## Package: SuperCell (via r-universe)

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 $\begin{array}{ll} {\tt anndata\_2\_supercell} & Convert \ Anndata \ metacell \ object \ (Metacell-2 \ or \ SEACells) \ to \\ & Super-cell \ like \ object \end{array}$ 

#### Description

Convert Anndata metacell object (Metacell-2 or SEACells) to Super-cell like object

#### Usage

```
anndata_2_supercell(adata, simplification.algo = "unknown")
```

#### Arguments

adata

anndata object of metacells (for example, the output of <code>collect\_metacells()</code> for Metacells or the output of <code>SEACells.core.summarize\_by\_SEACell)</code> Please, \*\*make sure\*\*, adata has 'uns['sc.obs']' field containing observation information of single-cell data, in particular, a column 'membership' (single-cell assignemnt to metacells)

simplification.algo

metacell construction algorithm (i.e., Metacell2 or SEACells)

#### Value

a list of super-cell like object (similar to the output of SCimplify)

build\_knn\_graph

Build kNN graph

## Description

Build kNN graph either from distance (from == "dist") or from coordinates (from == "coordinates")

```
build_knn_graph(
   X,
   k = 5,
   from = c("dist", "coordinates"),
   use.nn2 = TRUE,
   return_neighbors_order = F,
   dist_method = "euclidean",
   cor_method = "pearson",
   p = 2,
   directed = FALSE,
```

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```
DoSNN = FALSE,
which.snn = c("bluster", "dbscan"),
pruning = NULL,
kmin = 0,
...
)
```

#### Arguments

X either distance or matrix of coordinates (rows are samples and cols are

coordinates)

k kNN parameter

from which data type to build kNN network: "dist" if X is a distance

(dissimilarity) or "coordinates" if X is a matrix with coordinates as cols

and cells as rows

use.nn2 whether use nn2 method to buid kNN network faster (available only for

"coordinates" option)

return\_neighbors\_order

whether return order of neighbors (not available for nn2 option)

dist\_method method to compute dist (if X is a matrix of coordinates) available: c("cor",

"euclidean", "maximum", "manhattan", "canberra", "binary", "minkowski")

cor\_method if distance is computed as correlation (dist\_method == "cor), which type

of correlation to use (available: "pearson", "kendall", "spearman")

p param in "dist" function

directed whether to build a directed graph

DoSNN whether to apply shared nearest neighbors (default is FALSE)

which.snn whether to use neighborsToSNNGraph or sNN for sNN graph construction

pruning quantile to perform edge pruning (default is NULL - no pruning applied)

based on PCA distance distribution

kmin keep at least kmin edges in single-cell graph when pruning applied (idnored

if is.null(pruning))

... other parameters of neighborsToSNNGraph or sNN

## Value

a list with components

- graph.knn igraph object
- order Nxk matrix with indices of k nearest neighbors ordered by relevance (from 1st to k-th)

## Description

```
Build kNN graph using RANN::nn2 (used in "build_knn_graph")
```

## Usage

```
build_knn_graph_nn2(
    X,
    k = min(5, ncol(X)),
    mode = "all",
    DoSNN = FALSE,
    which.snn = c("bluster", "dbscan"),
    pruning = NULL,
    kmin = 0,
    ...
)
```

## Arguments

X	matrix of coordinates (rows are samples and cols are coordinates)
k	kNN parameter
mode	mode of graph_from_adj_list ('all' – undirected graph, 'out' – directed graph)
DoSNN	whether to apply shared nearest neighbors (default is ${\tt FALSE})$
which.snn	whether to use neighbors ToSNNGraph or sNN for sNN graph construction $$
pruning	quantile to perform edge pruning (default is ${\tt NULL}$ - no pruning applied) based on PCA distance distribution
kmin	keep at least ${\tt kmin}$ edges in single-cell graph when pruning applied (idnored if ${\tt is.null(pruning)})$
	other parameters of neighbors ToSNNGraph or $\operatorname{sNN}$

#### Value

- a list with components
  - graph.knn igraph object

cell\_lines

Cancer cell lines dataset

#### Description

ScRNA-seq data of 5 cancer cell lines from [Tian et al., 2019](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41592-019-0425-8).

## Usage

cell\_lines

#### **Format**

A list with gene expression (i.e., log-normalized counts) (GE), and metadata data (meta):

 ${f GE}$  gene expression (log-normalized counts) matrix

meta cells metadata (cell line annotation)

#### Details

Data available at authors' [GitHub](https://github.com/LuyiTian/sc\_mixology/blob/master/data/) under file name \*sincell with class 5cl.Rdata\*.

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```
https://doi.org/10.1038/s41592-019-0425-8
```

knn\_graph\_from\_dist Build kNN graph from distance (used in "build\_knn\_graph")

## Description

Build kNN graph from distance (used in "build\_knn\_graph")

#### Usage

```
knn_graph_from_dist(D, k = 5, return_neighbors_order = T, mode = "all")
```

#### Arguments

D dist matrix or dist object (preferentially)

k kNN parameter

return\_neighbors\_order

whether return order of neighbors (not available for nn2 option)

 $mode \hspace{1.5cm} mode \hspace{1.5cm} mode \hspace{1.5cm} of \hspace{1.5cm} graph\_from\_adj\_list \hspace{1.5cm} ('all'-undirected \hspace{1.5cm} graph, \hspace{1.5cm} 'out'-directed \hspace{1.5cm} graph, \hspace{1.5cm$ 

graph)

