Single-cell RNA-sequencing intro

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Contents

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suppressPackageStartupMessages(library(scRNAseq))
sce <- MacoskoRetinaData()</pre>
## snapshotDate(): 2021-10-19
## see ?scRNAseq and browseVignettes('scRNAseq') for documentation
## loading from cache
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## class: SingleCellExperiment
## dim: 24658 49300
## metadata(0):
## assays(1): counts
## rownames(24658): KITL TMTC3 ... 1110059M19RIK GM20861
## rowData names(0):
## colnames(49300): r1_GGCCGCAGTCCG r1_CTTGTGCGGGAA ... p1_TAACGCGCTCCT
    p1_ATTCTTGTTCTT
## colData names(2): cell.id cluster
## reducedDimNames(0):
## mainExpName: NULL
## altExpNames(0):
class(sce)
## [1] "SingleCellExperiment"
## attr(,"package")
## [1] "SingleCellExperiment"
```

```
counts(sce)[1:5,1:5]
## 5 x 5 sparse Matrix of class "dgCMatrix"
##
                 r1_GGCCGCAGTCCG r1_CTTGTGCGGGAA r1_GCGCAACTGCTC r1_GATTGGGAGGCA
## KITL
                                                                 1
## TMTC3
                                3
## CEP290
                                                3
                                                                                  2
                                1
## 4930430F08RIK
                                2
                                                1
                                                                 2
## 1700017N19RIK
                 r1_CCTCCTAGTTGG
##
## KITL
## TMTC3
                                2
## CEP290
                                1
## 4930430F08RIK
                                1
## 1700017N19RIK
head(colData(sce))
## DataFrame with 6 rows and 2 columns
##
                            cell.id
                                      cluster
##
                        <character> <integer>
## r1_GGCCGCAGTCCG r1_GGCCGCAGTCCG
                                            2
                                            2
## r1_CTTGTGCGGGAA r1_CTTGTGCGGGAA
## r1_GCGCAACTGCTC r1_GCGCAACTGCTC
                                            2
                                            2
## r1_GATTGGGAGGCA r1_GATTGGGAGGCA
## r1_CCTCCTAGTTGG r1_CCTCCTAGTTGG
                                           NA
## r1_AGTCAAGCCCTC r1_AGTCAAGCCCTC
                                           NA
# filter cells
sce <- sce[,!is.na(colData(sce)$cluster)]</pre>
## class: SingleCellExperiment
## dim: 24658 44808
## metadata(0):
## assays(1): counts
## rownames(24658): KITL TMTC3 ... 1110059M19RIK GM20861
## rowData names(0):
## colnames(44808): r1_GGCCGCAGTCCG r1_CTTGTGCGGGAA ... p1_TAACGCGCTCCT
     p1_ATTCTTGTTCTT
## colData names(2): cell.id cluster
## reducedDimNames(0):
## mainExpName: NULL
## altExpNames(0):
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- Explore this dataset. What do you think is different to these data as compared to a bulk RNA-seq dataset?
- Try visualizing the structure of this dataset using tools we have worked with before. For example, make a PCA and MDS plot. You can color the cells according to the cluster labels in the colData.
- Try visualizing the structure of this dataset using any tool you want.

After trying:

Are you able to recapitulate the structure (e.g., cell type clusters)? What are the issues you are encountering, and **why** do you think these are happening?