# Package 'FLAMES'

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# Description

Add rowRanges by rownames to SummarizedExperiment object Assumes rownames are transcript\_ids Assumes transcript\_id is present in the annotation file

# Usage

addRowRanges(sce, annotation, outdir)

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### Value

a SummarizedExperiment object with rowRanges added

add\_gene\_counts

Add gene counts to a SingleCellExperiment object

### **Description**

Add gene counts to a SingleCellExperiment object as an altExps slot named gene.

### Usage

```
add_gene_counts(sce, gene_count_file)
```

### **Arguments**

```
\begin{tabular}{ll} sce & A Single Cell Experiment object. \\ gene\_count\_file & \\ \end{tabular}
```

The file path to the gene count file. If missing, the function will try to find the gene count file in the output directory.

### Value

A SingleCellExperiment object with gene counts added.

```
# Set up a mock SingleCellExperiment object
sce <- SingleCellExperiment::SingleCellExperiment(
    assays = list(counts = matrix(0, nrow = 10, ncol = 10))
)
colnames(sce) <- paste0("cell", 1:10)
# Set up a mock gene count file
gene_count_file <- tempfile()
gene_mtx <- matrix(1:10, nrow = 2, ncol = 5)
colnames(gene_mtx) <- paste0("cell", 1:5)
rownames(gene_mtx) <- c("gene1", "gene2")
write.csv(gene_mtx, gene_count_file)
# Add gene counts to the SingleCellExperiment object
sce <- add_gene_counts(sce, gene_count_file)
# verify the gene counts are added
SingleCellExperiment::altExps(sce)$gene</pre>
```

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# **Description**

convert the transcript annotation to transcriptome assembly as FASTA file. The genome annotation is first imported as TxDb object and then used to extract transcript sequence from the genome assembly.

### Usage

```
annotation_to_fasta(isoform_annotation, genome_fa, outfile, extract_fn)
```

# Arguments

 $isoform\_annotation$ 

Path to the annotation file (GTF/GFF3)

outfile The file path to the output FASTA file.

extract\_fn (optional) Function to extract GRangesList from the genome TxDb object. E.g.

function(txdb){GenomicFeatures::cdsBy(txdb, by="tx", use.names=TRUE)}

### Value

This does not return anything. A FASTA file will be created at the specified location.

# **Examples**

```
fasta <- tempfile()
annotation_to_fasta(system.file("extdata", "rps24.gtf.gz", package = "FLAMES"), system.file("extdata", "rps24.gtf.gz", package = "FLAMES"), system.file("extdata"
```

blaze

BLAZE Assign reads to cell barcodes.

# **Description**

Uses BLAZE to generate barcode list and assign reads to cell barcodes.

```
blaze(expect_cells, fq_in, ...)
```

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### **Arguments**

expect\_cells Integer, expected number of cells. Note: this could be just a rough estimate.

E.g., the targeted number of cells.

File path to the fastq file used as a query sequence file

Additional BLAZE configuration parameters. E.g., setting ''output-prefix'='some\_prefix' is equivalent to specifying '-output-prefix some\_prefix' in BLAZE; Similarly, 'overwrite=TRUE' is equivalent to switch on the '-overwrite' option. Note that the specified parameters will override the parameters specified in the configuration file. All available options can be found at https://github.com/shimlab/BLAZE.

### Value

A data. frame summarising the reads aligned. Other outputs are written to disk. The details of the output files can be found at https://github.com/shimlab/BLAZE.

### **Examples**

```
outdir <- tempfile()
dir.create(outdir)
fastq <- system.file("extdata", "fastq", "musc_rps24.fastq.gz", package = "FLAMES")
blaze(
  expect_cells = 10, fastq,
  "output-prefix" = file.path(outdir, ""),
  "output-fastq" = file.path(outdir, "output.fastq"),
  overwrite=TRUE
)</pre>
```

BulkPipeline

Pipeline for bulk long read RNA-seq data processing

### **Description**

Semi-supervised isofrom detection and annotation for long read data. This variant is meant for bulk samples. Specific parameters can be configured in the config file (see create\_config), input files are specified via arguments.

```
BulkPipeline(
   config_file,
   outdir,
   fastq,
   annotation,
   genome_fa,
   genome_mmi,
   minimap2,
   samtools,
   controllers
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

config_file	Path to the JSON configuration file. See create_config for creating one.
outdir	Path to the output directory. If it does not exist, it will be created.
fastq	Path to the FASTQ file or a directory containing FASTQ files. Each file will be processed as an individual sample.
annotation	The file path to the annotation file in GFF3 / GTF format.
genome_fa	The file path to the reference genome in FASTA format.
genome_mmi	(optional) The file path to minimap2's index reference genome.
minimap2	(optional) The path to the minimap2 binary. If not provided, FLAMES will use a copy from bioconda via basilisk.
samtools	(optional) The path to the samtools binary. If not provided, FLAMES will use a copy from bioconda via basilisk. provided, FLAMES will use a copy from bioconda via basilisk.
controllers	(optional, <b>experimental</b> ) A crew_class_controller object for running certain steps

#### **Details**

By default FLAMES use minimap2 for read alignment. After the genome alignment step (do\_genome\_align), FLAMES summarizes the alignment for each read by grouping reads with similar splice junctions to get a raw isoform annotation (do\_isoform\_id). The raw isoform annotation is compared against the reference annotation to correct potential splice site and transcript start/end errors. Transcripts that have similar splice junctions and transcript start/end to the reference transcript are merged with the reference. This process will also collapse isoforms that are likely to be truncated transcripts. If isoform\_id\_bambu is set to TRUE, bambu::bambu will be used to generate the updated annotations. Next is the read realignment step (do\_read\_realign), where the sequence of each transcript from the update annotation is extracted, and the reads are realigned to this updated transcript\_assembly. fa by minimap2. The transcripts with only a few full-length aligned reads are discarded. The reads are assigned to transcripts based on both alignment score, fractions of reads aligned and transcript coverage. Reads that cannot be uniquely assigned to transcripts or have low transcript coverage are discarded. The UMI transcript count matrix is generated by collapsing the reads with the same UMI in a similar way to what is done for short-read scRNA-seq data, but allowing for an edit distance of up to 2 by default. Most of the parameters, such as the minimal distance to splice site and minimal percentage of transcript coverage can be modified by the JSON configuration file (config\_file).

#### Value

A FLAMES.Pipeline object. The pipeline could be run using run\_FLAMES, and / or resumed using resume\_FLAMES.

### See Also

create\_config for creating a configuration file, SingleCellPipeline for single cell pipelines, MultiSampleSCPipeline for multi sample single cell pipelines.

```
outdir <- tempfile()
dir.create(outdir)
# simulate 3 samples via sampling</pre>
```

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```
reads <- ShortRead::readFastq(</pre>
  system.file("extdata", "fastq", "musc_rps24.fastq.gz", package = "FLAMES")
dir.create(file.path(outdir, "fastq"))
ShortRead::writeFastq(reads[1:100],
  file.path(outdir, "fastq/sample1.fq.gz"),
  mode = "w", full = FALSE
)
reads <- reads[-(1:100)]
ShortRead::writeFastq(reads[1:100],
  file.path(outdir, "fastq/sample2.fq.gz"),
  mode = "w", full = FALSE
)
reads <- reads[-(1:100)]
ShortRead::writeFastq(reads,
  file.path(outdir, "fastq/sample3.fq.gz"),
 mode = "w", full = FALSE
# prepare the reference genome
genome_fa <- file.path(outdir, "rps24.fa")</pre>
R.utils::gunzip(
  filename = system.file("extdata", "rps24.fa.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
  destname = genome_fa, remove = FALSE
ppl <- BulkPipeline(</pre>
  fastq = c(
    "sample1" = file.path(outdir, "fastq", "sample1.fq.gz"),
    "sample2" = file.path(outdir, "fastq", "sample2.fq.gz"),
    "sample3" = file.path(outdir, "fastq", "sample3.fq.gz")
  ),
  annotation = system.file("extdata", "rps24.gtf.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
  genome_fa = genome_fa,
  config_file = create_config(outdir, type = "sc_3end", threads = 1, no_flank = TRUE),
  outdir = outdir
)
ppl <- run_FLAMES(ppl) # run the pipeline</pre>
experiment(ppl) # get the result as SummarizedExperiment
```

bulk\_long\_pipeline Pipeline for bulk long read RNA-seq data processing (deprecated)

### **Description**

This function is deprecated. Use BulkPipeline instead.

```
bulk_long_pipeline(
  annotation,
  fastq,
  outdir,
  genome_fa,
  minimap2 = NULL,
```

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```
config_file
)
```

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### **Arguments**

annotation The file path to the annotation file in GFF3 / GTF format.

Path to the FASTQ file or a directory containing FASTQ files. Each file will be processed as an individual sample.

outdir Path to the output directory. If it does not exist, it will be created.

genome\_fa The file path to the reference genome in FASTA format.

minimap2 (optional) The path to the minimap2 binary. If not provided, FLAMES will use a copy from bioconda via basilisk. provided, FLAMES will use a copy from bioconda via basilisk.

Path to the JSON configuration file. See create\_config for creating one.

### Value

A SummarizedExperiment object containing the transcript counts.

#### See Also

BulkPipeline for the new pipeline function. SingleCellPipeline for single cell pipelines, MultiSampleSCPipeline for multi sample single cell pipelines.

```
outdir <- tempfile()</pre>
dir.create(outdir)
# simulate 3 samples via sampling
reads <- ShortRead::readFastq(</pre>
  system.file("extdata", "fastq", "musc_rps24.fastq.gz", package = "FLAMES")
dir.create(file.path(outdir, "fastq"))
ShortRead::writeFastq(reads[1:100],
  file.path(outdir, "fastq/sample1.fq.gz"),
 mode = "w", full = FALSE
)
reads <- reads[-(1:100)]
ShortRead::writeFastq(reads[1:100],
  file.path(outdir, "fastq/sample2.fq.gz"),
  mode = "w", full = FALSE
reads <- reads[-(1:100)]
ShortRead::writeFastq(reads,
  file.path(outdir, "fastq/sample3.fq.gz"),
  mode = "w", full = FALSE
# prepare the reference genome
genome_fa <- file.path(outdir, "rps24.fa")</pre>
R.utils::gunzip(
  filename = system.file("extdata", "rps24.fa.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
  destname = genome_fa, remove = FALSE
se <- bulk_long_pipeline(</pre>
```

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```
fastq = file.path(outdir, "fastq"),
  annotation = system.file("extdata", "rps24.gtf.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
  outdir = outdir, genome_fa = genome_fa,
  config_file = create_config(outdir, type = "sc_3end", threads = 1, no_flank = TRUE)
)
se
```

combine\_sce

Combine SCE

### **Description**

Combine FLT-seq SingleCellExperiment objects

### Usage

```
combine_sce(sce_with_lr, sce_without_lr)
```

### **Arguments**

sce\_with\_lr A SingleCellExperiment object with both long and short reads. The long-read transcript counts should be stored in the 'transcript' altExp slot.

sce\_without\_lr A SingleCellExperiment object with only short reads.

