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compactness

Compactness Measure

### Description

Compute the compactness validity index for a clustering result.

# Usage

```
compactness(data, labels)
```

### Arguments

data a dataset with rows as observations, columns as variables

labels a vector of cluster labels from a clustering result

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#### **Details**

This index is agnostic to any reference clustering results, calculating cluster performance on the basis of compactness and separability. Smaller values indicate a better clustering structure.

#### Value

the compactness score

#### Author(s)

Derek Chiu

#### References

MATLAB function valid\_compactness by Simon Garrett in LinkCluE

#### **Examples**

consensus\_cluster

Consensus clustering

#### **Description**

Runs consensus clustering across subsamples of the data, clustering algorithms, and cluster sizes.

### Usage

```
consensus_cluster(
  data,
  nk = 2:4,
  p.item = 0.8,
  reps = 1000,
  algorithms = NULL,
  nmf.method = c("brunet", "lee"),
  hc.method = "average",
  xdim = NULL,
  ydim = NULL,
  rlen = 200,
  alpha = c(0.05, 0.01),
  minPts = 5,
  distance = "euclidean",
```

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```
abs = TRUE,
prep.data = c("none", "full", "sampled"),
scale = TRUE,
type = c("conventional", "robust", "tsne"),
min.var = 1,
progress = TRUE,
seed.nmf = 123456,
seed.data = 1,
file.name = NULL,
time.saved = FALSE
)
```

#### **Arguments**

data matrix with rows as samples and columns as variables

nk number of clusters (k) requested; can specify a single integer or a range of inte-

gers to compute multiple k

p.item proportion of items to be used in subsampling within an algorithm

reps number of subsamples

algorithms vector of clustering algorithms for performing consensus clustering. Must be

any number of the following: "nmf", "hc", "diana", "km", "pam", "ap", "sc", "gmm", "block", "som", "cmeans", "hdbscan". A custom clustering algorithm

can be used.

nmf.method specify NMF-based algorithms to run. By default the "brunet" and "lee" algo-

rithms are called. See NMF::nmf() for details.

hc.method agglomeration method for hierarchical clustering. The the "average" method is

used by default. Seestats::hclust() for details.

xdim x dimension of the SOM grid ydim y dimension of the SOM grid

rlen the number of times the complete data set will be presented to the SOM network.

alpha SOM learning rate, a vector of two numbers indicating the amount of change.

Default is to decline linearly from 0.05 to 0.01 over rlen updates. Not used for

the batch algorithm.

minPts minimum size of clusters for HDBSCAN. Default is 5.

distance a vector of distance functions. Defaults to "euclidean". Other options are given

in stats::dist(). A custom distance function can be used.

abs only used for distance = c("spearman", "pearson"). If TRUE, the absolute

value is first applied to the distance before subtracting from 1, e.g., we use 1 -

ISCDI instead of 1 - SCD for the spearman correlation distance.

prep. data Prepare the data on the "full" dataset, the "sampled" dataset, or "none" (default).

scale logical; should the data be centered and scaled?

type if we use "conventional" measures (default), then the mean and standard devi-

ation are used for centering and scaling, respectively. If "robust" measures are specified, the median and median absolute deviation (MAD) are used. Alterna-

tively, we can apply "tsne" for dimension reduction.

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min.var	minimum variability measure threshold used to filter the feature space for only highly variable features. Only features with a minimum variability measure across all samples greater than min. var will be used. If type = "conventional" the standard deviation is the measure used, and if type = "robust", the MAD is the measure used.
progress	logical; should a progress bar be displayed?
seed.nmf	random seed to use for NMF-based algorithms
seed.data	seed to use to ensure each algorithm operates on the same set of subsamples
file.name	if not NULL, the returned array will be saved at each iteration as well as at the end of the function call to an rds object with file.name as the file name.
time.saved	logical; if TRUE, the date saved is appended to file.name. Only applicable when file.name is not NULL.

#### **Details**

See examples for how to use custom algorithms and distance functions. The default clustering algorithms provided are:

- "nmf": Nonnegative Matrix Factorization (using Kullback-Leibler Divergence or Euclidean distance; See Note for specifications.)
- "hc": Hierarchical Clustering
- "diana": DIvisive ANAlysis Clustering
- "km": K-Means Clustering
- "pam": Partition Around Medoids
- "ap": Affinity Propagation
- "sc": Spectral Clustering using Radial-Basis kernel function
- "gmm": Gaussian Mixture Model using Bayesian Information Criterion on EM algorithm
- "block": Biclustering using a latent block model
- "som": Self-Organizing Map (SOM) with Hierarchical Clustering
- "cmeans": Fuzzy C-Means Clustering
- "hdbscan": Hierarchical Density-based Spatial Clustering of Applications with Noise (HDB-SCAN)

The progress bar increments on every unit of reps.

#### Value

An array of dimension nrow(x) by reps by length(algorithms) by length(nk). Each cube of the array represents a different k. Each slice of a cube is a matrix showing consensus clustering results for algorithms. The matrices have a row for each sample, and a column for each subsample. Each entry represents a class membership.

When "hdbscan" is part of algorithms, we do not include its clustering array in the consensus result. Instead, we report two summary statistics as attributes: the proportion of outliers and the number of clusters.

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#### Note

The nmf.method options are "brunet" (Kullback-Leibler Divergence) and "lee" (Euclidean distance). When "hdbscan" is chosen as an algorithm to use, its results are excluded from the rest of the consensus clusters. This is because there is no guarantee that the cluster assignment will have every sample clustered; more often than not there will be noise points or outliers. In addition, the number of distinct clusters may not even be equal to nk.

#### Author(s)

Derek Chiu, Aline Talhouk

#### **Examples**

