Bioinformatics III

Eighth Assignment

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Exercise 8.1: Data Preprocessing

(a) **Data matrix:** *The supplement contains the data˙matrix.py–file with the outline of a DataMatrix–class in which you should complete.*

Listing 1: Data Matrix class script

```
import pandas as pd
from scipy import stats

class DataMatrix:
    def __init__(self, file_path):
        """
        :param file_path: path to the input matrix file
        """
        self.file_path = file_path
        self.df = None

        # read the matrix in the input file, remove rows with empty values and
            merge duplicate rows
        self.read_data()

    def read_data(self):
        """
        Reads data from a given matrix file, where the first line gives the
            names of the columns and the first column
        gives the names of the rows. Removes rows with empty or non-numerical
            values and merges rows with the same
        name into one.
        """

        # Read the file in a pandas DataFrame
        self.df = pd.read_csv(self.file_path, index_col=False, sep='\t')

        # Drop all NAN before setting the first columns as index, as some
            index label might be NaN/empty
        self.df.dropna(axis=0, how="any", inplace=True)

        # Change the first column's name
        new_columns = self.df.columns.values
        new_columns[0] = "Index"
        self.df.columns = new_columns

        # Sort values for later use (to_tsv)
        self.df = self.df.sort_values('Index')

        # Group by index: remove duplicate rows by meaning the rows values
        # Set 'Index' as index automatically
        self.df = self.df.groupby('Index').mean()
```

```
        # Print to console to have a nice overview
        # print(self.df)


    def get_rows(self):
        """
        :return: dictionary with keys = row names, values = list of row values
        """
        rows = {}

        for index, row in self.df.iterrows():
            rows[index] = list(row)

        return rows


    def get_columns(self):
        """
        :return: dictionary with keys = column names, values = list of column
            values
        """
        cols = {}
        for name, values in self.df.iteritems():
            cols[name] = list(values)

        return cols

    def not_normal_distributed(self, alpha, rows):
        """
        Uses the Shapiro-Wilk test to compute all rows (or columns) that are
            not normally distributed.
        :param alpha: significance threshold
        :param rows: True if the Shapiro-Wilk p-values should be computed for
            the rows, False if for the columns
        :return: dictionary with keys = row/columns names, values = Shapiro-
            Wilk p-value
        """

        ret = {}

        if rows:
            tmp = self.get_rows()
        else:
            tmp = self.get_columns()

        for key, value in tmp.items():
            shapiro = stats.shapiro(tmp[key])
            pvalue = shapiro[1]

            if pvalue < alpha:
                ret[key] = pvalue

        return ret

    def to_tsv(self, file_path):
        """
        Writes the processed matrix into a tab-separated file, with the same
            column order as the input matrix and
        the rows in lexicographical order.
        :param file_path: path to the output file
        """

        self.df.to_csv(file_path, sep='\t')
```

(b) **Process expression and methylation data:** *In the function exercise 1() in main.py, use your DataMatrix–class to read in the expression and methylation tables given in the supple-*

ment and write the processed matrices into files. [1]

Listing 2: Main programm

```
from data_matrix import DataMatrix
from network import CorrelationNetwork
from correlation import CorrelationMatrix
from cluster import CorrelationClustering

def dict_to_file(dict, path):
    """

    :param dict: Dictionnary you want to write to file
    :param path: Path or filename
    :return: nada
    """
    fout = path
    fo = open(fout, "w")

    for k, v in dict.items():
        fo.write(str(k) + ' -> ' + str(v) + '\n')

    fo.close()

def exercise_1():
    # Read data
    data_expression = DataMatrix("./expression.tsv")
    data_methylation = DataMatrix("./methylation.tsv")

    # Uses the Shapiro-Wilk test to test if the data follow a normal
        distribution
    ALPHA = 0.05

    not_normal_expression_genes = data_expression.not_normal_distributed(ALPHA
        , True)
    dict_to_file(not_normal_expression_genes, "./not_normal_expression_genes.
        txt")
    print("Number of genes whose data does not follow a normal distribution (
        EXPRESSION): ", len(not_normal_expression_genes))

    not_normal_expression_sample = data_expression.not_normal_distributed(
        ALPHA, False)
    dict_to_file(not_normal_expression_sample, "./not_normal_expression_sample
        .txt")
    print("Number of sample whose data does not follow a normal distribution (
        EXPRESSION): ", len(not_normal_expression_sample))

    not_normal_methylation_genes = data_methylation.not_normal_distributed(
        ALPHA, True)
    dict_to_file(not_normal_methylation_genes, "./not_normal_methylation_genes
        .txt")
    print("Number of genes whose data does not follow a normal distribution (
        METHYLATION): ", len(not_normal_methylation_genes))

    not_normal_methylation_sample = data_methylation.not_normal_distributed(
        ALPHA, False)
    dict_to_file(not_normal_methylation_sample, "./
        not_normal_methylation_sample.txt")
    print("Number of sample whose data does not follow a normal distribution (
        METHYLATION): ", len(not_normal_methylation_sample))


    # Write processed matrix to file
    data_expression.to_tsv("schmitt_schowing_expression.tsv")
    data_methylation.to_tsv("schmitt_schowing_methylation.tsv")
```

