Package 'demuxSNP'

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Description

This package assists in demultiplexing scRNAseq data using both cell hashing and SNPs data.
The SNP profile of each group os learned using high confidence assignments from the cell hashing data.
Cells which cannot be assigned with high confidence from the cell hashing data are assigned to their most similar group based on their SNPs.
We also provide some helper function to optimise SNP selection, create training data and merge SNP data into the SingleCellExperiment framework.

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`add_snps` *Add SNPs to SingleCellExperiment object*

Description

Add SNPs to SingleCellExperiment object

Usage

```
add_snps(sce, mat, thresh = 0.8)
```

Arguments

`sce`	object of class SingleCellExperiment
`mat`	object of class matrix, output from VarTrix in 'consensus' mode (default)
`thresh`	threshold presence of SNP, defaults to 0.8

Value

Updated SingleCellExperiment object with snps in altExp slot

Examples

```
data(multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce, vartrix_consensus_snps)
multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce <- add_snps(sce = multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce,
mat = vartrix_consensus_snps,
thresh = 0.8)
```

commonvariants_1kgenomes_subset *Sample vcf file*

Description

VCF file containing SNPs from a subset of the 1k Genomes common variants HG38 genome build.

Usage

```
data(commonvariants_1kgenomes_subset)
```

Format

An object of class `CollapsedVCF` with 2609 rows and 0 columns.

Value

`commonvariants_1kgenomes_subset`:
An object of class CollapsedVcf

Source

https://cellsnp-lite.readthedocs.io/en/latest/snp_list.html

common_genes *Return a character vector of top n most frequent genes from a SingleCellExperiment object.*

Description

Returns a character vector of the top n most frequently expressed genes from the counts of the SingleCellExperiment object. Expression is based on having a count > 0 in a given cell.

Usage

```
common_genes(sce, n = 100)
```

Arguments

sce	a SingleCellExperiment object
n	number of genes to be returned. Defaults to n=100.

Value

character vector of n most frequently expressed genes.

Examples

```
data(multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce)
multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce <- common_genes(multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce)
```

high_conf_calls *Run demuxmix to determine high-confidence calls*

Description

Run demuxmix to determine high-confidence calls

Usage

```
high_conf_calls(sce, assay = "HTO", pacpt = 0.95)
```

Arguments

sce	Object of class SingleCellExperiment with HTO (or similar) altExp assay
assay	Name of altExp for cell hashing counts to be retrieved from
pacpt	acceptance probability for demuxmix model

Value

Updated SingleCellExperiment object with logical vector indicating training data, data to be classified (all cells) and assigned labels for all cells.

Examples

```
data(multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce)
multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce <- high_conf_calls(multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce)
```

multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce

SingleCellExperiment object containing multiplexed RNA and HTO data from six biological smamples

Description

Example SingleCellExperiment object containing demultiplexed scRNAseq data from six donors, used throughout and built upon in demuxSNP workflow.

Usage

```
data(multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce)
```

Format

An object of class `SingleCellExperiment` with 259 rows and 2000 columns.

Value

`multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce`:
An object of class SingleCellExperiment

`reassign` *Reassign cells using knn*

Description

k-nearest neighbour classification of cells. Training data is intended to be labels of cells confidently called using cell hashing based methods and their corresponding SNPs. Prediction data can be remaining cells but can also include the training data. Doublets are simulated by randomly combining 'd' SNP profiles from each grouping combination.

Usage

```
reassign(
  sce,
  k = 10,
  d = 10,
  train_cells = sce$train,
  predict_cells = sce$predict
)
```

Arguments

`sce`	object of class SingleCellExperiment
`k`	number of neighbours used in knn, defaults to 10
`d`	number of doublets per group combination to simulate, defaults to 10
`train_cells`	logical vector specifying which cells to use to train classifier
`predict_cells`	logical vector specifying which cells to classify

Value

A SingleCellExperiment with updated group assignments called 'knn'

Examples

```
data(multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce, vartrix_consensus_snps)
multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce <- high_conf_calls(multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce)
multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce <- add_snps(sce = multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce,
mat = vartrix_consensus_snps,
thresh = 0.8)
multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce <- reassign(sce = multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce, k = 10)
```

`reassign_balanced` *Reassign cells using balanced knn with jaccard distance*

Description

k-nearest neighbour classification of cells. Training data is intended to be labels of cells confidently called using cell hashing based methods and their corresponding SNPs. Prediction data can be remaining cells but can also include the training data. Doublets are simulated by randomly combining 'd' SNP profiles from each grouping combination.