```
data(hgsc)
dat <- hgsc[1:100, 1:50]

# Custom distance function
manh <- function(x) {
    stats::dist(x, method = "manhattan")
}

# Custom clustering algorithm
agnes <- function(d, k) {
    return(as.integer(stats::cutree(cluster::agnes(d, diss = TRUE), k)))
}

assign("agnes", agnes, 1)

cc <- consensus_cluster(dat, reps = 6, algorithms = c("pam", "agnes"),
distance = c("euclidean", "manh"), progress = FALSE)
str(cc)</pre>
```

consensus\_combine

Combine algorithms

### **Description**

Combines results for multiple objects from consensus\_cluster() and outputs either the consensus matrices or consensus classes for all algorithms.

### Usage

```
consensus_combine(..., element = c("matrix", "class"))
```

#### **Arguments**

any number of objects outputted from consensus\_cluster()
element either "matrix" or "class" to extract the consensus matrix or consensus class,
respectively.

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#### **Details**

This function is useful for collecting summaries because the original results from consensus\_cluster were combined to a single object. For example, setting element = "class" returns a matrix of consensus cluster assignments, which can be visualized as a consensus matrix heatmap.

#### Value

consensus\_combine returns either a list of all consensus matrices or a data frame showing all the consensus classes

#### Author(s)

Derek Chiu

### Examples

```
# Consensus clustering for multiple algorithms
set.seed(911)
x <- matrix(rnorm(500), ncol = 10)
CC1 <- consensus_cluster(x, nk = 3:4, reps = 10, algorithms = "ap",
progress = FALSE)
CC2 <- consensus_cluster(x, nk = 3:4, reps = 10, algorithms = "km",
progress = FALSE)
# Combine and return either matrices or classes
y1 <- consensus_combine(CC1, CC2, element = "matrix")
str(y1)
y2 <- consensus_combine(CC1, CC2, element = "class")
str(y2)</pre>
```

consensus\_evaluate

Evaluate, trim, and reweigh algorithms

### Description

Evaluates algorithms on internal/external validation indices. Poor performing algorithms can be trimmed from the ensemble. The remaining algorithms can be given weights before use in consensus functions.

# Usage

```
consensus_evaluate(
  data,
    ...,
  cons.cl = NULL,
  ref.cl = NULL,
```

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```
k.method = NULL,
plot = FALSE,
trim = FALSE,
reweigh = FALSE,
n = 5,
lower = 0,
upper = 1
```

#### **Arguments**

data	data matrix with rows as samples and columns as variables
	any number of objects outputted from consensus_cluster()
cons.cl	matrix of cluster assignments from consensus functions such as ${\sf kmodes}$ and ${\sf majority\_voting}$
ref.cl	reference class
k.method	determines the method to choose k when no reference class is given. When ref.cl is not NULL, k is the number of distinct classes of ref.cl. Otherwise the input from k.method chooses k. The default is to use the PAC to choose the best k(s). Specifying an integer as a user-desired k will override the best k chosen by PAC. Finally, specifying "all" will produce consensus results for all k. The "all" method is implicitly performed when there is only one k used.
plot	logical; if TRUE, graph_all is called
trim	logical; if TRUE, algorithms that score low on internal indices will be trimmed out
reweigh	logical; if TRUE, after trimming out poor performing algorithms, each algorithm is reweighed depending on its internal indices.
n	an integer specifying the top n algorithms to keep after trimming off the poor performing ones using Rank Aggregation. If the total number of algorithms is less than n no trimming is done.
lower	the lower bound that determines what is ambiguous
upper	the upper bound that determines what is ambiguous

### **Details**

This function always returns internal indices. If ref.cl is not NULL, external indices are additionally shown. Relevant graphical displays are also outputted. Algorithms are ranked across internal indices using Rank Aggregation. Only the top n algorithms are kept, the rest are trimmed.

