Scanpy

Tertiary analysis of large-scale scRNA-seq data

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Wolf, Angerer & Theis, Genome Biology (2018)

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Scanpy

Scalable Python-based alternative to established R packages for writing clean, comprehensive analysis pipelines.



Scanpy vs. Seurat

Satija et al., Nat. Biotechn. (2015)

Benchmarked against Seurat, 2.7K cells.

- preprocessing: <1 s vs. 14 s
- regressing out unwanted sources of variation: 6 s vs. 129 s
- PCA: <1 s vs. 45 s
- clustering: 1.3 s vs. 65 s
- tSNE: 6 s vs. 96 s
- marker genes (approximation):
 0.8 s vs. 96 s

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First compiled: May 5, 2017. See the notebook.

Scanpy versus Seurat

Scanpy provides a number of Seurat's features (Satija *et al.*, Nat. Biotechnol., 2015), but at significantly higher computationally efficiency. Here, we reproduce most of Seurat's guided clustering tutorial as compiled on March 30, 2017. The tutorial starts with preprocessing and ends with the identification of cell types through marker genes of clusters. The data consists in *3k PBMCs from a Healthy Donor* and is freely available from 10x (here from this webpage). The profiling information for Seurat has been obtained within seurat_R.ipynb.

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correction, regressing out	6 s	129 s
PCA	<1s	45 s
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clustering	1.3 s	65 s
tSNE	6.5 s	25 s
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finding marker genes	0.8 s	96 s

Scanpy vs. Cell Ranger

Zheng et al., Nat. Commun. (2017)

Benchmarked against Cell Ranger R kit, 68K cells.

- preprocessing: 14 s vs. 300 s
- PCA: 17 s vs. 120 s
- tSNE: 5 min vs. 26







Scanpy scales to >1M cells

1.3M Neurons of 10x Genomics



tSNE1

louvain groups

AnnData - Annotated Data

- backed and memory mode
- views on data
- interface to .*loom* files, 10x
 Genomics HDF5 files
- categorical data on HDF5 level
- sparse data on HDF5 level (anndata.h5py, h5sparse)
- arbitrary unstructured annotations
- integration with pandas and conventions of Python ecosystem



github.com/theislab/anndata

anndata.AnnData

class anndata.AnnData(X=None, obs=None, var=None, uns=None, obsm=None, varm=None, raw=None, dtype='float32', single_col=False, filename=None, filemode=None, asview=False, oidx=None, vidx=None) %

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Attributes

X	Data matrix of shape n_obs × n_vars (np.ndarray, sp.sparse.spmatrix).
filename	Change to backing mode by setting the filename of a . <i>h5ad</i> file.
isbacked	True if object is backed on disk, False otherwise.
isview	True if object is view of another AnnData object, False otherwise.
n_obs	Number of observations.
n_vars	Number of variables/features.
shape	Shape of data matrix: (n_obs, n_vars).
obs	One-dimensional annotation of observations (pd.DataFrame).
obsm	Multi-dimensional annotation of observations (mutable structured
obs_names	Names of observations (alias for .obs.index).
raw	Store raw version of .X and .var as .raw.X and .raw.X.
var	One-dimensional annotation of variables/ features (pd.DataFrame)
varm	Multi-dimensional annotation of variables/ features (mutable stru
var_names	Names of variables (alias for .var.index).

Methods

concatenate (adatas[,...])

copy ([filename])

transpose ()

obs_names_make_unique ([jOin])

var_names_make_unique ([join])

write ([filename, compression, compression_opts])

write_csvs (dirname[, ...])

write_loom (filename)

Graph representation Islam et al., Genome Research (2011)

- High-dimensional data → make guess for distance metric d(x, y) → evaluate d locally → generate neighborhood graph of single cells
- Typically, obtain *d* from preprocessing and something like euclidean distance.
- Alternatively, *learn* the distance *d*:





Learned distances resolve batch effects

Scanpy 1.0 "Universal preprocessing". No manual alignment necessary.



Neighbors Scanpy 1.0

Class for representing data as a graph of neighborhood relations between data points.

Simplest case: knn graph.

- much faster than *sklearn.neighbors*
- much faster than C, annoy, nmslib for < 100k cells

Also, *Neighbors* offers functions related to stochastic processes on graphs, absent in *igraph*, *networks*, *graph-tools*.

Scanpy 1.0 use umap implementation. Easily installed and very fast.



(22000, 1500)

Matrix size

(30000, 2000)

10

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(12000, 1000)

scanpy.api.Neighbors Scanpy 1.0

class scanpy.api.Neighbors(adata, n_jobs=None)

Data represented as graph of nearest neighbors.

