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High dimensional single cell gene expression data and batch effect corrections

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Emerging about a decade ago, single cell genes expression measurement technologies have facilitated the study of heterogeneous populations of cells such as in development and cell differentiation. Single cell ribonucleic acid sequencing (scRNA-seq) techniques can measure the expression level of several thousand genes at the single cell level for millions of cells. Increasingly used by several laboratories, the technique provides a big amount of data which opens new opportunities for knowledge extraction using new machine learning and computational methods. The author will discuss the properties of high-dimensional data which needs to be taken care of when dealing with such big expression data, and discuss in an instance on how high-dimension properties allowed us to develop a new method for batch effects correction and data integration across several laboratories.

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