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## **Description**

The demo\_airr object is a list of AIRR data frames from a down-sampled demo dataset derived from Suo et al., 2024, Nature Biotechnology.

This dataset is used in vignettes to demonstrate workflows for V(D)J analysis.

For details, see the original publication at https://www.nature.com/articles/s41587-023-01734-7. The original files are available at https://github.com/zktuong/dandelion-demo-files.

## Usage

```
data(demo_airr)
```

#### **Format**

A SingleCellExperiment object with the following slots:

list List of DataFrames containing the standardised AIRR data for each sample. For information of AIRR rearrangements, see the AIRR Community standards at https: //docs.airr-community.org/.

## Source

```
Suo et al., 2024, Nature Biotechnology.
https://www.nature.com/articles/s41587-023-01734-7.
```

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#### **Examples**

```
data(demo_airr)
```

demo\_sce

Example SCE Dataset that does not contain V(D)J information

## Description

The demo\_sce object is a down-sampled demo dataset derived from Suo et al., 2024, *Nature Biotechnology*.

This dataset is used in vignettes to demonstrate workflows for V(D)J analysis.

For details, see the original publication at https://www.nature.com/articles/s41587-023-01734-7. The original Lymphoid cells data in h5ad format is available at https://developmental.cellatlas.io/fetal-immune.

#### Usage

```
data(demo_sce)
```

#### **Format**

A SingleCellExperiment object with the following slots:

colData A minimall DataFrame containing metadata about each sample, corresponding to obs in AnnData (Python). The following columns are relevant for vignette usage:

```
anno_lvl_2_final_clean Cell type annotations.
```

- X\_scvi: A dimensionality reduction matrix from the scVI model.
- UMAP: A UMAP reduction matrix.

#### **Source**

```
Suo et al., 2024, Nature Biotechnology. https://www.nature.com/articles/s41587-023-01734-7.
```

```
data(demo_sce)
```

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```
differentiationProbabilities
```

Compute Branch Probabilities Using Markov Chain

#### **Description**

This function calculates branch probabilities for differentiation trajectories based on a Markov chain constructed from waypoint data and pseudotime ordering.

#### Usage

```
differentiationProbabilities(
  wp_data,
  terminal_states = NULL,
  knn = 30L,
  pseudotime,
  waypoints,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

## **Arguments**

wp\_data A multi-scale data matrix or data frame representing the waypoints.

terminal\_states

Integer vector. Indices of the terminal states. Default is NULL.

knn Integer. Number of nearest neighbors for graph construction. Default is 30L.

pseudotime Numeric vector. Pseudotime ordering of cells.

waypoints Integer vector. Indices of selected waypoints used to construct the Markov chain.

verbose Boolean, whether to print messages/warnings.

#### Value

A numeric matrix or data frame containing branch probabilities for each waypoint.

markovProbability Markov Chain Construction and Probability Calculation

## **Description**

This function preprocesses data, constructs a Markov chain, and calculates transition probabilities based on pseudotime information.

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#### Usage

```
markovProbability(
  milo,
  diffusionmap,
  terminal_state = NULL,
  root_cell,
  knn = 30L,
  diffusiontime = NULL,
  pseudotime_key = "pseudotime",
  scale_components = TRUE,
  num_waypoints = 500,
  n_eigs = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

milo	A Milo or SingleCellExperiment	t object.	This object should ha	ave pseudotime
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stored in colData, which will be used to calculate probabilities. If pseudotime is available in milo, it takes precedence over the value provided through the

diffusiontime parameter.

diffusionmap A DiffusionMap object corresponding to the milo object. Used for Markov

chain construction.

terminal\_state Integer. The index of the terminal state in the Markov chain.

root\_cell Integer. The index of the root state in the Markov chain.

knn Integer. The number of nearest neighbors for graph construction. Default is 30L.

diffusiontime Numeric vector. If pseudotime is not stored in milo, this parameter can be used

to provide pseudotime values to the function.

pseudotime\_key Character. The name of the column in colData that contains the inferred pseu-

dotime.

scale\_components

Logical. If TRUE, the components will be scaled before constructing the Markov

chain. Default is FALSE.

chain. Default is 500L.

n\_eigs integer, default is NULL. Number of eigen vectors to use.

• If is not specified, the number of eigen vectors will be determined using the

eigen gap.

verbose Logical. If TRUE, print progress. Default is TRUE.

#### Value

milo or SinglCellExperiment object with pseudotime, probabilities in its colData

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#### **Examples**