### **Details**

For protools like FLT-seq that generate two libraries, one with both short and long reads, and one with only short reads, this function combines the two libraries into a single SingleCellExperiment object. For the library with both long and short reads, the long-read transcript counts should be stored in the 'transcript' altExp slot of the SingleCellExperiment object. This function will combine the short-read gene counts of both libraries, and for the transcripts counts, it will leave NA values for the cells from the short-read only library. The sc\_impute\_transcript function can then be used to impute the NA values.

### Value

A SingleCellExperiment object with combined gene counts and a "transcript" altExp slot.

# Examples

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```
with_lr <- SingleCellExperiment::SingleCellExperiment(assays = list(counts = matrix(rpois(100, 5), ncol = 10))
without_lr <- SingleCellExperiment::SingleCellExperiment(assays = list(counts = matrix(rpois(200, 5), ncol = 2)
long_read <- SingleCellExperiment::SingleCellExperiment(assays = list(counts = matrix(rpois(50, 5), ncol = 10)
SingleCellExperiment::altExp(with_lr, "transcript") <- long_read
SummarizedExperiment::colData(with_lr)$Barcode <- paste0(1:10, "-1")
SummarizedExperiment::colData(without_lr)$Barcode <- paste0(8:27, "-1")
rownames(with_lr) <- as.character(101:110)
rownames(without_lr) <- as.character(103:112)
rownames(long_read) <- as.character(1001:1005)
combined_sce <- FLAMES::combine_sce(sce_with_lr = with_lr, sce_without_lr = without_lr)</pre>
```

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config

Get pipeline configurations

# **Description**

This function returns the configuration of the pipeline.

### Usage

```
config(pipeline)
## S4 method for signature 'FLAMES.Pipeline'
config(pipeline)
```

# Arguments

pipeline

An object of class 'FLAMES.Pipeline'.

### Value

A list containing the configuration of the pipeline.

# **Examples**

```
pipeline <- example_pipeline(type = "BulkPipeline")
config(pipeline)</pre>
```

config<-

Set pipeline configurations

# Description

This function sets the configuration of the pipeline.

# Usage

```
config(pipeline) <- value
## S4 replacement method for signature 'FLAMES.Pipeline'
config(pipeline) <- value</pre>
```

### **Arguments**

pipeline An pipeline of class 'FLAMES.Pipeline'.

value A list containing the configuration of the pipeline, or a path to a JSON configu-

ration file.

# Value

An pipeline of class 'FLAMES.Pipeline' with the updated configuration.

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### **Examples**

```
pipeline <- example_pipeline(type = "BulkPipeline")
# Set a new configuration
config(pipeline) <- create_config(outdir = tempdir())</pre>
```

controllers

Get controllers

### **Description**

Gets the controllers for the pipeline.

# Usage

```
controllers(pipeline)
## S4 method for signature 'FLAMES.Pipeline'
controllers(pipeline)
```

### **Arguments**

pipeline

A FLAMES.Pipeline object.

### Value

A named list of crew\_class\_controller objects, where each controller corresponds to a step in the pipeline.

### **Examples**

```
pipeline <- example_pipeline(type = "MultiSampleSCPipeline")
controllers(pipeline) # get the controllers</pre>
```

controllers<-

Set controllers

# **Description**

Sets the controllers for the pipeline.

```
controllers(pipeline) <- value
## S4 replacement method for signature 'FLAMES.Pipeline'
controllers(pipeline) <- value</pre>
```

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### **Arguments**

pipeline A FLAMES.Pipeline object.

value A crew\_class\_controller object or a named list of crew\_class\_controller

objects. If a single controller is provided, it will be used for all steps in the pipeline. If a named list is provided, steps with names that match the names of the list will use the corresponding controller, and steps without a specified

controller will use the current R session.

#### Value

An updated FLAMES. Pipeline object with the specified controllers.

#### **Examples**

```
pipeline <- example_pipeline()
# Only set the genome alignment controller
controllers(pipeline) <- list(genome_alignment = crew::crew_controller_local())
# Same as above
controllers(pipeline)[["genome_alignment"]] <- crew::crew_controller_local()
# Set a controller for all steps
controllers(pipeline) <- crew::crew_controller_local()
# Unset all controllers and use the current R session
controllers(pipeline) <- list()</pre>
```

convolution\_filter

Convolution filter for smoothing transcript coverages

# Description

Filter out transcripts with sharp drops / rises in coverage, to be used in filter\_coverage to remove transcripts with potential misalignments / internal priming etc. Filtering is done by convolving the coverage with a kernal of 1s and -1s (e.g. c(1, 1, -1, -1), where the width of the 1s and -1s are determined by the width parameter), and check if the maximum absolute value of the convolution is below a threshold. If the convolution is below the threshold, TRUE is returned, otherwise FALSE.

# Usage

```
convolution_filter(x, threshold = 0.15, width = 2, trim = 0.05)
```

# **Arguments**

x numeric vector of coverage values

threshold numeric, the threshold for the maximum absolute value of the convolution numeric, the width of the 1s and -1s in the kernal. E.g. width = 2 will result in

a kernal of c(1, 1, -1, -1)

trim numeric, the proportion of the coverage values to ignore at both ends before

convolution.

### Value

logical, TRUE if the transcript passes the filter, FALSE otherwise

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#### **Examples**

```
# A >30% drop in coverage will fail the filter with threshold = 0.3 convolution_filter(c(1, 1, 1, 0.69, 0.69, 0.69), threshold = 0.3) convolution_filter(c(1, 1, 1, 0.71, 0.7, 0.7), threshold = 0.3)
```

create\_config

Create Configuration File From Arguments

### **Description**

Create Configuration File From Arguments

# Usage

```
create_config(outdir, type = "sc_3end", ...)
```

# **Arguments**

outdir

the destination directory for the configuratio nfile

type

use an example config, available values:

"sc\_3end" - config for 10x 3' end ONT reads
"SIRV" - config for the SIRV example reads

Configuration parameters.

**seed** - Integer. Seed for minimap2.

threads - Number of threads to use.

- **do\_barcode\_demultiplex** Boolean. Specifies whether to run the barcode demultiplexing step.
- **do\_genome\_alignment** Boolean. Specifies whether to run the genome alignment step. TRUE is recommended
- **do\_gene\_quantification** Boolean. Specifies whether to run gene quantification using the genome alignment results. TRUE is recommended
- **do\_isoform\_identification** Boolean. Specifies whether to run the isoform identification step. TRUE is recommended
- **bambu\_isoform\_identification** Boolean. Whether to use Bambu for isoform identification.
- **multithread\_isoform\_identification** Boolean. Whether to use FLAMES' new multithreaded Cpp implementation for isoform identification.
- **do\_read\_realignment** Boolean. Specifies whether to run the read realignment step. TRUE is recommended
- **do\_transcript\_quantification** Boolean. Specifies whether to run the transcript quantification step. TRUE is recommended
- barcode\_parameters List. Parameters for barcode demultiplexing passed to find\_barcode (except fastq, barcodes\_file, stats\_out, reads\_out) and threads, which are set by the pipeline, see ?find\_barcode for more details.
- **generate\_raw\_isoform** Boolean. Whether to generate all isoforms for debugging purpose.

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**max\_dist** - Maximum distance allowed when merging splicing sites in isoform consensus clustering.

- **max\_ts\_dist** Maximum distance allowed when merging transcript start/end position in isoform consensus clustering.
- max\_splice\_match\_dist Maximum distance allowed when merging splice site called from the data and the reference annotation.
- min\_fl\_exon\_len Minimum length for the first exon outside the gene body in reference annotation. This is to correct the alignment artifact
- **max\_site\_per\_splice** Maximum transcript start/end site combinations allowed per splice chain
- **min\_sup\_cnt** Minimum number of read support an isoform decrease this number will significantly increase the number of isoform detected.
- min\_cnt\_pct Minimum percentage of count for an isoform relative to total
   count for the same gene.
- **min\_sup\_pct** Minimum percentage of count for an splice chain that support a given transcript start/end site combination.
- **strand\_specific** 0, 1 or -1. 1 indicates if reads are in the same strand as mRNA, -1 indicates reads are reverse complemented, 0 indicates reads are not strand specific.
- **remove\_incomp\_reads** The strenge of truncated isoform filtering. larger number means more stringent filtering.
- use\_junctions whether to use known splice junctions to help correct the alignment results
- no\_flank Boolean. for synthetic spike-in data. refer to Minimap2 document for detail
- **use\_annotation** Boolean. whether to use reference to help annotate known isoforms
- min\_tr\_coverage Minimum percentage of isoform coverage for a read to be aligned to that isoform
- **min\_read\_coverage** Minimum percentage of read coverage for a read to be uniquely aligned to that isoform

# **Details**

Create a list object containing the arguments supplied in a format usable for the FLAMES pipeline. Also writes the object to a JSON file, which is located with the prefix 'config\_' in the supplied outdir. Default values from extdata/config\_sclr\_nanopore\_3end.json will be used for unprovided parameters.

#### Value

file path to the config file created

```
# create the default configuration file
outdir <- tempdir()
config <- create_config(outdir)</pre>
```

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### **Description**

Create SingleCellExperiment object from FLAMES output folder

### Usage

```
create_sce_from_dir(outdir, annotation, quantification = "FLAMES")
```

### **Arguments**

outdir The folder containing FLAMES output files
annotation the annotation file that was used to produce the output files

quantification (Optional) the quantification method used to generate the output files (either "FLAMES" or "Oarfish".). If not specified, the function will attempt to determine the quantification method.

#### Value

a list of SingleCellExperiment objects if multiple transcript matrices were found in the output folder, or a SingleCellExperiment object if only one were found

```
outdir <- tempfile()</pre>
dir.create(outdir)
bc_allow <- file.path(outdir, "bc_allow.tsv")</pre>
genome_fa <- file.path(outdir, "rps24.fa")</pre>
R.utils::gunzip(
  filename = system.file("extdata", "bc_allow.tsv.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
  destname = bc_allow, remove = FALSE
R.utils::gunzip(
  filename = system.file("extdata", "rps24.fa.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
  destname = genome_fa, remove = FALSE
annotation <- system.file("extdata", "rps24.gtf.gz", package = "FLAMES")</pre>
sce <- sc_long_pipeline(</pre>
  genome_fa = genome_fa,
  fastq = system.file("extdata", "fastq", "musc_rps24.fastq.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
  annotation = annotation,
 outdir = outdir,
 barcodes_file = bc_allow,
  config_file = create_config(outdir, oarfish_quantification = FALSE)
sce_2 <- create_sce_from_dir(outdir, annotation)</pre>
```

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create\_se\_from\_dir

Create SummarizedExperiment object from FLAMES output folder

### **Description**

Create SummarizedExperiment object from FLAMES output folder

# Usage

```
create_se_from_dir(outdir, annotation, quantification = "FLAMES")
```

### **Arguments**

outdir The folder containing FLAMES output files

annotation (Optional) the annotation file that was used to produce the output files

quantification (Optional) the quantification method used to generate the output files (either

"FLAMES" or "Oarfish".). If not specified, the function will attempt to deter-

mine the quantification method.

### Value

a SummarizedExperiment object

# **Examples**

```
ppl <- example_pipeline("BulkPipeline")
ppl <- run_FLAMES(ppl)
se1 <- experiment(ppl)
se2 <- create_se_from_dir(ppl@outdir, ppl@annotation)</pre>
```

create\_spe

Create a SpatialExperiment object

### **Description**

This function creates a SpatialExperiment object from a SingleCellExperiment object and a spatial barcode file.

