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### Description

This function implements biplot for prcomp objects.

### Usage

```
biplot_color(x, y, rank = TRUE, ties_method = c("max", "min", "first",
    "last", "random"), choices = 1:2, expand = 1, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

X	prcomp object.
у	numeric. Quantitative values used to color the points. If rank is FALSE, all values must be positive integers and less than or equal to the length of y.
rank	logical. If TRUE (default) y will be transformed by the rank() function
ties_method	character. ties.method used by the rank() function
choices	numeric. 2 principal components to plot. Default to first two PCs.
expand	numeric. value used to adjust the spread of the arrows relative to the points.
	arguments passed to plot.

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#### Value

Invisibly returns scaled point coordinates used in plot.

#### **Examples**

```
mat <- matrix(rnorm(1000), ncol=10)
colnames(mat) <- paste("X", 1:ncol(mat), sep="")
pc <- prcomp(mat)
biplot_color(pc, rank(pc$x[,1]))</pre>
```

biplot\_interactive

Interactive biplot

#### **Description**

This is a wrapper around biplot\_color, creating a shiny gadget to allow the user to select specific points in the graph.

#### Usage

```
biplot_interactive(x, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

```
x a SconeExperiment object.
... passed to biplot_color.
```

#### **Details**

Since this is based on the shiny gadget feature, it will not work in static documents, such as vignettes or markdown / knitr documents. See biplot\_color for more details on the internals.

#### Value

A SconeExperiment object representing selected methods.

#### **Examples**

```
mat <- matrix(rpois(1000, lambda = 5), ncol=10)
colnames(mat) <- paste("X", 1:ncol(mat), sep="")
obj <- SconeExperiment(mat)
res <- scone(obj, scaling=list(none=identity,
    uq=UQ_FN, deseq=DESEQ_FN, fq=FQT_FN),
evaluate=TRUE, k_ruv=0, k_qc=0, eval_kclust=2,
    bpparam = BiocParallel::SerialParam())
## Not run:
biplot_interactive(res)
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

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CLR\_FN

Centered log-ratio (CLR) normalization wrapper function

#### **Description**

Centered log-ratio (CLR) normalization wrapper function

#### Usage

```
CLR_FN(ei)
```

### **Arguments**

ei

Numerical matrix. (rows = genes, cols = samples).

#### **Details**

SCONE scaling wrapper for clr).

#### Value

CLR normalized matrix.

#### **Examples**

```
ei <- matrix(0:20,nrow = 7)
eo <- CLR_FN(ei)</pre>
```

control\_genes

Data: Positive and Negative Control Genes

### **Description**

Sets of "positive" and "negative" control genes, useful arguments for scone.

#### **Details**

These gene sets can be used as negative or positive controls, either for RUV factor normalization or for evaluation and ranking of the normalization workflows.

Gene set datasets are in the form of data. frame, with the first column containing the gene symbols and an (optional) second column containing additional information (such as cortical layer or cell cycle phase).

Note that the gene symbols follow the mouse conventions (i.e. capitalized) or the human conventions (i.e, all upper-case), based on the original publication. One can use the toupper, tolower, and toTitleCase functions to alter symbol conventions.

Mouse gene symbols in cortical\_markers are transcribed from Figure 3 of Molyneaux et al. (2007): "laminar-specific expression of 66 genes within the neocortex."

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Human gene symbols in housekeeping are derived from the list of "housekeeping" genes from the cDNA microarray analysis of Eisenberg and Levanon (2003): "[HK genes] belong to the class of genes that are EXPRESSED in all tissues." "... from 47 different human tissues and cell lines."

Human gene symbols in housekeeping\_revised from Eisenberg and Levanon (2013): "This list provided ... is based on analysis of next-generation sequencing (RNA-seq) data. At least one variant of these genes is expressed in all tissues uniformly... The RefSeq transcript according to which we deemed the gene 'housekeeping' is given." Housekeeping exons satisfy "(i) expression observed in all tissues; (ii) low variance over tissues: standard-deviation [log2(RPKM)]<1; and (iii) no exceptional expression in any single tissue; that is, no log-expression value differed from the averaged log2(RPKM) by two (fourfold) or more." "We define a housekeeping gene as a gene for which at least one RefSeq transcript has more than half of its exons meeting the previous criteria (thus being housekeeping exons)."

Human gene symbols in cellcycle\_genes from Macosko et al. (2015) and represent a set of genes marking G1/S, S, G2/M, M, and M/G1 phases.

#### References

Molyneaux, B.J., Arlotta, P., Menezes, J.R. and Macklis, J.D.. Neuronal subtype specification in the cerebral cortex. Nature Reviews Neuroscience, 2007, 8(6):427-437.

Eisenberg E, Levanon EY. Human housekeeping genes are compact. Trends in Genetics, 2003, 19(7):362-5.

Eisenberg E, Levanon EY. Human housekeeping genes, revisited. Trends in Genetics, 2013, 29(10):569-74.

Macosko, E. Z., et al. Highly parallel genome-wide expression profiling of individual cells using nanoliter droplets. Cell, 2015, 161.5:1202-1214.

### **Examples**

```
data(housekeeping)
data(housekeeping_revised)
data(cellcycle_genes)
data(cortical_markers)
```

DESEQ\_FN

Relative log-expression (RLE; DESeq) scaling normalization wrapper function

### Description

Relative log-expression (RLE; DESeq) scaling normalization wrapper function

#### Usage

```
DESEQ_FN(ei)
```

### Arguments

ei Numerical matrix. (rows = genes, cols = samples).

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#### **Details**

SCONE scaling wrapper for calcNormFactors).

#### Value

RLE normalized matrix.

### **Examples**

```
ei <- matrix(0:20,nrow = 7)
eo <- DESEQ_FN(ei)</pre>
```

estimate\_ziber

Parameter estimation of zero-inflated bernoulli model

### Description

This function implements an expectation-maximization algorithm for a zero-inflated bernoulli model of transcript detection, modeling gene expression state (off of on) as a bernoulli draw on a gene-specific expression rate (Z in 0,1). Detection conditioned on expression is a logistic function of gene-level features. The bernoulli model is modeled numerically by a logistic model with an intercept.

### Usage

```
estimate_ziber(x, fp_tresh = 0, gfeatM = NULL, bulk_model = FALSE,
    pos_controls = NULL, em_tol = 0.01, maxiter = 100, verbose = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

x	matrix. An expression data matrix (genes in rows, cells in columns)
fp_tresh	numeric. Threshold for calling a positive detection $(D = 1)$ . Default 0.
gfeatM	matrix. Numeric gene level determinants of drop-out (genes in rows, features in columns)
bulk_model	logical. Use median log-expression of gene in detected fraction as sole gene-level feature. Default FALSE. Ignored if gfeatM is specified.
pos_controls	logical. TRUE for all genes that are known to be expressed in all cells.
em_tol	numeric. Convergence treshold on log-likelihood.
maxiter	numeric. The maximum number of iterations. Default 100.
verbose	logical. Whether or not to print the value of the likelihood at each iteration.

