Package 'sccomp'

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Description

A tidy example dataset containing cell counts per cell group (cluster), sample, and phenotype for differential analysis. This dataset represents the counts of cells in various phenotypes and cell groups across multiple samples.

Usage

```
data(counts_obj)
```

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Format

A tidy data frame with the following columns:

- sample: Factor, representing the sample identifier.
- type: Factor, indicating the sample type (e.g., benign, cancerous).
- **phenotype**: Factor, representing the cell phenotype (e.g., B_cell, HSC, etc.).
- count: Integer, representing the number of cells for each cell group within each sample.
- cell_group: Factor, representing the cell group (e.g., BM, B1, Dm, etc.).

Value

A tibble representing cell counts per cluster, with columns for sample, type, phenotype, cell group, and counts.

get_output_samples

Get Output Samples from a Stan Fit Object

Description

This function retrieves the number of output samples from a Stan fit object, supporting different methods (MHC and Variational) based on the available data within the object.

Usage

```
get_output_samples(fit)
```

Arguments

fit

A stanfit object, which is the result of fitting a model via Stan.

Value

The number of output samples used in the Stan model. Returns from MHC if available, otherwise from Variational inference.

```
# Assuming 'fit' is a stanfit object obtained from running a Stan model
print("samples_count = get_output_samples(fit)")
```

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multipanel_theme

multipanel theme

Description

A custom ggplot2 theme used for creating publication-quality multi-panel plots. This theme modifies the appearance of plots by adjusting text sizes, spacing between panels, and axis formatting, ensuring better readability for complex figures.

Usage

```
data(multipanel_theme)
```

Format

A ggplot2 theme with the following adjustments:

- text: Font size adjustments for plot titles, axis labels, and legend text.
- panel.spacing: Adjusts the spacing between panels in multi-panel plots.
- axis.text: Customises axis text appearance for better readability.

Value

A ggplot2 theme object.

no_significance_df

no_significance_df

Description

A small example dataset containing cell counts across samples, conditions, and cell groups. This dataset is used to demonstrate the use of sccomp functions in scenarios where there is no significant difference in cell composition between conditions.

Usage

```
data(no_significance_df)
```

Format

A tibble with the following columns:

- sample: Character. Identifier for each sample.
- condition: Character. Experimental condition or group (e.g., "X" or "Y").
- cell_group: Character. Cell group or cell type (e.g., "A", "B").
- count: Numeric. Count of cells in the given sample, condition, and cell group.

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Value

A tibble with 34 rows and 4 columns: sample, condition, cell_group, and count.

Examples

```
data(no_significance_df)
head(no_significance_df)
```

```
plot.sccomp_tbl
```

plot

Description

This function plots a summary of the results of the model.

Usage

```
## $3 method for class 'sccomp_tbl'
plot(
    x,
    significance_threshold = 0.05,
    test_composition_above_logit_fold_change = attr(.data,
        "test_composition_above_logit_fold_change"),
    ...
)
```

Arguments

X

A tibble including a cell_group name column | sample name column | read counts column | factor columns | Pvalue column | a significance column

significance_threshold

Numeric value specifying the significance threshold for highlighting differences. Default is 0.025.

test_composition_above_logit_fold_change

A positive integer. It is the effect threshold used for the hypothesis test. A value of 0.2 correspond to a change in cell proportion of 10% for a cell type with baseline proportion of 50%. That is, a cell type goes from 45% to 50%. When the baseline proportion is closer to 0 or 1 this effect thrshold has consistent value in the logit uncontrained scale.

... For internal use

Value

A ggplot

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Examples

```
print("cmdstanr is needed to run this example.")
# Note: Before running the example, ensure that the 'cmdstanr' package is installed:
# install.packages("cmdstanr", repos = c("https://stan-dev.r-universe.dev/", getOption("repos")))

if (instantiate::stan_cmdstan_exists()) {
    data("counts_obj")

    estimate = sccomp_estimate(
        counts_obj,
        ~ type, ~1, sample, cell_group, count,
        cores = 1
    )

    # estimate |> plot()
}
```

plot_1D_intervals

Plot 1D Intervals for Cell-group Effects

Description

This function creates a series of 1D interval plots for cell-group effects, highlighting significant differences based on a given significance threshold.

Usage

```
plot_1D_intervals(
    .data,
    significance_threshold = 0.05,
    test_composition_above_logit_fold_change = attr(.data,
        "test_composition_above_logit_fold_change")
)
```

Arguments

. data Data frame containing the main data. significance_threshold

 $Numeric\ value\ specifying\ the\ significance\ threshold\ for\ highlighting\ differences.$ $test_composition_above_logit_fold_change$

A positive integer. It is the effect threshold used for the hypothesis test. A value of 0.2 correspond to a change in cell proportion of 10% for a cell type with baseline proportion of 50%. That is, a cell type goes from 45% to 50%. When the baseline proportion is closer to 0 or 1 this effect thrshold has consistent value in the logit uncontrained scale.