Represent a data matrix as a graph of nearest neighbor relations (edges) among data points (nodes).

Attributes

distances	Distances between data points.
similarities	Similarities between data points, closely related to a transition matrix.
eigen_values	Eigen values of similarity matrix.
eigen_basis	Eigen basis of similarity matrix.
laplacian	Graph laplacian.

Methods

<pre>compute_distances ([n_neighbors, knn, n_pcs])</pre>	Compute distances.
<pre>compute_similarities ([alpha])</pre>	Compute similarities.
<pre>compute_eigen ([n_comps, sym, sort, matrix])</pre>	Compute eigen decomposition of similarity matr
compute_laplacian ()	Graph Laplacian for K.
to_igraph ()	Generate igraph object.

Many Scanpy tools use Neighbors

A single representation of the data for all common analysis tasks.

clustering

Levine et al., Cell (2015), Xu et al. Bioinf (2015) ...

• pseudotime inference

Trapnell et al., Bendall et al. (2014), Haghverdi et al. (2016), ...

• graph drawing

Islam et al., Genome Research (2011), ...

manifold learning (tSNE, diffmap, ...)
 Amir et al., Nat Biotechn (2013) ...



A graph-based coordinate system

Graph Abstraction maps both connected and disconnected structure.





Manifold learning, graph drawing [& topological data analysis]:

- usually violate topological structure
- for large data, provide too much detail, results far from "canonical"
- graph drawing does not scale

Map of whole organism Wolf et al., unpublished (Wolf et al., bioRxiv (2017)

Plass *et al.*, unpublished (2017)





fine resolution



Graph abstraction:

- faithful to topological structure
- provides the wished level of detail
- extremely fast, scales arbitrarily



Map of whole organism Plass *et al.*, unpublished (2017) Wolf *et al.*, bioRxiv (2017)



Graph abstraction:

- enables topologically faithful visualisation at single-cell level
- reveals putative lineages, which can be oriented, e.g., with velocyto
- continuous coordinates, extending DPT



velocyto



La Manno et al., bioRxiv (2017)

epidermal lineage



Haghverdi *et al.*, Nat Meth (2016)

1.3M neurons 10x Genomics



Graph drawing not feasible. Abstracted graph representation takes around 1 h; tSNE around 4 h.

Scanpy's API

Modular API.

- sc.preprocessing
- sc.tools
- sc.plotting
- sc.datasets
- sc.settings
- sc.logging

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Features/API

Scanpy's high-level API provides an overview of all features relevant to pratical use:

import scanpy.api as sc

Preprocessing tools

Filtering of highly-variable genes, batch-effect correction, per-cell (UMI) normalization, preprocessing recipes.

Basic Preprocessing

pp.filter_cells (data[, min_counts,])	Filter cell outliers based on counts and numbers of gene
<pre>pp.filter_genes (data[, min_cells,])</pre>	Filter genes based on minimal number of cells or counts.
<pre>pp.filter_genes_dispersion (data[, flavor,])</pre>	Filter genes based on dispersion: extract highly variable
pp.leg1p (data[,copy])	Logarithmize the data matrix.
pp_pca (data[, n_comps, zero_center,])	Principal component analysis [Pedregosa11].
<pre>pp.mormalize_per_cell (data[,])</pre>	Normalize each cell.
pp.regress_eat (adata, keys[, n_jobs, copy])	Regress out unwanted sources of variation.
pp.scale (data[, zero_center, max_value, copy])	Scale data to unit variance and zero mean.
pp.subsample (data, fraction[, seed,])	Subsample to a fraction of the number of samples.

Recipes

pp.recipe_zheng17 (adata[, n_top_genes,])	Normalization and filtering as of [Zheng17].
pp.recipe_weinreb16 (adata[, mean_threshold,])	Normalization and filtering as of [Weinreb17].

Machine Learning and Statistics tools

Visualization

t1.pca (data[, n_comps, zero_center,])	Principal component analysis [Pedregosa11].
t1.tsme (adata[, n_pcs, perplexity,])	t-SNE [Maaten08] [Amir13] [Pedregosa11].
t1.diffmap (adata[, n_comps, n_neighbors,])	Diffusion Maps [Colfman05] [Haghverdi15] [Wolf17].
tl.draw_graph (adata[, layout, root,])	Force-directed graph drawing [Fruchterman91] [Weinn

Branching trajectories and pseudotime, clustering, differential expression

11.aga (adata[, n_neighbors, n_pcs, n_dcs,])	Generate cellular maps of differentiation manifolds with
<pre>tl.leuvaim (adata[, n_neighbors, resolution,])</pre>	Cluster cells into subgroups [Blondel08] [Levine15] [Tr
<code>tl.dpt</code> (adata[, n_branchings, n_neighbors,])	Infer progression of cells, identify branching subgroups
tl.rank_genes_groups (adata, groupby[,])	Rank genes according to differential expression [Wolf]

Simulations

t1.stm (model[, tmax, branching, ...]) Simulate dynamic gene expression data [Wittmann09] [Wolf17].