#### Value

- a list with components
  - graph.knn igraph object
  - order Nxk matrix with indices of k nearest neighbors ordered by relevance (from 1st to k-th)

```
metacell2_anndata_2_supercell
```

Convert Metacells (Metacell-2) to Super-cell like object

## Description

Convert Metacells (Metacell-2) to Super-cell like object

## Usage

```
metacell2_anndata_2_supercell(adata, obs.sc)
```

## Arguments

adata anndata object of metacells (the output of collect\_metacells())

obs.sc a dataframe of the single-cell anndata object used to compute metacells

(anndata after applying divide\_and\_conquer\_pipeline() function)

## Value

a list of super-cell like object (similar to the output of SCimplify)

pancreas

Pancreatic cell dataset

## Description

Spliced and un-spliced scRNA-seq counts of 3696 pancreatic cells from Bastidas-Ponce et al. (2018).

#### Usage

pancreas

#### **Format**

A list with spliced count matrix (emat), un-spliced count matrix (nmat) and metadata data frame (meta):

```
emat spliced (exonic) count matrix
nmat un-spliced (intronic) count matrix
```

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#### Source

https://scvelo.readthedocs.io/Pancreas.html

SCimplify

Detection of metacells with the SuperCell approach

## Description

This function detects metacells (former super-cells) from single-cell gene expression matrix

## Usage

```
SCimplify(
  Х,
  genes.use = NULL,
 genes.exclude = NULL,
  cell.annotation = NULL,
  cell.split.condition = NULL,
  n.var.genes = min(1000, nrow(X)),
  gamma = 10,
  k.knn = 5,
  do.scale = TRUE,
  n.pc = 10,
  fast.pca = TRUE,
  do.approx = FALSE,
  approx.N = 20000,
  block.size = 10000,
  seed = 12345,
  igraph.clustering = c("walktrap", "louvain"),
  return.singlecell.NW = TRUE,
  return.hierarchical.structure = TRUE,
)
```

#### **Arguments**

X log-normalized gene expression matrix with rows to be genes and cols to be cells

genes.use a vector of genes used to compute PCA
genes.exclude a vector of genes to be excluded when computing PCA
cell.annotation

a vector of cell type annotation, if provided, metacells that contain single cells of different cell type annotation will be split in multiple pure metacell (may result in slightly larger numbe of metacells than expected with a given gamma)

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#### cell.split.condition

a vector of cell conditions that must not be mixed in one metacell. If provided, metacells will be split in condition-pure metacell (may result in significantly(!) larger number of metacells than expected)

n.var.genes if "genes.use" is not provided, "n.var.genes" genes with the largest

variation are used

gamma graining level of data (proportion of number of single cells in the initial

dataset to the number of metacells in the final dataset)

k.knn parameter to compute single-cell kNN network

do.scale whether to scale gene expression matrix when computing PCA

n.pc number of principal components to use for construction of single-cell kNN

network

do.approx use irlba as a faster version of prcomp (one used in Seurat package)
compute approximate kNN in case of a large dataset (>50'000)

approx. N number of cells to subsample for an approximate approach

block.size number of cells to map to the nearest metacell at the time (for approx

coarse-graining)

seed seed to use to subsample cells for an approximate approach

igraph.clustering

clustering method to identify metacells (available methods "walktrap" (default) and "louvain" (not recommended, gamma is ignored)).

return.singlecell.NW

whether return single-cell network (which consists of approx.N if "do.approx" or all cells otherwise)

## return.hierarchical.structure

whether return hierarchical structure of metacell other parameters of build\_knn\_graph function

#### Value

#### a list with components

- graph.supercells igraph object of a simplified network (number of nodes corresponds to number of metacells)
- membership assignment of each single cell to a particular metacell
- graph.singlecells igraph object (kNN network) of single-cell data
- supercell\_size size of metacells (former super-cells)
- gamma requested graining level
- N.SC number of obtained metacells
- genes.use used genes
- do.approx whether approximate coarse-graining was perfirmed
- n.pc number of principal components used for metacells construction
- k.knn number of neighbors to build single-cell graph

- sc.cell.annotation. single-cell cell type annotation (if provided)
- sc.cell.split.condition. single-cell split condition (if provided)
- SC.cell.annotation. super-cell cell type annotation (if was provided for single cells)
- SC.cell.split.condition. super-cell split condition (if was provided for single cells)

#### Examples

Description

Construct super-cells from spliced and un-spliced matrices

## Usage

```
SCimplify_for_velocity(emat, nmat, gamma = NULL, membership = NULL, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

## Value

list containing vector of membership, spliced count and un-spliced count matrices

```
SCimplify_from_embedding
```

Detection of metacells with the SuperCell approach from low dim representation

#### Description

This function detects metacells (former super-cells) from single-cell gene expression matrix

### Usage