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#### Value

a list with the following elements:

- · W coefficients of sample-specific logistic drop-out model
- Alpha intercept and gene-level parameter matrix
- X intercept
- Beta coefficient of gene-specific logistic expression model
- fnr\_character the probability, per gene, of P(D=0|E=1)
- p\_nodrop 1 the probability P(droplY), useful as weights in weighted PCA
- expected\_state the expected value E[Z] (1 = "on")
- loglik the log-likelihood
- convergence 0 if the algorithm converged and 1 if maxiter was reached

#### **Examples**

```
mat <- matrix(rpois(1000, lambda = 3), ncol=10)
mat = mat * matrix(1-rbinom(1000, size = 1, prob = .01), ncol=10)
ziber_out = suppressWarnings(estimate_ziber(mat,
    bulk_model = TRUE,
    pos_controls = 1:10))</pre>
```

factor\_sample\_filter Factor-based Sample Filtering: Function to filter single-cell RNA-Seq libraries.

#### **Description**

This function returns a sample-filtering report for each cell in the input expression matrix, describing whether it passed filtering by factor-based filtering, using PCA of quality metrics.

#### Usage

```
factor_sample_filter(expr, qual, gene_filter = NULL, max_exp_pcs = 5,
  qual_select_q_thresh = 0.01, force_metrics = NULL, good_metrics = NULL,
  min_qual_variance = 0.7, zcut = 1, mixture = TRUE, dip_thresh = 0.01,
  plot = FALSE, hist_breaks = 20)
```

#### **Arguments**

 $FQ_FN$ 

force\_metrics logical. If not NULL, indexes quality metric to be forcefully included in quality

PCA.

good\_metrics logical. If not NULL, indexes quality metric that indicate better quality when of

higher value.

min\_qual\_variance

numeric. Minimum proportion of selected quality variance addressed in filter-

ing. Default 0.70

zcut A numeric value determining threshold Z-score for sd, mad, and mixture sub-

criteria. Default 1.

mixture A logical value determining whether mixture modeling sub-criterion will be ap-

plied per primary criterion (quality score). If true, a dip test will be applied to each quality score. If a metric is multimodal, it is fit to a two-component normal mixture model. Samples deviating zcut sd's from optimal mean (in the inferior

direction), have failed this sub-criterion.

dip\_thresh A numeric value determining dip test p-value threshold. Default 0.05.

plot logical. Should a plot be produced?

hist\_breaks hist() breaks argument. Ignored if 'plot=FALSE'.

#### **Details**

None

#### Value

A logical, representing samples passing factor-based filter.

#### **Examples**

```
mat <- matrix(rpois(1000, lambda = 5), ncol=10)
colnames(mat) <- paste("X", 1:ncol(mat), sep="")
qc = as.matrix(cbind(colSums(mat),colSums(mat > 0)))
rownames(qc) = colnames(mat)
colnames(qc) = c("NCOUNTS","NGENES")
mfilt = factor_sample_filter(expr = mat,
    qc, plot = TRUE,qual_select_q_thresh = 1)
```

FQ\_FN

Full-quantile normalization wrapper function

### **Description**

Full-quantile normalization wrapper function

### Usage

```
FQ_FN(ei)
```

FQT\_FN(ei)

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### **Arguments**

ei

Numerical matrix. (rows = genes, cols = samples).

### **Details**

```
SCONE "scaling" wrapper for normalizeQuantileRank.matrix).

Unlike FQ_FN, FQT_FN handles ties carefully (see normalizeQuantiles for details).
```

### Value

Full-quantile normalized matrix.

### **Examples**

```
ei <- matrix(0:20,nrow = 7)
eo <- FQ_FN(ei)

ei <- matrix(0:20,nrow = 7)
eo <- FQT_FN(ei)</pre>
```

get\_bio

Get Factor of Biological Conditions and Batch

### **Description**

Get Factor of Biological Conditions and Batch

### Usage

```
get_bio(x)
get_batch(x)
## S4 method for signature 'SconeExperiment'
get_bio(x)
## S4 method for signature 'SconeExperiment'
get_batch(x)
```

### Arguments

Х

an object of class SconeExperiment.

### Value

NULL or a factor containing bio or batch covariate.

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#### **Examples**

get\_design

Retrieve Design Matrix

### **Description**

Given a SconeExperiment object created by a call to scone, it will return the design matrix of the selected method.

### Usage

```
get_design(x, method)
## S4 method for signature 'SconeExperiment, character'
get_design(x, method)
## S4 method for signature 'SconeExperiment, numeric'
get_design(x, method)
```

### **Arguments**

Х

a SconeExperiment object containing the results of scone.

method

character or numeric. Either a string identifying the normalization scheme to be retrieved, or a numeric index with the rank of the normalization method to retrieve (according to scone ranking of normalizations).

### **Details**

The numeric method will always return the design matrix corresponding to row method of the scone\_params slot. This means that if scone was run with eval=TRUE,  $get_design(x, 1)$  will return the top ranked method. If scone was run with eval=FALSE,  $get_design(x, 1)$  will return the first normalization in the order saved by scone.

#### Value

The design matrix.

### Methods (by class)

- x = SconeExperiment, method = character: If method is a character, it will return the design matrix corresponding to the normalization scheme specified by the character string. The string must be one of the row.names of the slot scone\_params.
- x = SconeExperiment, method = numeric: If method is a numeric, it will return the design matrix according to the scone ranking.