#### Value

consensus\_evaluate returns a list with the following elements

- k: if ref.cl is not NULL, this is the number of distinct classes in the reference; otherwise the chosen k is determined by the one giving the largest mean PAC across algorithms
- pac: a data frame showing the PAC for each combination of algorithm and cluster size

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- ii: a list of data frames for all k showing internal evaluation indices
- ei: a data frame showing external evaluation indices for k
- trim.obj: A list with 4 elements
  - alg.keep: algorithms kept
  - alg.remove: algorithms removed
  - rank.matrix: a matrix of ranked algorithms for every internal evaluation index
  - top.list: final order of ranked algorithms
  - E.new: A new version of a consensus\_cluster data object

### **Examples**

```
# Consensus clustering for multiple algorithms
set.seed(911)
x <- matrix(rnorm(500), ncol = 10)
CC <- consensus_cluster(x, nk = 3:4, reps = 10, algorithms = c("ap", "km"),
progress = FALSE)

# Evaluate algorithms on internal/external indices and trim algorithms:
# remove those ranking low on internal indices
set.seed(1)
ref.cl <- sample(1:4, 50, replace = TRUE)
z <- consensus_evaluate(x, CC, ref.cl = ref.cl, n = 1, trim = TRUE)
str(z, max.level = 2)</pre>
```

consensus\_matrix

Consensus matrix

### **Description**

Returns the (weighted) consensus matrix given a data matrix

### Usage

```
consensus_matrix(data, weights = NULL)
```

### **Arguments**

data matrix has rows as samples, columns as replicates

weights a vector of weights for each algorithm used in meta-consensus clustering. Must

have length(weights) equal to ncol(data).

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#### **Details**

Given a vector of cluster assignments, we first calculate the connectivity matrix and indicator matrix. A connectivity matrix has a 1 if both samples are in the same cluster, and 0 otherwise. An indicator matrix has a 1 if both samples were selected to be used in a subsample of a consensus clustering algorithm, and 0 otherwise. Summation of connectivity matrices and indicator matrices is performed over different subsamples of the data. The consensus matrix is calculated by dividing the aggregated connectivity matrices by the aggregated indicator matrices.

If a meta-consensus matrix is desired, where consensus classes of different clustering algorithms are aggregated, we can construct a weighted meta-consensus matrix using weights.

#### Value

a consensus matrix

#### Note

When consensus is calculated over bootstrap samples, not every sample is used in each replication. Thus, there will be scenarios where two samples are never chosen together in any bootstrap samples. This typically happens when the number of replications is small. The coordinate in the consensus matrix for such pairs of samples is NaN from a 0 / 0 computation. These entries are coerced to 0.

#### Author(s)

Derek Chiu

### **Examples**

```
set.seed(2)
x <- replicate(100, rbinom(100, 4, 0.2))
w <- rexp(100)
w <- w / sum(w)
cm1 <- consensus_matrix(x)
cm2 <- consensus_matrix(x, weights = w)</pre>
```

CSPA

Cluster-based Similarity Partitioning Algorithm (CSPA)

#### **Description**

Performs hierarchical clustering on a stack of consensus matrices to obtain consensus class labels.

#### Usage

```
CSPA(E, k)
```

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### Arguments

E is an array of clustering results.

k number of clusters

#### Value

cluster assignments for the consensus class

#### Author(s)

Derek Chiu

#### References

Strehl, A., & Ghosh, J. (2002). Cluster ensembles—a knowledge reuse framework for combining multiple partitions. Journal of machine learning research, 3(Dec), 583-617.

### See Also

```
Other consensus functions: LCA(), LCE(), k_modes(), majority_voting()
```

### **Examples**

```
data(hgsc)
dat <- hgsc[1:100, 1:50]
x <- consensus_cluster(dat, nk = 4, reps = 4, algorithms = c("hc", "diana"),
progress = FALSE)
CSPA(x, k = 4)
```

dice

Diverse Clustering Ensemble

### Description

Runs consensus clustering across subsamples, algorithms, and number of clusters (k).

### Usage

```
dice(
  data,
  nk,
  p.item = 0.8,
  reps = 10,
  algorithms = NULL,
  k.method = NULL,
  nmf.method = c("brunet", "lee"),
  hc.method = "average",
  distance = "euclidean",
```