```
SCimplify_from_embedding(
   X,
   cell.annotation = NULL,
   cell.split.condition = NULL,
   gamma = 10,
   k.knn = 5,
   n.pc = 10,
   do.approx = FALSE,
   approx.N = 20000,
   block.size = 10000,
   seed = 12345,
   igraph.clustering = c("walktrap", "louvain"),
   return.singlecell.NW = TRUE,
   return.hierarchical.structure = TRUE,
   ...
)
```

#### Arguments

X low dimensional embedding matrix with rows to be cells and cols to be low-dim components

#### cell.annotation

a vector of cell type annotation, if provided, metacells that contain single cells of different cell type annotation will be split in multiple pure metacell (may result in slightly larger numbe of metacells than expected with a given gamma)

#### cell.split.condition

a vector of cell conditions that must not be mixed in one metacell. If provided, metacells will be split in condition-pure metacell (may result in significantly(!) larger number of metacells than expected)

gamma graining level of data (proportion of number of single cells in the initial dataset to the number of metacells in the final dataset)

k.knn parameter to compute single-cell kNN network

 $\begin{array}{ll} {\tt n.pc} & {\tt number\ of\ principal\ components\ to\ use\ for\ construction\ of\ single-cell\ kNN} \\ & {\tt network} & \\ \end{array}$ 

do.approx compute approximate kNN in case of a large dataset (>50'000)

approx.N number of cells to subsample for an approximate approach

block.size number of cells to map to the nearest metacell at the time (for approx

coarse-graining)

seed seed to use to subsample cells for an approximate approach

igraph.clustering

clustering method to identify metacells (available methods "walktrap" (default) and "louvain" (not recommended, gamma is ignored)).

return.singlecell.NW

whether return single-cell network (which consists of approx.N if "do.approx" or all cells otherwise)

return.hierarchical.structure

whether return hierarchical structure of metacell

... other parameters of build knn graph function

#### Value

a list with components

- graph.supercells igraph object of a simplified network (number of nodes corresponds to number of metacells)
- membership assignment of each single cell to a particular metacell
- graph.singlecells igraph object (kNN network) of single-cell data
- supercell size size of metacells (former super-cells)
- gamma requested graining level
- N.SC number of obtained metacells
- genes.use used genes (NA due to low-dim representation)
- do.approx whether approximate coarse-graining was perfirmed
- n.pc number of principal components used for metacells construction
- k.knn number of neighbors to build single-cell graph
- sc.cell.annotation. single-cell cell type annotation (if provided)
- sc.cell.split.condition. single-cell split condition (if provided)
- SC.cell.annotation. super-cell cell type annotation (if was provided for single cells)
- SC.cell.split.condition. super-cell split condition (if was provided for single cells)

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sc\_mixing\_score

Compute mixing of single-cells within supercell

## Description

Compute mixing of single-cells within supercell

#### Usage

```
sc_mixing_score(SC, clusters)
```

#### Arguments

```
sc super-cell object (output of SCimplify function)
clusters vector of clustering assignment (reference assignment)
```

#### Value

a vector of single-cell mixing within super-cell it belongs to, which is defined as: 1 - proportion of cells of the same annotation (e.g., cell type) within the same super-cell With 0 meaning that super-cell consists of single cells from one cluster (reference assignment) and higher values correspond to higher cell type mixing within super-cell

supercell\_2\_sce

Super-cells to SingleCellExperiment object

#### Description

This function transforms super-cell gene expression and super-cell partition into SingleCell-Experiment object

```
supercell_2_sce(
   SC.GE,
   SC,
   fields = c(),
   var.genes = NULL,
   do.preproc = TRUE,
   is.log.normalized = TRUE,
   do.center = TRUE,
   do.scale = TRUE,
   ncomponents = 50
)
```

SC.GE gene expression matrix with genes as rows and cells as columns super-cell (output of SCimplify function) SC which fields of SC to use as cell metadata fields set of genes used as a set of variable features of SingleCellExperiment (by var.genes default is the set of genes used to generate super-cells) do.preproc whether to do prepocessing, including data normalization, scaling, HVG, PCA, nearest neighbors, TRUE by default, change to FALSE to speed up conversion is.log.normalized whether SC.GE is log-normalized counts. If yes, then SingleCellExperiment field assay name = 'logcounts' else assay name = 'counts' do.center whether to center gene expression matrix to compute PCA do.scale whether to scale gene expression matrix to compute PCA number of principal components to compute ncomponents

#### Value

SingleCellExperiment object

### Examples

supercell\_2\_Seurat Super-cells to Seurat object

## Description

This function transforms super-cell gene expression and super-cell partition into Seurat object

```
supercell_2_Seurat(
  SC.GE,
  SC,
  fields = c(),
  var.genes = NULL,
```

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```
do.preproc = TRUE,
is.log.normalized = TRUE,
do.center = TRUE,
do.scale = TRUE,
N.comp = NULL,
output.assay.version = "v4")
```

#### Arguments

SC.GE gene expression matrix with genes as rows and cells as columns

super-cell (output of SCimplify function)
fields which fields of SC to use as cell metadata

var.genes set of genes used as a set of variable features of Seurat (by default is the

set of genes used to generate super-cells), ignored if !do.preproc

do.preproc whether to do prepocessing, including data normalization, scaling, HVG,

PCA, nearest neighbors, TRUE by default, change to FALSE to speed up

conversion

is.log.normalized

whether SC.GE is log-normalized counts. If yes, then Seurat field data is replaced with counts after normalization (see 'Details' section), ignored

if !do.preproc

do.center whether to center gene expression matrix to compute PCA, ignored if

!do.preproc

do.scale whether to scale gene expression matrix to compute PCA, ignored if

!do.preproc

N.comp number of principal components to use for construction of single-cell kNN

network, ignored if !do.preproc

output.assay.version

version of the seurat assay in output, "v4" by default, "v5" requires

Seurat v5 installed.

