# Package 'ccImpute'

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Description Dropout events make the lowly expressed genes indistinguishable from true zero expression and different than the low expression present in cells of the same type. This issue makes any subsequent downstream analysis difficult. ccImpute is an imputation algorithm that uses cell similarity established by consensus clustering to impute the most probable dropout events in the scRNA-seq datasets. ccImpute demonstrated performance which exceeds the performance of existing imputation approaches while introducing the least amount of new noise as measured by clustering performance characteristics on datasets with known cell identities.

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ccImpute

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# Usage

```
ccImpute(
    logX,
    useRanks = TRUE,
    pcaMin,
    pcaMax,
    k,
    consMin = 0.65,
    kmNStart,
    kmMax = 1000,
    BPPARAM = bpparam()
)
```

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A normalized and log transformed scRNA-seq expression matrix.

#### **Arguments**

logX

useRanks	A Boolean specifying if non-parametric version of weighted Pearson correlation should be used. It's recommended to keep this as TRUE since this performs better as determined experimentally. However, FALSE will also provide decent results with the benefit or faster runtime.
pcaMin	This is used to establish the number of minimum PCA features used for generating subsets. For small datasets up to 500 cells this equals pcaMin*n minimum features, where n is number of cells. For large datasets, this corresponds to the feature count that has proportion of variance less than pcaMin. Both pcaMin and pcaMax must be specified to be considered. It's best to keep this value as default unless a better value was obtained experimentally.
рсаМах	This is used to establish the number of maximum PCA features used for generating subsets. For small datasets up to 500 cells this equals pcaMax*n maximum features, where n is number of cells. For large datasets, this corresponds to the feature count that has proportion of variance less than pcaMax. Both pcaMin and pcaMax must be specified to be considered. It's best to keep this value as default unless a better value was obtained experimentally.

centers parameter passed to kmeans function. This corresponds to a number of different cell groups in data. This can be estimated in a number of methods. If not provided we take the approach provided in the SIMLR package. (https://www.bioconductor.org/packages/release/bioc/html/SIMLR.html)

the low-pass filter threshold for processing consensus matrix. This is to eliminate noise from unlikely clustering assignments. It is recommended to keep this

value >-.5.

kmNStart nstart parameter passed to kmeans. function. Can be set manually. By default it

is 1000 for up to 2000 cells and 50 for more than 2000 cells.

kmMax iter.max parameter passed to kmeans. ccImpute is a stochastic method, and

setting the rand\_seed allows reproducibility.

BPPARAM - BiocParallel parameters for parallelization

#### Value

k

consMin

A normalized and log transformed scRNA-seq expression matrix with imputed missing values.

### **Examples**

```
exp_matrix <- log(abs(matrix(rnorm(1000000),nrow=10000))+1) ccImpute(exp_matrix, k = 2)
```

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weighted cell voting with weights derived from processed consensus matrix consMtx.	findDropouts	Establishes which zero values in x are dropout events based on weighted cell voting with weights derived from processed consensus matrix consMtx.
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## **Description**

Establishes which zero values in x are dropout events based on weighted cell voting with weights derived from processed consensus matrix consMtx.

# Usage

```
findDropouts(x, consMtx)
```

# Arguments

x transpose of log normalized expression matrix

consMtx processed consensus matrix

#### Value

list of indices in x that are dropout events

findNDim	Establish what subsets of loadings from PCA distance measure are
	used for for measuring cluster instability

### **Description**

Establish what subsets of loadings from PCA distance measure are used for for measuring cluster instability

# Usage

```
findNDim(n, distPCA, pcaMin, pcaMax)
```

### **Arguments**

n number of samples

distPCA PCA reduced distance matrix

pcaMin This is used to establish the number of minimum PCA features used for gener-

ating subsets. For small datasets up to 500 cells this equals pcaMin\*n minimum features, where n is number of cells. For large datasets, this corresponds to the feature count that has proportion of variance less than pcaMin. Both pcaMin and

pcaMax must be specified to be considered.

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pcaMax

This is used to establish the number of maximum PCA features used for generating subsets. For small datasets up to 500 cells this equals pcaMax\*n maximum features, where n is number of cells. For large datasets, this corresponds to the feature count that has proportion of variance less than pcaMax. Both pcaMin and pcaMax must be specified to be considered.

#### Value

list of numbers with each number corresponding to the number of loadings to use for clustering.

getConsMtx

Computes consensus matrix given cluster labels

## **Description**

Computes consensus matrix given cluster labels

#### Usage

getConsMtx(dat)

### **Arguments**

dat

a matrix containing clustering solutions in columns

### Value

consensus matrix

getPConsMtx

Get processed consensus matrix.

## **Description**

This function gets consensus matrix based on the clustering solutions contained in the kmResults input parameter and does the processing to use it for imputation.

#### Usage

```
getPConsMtx(kmResults, consMin)
```

# **Arguments**

 $\label{list of k-means clustering assignments on the PCA loadings sub-datasets.}$ 

consMin the low-pass filter threshold value for processed consensus matrix.

#### Value

a processed consensus matrix.

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kmAux	This function performs kmeans clustering of the subdataset corresponding to a given range i of PCA loadings as contained in input parameter.

# Description

This function performs kmeans clustering of the subdataset corresponding to a given range i of PCA loadings as contained in input parameter.

#### Usage

```
kmAux(i, input, k, kmNStart, kmMax)
```

# **Arguments**

i number of loadings to use
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input the matrix of all variable loadings.

k centers (integer) parameter passed to kmeans function.

kmNStart nstart parameter passed to kmeans function. Can be set manually. By default it

is 1000 for up to 2000 cells and 50 for more than 2000 cells.

kmMax iter.max parameter passed to kmeans function.

nCores defines the number of cores to be used on the user's machine. If not set, 'ccIm-

pute' will use all but one cores of your machine.

nDim the list of containing a number of PCA loadings to use for each sub-dataset.

rand\_seed sets the seed of the random number generator. ccImpute is a stochastic method,

and setting the rand\_seed allows reproducibility.

#### Value

a list of clustering assignments for all the sub-datasets.

solveDrops	Computes imputed expression matrix using linear eq solver.	

# **Description**

Computes imputed expression matrix using linear eq solver.

# Usage

```
solveDrops(cm, em, ids, n_cores)
```

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### **Arguments**

cm processed consensus matrix

em expression matrix

ids location of values determined to be dropout events n\_cores number of cores to use for parallel computation.

#### Value

imputed expression matrix

wCorDist	Computes a weighted Pearson distance measure matrix. If ranks are used this measure turns into weighted Spearman distance measure matrix.

### **Description**

Computes a weighted Pearson distance measure matrix. If ranks are used this measure turns into weighted Spearman distance measure matrix.

### Usage

```
wCorDist(x, w, useRanks, n_cores)
```

#### **Arguments**

x input with columns containing each observation

w weights for all values in a obervation

useRanks indicates if Pearson should be computed on weighted ranks.

n\_cores number of cores to use for parallel computation.

#### Value

weighted Pearson distance measure matrix. If ranks are used this measure turns into weighted Spearman distance measure matrix.

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