

# Package ‘scAlign’

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**Description** An unsupervised deep learning method for data alignment, integration and estimation of per-cell differences in -omic data (e.g. gene expression) across datasets (conditions, tissues, species). See Johansen and Quon (2019) <doi:10.1101/504944> for more details.

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cellbench	<i>CellBench data for benchmarking</i>
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**Description**

Data from RNA mixture experiments of CellBench which prove to be more difficult alignment tasks.

**Usage**

```
data(cellbench)
```

**Format**

An matrix object.

**Source**

[CellBench](#)

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gaussianKernel	<i>Computes gaussian kernel matrix</i>
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**Description**

Tensorflow implementation of tSNE's gaussian kernel.

**Usage**

```
gaussianKernel(data, data_shape, labels = NULL, method = NULL,
  perplexity = 30, diag = "zero")
```

**Arguments**

data	cell x feature data matrix
data_shape	number of features for data
labels	cell x 1 annotation (label) vector
method	Kernel to compute pairwise cell similarity
perplexity	neighborhood parameter for gaussian kernel
diag	indicator for self similarity

**Value**

Tensorflow op

**Examples**

```
## Input data, 100 cells x 10 features
data = matrix(sample.int(1000, 100*10, TRUE), 100, 10)
rownames(data) = paste0("cell", seq_len(100))
colnames(data) = paste0("gene", seq_len(10))

result = gaussianKernel(data, nrow(data))
```

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PlotTSNE

*Creates tsne plot*

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**Description**

Helper function to plot aligned data from the results of running `scAlign()`.

**Usage**

```
PlotTSNE(object, data.use, labels.use = "scAlign.labels", cols = NULL,
  title = "", legend = "none", seed = 1234, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	scAlign class object with aligned data
<code>data.use</code>	Specifies which alignment results to use.
<code>labels.use</code>	Specifies "dataset" or "celltype" labeling from object meta.data.
<code>cols</code>	Colours for plot
<code>title</code>	ggplot title
<code>legend</code>	Determines if legend should be drawn
<code>seed</code>	Random seed for reproducibility
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments to Rtsne function
<code>labels</code>	Object labels

**Value**

ggplot2 object

**Examples**

```

library(SingleCellExperiment)

## Input data, 1000 genes x 100 cells
data = matrix( rnorm(1000*100,mean=0,sd=1), 1000, 100)
rownames(data) = paste0("gene", seq_len(1000))
colnames(data) = paste0("cell", seq_len(100))

age = c(rep("young",50), rep("old",50))
labels = c(c(rep("type1",25), rep("type2",25)), c(rep("type1",25), rep("type2",25)))

ctrl.data = data[,which(age == "young")]
stim.data = data[,which(age == "old")]

## Build the SCE object for input to scAlign using Seurat preprocessing and variable gene selection
ctrlSCE <- SingleCellExperiment(
  assays = list(scale.data = data[,which(age == "young")]))

stimSCE <- SingleCellExperiment(
  assays = list(scale.data = data[,which(age == "old")]))

## Build the scAlign class object and compute PCs
scAlignHSC = scAlignCreateObject(sce.objects = list("YOUNG"=ctrlSCE,
  "OLD"=stimSCE),
  labels = list(labels[which(age == "young")],
    labels[which(age == "old")]),
  pca.reduce = FALSE,
  cca.reduce = FALSE,
  project.name = "scAlign_Kowalczyk_HSC")

## Run scAlign with high_var_genes
scAlignHSC = scAlign(scAlignHSC,
  options=scAlignOptions(steps=100,
    log.every=100,
    norm=TRUE,
    early.stop=FALSE),
  encoder.data="scale.data",
  supervised='none',
  run.encoder=TRUE,
  run.decoder=FALSE,
  log.results=FALSE,
  log.dir=file.path('~/models','gene_input'),
  device="CPU")

## Plot alignment for 3 input types
example_plot = PlotTSNE(scAlignHSC,
  "ALIGNED-GENE",
  "scAlign.labels",
  title="scAlign-Gene",
  perplexity=30)

```

## Description

Main function for scAlign that runs encoder and decoder networks

## Usage

```
scAlign(sce.object, options = scAlignOptions(), encoder.data,
  decoder.data = encoder.data, supervised = "none",
  run.encoder = TRUE, run.decoder = FALSE, log.dir = "./models/",
  log.results = FALSE, device = "CPU")
```

## Arguments

sce.object	scAlign object.
options	Training options for scAlign.
encoder.data	Which data format to use for alignment.
decoder.data	Which data format to use for interpolation.
supervised	Run scAlign in supervised mode, requires labels.
run.encoder	Run scAlign alignment procedure.
run.decoder	Run scAlign projection through paired decoders.
log.dir	Location to save results.
log.results	Determines if results should be written to log.dir.
device	Specify hardware to use. May not work on all systems, manually set CUDA_VISIBLE_DEVICES if necessary.

## Value

SingleCellExperiment

## Examples