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```
cons.funs = c("kmodes", "majority", "CSPA", "LCE", "LCA"),
sim.mat = c("cts", "srs", "asrs"),
prep.data = c("none", "full", "sampled"),
min.var = 1,
seed = 1,
seed.data = 1,
trim = FALSE,
reweigh = FALSE,
n = 5,
evaluate = TRUE,
plot = FALSE,
ref.cl = NULL,
progress = TRUE
```

#### **Arguments**

data matrix with rows as samples and columns as variables

nk number of clusters (k) requested; can specify a single integer or a range of inte-

gers to compute multiple k

p.item proportion of items to be used in subsampling within an algorithm

reps number of subsamples

algorithms vector of clustering algorithms for performing consensus clustering. Must be

any number of the following: "nmf", "hc", "diana", "km", "pam", "ap", "sc", "gmm", "block", "som", "cmeans", "hdbscan". A custom clustering algorithm

can be used.

k.method determines the method to choose k when no reference class is given. When

<code>ref.cl</code> is not NULL, k is the number of distinct classes of <code>ref.cl</code>. Otherwise the input from <code>k.method</code> chooses <code>k</code>. The default is to use the PAC to choose the best <code>k(s)</code>. Specifying an integer as a user-desired <code>k</code> will override the best <code>k</code> chosen by PAC. Finally, specifying "all" will produce consensus results for all <code>k</code>. The "all"

method is implicitly performed when there is only one k used.

nmf.method specify NMF-based algorithms to run. By default the "brunet" and "lee" algo-

rithms are called. See NMF::nmf() for details.

hc.method agglomeration method for hierarchical clustering. The the "average" method is

used by default. Seestats::hclust() for details.

distance a vector of distance functions. Defaults to "euclidean". Other options are given

in stats::dist(). A custom distance function can be used.

cons funs consensus functions to use. Current options are "kmodes" (k-modes), "majority"

(majority voting), "CSPA" (Cluster-based Similarity Partitioning Algorithm),

"LCE" (linkage clustering ensemble), "LCA" (latent class analysis)

sim.mat similarity matrix; choices are "cts", "srs", "asrs".

prep. data Prepare the data on the "full" dataset, the "sampled" dataset, or "none" (default).

min.var minimum variability measure threshold used to filter the feature space for only

highly variable features. Only features with a minimum variability measure

across all samples greater than min.var will be used. If type = "conventional", the standard deviation is the measure used, and if type = "robust", the MAD

is the measure used.

seed random seed for knn imputation reproducibility

seed.data seed to use to ensure each algorithm operates on the same set of subsamples

trim logical; if TRUE, algorithms that score low on internal indices will be trimmed

out

reweigh logical; if TRUE, after trimming out poor performing algorithms, each algorithm

is reweighed depending on its internal indices.

n an integer specifying the top n algorithms to keep after trimming off the poor

performing ones using Rank Aggregation. If the total number of algorithms is

less than n no trimming is done.

evaluate logical; if TRUE (default), validity indices are returned. Internal validity indices

are always computed. If ref.cl is not NULL, then external validity indices will

also be computed.

plot logical; if TRUE, graph\_all is called and a summary evaluation heatmap of

ranked algorithms vs. internal validity indices is plotted as well.

ref.cl reference class

progress logical; should a progress bar be displayed?

#### **Details**

There are three ways to handle the input data before clustering via argument prep.data. The default is to use the raw data as-is ("none"). Or, we can enact prepare\_data() on the full dataset ("full"), or the bootstrap sampled datasets ("sampled").

#### Value

A list with the following elements

E raw clustering ensemble object

Eknn clustering ensemble object with knn imputation used on E

Ecomp flattened ensemble object with remaining missing entries imputed by majority

voting

clusters final clustering assignment from the diverse clustering ensemble method

indices if evaluate = TRUE, shows cluster evaluation indices; otherwise NULL

#### Author(s)

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#### **Examples**

```
library(dplyr)
data(hgsc)
dat <- hgsc[1:100, 1:50]
ref.cl <- strsplit(rownames(dat), "_") %>%
   purrr::map_chr(2) %>%
   factor() %>%
   as.integer()
dice.obj <- dice(dat, nk = 4, reps = 5, algorithms = "hc", cons.funs = "kmodes", ref.cl = ref.cl, progress = FALSE)
str(dice.obj, max.level = 2)</pre>
```

external\_validity

External validity indices

### **Description**

External validity indices compare a predicted clustering result with a reference class or gold standard.

#### Usage

```
ev_nmi(pred.lab, ref.lab, method = "emp")
ev_confmat(pred.lab, ref.lab)
```

### **Arguments**

pred.lab predicted labels generated by classifier

ref.lab reference labels for the observations

method method of computing the entropy. Can be any one of "emp", "mm", "shrink", or "sg".

### Details

ev\_nmi calculates the normalized mutual information

ev\_confmat calculates a variety of statistics associated with confusion matrices. Accuracy, Cohen's kappa, and Matthews correlation coefficient have direct multiclass definitions, whereas all other metrics use macro-averaging.

#### Value

ev\_nmi returns the normalized mutual information.

ev\_confmat returns a tibble of the following summary statistics using yardstick::summary.conf\_mat():

accuracy: Accuracykap: Cohen's kappa

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```
· sens: Sensitivity
```

• spec: Specificity

• ppv: Positive predictive value

• npv: Negative predictive value

• mcc: Matthews correlation coefficient

• j\_index: Youden's J statistic

• bal\_accuracy: Balanced accuracy

• detection\_prevalence: Detection prevalence

• precision: alias for ppv

• recall: alias for sens

• f\_meas: F Measure

### Note

```
ev_nmi is adapted from infotheo::mutinformation()
```

#### Author(s)

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#### References

Strehl A, Ghosh J. Cluster ensembles: a knowledge reuse framework for combining multiple partitions. J. Mach. Learn. Res. 2002;3:583-617.

