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'SCRIP' proposed and compared two frameworks with Gamma-Poisson and Beta-Gamma-Poisson models for simulating Single Cell RNA Sequencing data.

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acinar.data	<i>parameter files estimated from acinar.data using splatEstimate</i>
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Description

parameter files estimated from acinar.data using splatEstimate

Usage

acinar.data

Format

parameters estimated using splatEstimate

bridge	<i>Brownian bridge</i>
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Description

Calculate a smoothed Brownian bridge between two points. A Brownian bridge is a random walk with fixed end points.

Usage

```
bridge(x = 0, y = 0, N = 5, n = 100, sigma.fac = 0.8)
```

Arguments

x	starting value.
y	end value.
N	number of steps in random walk.
n	number of points in smoothed bridge.
sigma.fac	multiplier specifying how extreme each step can be.

Value

Vector of length n following a path from x to y.

bringItemsForward	<i>Bring items forward</i>
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Description

Move selected items to the start of a list.

Usage

```
bringItemsForward(ll, items)
```

Arguments

ll	list to adjust item order.
items	vector of items to bring to the front. Any not in the list will be ignored.

Value

list with selected items first

getLNormFactors *Get log-normal factors*

Description

Randomly generate multiplication factors from a log-normal distribution.

Usage

```
getLNormFactors(n.facs, sel.prob, neg.prob, fac.loc, fac.scale)
```

Arguments

n.facs	Number of factors to generate.
sel.prob	Probability that a factor will be selected to be different from 1.
neg.prob	Probability that a selected factor is less than one.
fac.loc	Location parameter for the log-normal distribution.
fac.scale	Scale factor for the log-normal distribution.

Value

Vector containing generated factors.

getPathOrder *Get path order*

Description

Identify the correct order to process paths so that preceding paths have already been simulated.

Usage

```
getPathOrder(path.from)
```

Arguments

path.from	vector giving the path endpoints that each path originates from.
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Value

Vector giving the order to process paths in.

logistic	<i>Logistic function</i>
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Description

Implementation of the logistic function

Usage

```
logistic(x, x0, k)
```

Arguments

x	value to apply the function to.
x0	midpoint parameter. Gives the centre of the function.
k	shape parameter. Gives the slope of the function.

Value

Value of logistic function with given parameters

params_acinar	<i>A data frame with 1000 genes and 80 cells</i>
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Description

A data frame with 1000 genes and 80 cells

Usage

```
params_acinar
```

Format

A data frame with 1000 genes and 80 cells

SCRIPsimBatchCellMeans

Simulate batch means

Description

Simulate a mean for each gene in each cell incorporating batch effect factors.

Usage

```
SCRIPsimBatchCellMeans(sim, params)
```

Arguments

sim SingleCellExperiment to add batch means to.
params SplatParams object with simulation parameters.

Value

SingleCellExperiment with simulated batch means.

SCRIPsimBatchEffects *Simulate batch effects*

Description

Simulate batch effects. Batch effect factors for each batch are produced using [getLNormFactors](#) and these are added along with updated means for each batch.

Usage

```
SCRIPsimBatchEffects(sim, params)
```

Arguments

sim SingleCellExperiment to add batch effects to.
params SplatParams object with simulation parameters.

Value

SingleCellExperiment with simulated batch effects.

SCRIPsimBCVMeans	<i>Simulate BCV means</i>
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Description

Simulate means for each gene in each cell that are adjusted to follow a mean-variance trend using Biological Coefficient of Variation taken from and inverse gamma distribution.

Usage

```
SCRIPsimBCVMeans(data, sim, params)
```

Arguments

data	data are used to fit the mean-BCV trend for simulation
sim	SingleCellExperiment to add BCV means to.
params	SplatParams object with simulation parameters.

Value

SingleCellExperiment with simulated BCV means.

SCRIPsimDropout	<i>Simulate dropout</i>
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Description

A logistic function is used to form a relationship between the expression level of a gene and the probability of dropout, giving a probability for each gene in each cell. These probabilities are used in a Bernoulli distribution to decide which counts should be dropped.