#### Details

Since the input of CreateSeuratObject should be unnormalized count matrix (UMIs or TPMs, see CreateSeuratObject). Thus, we manually set field `assays\$RNA@data` to SC.GE if is.log.normalized == TRUE. Avoid running NormalizeData for the obtained Seurat object, otherwise this will overwrite field `assays\$RNA@data`. If you have run NormalizeData, then make sure to replace `assays\$RNA@data` with correct matrix by running `your\_seurat@assays\$RNA@data <- your\_seurat@assays\$RNA@counts`.

Since super-cells have different size (consist of different number of single cells), we use sample-weighted algorithms for all possible steps of the downstream analysis, including scaling and dimensionality reduction. Thus, generated Seurat object comes with the results of sample-wighted scaling (available as `your\_seurat@assays\$RNA@scale.data` or `your\_seurat@assays\$RNA@misc[["scale.data.weighted"]]` to reproduce if the first one has been overwritten) and PCA (available as `your\_seurat@reductions\$pca` or `your\_seurat@reductions\$pca\_weighted` to reproduce if the first one has been overwritten).

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#### Value

```
Seurat object
```

### Examples

supercell\_assign

Assign super-cells to the most aboundant cluster

## Description

Assign super-cells to the most aboundant cluster

#### Usage

```
supercell_assign(
  clusters,
  supercell_membership,
  method = c("jaccard", "relative", "absolute")
)
```

#### Arguments

clusters a vector of clustering assignment supercell membership

a vector of assignment of single-cell data to super-cells (membership field of SCimplify function output)

method

method to define the most abuldant cell cluster within super-cells. Available: "jaccard" (default), "relative", "absolute".

- jaccard assignes super-cell to cluster with the maximum jaccard coefficient (recommended)
- relative assignes super-cell to cluster with the maximum relative abundance (normalized by cluster size), may result in assignment of super-cells to poorly represented (small) cluser due to normalizetaion
- absolute assignes super-cell to cluster with the maximum absolute abundance within super-cell, may result in disappearence of poorly represented (small) clusters

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#### Value

a vector of super-cell assignment to clusters

supercell\_cluster

Cluster super-cell data

## Description

Cluster super-cell data

## Usage

```
supercell_cluster(
  D,
  k = 5,
  supercell_size = NULL,
  algorithm = c("hclust", "PAM"),
  method = NULL,
  return.hcl = T
)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
D
                 a dissimilarity matrix or a dist object
                number of clusters
k
supercell_size
                 a vector with supercell size (ordered the same way as in D)
                 which algorithm to use to compute clustering: "hclust" (default) or
algorithm
                 "PAM" (see wcKMedoids)
method
                 which method of algorithm to use:
                  • for "hclust": "ward.D", "ward.D2" (default), "single", "complete",
                     "average", "mcquitty", "median" or "centroid", (see hclust)
                  • for "PAM": "KMedoids", "PAM" or "PAMonce" (default), (see wcKMe-
                 whether to return a result of "hclust" (only for "hclust" algorithm)
return.hcl
```

#### Value

- a list with components
  - clustering vector of clustering assignment of super-cells
  - algo the algorithm used
  - method method used with an algorithm
  - hlc hclust result (only for "hclust" algorithm when return.hcl is TRUE)

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```
\verb|supercell_DimPlot| Plot metacell 2D plot (PCA, UMAP, tSNE etc)|
```

## Description

Plots 2d representation of metacells

## Usage

```
supercell_DimPlot(
   SC,
   groups = NULL,
   dim.name = "PCA",
   dim.1 = 1,
   dim.2 = 2,
   color.use = NULL,
   asp = 1,
   alpha = 0.7,
   title = NULL,
   do.sqtr.rescale = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

SC	SuperCell computed metacell object (the output of SCimplify)	
groups	an assigment of metacells to any group (for ploting in different colors)	
dim.name	name of the dimensionality reduction to plot (must be a field in $SC$ )	
dim.1	dimension to plot on X-axis	
dim.2	dimension to plot on Y-axis	
color.use	colros to use for groups, if ${\tt NULL},$ an automatic palette of colors will be applied	
asp	aspect ratio	
alpha	a rotation of the layout (either provided or computed)	
title	a title of a plot	
do.sqtr.rescale		
	whether to sqrt-scale node size (to balance plot if some metacells are large and covers smaller metacells) $$	

## Value

ggplot

#### Examples

supercell\_estimate\_velocity

Run RNAvelocity for super-cells (slightly modified from gene.relative.velocity.estimates) Not yet adjusted for super-cell size (not sample-weighted)

#### Description

Run RNAvelocity for super-cells (slightly modified from gene.relative.velocity.estimates) Not yet adjusted for super-cell size (not sample-weighted)

```
supercell_estimate_velocity(
  emat,
  nmat,
  smat = NULL,
  membership = NULL,
  supercell_size = NULL,
  do.run.avegaring = (ncol(emat) == length(membership)),
  kCells = 10,
  ...
)
```

```
spliced (exonic) count matrix (see gene.relative.velocity.estimates)
emat
                 unspliced (nascent) count matrix (gene.relative.velocity.estimates)
nmat
                  optional spanning read matrix (used in offset calculations) (gene.relative.velocity.estimates)
smat.
                 supercell membership ('membership' field of SCimplify)
membership
supercell_size
                 a vector with supercell size (if emat and nmat provided at super-cell level)
do.run.avegaring
                  whether to run averaging of emat & nmat (if nmat provided at a single-cell
                 level)
kCells
                 number of k nearest neighbors (NN) to use in slope calculation smoothing
                  (see gene.relative.velocity.estimates)
                 other parameters from gene.relative.velocity.estimates
```

