## Package 'clustree'

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**Description** Deciding what resolution to use can be a difficult question when approaching a clustering analysis. One way to approach this problem is to look at how samples move as the number of clusters increases. This package allows you to produce clustering trees, a visualisation for interrogating clusterings as resolution increases.

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add\_node\_labels

clusterings as resolution increases.

Description Add node labels to a clustering tree plot with the specified aesthetics.

Add node labels

## Usage

add\_node\_labels(node\_label, node\_colour, node\_label\_size,

node\_label\_colour, node\_label\_nudge, allowed)

numeric value giving nudge in y direction for node labels

vector of allowed node attributes to use as aesthetics

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node\_label\_nudge

allowed

add\_node\_points

Description Add node points to a clustering tree plot with the specified aesthetics.

add\_node\_points

Arguments

Add node points

add\_node\_points(node\_colour, node\_size, node\_alpha, allowed)

Usage

Arguments

node colour either a value indicating a colour to use for all nodes or the name of a metadata

column to colour nodes by

either a numeric value giving the size of all nodes or the name of a metadata node\_size column to use for node sizes

either a numeric value giving the alpha of all nodes or the name of a metadata node\_alpha column to use for node transparency

allowed vector of allowed node attributes to use as aesthetics

logical vector indicating which rows of metadata are in the node to be summa-

Aggregate a metadata column to get a summarized value for a cluster node Usage

Aggregate metadata

aggr\_metadata(node\_data, col\_name, col\_aggr, metadata, is\_cluster)

node\_data data.frame containing information about a set of cluster nodes col\_name the name of the metadata column to aggregate

is\_cluster

aggr\_metadata

Description

Arguments

string naming a function used to aggregate the column col\_aggr metadata data.frame providing metadata on samples

rized

Value

data.frame with aggregated data

assert\_colour\_node\_aes

Assert colour node aesthetics

Description

Raise error if an incorrect set of colour node parameters has been supplied.

Usage assert\_colour\_node\_aes(node\_aes\_name, prefix, metadata, node\_aes, node\_aes\_aggr, min, max)

Arguments name of the node aesthetic to check node\_aes\_name prefix string indicating columns containing clustering information

thetics node aes value of the node aesthetic to check aggregation function associated with the node aesthetic node\_aes\_aggr

data.frame containing metadata on each sample that can be used as node aes-

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minimum numeric value allowed min maximum numeric value allowed max

assert\_node\_aes Assert node aesthetics

## Description

assert\_node\_aes

metadata

Raise error if an incorrect set of node parameters has been supplied.

Usage

string indicating columns containing clustering information

## assert\_node\_aes(node\_aes\_name, prefix, metadata, node\_aes, node\_aes\_aggr)

Arguments

name of the node aesthetic to check

# node\_aes\_name

prefix

metadata data.frame containing metadata on each sample that can be used as node aesthetics

value of the node aesthetic to check node\_aes aggregation function associated with the node aesthetic node\_aes\_aggr

assert\_numeric\_node\_aes

Description

Raise error if an incorrect set of numeric node parameters has been supplied.

Assert numeric node aesthetics

Usage

assert\_numeric\_node\_aes(node\_aes\_name, prefix, metadata, node\_aes, node\_aes\_aggr, min, max)

string indicating columns containing clustering information

data.frame containing metadata on each sample that can be used as node aes-

name of the node aesthetic to check

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### node\_aes\_name prefix

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metadata node\_aes

value of the node aesthetic to check node\_aes\_aggr aggregation function associated with the node aesthetic min minimum numeric value allowed maximum numeric value allowed max

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build\_tree\_graph

Description Build a tree graph from a set of clusterings, metadata and associated aesthetics

Usage

build\_tree\_graph(clusterings, prefix, count\_filter, prop\_filter, metadata, node\_aes\_list)

Arguments clusterings

Value

prefix count filter

count threshold for filtering edges in the clustering graph prop\_filter metadata

in proportion threshold for filtering edges in the clustering graph

node\_aes\_list

data.frame containing metadata on each sample that can be used as node aesthetics nested list containing node aesthetics

tering at a separate resolution

string indicating columns containing clustering information

numeric matrix containing clustering information, each column contains clus-

tidygraph::tbl\_graph object containing the tree graph

## Details

This index was originally introduced in the SC3 package for clustering single-cell RNA-seq data. Clusters are awarded increased stability if they share the same samples as a cluster at another resolution and penalised at higher resolutions. We use a slightly different notation to describe the score but the results are the same:

$$s(c_{k,i}) = \frac{1}{size(L) + 1} \sum_{l \in L} \sum_{j \in N_l} \frac{size(c_{k,i} \cap c_{l,j})}{size(c_{l,j}) * size(N_l)^2}$$