### **Examples**

graphs

Graphical Displays

### Description

Graph cumulative distribution function (CDF) graphs, relative change in area under CDF curves, heatmaps, and cluster assignment tracking plots.

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### Usage

```
graph_cdf(mat)
graph_delta_area(mat)
graph_heatmap(mat, main = NULL)
graph_tracking(cl)
graph_all(x)
```

### **Arguments**

mat	same as x, or a list of consensus matrices computed from x for faster results
main	heatmap title. If NULL (default), the titles will be taken from names in mat
cl	same as $x$ , or a matrix of consensus classes computed from $x$ for faster results
X	an object from consensus_cluster()

#### **Details**

graph\_cdf plots the CDF for consensus matrices from different algorithms. graph\_delta\_area calculates the relative change in area under CDF curve between algorithms. graph\_heatmap generates consensus matrix heatmaps for each algorithm in x. graph\_tracking tracks how cluster assignments change between algorithms. graph\_all is a wrapper that runs all graphing functions.

#### Value

Various plots from graph\_\*{} functions. All plots are generated using ggplot, except for graph\_heatmap, which uses NMF::aheatmap(). Colours used in graph\_heatmap and graph\_tracking utilize RColorBrewer::brewer.pal() palettes.

### Author(s)

Derek Chiu

#### References

https://stackoverflow.com/questions/4954507/calculate-the-area-under-a-curve

```
# Consensus clustering for 3 algorithms
library(ggplot2)
set.seed(911)
x <- matrix(rnorm(80), ncol = 10)
CC1 <- consensus_cluster(x, nk = 2:4, reps = 3,
algorithms = c("hc", "pam", "km"), progress = FALSE)
# Plot CDF</pre>
```

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```
p <- graph_cdf(CC1)

# Change y label and add colours
p + labs(y = "Probability") + stat_ecdf(aes(colour = k)) +
scale_color_brewer(palette = "Set2")

# Delta Area
p <- graph_delta_area(CC1)

# Heatmaps with column side colours corresponding to clusters
CC2 <- consensus_cluster(x, nk = 3, reps = 3, algorithms = "hc", progress =
FALSE)
graph_heatmap(CC2)

# Track how cluster assignments change between algorithms
p <- graph_tracking(CC1)</pre>
```

hgsc

Gene expression data for High Grade Serous Carcinoma from TCGA

### **Description**

There are 489 samples measured on 321 genes. Sample IDs are in the row names and gene names are in the column names. This data set is used for clustering HGSC into subtypes with prognostic significance. The cluster assignments obtained by TCGA are indicated by the last six characters of each row name in hgsc: MES.C1, IMM.C2, DIF.C4, and PRO.C5

#### Usage

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#### **Format**

A data frame with 489 rows and 321 columns.

impute\_knn

K-Nearest Neighbours imputation

### Description

The non-missing cases indicate the training set, and missing cases indicate the test set.

### Usage

```
impute_knn(x, data, seed = 123456)
```

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#### **Arguments**

x clustering object data data matrix

seed random seed for knn imputation reproducibility

#### Value

An object with (potentially not all) missing values imputed with K-Nearest Neighbours.

### Note

We consider 5 nearest neighbours and the minimum vote for definite decision is 3.

### Author(s)

Aline Talhouk

#### See Also

Other imputation functions: impute\_missing()

### **Examples**

```
data(hgsc)
dat <- hgsc[1:100, 1:50]
x <- consensus_cluster(dat, nk = 4, reps = 4, algorithms = c("km", "hc",
"diana"), progress = FALSE)
x <- apply(x, 2:4, impute_knn, data = dat, seed = 1)</pre>
```

impute\_missing

Impute missing values

## Description

Impute missing values from bootstrapped subsampling

### Usage

```
impute_missing(E, data, nk)
```

### **Arguments**

Е	4D array of clusterings from consensus_cluster. The number of rows is equal
	to the number of cases to be clustered, number of columns is equal to the clus-
	terings obtained by different resamplings of the data, the third dimension are the
	different algorithms and the fourth dimension are cluster sizes.

data matrix with samples as rows and genes/features as columns

nk cluster size to extract data for (single value)

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#### **Details**

The default output from consensus\_cluster will undoubtedly contain NA entries because each replicate chooses a random subset (with replacement) of all samples. Missing values should first be imputed using impute\_knn(). Not all missing values are guaranteed to be imputed by KNN. See class::knn() for details. Thus, any remaining missing values are imputed using majority voting.

#### Value

If flattened matrix consists of more than one repetition, i.e. it isn't a column vector, then the function returns a matrix of clusterings with complete cases imputed using majority voting, and relabelled, for chosen k.

### Author(s)

Aline Talhouk

#### See Also

Other imputation functions: impute\_knn()

### Examples