[1] The files are attached with the source files in the email.

```
def exercise_3():
    #

    # Read data
    data_expression = DataMatrix("./expression.tsv")
    data_methylation = DataMatrix("./methylation.tsv")

    NETWORK_THRESHOLD = 0.75

    # Expression
    cm = CorrelationMatrix(data_expression, "Pearson", True)
    cn = CorrelationNetwork(cm,NETWORK_THRESHOLD)
    cn.to_sif("./schmitt_schowing_expression_network_pearson.sif")

    cm = CorrelationMatrix(data_expression, "Spearman", True)
    cn = CorrelationNetwork(cm, NETWORK_THRESHOLD)
    cn.to_sif("./schmitt_schowing_expression_network_spearman.sif")

    cm = CorrelationMatrix(data_expression, "Kendall", True)
    cn = CorrelationNetwork(cm, NETWORK_THRESHOLD)
    cn.to_sif("./schmitt_schowing_expression_network_kendall.sif")

    # Methylation
    cm = CorrelationMatrix(data_methylation, "Pearson", True)
    cn = CorrelationNetwork(cm,NETWORK_THRESHOLD)
    cn.to_sif("./schmitt_schowing_methylation_network_pearson.sif")

    cm = CorrelationMatrix(data_methylation, "Spearman", True)
    cn = CorrelationNetwork(cm, NETWORK_THRESHOLD)
    cn.to_sif("./schmitt_schowing_methylation_network_spearman.sif")

    cm = CorrelationMatrix(data_methylation, "Kendall", True)
    cn = CorrelationNetwork(cm, NETWORK_THRESHOLD)
    cn.to_sif("./schmitt_schowing_methylation_network_kendall.sif")


def exercise_4():
    # TODO
    # correlation matrix -> columns and not rows

    data_expression = DataMatrix("./expression.tsv")
    data_methylation = DataMatrix("./methylation.tsv")

    # With the expression data
    cm = CorrelationMatrix(data_expression, "Kendall", False)
    cc = CorrelationClustering(cm)
    cc.trace_to_tsv("schmitt_schowing_expression_cluster_kendall.tsv")

    cm = CorrelationMatrix(data_expression, "Pearson", False)
    cc = CorrelationClustering(cm)
    cc.trace_to_tsv("schmitt_schowing_expression_cluster_pearson.tsv")

    cm = CorrelationMatrix(data_expression, "Spearman", False)
    cc = CorrelationClustering(cm)
    cc.trace_to_tsv("schmitt_schowing_expression_cluster_spearman.tsv")

    # With the methylation data
    cm = CorrelationMatrix(data_methylation, "Kendall", False)
    cc = CorrelationClustering(cm)
    cc.trace_to_tsv("schmitt_schowing_methylation_cluster_kendall.tsv")

    cm = CorrelationMatrix(data_methylation, "Pearson", False)
    cc = CorrelationClustering(cm)
```

```
115     cc.trace_to_tsv("schmitt_schowing_methylation_cluster_pearson.tsv")

        cm = CorrelationMatrix(data_methylation, "Spearman", False)
        cc = CorrelationClustering(cm)
        cc.trace_to_tsv("schmitt_schowing_methylation_cluster_spearman.tsv")
120

# only execute the following if this module is the entry point of the program,
      not when it is imported into another file
if __name__ == '__main__':
        exercise_1()
125     exercise_3()
        exercise_4()
```

For each input file, report the number of genes and samples whose data does not follow a normal distribution with $\alpha = 0.05$.