```
library(Seurat)
library(SingleCellExperiment)

## Input data, 1000 genes x 100 cells
data = matrix(sample.int(10000, 1000*100, TRUE), 1000, 100)
rownames(data) = paste0("gene", seq_len(1000))
colnames(data) = paste0("cell", seq_len(100))

age = c(rep("young",50), rep("old",50))
labels = c(c(rep("type1",25), rep("type2",25)), c(rep("type1",25), rep("type2",25)))

## Build the SCE object for input to scAlign using Seurat preprocessing and variable gene selection
ctrlSCE <- SingleCellExperiment(
  assays = list(scale.data = data[,which(age == "young")]))

stimSCE <- SingleCellExperiment(
  assays = list(scale.data = data[,which(age == "old")]))

## Build the scAlign class object and compute PCs
scAlignHSC = scAlignCreateObject(sce.objects = list("YOUNG"=ctrlSCE,
  "OLD"=stimSCE),
```

```

labels = list(labels[which(age == "young")],
              labels[which(age == "old")]),
pca.reduce = TRUE,
pcs.compute = 50,
cca.reduce = TRUE,
ccs.compute = 15,
project.name = "scAlign_Kowalczyk_HSC")

## Run scAlign with high_var_genes
scAlignHSC = scAlign(scAlignHSC,
                    options=scAlignOptions(steps=1, log.every=1, norm=TRUE, early.stop=FALSE),
                    encoder.data="scale.data",
                    supervised='none',
                    run.encoder=TRUE,
                    run.decoder=FALSE,
                    log.dir=file.path('~/.models', 'gene_input'),
                    device="CPU")

```

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scAlignCreateObject    *Creates scAlign object*

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## Description

Creates scAlign object

## Usage

```

scAlignCreateObject(sce.objects, genes.use = NULL, labels = list(),
                    pca.reduce = FALSE, pcs.compute = 20, cca.reduce = FALSE,
                    ccs.compute = 15, data.use = "scale.data",
                    project.name = "scAlignProject")

```

## Arguments

sce.objects	List of Seurat or Matrix objects; sample x feature.
genes.use	Genes to use during PCA/CCA, all genes used as default.
labels	List of labels for each object.
pca.reduce	Initial step of dimensionality be performed by PCA.
pcs.compute	Number of PCs to retrain for alignment.
cca.reduce	Initial step of dimensionality be performed by CCA.
ccs.compute	Number of CCs to retrain for alignment.
data.use	Specificies which data to use from a Seurat object for dimensionality reduction.
project.name	Name for current scAlign project.

## Value

Initialized scAlign object

**Examples**

```

library(Seurat)
library(SingleCellExperiment)

## Input data, 1000 genes x 100 cells
data = matrix(sample.int(10000, 1000*100, TRUE), 1000, 100)
rownames(data) = paste0("gene", seq_len(1000))
colnames(data) = paste0("cell", seq_len(100))

age = c(rep("young",50), rep("old",50))
labels = c(c(rep("type1",25), rep("type2",25)), c(rep("type1",25), rep("type2",25)))

ctrl.data = data[,which(age == "young")]
stim.data = data[,which(age == "old")]

ctrlSCE <- SingleCellExperiment(
  assays = list(scale.data = data[,which(age == "young")]))

stimSCE <- SingleCellExperiment(
  assays = list(scale.data = data[,which(age == "old")]))

## Build the scAlign class object and compute PCs
scAlignHSC = scAlignCreateObject(sce.objects = list("YOUNG"=ctrlSCE,
  "OLD"=stimSCE),
  labels = list(labels[which(age == "young")],
    labels[which(age == "old")]),
  pca.reduce = TRUE,
  pcs.compute = 50,
  cca.reduce = TRUE,
  ccs.compute = 15,
  project.name = "scAlign_Kowalczyk_HSC")

```

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`scAlignMulti`*Run scAlignMultiway alignment*

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**Description**

Main function for `scAlignMulti` that aligns multiple datasets

**Usage**