```
data(hgsc)
dat <- hgsc[1:100, 1:50]
E <- consensus_cluster(dat, nk = 3:4, reps = 10, algorithms = c("hc", "km",
"sc"), progress = FALSE)
sum(is.na(E))
E_imputed <- impute_missing(E, dat, 4)
sum(is.na(E_imputed))</pre>
```

k\_modes

K-modes

### **Description**

Combine clustering results using K-modes.

#### Usage

```
k_modes(E, is.relabelled = TRUE, seed = 1)
```

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#### **Arguments**

E a matrix of clusterings with number of rows equal to the number of cases to

be clustered, number of columns equal to the clustering obtained by different resampling of the data, and the third dimension are the different algorithms.

Matrix may already be two-dimensional.

is.relabelled logical; if FALSE the data will be relabelled using the first clustering as the ref-

erence.

seed random seed for reproducibility

#### **Details**

Combine clustering results generated using different algorithms and different data perturbations by k-modes. This method is the categorical data analog of k-means clustering. Complete cases are needed: i.e. no NAs. If the matrix contains NAs those are imputed by majority voting (after class relabeling).

#### Value

a vector of cluster assignments based on k-modes

### Author(s)

Aline Talhouk

#### References

Luo, H., Kong, F., & Li, Y. (2006, August). Combining multiple clusterings via k-modes algorithm. In International Conference on Advanced Data Mining and Applications (pp. 308-315). Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg.

### See Also

```
Other consensus functions: CSPA(), LCA(), LCE(), majority_voting()
```

```
data(hgsc)
dat <- hgsc[1:100, 1:50]
cc <- consensus_cluster(dat, nk = 4, reps = 6, algorithms = "pam", progress =
FALSE)
table(k_modes(cc[, , 1, 1, drop = FALSE], is.relabelled = FALSE))</pre>
```

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LCA

Latent Class Analysis

### **Description**

Combine clustering results using latent class analysis.

### Usage

```
LCA(E, is.relabelled = TRUE, seed = 1)
```

#### **Arguments**

E a matrix of clusterings with number of rows equal to the number of cases to

be clustered, number of columns equal to the clustering obtained by different resampling of the data, and the third dimension are the different algorithms.

Matrix may already be two-dimensional.

is.relabelled logical; if FALSE the data will be relabelled using the first clustering as the ref-

erence.

seed random seed for reproducibility

#### Value

a vector of cluster assignments based on LCA

### Author(s)

Derek Chiu

#### See Also

```
Other consensus functions: CSPA(), LCE(), k_modes(), majority_voting()
```

```
data(hgsc)
dat <- hgsc[1:100, 1:50]
cc <- consensus_cluster(dat, nk = 4, reps = 6, algorithms = "pam", progress =
FALSE)
table(LCA(cc[, , 1, 1, drop = FALSE], is.relabelled = FALSE))</pre>
```

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LCE

Linkage Clustering Ensemble

### Description

Generate a cluster assignment from a CTS, SRS, or ASRS similarity matrix.

### Usage

```
LCE(E, k, dc = 0.8, R = 10, sim.mat = c("cts", "srs", "asrs"))
```

### **Arguments**

Е	is an array of clustering results. An error is thrown if there are missing values. impute_missing() can be used beforehand.
k	requested number of clusters
dc	decay constant for CTS, SRS, or ASRS matrix
R	number of repetitions for SRS matrix
sim.mat	similarity matrix; choices are "cts", "srs", "asrs".

#### Value

a vector containing the cluster assignment from either the CTS, SRS, or ASRS similarity matrices

#### Author(s)

Johnson Liu

#### See Also

```
Other consensus functions: CSPA(), LCA(), k_modes(), majority_voting()
```

```
data(hgsc)
dat <- hgsc[1:100, 1:50]
x <- consensus_cluster(dat, nk = 4, reps = 4, algorithms = c("km", "hc"),
progress = FALSE)
## Not run:
LCE(E = x, k = 4, sim.mat = "asrs")

## End(Not run)

x <- apply(x, 2:4, impute_knn, data = dat, seed = 1)
x_imputed <- impute_missing(x, dat, nk = 4)
LCE(E = x_imputed, k = 4, sim.mat = "cts")</pre>
```

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majority\_voting

Majority voting

### **Description**

Combine clustering results using majority voting.

#### Usage

```
majority_voting(E, is.relabelled = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

Ε

a matrix of clusterings with number of rows equal to the number of cases to be clustered, number of columns equal to the clustering obtained by different resampling of the data, and the third dimension are the different algorithms. Matrix may already be two-dimensional.

is.relabelled

logical; if FALSE the data will be relabelled using the first clustering as the reference.