#### Value

results of gene.relative.velocity.estimates plus metacell size vector

#### supercell\_FindAllMarkers

Differential expression analysis of supep-cell data. Most of the parameters are the same as in Seurat FindAllMarkers (for simplicity)

#### Description

Differential expression analysis of supep-cell data. Most of the parameters are the same as in Seurat FindAllMarkers (for simplicity)

```
supercell_FindAllMarkers(
   ge,
   clusters,
   supercell_size = NULL,
   genes.use = NULL,
   logfc.threshold = 0.25,
   min.expr = 0,
   min.pct = 0.1,
   seed = 12345,
   only.pos = FALSE,
   return.extra.info = FALSE,
   do.bootstrapping = FALSE
)
```

gene expression matrix for super-cells (rows - genes, cols - super-cells) ge a vector with clustering information (ordered the same way as in ge) clusters supercell\_size a vector with supercell size (ordered the same way as in ge) set of genes to test. Defeult - all genes in ge genes.use logfc.threshold log fold change threshold for genes to be considered in the further analysis min.expr minimal expression (default 0) remove genes with lower percentage of detection from the set of genes min.pct which will be tested random seed to use seed only.pos whether to compute only positive (upregulated) markers return.extra.info whether to return extra information about test and its statistics. Default is FALSE. do.bootstrapping whether to perform bootstrapping when computing standard error and p-value in wtd.t.test

#### Value

list of results of supercell\_FindMarkers

## supercell\_FindMarkers

Differential expression analysis of supep-cell data. Most of the parameters are the same as in Seurat FindMarkers (for simplicity)

#### Description

Differential expression analysis of supep-cell data. Most of the parameters are the same as in Seurat FindMarkers (for simplicity)

```
supercell_FindMarkers(
  ge,
  supercell_size = NULL,
  clusters,
  ident.1,
  ident.2 = NULL,
  genes.use = NULL,
```

```
logfc.threshold = 0.25,
min.expr = 0,
min.pct = 0.1,
seed = 12345,
only.pos = FALSE,
return.extra.info = FALSE,
do.bootstrapping = FALSE)
```

gene expression matrix for super-cells (rows - genes, cols - super-cells) ge supercell\_size a vector with supercell size (ordered the same way as in ge) clusters a vector with clustering information (ordered the same way as in ge) ident.1 name(s) of cluster for which markers are computed name(s) of clusters for comparison. If NULL (defauld), then all the other ident.2 clusters used genes.use set of genes to test. Defeult – all genes in ge logfc.threshold log fold change threshold for genes to be considered in the further analysis minimal expression (default 0) min.expr remove genes with lower percentage of detection from the set of genes min.pct which will be tested random seed to use seed whether to compute only positive (upregulated) markers only.pos return.extra.info whether to return extra information about test and its statistics. Default is FALSE. do.bootstrapping

#### Value

a matrix with a test name (t-test), statisctics, adjusted p-values, logFC, percentage of detection in eacg ident and mean expresiion

p-value in wtd.t.test

whether to perform bootstrapping when computing standard error and

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Simplification of scRNA-seq dataset

#### Description

This function converts (i.e., averages or sums up) gene-expression matrix of single-cell data into a gene expression matrix of metacells

## Usage

```
supercell_GE(
   ge,
   groups,
   mode = c("average", "sum"),
   weights = NULL,
   do.median.norm = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

ge gene expression matrix (or any coordinate matrix) with genes as rows and

cells as cols

groups vector of membership (assignment of single-cell to metacells)

mode string indicating whether to average or sum up 'ge' within metacells

weights vector of a cell weight (NULL by default), used for computing average

gene expression withing cluster of metaells

do.median.norm

whether to normalize by median value (FALSE by default)

#### Value

a matrix of simplified (averaged withing groups) data with nool equal to number of groups and nrows as in the initial dataset

```
supercell_GeneGenePlot
```

Gene-gene correlation plot

## Description

Plots gene-gene expression and computes their correlation

#### Usage

```
supercell_GeneGenePlot(
  gene_x,
  gene_y,
  supercell_size = NULL,
  clusters = NULL,
  color.use = NULL,
  idents = NULL,
  pt.size = 1,
  alpha = 0.9,
  x.max = NULL,
  y.max = NULL,
  same.x.lims = FALSE,
  same.y.lims = FALSE,
  ncol = NULL,
 combine = TRUE,
  sort.by.corr = TRUE
```

#### **Arguments**

ge

cells) gene or vector of genes (if vector, has to be the same length as gene\_y) gene\_x gene\_y gene or vector of genes (if vector, has to be the same length as gene x) supercell\_size a vector with supercell size (ordered the same way as in ge) a vector with clustering information (ordered the same way as in ge) clusters color.use colors for idents idents (clusters) to plot (default all) idents pt.size point size (if supercells have identical sizes) transparency alpha max of x axis x.max max of y axis y.max same x axis for all plots same.x.lims same y axis for all plots same.y.lims number of colums in combined plot ncol combine combine plots into a single patchworked ggplot object. If FALSE, return a list of ggplot sort.by.corr whether to sort plots by absolute value of correlation (fist plot genes with largest (anti-)correlation)

a gene expression matrix of super-cells (ncol same as number of super-

## Value

- a list with components
  - p is a combined ggplot or list of ggplots if combine = TRUE
  - w.cor weighted correlation between genes

a list, where