```
create_spe(
    sce,
    spatial_barcode_file,
    mannual_align_json,
    image,
    tissue_positions_file
)
```

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# **Arguments**

sce The SingleCellExperiment object obtained from running the sc\_long\_pipeline

function.

spatial\_barcode\_file

The path to the spatial barcode file, e.g. "spaceranger-2.1.1/lib/python/cellranger/barcodes

mannual\_align\_json

The path to the mannual alignment json file.

image 'DataFrame' containing the image data. See ?SpatialExperiment::readImgData

 $and \ ? Spatial Experiment:: Spatial Experiment.\\$ 

tissue\_positions\_file

The path to Visium positions file, e.g. "spaceranger-2.1.1/lib/python/cellranger/barcodes/

### Value

A SpatialExperiment object.

cutadapt

cutadapt wrapper

# Description

trim TSO adaptor with cutadapt

# Usage

cutadapt(args)

### **Arguments**

args

arguments to be passed to cutadapt

### Value

Exit code of cutadapt

```
cutadapt("-h")
```

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demultiplex_sockeye	Demultiplex reads using Sockeye outputs	
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### **Description**

Demultiplex reads using the cell\_umi\_gene.tsv file from Sockeye.

### Usage

```
demultiplex_sockeye(fastq_dir, sockeye_tsv, out_fq)
```

### **Arguments**

fastq\_dir The folder containing FASTQ files from Sockeye's output under ingest/chunked\_fastqs.

sockeye\_tsv The cell\_umi\_gene.tsv file from Sockeye.

out\_fq The output FASTQ file.

### Value

returns NULL

### **Description**

Provides example pipelines for bulk, single cell and multi-sample single cell.

### Usage

```
example_pipeline(type = "SingleCellPipeline", outdir)
```

# **Arguments**

type The type of pipeline to create. Options are "SingleCellPipeline", "BulkPipeline",

and "MultiSampleSCPipeline".

outdir (Optional) The output directory where the example pipeline will be created. If

not provided, a temporary directory will be created.

### Value

A pipeline object of the specified type.

### See Also

SingleCellPipeline for creating the single cell pipeline, BulkPipeline for bulk long data, MultiSampleSCPipeline for multi sample single cell pipelines.

```
example_pipeline("SingleCellPipeline")
```

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experiment

Get pipeline results

### **Description**

This function returns the results of the pipeline as a SummarizedExperiment object, a SingleCellExperiment object, or a list of SingleCellExperiment objects, depending on the pipeline type.

# Usage

```
experiment(pipeline)
## S4 method for signature 'FLAMES.Pipeline'
experiment(pipeline)
## S4 method for signature 'FLAMES.MultiSampleSCPipeline'
experiment(pipeline)
```

### **Arguments**

pipeline

A FLAMES.Pipeline object.

### Value

 $A \ {\tt SummarizedExperiment\ object}, \ a \ {\tt SingleCellExperiment\ object}, \ or \ a \ list\ of\ {\tt SingleCellExperiment\ objects}.$ 

# **Examples**

```
pipeline <- example_pipeline(type = "BulkPipeline")
pipeline <- run_FLAMES(pipeline)
se <- experiment(pipeline)</pre>
```

fake\_stranded\_gff

Fake stranded GFF file

# Description

Check if all the transcript in the annotation is stranded. If not, convert to '+'.

# Usage

```
fake_stranded_gff(gff_file)
```

### Value

Path to the temporary file with unstranded transcripts converted to '+'.

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filter_annotation	filter annotation for plotting coverages
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# Description

Removes isoform annotations that could produce ambigious reads, such as isoforms that only differ by the 5' / 3' end. This could be useful for plotting average coverage plots.

### Usage

```
filter_annotation(annotation, keep = "tss_differ")
```

### **Arguments**

annotation path to the GTF annotation file, or the parsed GenomicRanges object.

keep string, one of 'tss\_differ' (only keep isoforms that all differ by the transcription

start site position), 'tes\_differ' (only keep those that differ by the transcription end site position), 'both' (only keep those that differ by both the start and end site), or 'single\_transcripts' (only keep genes that contains a sinlge transcript).

### Value

GenomicRanges of the filtered isoforms

### **Examples**

```
filtered_annotation <- filter_annotation(
  system.file("extdata", "rps24.gtf.gz", package = 'FLAMES'), keep = 'tes_differ')
filtered_annotation</pre>
```

filter\_coverage

Filter transcript coverage

### **Description**

Filter the transcript coverage by applying a filter function to the coverage values.

# Usage

```
filter_coverage(x, filter_fn = convolution_filter)
```

### **Arguments**

x The tibble returned by get\_coverage, or a BAM file path, or a GAlignments object.

filter\_fn

The filter function to apply to the coverage values. The function should take a numeric vector of coverage values and return a logical value (TRUE if the transcript passes the filter, FALSE otherwise). The default filter function is convolution\_filter, which filters out transcripts with sharp drops / rises in coverage.

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#### Value

a tibble of the transcript information and coverages, with transcipts that pass the filter

### **Examples**

```
ppl <- example_pipeline("BulkPipeline")
steps(ppl)["isoform_identification"] <- FALSE
ppl <- run_step(ppl, "read_realignment")
x <- get_coverage(ppl@transcriptome_bam[[1]])
nrow(x)
filter_coverage(x) |>
    nrow()
```

find barcode

Match Cell Barcodes

### **Description**

demultiplex reads with flexiplex

# Usage

```
find_barcode(
  fastq,
 barcodes_file,
 max_bc_editdistance = 2,
 max_flank_editdistance = 8,
 reads_out,
  stats_out,
  threads = 1,
 pattern = c(primer = "CTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCT", BC = paste0(rep("N", 16), collapse =
  ""), UMI = paste0(rep("N", 12), collapse = ""), polyT = paste0(rep("T", 9), collapse
   = "")),
 TSO_seq = ""
 TSO_prime = 3,
  strand = "+",
 cutadapt_minimum_length = 1,
  full_length_only = FALSE
)
```

### **Arguments**

```
character vector of paths to FASTQ files or folders, if named, the names will be used as sample names, otherwise the file names will be used barcodes_file path to file containing barcode allow-list, with one barcode in each line max_bc_editdistance max edit distances for the barcode sequence

max_flank_editdistance max edit distances for the flanking sequences (primer and polyT)
```

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reads_out	path to output FASTQ file; if multiple samples are processed, the sample name will be appended to this argument, e.g. provide path/out.fq for single sample,		
	and path/prefix for multiple samples.		
stats_out	path of output stats file; similar to reads_out, e.g. provide path/stats.tsv for single sample, and path/prefix for multiple samples.		
threads	number of threads to be used		
pattern	named character vector defining the barcode pattern		
TS0_seq	TSO sequence to be trimmed		
TSO_prime	either 3 (when TSO_seq is on 3' the end) or 5 (on 5' end)		
strand	strand of the barcode pattern, either '+' or '-' (read will be reverse complemented after barcode matching if '-')		
cutadapt_minimu	cutadapt_minimum_length		
	minimum read length after TSO trimming (cutadapt's -minimum-length)		
full_length_on	Ly		
	boolean, when TSO sequence is provided, whether reads without TSO are to be		
	discarded		

### **Details**

This function demultiplexes reads by searching for flanking sequences (adaptors) around the barcode sequence, and then matching against allowed barcodes. For single sample, either provide a single FASTQ file or a folder containing FASTQ files. For multiple samples, provide a vector of paths (either to FASTQ files or folders containing FASTQ files). Gzipped file input are supported but the output will be uncompressed.

### Value

a list containing: reads\_tb (tibble of read demultiplexed information) and input, output, read1\_with\_adapter from cutadapt report (if TSO trimming is performed)

```
outdir <- tempfile()</pre>
dir.create(outdir)
bc_allow <- file.path(outdir, "bc_allow.tsv")</pre>
R.utils::gunzip(
  filename = system.file("extdata", "bc_allow.tsv.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
  destname = bc_allow, remove = FALSE
# single sample
find_barcode(
  fastq = system.file("extdata", "fastq", "musc_rps24.fastq.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
stats_out = file.path(outdir, "bc_stat"),
  reads_out = file.path(outdir, "demultiplexed.fastq.gz"),
  barcodes_file = bc_allow,
  TSO_seq = "AAGCAGTGGTATCAACGCAGAGTACATGGG", TSO_prime = 5,
  strand = '-', cutadapt_minimum_length = 10, full_length_only = TRUE
# multi-sample
fastq_dir <- tempfile()</pre>
dir.create(fastq_dir)
file.copy(system.file("extdata", "fastq", "musc_rps24.fastq.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
  file.path(fastq_dir, "musc_rps24.fastq.gz"))
```

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```
sampled_lines <- readLines(file.path(fastq_dir, "musc_rps24.fastq.gz"), n = 400)
writeLines(sampled_lines, file.path(fastq_dir, "copy.fastq"))
result <- find_barcode(
    # you can mix folders and files. each path will be considered as a sample
    fastq = c(fastq_dir, system.file("extdata", "fastq", "musc_rps24.fastq.gz", package = "FLAMES")),
    stats_out = file.path(outdir, "bc_stat"),
    reads_out = file.path(outdir, c("demultiplexed1.fastq.gz", "demultiplexed2.fastq.gz")),
    barcodes_file = bc_allow, TSO_seq = "CCCATGTACTCTGCGTTGATACCACTGCTT"
)</pre>
```

find\_bin

Find path to a binary Wrapper for Sys.which to find path to a binary

### **Description**

This function is a wrapper for base::Sys.which to find the path to a command. It also searches within the FLAMES basilisk conda environment. This function also replaces "" with NA in the output of base::Sys.which to make it easier to check if the binary is found.

# Usage

```
find_bin(command)
```

# Arguments

command

character, the command to search for

### Value

character, the path to the command or NA

# **Examples**

```
find_bin("minimap2")
```

find\_isoform

Isoform identification

### **Description**

Long-read isoform identification with FLAMES or bambu.

```
find_isoform(annotation, genome_fa, genome_bam, outdir, config)
```

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### **Arguments**

annotation Path to annotation file. If configured to use bambu, the annotation must be

provided as GTF file.

genome\_bam File path to BAM alignment file. Multiple files could be provided.

outdir The path to directory to store all output files.

config Parsed FLAMES configurations.