Where:

- c\_{x, y} is cluster y at resolution x
- k is the resolution of the cluster we want to score
- i is the index of the cluster we want to score

The documentation for the calculate\_stability function in the SC3 package

- L is the set of all resolutions except k
- 1 is a resolution in L
- N\_1 is the set of clusters at resolution 1 that share samples with c\_{k, i}
- j is a cluster in N\_1

### Value

SC3 stability index

### See Also

### Warn if node aesthetic names are incorrect

warn it node aesthetic names are incorrect

check\_node\_aes\_list(node\_aes\_list)

Usage

Description

Arguments

### node\_aes\_list List of node aesthetics

Value

Corrected node aesthetics list

Creates a plot of a clustering tree showing the relationship between clusterings at different resolu-

node\_colour = prefix, node\_colour\_aggr = NULL, node\_size = "size",

node\_label\_nudge = -0.2, edge\_width = 1.5, edge\_arrow = TRUE, edge\_arrow\_ends = c("last", "first", "both"), show\_axis = FALSE,

Plot a clustering tree

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```
count_filter = 0, prop_filter = 0.1, layout = c("tree",
   "sugiyama"), use_core_edges = TRUE, highlight_core = FALSE,
```

Usage
 clustree(x, ...)

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tions.

```
## S3 method for class 'matrix'
clustree(x, prefix, suffix = NULL, metadata = NULL,
```

```
node_size_aggr = NULL, node_size_range = c(4, 15), node_alpha = 1,
node_alpha_aggr = NULL, node_text_size = 3,
scale_node_text = FALSE, node_text_colour = "black",
node_label = NULL, node_label_aggr = NULL, node_label_size = 3,
```

## S3 method for class 'data.frame'

clustree(x, prefix, ...)

return = c("plot", "graph", "layout"), ...)

## S3 method for class 'SingleCellExperiment'
clustree(x, prefix, exprs = "counts", ...)

## S3 method for class 'seurat'
clustree(x, prefix = "res.", exprs = c("data",
 "raw.data", "scale.data"), ...)

# Arguments

prop\_filter

