

# Package ‘skiftiTools’

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Manipulating SKIFTI Files

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**Description** SKIFTI files contain brain imaging data in coordinates across Tract Based Spatial Statistics (TBSS) skeleton, which represent the brain white matter intensity values. 'skiftiTools' provides a unified environment for reading, writing, visualizing and manipulating SKIFTI-format data. It supports the ``subsetting'', ``concatenating'', and using data as data.frame for R statistical functions. The SKIFTI data is structured for convenient access to the data and metadata, and includes support for visualizations. For more information see Merisaari et al. (2024) <[doi:10.57736/87d2-0608](https://doi.org/10.57736/87d2-0608)>.

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concat	<i>Concatenate Skifti data</i>
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Description

Concatenate Skifti data

Usage

concat(Skifti\_data1, Skifti\_data2)

Arguments

- Skifti\_data1     Skifti data object1
- Skifti\_data2     Skifti data object2

Value

concatenated Skifti data object

Examples

```
library(RNifti)
data<-array(0,dim=list(10,10,10,10))
for(t in 1:10) {
  for(x in 1:10) {
    for(y in 1:10) {
      for(z in 1:10) {
        data[x,y,z,t]<-t+x
      }
    }
  }
}
data_Nifti<-RNifti::retrieveNifti(data)
RNifti::writeNifti(data_Nifti, "data_Nifti.nii.gz", template = NULL, datatype = "auto")

data_skeleton<-array(0,dim=list(10,10,10))
```

```

data_skeleton[5,5,5]<-1
data_skeleton[6,6,6]<-1
data_skeleton[7,7,7]<-1
data_skeleton_Nifti<-RNifti::retrieveNifti(data_skeleton)
RNifti::writeNifti(data_skeleton_Nifti, "data_skeleton_Nifti.nii.gz", datatype = "auto")

data_Skifti<-Nifti2Skifti(Nifti_data="data_Nifti.nii.gz",
                        Nifti_skeleton="data_skeleton_Nifti.nii.gz",
                        selected_volumes=1:10,
                        Nifti_labels=NULL,
                        write_coordinates=TRUE,
                        verbose=FALSE)

data_Skifti_subset<-subset(data_Skifti, c(1,5,10))
m<-matrix(c(6,10,15,7,11,16,8,12,17), nrow=3, ncol=3)
rownames(m)<-c("vol1", "vol5", "vol10")

data_Skifti_subset1<-subset(data_Skifti, c(1,5))
data_Skifti_subset2<-subset(data_Skifti, c(10))
data_Skifti_concat<-concat(data_Skifti_subset1, data_Skifti_subset2)
m<-matrix(c(6,10,15,7,11,16,8,12,17), nrow=3, ncol=3)
rownames(m)<-c("vol1", "vol5", "")

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Nifti2Skifti

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*Create a SKIFTI file from fsl TBSS skeleton data*


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## Description

Skeleton mask and corresponding image intensity data must be in Nifti format. The skeleton mask is used to determine the coordinates of intensity data. If optional label file is given, that is used to label the voxels.

## Usage

```

Nifti2Skifti(
  Nifti_data = NULL,
  Nifti_skeleton = NULL,
  selected_volumes = NULL,
  Nifti_labels = NULL,
  write_coordinates = FALSE,
  verbose = FALSE
)

```

## Arguments

**Nifti\_data**      Intensity data in Nifti format (required)

**Nifti\_skeleton**    Skeleton at same imaging space as the data, in Nifti format (required)

**selected\_volumes**      Selected volume indexes starting from 1 (default==NULL, selecting all)

Value

## Examples

```
#source('.../R/Skifti2Nifti.R')
#source('.../R/Nifti2Skifti.R')
library(RNifti)
data<-array(0,dim=list(10,10,10,10))
for(t in 1:10) {
  for(x in 1:10) {
    for(y in 1:10) {
      for(z in 1:10) {
        data[x,y,z,t]<-t+x
      }
    }
  }
}
data_Nifti<-RNifti::retrieveNifti(data)
RNifti::writeNifti(data_Nifti, "data_Nifti.nii.gz", template = NULL, datatype = "auto")

data_skeleton<-array(0,dim=list(10,10,10))
data_skeleton[5,5,5]<-1
data_skeleton[6,6,6]<-1
data_skeleton[7,7,7]<-1
data_skeleton_Nifti<-RNifti::retrieveNifti(data_skeleton)
RNifti::writeNifti(data_skeleton_Nifti, "data_skeleton_Nifti.nii.gz", datatype = "auto")

data_Skifti<-Nifti2Skifti(Nifti_data="data_Nifti.nii.gz",
                          Nifti_skeleton="data_skeleton_Nifti.nii.gz",
                          selected_volumes=c(1),
                          Nifti_labels=NULL,
                          write_coordinates=TRUE,
                          verbose=FALSE)