#### Value

The updated annotation and the transcriptome assembly will be saved in the output folder as isoform\_annotated.gff3 (GTF if bambu is selected) and transcript\_assembly.fa respectively.

find\_variants

bulk variant identification

### **Description**

Treat each bam file as a bulk sample and identify variants against the reference

# Usage

```
find_variants(
  bam_path,
  reference,
  annotation,
  min_nucleotide_depth = 100,
  homopolymer_window = 3,
  annotated_region_only = FALSE,
  names_from = "gene_name",
  threads = 1
)
```

### **Arguments**

bam\_path character(1) or character(n): path to the bam file(s) aligned to the reference

genome (NOT the transcriptome!).

reference DNAStringSet: the reference genome

annotation GRanges: the annotation of the reference genome. You can load a GTF/GFF

annotation file with anno <- rtracklayer::import(file).</pre>

min\_nucleotide\_depth

integer(1): minimum read depth for a position to be considered a variant.

homopolymer\_window

integer(1): the window size to calculate the homopolymer percentage. The homopolymer percentage is calculated as the percentage of the most frequent nucleotide in a window of -homopolymer\_window to homopolymer\_window nucleotides around the variant position, excluding the variant position itself. Calculation of the homopolymer percentage is skipped when homopolymer\_window = 0. This is useful for filtering out Nanopore sequencing errors in homopolymer regions.

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logical(1): whether to only consider variants outside annotated regions. If TRUE, only variants outside annotated regions will be returned. If FALSE, all variants

will be returned, which could take significantly longer time.

names\_from

 $character (1): the \ column \ name \ in \ the \ metadata \ column \ of \ the \ annotation \ (\texttt{mcols(annotation)[}, \texttt{mcols(annotation)[}, \texttt{mcols(annotation)$ 

names\_from]) to use for the region column in the output.

threads

 $integer(1): number of threads to use. Threading is done over each annotated region and (if annotated\_region\_only = FALSE) unannotated gaps for each bam$ 

file.

#### **Details**

Each bam file is treated as a bulk sample to perform pileup and identify variants. You can run sc\_mutations with the variants identified with this function to get single-cell allele counts. Note that reference genome FASTA files may have the chromosome names field as '>chr1 1' instead of '>chr1'. You may need to remove the trailing number to match the chromosome names in the bam file, for example with names(ref) <- sapply(names(ref), function(x) strsplit(x, "")[[1]][1]).

### Value

A tibble with columns: seqnames, pos, nucleotide, count, sum, freq, ref, region, homopolymer\_pct, bam\_path The homopolymer percentage is calculated as the percentage of the most frequent nucleotide in a window of homopolymer\_window nucleotides around the variant position, excluding the variant position itself.

### **Examples**

```
ppl <- example_pipeline("SingleCellPipeline")
ppl <- run_step(ppl, "genome_alignment")
variants <- find_variants(
  bam_path = ppl@genome_bam,
  reference = ppl@genome_fa,
  annotation = ppl@annotation,
  min_nucleotide_depth = 4
)
head(variants)</pre>
```

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FLAMES: full-length analysis of mutations and splicing

# **Description**

FLAMES: full-length analysis of mutations and splicing

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Rcpp port of flexiplex

# **Description**

demultiplex reads with flexiplex, for detailed description, see documentation for the original flexiplex: https://davidsongroup.github.io/flexiplex

# Usage

```
flexiplex(
  reads_in,
  barcodes_file,
  bc_as_readid,
  max_bc_editdistance,
  max_flank_editdistance,
  pattern,
  reads_out,
  stats_out,
  bc_out,
  reverseCompliment,
  n_threads
)
```

# **Arguments**

```
Input FASTQ or FASTA file
reads_in
barcodes_file
                  barcode allow-list file
bc_as_readid
                  bool, whether to add the demultiplexed barcode to the read ID field
max_bc_editdistance
                  max edit distance for barcode '
max_flank_editdistance
                  max edit distance for the flanking sequences '
pattern
                  String Vector defining the barcode structure, see [find_barcode]
                  output file for demultiplexed reads
reads_out
                  output file for demultiplexed stats
stats_out
                  WIP
bc_out
reverseCompliment
                  bool, whether to reverse complement the reads after demultiplexing
                  number of threads to be used during demultiplexing
n_threads
```

### Value

integer return value. 0 represents normal return.

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get_coverage	Get read coverages from BAM file	
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# **Description**

Get the read coverages for each transcript in the BAM file (or a GAlignments object). The read coverages are sampled at 100 positions along the transcript, and the coverage is scaled by dividing the coverage at each position by the total read counts for the transcript. If a BAM file is provided, alignment with MAPQ < 5, secondary alignments and supplementary alignments are filtered out. A GAlignments object can also be provided in case alternative filtering is desired.

## Usage

```
get_coverage(bam, min_counts = 10, remove_UTR = FALSE, annotation)
```

# **Arguments**

bam	path to the BAM file, or a parsed GAlignments object
min_counts	numeric, the minimum number of alignments required for a transcript to be included
remove_UTR	logical, if TRUE, remove the UTRs from the coverage
annotation	(Required if remove_UTR = TRUE) path to the GTF annotation file

### Value

a tibble of the transcript information and coverages, with the following columns:

- transcript: the transcript name / ID
- read\_counts: the total number of aligments for the transcript
- coverage\_1-100: the coverage at each of the 100 positions along the transcript
- tr\_length: the length of the transcript

```
ppl <- example_pipeline("BulkPipeline")
steps(ppl)["isoform_identification"] <- FALSE
ppl <- run_step(ppl, "read_realignment")
x <- get_coverage(ppl@transcriptome_bam[[1]])
head(x)</pre>
```

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 ${\tt get\_GRangesList}$ 

Parse FLAMES' GFF output

# Description

Parse FLAMES' GFF ouputs into a Genomic Ranges List

# Usage

```
get_GRangesList(file)
```

# Arguments

file

the GFF file to parse

# Value

A Genomic Ranges List

gff2bed

Convert GFF/GTF to BED file

# Description

Convert GFF/GTF to BED file

# Usage

```
gff2bed(gff, bed)
```

# Arguments

gff Path to the GFF/GTF file

bed Path to the output BED file to be written

# Value

invisible, the BED file is written to the specified path

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index\_genome

Index the reference genome for minimap2

### **Description**

Calls minimap2 to index the reference genome.

# Usage

```
index_genome(pipeline, path, additional_args = c("-k", "14"))
## S4 method for signature 'FLAMES.Pipeline'
index_genome(pipeline, path, additional_args = c("-k", "14"))
```

# **Arguments**

pipeline A FLAMES.Pipeline object.

path The file path to save the minimap2 index. If not provided, it will be saved to the output directory with the name "genome.mmi".

additional\_args

(optional) Additional arguments to pass to minimap2.

# Value

 $A \ {\tt SummarizedExperiment\ object}, \ a \ {\tt SingleCellExperiment\ object}, \ or \ a \ list\ of\ {\tt SingleCellExperiment\ objects}.$ 

# **Examples**

```
pipeline <- example_pipeline(type = "BulkPipeline")
pipeline <- index_genome(pipeline)</pre>
```

minimap2\_align

Minimap2 Align to Genome

# Description

Uses minimap2 to align sequences agains a reference databse. Uses options '-ax splice -t 12 -k14 -secondary=no fa\_file fq\_in'

```
minimap2_align(
  fq_in,
  fa_file,
  config,
  outfile,
  minimap2_args,
  sort_by,
```

```
minimap2,
  samtools,
  threads = 1,
  tmpdir
)
```

# **Arguments**

fq_in	File path to the fastq file used as a query sequence file
fa_file	Path to the fasta file used as a reference database for alignment
config	Parsed list of FLAMES config file
outfile	Path to the output file
minimap2_args	Arguments to pass to minimap2, see minimap2 documentation for details.
sort_by	Column to sort the bam file by, see samtools sort for details
minimap2	Path to minimap2 binary
samtools	path to the samtools binary.
threads	Integer, threads for minimap2 to use, see minimap2 documentation for details,
tmpdir	Temporary directory to use for intermediate files. FLAMES will try to detect cores if this parameter is not provided.

### Value

a data. frame summarising the reads aligned

MultiSampleSCPipeline Pipeline for multi-sample long-read scRNA-seq data

# Description

Semi-supervised isofrom detection and annotation for long read data. This variant is meant for multi-sample scRNA-seq data. Specific parameters can be configured in the config file (see create\_config), input files are specified via arguments.

```
MultiSampleSCPipeline(
  config_file,
  outdir,
  fastq,
  annotation,
  genome_fa,
  genome_mmi,
  minimap2,
  samtools,
  barcodes_file,
  expect_cell_number,
  controllers
)
```

#### **Arguments**

config\_file Path to the JSON configuration file. See create\_config for creating one. outdir Path to the output directory. If it does not exist, it will be created. fastq A named vector of fastq file (or folder) paths. Each element of the vector will be treated as a sample. The names of the vector will be used as the sample names. If not named, the sample names will be generated from the file names. annotation The file path to the annotation file in GFF3 / GTF format. genome\_fa The file path to the reference genome in FASTA format. (optional) The file path to minimap2's index reference genome. genome\_mmi (optional) The path to the minimap2 binary. If not provided, FLAMES will use minimap2 a copy from bioconda via basilisk. (optional) The path to the samtools binary. If not provided, FLAMES will use samtools a copy from bioconda via basilisk. provided, FLAMES will use a copy from bioconda via basilisk. barcodes\_file The file with expected cell barcodes, with each barcode on a new line. expect\_cell\_number The expected number of cells in the sample. This is used if barcodes\_file is not provided. See BLAZE for more details.

#### **Details**

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By default the pipeline starts with demultiplexing the input fastq data. If the cell barcodes are known apriori (e.g. via coupled short-read sequencing), the barcodes\_file argument can be used to specify a file containing the cell barcodes, and a modified Rcpp version of flexiplex will be used; otherwise, expect\_cell\_number need to be provided, and BLAZE will be used to generate the cell barcodes. The pipeline then aligns the reads to the genome using minimap2. The alignment is then used for isoform detection (either using FLAMES or bambu, can be configured). The reads are then realigned to the detected isoforms. Finally, a transcript count matrix is generated (either using FLAMES's simplistic counting or oarfish's Expectation Maximization algorithm, can be configured). The results can be accssed with experiment(pipeline). If the pipeline errored out / new steps were configured, it can be resumed by calling resume\_FLAMES(pipeline)

(optional, experimental) A crew\_class\_controller object for running cer-

#### Value

A FLAMES.MultiSampleSCPipeline object. The pipeline can be run using the run\_FLAMES function. The resulting list of SingleCellExperiment objects can be accessed using the experiment method.