```
data(sce_vdj)
# downsample to first 2000 cells
sce_vdj <- sce_vdj[, 1:2000]</pre>
sce_vdj <- setupVdjPseudobulk(sce_vdj,</pre>
    already.productive = FALSE,
    allowed_chain_status = c("Single pair", "Extra pair")
)
# Build Milo Object
set.seed(100)
milo_object <- miloR::Milo(sce_vdj)</pre>
milo_object <- miloR::buildGraph(milo_object,</pre>
    k = 50, d = 20,
    reduced.dim = "X_scvi"
)
milo_object <- miloR::makeNhoods(milo_object,</pre>
    reduced_dims = "X_scvi",
    d = 20
)
# Construct Pseudobulked VDJ Feature Space
pb.milo <- vdjPseudobulk(milo_object, col_to_take = "anno_lvl_2_final_clean")</pre>
pb.milo <- scater::runPCA(pb.milo, assay.type = "Feature_space")</pre>
# Define root and branch tips
pca <- t(as.matrix(SingleCellExperiment::reducedDim(pb.milo, type = "PCA")))</pre>
branch.tips <- c(which.min(pca[, 2]), which.max(pca[, 2]))</pre>
names(branch.tips) <- c("CD8+T", "CD4+T")</pre>
root <- which.min(pca[, 1])</pre>
# Construct Diffusion Map
dm <- destiny::DiffusionMap(t(pca), n_pcs = 10, n_eigs = 5)</pre>
dif.pse <- destiny::DPT(dm, tips = c(root, branch.tips), w_width = 0.1)</pre>
# Markov Chain Construction
pb.milo <- markovProbability(</pre>
    milo = pb.milo,
    diffusionmap = dm,
    diffusiontime = dif.pse[[paste0("DPT", root)]],
    terminal_state = branch.tips,
    root_cell = root,
    pseudotime_key = "pseudotime"
)
```

miloUmap

Perform UMAP on the Adjacency Matrix of a Milo Object

#### Description

This function uses uwot::umap to perform UMAP dimensionality reduction on the adjacency matrix of the KNN graph in a Milo object.

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#### Usage

```
miloUmap(
  milo,
  slot_name = "UMAP_knngraph",
  n_neighbors = 50L,
  metric = "euclidean",
  min_dist = 0.3,
   ...
)
```

#### **Arguments**

milo the milo object with knn graph that needed to conduct umap on.

slot\_name character, with default 'UMAP\_knngraph'.

• The slot name in reduceDim where the result store

n\_neighbors integer, with default 50L.

- the size of local neighborhood (in terms of number of neighboring sample points) used for manifold approximation.
- Here, the goal is to create large enough neighborhoods to capture the local manifold structure to allow for hypersampling.

metric character, with default 'euclidean'

the choice of metric used to measure distance to find nearest neighbors.
 Default is 'euclidean'.

min\_dist numeric, with default 0.3

• the minimum distance between points in the low dimensional space

. other parameters passed to uwot::umap

#### Value

milo object with umap reduction

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```
reduced_dims = "X_scvi", d = 20
)

# Construct UMAP on Milo Neighbor Graph
milo_object <- miloUmap(milo_object)</pre>
```

projectProbability

Project Probabilities from Markov Chain to Pseudobulks

## **Description**

This function projects probabilities calculated from a Markov chain onto each pseudobulk based on a diffusion distance matrix.

## Usage

```
projectProbability(
  diffusionmap,
  waypoints,
  probabilities,
  t = 1,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

diffusion map, used to reconstruct diffusion distance matrix

waypoints Integer vector. Indices of the waypoints used in the Markov chain.

probabilities Numeric vector. Probabilities associated with the waypoints, calculated from

the Markov chain.

t Numeric. The diffusion time to be used in the projection.

verbose Boolean, whether to print messages/warnings.

## Value

each pseudobulk's probabilites

```
projectPseudotimeToCell
```

Project Pseudotime and Branch Probabilities to Single Cells

#### **Description**

This function projects pseudotime and branch probabilities from pseudobulk data to single-cell resolution (milo). The results are stored in the colData of the milo object.

## Usage

```
projectPseudotimeToCell(
  milo,
  pb_milo,
  term_states = NULL,
  pseudotime_key = "pseudotime",
  suffix = "",
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

milo	A SingleCellExperiment or Milo object. Represents single-cell data where pseudotime and branch probabilities will be projected.
pb_milo	A pseudobulk Milo object. Contains aggregated branch probabilities and pseudotime information to be transferred to single cells.
term_states	Named vector of terminal states, with branch probabilities to be transferred. The names should correspond to branches of interest.
pseudotime_key	Character. The column name in colData of pb_milo that contains the pseudo-time information which was used in the markovProbability function. Default is "pseudotime".
suffix	Character. A suffix to be added to the new column names in colData. Default is an empty string ( $'$ ').
verbose	Boolean, whether to print messages/warnings.