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Value

A combined plot of 1D interval plots.

Examples

```
print("cmdstanr is needed to run this example.")
  if (instantiate::stan_cmdstan_exists()) {
    data("counts_obj")
    estimate <- sccomp_estimate(</pre>
      counts_obj,
      ~ type,
      ~1,
      sample,
      cell_group,
      count,
      cores = 1
    ) |>
    sccomp_test()
  # Example usage:
  my_plot = plot_1D_intervals(estimate)
  }
```

plot_2D_intervals

Plot 2D Intervals for Mean-Variance Association

Description

This function creates a 2D interval plot for mean-variance association, highlighting significant differences based on a given significance threshold.

Usage

```
plot_2D_intervals(
    .data,
    significance_threshold = 0.05,
    test_composition_above_logit_fold_change = attr(.data,
        "test_composition_above_logit_fold_change")
)
```

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Arguments

```
data Data frame containing the main data. significance_threshold
```

Numeric value specifying the significance threshold for highlighting differences. Default is 0.025.

```
test_composition_above_logit_fold_change
```

A positive integer. It is the effect threshold used for the hypothesis test. A value of 0.2 correspond to a change in cell proportion of 10% for a cell type with baseline proportion of 50%. That is, a cell type goes from 45% to 50%. When the baseline proportion is closer to 0 or 1 this effect thrshold has consistent value in the logit uncontrained scale.

Value

A ggplot object representing the 2D interval plot.

Examples

```
print("cmdstanr is needed to run this example.")
 if (instantiate::stan_cmdstan_exists()) {
    data("counts_obj")
    estimate <- sccomp_estimate(</pre>
      counts_obj,
      ~ type,
      ~type,
      sample,
      cell_group,
      count,
      cores = 1
    ) |>
    sccomp_test()
 # Example usage:
 my_plot = plot_2D_intervals(estimate)
 }
```

plot_scatterplot

Plot Scatterplot of Cell-group Proportion

Description

This function creates a scatterplot of cell-group proportions, optionally highlighting significant differences based on a given significance threshold.

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Usage

```
plot_scatterplot(
    .data,
    data_proportion,
    factor_of_interest,
    .cell_group,
    .sample,
    significance_threshold = 0.05,
    my_theme
)
```

Arguments

. data Data frame containing the main data.

data_proportion

Data frame containing proportions of cell groups.

factor_of_interest

A factor indicating the biological condition of interest.

. sample The sample identifier.

significance_threshold

Numeric value specifying the significance threshold for highlighting differences.

Default is 0.025.

my_theme A ggplot2 theme object to be applied to the plot.

Value

A ggplot object representing the scatterplot.

Examples

```
# Example usage:
# plot_scatterplot(.data, data_proportion, "condition", "cell_group", "sample", 0.025, theme_minimal())
```

Description

Creates a boxplot visualization of the model results from sccomp. This function plots the estimated cell proportions across samples, highlighting significant changes in cell composition according to a specified factor.

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Usage

```
sccomp_boxplot(
   .data,
   factor,
   significance_threshold = 0.05,
   test_composition_above_logit_fold_change = attr(.data,
       "test_composition_above_logit_fold_change"),
   remove_unwanted_effects = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

.data

A tibble containing the results from sccomp_estimate and sccomp_test, including the columns: cell_group name, sample name, read counts, factor(s), p-values, and significance indicators.

factor

A character string specifying the factor of interest included in the model for stratifying the boxplot.

significance_threshold

A numeric value indicating the False Discovery Rate (FDR) threshold for labeling significant cell-groups. Defaults to 0.05.

test_composition_above_logit_fold_change

A positive numeric value representing the effect size threshold used in the hypothesis test. A value of 0.2 corresponds to a change in cell proportion of approximately 10% for a cell type with a baseline proportion of 50% (e.g., from 45% to 55%). This threshold is consistent on the logit-unconstrained scale, even when the baseline proportion is close to 0 or 1.

 ${\tt remove_unwanted_effects}$

A logical value indicating whether to remove unwanted variation from the data before plotting. Defaults to FALSE.

Value

A ggplot object representing the boxplot of cell proportions across samples, stratified by the specified factor.