```
    extra parameters passed to other methods
    prefix string indicating columns containing clustering information
    suffix string at the end of column names containing clustering info
```

object containing clustering data

suffix string at the end of column names containing clustering information

metadata data.frame containing metadata on each sample that can be used as node aesthetics

count\_filter count threshold for filtering edges in the clustering graph

in proportion threshold for filtering edges in the clustering graph

string specifying the "tree" or "sugiyama" layout, see igraph::layout\_as\_tree() layout and igraph::layout\_with\_sugiyama() for details

> logical, whether to only use core tree (edges with maximum in proportion for a node) when creating the graph layout, all (unfiltered) edges will still be dis-

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use\_core\_edges

edge\_arrow\_ends

show\_axis

played

highlight\_core logical, whether to increase the edge width of the core network to make it easier to see node\_colour either a value indicating a colour to use for all nodes or the name of a metadata column to colour nodes by node\_colour\_aggr if node\_colour is a column name than a string giving the name of a function to aggregate that column for samples in each cluster

node\_size column to use for node sizes

either a numeric value giving the size of all nodes or the name of a metadata node\_size\_aggr if node\_size is a column name than a string giving the name of a function to aggregate that column for samples in each cluster

node\_size\_range numeric vector of length two giving the maximum and minimum point size for plotting nodes

node\_alpha either a numeric value giving the alpha of all nodes or the name of a metadata column to use for node transparency node\_alpha\_aggr if node\_aggr is a column name than a string giving the name of a function to aggregate that column for samples in each cluster

node\_text\_size numeric value giving the size of node text if scale\_node\_text is FALSE scale\_node\_text logical indicating whether to scale node text along with the node size node\_text\_colour

colour value for node text (and label) node label additional label to add to nodes

node\_label\_aggr if node\_label is a column name than a string giving the name of a function to aggregate that column for samples in each cluster

node\_label\_size numeric value giving the size of node label text

node\_label\_nudge

numeric value giving nudge in y direction for node labels

edge\_width numeric value giving the width of plotted edges edge\_arrow logical indicating whether to add an arrow to edges

TRUE, one of "last", "first", or "both"

whether to show resolution axis

string indicating which ends of the line to draw arrow heads if edge\_arrow is

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tbl\_graph object) or "layout" (a ggraph layout object)

	objects it must be a name in $assayNames(x)$ , for a seurat object it must be one of data, raw.data or $scale.data$
Details	
Data sources	

string specifying what to return, either "plot" (a ggplot object), "graph" (a

source of gene expression information to use as node aesthetics, for SingleCellExperiment

### Data source

return

exprs

Plotting a clustering tree requires information about which cluster each sample has been assigned to at different resolutions. This information can be supplied in various forms, as a matrix, data.frame or more specialised object. In all cases the object provided must contain numeric columns with the naming structure PXS where P is a prefix indicating that the column contains clustering information, X is a numeric value indicating the clustering resolution and S is any additional suffix to be removed. For SingleCellExperiment objects this information must be in the colData slot and for Seurat objects it must be in the meta.data slot. For all objects except matrices any additional columns can be used as aesthetics, for matrices an additional metadata data.frame can be supplied if required.

### Filtering

Edges in the graph can be filtered by adjusting the count\_filter and prop\_filter parameters. The count\_filter removes any edges that represent less than that number of samples, while the prop\_filter removes edges that represent less than that proportion of cells in the node it points towards.

### Node aesthetics

The aesthetics of the plotted nodes can be controlled in various ways. By default the colour indicates the clustering resolution, the size indicates the number of samples in that cluster and the transparency is set to 100 Each of these can be set to a specific value or linked to a supplied metadata column. For a SingleCellExperiment or Seurat object the names of genes can also be used. If a metadata column is used than an aggregation function must also be supplied to combine the samples in each cluster. This function must take a vector of values and return a single value.

### Layout

The clustering tree can be displayed using either the Reingold-Tilford tree layout algorithm or the Sugiyama layout algorithm for layered directed acyclic graphs. These layouts were selected as the are the algorithms available in the igraph package designed for trees. The Reingold-Tilford algorithm places children below their parents while the Sugiyama places nodes in layers while trying to minimise the number of crossing edges. See igraph::layout\_as\_tree() and igraph::layout\_with\_sugiyama() for more details. When use\_core\_edges is TRUE (default) only the core tree of the maximum in proportion edges for each node are used for constructing the layout. This can often lead to more attractive layouts where the core tree is more visible.

### Value

a ggplot object (default), a tbl\_graph object or a ggraph layout object depending on the value of return

**Examples** 

clustree\_overlay

### data(iris clusts) clustree(iris\_clusts, prefix = "K")

clustree\_overlay

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```
Description
```

```
Creates a plot of a clustering tree overlaid on a scatter plot of individual samples.
```

Overlay a clustering tree

### Usage clustree\_overlay(x, ...)

```
## S3 method for class 'matrix'
```

```
clustree_overlay(x, prefix, metadata, x_value, y_value,
 suffix = NULL, count_filter = 0, prop_filter = 0.1,
```

```
node_colour = prefix, node_colour_aggr = NULL, node_size = "size",
```

```
node_size_aggr = NULL, node_size_range = c(4, 15), node_alpha = 1,
```

## S3 method for class 'data.frame'

clustree\_overlay(x, prefix, x\_value,

```
exprs = c("data", "raw.data", "scale.data"), red_dim = NULL, ...)
```

## **Arguments**

```
Х
                    object containing clustering data
```

```
extra parameters passed to other methods
```

prefix string indicating columns containing clustering information metadata

y\_value, exprs = "counts", red\_dim = NULL, ...)

data.frame containing metadata on each sample that can be used as node aesthetics x value numeric metadata column to use as the x axis

numeric value giving the y-direction spread of points in side plots

numeric value giving the y-direction offset for points in side plots

dimensionality reduction to use as a source for x\_value and y\_value

of data, raw.data or scale.data

source of gene expression information to use as node aesthetics, for SingleCellExperiment

objects it must be a name in assayNames(x), for a seurat object it must be one

plot\_sides

exprs

red\_dim

side\_point\_jitter

side\_point\_offset

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### Details

### Data sources

Plotting a clustering tree requires information about which cluster each sample has been assigned to at different resolutions. This information can be supplied in various forms, as a matrix, data.frame or more specialised object. In all cases the object provided must contain numeric columns with the naming structure PXS where P is a prefix indicating that the column contains clustering information, X is a numeric value indicating the clustering resolution and S is any additional suffix to be removed. For SingleCellExperiment objects this information must be in the colData slot and for Seurat objects it must be in the meta.data slot. For all objects except matrices any additional columns can be used as aesthetics.