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#### **Examples**

get\_negconruv

Get Negative and Positive Controls

### **Description**

Get Negative and Positive Controls

#### Usage

```
get_negconruv(x)
get_negconeval(x)
get_poscon(x)
## S4 method for signature 'SconeExperiment'
get_negconruv(x)
## S4 method for signature 'SconeExperiment'
get_negconeval(x)
## S4 method for signature 'SconeExperiment'
get_poscon(x)
```

#### **Arguments**

Х

an object of class SconeExperiment.

### Value

NULL or a logical vector.

For get\_negconruv the returned vector indicates which genes are negative controls to be used for RUV.

For get\_negconeval the returned vector indicates which genes are negative controls to be used for evaluation.

For get\_poscon the returned vector indicates which genes are positive controls to be used for evaluation.

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#### **Examples**

get\_normalized

Retrieve Normalized Matrix

### **Description**

Given a SconeExperiment object created by a call to scone, it will return a matrix of normalized counts (in log scale if log=TRUE).

#### **Usage**

```
get_normalized(x, method, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'SconeExperiment, character'
get_normalized(x, method, log = FALSE)
## S4 method for signature 'SconeExperiment, numeric'
get_normalized(x, method, log = FALSE)
```

### **Arguments**

Χ	a SconeExperiment object containing the results of scone.
method	character or numeric. Either a string identifying the normalization scheme to be retrieved, or a numeric index with the rank of the normalization method to retrieve (according to scone ranking of normalizations).
	additional arguments for specific methods.
log	logical. Should the data be returned in log-scale

#### **Details**

If scone was run with return\_norm="in\_memory", this function simply retrieves the normalized data from the assays slote of object.

If scone was run with return\_norm="hdf5", this function will read the normalized matrix from the specified hdf5 file.

If scone was run with return\_norm="no", this function will compute the normalized matrix on the fly.

The numeric method will always return the normalization corresponding to row method of the scone\_params slot. This means that if scone was run with eval=TRUE, get\_normalized(x, 1) will return the top ranked method. If scone was run with eval=FALSE, get\_normalized(x,1) will return the first normalization in the order saved by scone.

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#### Value

A matrix of normalized counts in log-scale.

### Methods (by class)

- x = SconeExperiment, method = character: If method is a character, it will return the normalized matrix corresponding to the normalization scheme specified by the character string. The string must be one of the row. names of the slot scone\_params.
- x = SconeExperiment, method = numeric: If method is a numeric, it will return the normalized matrix according to the scone ranking.

### **Examples**

get\_params

Extract scone parameters

### **Description**

Extract scone parameters

### Usage

```
get_params(x)
## S4 method for signature 'SconeExperiment'
get_params(x)
```

### **Arguments**

Х

an object of class SconeExperiment.

#### Value

A data.frame containing workflow parameters for each scone workflow.

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### **Examples**

get\_qc

Get Quality Control Matrix

### Description

Get Quality Control Matrix

### Usage

```
get_qc(x)
## S4 method for signature 'SconeExperiment'
get_qc(x)
```

### **Arguments**

Χ

an object of class SconeExperiment.

#### Value

NULL or the quality control (QC) metric matrix.

### Examples

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get\_scores

Extract scone scores

#### **Description**

Extract scone scores

### Usage

```
get_scores(x)
get_score_ranks(x)
## S4 method for signature 'SconeExperiment'
get_scores(x)
## S4 method for signature 'SconeExperiment'
get_score_ranks(x)
```

#### **Arguments**

Х

an object of class SconeExperiment.

#### Value

get\_scores returns a matrix with all (non-missing) scone scores, ordered by average score rank. get\_score\_ranks returns a vector of average score ranks.

### **Examples**

 $impute\_expectation$ 

Imputation of zero abundance based on general zero-inflated model

### **Description**

This function is used to impute the data, weighted by probability of data coming from the zero-inflation part of the distribution.

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#### Usage

```
impute_expectation(expression, impute_args)
```

### **Arguments**

```
expression the data matrix (genes in rows, cells in columns) impute_args arguments for imputation (see details)
```

#### **Details**

The imputation is carried out with the following formula:  $y_i = y_i = y_i = y_i + Pr(No Drop | y_i) + mu_i + Pr(Drop | y_i)$ .

impute\_args must contain 2 elements: 1) p\_nodrop = posterior probability of data not having resulted from drop-out (genes in rows, cells in columns) 2) mu = expected expression of dropped data (genes in rows, cells in columns)

#### Value

the imputed expression matrix.

#### **Examples**

```
mat <- matrix(rpois(1000, lambda = 3), ncol=10)
mat = mat * matrix(1-rbinom(1000, size = 1, prob = .01), ncol=10)

mu = matrix(rep(3/ppois(0,lambda = 3,lower.tail = FALSE),1000),ncol = 10)

p_false = 1 / (1 + ppois(0, lambda = 3, lower.tail = TRUE ) /
        (0.01 * ppois(0, lambda = 3, lower.tail = FALSE) ) )

p_nodrop = matrix(rep(1-p_false,1000),ncol = 10)
p_nodrop[mat > 0] = 1

impute_args = list()
impute_args = list(mu = mu, p_nodrop = p_nodrop)

imat = impute_expectation(mat,impute_args = impute_args)
```

impute\_null

Null or no-op imputation

### **Description**

Null or no-op imputation

### Usage

```
impute_null(expression, impute_args)
```

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#### Arguments

expression the data matrix (genes in rows, cells in columns)

impute\_args arguments for imputation (not used)

#### Value

the imputed expression matrix.

### **Examples**

```
mat <- matrix(rpois(1000, lambda = 5), ncol=10)
imat = impute_null(mat)</pre>
```

lm\_adjust

Linear Adjustment Normalization

### **Description**

Given a matrix with log expression values and a design matrix, this function fits a linear model and removes the effects of the batch factor as well as of the linear variables encoded in W.

### Usage

```
lm\_adjust(log\_expr, \ design\_mat, \ batch = NULL, \ weights = NULL)
```

### **Arguments**

log\_expr matrix. The log gene expression (genes in row, samples in columns).

design\_mat matrix. The design matrix (usually the result of make\_design).

batch factor. A factor with the batch information, identifying batch effect to be re-

moved.

weights matrix. A matrix of weights.