```
print("cmdstanr is needed to run this example.")
# Note: Before running the example, ensure that the 'cmdstanr' package is installed:
# install.packages("cmdstanr", repos = c("https://stan-dev.r-universe.dev/", getOption("repos")))

if (instantiate::stan_cmdstan_exists()) {
    data("counts_obj")

    estimate <- sccomp_estimate(
        counts_obj,
        formula_composition = ~ type,
        formula_variability = ~ 1,</pre>
```

```
.sample = sample,
   .cell_group = cell_group,
   .count = count,
   cores = 1
) |>
sccomp_test()

# Plot the boxplot of estimated cell proportions
sccomp_boxplot(
   .data = estimate,
   factor = "type",
   significance_threshold = 0.05
)
}
```

sccomp_calculate_residuals

Calculate Residuals Between Observed and Predicted Proportions

Description

sccomp_calculate_residuals computes the residuals between observed cell group proportions and the predicted proportions from a fitted sccomp model. This function is useful for assessing model fit and identifying cell groups or samples where the model may not adequately capture the observed data. The residuals are calculated as the difference between the observed proportions and the predicted mean proportions from the model.

Usage

```
sccomp_calculate_residuals(.data)
```

Arguments

.data

A tibble of class sccomp_tbl, which is the result of sccomp_estimate(). This tibble contains the fitted model and associated data necessary for calculating residuals.

Details

The function performs the following steps:

- 1. Extracts the predicted mean proportions for each cell group and sample using sccomp_predict().
- 2. Calculates the observed proportions from the original count data.
- 3. Computes residuals by subtracting the predicted proportions from the observed proportions.
- 4. Returns a tibble containing the sample, cell group, residuals, and exposure (total counts per sample).

Value

A tibble (tbl) with the following columns:

- sample A character column representing the sample identifiers.
- cell_group A character column representing the cell group identifiers.
- **residuals** A numeric column representing the residuals, calculated as the difference between observed and predicted proportions.
- **exposure** A numeric column representing the total counts (sum of counts across cell groups) for each sample.

Examples

```
if (instantiate::stan_cmdstan_exists() && .Platform$0S.type == "unix") {
# Load example data
data("counts_obj")
# Fit the sccomp model
estimates <- sccomp_estimate(</pre>
  counts_obj,
  formula_composition = ~ type,
  formula_variability = ~1,
  .sample = sample,
  .cell_group = cell_group,
  .count = count,
  approximate_posterior_inference = "all",
  cores = 1
# Calculate residuals
residuals <- sccomp_calculate_residuals(estimates)</pre>
# View the residuals
print(residuals)
```

sccomp_estimate

Main Function for SCCOMP Estimate

Description

The sccomp_estimate function performs linear modeling on a table of cell counts or proportions, which includes a cell-group identifier, sample identifier, abundance (counts or proportions), and factors (continuous or discrete). The user can define a linear model using an R formula, where the first factor is the factor of interest. Alternatively, sccomp accepts single-cell data containers (e.g., Seurat, SingleCellExperiment, cell metadata, or group-size) and derives the count data from cell metadata.

Usage