#### **Details**

Combine clustering results generated using different algorithms and different data perturbations by majority voting. The class of a sample is the cluster label which was selected most often across algorithms and subsamples.

#### Value

a vector of cluster assignments based on majority voting

### Author(s)

Aline Talhouk

#### See Also

```
Other consensus functions: CSPA(), LCA(), LCE(), k\_modes()
```

```
data(hgsc)
dat <- hgsc[1:100, 1:50]
cc <- consensus_cluster(dat, nk = 4, reps = 6, algorithms = "pam", progress =
FALSE)
table(majority_voting(cc[, , 1, 1, drop = FALSE], is.relabelled = FALSE))</pre>
```

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min\_fnorm

Minimize Frobenius norm for between two matrices

### **Description**

Finds a permutation of a matrix such that its Frobenius norm with another matrix is minimized.

### Usage

```
min_fnorm(A, B = diag(nrow(A)))
```

### **Arguments**

A data matrix we want to permute

B matrix whose distance with the permuted A we want to minimize. By default, B

<- diag(nrow(A)), so the permutation maximizes the trace of A.

#### **Details**

Finds the permutation P of A such that | | PA - B | | is minimum in Frobenius norm. Uses the linear-sum assignment problem (LSAP) solver in the package clue. The default B is the identity matrix of same dimension, so that the permutation of A maximizes its trace. This procedure is useful for constructing a confusion matrix when we don't know the true class labels of a predicted class and want to compare to a reference class.

#### Value

Permuted matrix such that it is the permutation of A closest to B

### Author(s)

Ravi Varadhan: https://stat.ethz.ch/pipermail/r-help/2010-April/236664.html

```
set.seed(1)
A <- matrix(sample(1:25, size = 25, rep = FALSE), 5, 5)
min_fnorm(A)</pre>
```

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PAC

Proportion of Ambiguous Clustering

### Description

Given a consensus matrix, returns the proportion of ambiguous clusters (PAC). This is a robust way to assess clustering performance.

#### Usage

```
PAC(cm, lower = 0, upper = 1)
```

#### Arguments

cm consensus matrix. Should be symmetric and values between 0 and 1.

lower the lower bound that determines what is ambiguous upper the upper bound that determines what is ambiguous

#### **Details**

Since a consensus matrix is symmetric, we only look at its lower (or upper) triangular matrix. The proportion of entries strictly between lower and upper is the PAC. In a perfect clustering, the consensus matrix would consist of only 0s and 1s, and the PAC assessed on the (0, 1) interval would have a perfect score of 0. Using a (0.1, 0.9) interval for defining ambiguity is common as well.

The PAC is not, strictly speaking, an internal validity index. Originally used to choose the optimal number of clusters, here we use it to assess cluster stability. However, PAC is still agnostic any gold standard clustering result so we use it like an internal validity index.

#### Value

the PAC is a score used in clustering performance. The lower it is the better, because we want minimal ambiguity amongst the consensus.

#### Author(s)

Derek Chiu

### References

Senbabaoglu, Y., Michailidis, G., & Li, J. Z. (2014). Critical limitations of consensus clustering in class discovery. Scientific reports, 4.

```
set.seed(1)
x <- replicate(100, rbinom(100, 4, 0.2))
y <- consensus_matrix(x)
PAC(y, lower = 0.05, upper = 0.95)</pre>
```

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pcn	Simulate and select null distributions on empirical gene-gene correlations
	tions

### **Description**

Using a principal component constructed from the sample space, we simulate null distributions with univariate Normal distributions using pcn\_simulate. Then a subset of these distributions is chosen using pcn\_select.

#### Usage

```
pcn_simulate(data, n.sim = 50)
pcn_select(data.sim, cl, type = c("rep", "range"), int = 5)
```

#### **Arguments**

data	data matrix with rows as samples, columns as features
n.sim	The number of simulated datasets to simulate
data.sim	an object from pcn_simulate
cl	vector of cluster memberships
type	select either the representative dataset ("rep") or a range of datasets ("range")
int	every int data sets from median-ranked data. sim are taken. Defaults to 5.

#### Value

pcn\_simulate returns a list of length n.sim. Each element is a simulated matrix using this "Principal Component Normal" (pcn) procedure.

pcn\_select returns a list with elements

- ranks: When type = "range", ranks of each extracted dataset shown
- ind: index of representative simulation
- dat: simulation data representation of all in pcNormal

### Author(s)

Derek Chiu

```
set.seed(9)
A <- matrix(rnorm(300), nrow = 20)
pc.dat <- pcn_simulate(A, n.sim = 50)
cl <- sample(1:4, 20, replace = TRUE)
pc.select <- pcn_select(pc.dat, cl, "rep")</pre>
```

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Prepare data for consensus clustering

### **Description**

Perform feature selection or dimension reduction to remove noise variables.