Generic methods

Reading and Writing

 read (filename_or_filekey[, sheet, ext, _])
 Read file and return AnnData object.

 write (filename_or_filekey, data[, ext])
 Write AnnData objects and dictionaries to file.

 read_lBk_ins (filename, genome)
 Get annotated 10X expression matrix from hdf5 file.

Data Structures

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AnnBata (data[, smp, var, add, dtype, single_col])	Store an annotated data matrix.
BataGraph (adata[, k, knn, n_jobs, n_pcs,])	Data represented as graph of nearest neighbors.

Plotting

Generic plotting with AnnData

pl.scatter (adata[, x, y, color, alpha,])	Scatter plot.
<pre>pl.wielin (adata, keys[, group_by, jitter,])</pre>	Violin plot.
pl.ranking (adata, attr, keys[, labels,])	Plot rankings.

Plotting tool results

Methods that extract and visualize tool-specific annotation in an AnnData object.

Visualization

pl.pca (adata, **params)	Plot PCA results.
pl.pca_loadings (adata[, components, show, save])	Rank genes according to contributions to PCs.
<pre>pl.pca_scatter {adata[, color, alpha,]}</pre>	Scatter plot in PCA coordinates.
<pre>pl.pca_variance_ratie (adata[, log, show, save])</pre>	Plot the variance ratio.
pl.tsme (adata[, color, alpha, groups,])	Scatter plot in tSNE basis.
pl.diffmap (adata[, color, alpha, groups,])	Scatter plot in Diffusion Map basis.
pl.draw_graph (adata[, layout, color, alpha,])	Scatter plot in graph-drawing basis.

Branching trajectories and pseudotime, clustering, differential expression

pl.aga (adata[, basis, color, alpha, groups,])	Summary figure for approximate graph abstraction.
pl.aga_graph (adata[, solid_edges,])	Plot the abstracted graph.
pl.aga_path (adata[, nodes, keys,])	Gene expression changes along paths in the abstracted
pl.leuvain (adata[, basis, color, alpha,])	Plot results of Louvain clustering.
pl.dpt (adata[, basis, color, alpha, groups,])	Plot results of DPT analysis.
pl.dpt_scatter (adata[, basis, color, alpha,])	Scatter plot of DPT results.
pl.dpt_groups_pseudotime (adata[, color_map,])	Plot groups and pseudotime.
pl.dpt_timeseries (adata[, color_map, show,])	Heatmap of pseudotime series.
pl.rank_genes_groups (adata[, groups,])	Plot ranking of genes.
pl.rank genes_groups_violin (adata[, groups,])	Plot ranking of genes for all tested comparisons.

Simulations

pl.sim (adata[, tmax_realization, ...]) Plot results of simulation.

Builtin datasets

Simple functions that provide annotated datasets for benchmarking. See here for extensive documented tutorials and use cases.

All of these functions return an Annotated Data object.

datasets.paul15 ()	Get logarithmized data for development of Myeloid Progeni
datasets.toggleswitch ()	Simple toggleswitch from simulated data.
datasets.krumsiek11 ()	Simulated myeloid progenitor data.
datasets_blobs ([n_centers, cluster_std,])	Make Gaussian Blobs.

Scanpy's use cases

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Examples

Good starting points are the following examples, which build on established results from the literature. All examples are versioned on GitHub.

Example 1: Seurat's [Satija15] guided clustering tutorial.



Example 2: The Diffusion Pseudotime (DPT) analyses of [Haghverdi16] for data of [Paul15] and [Moignard 15]. Note that DPT has recently been very favorably discussed by the authors of Monocle.



Example 3: Analyzing 68 000 cells from [Zheng17], we find that Scanpy is about a factor 5 to 16 faster and more memory efficient than the Cell Ranger R kit for secondary analysis.



Example 4: Visualizing 1.3 mio brain cells.



Example 5: Simulating single cells using literature-curated gene regulatory networks [Wittmann09]; here, myeloid differentiation [Krumsiek11].