```
sccomp_estimate(
  .data,
  formula\_composition = ~1,
  formula_variability = ~1,
  .sample,
  .cell_group,
  .abundance = NULL,
  cores = detectCores(),
  bimodal_mean_variability_association = FALSE,
  percent_false_positive = 5,
  inference_method = "pathfinder",
  prior_mean = list(intercept = c(0, 1), coefficients = c(0, 1)),
 prior_overdispersion_mean_association = list(intercept = c(5, 2), slope = c(0, 0.6),
    standard_deviation = c(10, 20)),
  .sample_cell_group_pairs_to_exclude = NULL,
  output_directory = "sccomp_draws_files",
  verbose = TRUE,
  enable_loo = FALSE,
  noise_model = "multi_beta_binomial",
  exclude_priors = FALSE,
  use_data = TRUE,
 mcmc_seed = sample(1e+05, 1),
 max_sampling_iterations = 20000,
 pass_fit = TRUE,
  sig_figs = 9,
  . . . ,
  .count = NULL,
  approximate_posterior_inference = NULL,
  variational_inference = NULL
)
```

Arguments

. data A tibble including cell_group name column, sample name column, abundance

column (counts or proportions), and factor columns.

 $formula_composition$

A formula describing the model for differential abundance.

formula_variability

A formula describing the model for differential variability.

. sample A column name as a symbol for the sample identifier.. cell_group A column name as a symbol for the cell-group identifier.

. abundance A column name as a symbol for the cell-group abundance, which can be counts (> 0) or proportions (between 0 and 1, summing to 1 across .cell_group).

cores Number of cores to use for parallel calculations.

bimodal_mean_variability_association

Logical, whether to model mean-variability as bimodal.

percent_false_positive

A real number between 0 and 100 for outlier identification.

inference_method

Character string specifying the inference method to use ('pathfinder', 'hmc', or 'variational').

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prior_mean A list specifying prior knowledge about the mean distribution, including inter-

cept and coefficients.

prior_overdispersion_mean_association

A list specifying prior knowledge about mean/variability association.

.sample_cell_group_pairs_to_exclude

A column name indicating sample/cell-group pairs to exclude.

output_directory

A character string specifying the output directory for Stan draws.

verbose Logical, whether to print progression details.

enable_loo Logical, whether to enable model comparison using the LOO package.

noise_model A character string specifying the noise model (e.g., 'multi_beta_binomial').

exclude_priors Logical, whether to run a prior-free model.

use_data Logical, whether to run the model data-free.

mcmc_seed An integer seed for MCMC reproducibility.

max_sampling_iterations

Integer to limit the maximum number of iterations for large datasets.

pass_fit Logical, whether to include the Stan fit as an attribute in the output.

sig_figs Number of significant figures to use for Stan model output. Default is 9.

... Additional arguments passed to the cmdstanr::sample function.

. count DEPRECATED. Use .abundance instead.

approximate_posterior_inference

DEPRECATED. Use inference_method instead.

variational inference

DEPRECATED. Use inference_method instead.

Value

A tibble (tbl) with the following columns:

- cell_group The cell groups being tested.
- parameter The parameter being estimated from the design matrix described by the input formula_composition and formula_variability.
- factor The covariate factor in the formula, if applicable (e.g., not present for Intercept or contrasts).
- c_lower Lower (2.5%) quantile of the posterior distribution for a composition (c) parameter.
- c_effect Mean of the posterior distribution for a composition (c) parameter.
- c_upper Upper (97.5%) quantile of the posterior distribution for a composition (c) parameter.

• c_pH0 - Probability of the null hypothesis (no difference) for a composition (c). This is not a p-value.

- c_FDR False-discovery rate of the null hypothesis for a composition (c).
- c_n_eff Effective sample size for a composition (c) parameter.
- c_R_k_hat R statistic for a composition (c) parameter, should be within 0.05 of 1.0.
- v_lower Lower (2.5%) quantile of the posterior distribution for a variability (v) parameter.
- v_effect Mean of the posterior distribution for a variability (v) parameter.
- v_upper Upper (97.5%) quantile of the posterior distribution for a variability (v) parameter.
- v_pH0 Probability of the null hypothesis for a variability (v).
- v_FDR False-discovery rate of the null hypothesis for a variability (v).
- v_n_eff Effective sample size for a variability (v) parameter.
- v_R_k_hat R statistic for a variability (v) parameter.
- count data Nested input count data.

```
print("cmdstanr is needed to run this example.")
# Note: Before running the example, ensure that the 'cmdstanr' package is installed:
# install.packages("cmdstanr", repos = c("https://stan-dev.r-universe.dev/", getOption("repos")))
 if (instantiate::stan_cmdstan_exists()) {
    data("counts_obj")
    estimate <- sccomp_estimate(</pre>
      counts_obj,
      ~ type,
     ~1,
      sample,
      cell_group,
      count,
      cores = 1
   )
  # Note!
   # If counts are available, do not use proportion.
   # Using proportion ignores the high uncertainty of low counts
  estimate_proportion <- sccomp_estimate(</pre>
      counts_obj,
      ~ type,
      ~1,
      sample,
      cell_group,
      proportion,
      cores = 1
    )
```

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}

sccomp_predict

sccomp_predict

Description

This function replicates counts from a real-world dataset.

Usage

```
sccomp_predict(
   fit,
   formula_composition = NULL,
   new_data = NULL,
   number_of_draws = 500,
   mcmc_seed = sample(1e+05, 1),
   summary_instead_of_draws = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

fit The result of sccomp_estimate.

formula_composition

A formula. The formula describing the model for differential abundance, for example ~treatment. This formula can be a sub-formula of your estimated model; in this case all other factor will be factored out.

new_data

A sample-wise data frame including the column that represent the factors in your formula. If you want to predict proportions for 10 samples, there should be 10 rows. T

number_of_draws

An integer. How may copies of the data you want to draw from the model joint posterior distribution.

mcmc_seed

An integer. Used for Markov-chain Monte Carlo reproducibility. By default a random number is sampled from 1 to 999999. This itself can be controlled by set.seed()

summary_instead_of_draws

Return the summary values (i.e. mean and quantiles) of the predicted proportions, or return single draws. Single draws can be helful to better analyse the uncertainty of the prediction.

Value

A tibble (tbl) with the following columns:

- cell_group A character column representing the cell group being tested.
- sample A factor column representing the sample name for which the predictions are made.
- proportion_mean A numeric column representing the predicted mean proportions from the model.
- **proportion_lower** A numeric column representing the lower bound (2.5%) of the 95% credible interval for the predicted proportions.
- **proportion_upper** A numeric column representing the upper bound (97.5%) of the 95% credible interval for the predicted proportions.