## Value

subset of milo or SingleCellExperiment object where cell that do not belong to any neighbourhood are removed and projected pseudotime information stored colData

```
data(sce_vdj)
# downsample to first 2000 cells
sce_vdj <- sce_vdj[, 1:2000]
sce_vdj <- setupVdjPseudobulk(sce_vdj,</pre>
```

 $sce_vdj$ 

```
already.productive = FALSE,
    allowed_chain_status = c("Single pair", "Extra pair")
)
# Build Milo Object
set.seed(100)
milo_object <- miloR::Milo(sce_vdj)</pre>
milo_object <- miloR::buildGraph(milo_object,</pre>
    k = 50, d = 20,
    reduced.dim = "X_scvi"
)
milo_object <- miloR::makeNhoods(milo_object,</pre>
    reduced_dims = "X_scvi",
    d = 20
# Construct Pseudobulked VDJ Feature Space
pb.milo <- vdjPseudobulk(milo_object, col_to_take = "anno_lvl_2_final_clean")</pre>
pb.milo <- scater::runPCA(pb.milo, assay.type = "Feature_space")</pre>
# Define root and branch tips
pca <- t(as.matrix(SingleCellExperiment::reducedDim(pb.milo, type = "PCA")))</pre>
branch.tips <- c(which.min(pca[, 2]), which.max(pca[, 2]))</pre>
names(branch.tips) <- c("CD8+T", "CD4+T")
root <- which.min(pca[, 1])</pre>
# Construct Diffusion Map
dm <- destiny::DiffusionMap(t(pca), n_pcs = 10, n_eigs = 5)</pre>
dif.pse <- destiny::DPT(dm, tips = c(root, branch.tips), w_width = 0.1)</pre>
# Markov Chain Construction
pb.milo <- markovProbability(</pre>
    milo = pb.milo,
    diffusionmap = dm,
    diffusiontime = dif.pse[[paste0("DPT", root)]],
    terminal_state = branch.tips,
    root_cell = root,
    pseudotime_key = "pseudotime"
# Project Pseudobulk Data
projected_milo <- projectPseudotimeToCell(</pre>
    milo_object,
    pb.milo,
    branch.tips,
    pseudotime_key = "pseudotime"
)
```

sce\_vdj

#### **Description**

The sce\_vdj object is a down-sampled demo dataset derived from Suo et al., 2024, *Nature Biotechnology*.

This dataset is used in vignettes to demonstrate workflows for V(D)J analysis.

For details, see the original publication at https://www.nature.com/articles/s41587-023-01734-7.

## Usage

```
data(sce_vdj)
```

#### **Format**

A SingleCellExperiment object with the following slots:

colData A DataFrame containing metadata about each sample, corresponding to obs in AnnData (Python). The following columns are relevant for vignette usage:

productive\_(mode)\_VDJ, productive\_(mode)\_VJ Factors indicating whether the heavy or light chain is productive. mode refers to the extraction mode for V(D)J genes and can be one of:

- 'abT': TCR alpha-beta
- 'gdT': TCR gamma-delta
- 'B': BCR

Gene segment fields Gene segment annotations with column names in the format  $(v/d/j)_call_(mode)_(VDJ/VJ)$  Examples include:

- v\_call\_abT\_VDJ: V gene for TCR alpha-beta VDJ recombination
- d\_call\_abT\_VJ: D gene for TCR alpha-beta VJ recombination

chain\_status A factor describing the receptor chain's status.

anno\_lvl\_2\_final\_clean Cell type annotations.

int\_colData A DataFrame containing additional assay metadata important for further analysis.
Includes:

- X\_scvi: A dimensionality reduction matrix from the scVI model.
- UMAP: A UMAP reduction matrix.

#### **Source**

```
Suo et al., 2024, Nature Biotechnology. https://www.nature.com/articles/s41587-023-01734-7.
```

```
data(sce_vdj)
```

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setupVdjPseudobulk

Preprocess V(D)J Data for Pseudobulk Analysis

## **Description**

This function preprocesses single-cell V(D)J sequencing data for pseudobulk analysis. It filters data based on productivity and chain status, subsets data, extracts main V(D)J genes, and removes unmapped entries.