### **Details**

The function assumes that the columns of the design matrix corresponding to the variable for which expression needs to be adjusted, start with either the word "batch" or the letter "W" (case sensitive). Any other covariate (including the intercept) is kept.

### Value

The corrected log gene expression.

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#### **Examples**

```
set.seed(141)
bio = as.factor(rep(c(1,2),each = 2))
batch = as.factor(rep(c(1,2),2))
design_mat = make_design(bio,batch, W = NULL)

log_expr = matrix(rnorm(20),ncol = 4)
adjusted_log_expr = lm_adjust(log_expr = log_expr,
    design_mat = design_mat,
    batch = batch)
```

make\_design

Make a Design Matrix

### **Description**

This function builds a design matrix for the Adjustment Normalization Step, in which covariates are two (possibly nested) categorical factors and one or more continuous variables.

#### Usage

```
make_design(bio, batch, W, nested = FALSE)
```

### **Arguments**

bio factor. The biological covariate.
batch factor. The batch covariate.

W numeric. Either a vector or matrix containing one or more continuous covariates

(e.g. RUVg factors).

nested logical. Whether or not to consider a nested design (see details).

#### **Details**

If nested=TRUE a nested design is used, i.e. the batch variable is assumed to be nested within the bio variable. Here, nested means that each batch is composed of samples from only \*one\* level of bio, while each level of bio may contain multiple batches.

#### Value

The design matrix.

### **Examples**

```
bio = as.factor(rep(c(1,2),each = 2))
batch = as.factor(rep(c(1,2),2))
design_mat = make_design(bio,batch, W = NULL)
```

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metric_sample_filter	Metric-based Sample Filtering: Function to filter single-cell RNA-Seq
	libraries.

### Description

This function returns a sample-filtering report for each cell in the input expression matrix, describing which filtering criteria are satisfied.

### Usage

```
metric_sample_filter(expr, nreads = colSums(expr), ralign = NULL,
  gene_filter = NULL, pos_controls = NULL, scale. = FALSE, glen = NULL,
  AUC_range = c(0, 15), zcut = 1, mixture = TRUE, dip_thresh = 0.05,
  hard_nreads = 25000, hard_ralign = 15, hard_breadth = 0.2,
  hard_auc = 10, suff_nreads = NULL, suff_ralign = NULL,
  suff_breadth = NULL, suff_auc = NULL, plot = FALSE, hist_breaks = 10,
  ...)
```

### **Arguments**

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expr	matrix The data matrix (genes in rows, cells in columns).
nreads	A numeric vector representing number of reads in each library. Default to 'col-Sums' of 'expr'.
ralign	A numeric vector representing the proportion of reads aligned to the reference genome in each library. If NULL, filtered_ralign will be returned NA.
gene_filter	A logical vector indexing genes that will be used to compute library transcriptome breadth. If NULL, filtered_breadth will be returned NA.
pos_controls	A logical, numeric, or character vector indicating positive control genes that will be used to compute false-negative rate characteristics. If NULL, filtered_fnr will be returned NA.
scale.	logical. Will expression be scaled by total expression for FNR computation? Default = FALSE
glen	Gene lengths for gene-length normalization (normalized data used in FNR computation).
AUC_range	An array of two values, representing range over which FNR AUC will be computed (log(expr_units)). Default $c(0,15)$
zcut	A numeric value determining threshold Z-score for sd, mad, and mixture subcriteria. Default 1. If NULL, only hard threshold sub-criteria will be applied.
mixture	A logical value determining whether mixture modeling sub-criterion will be applied per primary criterion (metric). If true, a dip test will be applied to each metric. If a metric is multimodal, it is fit to a two-component normal mixture model. Samples deviating zcut sd's from optimal mean (in the inferior direction), have failed this sub-criterion.
dip_thresh	A numeric value determining dip test p-value threshold. Default 0.05.
hard_nreads	numeric. Hard (lower bound on) nreads threshold. Default 25000.
hard_ralign	numeric. Hard (lower bound on) ralign threshold. Default 15.

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```
hard breadth
                   numeric. Hard (lower bound on) breadth threshold. Default 0.2.
hard auc
                  numeric. Hard (upper bound on) fnr auc threshold. Default 10.
suff_nreads
                  numeric. If not null, serves as an overriding upper bound on nreads threshold.
suff_ralign
                  numeric. If not null, serves as an overriding upper bound on ralign threshold.
                  numeric. If not null, serves as an overriding upper bound on breadth threshold.
suff_breadth
suff_auc
                  numeric. If not null, serves as an overriding lower bound on fnr auc threshold.
                  logical. Should a plot be produced?
plot
hist_breaks
                  hist() breaks argument. Ignored if 'plot=FALSE'.
                   Arguments to be passed to methods.
```

#### **Details**

For each primary criterion (metric), a sample is evaluated based on 4 sub-criteria: 1) Hard (encoded) threshold 2) Adaptive thresholding via sd's from the mean 3) Adaptive thresholding via mad's from the median 4) Adaptive thresholding via sd's from the mean (after mixture modeling) A sample must pass all sub-criteria to pass the primary criterion.

#### Value

A list with the following elements:

- filtered\_nreads Logical. Sample has too few reads.
- filtered\_ralign Logical. Sample has too few reads aligned.
- filtered breadth Logical. Samples has too few genes detected (low breadth).
- filtered\_fnr Logical. Sample has a high FNR AUC.

#### **Examples**

```
mat <- matrix(rpois(1000, lambda = 5), ncol=10)
colnames(mat) <- paste("X", 1:ncol(mat), sep="")
qc = as.matrix(cbind(colSums(mat), colSums(mat > 0)))
rownames(qc) = colnames(mat)
colnames(qc) = c("NCOUNTS", "NGENES")
mfilt = metric_sample_filter(expr = mat,nreads = qc[,"NCOUNTS"],
    plot = TRUE, hard_nreads = 0)
```

scone

Normalize Expression Data and Evaluate Normalization Performance

#### **Description**

This function applies and evaluates a variety of normalization schemes with respect to a specified SconeExperiment containing scRNA-Seq data. Each normalization consists of three main steps:

- Impute: Replace observations of zeroes with expected expression values.
- Scale: Match sample-specific expression scales or quantiles.
- Adjust: Adjust for sample-level batch factors / unwanted variation.

Following completion of each step, the normalized expression matrix is scored based on SCONE's data-driven evaluation criteria.

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#### Usage