Usage

```
reassign_balanced(
  sce,
  k = 20,
  d_prop = 0.5,
  train_cells = sce$train,
  predict_cells = sce$predict,
  nmin = 50,
  n = NULL
)
```

Arguments

`sce`	object of class SingleCellExperiment
`k`	number of neighbours used in knn, defaults to 10
`d_prop`	determines number of doublets simulatted d, as a proportions of n (specified or calculated)
`train_cells`	logical vector specifying which cells to use to train classifier
`predict_cells`	logical vector specifying which cells to classify
`nmin`	min n per class (where available)
`n`	number of cells per group (otherwise will be calculated from data)

Value

A SingleCellExperiment with updated group assignments called 'knn_balanced'

Examples

```
data(multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce, vartrix_consensus_snps)
multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce <- high_conf_calls(multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce)
multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce <- add_snps(sce = multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce,
mat = vartrix_consensus_snps,
thresh = 0.8)
multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce <- reassign_balanced(sce = multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce, k = 10, d=0.5)
```

`reassign_centroid` *Reassign cells based on SNPs*

Description

Reassign cells based on SNPs

Usage

```
reassign_centroid(
  sce,
  train_cells = sce$train,
  predict_cells = sce$predict,
  labels = sce$labels,
  min_cells = 30,
  key = "Hashtag"
)
```

Arguments

`sce`	SingleCellExperiment object
`train_cells`	logical, cells to be used for training
`predict_cells`	logical, cells to be used for prediction
`labels`	provisional cell labels
`min_cells`	minimum coverage (number of cells with read at SNP location) for SNP to be used for classification.
`key`	unique key in naming of singlet groups used with grep to remove doublet/negative/uncertain labels

Value

character vector containing reassignments

Examples

```
data(multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce, vartrix_consensus_snps)
multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce <- high_conf_calls(multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce)
multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce <- add_snps(sce = multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce,
mat = vartrix_consensus_snps,
thresh = 0.8)
multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce<-reassign_centroid(multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce)
```

`reassign_jaccard` *Reassign cells using knn with jaccard distance*

Description

k-nearest neighbour classification of cells. Training data is intended to be labels of cells confidently called using cell hashing based methods and their corresponding SNPs. Prediction data can be remaining cells but can also include the training data. Doublets are simulated by randomly combining 'd' SNP profiles from each grouping combination.

Usage

```
reassign_jaccard(
  sce,
  k = 10,
  d = 10,
  train_cells = sce$train,
  predict_cells = sce$predict
)
```

Arguments

`sce`	object of class SingleCellExperiment
`k`	number of neighbours used in knn, defaults to 10
`d`	number of doublets per group combination to simulate, defaults to 10
`train_cells`	logical vector specifying which cells to use to train classifier
`predict_cells`	logical vector specifying which cells to classify

Value

A SingleCellExperiment with updated group assignments called 'knn_jaccard'

Examples

```
data(multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce, vartrix_consensus_snps)
multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce <- high_conf_calls(multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce)
multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce <- add_snps(sce = multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce,
mat = vartrix_consensus_snps,
thresh = 0.8)
multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce <- reassign(sce = multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce, k = 10)
```

subset_vcf *Subset common variants vcf file to only SNPs seen in 'top_genes'*

Description

Subset common variants vcf file to only SNPs seen in 'top_genes'

Usage

```
subset_vcf(vcf, top_genes, ensdb)
```

Arguments

vcf	object of class CollapsedVCF
top_genes	output from 'common_genes' function, alternatively character vector containing custom gene names.
ensdb	object of class EnsDb corresponding to organism, genome of data

Value

object of class CollapsedVCF containing subset of SNPs from supplied vcf seen in commonly expressed genes

Examples

```
data(multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce, commonvariants_1kgenomes_subset)
top_genes <- common_genes(multiplexed_scrnaseq_sce)
ensdb <- EnsDb.Hsapiens.v86::EnsDb.Hsapiens.v86
small_vcf <- subset_vcf(commonvariants_1kgenomes_subset, top_genes, ensdb)
```

vartrix_consensus_snps *Sample VarTrix output*

Description

A sample output from VarTrix corresponding to the sce SingleCellExperiment objec for a subset of SNPs located in well observed genes.

Usage

```
data(vartrix_consensus_snps)
```

Format

An object of class `matrix` (inherits from `array`) with 2542 rows and 2000 columns.

Value

`vartrix_consensus_snps`:
An object of class matrix

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