#### Usage

```
prepare_data(
  data,
  scale = TRUE,
  type = c("conventional", "robust", "tsne"),
  min.var = 1
)
```

### Arguments

data matrix with rows as samples and columns as variables

scale logical; should the data be centered and scaled?

type if we use "conventional" measures (default), then the mean and standard devi-

ation are used for centering and scaling, respectively. If "robust" measures are specified, the median and median absolute deviation (MAD) are used. Alterna-

tively, we can apply "tsne" for dimension reduction.

min.var minimum variability measure threshold used to filter the feature space for only

highly variable features. Only features with a minimum variability measure across all samples greater than min.var will be used. If type = "conventional", the standard deviation is the measure used, and if type = "robust", the MAD

is the measure used.

### **Details**

We can apply a basic filtering method of feature selection that removes variables with low signal and (optionally) scales before consensus clustering. Or, we can use t-SNE dimension reduction to transform the data to just two variables. This lower-dimensional embedding allows algorithms such as hierarchical clustering to achieve greater performance.

#### Value

dataset prepared for usage in consensus\_cluster

#### Author(s)

Derek Chiu

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### **Examples**

```
set.seed(2)
x <- replicate(10, rnorm(100))
x.prep <- prepare_data(x)
dim(x)
dim(x.prep)</pre>
```

relabel\_class

Relabel classes to a standard

### Description

Relabel clustering categories to match to a standard by minimizing the Frobenius norm between the two labels.

### Usage

```
relabel_class(pred.cl, ref.cl)
```

### Arguments

pred.cl vector of predicted cluster assignments
ref.cl vector of reference labels to match to

#### Value

A vector of relabeled cluster assignments

### Author(s)

Aline Talhouk

```
set.seed(2)
pred <- sample(1:4, 100, replace = TRUE)
true <- sample(1:4, 100, replace = TRUE)
relabel_class(pred, true)</pre>
```

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sigclust	Significant Testing of Clustering Results	

### Description

Uses the SigClust K-Means algorithm to assess significance of clustering results.

### Usage

```
sigclust(x, k, nsim, nrep = 1, labflag = 0, label = 0, icovest = 2)
```

#### **Arguments**

x	data matrix, samples are rows and features are columns
k	cluster size to test against
nsim	number of simulations
nrep	See sigclust::sigclust() for details.
labflag	See sigclust::sigclust() for details.
label	true class label. See sigclust::sigclust() for details.
icovest	type of covariance matrix estimation

### **Details**

This function is a wrapper for the original sigclust::sigclust(), except that an additional parameter k is allows testing against any number of clusters. In addition, the default type of covariance estimation is also different.

#### Value

```
An object of class sigclust. See sigclust::sigclust() for details.
```

#### Author(s)

```
Hanwen Huang: <hanwenh@email.unc.edu>; Yufeng Liu: <yfliu@email.unc.edu>; J. S. Marron: <marron@email.unc.edu>
```

#### References

Liu, Yufeng, Hayes, David Neil, Nobel, Andrew and Marron, J. S, 2008, *Statistical Significance of Clustering for High-Dimension, Low-Sample Size Data, Journal of the American Statistical Association* **103**(483) 1281–1293.

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#### **Examples**

```
data(hgsc)
dat <- hgsc[1:100, 1:50]
nk <- 4
cc <- consensus_cluster(dat, nk = nk, reps = 5, algorithms = "pam",
progress = FALSE)
cl.mat <- consensus_combine(cc, element = "class")
lab <- cl.mat$^4`[, 1]
set.seed(1)
str(sigclust(x = dat, k = nk, nsim = 50, labflag = 1, label = lab))</pre>
```

similarity

Similarity Matrices

### **Description**

cts computes the connected triple based similarity matrix, srs computes the simrank based similarity matrix, and asrs computes the approximated simrank based similarity matrix.

### Usage

```
cts(E, dc)
srs(E, dc, R)
asrs(E, dc)
```

#### **Arguments**

E an N by M matrix of cluster ensembles

dc decay factor, ranges from 0 to 1 inclusive

R number of iterations for srs

### Value

```
an N by N CTS, SRS, or ASRS matrix
```

### Author(s)

Johnson Liu, Derek Chiu

#### References

MATLAB functions cts, srs, asrs in package LinkCluE by Simon Garrett

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```
set.seed(1)
E <- matrix(rep(sample(1:4, 800, replace = TRUE)), nrow = 100)
CTS <- cts(E = E, dc = 0.8)
SRS <- srs(E = E, dc = 0.8, R = 3)
ASRS <- asrs(E = E, dc = 0.8)
purrr::walk(list(CTS, SRS, ASRS), str)</pre>
```

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