Number of genes whose data does not follow a normal distribution (EXPRESSION): 73

Number of sample whose data does not follow a normal distribution (EXPRESSION): 19

Number of genes whose data does not follow a normal distribution (METHYLATION): 66

Number of sample whose data does not follow a normal distribution (METHYLATION): 19

Exercise 8.2: Correlation Measures

Listing 3: Correlation matrix

```
from itertools import combinations
from scipy import stats


def rank(x):
    """
    :param x: a list of values
    :return: ranking of the input list
    Note: not used because of laziness
    """

    return stats.rankdata(x)


def pearson_correlation(x, y):
    """
    :param x: a list of values
    :param y: a list of values
    :return: Pearson correlation coefficient of X and Y
    """

    return stats.pearsonr(x, y)[0]


def spearman_correlation(x, y):
    """
    :param x: a list of values
    :param y: a list of values
    :return: Spearman correlation coefficient of X and Y
    """

    return stats.spearmanr(x, y)[0]


def kendall_correlation(x, y):
    """
    :param x: a list of values
    :param y: a list of values
    :return: Kendall-B correlation coefficient of X and Y
    """

    return stats.kendalltau(x, y)[0]


class CorrelationMatrix(dict):
    """
    This class behaves like a dictionary, where the correlation between two
        elements 1 and 2 is accessible via
    cor_matrix[(element_1, element_2)] or cor_matrix[(element_2, element_1)] since
        the matrix is symmetrical.
    It also stores the row (or column) names of the input DataMatrix.
    """
    def __init__(self, data_matrix, method, rows):
        """
        :param data_matrix: a DataMatrix (see data_matrix.py)
        :param method: string specifying the correlation method, must be 'Pearson',
            'Spearman' or 'Kendall'
        :param rows: True if the correlation matrix should be constructed for the
            rows, False if for the columns
        """
        # initialise the dictionary
        super().__init__(self)
```

```
        # if rows = True, then compute the correlation matrix for the row data
        if rows:
            data = data_matrix.get_rows()
        # if rows = False, then compute the correlation matrix for the column data
        else:
            data = data_matrix.get_columns()

        # sorted list of row names (or column names) in the input data matrix
        self.names = list(sorted(data.keys()))

        # compute the correlation between all pairs of rows (or columns)
        for name_1, name_2 in combinations(data.keys(), 2):
            # use the specified correlation method
            if method == 'Pearson':
                correlation = pearson_correlation(data[name_1], data[name_2])
            elif method == 'Spearman':
                correlation = spearman_correlation(data[name_1], data[name_2])
            elif method == 'Kendall':
                correlation = kendall_correlation(data[name_1], data[name_2])
            else:
                raise ValueError('The correlation method not supported must be
                    either Pearson, Spearman or Kendall.')

            # add the correlation symmetrically
            self[(name_1, name_2)] = correlation
            self[(name_2, name_1)] = correlation
```

Exercise 8.3: Gene Co–Expression Networks

(a) Network construction

Listing 4: Correlation network

```
import collections
import pandas as pd
import math

class CorrelationNetwork:
    def __init__(self, correlation_matrix, threshold):
        """
        Constructs a co-expression network from a correlation matrix by adding
             edges between nodes with absolute
        correlation bigger than the given threshold.
        :param correlation_matrix: a CorrelationMatrix (see correlation.py)
        :param threshold: a float between 0 and 1
        """

        interactions = []
        for tup, corr in correlation_matrix.items():

            correlation = str(round(corr, 2))
            node0 = tup[0]
            node1 = tup[1]

            tmp = [node0, node1, correlation]
            tmp.sort(reverse=True)
            interactions.append(tmp)

        # create set of unique node connections (src, dest, corr)
        set_interractions = set(tuple(i) for i in interactions)

        # Sort the set
        set_interractions = sorted(set_interractions)

        # Make a dataframe
        df_interractions = pd.DataFrame.from_records(set_interractions)

        # Set columns names
        df_interractions.columns = ['src', 'dest', 'corr']

        # Creating a dictionary with the structure as below:
        #   dict (src, corr): [dest]
        self.dc_interact = collections.defaultdict(list)

        # Fill the dictionary with unique src - correlation id and a dest.
            list
        for index, row in df_interractions.iterrows():
            # Skip too small correlations (threshold vs absolute value)
            if math.fabs(float(row['corr'])) < threshold:
                continue

            # If the correlation is big enough, add it to the dictionary
            tmp_tuple = (row['src'], row['corr'])
            self.dc_interact[tmp_tuple].append(row['dest'])

    def to_sif(self, file_path):
        """
        Write the network into a simple interaction file (SIF).
        Column 0: label of the source node
        Column 1: interaction type
        Columns 2+: label of target node(s)
        :param file_path: path to the output file
        """
```

```
        f = open(file_path, "w")  # opens file
60
        for key, value in self.dc_interact.items():
            dests = ""
            for dest in self.dc_interact[key]:
                dests += "\t" + dest
65
            f.write(str(key[0]) + "\t" + str(key[1]) + dests + "\n")
        f.close()
```