```
{\tt supercell\_GeneGenePlot\_single} \\ Plot \ Gene-gene \ correlation \ plot \ for \ 1 \ feature
```

## Description

Used for supercell GeneGenePlot

## Usage

```
supercell_GeneGenePlot_single(
   ge_x,
   ge_y,
   gene_x_name,
   gene_y_name,
   supercell_size = NULL,
   clusters = NULL,
   color.use = NULL,
   x.max = NULL,
   y.max = NULL,
   pt.size = 1,
   alpha = 0.9
)
```

## Arguments

```
first gene expression vector (same length as number of super-cells)
ge_x
                 second gene expression vector (same length as number of super-cells)
ge_y
                 name of gene x
gene_x_name
                 name of gene y
gene_y_name
supercell_size
                 a vector with supercell size (ordered the same way as in ge)
                 a vector with clustering information (ordered the same way as in ge)
clusters
                 colors for idents
color.use
                 max of x axis
x.max
                 max of y axis
y.max
                 point size (0 by default)
pt.size
                 transparency of dots
alpha
```

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## Description

This function converts gene-expression matrix of single-cell data into a gene expression matrix of super-cells

#### Usage

```
supercell_GE_idx(ge, groups, weights = NULL, do.median.norm = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

ge gene expression matrix (or any coordinate matrix) with genes as rows and

cells as cols

groups vector of membership (assignment of single-cell to super-cells)

weights vector of a cell weight (NULL by default), used for computing average

gene expression withing cluster of super-cells

do.median.norm

whether to normalize by median value (FALSE by default)

#### Value

a matrix of simplified (averaged withing groups) data with nool equal to number of groups and nrows as in the initial dataset

supercell\_merge Merging independent SuperCell objects

## Description

This function merges independent SuperCell objects

#### Usage

```
supercell_merge(SCs, fields = c())
```

#### Arguments

SCs list of SuperCell objects (results of SCimplify )

fields which additional fields (e.g., metadata) of the the SuperCell objects to

keep when merging

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#### Value

- a list with components
  - membership assignment of each single cell to a particular metacell
  - cell.ids the original ids of single-cells
  - supercell\_size size of metacells (former super-cells)
  - gamma graining level of the merged object (estimated as an average size of metacells as the independent SuperCell objects might have different graining levels)
  - N.SC number of obtained metacells

#### Examples

```
## Not run:
data(cell_lines) # list with GE - gene expression matrix (logcounts), meta - cell meta data
GE <- cell lines$GE
cell.meta <- cell_lines$meta</pre>
cell.idx.HCC827 <- which(cell.meta == "HCC827")</pre>
cell.idx.H838 <- which(cell.meta == "H838")
SC.HCC827 <- SCimplify(GE[,cell.idx.HCC827], # log-normalized gene expression matrix
                gamma = 20, # graining level
                n.var.genes = 1000,
                k.knn = 5, # k for kNN algorithm
                n.pc = 10) # number of principal components to use
SC.HCC827$cell.line <- supercell_assign(</pre>
    cell.meta[cell.idx.HCC827],
    supercell_membership = SC.HCC827$membership)
SC.H838 <- SCimplify(GE[,cell.idx.H838], # log-normalized gene expression matrix
                gamma = 30, # graining level
                n.var.genes = 1000, # number of top var genes to use for the dim reduction
                k.knn = 5, # k for kNN algorithm
                n.pc = 15) # number of proncipal components to use
SC.H838$cell.line <- supercell_assign(
    cell.meta[cell.idx.H838],
    supercell_membership = SC.H838$membership)
SC.merged <- supercell_merge(list(SC.HCC827, SC.H838), fields = c("cell.line"))
# compute metacell gene expression for SC.HCC827
SC.GE.HCC827 <- supercell_GE(GE[, cell.idx.HCC827], groups = SC.HCC827$membership)
# compute metacell gene expression for SC.H838
SC.GE.H838 <- supercell_GE(GE[, cell.idx.H838], groups = SC.H838$membership)
# merge GE matricies
SC.GE.merged <- supercell_mergeGE(list(SC.GE.HCC827, SC.GE.H838))</pre>
## End(Not run)
```

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supercell\_mergeGE

Merging metacell gene expression matrices from several independent SuperCell objects

#### Description

This function merges independent SuperCell objects

#### Usage

```
supercell_mergeGE(SC.GEs)
```

### Arguments

SC.GEs

list of metacell gene expression matricies (result of supercell\_GE ), make sure the order of the gene expression metricies is the same as in the call of supercell\_merge

#### Value

a merged matrix of gene expression

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# see examples in \link{supercell_merge}
## End(Not run)
```

supercell\_plot

Plot metacell NW

## Description

Plot metacell NW

```
supercell_plot(
   SC.nw,
   group = NULL,
   color.use = NULL,
   lay.method = c("nicely", "fr", "components", "drl", "graphopt"),
   lay = NULL,
   alpha = 0,
   seed = 12345,
   main = NA,
```

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```
do.frames = TRUE,
do.extra.log.rescale = FALSE,
do.directed = FALSE,
log.base = 2,
do.extra.sqtr.rescale = FALSE,
frame.color = "black",
weights = NULL,
min.cell.size = 0,
return.meta = FALSE
```