# Create Skifti
data_Nifti2<-Skifti2Nifti(data_Skifti)
RNifti::writeNifti(data_Nifti2[[1]], "data_Nifti.nii.gz", datatype = "auto")
data_Nifti2<-RNifti::readNifti("data_Nifti.nii.gz", internal = TRUE, volumes = NULL)
```

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readSkifti	<i>Read Skifti data</i>
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## Description

Read Skifti data

## Usage

```
readSkifti(filename, verbose = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

filename	file to read
verbose	TRUE/FALSE(default), for verbosity

## Value

Skifti data object

## Examples

```
#source('.../R/Skifti2Nifti.R')
#source('.../R/Nifti2Skifti.R')
library(RNifti)
data<-array(0,dim=list(10,10,10,10))
for(t in 1:10) {
  for(x in 1:10) {
    for(y in 1:10) {
      for(z in 1:10) {
        data[x,y,z,t]<-t+x
      }
    }
  }
}
data_Nifti<-RNifti::retrieveNifti(data)
RNifti::writeNifti(data_Nifti, "data_Nifti.nii.gz", template = NULL, datatype = "auto")

data_skeleton<-array(0,dim=list(10,10,10))
data_skeleton[5,5,5]<-1
data_skeleton[6,6,6]<-1
data_skeleton[7,7,7]<-1
data_skeleton_Nifti<-RNifti::retrieveNifti(data_skeleton)
RNifti::writeNifti(data_skeleton_Nifti, "data_skeleton_Nifti.nii.gz", datatype = "auto")

data_Skifti<-Nifti2Skifti(Nifti_data="data_Nifti.nii.gz",
                          Nifti_skeleton="data_skeleton_Nifti.nii.gz",
                          selected_volumes=c(1),
                          Nifti_labels=NULL,
```

```

write_coordinates=TRUE,
verbose=FALSE)

# Create Skifti
data_Nifti2<-Skifti2Nifti(data_Skifti)
RNifti::writeNifti(data_Nifti2[[1]], "data_Nifti.nii.gz", datatype = "auto")
data_Nifti2<-RNifti::readNifti("data_Nifti.nii.gz", internal = TRUE, volumes = NULL)

```

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save\_skeleton

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*Create png from mask and data in Nifti format*


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## Description

Skeleton mask and corresponding image intensity data must be in Nifti format. The skeleton mask is used to determine the coordinates of intensity data.

## Usage

```

save_skeleton(
  mask,
  data,
  img_hdr,
  output,
  legend_title,
  scale,
  keep_temp = FALSE,
  palette = "lajolla",
  verbose = FALSE
)

```

## Arguments

mask	Intensity data in Nifti object format
data	Skeleton at same imaging space as the data, in Nifti format
img_hdr	Nifti header object
output	Output PNG filename
legend_title	Title to be shown
scale	scaling for intensity values, tune for better color depth
keep_temp	TRUE/FALSE(default) to keep temporary png images
palette	color palette
verbose	TRUE/FALSE(default), for verbosity

## Value

No output, as results are saved to a png file

Skifti2CSV

*Create a Nifti file from Skifti data***Description**

Skeleton mask and corresponding image intensity data in Nifti format. The skeleton mask is used to determine the coordinates of intensity data. If optional label file is given, that is used to label the voxels.

**Usage**

```
Skifti2CSV(Skifti_data, filename, overwrite = FALSE, sep = ";")
```

**Arguments**

Skifti_data	Intensity data in Nifti format
filename	file to read'
overwrite	TRUE/FALSE(default) to overwrite existing data
sep	file separator to be written default ';'.

**Value**

CSV filename

**Examples**

```
library(RNifti)
data<-array(0,dim=list(10,10,10,10))
for(t in 1:10) {
  for(x in 1:10) {
    for(y in 1:10) {
      for(z in 1:10) {
        data[x,y,z,t]<-t+x
      }
    }
  }
}
data_Nifti<-RNifti::retrieveNifti(data)
RNifti::writeNifti(data_Nifti, "data_Nifti.nii.gz", template = NULL, datatype = "auto")

data_skeleton<-array(0,dim=list(10,10,10))
data_skeleton[5,5,5]<-1
data_skeleton[6,6,6]<-1
data_skeleton[7,7,7]<-1
data_skeleton_Nifti<-RNifti::retrieveNifti(data_skeleton)
RNifti::writeNifti(data_skeleton_Nifti, "data_skeleton_Nifti.nii.gz", datatype = "auto")

data_Skifti<-Nifti2Skifti(Nifti_data="data_Nifti.nii.gz",
```

```

Nifti_skeleton="data_skeleton_Nifti.nii.gz",
selected_volumes=1:10,
Nifti_labels=NULL,
write_coordinates=TRUE,
verbose=FALSE)

Skifti2CSV(data_Skifti, "data_Skifti.csv", overwrite=TRUE, sep=';')
data_csv<-read.csv2("data_Skifti.csv", ';', header = FALSE, row.names = NULL)

```

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Skifti2Nifti

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*Create a Nifti file from Skifti data*


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## Description

Skeleton mask and corresponding image intensity data in Nifti format. The skeleton mask is used to determine the coordinates of intensity data. If optional label file is given, that is used to label the voxels.