(b) **Network visualisation**[2]

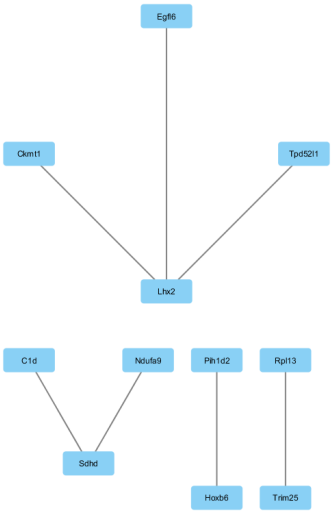

Figure 1: Expression network with Kendall correlation

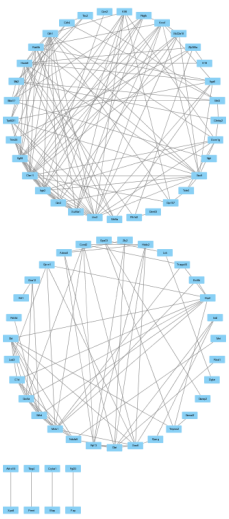

Figure 2: Expression network with Pearson correlation

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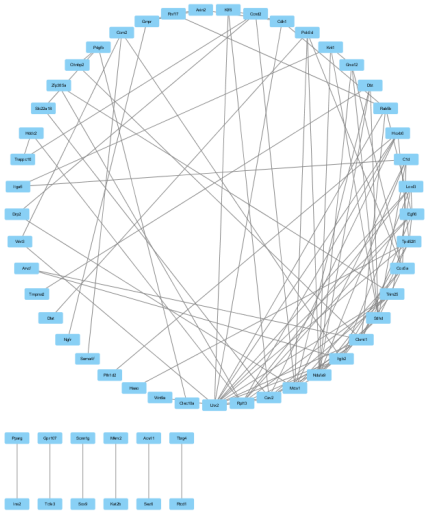