#### Usage

```
setupVdjPseudobulk(
  sce,
 mode_option = c("abT", "gdT", "B"),
  already.productive = TRUE,
  productive_cols = NULL,
  productive_vj = TRUE,
  productive_vdj = TRUE,
  allowed_chain_status = NULL,
  subsetby = NULL,
  groups = NULL,
  extract_cols = NULL,
  filter_unmapped = TRUE,
  check_vj_mapping = c(TRUE, TRUE),
  check_vdj_mapping = c(TRUE, FALSE, TRUE),
  check_extract_cols_mapping = NULL,
  remove_missing = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

#### Arguments

sce A SingleCellExperiment object. V(D)J data should be contained in colData

for filtering.

mode\_option Optional character. Specifies the mode for extracting V(D)J genes. If NULL, extract\_cols must be specified. Default is NULL.

already.productive

Logical. Whether the data has already been filtered for productivity. If TRUE, skips productivity filtering. Default is FALSE.

productive\_cols

Character vector. Names of colData columns used for productivity filtering. Default is NULL.

productive\_vj Logical. If TRUE, retains cells where the main VJ chain is productive. Default is TRUE.

productive\_vdj Logical. If TRUE, retains cells where the main VDJ chain is productive. Default is TRUE.

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#### allowed\_chain\_status

Character vector. Specifies chain statuses to retain. Valid options include `c('single

pair', 'Extra pair', 'Extra pair-exception', 'Orphan VDJ', 'Orphan VDJ-exception')`.

Default is NULL.

subsetby Character. Name of a colData column for subsetting. Default is NULL.

groups Character vector. Specifies the subset condition for filtering. Default is NULL.

extract\_cols Character vector. Names of colData columns where V(D)J information is stored,

used instead of the standard columns. Default is NULL.

#### filter\_unmapped

Logic. Whether to filter unmapped data. Default is TRUE.

#### check\_vj\_mapping

Logic vector. Whether to check for VJ mapping. Default is c(TRUE, TRUE).

- If the first element is TRUE, function will filter the unmapped data in V gene of the VJ chain
- If the second element is TRUE, function will filter the unmapped data in J gene of the VJ chain

#### check\_vdj\_mapping

Logic vector. Specifies columns to check for VDJ mapping. Default is c(TRUE, FALSE, 'TRUE).

- If the first element is TRUE, function will filter the unmapped data in V gene of the VDJ chain
- If the second element is TRUE, function will filter the unmapped data in D gene of the VDJ chain
- If the third element is TRUE, function will filter the unmapped data in J gene of the VDJ chain

## check\_extract\_cols\_mapping

Character vector. Specifies columns related to extract\_cols for mapping checks. Default is NULL.

remove\_missing Logical. If TRUE, removes cells with contigs matching the filter. If FALSE, masks them with uniform values. Default is TRUE.

verbose Logical. Whether to print messages. Default is TRUE.

#### **Details**

The function performs the following preprocessing steps:

## • Productivity Filtering:

- Skipped if already.productive = TRUE.
- Filters cells based on productivity using productive\_cols or standard colData columns named productive\_{mode\_option}\_{type} (where type is 'VDJ' or 'VJ').
- mode\_option
  - \* function will check colData(s) named productive\_{mode\_option}\_{type}, where type should be 'VDJ' or 'VJ' or both, depending on values of productive\_vj and productive\_vdj.
  - \* If set as NUL1, the function needs the option 'extract\_cols' to be specified
- productive\_cols

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- \* must be be specified when productivity filtering is need to conduct and mode\_option is NULL.
- \* where VDJ/VJ information is stored so that this will be used instead of the standard columns.
- productive\_vj, productive\_vdj
  - \* If TRUE, cell will only be kept if the main V(D)J chain is productive

#### • Chain Status Filtering:

- Retains cells with chain statuses specified by allowed\_chain\_status.

#### • Subsetting:

- Conducted only if both subsetby and groups are provided.
- Retains cells matching the groups condition in the subsetby column.

#### • Main V(D)J Extraction:

- Uses extract\_cols to specify custom columns for extracting V(D)J information.

## • Unmapped Data Filtering:

- decided to removes or masks cells based on filter\_unmapped.
- Checks specific columns for unclear mappings using check\_vj\_mapping, check\_vdj\_mapping, or check\_extract\_cols\_mapping.
- filter\_unmapped
  - \* pattern to be filtered from object.
  - \* If is set to be NULL, the filtering process will not start
- check\_vj\_mapping, check\_vdj\_mapping
  - \* only colData specified by these arguments (check\_vj\_mapping and check\_vdj\_mapping) will be checked for unclear mappings
- check\_extract\_cols\_mapping, related to extract\_cols
  - \* Only colData specified by the argument will be checked for unclear mapping, the colData should first specified by extract\_cols
- remove\_missing
  - \* If TRUE, will remove cells with contigs matching the filter from the object.
  - \* If FALSE, will mask them with a uniform value dependent on the column name.

#### Value

filtered SingleCellExperiment object