Examples

```
print("cmdstanr is needed to run this example.")
# Note: Before running the example, ensure that the 'cmdstanr' package is installed:
# install.packages("cmdstanr", repos = c("https://stan-dev.r-universe.dev/", getOption("repos")))

if (instantiate::stan_cmdstan_exists() && .Platform$0S.type == "unix") {
    data("counts_obj")

    sccomp_estimate(
        counts_obj,
        ~ type, ~1, sample, cell_group, count,
        cores = 1
    ) |>
        sccomp_predict()
}
```

sccomp_proportional_fold_change

Calculate Proportional Fold Change from sccomp Estimated Effects

Description

This function calculates the proportional fold change between two conditions using the estimated effects from a sccomp model. The fold changes are derived from the model's posterior predictions rather than raw counts, providing a more robust estimate that accounts for the model's uncertainty and covariate effects.

Note! This statistic is descriptive and should not be used to define significance - use sccomp_test() for that. While fold changes in proportions are easier to interpret than changes in logit space, they are not linear (the same proportional change has different meaning for rare vs abundant cell types). In contrast, the logit scale used internally by sccomp provides linear effects that are more appropriate for statistical inference.

Usage

```
sccomp_proportional_fold_change(.data, formula_composition, from, to)
```

Arguments

.data A sccomp estimate object (of class 'sccomp_tbl') obtained from running sccomp_estimate(). This object contains the fitted model and estimated effects.

formula_composition

The formula specifying which model effects to use for calculating fold changes.

This should match or be a subset of the formula used in the original sccomp_estimate() call.

from Character string specifying the reference/control condition (e.g., "benign").

to Character string specifying the comparison condition (e.g., "cancer").

Value

A tibble with the following columns:

- cell_group The cell group identifier
- proportion_fold_change The estimated fold change in proportions between conditions. Positive values indicate increases, negative values indicate decreases.
- average_uncertainty The average uncertainty in the fold change estimate, derived from the credible intervals
- statement A text description of the fold change, including the direction and the estimated proportions

```
print("cmdstanr is needed to run this example.")
# Note: Before running the example, ensure that the 'cmdstanr' package is installed:
# install.packages("cmdstanr", repos = c("https://stan-dev.r-universe.dev/", getOption("repos")))
if (instantiate::stan_cmdstan_exists()) {
 # Load example data
 data("counts_obj")
 # First estimate the composition effects
 estimate <- sccomp_estimate(</pre>
      counts_obj,
      ~ type,
      ~1,
      sample,
      cell_group,
      count,
      cores = 1
 )
```

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```
# Calculate proportional fold changes from the estimated effects
estimate |>
sccomp_proportional_fold_change(
  formula_composition = ~ type,
  from = "benign",
  to = "cancer"
)
```

sccomp_remove_outliers

sccomp_remove_outliers main

Description

The sccomp_remove_outliers function takes as input a table of cell counts with columns for cell-group identifier, sample identifier, integer count, and factors (continuous or discrete). The user can define a linear model using an input R formula, where the first factor is the factor of interest. Alternatively, sccomp accepts single-cell data containers (e.g., Seurat, SingleCellExperiment, cell metadata, or group-size) and derives the count data from cell metadata.

Usage

```
sccomp_remove_outliers(
    .estimate,
    percent_false_positive = 5,
    cores = detectCores(),
    inference_method = attr(.estimate, "inference_method"),
    output_directory = "sccomp_draws_files",
    verbose = TRUE,
    mcmc_seed = sample(1e+05, 1),
    max_sampling_iterations = 20000,
    enable_loo = FALSE,
    sig_figs = 9,
    approximate_posterior_inference = NULL,
    variational_inference = NULL,
    ...
)
```

Arguments

.estimate

A tibble including a cell_group name column, sample name column, read counts column (optional depending on the input class), and factor columns.