Figure 3: Expression network with Spearman correlation

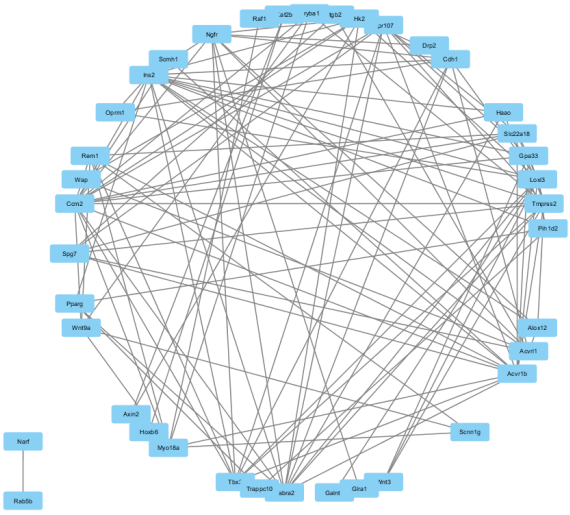

Figure 4: Methylation network with Kendall correlation

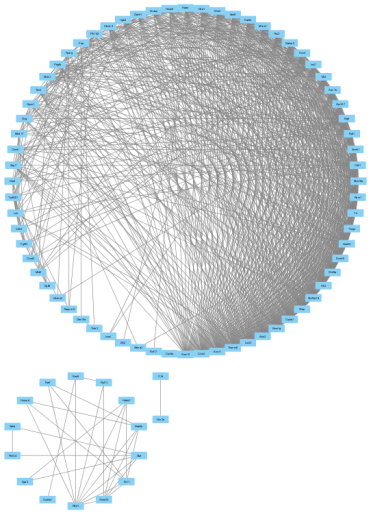

Figure 5: Methylation network with Pearson correlation

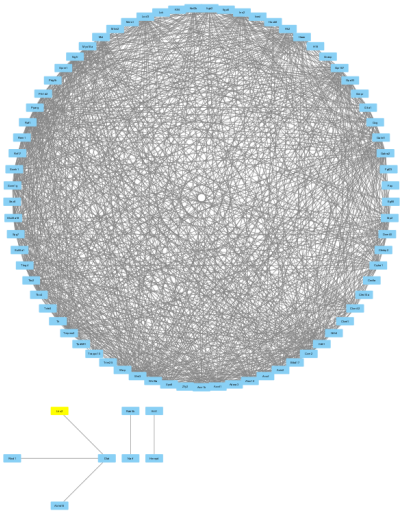

Figure 6: Methylation network with Spearman correlation

(c) **Discussion:** *Briefly comment on the similarities and difference between the networks. Explain and discuss your results.*

We observe that the number of highly correlated gene is much higher when we look at the methylation in opposition as when we look at the expression.

Exercise 8.4: Hierarchical Clustering

(a) **Implementation:**

Listing 5: Hierarchical clustering

```
import itertools

class Cluster(frozenset):
    """
    This class behaves like a frozenset, meaning it only contains unique items like a set but you cannot add or remove
    items, which makes it hashable and thus suitable for dictionary keys or as elements of a normal set.
    You can use the modified union method to merge two clusters as follows: merged_cluster = cluster_1.union(cluster_2)
    The to string method was modified as well to help with the trace_to_tsv() method in exercise 8.4.
    """
    def __str__(self):
        """
        :return: string with the sorted elements of the current cluster: element_1, element_2,...
        """
        return ', '.join(sorted(self))

    def union(self, iterable):
        """
        :param iterable: a Cluster, list, set, iterator,...
        :return: a new Cluster containing all elements in the current cluster and the iterable
        """
        return Cluster(list(self) + list(iterable))


class CorrelationClustering:
    def __init__(self, correlation_matrix):
        """
        Initialises and executes hierarchical clustering based on a correlation matrix.
        :param correlation_matrix: a CorrelationMatrix (see correlation.py)

        Structure of correlation matrix:
        {('Abhd15', 'Acvr1b'): -0.2081407989673640 4, ('Acvr1b', 'Abhd15'): -0.2081407989673640 4, ('Abhd15', 'Acvrl1'): -0.1324532357065043 9,
        """
        # distance metric
        self.d = correlation_matrix
        # list of tuples: [(cluster 1 to merge, cluster 2 to merge, linkage value between the two clusters),...]
        self.trace = []
        # cluster the elements in the correlation matrix
        self.cluster()

    def cluster(self):
        """
        Hierarchically clusters the elements in the input correlation matrix and stores each step in the trace.
        """
        # Create a set of unique correlation (a, b, corr) but not (b, a, corr)

        # set of nodes (experiments)
        set_experiment = set(i for i in self.d.names)

        all_individual_clusters = []
        for element in set_experiment:
            tmp_cluster = Cluster([element])
            all_individual_clusters.append(tmp_cluster)
```

```
        # while we have more than one cluster

        while len(all_individual_clusters) > 1:
            # Compute linkage for all pair
            all_pairs = list(itertools.combinations(all_individual_clusters,
                2))

            index_max_linkage = 0
            max_linkage = 0
            for i in range(len(all_pairs)):
                tmp_linkage = self.average_linkage(all_pairs[i][0], all_pairs[
                    i][1])
                if tmp_linkage > max_linkage:
                    max_linkage = tmp_linkage
                    index_max_linkage = i

            # Now we have the two clusters to merge: merge them and remove
                them from the list
            # First add them to the trace
            self.trace.append([all_pairs[index_max_linkage][0], all_pairs[
                index_max_linkage][1], max_linkage])
            new_cluster = all_pairs[index_max_linkage][0].union(all_pairs[
                index_max_linkage][1])

            # Remove the two clusters that are gonna be merged from the list
            all_individual_clusters.remove(all_pairs[index_max_linkage][0])
            all_individual_clusters.remove(all_pairs[index_max_linkage][1])

            # Append the new cluster resulting from the merging of the two old
                ones
            all_individual_clusters.append(new_cluster)


    def average_linkage(self, cluster_1, cluster_2):
        """
        :return: average linkage between cluster 1 and cluster 2
        """

        sum_ = 0
        for key1 in cluster_1:
            for key2 in cluster_2:
                sum_ += abs(self.d[(key1, key2)])

        return 1/(len(cluster_1) * len(cluster_2)) * sum_

    def trace_to_tsv(self, file_path):
        """
        Writes the clustering trace into a tab-separated file. Each line
            represents a step in the clustering, in which
        two clusters are merged.
        Column 0: comma-separated names in cluster 1
        Column 1: comma-separated names in cluster 2
        Column 2: linkage value
        :param file_path: path to the output file
        """

        f = open(file_path, "w")  # opens file

        # At each step we have the two merged cluster and their linkage value
        # The linkage value is rounded to 4 digits to make it nice
        for step in self.trace:
            f.write(str(step[0]) + "\t" + str(step[1]) + "\t" + str(round(step
                [2], 4)) + "\n")

        f.close()
```

