marker genes	Find candidate marker genes for clusters of cells
scater	addPerCellQC()	Add per cell quality control	For a SingleCellExperiment object, calculate and add quality control per cell and store in colData
scater	addPerFeatureQC()	Add per feature quality control	For a SingleCellExperiment object, calculate and add quality control per feature (genes usually) and store in rowData
scater	calculatePCA()	Calculate PCA	Calculates principal components analysis on a SingleCellExperiment object

Library/Package	Piece of Code	What it's called	What it does
scater	calculateUMAP()	Calculate UMAP	Calculates uniform manifold appropximate projection on a SingleCellExperiment object
scater	<pre>calculateTSNE()</pre>	Calculate TSNE	Calculate t-stochastic neighbor embedding on a SingleCellExperiment object

purrr

Read the purrr documentation here.

Library/Package	Piece of Code	What it's called	What it does
purrr	map()	map	Apply a function across each element of list; return a list
purrr	map_df()	map df	Apply a function across each element of list; return a data frame
purrr	imap()	imap	Apply a function across each element of list and its index/names

stringr

Read the stringr documentation here

Library/Package	Piece of Code	What it's called	What it does
stringr	str_remove()	String remove	Remove matched string patterns

alevinQC, colorblindr, Rtsne, tibble

Documentation for each of these packages can be accessed by clicking the package name in the table below.

Library/Package	Piece of Code	What it's called	What it does
alevinQC	alevinQCReport()	Alevin QC Report	Produces a QC (quality check) report from the alevin output
dat	DataFrame()	Data frame	Not to be confused with [data.frame() from Base R. This is a slightly different data frame-like object needed for storing information in SingleCellExperiment object's colData().
colorblindr	scale_color_OkabeIto()	Okabelto Color Scale	When added as a layer to a plot, makes the plot colorblind friendly
Rtsne	Rtsne()	T-Distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding using a Barnes- Hut Implementation	Reduces the dimensions of the specified matrix or data frame
tibble	as_tibble()	As tibble	Coerce data.frame or matrix to a tibble

Salmon

Read the Salmon documentation here.

Piece of Code	What it's called	What it does
salmon alevin	Salmon Alevin	Runs the Alevin quantification from the command line