```
percent_false_positive
```

A real number between 0 and 100 (not inclusive), used to identify outliers with a specific false positive rate.

cores Integer, the number of cores to be used for parallel calculations.

inference_method

Character string specifying the inference method to use ('pathfinder', 'hmc', or 'variational').

output_directory

A character string specifying the output directory for Stan draws.

verbose Logical, whether to print progression details.

mcmc_seed Integer, used for Markov-chain Monte Carlo reproducibility. By default, a ran-

dom number is sampled from 1 to 999999.

max_sampling_iterations

Integer, limits the maximum number of iterations in case a large dataset is used, to limit computation time.

enable_loo Logical, whether to enable model comparison using the R package LOO. This

is useful for comparing fits between models, similar to ANOVA.

sig_figs Number of significant figures to use for Stan model output. Default is 9.

approximate_posterior_inference

DEPRECATED, use the variational_inference argument.

variational_inference

DEPRECATED Logical, whether to use variational Bayes for posterior inference. It is faster and convenient. Setting this argument to FALSE runs full Bayesian (Hamiltonian Monte Carlo) inference, which is slower but the gold standard.

Additional arguments passed to the cmdstanr::sample function.

Value

A tibble (tbl), with the following columns:

- cell_group The cell groups being tested.
- parameter The parameter being estimated from the design matrix described by the input formula_composition and formula_variability.
- factor The covariate factor in the formula, if applicable (e.g., not present for Intercept or contrasts).
- c_lower Lower (2.5%) quantile of the posterior distribution for a composition (c) parameter.
- c_effect Mean of the posterior distribution for a composition (c) parameter.
- c_upper Upper (97.5%) quantile of the posterior distribution for a composition (c) parameter.
- c_n_eff Effective sample size, the number of independent draws in the sample. The higher, the better.
- c_R_k_hat R statistic, a measure of chain equilibrium, should be within 0.05 of 1.0.
- v_lower Lower (2.5%) quantile of the posterior distribution for a variability (v) parameter.
- v_effect Mean of the posterior distribution for a variability (v) parameter.
- v_upper Upper (97.5%) quantile of the posterior distribution for a variability (v) parameter.
- v_n_eff Effective sample size for a variability (v) parameter.
- v_R_k_hat R statistic for a variability (v) parameter, a measure of chain equilibrium.
- count_data Nested input count data.

Examples

```
print("cmdstanr is needed to run this example.")
# Note: Before running the example, ensure that the 'cmdstanr' package is installed:
# install.packages("cmdstanr", repos = c("https://stan-dev.r-universe.dev/", getOption("repos")))

if (instantiate::stan_cmdstan_exists()) {
    data("counts_obj")

    estimate = sccomp_estimate(
        counts_obj,
        ~ type,
        ~1,
        sample,
        cell_group,
        count,
        cores = 1
    ) |>
        sccomp_remove_outliers(cores = 1)
}
```

Description

This function uses the model to remove unwanted variation from a dataset using the estimates of the model. For example, if you fit your data with the formula ~ factor_1 + factor_2 and use the formula ~ factor_1 to remove unwanted variation, the factor_2 effect will be factored out.

Usage

```
sccomp_remove_unwanted_variation(
   .data,
   formula_composition_keep = NULL,
   formula_composition = NULL,
   formula_variability = NULL,
   cores = detectCores()
)
```

Arguments

.data A tibble. The result of sccomp_estimate.

```
formula_composition_keep
```

A formula. The formula describing the model for differential abundance, for example ~type. In this case, only the effect of the type factor will be preserved, while all other factors will be factored out.

formula_composition

DEPRECATED. Use formula_composition_keep instead.

formula_variability

DEPRECATED. Use formula_variability_keep instead.

cores

Integer, the number of cores to be used for parallel calculations.

Value

A tibble (tbl) with the following columns:

- sample A character column representing the sample name for which data was adjusted.
- **cell_group** A character column representing the cell group being tested.
- adjusted_proportion A numeric column representing the adjusted proportion after removing unwanted variation.
- adjusted_counts A numeric column representing the adjusted counts after removing unwanted variation.
- **logit_residuals** A numeric column representing the logit residuals calculated after adjustment.

```
print("cmdstanr is needed to run this example.")
# Note: Before running the example, ensure that the 'cmdstanr' package is installed:
# install.packages("cmdstanr", repos = c("https://stan-dev.r-universe.dev/", getOption("repos")))

if (instantiate::stan_cmdstan_exists()) {
    data("counts_obj")

    estimates = sccomp_estimate(
        counts_obj,
        ~ type, ~1, sample, cell_group, count,
        cores = 1
    ) |>
        sccomp_remove_unwanted_variation()
```

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sccomp_replicate

Description

This function replicates counts from a real-world dataset.

Usage