(b) **Application:** *In the function exercise 4() in main.py (listing 2), use your implementation to hierarchically cluster the expression and methylation data tables with the Pearson, Spearman and Kendall correlation coefficient. This should give you a total of 6 TSV files*

(c) **Discussion:** *Can hierarchical clustering be used to differentiate between blood cells and skin tissues? Are there differences between the correlation coefficients or data type? Why?*

Let's first recall the two different types of cells. In this experiment we have the samples HSC, MPP1, MPP2, CLP, CMP, GMP, MEP, CD4, CD8, B cell, Eryth, Granu and Mono that are from blood cells, whereas the samples TBSC, ABSC, MTAC, CLDC, EPro and EDif from skin tissues. In the listing 7 at line 15, one of the last merge, we can see that the two merged cluster are from samples from different cells (blood or skin) meaning that the clustering is working well[3]. We can assume here that the genes in a skin cell or in a blood cell are not expressed and/or methylated in the same way as the function of the cells are not the same.

Listing 6: Hierarchical clustering example with methylation data and Pearson correlation

```
0 GMP       Granu     0.9988
  MPP2      CMP       0.9985
  CD8       CD4       0.9981
  CLP       CMP, MPP2         0.9972
  GMP, Granu          CLP, CMP, MPP2   0.9965
5 Mono      CLP, CMP, GMP, Granu, MPP2         0.9961
  MPP1      HSC       0.9956
  TBSC      ABSC      0.9955
  CLP, CMP, GMP, Granu, MPP2, Mono          HSC, MPP1         0.9919
  EPro      EDif      0.9918
10 CD4, CD8           CLP, CMP, GMP, Granu, HSC, MPP1, MPP2, Mono       0.9901
  MEP       CD4, CD8, CLP, CMP, GMP, Granu, HSC, MPP1, MPP2, Mono    0.9889
  MTAC      ABSC, TBSC        0.9889
  B_cell    CD4, CD8, CLP, CMP, GMP, Granu, HSC, MEP, MPP1, MPP2, Mono        0.9871
  EDif, EPro          ABSC, MTAC, TBSC          0.9795
15 CLDC      ABSC, EDif, EPro, MTAC, TBSC      0.9768
  B_cell, CD4, CD8, CLP, CMP, GMP, Granu, HSC, MEP, MPP1, MPP2, Mono        ABSC,
      CLDC, EDif, EPro, MTAC, TBSC        0.9155
  Eryth     ABSC, B_cell, CD4, CD8, CLDC, CLP, CMP, EDif, EPro, GMP, Granu, HSC,
      MEP, MPP1, MPP2, MTAC, Mono, TBSC   0.8979
```

[3]Notice that here, the ABSC sample is not present due to a too small correlation with the others, and therefore, is not present in the dendrogram.

