

# Package ‘scds’

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**Type** Package

**Title** In-Silico Annotation of Doublets for Single Cell RNA Sequencing Data

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**Description** In single cell RNA sequencing (scRNA-seq) data combinations of cells are sometimes considered a single cell (doublets). The scds package provides methods to annotate doublets in scRNA-seq data computationally.

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bcds	<i>Find doublets/multiplets in UMI scRNA-seq data;</i>
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### Description

Annotates doublets/multiplets using a binary classification approach to discriminate artificial doublets from original data.

### Usage

```
bcds(sce, ntop = 500, srat = 1, verb = FALSE, retRes = FALSE,
     nmax = "tune", varImp = FALSE, estNdbl = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

sce	single cell experiment (SingleCellExperiment) object to analyze; needs counts in assays slot.
ntop	integer, indicating number of top variance genes to consider. Default: 500
srat	numeric, indicating ratio between original number of "cells" and simulated doublets; Default: 1
verb	progress messages. Default: FALSE
retRes	logical, should the trained classifier be returned? Default: FALSE
nmax	maximum number of training rounds; integer or "tune". Default: "tune"
varImp	logical, should variable (i.e., gene) importance be returned? Default: FALSE
estNdbl	logical, should the number of doublets be estimated from the data. Enables doublet calls. Default:FALSE. Use with caution.

### Value

sce input sce object SingleCellExperiment with doublet scores added to colData as "bcds\_score" column, and possibly more (details)

**Examples**

```
data("sce_chcl")
## create small data set using only 100 cells
sce_chcl_small = sce_chcl[, 1:100]
sce_chcl_small = bcdds(sce_chcl_small)
```

cxds

*Find doublets/multiplets in UMI scRNA-seq data;***Description**

Annotates doublets/multiplets using co-expression based approach

**Usage**

```
cxds(sce, ntop = 500, binThresh = 0, verb = FALSE, retRes = FALSE,
     estNdbl = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

sce	single cell experiment (SingleCellExperiment) object to analyze; needs counts in assays slot.
ntop	integer, indimessageing number of top variance genes to consider. Default: 500
binThresh	integer, minimum counts to consider a gene "present" in a cell. Default: 0
verb	progress messages. Default: FALSE
retRes	logical, whether to return gene pair scores & top-scoring gene pairs? Default: FALSE.
estNdbl	logical, should the number of doublets be estimated from the data. Enables doublet calls. Default:FALSE. Use with caution.

**Value**

sce input sce object SingleCellExperiment with doublet scores added to colData as "cxds\_score" column.

**Examples**

```
data("sce_chcl")
## create small data set using only 100 cells
sce_chcl_small = sce_chcl[, 1:100]
sce_chcl_small = cxds(sce_chcl_small)
```

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cxds\_bcds\_hybrid      *Find doublets/multiples in UMI scRNA-seq data;*

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### Description

Annotates doublets/multiplets using the hybrid approach

### Usage

```
cxds_bcds_hybrid(sce, cxdsArgs = NULL, bcdsArgs = NULL, verb = FALSE,
  estNdbl = FALSE, force = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

sce	single cell experiment (SingleCellExperiment) object to analyze; needs counts in assays slot.
cxdsArgs	list, arguments for cxds function in list form. Default: NULL
bcdsArgs	list, arguments for bcds function in list form. Default: NULL
verb	logical, switch on/off progress messages
estNdbl	logical, should the number of doublets be estimated from the data. Enables doublet calls. Default:FALSE. Use with caution.
force	logical, force a (re)run of cxds and bcds. Default: FALSE

### Value

sce input sce object SingleCellExperiment with doublet scores added to colData as "hybrid\_score" column.

### Examples

```
data("sce_chcl")
## create small data set using only 100 cells
sce_chcl_small = sce_chcl[, 1:100]
sce_chcl_small = cxds_bcds_hybrid(sce_chcl_small)
```

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cxds\_getTopPairs      *Extract top-scoring gene pairs from an SingleCellExperiment where cxds has been run*

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### Description

Extract top-scoring gene pairs from an SingleCellExperiment where cxds has been run

**Usage**

```
cxds_getTopPairs(sce, n = 100)
```

**Arguments**

sce            single cell experiment to analyze; needs "counts" in assays slot.  
n              integer. The number of gene pairs to extract. Default: 100

**Value**

matrix Matrix with two columns, each containing gene indexes for gene pairs (rows).

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get\_dblCalls\_ALL            *Wrapper for getting doublet calls*

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**Description**

Wrapper for getting doublet calls

**Usage**

```
get_dblCalls_ALL(scrs_real, scrs_sim, rel_loss = 1)
```

**Arguments**

scrs\_real        numeric vector, the scores for the real/original data  
scrs\_sim        numeric vector, the scores for the artificial doublets  
rel\_loss        numeric scalar, relative weight of a false positive classification compared with a false negative. Default:1 (same loss for fp and fn).

**Value**

numeric, matrix containing the (estimated) number of doublets, the score threshold and the fraction of artificial doublets missed (false negative rate, of sorts) as columns and four types of estimating: "youden", "balanced" and a false negative rate of artificial doublets of 0.1 and 0.01, respectively.

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get\_dblCalls\_dist      *Derive doublet calls from doublset scores*

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### Description

Given score vectors for real data and artificial doubles, derive doublet calls based on determining doublet score cutoffs.

### Usage

```
get_dblCalls_dist(scrs_real, scrs_sim, type = "balanced")
```

### Arguments

scrs_real	numeric vector, the scores for the real/original data
scrs_sim	numeric vector, the scores for the artificial doublets
type	character or numeric, describes how the score threshold for calling doublets is determined. Either "balanced" or a number between zero and one that indicates the fraction of artificial doublets missed when making calls. Default: "balanced".

### Value

numeric, vector containing the (estimated) number of doublets, the score threshold and the fraction of artificial doublets missed (false negative rate, of sorts)

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get\_dblCalls\_ROC      *Derive doublet calls from classification probabilities*

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### Description

Given class probabilities (or scores) discriminating real data from artificial doublets, derive doublet calls. Based on selecting a ROC cutoff, see *The Inconsistency of "Optimal" Cutpoints Obtained using Two Criteria based on the Receiver Operating Characteristic Curve*, (doi).

### Usage

```
get_dblCalls_ROC(scrs_real, scrs_sim, rel_loss = 1)
```

### Arguments

scrs_real	numeric vector, the scores for the real/original data
scrs_sim	numeric vector, the scores for the artificial doublets
rel_loss	numeric scalar, relative weight of a false positive classification compared with a false negative. Default:1 (same loss for fp and fn).

**Value**

numeric, vector containing the (estimated) number of doublets, the score threshold and the fraction of artificial doublets missed (false negative rate, of sorts)

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`sce_chcl`*Example single cell experiment (SingleCellExperiment) object*

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**Description**

Example data set, created by randomly sampling genes and cells from a real data set (`ch_cl`, i.e., the cell lines data from [https://satijalab.org/seurat/hashing\\_vignette.html](https://satijalab.org/seurat/hashing_vignette.html)). Contains raw counts in the `counts` assay slot.

**Usage**

```
sce_chcl
```

**Format**

a single cell experiment object (`SingleCellExperiment`) with raw counts in the `counts` in assays, and `colData` with experimental annotations.

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