```
sccomp_replicate(
   fit,
   formula_composition = NULL,
   formula_variability = NULL,
   number_of_draws = 1,
   mcmc_seed = sample(1e+05, 1)
)
```

Arguments

fit

The result of sccomp_estimate.

formula_composition

A formula. The formula describing the model for differential abundance, for example ~treatment. This formula can be a sub-formula of your estimated model; in this case all other factor will be factored out.

formula_variability

A formula. The formula describing the model for differential variability, for example ~treatment. In most cases, if differentially variability is of interest, the formula should only include the factor of interest as a large amount of data is needed to define variability depending to each factors. This formula can be a sub-formula of your estimated model; in this case all other factor will be factored out.

number_of_draws

An integer. How may copies of the data you want to draw from the model joint posterior distribution.

mcmc_seed

An integer. Used for Markov-chain Monte Carlo reproducibility. By default a random number is sampled from 1 to 999999. This itself can be controlled by set.seed()

Value

A tibble tbl with cell group-wise statistics

A tibble (tbl), with the following columns:

- **cell_group** A character column representing the cell group being tested.
- sample A factor column representing the sample name from which data was generated.

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• **generated_proportions** - A numeric column representing the proportions generated from the model.

- **generated_counts** An integer column representing the counts generated from the model.
- **replicate** An integer column representing the replicate number, where each row corresponds to a different replicate of the data.

Examples

```
print("cmdstanr is needed to run this example.")
# Note: Before running the example, ensure that the 'cmdstanr' package is installed:
# install.packages("cmdstanr", repos = c("https://stan-dev.r-universe.dev/", getOption("repos")))

if (instantiate::stan_cmdstan_exists() && .Platform$0S.type == "unix") {
    data("counts_obj")

    sccomp_estimate(
    counts_obj,
    ~ type, ~1, sample, cell_group, count,
    cores = 1
    ) |>
    sccomp_replicate()
}
```

 $sccomp_test$

sccomp_test

Description

This function test contrasts from a sccomp result.

Usage

```
sccomp_test(
   .data,
   contrasts = NULL,
   percent_false_positive = 5,
   test_composition_above_logit_fold_change = 0.1,
   pass_fit = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

.data

A tibble. The result of sccomp_estimate.

contrasts

A vector of character strings. For example if your formula is ~ 0 + treatment and the factor treatment has values yes and no, your contrast could be "constrasts = c(treatmentyes - treatmentno)".

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percent_false_positive

A real between 0 and 100 non included. This used to identify outliers with a specific false positive rate.

test_composition_above_logit_fold_change

A positive integer. It is the effect threshold used for the hypothesis test. A value of 0.2 correspond to a change in cell proportion of 10% for a cell type with baseline proportion of 50%. That is, a cell type goes from 45% to 50%. When the baseline proportion is closer to 0 or 1 this effect thrshold has consistent value in the logit uncontrained scale.

pass_fit A boolean. Whether to pass the Stan fit as attribute in the output. Because the Stan fit can be very large, setting this to FALSE can be used to lower the memory imprint to save the output.

Value

A tibble (tbl), with the following columns:

- cell_group The cell groups being tested.
- parameter The parameter being estimated from the design matrix described by the input formula_composition and formula_variability.
- factor The covariate factor in the formula, if applicable (e.g., not present for Intercept or contrasts).
- c_lower Lower (2.5%) quantile of the posterior distribution for a composition (c) parameter.
- c_effect Mean of the posterior distribution for a composition (c) parameter.
- c_upper Upper (97.5%) quantile of the posterior distribution for a composition (c) parameter.
- c_pHO Probability of the c_effect being smaller or bigger than the test_composition_above_logit_fold_change argument.

• c_FDR - False discovery rate of the c_effect being smaller or bigger than the test_composition_above_logit_fold_

- argument. False discovery rate for Bayesian models is calculated differently from frequentists models, as detailed in Mangiola et al, PNAS 2023.
- c_n_eff Effective sample size, the number of independent draws in the sample. The higher, the better.
- c_R_k_hat R statistic, a measure of chain equilibrium, should be within 0.05 of 1.0.
- v_lower Lower (2.5%) quantile of the posterior distribution for a variability (v) parameter.
- v_effect Mean of the posterior distribution for a variability (v) parameter.
- v_upper Upper (97.5%) quantile of the posterior distribution for a variability (v) parameter.
- v_pHO Probability of the v_effect being smaller or bigger than the test_composition_above_logit_fold_change argument.
- v_FDR False discovery rate of the v_effect being smaller or bigger than the test_composition_above_logit_fold_argument. False discovery rate for Bayesian models is calculated differently from frequentists models, as detailed in Mangiola et al, PNAS 2023.
- v_n_eff Effective sample size for a variability (v) parameter.
- v_R_k_hat R statistic for a variability (v) parameter, a measure of chain equilibrium.
- count_data Nested input count data.

sce_obj

Examples

```
print("cmdstanr is needed to run this example.")
# Note: Before running the example, ensure that the 'cmdstanr' package is installed:
# install.packages("cmdstanr", repos = c("https://stan-dev.r-universe.dev/", getOption("repos")))

if (instantiate::stan_cmdstan_exists()) {
    data("counts_obj")

    estimates = sccomp_estimate(
        counts_obj,
        ~ 0 + type, ~1, sample, cell_group, count,
        cores = 1
    ) |>
        sccomp_test("typecancer - typebenign")
}
```

sce_obj

sce_obj

Description

Example SingleCellExperiment object containing gene expression data for 106,297 cells across two assays: counts and logcounts. The object includes metadata and assay data for RNA expression, which can be used directly in differential analysis functions like sccomp_glm.