Usage

```
SCRIPsimDropout(sim, params)
```

Arguments

sim	SingleCellExperiment to add dropout to.
params	SplatParams object with simulation parameters.

Value

SingleCellExperiment with simulated dropout and observed counts.

SCRIPsimGeneMeans *Simulate gene means*

Description

Simulate gene means from a gamma distribution. Also simulates outlier expression factors. Genes with an outlier factor not equal to 1 are replaced with the median mean expression multiplied by the outlier factor.

Usage

```
SCRIPsimGeneMeans(data, sim, params)
```

Arguments

data	raw dataset.
sim	SingleCellExperiment to add gene means to.
params	SplatParams object with simulation parameters.

Value

SingleCellExperiment with simulated gene means.

SCRIPsimGroupCellMeans
Simulate Group CellMeans

Description

Simulate group cell means

Usage

```
SCRIPsimGroupCellMeans(sim, params)
```

Arguments

sim	SingleCellExperiment to add cell means to.
params	SplatParams object with simulation parameters.

Value

SingleCellExperiment with added cell means.

SCRIPsimGroupDE	<i>Simulate group differential expression</i>
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Description

Simulate differential expression. Differential expression factors for each group are produced using [getLNormFactors](#) and these are added along with updated means for each group. For paths care is taken to make sure they are simulated in the correct order.

Usage

```
SCRIPsimGroupDE(sim, params)
```

Arguments

sim	SingleCellExperiment to add differential expression to.
params	splatParams object with simulation parameters.

Value

SingleCellExperiment with simulated differential expression.

SCRIPsimLibSizes	<i>Simulate library sizes</i>
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Description

Simulate expected library sizes. Typically a log-normal distribution is used but there is also the option to use a normal distribution. In this case any negative values are set to half the minimum non-zero value.

Usage

```
SCRIPsimLibSizes(sim, params, libsize)
```

Arguments

sim	SingleCellExperiment to add library size to.
params	SplatParams object with simulation parameters.
libsize	Provide the library size directly instead of using parameters to estimate

Value

SingleCellExperiment with simulated library sizes.

SCRIPsimPathCellMeans *sim PathCellMeans*

Description

simulate cell means for path

Usage

```
SCRIPsimPathCellMeans(sim, params)
```

Arguments

sim	SingleCellExperiment to add dropout to.
params	SplatParams object with simulation parameters.

Value

SingleCellExperiment with cell means for path simulation.

SCRIPsimPathDE *Sim PathDE*

Description

simulate DE factors for path

Usage

```
SCRIPsimPathDE(sim, params)
```

Arguments

sim	SingleCellExperiment to add dropout to.
params	SplatParams object with simulation parameters.

Value

SingleCellExperiment with DE for path simulation.

SCRIPsimSingleCellMeans
Simulate cell means

Description

Simulate a gene by cell matrix giving the mean expression for each gene in each cell. Cells start with the mean expression for the group they belong to (when simulating groups) or cells are assigned the mean expression from a random position on the appropriate path (when simulating paths). The selected means are adjusted for each cell's expected library size.

Usage

```
SCRIPsimSingleCellMeans(sim, params)
```

Arguments

sim	SingleCellExperiment to add cell means to.
params	SplatParams object with simulation parameters.

Value

SingleCellExperiment with added cell means.

SCRIPsimTrueCounts *Simulate true counts*

Description

Simulate a true counts matrix. Counts are simulated from a poisson distribution where Each gene in each cell has it's own mean based on the group (or path position), expected library size and BCV.

Usage

```
SCRIPsimTrueCounts(sim, params)
```

Arguments

sim	SingleCellExperiment to add true counts to.
params	SplatParams object with simulation parameters.

Value

SingleCellExperiment with simulated true counts.

