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Details

Use this package to calculate per-cell scores for a biological pathway of your choice, from single-cell RNA-seq data. Transcripts-Per-Million (TPM) or Counts-Per-Million (CPM) units of the data are recommended for best results.

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References

<https://medicine.ekmd.huji.ac.il/en/research/yotamd/Pages/default.aspx>

See Also

[getPathwayScores](#)

getPathwayScores	<i>Calculate Pathway Scores for all Cells in a scRNA-Seq Data</i>
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Description

Calculate a pathway score for each cell included in the input scRNA-seq data, using the cell's transcription level of the pathway's genes.

Usage

```
getPathwayScores(dataMatrix, pathwayGenes, percentForNormalization)
```

Arguments

a list of three items:

dataMatrix	a matrix whose rows and columns represent genes and cells, respectively, containing the scRNA-seq data; Counts-Per-Million (CPM) or Transcripts-Per-Million (TPM) units should be used for best results. The matrix should be of type sparse matrix (dgCMatrix), otherwise errors might be raised.
pathwayGenes	a character vector of the gene names of which the relevant biological pathway consists.
percentForNormalization	The percent of top cells for each gene whose median is used to normalize the gene's expression values (5 by default).

Value

pathwayScores	an array (type double) of the pathway score of each cell in the input dataMatrix, less than two of the pathway genes are found in the data, in which case NA is returned.
index	a numeric array of the row indices in the dataMatrix where genes of the pathway were found.

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Examples

```
library(SiPSiC)
geneCountsMatrix <- matrix(rpois(16, lambda = 10), ncol = 4, nrow = 4)
geneCountsMatrix <- as(geneCountsMatrix, "dgCMatrix")
rownames(geneCountsMatrix) <- c("Gene1", "Gene2", "Gene3", "Gene4")
colnames(geneCountsMatrix) <- c("Cell1", "Cell2", "Cell3", "Cell4")
assayData <- SingleCellExperiment(assays = list(counts = geneCountsMatrix))
pathwayGenesList <- c("Gene1", "Gene2", "Gene4")
percentForNormalization <- 7
scoresAndIndices <- getPathwayScores(counts(assayData), pathwayGenesList, percentForNormalization)
pathwayScoresOfCells <- scoresAndIndices$pathwayScores
pathwayGeneIndices <- scoresAndIndices$index
```

normalizeCountsForGene

Gene counts normalization

Description

Get the counts of a single gene normalized by the median of the top 5 percent cells, unless it's zero; In this case, the counts are all divided by the maximum value across all cells. If all counts are zeros, they are returned untouched.

Usage

```
normalizeCountsForGene(expressionValues, percentForNormalization)
```

Arguments

expressionValues

An array of type double, containing the counts (in any units, e.g. CPM or TPM) of a single gene across different cells.

percentForNormalization

The percent of top cells for each gene whose median is used to normalized the gene's expression values.

Value

An array (type double) of the normalized input counts.

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