## Usage

```
Skifti2Nifti(Skifti_data)
```

## Arguments

Skifti\_data      Intensity data in Nifti format

## Value

Nifti skeleton file for Skifti data

## Examples

```

#source('.../R/Skifti2Nifti.R')
#source('.../R/Nifti2Skifti.R')
library(RNifti)
data<-array(0,dim=list(10,10,10,10))
for(t in 1:10) {
  for(x in 1:10) {
    for(y in 1:10) {
      for(z in 1:10) {
        data[x,y,z,t]<-t+x
      }
    }
  }
}
data_Nifti<-RNifti::retrieveNifti(data)
RNifti::writeNifti(data_Nifti, "data_Nifti.nii.gz", template = NULL, datatype = "auto")

data_skeleton<-array(0,dim=list(10,10,10))
data_skeleton[5,5,5]<-1

```



```
data_skeleton[6,6,6]<-1
data_skeleton[7,7,7]<-1
data_skeleton_Nifti<-RNifti::retrieveNifti(data_skeleton)
RNifti::writeNifti(data_skeleton_Nifti, "data_skeleton_Nifti.nii.gz", datatype = "auto")

data_Skifti<-Nifti2Skifti(Nifti_data="data_Nifti.nii.gz",
                        Nifti_skeleton="data_skeleton_Nifti.nii.gz",
                        selected_volumes=c(1),
                        Nifti_labels=NULL,
                        write_coordinates=TRUE,
                        verbose=FALSE)

# Create Skifti
data_Nifti2<-Skifti2Nifti(data_Skifti)
RNifti::writeNifti(data_Nifti2[[1]], "data_Nifti.nii.gz", datatype = "auto")
data_Nifti2<-RNifti::readNifti("data_Nifti.nii.gz", internal = TRUE, volumes = NULL)
```

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subset	<i>Get subset of Skifti data</i>
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**Description**

Get subset of Skifti data

**Usage**

```
subset(Skifti_data, volumes)
```

**Arguments**

Skifti_data	Skifti data object
volumes	selection

**Value**

Skifti data object of subset

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writeSkifti	<i>Write Skifti data</i>
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**Description**

Write Skifti data

**Usage**

```
writeSkifti(
  Skifti_data,
  basename,
  overwrite = FALSE,
  compress = "none",
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

Skifti_data	Skifti data object
basename	basename to write without suffix
overwrite	TRUE/FALSE(default) to overwrite existing data
compress	bz2/zip/none(default) to select compression method
verbose	TRUE/FALSE(default), for verbosity

**Value**

filename where Skifti data was written

**Examples**

```
#source('.../R/Skifti2Nifti.R')
#source('.../R/Nifti2Skifti.R')
library(RNifti)
data<-array(0,dim=list(10,10,10,10))
for(t in 1:10) {
  for(x in 1:10) {
    for(y in 1:10) {
      for(z in 1:10) {
        data[x,y,z,t]<-t+x
      }
    }
  }
}
data_Nifti<-RNifti::retrieveNifti(data)
RNifti::writeNifti(data_Nifti, "data_Nifti.nii.gz", template = NULL, datatype = "auto")

data_skeleton<-array(0,dim=list(10,10,10))
data_skeleton[5,5,5]<-1
data_skeleton[6,6,6]<-1
data_skeleton[7,7,7]<-1
data_skeleton_Nifti<-RNifti::retrieveNifti(data_skeleton)
RNifti::writeNifti(data_skeleton_Nifti, "data_skeleton_Nifti.nii.gz", datatype = "auto")

data_Skifti<-Nifti2Skifti(Nifti_data="data_Nifti.nii.gz",
                          Nifti_skeleton="data_skeleton_Nifti.nii.gz",
                          selected_volumes=c(1),
                          Nifti_labels=NULL,
```

```
        write_coordinates=TRUE,  
        verbose=FALSE)  
  
# Create Skifti  
data_Nifti2<-Skifti2Nifti(data_Skifti)  
RNifti::writeNifti(data_Nifti2[[1]], "data_Nifti.nii.gz", datatype = "auto")  
data_Nifti2<-RNifti::readNifti("data_Nifti.nii.gz", internal = TRUE, volumes = NULL)
```

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