

scanpy.tl.rank_genes_groups

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scanpy.tl.rank_genes_groups(adata, groupby, use_raw=None, groups='all', reference='rest',
                             n_genes=None, rankby_abs=False, pts=False, key_added=None, copy=False, method=None,
                             corr_method='benjamini-hochberg', tie_correct=False, layer=None, **kwargs)
```

Rank genes for characterizing groups.

Expects logarithmized data.

Parameters:

adata : `AnnData`

Annotated data matrix.

groupby : `str`

The key of the observations grouping to consider.

use_raw : `Optional[bool]` (default: `None`)

Use `raw` attribute of `adata` if present.

layer : `Optional[str]` (default: `None`)

Key from `adata.layers` whose value will be used to perform tests on.

groups : `Union[Literal['all'], Iterable[str]]` (default: `'all'`)

Subset of groups, e.g. `['g1', 'g2', 'g3']`, to which comparison shall be restricted, or `'all'` (default), for all groups.

reference : `str` (default: `'rest'`)

If `'rest'`, compare each group to the union of the rest of the group. If a group identifier, compare with respect to this group.

n_genes : `Optional[int]` (default: `None`)

The number of genes that appear in the returned tables. Defaults to all genes.

method : `Optional[Literal['logreg', 't-test', 'wilcoxon', 't-test_overestim_var']]` (default: `None`)

The default method is `'t-test'`, `'t-test_overestim_var'` overestimates variance of each group, `'wilcoxon'` uses Wilcoxon rank-sum, `'logreg'` uses logistic regression. See [\[Ntranos18\]](#), [here](#) and [here](#), for why this is meaningful.

corr_method : `Literal ['benjamini-hochberg' , 'bonferroni']` (default: `'benjamini-hochberg'`)

p-value correction method. Used only for `'t-test'`, `'t-test_overestim_var'`, and `'wilcoxon'`.

tie_correct : `bool` (default: `False`)

Use tie correction for `'wilcoxon'` scores. Used only for `'wilcoxon'`.

rankby_abs : `bool` (default: `False`)

Rank genes by the absolute value of the score, not by the score. The returned scores are never the absolute values.

pts : `bool` (default: `False`)

Compute the fraction of cells expressing the genes.

key_added : `Optional [str]` (default: `None`)

The key in `adata.uns` information is saved to.

****kwds**

Are passed to test methods. Currently this affects only parameters that are passed to `sklearn.linear_model.LogisticRegression`. For instance, you can pass `penalty='l1'` to try to come up with a minimal set of genes that are good predictors (sparse solution meaning few non-zero fitted coefficients).

Return type:

`Optional [AnnData]`

Returns:

names : structured `np.ndarray (.uns['rank_genes_groups'])`

Structured array to be indexed by group id storing the gene names. Ordered according to scores.

scores : structured `np.ndarray (.uns['rank_genes_groups'])`

Structured array to be indexed by group id storing the z-score underlying the computation of a p-value for each gene for each group. Ordered according to scores.

logfoldchanges : structured `np.ndarray`
(`.uns['rank_genes_groups']`)

Structured array to be indexed by group id storing the log2 fold change for each gene for each group. Ordered according to scores. Only provided if method is 't-test' like. Note: this is an approximation calculated from mean-log values.

pvals : structured `np.ndarray` (`.uns['rank_genes_groups']`)
p-values.

pvals_adj : structured `np.ndarray`
(`.uns['rank_genes_groups']`)

Corrected p-values.

pts : `pandas.DataFrame` (`.uns['rank_genes_groups']`)
Fraction of cells expressing the genes for each group.

pts_rest : `pandas.DataFrame` (`.uns['rank_genes_groups']`)
Only if `reference` is set to `'rest'`. Fraction of cells from the union of the rest of each group expressing the genes.

Notes

There are slight inconsistencies depending on whether sparse or dense data are passed. See [here](#).

Examples

```
>>> import scanpy as sc
>>> adata = sc.datasets.pbmc68k_reduced()
>>> sc.tl.rank_genes_groups(adata, 'bulk_labels', method='wilcoxon')
>>> # to visualize the results
>>> sc.pl.rank_genes_groups(adata)
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