```
scone(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'SconeExperiment'
scone(x, imputation = list(none = impute_null),
  impute_args = NULL, zero = c("none", "preadjust", "postadjust", "strong"),
  scaling, k_ruv = 5, k_qc = 5, adjust_bio = c("no", "yes", "force"),
  adjust_batch = c("no", "yes", "force"), run = TRUE, evaluate = TRUE,
  eval_pcs = 3, eval_proj = NULL, eval_proj_args = NULL,
  eval_kclust = 2:10, verbose = FALSE, stratified_pam = FALSE,
  return_norm = c("no", "in_memory", "hdf5"), hdf5file,
  bpparam = BiocParallel::bpparam())
```

#### **Arguments**

verbose

a SconeExperiment object. Х see specific S4 methods for additional arguments. imputation list or function. (A list of) function(s) to be used for imputation. By default only scone::impute\_null is included. arguments passed to all imputation functions. impute\_args character. Zero-handling option, see Details. zero scaling list or function. (A list of) function(s) to be used for scaling normalization step. k\_ruv numeric. The maximum number of factors of unwanted variation. Adjustment step models will include a range of 1 to k\_ruv factors of unwanted variation. If 0, RUV adjustment will not be performed. numeric. The maximum number of quality metric PCs. Adjustment step models k\_qc will include a range of 1 to k\_qc quality metric PCs. If 0, QC factor adjustment will not be performed. character. If 'no', bio will not be included in Adjustment step models; if 'yes', adjust\_bio both models with and without 'bio' will be run; if 'force', only models with 'bio' will be run. character. If 'no', batch will not be included in Adjustment step models; if 'yes', adjust\_batch both models with and without 'batch' will be run; if 'force', only models with 'batch' will be run. logical. If FALSE the normalization and evaluation are not run, but normalizarun tion parameters are returned in the output object for inspection by the user. logical. If FALSE the normalization methods will not be evaluated. evaluate eval\_pcs numeric. The number of principal components to use for evaluation. Ignored if evaluate=FALSE. eval\_proj function. Projection function for evaluation (see score\_matrix for details). If NULL, PCA is used for projection. list. List of arguments passed to projection function as eval\_proj\_args. eval\_proj\_args eval\_kclust numeric. The number of clusters (> 1) to be used for pam tightness evaluation. If an array of integers, largest average silhouette width (tightness) will be reported. If NULL, tightness will be returned NA.

logical. If TRUE some messagges are printed.

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stratified\_pam logical. If TRUE then maximum ASW for PAM SIL is separately computed for

each biological-cross-batch stratum (accepting NAs), and a weighted average is

returned as PAM\_SIL.

return\_norm character. If "no" the normalized values will not be returned with the output ob-

> ject. This will create a much smaller object and may be useful for large datasets and/or when many combinations are compared. If "in\_memory" the normalized values will be returned as part of the output. If "hdf5" they will be written on

file using the rhdf5 package.

hdf5file character. If return\_norm="hdf5", the name of the file onto which to save the

normalized matrices.

bpparam object of class bpparamClass that specifies the back-end to be used for compu-

tations. See bpparam for details.

#### Details

If run=FALSE only the scone\_params slot of the output object is populated with a data.frame, each row corresponding to a set of normalization parameters.

If x has a non-empty scone\_params slot, only the subset of normalizations specified in scone\_params are performed and evaluated.

The zero arguments supports 3 zero-handling options:

- none: Default. No special zero-handling.
- preadjust: Restore prior zero observations to zero following Impute and Scale steps.
- postadjust: Set prior zero observations and all negative expression values to zero following the Adjust Step.
- strong: Apply both preadjust and postadjust options.

Evaluation metrics are defined in score\_matrix. Each metric is assigned a +/- signature for conversion to scores: Positive- signature metrics increase with improving performance, including BIO\_SIL, PAM\_SIL, and EXP\_WV\_COR. Negative-signature metrics decrease with improving performance, including BATCH\_SIL, EXP\_QC\_COR, EXP\_UV\_COR, RLE\_MED, and RLE\_IQR. Scores are computed so that higer-performing methods are assigned higher scores.

Note that if one wants to include the unnormalized data in the final comparison of normalized matrices, the identity function must be included in the scaling list argument. Analogously, if one wants to include non-imputed data in the comparison, the scone::impute\_null function must be included.

If return\_norm="hdf5", the normalized matrices will be written to the hdf5file file. This must be a string specifying (a path to) a new file. If the file already exists, it will return error. In this case, the SconeExperiment object will not contain the normalized counts.

If return\_norm="no" the normalized matrices are computed to copmute the scores and then discarded.

In all cases, the normalized matrices can be retrieved via the get\_normalized function.

#### Value

A SconeExperiment object with the log-scaled normalized data matrix as elements of the assays slot, if return\_norm is "in\_memory", and with the performance metrics and scores.

### See Also

get\_normalized, get\_design

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#### **Examples**

SconeExperiment-class Class SconeExperiment

### Description

Objects of this class store, at minimum, a gene expression matrix and a set of covariates (sample metadata) useful for running scone. These include, the quality control (QC) metrics, batch information, and biological classes of interest (if available).

The typical way of creating SconeExperiment objects is via a call to the SconeExperiment function or to the scone function. If the object is a result to a scone call, it will contain the results, e.g., the performance metrics, scores, and normalization workflow comparisons. (See Slots for a full list).

This object extends the SummarizedExperiment class.

The constructor SconeExperiment creates an object of the class SconeExperiment.

#### Usage