```
# load data
data(sce_vdj)
# check the dimension
dim(sce_vdj)
# filtered the data
sce_vdj <- setupVdjPseudobulk(
    sce = sce_vdj,
    mode_option = "abT", # set the mode to alpha-beta TCR
    allowed_chain_status = c("Single pair", "Extra pair"),</pre>
```

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```
already.productive = FALSE
) # need to filter the unproductive cells
# check the remaining dim
dim(sce_vdj)
```

vdjPseudobulk

Generate Pseudobulk V(D)J Feature Space

## **Description**

This function creates a pseudobulk V(D)J feature space from single-cell data, aggregating V(D)J information into pseudobulk groups. It supports input as either a Milo object or a SingleCellExperiment object.

## Usage

```
vdjPseudobulk(
  milo,
  pbs = NULL,
  col_to_bulk = NULL,
  extract_cols = c("v_call_abT_VDJ_main", "j_call_abT_VDJ_main", "v_call_abT_VJ_main",
        "j_call_abT_VJ_main"),
  mode_option = c("abT", "gdT", "B"),
  col_to_take = NULL,
  normalise = TRUE,
  renormalize = FALSE,
  min_count = 1L,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

milo

A Milo or SingleCellExperiment object containing V(D)J data.

pbs

Optional. A binary matrix with cells as rows and pseudobulk groups as columns.

- If milo is a Milo object, this parameter is not required.
- If milo is a SingleCellExperiment object, either pbs or col\_to\_bulk must be provided.

col\_to\_bulk

Optional character or character vector. Specifies colData column(s) to generate pbs. If multiple columns are provided, they will be combined. Default is NULL.

- If milo is a Milo object, this parameter is not required.
- If milo is a SingleCellExperiment object, either pbs or col\_to\_bulk must be provided.

extract\_cols

Character vector. Specifies column names where V(D)J information is stored. Default is  $c('v_call_abT_VDJ_main', 'j_call_abT_VDJ_main', 'j_call_abT_VJ_main', 'j_call_abT_VJ_main', 'j_call_abT_VDJ_main', 'j_call_abT_VDJ_main',$ 

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mode_option	Character. Specifies the mode for extracting $V(D)J$ genes. Must be one of c('B', 'abT', 'gdT'). Default is 'abT'.
	<ul> <li>Note: This parameter is considered only when extract_cols = NULL.</li> <li>If NULL, uses column names such as v_call_VDJ instead of v_call_abT_VDJ.</li> </ul>
col_to_take	Optional character or vector of characters. Specifies names of colData of milo that need to identify the most common value for each pseudobulk Default is NULL.
normalise	Logical. If TRUE, scales the counts of each $V(D)J$ gene group to 1 for each pseudobulk. Default is TRUE.
renormalize	Logical. If TRUE, rescales the counts of each $V(D)J$ gene group to 1 for each pseudobulk after removing 'missing' calls. Useful when $setupVdjPseudobulk()$ was run with remove_missing = FALSE. Default is FALSE.
min_count	Integer. Sets pseudobulk counts in $V(D)J$ gene groups with fewer than this many non-missing calls to 0. Default is 1.
verbose	Logical. If TRUE, prints messages and warnings. Default is TRUE.

## **Details**

This function aggregates V(D)J data into pseudobulk groups based on the following logic:

## • Input Requirements:

- If milo is a Milo object, neither pbs nor col\_to\_bulk is required.
- If milo is a SingleCellExperiment object, the user must provide either pbs or col\_to\_bulk.
- Normalization:
- When normalise = TRUE, scales V(D)J counts to 1 for each pseudobulk group.
- When renormalize = TRUE, rescales the counts after removing 'missing' calls.
- Mode Selection:
- If extract\_cols = NULL, the function relies on mode\_option to determine which V(D)J columns to extract.
- Filtering:
- Uses min\_count to filter pseudobulks with insufficient counts for V(D)J groups.

#### Value

SingleCellExperiment object

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```
milo_object <- miloR::buildGraph(milo_object,
    k = 50, d = 20,
    reduced.dim = "X_scvi"
)
milo_object <- miloR::makeNhoods(milo_object,
    reduced_dims = "X_scvi",
    d = 20
)
# Construct pseudobulked VDJ feature space
pb.milo <- vdjPseudobulk(milo_object, col_to_take = "anno_lvl_2_final_clean")</pre>
```

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