#### Arguments

SC.nw a super-cell (metacell) network (a field supercell\_network of the output

of SCimplify)

group an assignment of metacells to any group (for ploting in different colors)

color.use colros to use for groups, if NULL, an automatic palette of colors will be

applied

lay.method method to compute layout of the network (for the moment there several

available: "nicely" for layout\_nicely and "fr" for layout\_with\_fr, "components" for layout\_components, "drl" for layout\_with\_drl, "graphopt" for layout\_with\_graphopt). If your dataset has clear clusters, use "com-

ponents"

lay a particular layout of a graph to plot (in is not NULL, lay.method is

ignored and new layout is not computed)

alpha a rotation of the layout (either provided or computed)

seed a random seed used to compute graph layout

main a title of a plot

do.frames whether to keep vertex.frames in the plot

do.extra.log.rescale

whether to log-scale node size (to balance plot if some metacells are large

and covers smaller metacells)

do.directed whether to plot edge direction

log.base base with thich to log-scale node size

do.extra.sqtr.rescale

whether to sqrt-scale node size (to balance plot if some metacells are large

and covers smaller metacells)

frame.color color of node frames, black by default

weights edge weights used for some layout algorithms

min.cell.size do not plot cells with smaller size
return.meta whether to return all the meta data

## Value

plot of a super-cell network

#### Examples

```
## Not run:
data(cell_lines) # list with GE - gene expression matrix (logcounts), meta - cell meta data
GE <- cell lines$GE
cell.meta <- cell_lines$meta</pre>
SC <- SCimplify(GE, # gene expression matrix
                gamma = 20) # graining level
# Assign metacell to a cell line
SC2cellline <- supercell_assign(
    clusters = cell.meta, # single-cell assignment to cell lines
    supercell_membership = SC$membership) # single-cell assignment to metacells
# Plot metacell network colored by cell line
supercell_plot(SC$graph.supercells, # network
               group = SC2cellline, # group assignment
               main = "Metacell colored by cell line assignment",
               lay.method = 'nicely')
## End(Not run)
```

## Description

Plot super-cell NW colored by an expression of a gene (gradient color)

## Usage

```
supercell_plot_GE(
   SC.nw,
   ge,
   color.use = c("gray", "blue"),
   n.color.gradient = 10,
   main = NA,
   legend.side = 4,
   gene.name = NULL,
   ...
)
```

## Arguments

SC.nw a super-cell network (a field supercell\_network of the output of SCimplify)

```
ge a gene expression vector (same length as number of super-cells)

color.use colors of gradient

n.color.gradient

number of bins of the gradient, default is 10

main plot title

legend.side a side parameter of gradientLegend function (default is 4)

gene.name name of gene of for which gene expression is plotted

... rest of the parameters of supercell_plot function
```

#### Value

plot of a super-cell network with color representing an expression level

## Description

Plot super-cell tSNE (Use supercell\_DimPlot instead) Plots super-cell tSNE (result of supercell tSNE)

#### Usage

```
supercell_plot_tSNE(
   SC,
   groups,
   tSNE_name = "SC_tSNE",
   color.use = NULL,
   asp = 1,
   alpha = 0.7,
   title = NULL
)
```

#### Arguments

super-cell structure (output of SCimplify) with a field tSNE\_name containing tSNE result

groups coloring metacells by groups

tSNE\_name the mane of the field containing tSNE result

color.use colors of groups

asp plot aspect ratio

alpha transparency of

title title of the plot

## Value

ggplot

## Description

Plot super-cell UMAP (Use supercell\_DimPlot instead) Plots super-cell UMAP (result of supercell\_UMAP)

## Usage

```
supercell_plot_UMAP(
   SC,
   groups,
   UMAP_name = "SC_UMAP",
   color.use = NULL,
   asp = 1,
   alpha = 0.7,
   title = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

 $\ensuremath{\mathtt{SC}}$  super-cell structure (output of  $\ensuremath{\mathtt{SCimplify}}$  ) with a field  $\ensuremath{\mathtt{UMAP\_name}}$  containing  $\ensuremath{\mathtt{UMAP}}$  result

groups coloring metacells by groups

UMAP\_name the mane of the field containing UMAP result

color.use colors of groups
asp plot aspect ratio
alpha transparency of
title title of the plot

### Value

ggplot

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supercell\_prcomp

compute PCA for super-cell data (sample-weighted data)

#### Description

```
compute PCA for super-cell data (sample-weighted data)
```

## Usage

```
supercell_prcomp(
   X,
   genes.use = NULL,
   genes.exclude = NULL,
   supercell_size = NULL,
   k = 20,
   do.scale = TRUE,
   do.center = TRUE,
   fast.pca = TRUE,
   seed = 12345
)
```

## Arguments

X super-cell transposed gene expression matrix (! where rows represent

super-cells and cols represent genes)

genes.use genes to use for dimensionality reduction

genes.exclude genes to exclude from dimensionaloty reduction

supercell\_size

a vector with supercell sizes (ordered the same way as in X)

k number of components to compute

do.scale scale data before PCA center data before PCA

fast.pca whether to run fast PCA (works for datasets with |super-cells| > 50)

seed a seed to use for set.seed

#### Value

the same object as proomp result

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supercell\_purity

 $Compute\ purity\ of\ super-cells$ 

#### Description

Compute purity of super-cells

## Usage