Example 6: Pseudotime-based vs. deep-learning based reconstruction of cell cycle from image data [Eulenberg17].



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Graph abstraction reconciles clustering with trajectory inference through a topology preserving map of single cells

This repository allows to reproduce analyses and figures of the preprint.

Graph abstraction is available within Scanpy. Central toplevel functions are:

- scanpy.api.tools.aga
- scanpy.api.plotting.aga_graph
- scanpy.api.plotting.aga_path

Minimal examples with known ground truth

In minimal_examples, we study clean simulated datasets with known ground truth. In particular, a dataset that contains a tree-like continuous manifold and disconnected clusters...



.. and simple datasets that illustrate connectivity patterns of clusters.



Differentiation manifolds in hematopoiesis

Here, we consider two well-studied datasets on hematopoietic differentiation.

Data from Paul et al. (2015)

In *paul15*, we analyze data for myeloid progenitor development. This is the same data, which has served as benchmark for Monocle 2 (Qiu *et al.*, Nat. Meth., 2017) and DPT (Haghverdi *et al.*, Nat. Meth., 2016).



Data from Nestorowa, Hamey et al. (2016)

nestorowa16, we analyze data for early hematopoietic differentation.



Lineage tree for whole cell atlas of an adult animal

In planaria, we reconstruct the lineage tree of the whole cell atlas of planaria (Plass, Jordi et al., submitted, 2017).



Deep Learning

In deep_learning, we use deep learning to generate a feature space and, by that, a distance metric, which induces a nearest-neighbor graph. For the problem of reconstructing cell-cycle Eulenberg, Köhler, et al., Nat. Commun. (2017), we find that graph abstraction correctly separates a small cluster of dead cells from the cell evolution through G1, S and G2 phase.





PBMC cells

For all of the following scRNA-seq datasets (3K and 68K PBMC cells, all 10X Genomics), graph abstraction reconstructs correct lineage motifs. As the data is disconnected in large parts, a global lineage tree cannot be informed.







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Thank you for your attention!

Preservation of topology under zooming



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Scanpy code snippets

In [3]: filename_data = './data/pbmc3k_filtered_gene_bc_matrices/hg19/matrix.mtx'
filename_genes = './data/pbmc3k_filtered_gene_bc_matrices/hg19/genes.tsv'
filename_barcodes = './data/pbmc3k_filtered_gene_bc_matrices/hg19/barcodes.tsv'
adata = sc.read(filename_data).transpose()
adata.var_names = np.loadtxt(filename_genes, dtype='S')[:, 1]
adata.smp_names = np.loadtxt(filename_barcodes, dtype='S')

reading file ./write/data/pbmc3k_filtered_gene_bc_matrices/hg19/matrix.h5

Basic filtering.

- In [4]: adata.smp['n_counts'] = np.sum(adata.X, axis=1).A1
 sc.pp.filter_cells(adata, min_genes=200)
 sc.pp.filter_genes(adata, min_cells=3)
 - ... filtered out 0 outlier cells
 - \ldots filtered out 19024 genes that are detected in less than 3 cells

Plot some information about mitochondrial genes, important for quality control

A violin plot of the computed quality measures.

In [6]: sc.pl.violin(adata, ['n_genes', 'n_counts', 'percent_mito'], jitter=0.4, show=True)



- In [9]: sc.pp.normalize_per_cell(adata, scale_factor=1e4)
 result = sc.pp.filter_genes_dispersion(adata.X, log=True,
 sc.pl.filter_genes_dispersion(result)
 - ... filter highly varying genes by dispersion and mean
 using `min_disp`, `max_disp`, `min_mean` and `max_mea
 --> set `n_top_genes` to simply select top-scoring genes



In [11]: adata_corrected = sc.pp.regress_out(adata,

smp_keys=['n_counts', 'percent_mi
copy=True)

0:00:00.000 - regress out ['n_counts', 'percent_mito'] ... sparse input is densified and may lead to huge memory consumption

0:00:09.418 - finished

Compute PCA and make a scatter plot.

In [12]: sc.pp.scale(adata_corrected, max_value=10)

clipping at max_value 10

In [13]: sc.tl.pca(adata_corrected)

adata_corrected.smp['X_pca'] *= -1 # multiply by 1 for correspondence sc.pl.pca_scatter(adata_corrected, color='CST3', right_margin=0.2)

0:00:00.000 - compute PCA with n_comps = 10 0:00:00.668 - finished, added the data representation "X_pca" (adata.smp) the loadings "PC1", "PC2", ... (adata.var) and "pca variance ratio" (adata.add)