### See Also

SingleCellPipeline for single-sample long data and more details on the pipeline output, create\_config for creating a configuration file, BulkPipeline for bulk long data.

```
reads <- ShortRead::readFastq(
   system.file("extdata", "fastq", "musc_rps24.fastq.gz", package = "FLAMES")
)</pre>
```

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```
outdir <- tempfile()</pre>
dir.create(outdir)
dir.create(file.path(outdir, "fastq"))
bc_allow <- file.path(outdir, "bc_allow.tsv")</pre>
genome_fa <- file.path(outdir, "rps24.fa")</pre>
R.utils::gunzip(
  filename = system.file("extdata", "bc_allow.tsv.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
  destname = bc_allow, remove = FALSE
R.utils::gunzip(
  filename = system.file("extdata", "rps24.fa.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
  destname = genome_fa, remove = FALSE
ShortRead::writeFastq(reads[1:100],
  file.path(outdir, "fastq/sample1.fq.gz"), mode = "w", full = FALSE)
reads <- reads[-(1:100)]
ShortRead::writeFastq(reads[1:100],
  file.path(outdir, "fastq/sample2.fq.gz"), mode = "w", full = FALSE)
reads <- reads[-(1:100)]
ShortRead::writeFastq(reads,
  file.path(outdir, "fastq/sample3.fq.gz"), mode = "w", full = FALSE)
ppl <- MultiSampleSCPipeline(</pre>
  config_file = create_config(outdir, type = "sc_3end", threads = 1, no_flank = TRUE),
  outdir = outdir,
  fastq = c("sampleA" = file.path(outdir, "fastq"),
    "sample1" = file.path(outdir, "fastq", "sample1.fq.gz"),
    "sample2" = file.path(outdir, "fastq", "sample2.fq.gz"),
"sample3" = file.path(outdir, "fastq", "sample3.fq.gz")),
  annotation = system.file("extdata", "rps24.gtf.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
  genome_fa = genome_fa,
  barcodes_file = rep(bc_allow, 4)
ppl <- run_FLAMES(ppl)</pre>
experiment(ppl)
```

mutation\_positions

Calculate mutation positions within the gene body

# Description

Given a set of mutations and gene annotation, calculate the position of each mutation within the gene body they are in.

```
mutation_positions(
  mutations,
  annotation,
  type = "relative",
  bin = FALSE,
  by = c(region = "gene_name"),
  threads = 1
)
```

#### **Arguments**

mutations	either the tibble output from find_variants. It must have columns seqnames, pos, and a third column for specifying the gene id or gene name. The mutation must be within the gene region.
annotation	Either path to the annotation file (GTF/GFF) or a GRanges object of the gene annotation.
type	character(1): the type of position to calculate. Can be one of "TSS" (distance from the transcription start site), "TES" (distance from the transcription end site), or "relative" (relative position within the gene body).
bin	logical(1): whether to bin the relative positions into 100 bins. Only applicable when type = "relative".
by	character(1): the column name in the annotation to match with the gene annotation. E.g. c("region" = "gene_name") to match the 'region' column in the mutations with the 'gene_name' column in the annotation.
threads	integer(1): number of threads to use.

### Value

A numeric vector of positions of each mutation within the gene body. When type = "relative", the positions are normalized to the gene length, ranging from 0 (start of the gene) to 1 (end of the gene). When type = "TSS" / type = "TES", the distances from the transcription start / end site. If bin = TRUE, and type = "relative", the relative positions are binned into 100 bins along the gene body, and the output is a matrix with the number of mutations in each bin, the rows are named by the by column (e.g. gene name).

# **Examples**

```
variants <- data.frame(
  seqnames = rep("chr14", 8),
  pos = c(1084, 1085, 1217, 1384, 2724, 2789, 5083, 5147),
  region = rep("Rps24", 8)
)
positions <-
mutation_positions(
  mutations = variants,
  annotation = system.file("extdata", "rps24.gtf.gz", package = "FLAMES")
)</pre>
```

mutation\_positions\_single

mutation positions within the gene body

### **Description**

Given a set of mutations and a gene annotation, calculate the position of each mutation within the gene body. The gene annotation must have the following types: "gene" and "exon". The gene annotation must be for one gene only. The mutations must be within the gene region. The function will merge overlapping exons and calculate the position of each mutation within the gene body, excluding intronic regions.

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#### **Usage**

```
mutation_positions_single(mutations, annotation_grange, type, verbose = TRUE)
```

### **Arguments**

mutations either the tibble output from find\_variants or a GRanges object. Make sure

to filter it for only the gene of interest.

annotation\_grange

GRanges: the gene annotation. Must have the following types: "gene" and

"exon".

type character(1): the type of position to calculate. Can be one of "TSS" (distance

from the transcription start site), "TES" (distance from the transcription end

site), or "relative" (relative position within the gene body).

verbose logical(1): whether to print messages.

#### Value

A numeric vector of positions of each mutation within the gene body. When type = "relative", the positions are normalized to the gene length, ranging from 0 (start of the gene) to 1 (end of the gene). When type = "TSS" / type = "TES", the distances from the transcription start / end site.

plot\_coverage

plot read coverages

### **Description**

Plot the average read coverages for each length bin or a perticular isoform

# Usage

```
plot_coverage(
    x,
    quantiles = c(0, 0.2375, 0.475, 0.7125, 0.95, 1),
    length_bins = c(0, 1, 2, 5, 10, Inf),
    weight_fn = weight_transcripts,
    filter_fn,
    detailed = FALSE
)
```

### **Arguments**

x path to the BAM file (aligning reads to the transcriptome), or the (Genomi-

cAlignments::readGAlignments) parsed GAlignments object, or the tibble returned by get\_coverage, or the filtered tibble returned by filter\_coverage.

quantiles numeric vector to specify the quantiles to bin the transcripts lengths by if length\_bins

is missing. The length bins will be determined such that the read counts are dis-

tributed acording to the quantiles.

length\_bins numeric vector to specify the sizes to bin the transcripts by

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function to calculate the weights for the transcripts. The function should take a numeric vector of read counts and return a numeric vector of weights. The default function is weight\_transcripts, you can change its default parameters by passing an anonymous function like function(x) weight\_transcripts(x, type = 'equal').

filter\_fn

Optional filter function to filter the transcripts before plotting. See the filter\_fn parameter in filter\_coverage for more details. Providing a filter function here is the same as providing it in filter\_coverage and then passing the result to this function.

detailed

logical, if TRUE, also plot the top 10 transcripts with the highest read counts for each length bin.

#### Value

a ggplot2 object of the coverage plot(s)

### **Examples**

plot\_demultiplex

Plot Cell Barcode demultiplex statistics

# Description

produce a barplot of cell barcode demultiplex statistics

#### Usage

```
plot_demultiplex(pipeline)
## S4 method for signature 'FLAMES.SingleCellPipeline'
plot_demultiplex(pipeline)
```

# Arguments

pipeline A FLAMES.SingleCellPipeline object

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#### Value

a list of ggplot objects:

- reads\_count\_plot: stacked barplot of: demultiplexed reads
- knee\_plot: knee plot of UMI counts before TSO trimming
- flank\_editdistance\_plot: flanking sequence (adaptor) edit-distance plot
- barcode\_editdistance\_plot: barcode edit-distance plot
- cutadapt\_plot: if TSO trimming is performed, number of reads kept by cutadapt

### **Examples**

```
pipeline <- example_pipeline("MultiSampleSCPipeline") |>
  run_step("barcode_demultiplex")
plot_demultiplex(pipeline)
```

plot\_demultiplex\_raw Plot Cell Barcode demultiplex statistics

# Description

produce a barplot of cell barcode demultiplex statistics

### Usage

```
plot_demultiplex_raw(find_barcode_result)
```

# **Arguments**

## Value

a list of ggplot objects:

- reads\_count\_plot: stacked barplot of: demultiplexed reads
- knee\_plot: knee plot of UMI counts before TSO trimming
- flank\_editdistance\_plot: flanking sequence (adaptor) edit-distance plot
- barcode\_editdistance\_plot: barcode edit-distance plot
- cutadapt\_plot: if TSO trimming is performed, number of reads kept by cutadapt

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#### **Examples**

```
outdir <- tempfile()</pre>
dir.create(outdir)
fastq_dir <- tempfile()</pre>
dir.create(fastq_dir)
file.copy(system.file("extdata", "fastq", "musc_rps24.fastq.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
  file.path(fastq_dir, "musc_rps24.fastq.gz"))
sampled_lines <- readLines(file.path(fastq_dir, "musc_rps24.fastq.gz"), n = 400)</pre>
writeLines(sampled\_lines, \ file.path(fastq\_dir, \ "copy.fastq"))
bc_allow <- file.path(outdir, "bc_allow.tsv")</pre>
R.utils::gunzip(
  filename = system.file("extdata", "bc_allow.tsv.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
  destname = bc_allow, remove = FALSE
find_barcode(
  fastq = fastq_dir,
  stats_out = file.path(outdir, "bc_stat"),
  reads_out = file.path(outdir, "demultiplexed.fq"),
  barcodes_file = bc_allow, TSO_seq = "CCCATGTACTCTGCGTTGATACCACTGCTT"
) |>
  plot_demultiplex_raw()
```

plot\_isoforms

Plot isoforms

### **Description**

Plot isoforms, either from a gene or a list of transcript ids.

### Usage

```
plot_isoforms(
    sce,
    gene_id,
    transcript_ids,
    n = 4,
    format = "plot_grid",
    colors
)
```

### **Arguments**

sce The SingleCellExperiment object containing transcript counts, rowRanges

and rowData with gene\_id and transcript\_id columns.

gene\_id The gene symbol of interest, ignored if transcript\_ids is provided.

transcript\_ids The transcript ids to plot.

n The number of top isoforms to plot from the gene. Ignored if transcript\_ids

is provided.

format The format of the output, either "plot\_grid" or "list".

colors A character vector of colors to use for the isoforms. If not provided, gray will

be used. for all isoforms.

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#### **Details**

This function takes a SingleCellExperiment object and plots the top isoforms of a gene, or a list of specified transcript ids. Either as a list of plots or together in a grid. This function wraps the ggbio::geom\_alignment function to plot the isoforms, and orders the isoforms by expression levels (when specifying a gene) or by the order of the transcript\_ids.

#### Value

When format = "list", a list of ggplot objects is returned. Otherwise, a grid of the plots is returned.

# **Examples**

```
data(scmixology_lib10_transcripts)
plot_isoforms(scmixology_lib10_transcripts, gene_id = "ENSG00000108107")
```

```
plot_isoform_heatmap FLAMES heetmap plots
```

### **Description**

Plot expression heatmap of top n isoforms of a gene

# Usage

```
plot_isoform_heatmap(
    sce,
    gene_id,
    transcript_ids,
    n = 4,
    isoform_legend_width = 7,
    col_low = "#313695",
    col_mid = "#FFFFBF",
    col_high = "#A50026",
    color_quantile = 1,
    cluster_palette,
    ...
)
```

### **Arguments**

```
The SingleCellExperiment object containing transcript counts, rowRanges and rowData with gene_id and transcript_id columns.

gene_id The gene symbol of interest, ignored if transcript_ids is provided.

transcript_ids The transcript ids to plot.

n The number of top isoforms to plot from the gene. Ignored if transcript_ids is provided.