```
SconeExperiment(object, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'SummarizedExperiment'
SconeExperiment(object, which_qc = integer(),
   which_bio = integer(), which_batch = integer(),
   which_negconruv = integer(), which_negconeval = integer(),
   which_poscon = integer(), is_log = FALSE)
## S4 method for signature 'matrix'
SconeExperiment(object, qc, bio, batch, negcon_ruv = NULL,
   negcon_eval = negcon_ruv, poscon = NULL, is_log = FALSE)
```

#### Arguments

object Either a matrix or a SummarizedExperiment containing the raw gene expres-

sion.

... see specific S4 methods for additional arguments.

which\_qc index that specifies which columns of 'colData' correspond to QC measures.

which\_bio index that specifies which column of 'colData' corresponds to 'bio'.
which\_batch index that specifies which column of 'colData' corresponds to 'batch'.

which\_negconruv

index that specifies which column of 'rowData' has information on negative

controls for RUV.

which\_negconeval

index that specifies which column of 'rowData' has information on negative

controls for evaluation.

which\_poscon index that specifies which column of 'rowData' has information on positive con-

trols.

is\_log are the expression data in log scale?

qc numeric matrix with the QC measures.

bio factor with the biological class of interest.

batch factor with the batch information.

negcon\_ruv a logical vector indicating which genes to use as negative controls for RUV.

negcon\_eval a logical vector indicating which genes to use as negative controls for evaluation.

poscon a logical vector indicating which genes to use as positive controls.

#### **Details**

The QC matrix, biological class, and batch information are stored as elements of the 'colData' of the object.

The positive and negative control genes are stored as elements of the 'rowData' of the object.

#### Value

A SconeExperiment object.

#### **Slots**

which\_qc integer. Index of columns of 'colData' that contain the QC metrics.

which\_bio integer. Index of the column of 'colData' that contains the biological classes information (it must be a factor).

which\_batch integer. Index of the column of 'colData' that contains the batch information (it must be a factor).

which\_negconruv integer. Index of the column of 'rowData' that contains a logical vector indicating which genes to use as negative controls to infer the factors of unwanted variation in RUV.

which\_negconeval integer. Index of the column of 'rowData' that contains a logical vector indicating which genes to use as negative controls to evaluate the performance of the normalizations.

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which\_poscon integer. Index of the column of 'rowData' that contains a logical vector indicating which genes to use as positive controls to evaluate the performance of the normalizations.

hdf5\_pointer character. A string specifying to which file to write / read the normalized data.

imputation\_fn list of functions used by scone for the imputation step.

scaling\_fn list of functions used by scone for the scaling step.

scone\_metrics matrix. Matrix containing the "raw" performance metrics. See scone for a description of each metric.

scone\_scores matrix. Matrix containing the performance scores (transformed metrics). See scone for a discussion on the difference between scores and metrics.

scone\_params data.frame. A data frame containing the normalization schemes applied to the data and compared.

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scone_run character. Whether scone was run and in which mode ("no", "in_memory", "hdf5").
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is\_log logical. Are the expression data in log scale?

nested logical. Is batch nested within bio? (Automatically set by scone).

rezero logical. TRUE if scone was run with zero="preadjust" or zero="strong".

fixzero logical. TRUE if scone was run with zero="postadjust" or zero="strong".

impute\_args list. Arguments passed to all imputation functions.

#### See Also

get\_normalized, get\_params, get\_batch, get\_bio, get\_design, get\_negconeval, get\_negconruv, get\_poscon, get\_qc, get\_scores, and get\_score\_ranks to access internal fields, select\_methods for subsetting by method, and scone for running scone workflows.

#### **Examples**

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SCONE Report Browser: Browse Evaluation of Normalization Performance

#### **Description**

This function opens a shiny application session for visualizing performance of a variety of normalization schemes.

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#### Usage

```
sconeReport(x, methods, qc, bio = NULL, batch = NULL,
poscon = character(), negcon = character(), eval_proj = NULL,
eval_proj_args = NULL)
```

### **Arguments**

x	a SconeExperiment object
methods	character specifying the normalizations to report.
qc	matrix. QC metrics to be used for QC evaluation report. Required.
bio	factor. A biological condition (variation to be preserved). Default NULL.
batch	factor. A known batch variable (variation to be removed). Default NULL.
poscon	character. Genes to be used as positive controls for evaluation. These genes should be expected to change according to the biological phenomenon of interest. Default empty character.
negcon	character. Genes to be used as negative controls for evaluation. These genes should be expected not to change according to the biological phenomenon of interest. Default empty character.
eval_proj	function. Projection function for evaluation (see <pre>score_matrix</pre> for details). If NULL, PCA is used for projection.
eval_proj_args	list. List of args passed to projection function as eval_proj_args.

#### Value

An object that represents the SCONE report app.

### **Examples**

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### **Description**

Wrapper for Running Essential SCONE Modules

### Usage