```

scAlignMulti(sce.object, options = scAlignOptions(), encoder.data,
  decoder.data = encoder.data, reference.data = "NULL",
  supervised = "none", run.encoder = TRUE, run.decoder = FALSE,
  log.dir = "./models/", log.results = FALSE, device = "CPU")

```

**Arguments**

<code>sce.object</code>	scAlign object.
<code>options</code>	Training options for scAlign.
<code>encoder.data</code>	Which data format to use for alignment.

decoder.data	Which data format to use for interpolation.
reference.data	Name of assay or reducedDim slot to use as reference. (Disables all pairs alignment and only aligns to a single reference)
supervised	Run scAlign in supervised mode, requires labels.
run.encoder	Run scAlign alignment procedure.
run.decoder	Run scAlign projection through paired decoders.
log.dir	Location to save results.
log.results	Determines if results should be written to log.dir.
device	Specify hardware to use. May not work on all systems, manually set CUDA_VISIBLE_DEVICES if necessary.

## Value

SingleCellExperiment

## Examples

```
library(Seurat)
library(SingleCellExperiment)

## Input data, 1000 genes x 100 cells
data = matrix(sample.int(10000, 1000*100, TRUE), 1000, 100)
rownames(data) = paste0("gene", seq_len(1000))
colnames(data) = paste0("cell", seq_len(100))

age = c(rep("young",50), rep("old",50))
labels = c(c(rep("type1",25), rep("type2",25)), c(rep("type1",25), rep("type2",25)))

## Build the SCE object for input to scAlign using Seurat preprocessing and variable gene selection
ctrlSCE <- SingleCellExperiment(
  assays = list(scale.data = data[,which(age == "young")]))

stimSCE <- SingleCellExperiment(
  assays = list(scale.data = data[,which(age == "old")]))

## Build the scAlign class object and compute PCs
scAlign = scAlignCreateObject(sce.objects = list("YOUNG"=ctrlSCE,
                                               "OLD"=stimSCE),
  labels = list(labels[which(age == "young")],
               labels[which(age == "old")]),
  pca.reduce = TRUE,
  pcs.compute = 50,
  cca.reduce = TRUE,
  ccs.compute = 15,
  project.name = "scAlign_Kowalczyk_HSC")

## Run scAlign with high_var_genes
scAlign = scAlignMulti(scAlign,
  options=scAlignOptions(steps=1, log.every=1, norm=TRUE, early.stop=FALSE),
  encoder.data="scale.data",
  reference.data="YOUNG",
  supervised='none',
  run.encoder=TRUE,
```



```
run.decoder=FALSE,
log.dir=file.path('~/.models', 'gene_input'),
device="CPU")
```

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scAlignOptions      *Set training options*

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## Description

Defines parameters for optimizer and training procedure.

## Usage

```
scAlignOptions(steps = 15000, batch.size = 150,
  learning.rate = 1e-04, log.every = 5000, architecture = "large",
  batch.norm.layer = FALSE, dropout.layer = TRUE, num.dim = 32,
  perplexity = 30, betas = 0, norm = TRUE, full.norm = FALSE,
  early.stop = FALSE, walker.loss = TRUE, reconc.loss = FALSE,
  walker.weight = 1, classifier.weight = 1, classifier.delay = NA,
  gpu.device = "0", seed = 1234)
```

## Arguments

steps	(default: 15000) Number of training iterations for neural networks.
batch.size	(default: 150) Number of input samples per training batch.
learning.rate	(default: 1e-4) Initial learning rate for ADAM.
log.every	(default: 5000) Number of steps before saving results.
architecture	(default: "small") Network function name for scAlign.
batch.norm.layer	(default: FALSE) Include batch normalization in the network structure.
dropout.layer	(default: TRUE) Include dropout in the network.
num.dim	(default: 32) Number of dimensions for joint embedding space.
perplexity	(default: 30) Determines the neighborhood size for each sample.
betas	(default: 0) Sets the bandwidth of the gaussians to be the same if > 0. Otherwise per cell beta is computed.
norm	(default: TRUE) Normalize the data mini batches while training scAlign (repeated).
full.norm	(default: FALSE) Normalize the data matrix prior to scAlign (done once).
early.stop	(default: TRUE) Early stopping during network training.
walker.loss	(default: TRUE) Add walker loss to model.
reconc.loss	(default: FALSE) Add reconstruction loss to model during alignment.
walker.weight	(default: 1.0) Weight on walker loss component
classifier.weight	(default: 1.0) Weight on classifier loss component
classifier.delay	(default: NULL) Delay classifier component of loss function until specific training step. Defaults to (2/3)*steps.
gpu.device	(default: '0') Which gpu to use.
seed	(default: 1245) Sets graph level random seed in tensorflow.

**Value**

Options data.frame

**Examples**

```
options=scAlignOptions(steps=15000,  
  log.every=5000,  
  early.stop=FALSE,  
  architecture="large")
```

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