isoform_legend_width
```

The width of isoform legends in heatmaps, in cm.

col\_low Color for cells with low expression levels in UMAPs. col\_mid Color for cells with intermediate expression levels in UMAPs. col\_high Color for cells with high expression levels in UMAPs. color\_quantile The lower and upper expression quantile to be displayed bewteen col\_low and col\_high, e.g. with color\_quantile = 0.95, cells with expressions higher than 95% of other cells will all be shown in col\_high, and cells with expression lower than 95% of other cells will all be shown in col\_low. cluster\_palette Optional, named vector of colors for the cluster annotations. Additional arguments to pass to Heatmap. . . .

#### **Details**

Takes SingleCellExperiment object and plots an expression heatmap with the isoform visualizations along genomic coordinates.

#### Value

```
a ComplexHeatmap
```

#### **Examples**

```
data(scmixology_lib10_transcripts)
scmixology_lib10_transcripts |>
  scuttle::logNormCounts() |>
  plot_isoform_heatmap(gene = "ENSG00000108107")
```

```
plot_isoform_reduced_dim
```

FLAMES isoform reduced dimensions plots

# **Description**

Plot expression of top n isoforms of a gene in reduced dimensions

# Usage

```
plot_isoform_reduced_dim(
  sce,
  gene_id,
  transcript_ids,
  n = 4,
  reduced_dim_name = "UMAP",
  use_gene_dimred = FALSE,
  expr_func = function(x) {
     SingleCellExperiment::logcounts(x)
 },
  col_low = "#313695",
  col_mid = "#FFFFBF";
  col_high = "#A50026",
```

```
color_quantile = 1,
format = "plot_grid",
...
)
```

### **Arguments**

sce The SingleCellExperiment object containing transcript counts, rowRanges

and rowData with gene\_id and transcript\_id columns.

gene\_id The gene symbol of interest, ignored if transcript\_ids is provided.

transcript\_ids The transcript ids to plot.

n The number of top isoforms to plot from the gene. Ignored if transcript\_ids

is provided.

reduced\_dim\_name

The name of the reduced dimension to use for plotting cells.

use\_gene\_dimred

Whether to use gene-level reduced dimensions for plotting. Set to TRUE if the SingleCellExperiment has gene counts in main assay and transcript counts in

altExp.

expr\_func The function to extract expression values from the SingleCellExperiment ob-

ject. Default is logcounts. Alternatively, counts can be used for raw counts.

col\_low Color for cells with low expression levels in UMAPs.

col\_mid Color for cells with intermediate expression levels in UMAPs.

col\_high Color for cells with high expression levels in UMAPs.

color\_quantile The lower and upper expression quantile to be displayed bewteen col\_low and

col\_high, e.g. with color\_quantile = 0.95, cells with expressions higher than 95% of other cells will all be shown in col\_high, and cells with expression

lower than 95% of other cells will all be shown in col\_low.

format The format of the output, either "plot\_grid" or "list".

... Additional arguments to pass to plot\_grid.

# **Details**

Takes SingleCellExperiment object and plots an expression on reduced dimensions with the isoform visualizations along genomic coordinates.

# Value

```
a ggplot object of the UMAP(s)
```

```
data(scmixology_lib10_transcripts, scmixology_lib10, scmixology_lib90)
scmixology_lib10 <-
    scmixology_lib10[, colSums(SingleCellExperiment::counts(scmixology_lib10)) > 0]
sce_lr <- scmixology_lib10[, colnames(scmixology_lib10) %in% colnames(scmixology_lib10_transcripts)]
SingleCellExperiment::altExp(sce_lr, "transcript") <-
    scmixology_lib10_transcripts[, colnames(sce_lr)]
combined_sce <- combine_sce(sce_lr, scmixology_lib90)
combined_sce <- combined_sce |>
    scuttle::logNormCounts() |>
```

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```
scater::runPCA() |>
  scater::runUMAP()
combined_imputed_sce <- sc_impute_transcript(combined_sce)
plot_isoform_reduced_dim(combined_sce, 'ENSG00000108107')
plot_isoform_reduced_dim(combined_imputed_sce, 'ENSG00000108107')</pre>
```

# Description

This function plots a spatial point plot for given feature

# Usage

```
plot_spatial_feature(
    spe,
    feature,
    opacity = 50,
    grayscale = TRUE,
    size = 1,
    assay_type = "counts",
    color = "red",
    ...
)
```

# **Arguments**

spe	The SpatialExperiment object.
feature	The feature to plot. Could be either a feature name or index present in the assay or a numeric vector of length nrow(spe).
opacity	The opacity of the background tissue image.
grayscale	Whether to convert the background image to grayscale.
size	The size of the points.
assay_type	The assay that contains the given features. E.g. 'counts', 'logcounts'.
color	The maximum color for the feature. Minimum color is transparent.
	Additional arguments to pass to geom_point.

# Value

A ggplot object.

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```
plot_spatial_isoform Plot spatial pie chart of isoforms
```

# Description

This function plots a spatial pie chart for given features.

# Usage

```
plot_spatial_isoform(spe, isoforms, assay_type = "counts", color_palette, ...)
```

### Arguments

```
spe The SpatialExperiment object.

isoforms The isoforms to plot.

assay_type The assay that contains the given features. E.g. 'counts', 'logcounts'.

color_palette Named vector of colors for each isoform.

Additional arguments to pass to plot_spatial_pie, including opacity, grayscale, pie_scale.
```

### Value

A ggplot object.

# Description

This function plots a spatial pie chart for given features.

# Usage

```
plot_spatial_pie(
    spe,
    features,
    assay_type = "counts",
    color_palette,
    opacity = 50,
    grayscale = TRUE,
    pie_scale = 0.8
)
```

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### **Arguments**

spe The SpatialExperiment object.

features The features to plot.

assay\_type The assay that contains the given features.

color\_palette Named vector of colors for each feature.

opacity The opacity of the background tissue image.

grayscale Whether to convert the background image to grayscale.

pie\_scale The size of the pie charts.

#### Value

A ggplot object.

quantify\_gene

Gene quantification

### **Description**

Calculate the per gene UMI count matrix by parsing the genome alignment file.

# Usage

```
quantify_gene(
   annotation,
   outdir,
   pipeline = "sc_single_sample",
   infq,
   in_bam,
   out_fastq,
   n_process,
   saturation_curve = TRUE,
   sample_names = NULL,
   random_seed = 2024
)
```

#### **Arguments**

annotation The file path to the annotation file in GFF3 format

outdir The path to directory to store all output files.

pipeline The pipeline type as a character string, either sc\_single\_sample (single-cell,

single-sample), bulk (bulk, single or multi-sample), or sc\_multi\_sample (single-

cell, multiple samples)

infq The input FASTQ file.

in\_bam The input BAM file(s) from the genome alignment step.

out\_fastq The output FASTQ file(s) to store deduplicated reads.

n\_process The number of processes to use for parallelization.

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saturation\_curve

Logical, whether to generate a saturation curve figure.

sample\_names A vector of sample names, default to the file names of input fastq files, or folder

names if fastqs is a vector of folders.

random\_seed The random seed for reproducibility.

#### **Details**

After the genome alignment step (do\_genome\_align), the alignment file will be parsed to generate the per gene UMI count matrix. For each gene in the annotation file, the number of reads overlapping with the gene's genomic coordinates will be assigned to that gene. If a read overlaps multiple genes, it will be assigned to the gene with the highest number of overlapping nucleotides. If exon coordinates are included in the provided annotation, the decision will first consider the number of nucleotides aligned to the exons of each gene. In cases of a tie, the overlap with introns will be used as a tiebreaker. If there is still a tie after considering both exons and introns, a random gene will be selected from the tied candidates.

After the read-to-gene assignment, the per gene UMI count matrix will be generated. Specifically, for each gene, the reads with similar mapping coordinates of transcript termination sites (TTS, i.e. the end of the the read with a polyT or polyA) will be grouped together. UMIs of reads in the same group will be collapsed to generate the UMI counts for each gene.

Finally, a new fastq file with deduplicated reads by keeping the longest read in each UMI.

#### Value

The count matrix will be saved in the output folder as transcript\_count.csv.gz.

```
quantify_transcript Transcript quantification
```

### **Description**

Calculate the transcript count matrix by parsing the re-alignment file.

# Usage

```
quantify_transcript(
  annotation,
  outdir,
  config,
  pipeline = "sc_single_sample",
  ...
)
```

#### **Arguments**

annotation The file path to the annotation file in GFF3 format outdir The path to directory to store all output files.

config Parsed FLAMES configurations.

pipeline The pipeline type as a character string, either sc\_single\_sample (single-cell,

single-sample),

Supply sample names as character vector (e.g. samples = c("name1", "name2",
...)) for muti-sample or bulk pipeline. bulk (bulk, single or multi-sample), or
sc\_multi\_sample (single-cell, multiple samples)

#### Value

A SingleCellExperiment object for single-cell pipeline, a list of SingleCellExperiment objects for multi-sample pipeline, or a SummarizedExperiment object for bulk pipeline.

```
\label{lem:continuous} quantify\_transcript\_flames \\ \textit{FLAMES Transcript quantification}
```

## **Description**

Calculate the transcript count matrix by parsing the re-alignment file.

### Usage

```
quantify_transcript_flames(
   annotation,
   outdir,
   config,
   pipeline = "sc_single_sample",
   samples
)
```

# **Arguments**

annotation The file path to the annotation file in GFF3 format

outdir The path to directory to store all output files.

config Parsed FLAMES configurations.

pipeline The pipeline type as a character string, either sc\_single\_sample (single-cell, single-sample),

samples A vector of sample names, required for sc\_multi\_sample pipeline. bulk (bulk, single or multi-sample), or sc\_multi\_sample (single-cell, multiple samples)

# Value

A SingleCellExperiment object for single-cell pipeline, a list of SingleCellExperiment objects for multi-sample pipeline, or a SummarizedExperiment object for bulk pipeline.

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Resume a FLAMES pipeline

### **Description**

This function resumes a FLAMES pipeline by running configured but unfinished steps.

#### Usage

```
resume_FLAMES(pipeline)
## S4 method for signature 'FLAMES.Pipeline'
resume_FLAMES(pipeline)
```

# **Arguments**

pipeline

A FLAMES.Pipeline object.

#### Value

An updated FLAMES.Pipeline object.

### See Also

run\_FLAMES to run the entire pipeline.

# **Examples**

```
pipeline <- example_pipeline("BulkPipeline")
pipeline <- run_step(pipeline, "genome_alignment")
pipeline <- resume_FLAMES(pipeline)</pre>
```

run\_FLAMES

Execute a FLAMES pipeline

# Description

This function runs the FLAMES pipeline. It will run all steps in the pipeline.

# Usage

```
run_FLAMES(pipeline)
## S4 method for signature 'FLAMES.Pipeline'
run_FLAMES(pipeline)
```

### **Arguments**

pipeline

A FLAMES.Pipeline object.

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#### Value

An updated FLAMES.Pipeline object.

#### See Also

resume\_FLAMES to resume a pipeline from the last completed step.

# **Examples**

```
pipeline <- example_pipeline("BulkPipeline")
pipeline <- run_FLAMES(pipeline)</pre>
```

run\_step

Execute a single step of the FLAMES pipeline

# Description

This function runs the specified step of the FLAMES pipeline.

# Usage

```
run_step(pipeline, step, disable_controller = TRUE)
## S4 method for signature 'FLAMES.Pipeline'
run_step(pipeline, step, disable_controller = TRUE)
```

### **Arguments**

pipeline A FLAMES.Pipeline object.

step The step to run. One of "barcode\_demultiplex", "genome\_alignment", "gene\_quantification",

"isoform\_identification", "read\_realignment", or "transcript\_quantification".

 ${\tt disable\_controller}$ 

(optional) If TRUE, the step will be executed in the current R session, instead of

using crew controllers.

### Value

An updated FLAMES. Pipeline object.

# See Also

run\_FLAMES to run the entire pipeline. resume\_FLAMES to resume a pipeline from the last completed step.

