

# Package ‘skiftiTools’

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**Title** Tools and Operations for Reading, Writing, Viewing, and 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", "")

```

**Nifti2Skifti***Create a SKIFTI file from fsl TBSS skeleton data***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**

<b>Nifti_data</b>	Intensity data in Nifti format (required)
<b>Nifti_skeleton</b>	Skeleton at same imaging space as the data, in Nifti format (required)
<b>selected_volumes</b>	Selected volume indexes starting from 1 (default==NULL, selecting all)

<code>Nifti_labels</code>	Labeling data to be used inside mask, writing extra line to the output about labels (default==NULL, no extra labeling)
<code>write_coordinates</code>	TRUE/FALSE(default) write coordinates of voxels in x,y,z ASCII format, in the same order as they appear in the skifti
<code>verbose</code>	TRUE/FALSE(default) for verbose messages

### Value

skifti object with default rownames as vol1, vol2 .... volN as indexes from the nifti 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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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)

```

**save\_skeleton***Create png from mask and data in Nifti format***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**

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

**Value**

No output, as results are saved to a png file

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Skifti2CSV*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**

```
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***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**

```
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**

*Get subset of Skifti data*

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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**

*Write Skifti data*

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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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