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	source()	Source	Reads input from a specified file or URL
Base R	which()	Which	Assesses an object logically and returns true indices of the object that are TRUE
Base R	<u>t()</u>	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	<-function(x) { <code> }</code>	Create a function	Creates a function that would take the defined parameters as input and execute the commands within the curly braces

ggplot2

Read the ggplot2 package documentation here.

A vignette on the usage of the ggplot2 package can be found here.

Library/Package	Piece of Code	What it's called	What it does
ggplot2	gplot	Quick Plot	Allows for the quick production of different types of plots when used in conjuction with layers created by other ggplot2 functions
ggplot2	geom_density()	Geom Density	Displays a smoothed version of the ggplot or qplot based on the computed density estimate
ggplot2	<pre>geom_vline()</pre>	Vertical Line	Adds a vertical reference line to a ggplot or qplot
ggplot2	theme_classic()	Classic Theme	Displays ggplot or qplot without gridlines
ggplot2	<pre>facet_wrap()</pre>	Facet Wrap	Plots individual graphs using specified variables to subset the data
ggplot2	ggtitle()	GG Title	Sets the title of a ggplot

scran, scater, SingleCellExperiment

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

Read the scater package documentation <u>here</u>, and a vignette on its usage <u>here</u>.

Read the SingleCellExperiment package documentation <u>here</u>, and a vignette on its usage <u>here</u>.

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	logcounts()	Logcounts	Stores or extracts log-transformed single- cell experiment count data as an assay of the SingleCellExperiment object
SingleCellExperiment	rowData()	Row Data	Extracts and stores gene-level metadata that describes features of the SingleCellExperiment object
scran	<pre>quickCluster()</pre>	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	<pre>normalize()</pre>	Normalize	Returns the SingleCellExperiment object with normalized expression values for each cell, using the appropriate size factor and log transformation

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
alevinOC	alevinOCReport()	Alevin QC Report	Produces a QC (quality check) report from the alevin output
colorblindr	scale_color_OkabeIto()	Okabelto Color Scale	When added as a layer to a plot, makes the plot colorblind friendly
<u>Rtsne</u>	Rtsne()	T-Distributed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding using a Barnes-Hut Implementation	Reduces the dimensions of the specified matrix or data frame
<u>tibble</u>	rownames_to_column()	Rownames to Column	Transforms the rownames of a data frame into a column (which is added to the start of the data frame)

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