```
supercell_purity(
  clusters,
  supercell_membership,
  method = c("max_proportion", "entropy")[1]
)
```

#### Arguments

clusters vector of clustering assignment (reference assignment)
supercell\_membership

vector of assignment of single-cell data to super-cells (membership field of SCimplify function output)

method

method to compute super-cell purity. "max\_proportion" if the purity is defined as a proportion of the most abundant cluster (cell type) within super-cell or "entropy" if the purity is defined as the Shanon entropy of the cell types super-cell consists of.

## Value

a vector of super-cell purity, which is defined as: - proportion of the most abundant cluster within super-cell for method = "max\_proportion" or - Shanon entropy for method = "entropy". With 1 meaning that super-cell consists of single cells from one cluster (reference assignment)

supercell\_rescale

Rescale supercell object

#### Description

This function recomputes super-cell structure at a different graining level (gamma) or for a specific number of super-cells (N.SC)

```
supercell_rescale(SC.object, gamma = NULL, N.SC = NULL)
```

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#### **Arguments**

```
SC.object super-cell object (an output from SCimplify function)
gamma new grainig level (provide either gamma or N.SC)
```

N.SC new number of super-cells (provide either gamma or N.SC)

#### Value

the same object as SCimplify at a new graining level

```
 \begin{array}{ll} {\rm supercell\_silhouette} \  \  \, Compute \  \, Silhouette \  \, index \  \, accounting \  \, for \  \, samlpe \  \, size \  \, (super \  \, cells \  \, size) \, \, \#\#\# \\ \end{array}
```

## Description

Compute Silhouette index accounting for samlpe size (super cells size) ###

#### Usage

```
supercell_silhouette(x, dist, supercell_size = NULL)
```

### Arguments

```
x - clustering
dist - distance among super-cells
supercell_size
- super-cell size
```

## Value

silhouette result

```
{\tt supercell\_tSNE} \qquad \qquad {\tt Compute} \ tSNE \ of \ super-cells
```

## Description

Computes tSNE of super-cells

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#### Usage

```
supercell_tSNE(
   SC,
   PCA_name = "SC_PCA",
   n.comp = NULL,
   perplexity = 30,
   seed = 12345,
   ...
)
```

## Arguments

SC super-cell structure (output of SCimplify) with a field PCA\_name containing

PCA result

PCA\_name name of SC field containing result of supercell prcomp

n.comp number of vector of principal components to use for computing tSNE

perplexity parameter (parameter of Rtsne)

seed random seed

... other parameters of Rtsne

#### Value

Rtsne result

 ${\tt supercell\_UMAP}$  Compute UMAP of super-cells

#### Description

Computes UMAP of super-cells

## Usage

```
supercell_UMAP(SC, PCA_name = "SC_PCA", n.comp = NULL, n_neighbors = 15, ...)
```

#### Arguments

SC super-cell structure (output of SCimplify) with a field PCA\_name contain-

ing PCA result

PCA\_name name of SC field containing result of supercell\_prcomp

n.comp number of vector of principal components to use for computing UMAP

n\_neighbors number of neighbors (parameter of umap)

... other parameters of umap

#### Value

umap result

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```
supercell_VlnPlot Violin plots
```

## Description

Violin plots (similar to VlnPlot with some changes for super-cells)

## Usage

```
supercell_VlnPlot(
  supercell_size = NULL,
  clusters,
  features = NULL,
  idents = NULL,
  color.use = NULL,
  pt.size = 0,
 pch = "o",
  y.max = NULL,
  y.min = NULL,
  same.y.lims = FALSE,
  adjust = 1,
  ncol = NULL,
 combine = TRUE,
  angle.text.y = 90,
  angle.text.x = 45
)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
a gene expression matrix (ncol same as number of super-cells)
supercell_size
                 a vector with supercell size (ordered the same way as in ge)
                 a vector with clustering information (ordered the same way as in ge)
clusters
                 name of gene of for which gene expression is plotted
features
                 idents (clusters) to plot (default all)
idents
                 colors for idents
color.use
                 point size (0 by default)
pt.size
pch
                 shape of jitter dots
y.max
                 max of y axis
                 min of y axis
y.min
                 same y axis for all plots
same.y.lims
                 param of geom violin
adjust
ncol
                 number of colums in combined plot
```

```
combine combine plots into a single patchworked ggplot object. If FALSE, return a list of ggplot

angle.text.y rotation of y text

angle.text.x rotation of x text
```

#### Value

combined ggplot or list of ggplots if combine = TRUE

```
{\tt supercell\_VlnPlot\_single} \\ Plot\ Violin\ plot\ for\ 1\ feature
```

## Description

Used for supercell\_VlnPlot

#### Usage

```
supercell_VlnPlot_single(
  ge1,
  supercell_size = NULL,
  clusters,
  feature = NULL,
  color.use = NULL,
  pt.size = 0,
  pch = "o",
  y.max = NULL,
  y.min = NULL,
  adjust = 1,
  angle.text.y = 90,
  angle.text.x = 45
)
```

## Arguments

```
a gene expression vector (same length as number of super-cells)
ge1
supercell_size
                 a vector with supercell size (ordered the same way as in ge)
                 a vector with clustering information (ordered the same way as in ge)
clusters
                 gene to plot
feature
color.use
                 colors for idents
                 point size (0 by default)
pt.size
                 shape of jitter dots
pch
                 max of y axis
y.max
```

y.min min of y axis

adjust param of geom\_violin

angle.text.y rotation of y text
angle.text.x rotation of x text

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