```
scone_easybake(expr, qc, bio = NULL, batch = NULL, negcon = NULL,
  verbose = c("0", "1", "2"), out_dir = getwd(), seed = 112233,
  filt_cells = TRUE, filt_genes = TRUE, always_keep_genes = NULL,
  fnr_maxiter = 1000, norm_impute = c("yes", "no", "force"),
  norm_scaling = c("none", "sum", "deseq", "tmm", "uq", "fq", "detect"),
  norm_rezero = FALSE, norm_k_max = NULL, norm_qc_expl = 0.5,
  norm_adjust_bio = c("yes", "no", "force"), norm_adjust_batch = c("yes",
  "no", "force"), eval_dim = NULL, eval_expr_expl = 0.1,
  eval_poscon = NULL, eval_negcon = negcon, eval_max_kclust = 10,
  eval_stratified_pam = TRUE, report_num = 13, out_rda = FALSE, ...)
```

### **Arguments**

expr	matrix. The expression data matrix (genes in rows, cells in columns).
qc	data frame. The quality control (QC) matrix (cells in rows, metrics in columns) to be used for filtering, normalization, and evaluation.
bio	factor. The biological condition to be modeled in the Adjustment Step as variation to be preserved. If adjust_bio="no", it will not be used for normalization, but only for evaluation.
batch	factor. The known batch variable to be included in the adjustment model as variation to be removed. If adjust_batch="no", it will not be used for normalization, but only for evaluation.
negcon	character. The genes to be used as negative controls for filtering, normalization, and evaluation. These genes should be expressed uniformily across the biological phenomenon of interest. Default NULL.
verbose	character. Verbosity level: higher level is more verbose. Default "0".
out_dir	character. Output directory. Default getwd().
seed	numeric. Random seed. Default 112233.
filt_cells	logical. Should cells be filtered? Set to FALSE if low quality cells have already been excluded. If cells are not filtered, then initial gene filtering (the one that is done prior to cell filtering) is disabled as it becomes redundant with the gene filtering that is done after cell filtering. Default TRUE.
filt_genes	logical. Should genes be filtered post-sample filtering? Default TRUE.
always_keep_ge	nes
	logical. A character vector of gene names that should never be excluded (e.g., marker genes). Default NULL.
fnr_maxiter	numeric. Maximum number of iterations in EM estimation of expression posteriors. If 0, then FNR estimation is skipped entirely, and as a consequence

argument. Default 1000.

no imputation will be performed, disregarding the value of the "norm\_impute"

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norm\_impute character. Should imputation be included in the comparison? If 'force', only imputed normalizations will be run. Default "yes."

norm\_scaling character. Scaling options to be included in the Scaling Step. Default c("none", "sum", "deseq", "tmm", "uq", "fq", "detect"). See details.

norm\_rezero logical. Restore prior zeroes and negative values to zero following normaliza-

logical. Restore prior zeroes and negative values to zero following normalization. Default FALSE.

norm\_k\_max numeric. Max number (norm\_k\_max) of factors of unwanted variation modeled in the Adjustment Step. Default NULL.

norm\_qc\_expl numeric. In automatic selection of norm\_k\_max, what fraction of variation must be explained by the first norm\_k\_max PCs of qc? Default 0.5. Ignored if norm\_k\_max is not NULL.

norm\_adjust\_bio

character. If 'no' it will not be included in the model; if 'yes', both models with and without 'bio' will be run; if 'force', only models with 'bio' will be run. Default "yes."

norm\_adjust\_batch

character. If 'no' it will not be modeled in the Adjustment Step; if 'yes', both models with and without 'batch' will be run; if 'force', only models with 'batch' will be run. Default "yes."

eval\_dim numeric. The number of principal components to use for evaluation. Default NULL.

eval\_expr\_expl numeric. In automatic selection of eval\_dim, what fraction of variation must be explained by the first eval\_dim PCs of expr? Default 0.1. Ignored if eval\_dim is not NULL.

eval\_poscon character. The genes to be used as positive controls for evaluation. These genes should be expected to change according to the biological phenomenon of interest

eval\_negcon character. Alternative negative control gene list for evaluation only.

eval\_max\_kclust

numeric. The max number of clusters (> 1) to be used for pam tightness evaluation. If NULL, tightness will be returned NA.

eval\_stratified\_pam

logical. If TRUE then maximum ASW for PAM\_SIL is separately computed for each biological-cross-batch condition (accepting NAs), and a weighted average is returned as PAM\_SIL. Default TRUE.

report\_num numeric. Number of top methods to report. Default 13.

out\_rda logical. If TRUE, sconeResults.Rda file with the object that the scone function returns is saved in the out\_dir (may be very large for large datasets, but useful for post-processing) Default FALSE.

extra params passed to the metric\_sample\_filter and scone when they're called by easybake

#### **Details**

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#### Value

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#### **Examples**

```
set.seed(101)
mat <- matrix(rpois(1000, lambda = 5), ncol=10)</pre>
colnames(mat) <- paste("X", 1:ncol(mat), sep="")</pre>
obj <- SconeExperiment(mat)</pre>
res <- scone(obj, scaling=list(none=identity, uq=UQ_FN, deseq=DESEQ_FN),</pre>
           evaluate=TRUE, k_ruv=0, k_qc=0, eval_kclust=2,
           bpparam = BiocParallel::SerialParam())
qc = as.matrix(cbind(colSums(mat),colSums(mat > 0)))
rownames(qc) = colnames(mat)
colnames(qc) = c("NREADS","RALIGN")
## Not run:
scone_easybake(mat, qc = as.data.frame(qc), verbose = "2",
   norm_adjust_bio= "no",
   norm_adjust_batch= "no", norm_k_max = 0,
   fnr_maxiter = 0, filt_cells=FALSE, filt_genes=FALSE,
   eval_stratified_pam = FALSE,
   out_dir="~/scone_out")
## End(Not run)
```

score\_matrix

SCONE Evaluation: Evaluate an Expression Matrix

### **Description**

This function evaluates a (normalized) expression matrix using SCONE criteria, producing 8 metrics based on i) Clustering, ii) Correlations and iii) Relative Expression.

### Usage

```
score_matrix(expr, eval_pcs = 3, eval_proj = NULL, eval_proj_args = NULL,
  eval_kclust = NULL, bio = NULL, batch = NULL, qc_factors = NULL,
  uv_factors = NULL, wv_factors = NULL, is_log = FALSE,
  stratified_pam = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

expr	matrix. The expression data matrix (genes in rows, cells in columns).
eval_pcs	numeric. The number of principal components to use for evaluation (Default 3). Ignored if !is.null(eval_proj).
eval_proj	function. Projection function for evaluation (see Details). If NULL, PCA is used for projection $$
eval_proj_args	list. List of arguments passed to projection function as $eval\_proj\_args$ (see Details).
eval_kclust	numeric. The number of clusters ( $>$ 1) to be used for pam tightness (PAM_SIL) evaluation. If an array of integers, largest average silhouette width (tightness) will be reported in PAM_SIL. If NULL, PAM_SIL will be returned NA.
bio	factor. A known biological condition (variation to be preserved), NA is allowed. If NULL, condition ASW, BIO_SIL, will be returned NA.

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batch	factor. A known batch variable (variation to be removed), NA is allowed. If NULL, batch ASW, BATCH_SIL, will be returned NA.
qc_factors	Factors of unwanted variation derived from quality metrics. If NULL, qc correlations, EXP_QC_COR, will be returned NA.
uv_factors	Factors of unwanted variation derived from negative control genes (evaluation set). If NULL, uv correlations, EXP_UV_COR, will be returned NA.
wv_factors	Factors of wanted variation derived from positive control genes (evaluation set). If NULL, wv correlations, EXP_WV_COR, will be returned NA.
is_log	logical. If TRUE the expr matrix is already logged and log transformation will not be carried out prior to projection. Default FALSE.
stratified_pam	logical. If TRUE then maximum ASW is separately computed for each biological-cross-batch stratum (accepts NAs), and a weighted average silhouette width is returned as PAM_SIL. Default FALSE.

