

# scanpy.pp.calculate\_qc\_metrics

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scanpy.pp.calculate_qc_metrics(adata, *, expr_type='counts', var_type='genes', qc_vars=(),
percent_top=(50, 100, 200, 500), layer=None, use_raw=False, inplace=False, log1p=True, parallel=None)
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Calculate quality control metrics.

Calculates a number of qc metrics for an AnnData object, see section [Returns](#) for specifics. Largely based on `calculateQCMetrics` from scater [\[McCarthy17\]](#). Currently is most efficient on a sparse CSR or dense matrix.

Note that this method can take a while to compile on the first call. That result is then cached to disk to be used later.

## Parameters:

**adata** : `AnnData`

Annotated data matrix.

**expr\_type** : `str` (default: `'counts'`)

Name of kind of values in X.

**var\_type** : `str` (default: `'genes'`)

The kind of thing the variables are.

**qc\_vars** : `Collection` [`str`] (default: `()`)

Keys for boolean columns of `.var` which identify variables you could want to control for (e.g. “ERCC” or “mito”).

**percent\_top** : `optional` [`Collection` [`int`]] (default: `(50, 100, 200, 500)`)

Which proportions of top genes to cover. If empty or `None` don’t calculate. Values are considered 1-indexed, `percent_top=[50]` finds cumulative proportion to the 50th most expressed gene.

**layer** : `optional` [`str`] (default: `None`)

If provided, use `adata.layers[layer]` for expression values instead of `adata.X`.

**use\_raw** : `bool` (default: `False`)

If True, use `adata.raw.X` for expression values instead of `adata.X`.

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**inplace** : `bool` (default: `False`)

Whether to place calculated metrics in `adata`'s `.obs` and `.var`.

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**log1p** : `bool` (default: `True`)

Set to `False` to skip computing `log1p` transformed annotations.

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## Return type:

### Returns:

Optional `[ Tuple [ DataFrame , DataFrame ] ]`

: Depending on `inplace` returns calculated metrics (as `DataFrame`) or updates `adata`'s `obs` and `var`.

Observation level metrics include:

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`total_{var_type}_by_{expr_type}`

E.g. "total\_genes\_by\_counts". Number of genes with positive counts in a cell.

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`total_{expr_type}`

E.g. "total\_counts". Total number of counts for a cell.

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`pct_{expr_type}_in_top_{n}_{var_type}` – for `n` in `percent_top`

E.g. "pct\_counts\_in\_top\_50\_genes". Cumulative percentage of counts for 50 most expressed genes in a cell.

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`total_{expr_type}_{qc_var}` – for `qc_var` in `qc_vars`

E.g. "total\_counts\_mito". Total number of counts for variables in `qc_vars`.

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`pct_{expr_type}_{qc_var}` – for `qc_var` in `qc_vars`

E.g. "pct\_counts\_mito". Proportion of total counts for a cell which are mitochondrial.

Variable level metrics include:

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`total_{expr_type}`

E.g. "total\_counts". Sum of counts for a gene.

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`n_genes_by_{expr_type}`

E.g. “n\_genes\_by\_counts”. The number of genes with at least 1 count in a cell. Calculated for all cells.

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mean_{expr_type}
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E.g. “mean\_counts”. Mean expression over all cells.

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n_cells_by_{expr_type}
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E.g. “n\_cells\_by\_counts”. Number of cells this expression is measured in.

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pct_dropout_by_{expr_type}
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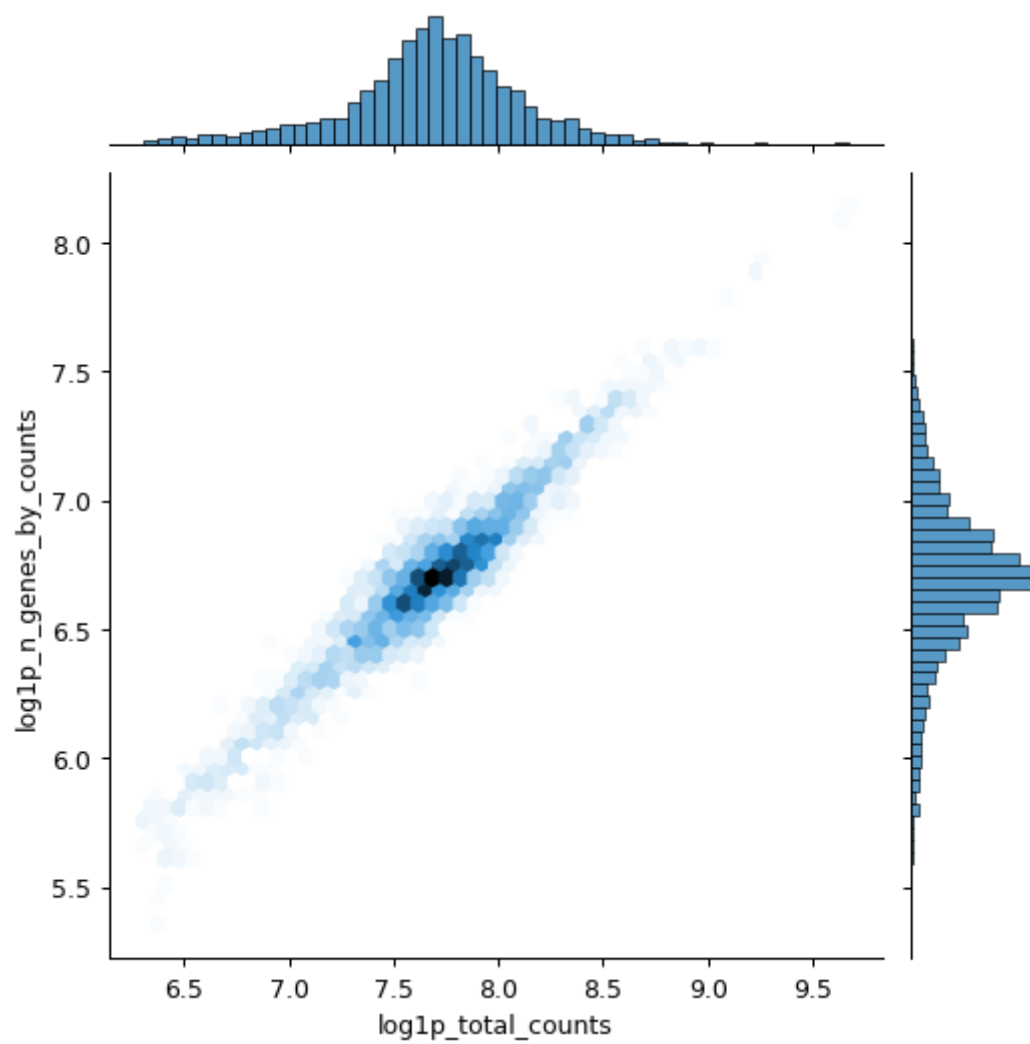
E.g. “pct\_dropout\_by\_counts”. Percentage of cells this feature does not appear in.

## Example

Calculate qc metrics for visualization.

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import scanpy as sc
import seaborn as sns

pbmc = sc.datasets.pbmc3k()
pbmc.var["mito"] = pbmc.var_names.str.startswith("MT-")
sc.pp.calculate_qc_metrics(pbmc, qc_vars=["mito"], inplace=True)
sns.jointplot(
    data=pbmc.obs,
    x="log1p_total_counts",
    y="log1p_n_genes_by_counts",
    kind="hex",
)
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sns.histplot(pbmc.obs["pct_counts_mito"])
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