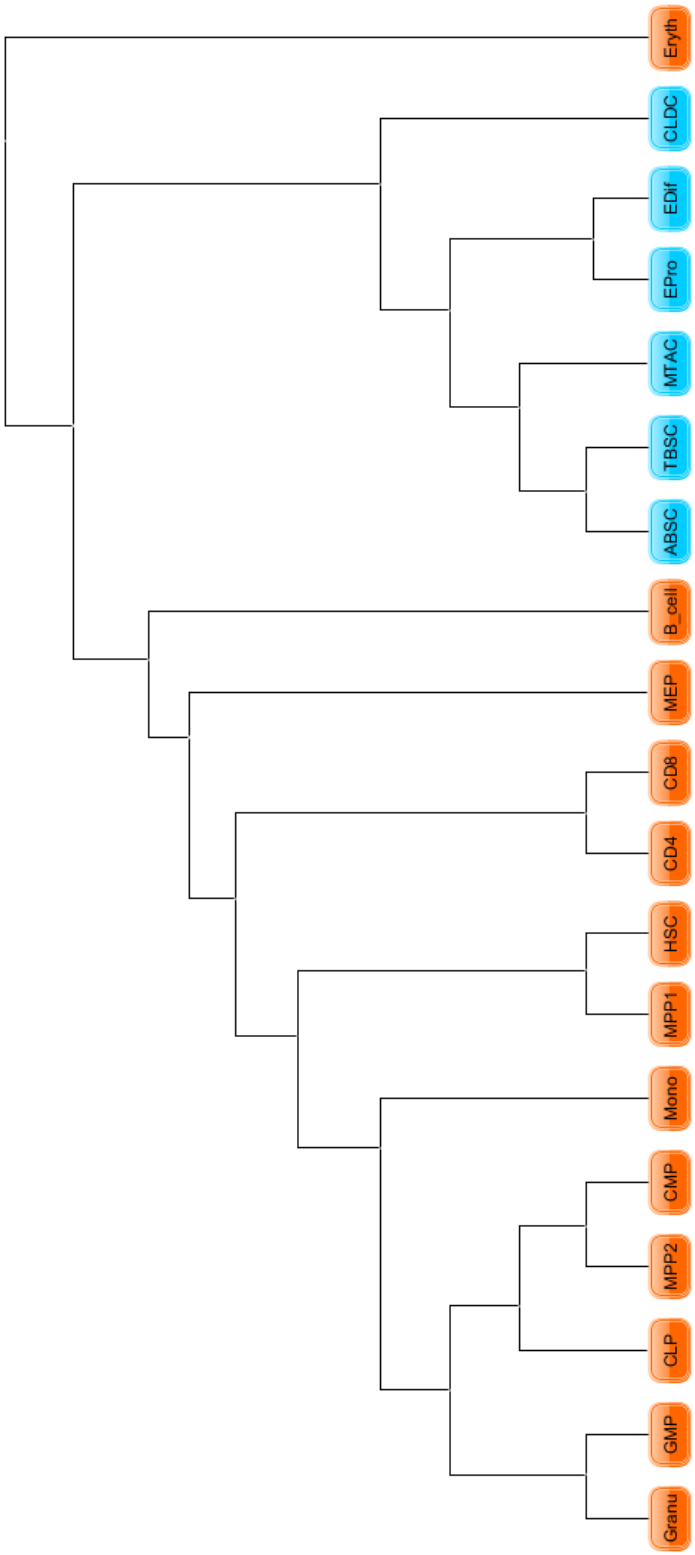

Figure 7: Dendrogram of the clustering in listing 7. The blue nodes are skin cells, and the orange one blood cells.

Listing 7: Hierarchical clustering example with expression data and Pearson correlation. The clustering is also separating the skin and blood cells very well.

```
0 CLP MPP2 0.9904
  CMP GMP 0.9857
  MPP1 CLP, MPP2 0.9832
  TBSC ABSC 0.9733
  CMP, GMP CLP, MPP1, MPP2 0.9712
5 CD8 CD4 0.9709
  EPro EDif 0.947
  HSC CLP, CMP, GMP, MPP1, MPP2 0.9432
  Mono Granu 0.9381
  B_cell CLP, CMP, GMP, HSC, MPP1, MPP2 0.9254
10 MEP B_cell, CLP, CMP, GMP, HSC, MPP1, MPP2 0.9036
  MTAC ABSC, TBSC 0.8931
  CD4, CD8 Granu, Mono 0.8842
  EDif, EPro ABSC, MTAC, TBSC 0.872
  Eryth B_cell, CLP, CMP, GMP, HSC, MEP, MPP1, MPP2 0.8686
15 CD4, CD8, Granu, Mono B_cell, CLP, CMP, Eryth, GMP, HSC, MEP, MPP1, MPP2
    0.8549
  CLDC ABSC, EDif, EPro, MTAC, TBSC 0.8402
  B_cell, CD4, CD8, CLP, CMP, Eryth, GMP, Granu, HSC, MEP, MPP1, MPP2, Mono
    ABSC, CLDC, EDif, EPro, MTAC, TBSC 0.6466
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