Usage

```
data(sce_obj)
```

Format

A SingleCellExperiment object with the following structure:

- assays: Two assays: counts (raw RNA counts) and logcounts (log-transformed counts).
- rowData: No additional row-level metadata is present.
- **colData**: Metadata for each cell, including six fields: sample, type, nFeature_RNA, ident, and others.
- dim: 1 feature and 106,297 cells.
- colnames: Cell identifiers for all 106,297 cells.

Value

A SingleCellExperiment object containing single-cell RNA expression data.

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seurat_obj

seurat_obj

Description

Example Seurat object containing gene expression data for 106,297 cells across a single assay. The object includes RNA counts and data layers, but no variable features are defined. This dataset can be directly used with functions like sccomp_glm for differential abundance analysis.

Usage

```
data(seurat_obj)
```

Format

A Seurat object with the following structure:

- assays: Contains gene expression data. The active assay is RNA, with 1 feature and no variable features.
- layers: Two layers: counts and data, representing raw and processed RNA expression values, respectively.
- samples: 106,297 samples (cells) within the RNA assay.

Value

A Seurat object containing single-cell RNA expression data.

simulate_data

simulate_data

Description

This function simulates counts from a linear model.

Usage

```
simulate_data(
    .data,
    .estimate_object,
    formula_composition,
    formula_variability = NULL,
    .sample = NULL,
    .cell_group = NULL,
    .coefficients = NULL,
    variability_multiplier = 5,
```

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```
number_of_draws = 1,
mcmc\_seed = sample(1e+05, 1),
cores = detectCores(),
sig_figs = 9
```

Arguments

.data

A tibble including a cell_group name column | sample name column | read counts column | factor columns | Pvalue column | a significance column

.estimate_object

The result of sccomp estimate execution. This is used for sampling from realdata properties.

formula_composition

A formula. The sample formula used to perform the differential cell_group abundance analysis

formula_variability

A formula. The formula describing the model for differential variability, for example ~treatment. In most cases, if differentially variability is of interest, the formula should only include the factor of interest as a large amount of data is needed to define variability depending to each factors.

.sample A column name as symbol. The sample identifier

A column name as symbol. The cell_group identifier .cell_group

.coefficients The column names for coefficients, for example, c(b_0, b_1)

variability_multiplier

A real scalar. This can be used for artificially increasing the variability of the simulation for benchmarking purposes.

number_of_draws

An integer. How may copies of the data you want to draw from the model joint

posterior distribution.

An integer. Used for Markov-chain Monte Carlo reproducibility. By default a mcmc_seed

> random number is sampled from 1 to 999999. This itself can be controlled by set.seed()#' @param cores Integer, the number of cores to be used for parallel

calculations.

cores Integer, the number of cores to be used for parallel calculations.

Number of significant figures to use for Stan model output. Default is 9. sig_figs

Value

A tibble (tbl) with the following columns:

- sample A character column representing the sample name.
- type A factor column representing the type of the sample.
- phenotype A factor column representing the phenotype in the data.
- count An integer column representing the original cell counts.

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- **cell_group** A character column representing the cell group identifier.
- **b_0** A numeric column representing the first coefficient used for simulation.
- **b_1** A numeric column representing the second coefficient used for simulation.
- **generated_proportions** A numeric column representing the generated proportions from the simulation.
- **generated_counts** An integer column representing the generated cell counts from the simulation.
- **replicate** An integer column representing the replicate number for each draw from the posterior distribution.

```
print("cmdstanr is needed to run this example.")
# Note: Before running the example, ensure that the 'cmdstanr' package is installed:
# install.packages("cmdstanr", repos = c("https://stan-dev.r-universe.dev/", getOption("repos")))
 if (instantiate::stan_cmdstan_exists()) {
    data("counts_obj")
   library(dplyr)
    estimate = sccomp_estimate(
      counts_obj,
      ~ type, ~1, sample, cell_group, count,
     cores = 1
   )
   # Set coefficients for cell_groups. In this case all coefficients are 0 for simplicity.
   counts_obj = counts_obj |> mutate(b_0 = 0, b_1 = 0)
   # Simulate data
    simulate\_data(counts\_obj, \ estimate, \ ^-type, \ ^-1, \ sample, \ cell\_group, \ c(b\_0, \ b\_1))
 }
```

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