```
pipeline <- example_pipeline("BulkPipeline")
pipeline <- run_step(pipeline, "genome_alignment")</pre>
```

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scMixology short-read gene counts - sample 2

### **Description**

Short-read gene counts from long and short-read single cell RNA-seq profiling of human lung adenocarcinoma cell lines using 10X version 2 chemstry. See Tian, L. et al. Comprehensive characterization of single-cell full-length isoforms in human and mouse with long-read sequencing. Genome Biology 22, 310 (2021).

#### Usage

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#### **Format**

## 'scmixology\_lib10' A SingleCellExperiment with 7,240 rows and 60 columns:

#### Value

A SingleCellExperiment object

#### **Source**

<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE154869">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE154869</a>

```
scmixology_lib10_transcripts
```

scMixology long-read transcript counts - sample 2

# Description

long-read transcript counts from long and short-read single cell RNA-seq profiling of human lung adenocarcinoma cell lines using 10X version 2 chemstry. See Tian, L. et al. Comprehensive characterization of single-cell full-length isoforms in human and mouse with long-read sequencing. Genome Biology 22, 310 (2021).

### Usage

```
scmixology_lib10_transcripts
```

#### **Format**

## 'scmixology\_lib10\_transcripts' A SingleCel1Experiment with 7,240 rows and 60 columns:

### Value

A SingleCellExperiment object

#### Source

<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE154869">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE154869</a>

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scMixology short-read gene counts - sample 1

#### **Description**

Short-read single cell RNA-seq profiling of human lung adenocarcinoma cell lines using 10X version 2 chemstry. Single cells from five human lung adenocarcinoma cell lines (H2228, H1975, A549, H838 and HCC827) were mixed in equal proportions and processed using the Chromium 10X platform, then sequenced using Illumina HiSeq 2500. See Tian L, Dong X, Freytag S, Lê Cao KA et al. Benchmarking single cell RNA-sequencing analysis pipelines using mixture control experiments. Nat Methods 2019 Jun;16(6):479-487. PMID: 31133762

# Usage

```
scmixology_lib90
```

#### **Format**

```
## 'scmixology_lib90' A SingleCellExperiment
```

#### Value

A SingleCellExperiment object

### **Source**

<a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE126906">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE126906</a>

sc\_DTU\_analysis

FLAMES Differential Transcript Usage Analysis

# **Description**

Differential transcription usage testing for single cell data, using colLabels as cluster labels.

### Usage

```
sc_DTU_analysis(
    sce,
    gene_col = "gene_id",
    min_count = 15,
    threads = 1,
    method = "trascript usage permutation",
    permuations = 1000
)
```

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#### **Arguments**

sce	The SingleCellExperiment object, with transcript counts in the counts slot and cluster labels in the colLabels slot.
gene_col	The column name in the rowData slot of sce that contains the gene ID / name. Default is "gene_id".
min_count	The minimum total counts for a transcript to be tested.
threads	Number of threads to use for parallel processing.
method	The method to use for testing, listed in details.
permuations	Number of permutations for permutation methods.

#### **Details**

Genes with more than 2 isoforms expressing more than min\_count counts are selected for testing with one of the following methods:

**trascript usage permutation** Transcript usage are taken as the test statistic, cluster labels are permuted to generate a null distribution.

chisq Chi-square test of the transcript count matrix for each gene.

Adjusted P-values were calculated by Benjamini-Hochberg correction.

#### Value

```
p.value - the raw p-value
adj.p.value - multiple testing adjusted p-value
cluster - the cluster where DTU was observed
transcript - rowname of sce, the DTU isoform
transcript_usage - the transcript usage of the isoform in the cluster
Additional columns from method = "trascript usage permutation":
```

transcript\_usage\_elsewhere - transcript usage in other clusters
usage\_difference - the difference between the two transcript usage
permuted\_var - the variance of usage difference in the permuted data

Additional columns from method = "chisq":

a tibble containing the following columns:

```
X_value - the test statistic
df - the degrees of freedom
expected_usage - the expected usage (mean across all clusters)
usage_difference - the difference between the observed and expected usage
```

The table is sorted by P-values.

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#### **Examples**

```
outdir <- tempfile()</pre>
dir.create(outdir)
bc_allow <- file.path(outdir, "bc_allow.tsv")</pre>
genome_fa <- file.path(outdir, "rps24.fa")</pre>
R.utils::gunzip(
  filename = system.file("extdata", "bc_allow.tsv.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
  destname = bc_allow, remove = FALSE
R.utils::gunzip(
  filename = system.file("extdata", "rps24.fa.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
  destname = genome_fa, remove = FALSE
sce <- FLAMES::sc_long_pipeline(</pre>
  genome_fa = genome_fa,
  fastq = system.file("extdata", "fastq", "musc_rps24.fastq.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
  annotation = system.file("extdata", "rps24.gtf.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
  outdir = outdir,
 barcodes_file = bc_allow,
  config_file = create_config(outdir)
)
group_anno <- data.frame(barcode_seq = colnames(sce), groups = SingleCellExperiment::counts(sce)["ENSMUST0000</pre>
SingleCellExperiment::colLabels(sce) <- group_anno$groups</pre>
# DTU with permutation testing:
sc_DTU_analysis(sce, min_count = 1, method = "trascript usage permutation")
# now try with chisq:
sc_DTU_analysis(sce, min_count = 1, method = "chisq")
```

sc\_impute\_transcript Impute missing transcript counts

#### **Description**

Impute missing transcript counts using a shared nearest neighbor graph

### Usage

```
sc_impute_transcript(combined_sce, dimred = "PCA", ...)
```

### **Arguments**

```
combined_sce A SingleCellExperiment object with gene counts and a "transcript" altExp slot.

dimred The name of the reduced dimension to use for building the shared nearest neighbor graph.

Additional arguments to pass to scran::buildSNNGraph. E.g. k = 30.
```

#### **Details**

For cells with NA values in the "transcript" altExp slot, this function imputes the missing values from cells with non-missing values. A shared nearest neighbor graph is built using reduced dimensions from the SingleCellExperiment object, and the imputation is done where the imputed value for a cell is the weighted sum of the transcript counts of its neighbors. Imputed values are stored in the "logcounts" assay of the "transcript" altExp slot. The "counts" assay is used to obtain logcounts but left unchanged.

#### Value

A SingleCellExperiment object with imputed logcounts assay in the "transcript" altExp slot.

### **Examples**

```
sce <- SingleCellExperiment::SingleCellExperiment(assays = list(counts = matrix(rpois(50, 5), ncol = 10)))</pre>
long_read <- SingleCellExperiment::SingleCellExperiment(assays = list(counts = matrix(rpois(40, 5), ncol = 10)</pre>
SingleCellExperiment::altExp(sce, "transcript") <- long_read</pre>
SingleCellExperiment::counts(SingleCellExperiment::altExp(sce))[,1:2] <- NA</pre>
SingleCellExperiment::counts(SingleCellExperiment::altExp(sce))
imputed_sce <- sc_impute_transcript(sce, k = 4)</pre>
SingleCellExperiment::logcounts(SingleCellExperiment::altExp(imputed_sce))
```

```
sc_long_multisample_pipeline
```

Pipeline for Multi-sample Single Cell Data (deprecated)

### **Description**

This function is deprecated. Please use MultiSampleSCPipeline.

### Usage

```
sc_long_multisample_pipeline(
  annotation,
  fastqs,
  outdir,
  genome_fa,
 minimap2 = NULL,
 barcodes_file = NULL,
  expect_cell_numbers = NULL,
  config_file = NULL
)
```

#### **Arguments**

genome\_fa

The file path to the annotation file in GFF3 format annotation fastqs The file path to input fastq file outdir The path to directory to store all output files. The file path to genome fasta file.

```
minimap2 Path to minimap2, optional.

barcodes_file The file with expected cell barcodes, with each barcode on a new line.

expect_cell_numbers

The expected number of cells in the sample. This is used if barcodes_file is not provided. See BLAZE for more details.

config_file File path to the JSON configuration file.
```

#### Value

A list of SingleCellExperiment objects, one for each sample.

#### See Also

MultiSampleSCPipeline for the new pipeline interface, SingleCellPipeline for single-sample pipeline, BulkPipeline for bulk long data.

```
reads <- ShortRead::readFastq(</pre>
  system.file("extdata", "fastq", "musc_rps24.fastq.gz", package = "FLAMES")
)
outdir <- tempfile()</pre>
dir.create(outdir)
dir.create(file.path(outdir, "fastq"))
bc_allow <- file.path(outdir, "bc_allow.tsv")</pre>
genome_fa <- file.path(outdir, "rps24.fa")</pre>
R.utils::gunzip(
  filename = system.file("extdata", "bc_allow.tsv.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
  destname = bc_allow, remove = FALSE
R.utils::gunzip(
  filename = system.file("extdata", "rps24.fa.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
  destname = genome_fa, remove = FALSE
ShortRead::writeFastq(reads[1:100],
  file.path(outdir, "fastq/sample1.fq.gz"), mode = "w", full = FALSE)
reads <- reads[-(1:100)]
ShortRead::writeFastq(reads[1:100],
  file.path(outdir, "fastq/sample2.fq.gz"), mode = "w", full = FALSE)
reads <- reads[-(1:100)]
ShortRead::writeFastq(reads,
  file.path(outdir, "fastq/sample3.fq.gz"), mode = "w", full = FALSE)
sce_list <- FLAMES::sc_long_multisample_pipeline(</pre>
  annotation = system.file("extdata", "rps24.gtf.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
  fastqs = c("sampleA" = file.path(outdir, "fastq"),
   "sample1" = file.path(outdir, "fastq", "sample1.fq.gz"),
   "sample2" = file.path(outdir, "fastq", "sample2.fq.gz"),
   "sample3" = file.path(outdir, "fastq", "sample3.fq.gz")),
  outdir = outdir,
  genome_fa = genome_fa,
  barcodes_file = rep(bc_allow, 4)
)
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sc\_long\_pipeline

Pipeline for Single Cell Data (deprecated)

### **Description**

This function is deprecated. Please use [SingleCellPipeline()] instead.