SCRIPsimu

*SCRIP simulation***Description**

Simulate count data for single cell RNA-sequencing using SCIRP method

Usage

```
SCRIPsimu(
  data,
  params,
  method = "single",
  base_allcellmeans_SC = NULL,
  pre.bcv.df = NULL,
  libsize = NULL,
  bcv.shrink = 1,
  Dropout_rate = NULL,
  mode = "GP-trendedBCV",
  de.prob = NULL,
  de.downProb = NULL,
  de.facLoc = NULL,
  de.facScale = NULL,
  path.skew = NULL,
  batch.facLoc = NULL,
  batch.facScale = NULL,
  path.nSteps = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

<code>data</code>	data matrix required to fit the mean-BCV trend for simulation
<code>params</code>	SplatParams object containing parameters for the simulation
<code>method</code>	"single", "groups" or "paths"
<code>base_allcellmeans_SC</code>	base mean vector provided to help setting DE analysis
<code>pre.bcv.df</code>	BCV.df enables us to change the variation of BCV values
<code>libsize</code>	library size can be provided directly
<code>bcv.shrink</code>	factor to control the BCV levels
<code>Dropout_rate</code>	factor to control the dropout rate directly
<code>mode</code>	"GP-commonBCV", "BP-commonBCV", "BP", "BGP-commonBCV" and "BGP-trendedBCV"
<code>de.prob</code>	the proportion of DE genes

de.downProb	the proportion of down-regulated DE genes
de.facLoc	DE location factor
de.facScale	DE scale factor
path.skew	Controls how likely cells are from the start or end point of the path
batch.facLoc	DE location factor in batch
batch.facScale	DE scale factor in batch
path.nSteps	number of steps between the start point and end point for each path
...	Other parameters

Value

SingleCellExperiment file

Examples

```
data(params_acinar)
data(acinar.data)
sim_trend = SCRIPsimu(data=acinar.data, params=params_acinar, mode="GP-trendedBCV")
```

simu.VEGs

SCRIP simulation for clustering analysis

Description

Simulate count data for clustering analysis by preserving variably expressed genes

Usage

```
simu.VEGs(
  counts.matrix,
  params = params,
  base_allcellmeans,
  mode = "GP-trendedBCV",
  nCells,
  nfeatures = 1000
)
```

Arguments

counts.matrix	data matrix required for simulation
params	SplatParams object containing parameters for the simulation
base_allcellmeans	base cell means specified directly for simulating counts
mode	"GP-commonBCV", "BP-commonBCV", "BP", "BGP-commonBCV" and "BGP-trendedBCV"
nCells	number of cells simulated
nfeatures	parameter required for FinalVariable function in Seurat package

Value

simulated read counts data

simu_cluster	<i>SCRIP simulation for clustering analysis with multiple cell types</i>
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Description

Simulate count data for clustering analysis by preserving variably expressed genes with multiple cell types

Usage

```
simu_cluster(expre_data, pheno_data, CTlist, mode, nfeatures, seed = 2021)
```

Arguments

expre_data	data matrix required for simulation
pheno_data	phenotype data information
CTlist	cell types used for simulation
mode	"GP-commonBCV", "BP-commonBCV", "BP", "BGP-commonBCV" and "BGP-trendedBCV"
nfeatures	parameter required for FinalVariable function in Seurat package
seed	seed used for simulation

Value

simulated read counts data with cell type information

simu_DE	<i>SCRIP simulation for differential expression</i>
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Description

Simulate count data for differential expression analysis using SCRIP

Usage

```
simu_DE(  
  expre_data,  
  params,  
  nGenes = NULL,  
  nDE,  
  ncells = NULL,  
  FC,  
  Dropout_rate = NULL,  
  libsize = NULL,  
  pre.bcv.df = NULL,  
  bcv.shrink = 1,  
  seed = 2021  
)
```

Arguments

expre_data	data matrix required for simulation
params	SplatParams object containing parameters for the simulation
nGenes	number of genes simulated
nDE	number of differentially expressed genes simulated
ncells	number of cells simulated
FC	fold change rate simulated between two groups
Dropout_rate	factor to control the dropout rate directly
libsize	library size used for simulation
pre.bcv.df	BCV.df enables us to change the variation of BCV values
bcv.shrink	factor to control the BCV levels
seed	seed for simulation

Value

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