#### **Details**

Users may specify their own eval\_proj function that will be used to compute Clustering and Correlation metrics. This eval\_proj() function must have 2 input arguments:

- e matrix. log-transformed (+ pseudocount) expression data (genes in rows, cells in columns).
- eval\_proj\_args list. additional function arguments, e.g. prior data weights.

and it must output a matrix representation of the original data (cells in rows, factors in columns). The value of eval\_proj\_args is passed to the user-defined function from the eval\_proj\_args argument of the main score\_matrix() function call.

#### Value

A list with the following metrics:

- BIO\_SIL Average silhouette width by biological condition.
- BATCH\_SIL Average silhouette width by batch condition.
- PAM\_SIL Maximum average silhouette width from PAM clustering (see stratified\_pam argument).
- EXP\_QC\_COR Maximum squared spearman correlation between expression pcs and quality factors.
- · EXP\_UV\_COR Maximum squared spearman correlation between expression pcs and negative control gene factors.
- EXP\_WV\_COR Maximum squared spearman correlation between expression pcs and positive control gene factors.
- RLE\_MED The mean squared median Relative Log Expression (RLE).
- RLE\_IQR The variance of the inter-quartile range (IQR) of the RLE.

### **Examples**

```
set.seed(141)
bio = as.factor(rep(c(1,2),each = 2))
batch = as.factor(rep(c(1,2),2))
log_expr = matrix(rnorm(20),ncol = 4)
```

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```
scone_metrics = score_matrix(log_expr,
  bio = bio, batch = batch,
  eval_kclust = 2, is_log = TRUE)
```

SCRAN\_FN

Simple deconvolution normalization wrapper

### **Description**

Simple deconvolution normalization wrapper

### Usage

```
SCRAN_FN(ei)
```

### **Arguments**

ei

Numerical matrix. (rows = genes, cols = samples).

#### **Details**

SCONE scaling wrapper for computeSumFactors).

#### Value

scran normalized matrix.

### **Examples**

```
ei <- matrix(0:76,nrow = 7)
eo <- SCRAN_FN(ei)</pre>
```

select\_methods

Get a subset of normalizations from a SconeExperiment object

### Description

This method let a user extract a subset of normalizations. This is useful when the original dataset is large and/or many normalization schemes have been applied.

In such cases, the user may want to run scone in mode return\_norm = "no", explore the results, and then select the top performing methods for additional exploration.

### Usage

```
select_methods(x, methods)
## S4 method for signature 'SconeExperiment, character'
select_methods(x, methods)
## S4 method for signature 'SconeExperiment, numeric'
select_methods(x, methods)
```

#### **Arguments**

```
x a SconeExperiment object.

methods either character or numeric specifying the normalizations to select.
```

### **Details**

The numeric method will always return the normalization corresponding to the methods rows of the scone\_params slot. This means that if scone was run with eval=TRUE, select\_methods(x, 1:3) will return the top three ranked method. If scone was run with eval=FALSE, it will return the first three normalization in the order saved by scone.

#### Value

A SconeExperiment object with selected method data.

#### Methods (by class)

- x = SconeExperiment, methods = character: If methods is a character, it will return the subset of methods named in methods (only perfect match). The string must be a subset of the row.names of the slot scone\_params.
- x = SconeExperiment, methods = numeric: If methods is a numeric, it will return the subset of methods according to the scone ranking.

#### **Examples**

simple\_FNR\_params

Fit Simple False-Negative Model

#### **Description**

Fits a logistic regression model of false negative observations as a function of expression level, using a set of positive control (ubiquitously expressed) genes

### Usage

```
simple_FNR_params(expr, pos_controls, fn_tresh = 0.01)
```

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#### **Arguments**

expr matrix A matrix of transcript-proportional units (genes in rows, cells in columns).

pos\_controls A logical, numeric, or character vector indicating control genes that will be used

to compute false-negative rate characteristics. User must provide at least 2 con-

trol genes.

fn\_tresh Inclusive threshold for negative detection. Default 0.01. fn\_tresh must be non-

negative.

#### **Details**

 $logit(Probability of False Negative) \sim a + b*(median log-expr)$ 

#### Value

A matrix of logistic regression coefficients corresponding to glm fits in each sample (a and b in columns 1 and 2 respectively). If the a & b fit does not converge, b is set to zero and only a is estimated.

### **Examples**

```
mat <- matrix(rpois(1000, lambda = 3), ncol=10)
mat = mat * matrix(1-rbinom(1000, size = 1, prob = .01), ncol=10)
fnr_out = simple_FNR_params(mat,pos_controls = 1:10)</pre>
```

SUM\_FN

Sum scaling normalization function

### Description

Sum scaling normalization function

### Usage

```
SUM_FN(ei)
```

### **Arguments**

ei

Numerical matrix. (rows = genes, cols = samples).

#### **Details**

SCONE scaling by library size or summed expression.

#### Value

Sum-scaled normalized matrix.

### **Examples**

```
ei <- matrix(0:20,nrow = 7)
eo <- SUM_FN(ei)</pre>
```

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TMM\_FN

Weighted trimmed mean of M-values (TMM) scaling normalization wrapper function

### Description

Weighted trimmed mean of M-values (TMM) scaling normalization wrapper function

### Usage

```
TMM_FN(ei)
```

### Arguments

ei

Numerical matrix. (rows = genes, cols = samples).

#### **Details**

SCONE scaling wrapper for calcNormFactors).

#### Value

TMM normalized matrix.

### **Examples**

```
ei <- matrix(0:20,nrow = 7)
eo <- TMM_FN(ei)</pre>
```

UQ\_FN

Upper-quartile (UQ) scaling normalization wrapper function

### Description

Upper-quartile (UQ) scaling normalization wrapper function

### Usage

```
UQ_FN(ei)
```

### Arguments

ei

Numerical matrix. (rows = genes, cols = samples).

### **Details**

SCONE scaling wrapper for calcNormFactors).

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### Value

UQ normalized matrix.

### Examples

```
ei <- matrix(0:20,nrow = 7)
eo <- UQ_FN(ei)</pre>
```

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