# Usage

```
sc_long_pipeline(
  annotation,
  fastq,
  outdir,
  genome_fa,
  minimap2 = NULL,
  barcodes_file = NULL,
  expect_cell_number = NULL,
  config_file = NULL
```

### **Arguments**

```
annotation
                   The file path to the annotation file in GFF3 format
                   The file path to input fastq file
fastq
outdir
                   The path to directory to store all output files.
genome_fa
                   The file path to genome fasta file.
minimap2
                   Path to minimap2, optional.
                   The file with expected cell barcodes, with each barcode on a new line.
barcodes_file
expect_cell_number
                   The expected number of cells in the sample. This is used if barcodes_file is
                   not provided. See BLAZE for more details.
config_file
                   File path to the JSON configuration file.
```

#### Value

A SingleCellPipeline object containing the transcript counts.

### See Also

SingleCellPipeline for the new pipeline interface, BulkPipeline for bulk long data, MultiSampleSCPipeline for multi sample single cell pipelines.

```
outdir <- tempfile()
dir.create(outdir)
bc_allow <- file.path(outdir, "bc_allow.tsv")
genome_fa <- file.path(outdir, "rps24.fa")
R.utils::gunzip(
  filename = system.file("extdata", "bc_allow.tsv.gz", package = "FLAMES"),</pre>
```

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```
destname = bc_allow, remove = FALSE
)
R.utils::gunzip(
  filename = system.file("extdata", "rps24.fa.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
  destname = genome_fa, remove = FALSE
)
sce <- FLAMES::sc_long_pipeline(
  genome_fa = genome_fa,
  fastq = system.file("extdata", "fastq", "musc_rps24.fastq.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
  annotation = system.file("extdata", "rps24.gtf.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
  outdir = outdir,
  barcodes_file = bc_allow
)</pre>
```

sc\_mutations

Variant count for single-cell data

# **Description**

Count the number of reads supporting each variants at the given positions for each cell.

### Usage

```
sc_mutations(bam_path, seqnames, positions, indel = FALSE, threads = 1)
```

#### **Arguments**

bam_path	character(1) or character(n): path to the bam file(s) aligned to the reference genome (NOT the transcriptome! Unless the postions are also from the transcriptome).
seqnames	character(n): chromosome names of the postions to count alleles.
positions	integer(n): positions, 1-based, same length as seqnames. The positions to count alleles.
indel	logical(1): whether to count indels (TRUE) or SNPs (FALSE).
threads	integer(1): number of threads to use. Maximum number of threads is the number of bam files * number of positions.

# Value

A tibble with columns: allele, barcode, allele\_count, cell\_total\_reads, pct, pos, seqname.

```
ppl <- example_pipeline("SingleCellPipeline")
ppl <- run_step(ppl, "barcode_demultiplex")
ppl <- run_step(ppl, "genome_alignment")
snps_tb <- sc_mutations(
  bam_path = ppl@genome_bam,
  seqnames = c("chr14", "chr14"),
  positions = c(1260, 2714), # positions of interest
  indel = FALSE
)</pre>
```

```
head(snps_tb)
snps_tb |>
  dplyr::filter(pos == 1260) |>
  dplyr::group_by(allele) |>
  dplyr::summarise(count = sum(allele_count)) # should be identical to samtools pileup
```

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```

Show method for FLAMES. Pipeline

#### **Description**

Displays the pipeline in a pretty format

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'FLAMES.Pipeline'
show(object)

## S4 method for signature 'FLAMES.SingleCellPipeline'
show(object)

## S4 method for signature 'FLAMES.MultiSampleSCPipeline'
show(object)
```

# Arguments

object

An object of class 'FLAMES.Pipeline'

### Value

None. Displays output to the console.

# **Examples**

```
ppl <- example_pipeline()
show(ppl)</pre>
```

SingleCellPipeline

Pipeline for Single Cell Data

# Description

Semi-supervised isofrom detection and annotation for long read data. This variant is meant for single sample scRNA-seq data. Specific parameters can be configured in the config file (see create\_config), input files are specified via arguments.

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#### Usage

```
SingleCellPipeline(
  config_file,
  outdir,
  fastq,
  annotation,
  genome_fa,
  genome_mmi,
  minimap2,
  samtools,
  barcodes_file,
  expect_cell_number,
  controllers
)
```

### **Arguments**

config\_file

	outdir	Path to the output directory. If it does not exist, it will be created.
	fastq	Path to the FASTQ file or a directory containing FASTQ files. Each file will be processed as an individual sample.
	annotation	The file path to the annotation file in GFF3 / GTF format.
	genome_fa	The file path to the reference genome in FASTA format.
	genome_mmi	(optional) The file path to minimap2's index reference genome.
	minimap2	(optional) The path to the minimap2 binary. If not provided, FLAMES will use a copy from bioconda via basilisk.
	samtools	(optional) The path to the samtools binary. If not provided, FLAMES will use a copy from bioconda via basilisk. provided, FLAMES will use a copy from bioconda via basilisk.
	barcodes_file	The file with expected cell barcodes, with each barcode on a new line.
expect_cell_number		

not provided. See BLAZE for more details.

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Path to the JSON configuration file. See create\_config for creating one.

The expected number of cells in the sample. This is used if barcodes\_file is

(optional, experimental) A crew\_class\_controller object for running cer-

### **Details**

controllers

By default the pipeline starts with demultiplexing the input fastq data. If the cell barcodes are known apriori (e.g. via coupled short-read sequencing), the barcodes\_file argument can be used to specify a file containing the cell barcodes, and a modified Rcpp version of flexiplex will be used; otherwise, expect\_cell\_number need to be provided, and BLAZE will be used to generate the cell barcodes. The pipeline then aligns the reads to the genome using minimap2. The alignment is then used for isoform detection (either using FLAMES or bambu, can be configured). The reads are then realigned to the detected isoforms. Finally, a transcript count matrix is generated (either using FLAMES's simplistic counting or oarfish's Expectation Maximization algorithm, can be configured). The results can be accssed with experiment(pipeline). If the pipeline errored out / new steps were configured, it can be resumed by calling resume\_FLAMES(pipeline)

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#### Value

A FLAMES.SingleCellPipeline object. The pipeline can be run using run\_FLAMES(pipeline). The results can be accessed with experiment(pipeline). The pipeline also outputs a number of output files into the given outdir directory. Some of these output files include:

```
matched_reads.fastq - fastq file with reads demultiplexed
align2genome.bam - sorted BAM file with reads aligned to genome
matched_reads_dedup.fastq - demultiplexed and UMI-deduplicated fastq file
transcript_assembly.fa - transcript sequence from the isoforms
isoform_annotated.filtered.gff3 - isoforms in gff3 format (also contained in the SingleCellExperiment)
```

realign2transcript.bam - sorted realigned BAM file using the transcript\_assembly.fa as reference

#### See Also

create\_config for creating a configuration file, BulkPipeline for bulk long data, MultiSampleSCPipeline for multi sample single cell pipelines.

# **Examples**

```
outdir <- tempfile()</pre>
dir.create(outdir)
bc_allow <- file.path(outdir, "bc_allow.tsv")</pre>
genome_fa <- file.path(outdir, "rps24.fa")</pre>
R.utils::gunzip(
  filename = system.file("extdata", "bc_allow.tsv.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
  destname = bc_allow, remove = FALSE
R.utils::gunzip(
  filename = system.file("extdata", "rps24.fa.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
  destname = genome_fa, remove = FALSE
ppl <- SingleCellPipeline(</pre>
  config_file = create_config(outdir, gene_quantification = FALSE),
  outdir = outdir,
  fastq = system.file("extdata", "fastq", "musc_rps24.fastq.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
  annotation = system.file("extdata", "rps24.gtf.gz", package = "FLAMES"),
  genome_fa = genome_fa,
  barcodes_file = bc_allow
ppl <- run_FLAMES(ppl)</pre>
experiment(ppl)
```

steps

Steps to perform in the pipeline

#### **Description**

Steps to perform in the pipeline

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#### Usage

```
steps(pipeline)
## S4 method for signature 'FLAMES.Pipeline'
steps(pipeline)
```

### **Arguments**

pipeline An object of class 'FLAMES.Pipeline'

#### Value

A named logical vector containing all possible steps for the pipeline. The names of the vector are the step names, and the values are logical indicating whether the step is configured to be performed.

# **Examples**

```
ppl <- example_pipeline()
steps(ppl)</pre>
```

steps<-

Set steps to perform in the pipeline

# Description

Set steps to perform in the pipeline

# Usage

```
steps(pipeline) <- value
## S4 replacement method for signature 'FLAMES.Pipeline'
steps(pipeline) <- value</pre>
```

#### **Arguments**

pipeline An object of class 'FLAMES.Pipeline'

value A named logical vector containing all possible steps for the pipeline. The names

of the vector are the step names, and the values are logical indicating whether

the step is configured to be performed.

#### Value

An pipeline of class 'FLAMES.Pipeline' with the updated steps.

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#### **Examples**

```
ppl <- example_pipeline()
steps(ppl) <- c(
   barcode_demultiplex = TRUE,
   genome_alignment = TRUE,
   gene_quantification = TRUE,
   isoform_identification = FALSE,
   read_realignment = FALSE,
   transcript_quantification = TRUE
)
ppl
# or partially change a step:
steps(ppl)["read_realignment"] <- TRUE
ppl</pre>
```

weight\_transcripts

Weight transcripts by read counts

# **Description**

Given a vector of read counts, return a vector of weights. The weights could be either the read counts themselves (type = 'counts'), a binary vector of 0s and 1s where 1s are assigned to transcripts with read counts above a threshold (type = 'equal',  $min_counts = 1000$ ), or a sigmoid function of the read counts (type = 'sigmoid'). The sigmoid function is defined as 1 / (1 + exp(-steepness/inflection \* (x - inflection))).

# Usage

```
weight_transcripts(
  counts,
  type = "sigmoid",
  min_counts = 1000,
  inflection_idx = 10,
  inflection_max = 1000,
  steepness = 5
)
```

### **Arguments**

counts numeric vector of read counts

type string, one of 'counts', 'sigmoid', or 'equal' min\_counts numeric, the threshold for the 'equal' type

inflection\_idx numeric, the index of the read counts to determine the inflection point for the

sigmoid function. The default is 10, i.e. the 10th highest read count will be the

inflection point.

inflection\_max numeric, the maximum value for the inflection point. If the inflection point

according to the inflection\_idx is higher than this value, the inflection point will

be set to this value instead.

steepness numeric, the steepness of the sigmoid function

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#### Value

numeric vector of weights

```
weight_transcripts(1:2000)
par(mfrow = c(2, 2))
plot(
    1:2000, weight_transcripts(1:2000, type = 'sigmoid'),
    type = 'l', xlab = 'Read counts', ylab = 'Sigmoid weight'
)
plot(
    1:2000, weight_transcripts(1:2000, type = 'counts'),
    type = 'l', xlab = 'Read counts', ylab = 'Weight by counts'
)
plot(
    1:2000, weight_transcripts(1:2000, type = 'equal'),
    type = 'l', xlab = 'Read counts', ylab = 'Equal weights'
)
```

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