### Filtering

Edges in the graph can be filtered by adjusting the count\_filter and prop\_filter parameters. The count\_filter removes any edges that represent less than that number of samples, while the prop\_filter removes edges that represent less than that proportion of cells in the node it points towards.

### Node aesthetics

The aesthetics of the plotted nodes can be controlled in various ways. By default the colour indicates the clustering resolution, the size indicates the number of samples in that cluster and the transparency is set to 100 Each of these can be set to a specific value or linked to a supplied metadata column. For a SingleCellExperiment or Seurat object the names of genes can also be used. If a metadata column is used than an aggregation function must also be supplied to combine the samples in each cluster. This function must take a vector of values and return a single value.

### Colour aesthetic

The colour aesthetic can be applied to either edges or sample points by setting use\_colour. If "edges" is selected edges will be coloured according to the clustering resolution they originate at. If "points" is selected they will be coloured according to the cluster they are assigned to at the highest resolution.

### **Dimensionality reductions**

For SingleCellExperiment and Seurat objects precomputed dimensionality reductions can be used for x or y aesthetics. To do so red\_dim must be set to the name of a dimensionality reduction in reducedDimNames(x) (for a SingleCellExperiment) or x@dr (for a Seurat object). x\_value and y\_value can then be set to red\_dimX when red\_dim matches the red\_dim argument and X is the column of the dimensionality reduction to use.

### Value

a ggplot object if plot\_sides is FALSE or a list of ggplot objects if plot\_sides is TRUE

### Examples

```
data(iris_clusts)
clustree_overlay(iris_clusts, prefix = "K", x_value = "PC1", y_value = "PC2")
```

string indicating columns containing clustering information

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# Extract the edges from a set of clusterings

get\_tree\_edges

Usage get\_tree\_edges(clusterings, prefix)

## Arguments

clusterings numeric matrix containing clustering information, each column contains clus-

tering at a separate resolution

Get tree nodes

prefix

Value

data.frame containing edge information

get\_tree\_nodes

Description Extract the nodes from a set of clusterings and add relevant attributes

Usage

# get\_tree\_nodes(clusterings, prefix, metadata, node\_aes\_list)

Arguments clusterings

numeric matrix containing clustering information, each column contains clustering at a separate resolution prefix string indicating columns containing clustering information metadata data.frame containing metadata on each sample that can be used as node aesthetics

node\_aes\_list nested list containing node aesthetics Value

data.frame containing node information

```
Description
```

iris\_clusts

Iris dataset clustered using k-means with a range of values of k

Clustered Iris dataset

Usage

iris clusts

**Format** 

iris\_clusts is a data.frame containing the normal iris dataset with additional columns holding k-means clusterings at different values of k and the first two principal components

## Source

set.seed(1)

iris\_mat <- as.matrix(iris[1:4])</pre> iris\_km <- sapply(1:5, function(x) {</pre> km <- kmeans(iris\_mat, centers = x, iter.max = 100, nstart = 10)</pre> km\$cluster

}) colnames(iris\_km) <- paste0("K", 1:5)</pre> iris\_clusts <- cbind(iris, iris\_km)</pre>

iris\_pca <- prcomp(iris\_clusts[1:4])</pre> iris\_clusts\$PC1 <- iris\_pca\$x[, 1]</pre> iris\_clusts\$PC2 <- iris\_pca\$x[, 2]</pre>

# overlay\_node\_points

**Description** 

Overlay node points

Overlay clustering tree nodes on a scatter plot with the specified aesthetics. Usage

overlay\_node\_points(nodes, x\_value, y\_value, node\_colour, node\_size, node\_alpha)

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either a numeric value giving the size of all nodes or the name of a metadata node\_size column to use for node sizes node\_alpha either a numeric value giving the alpha of all nodes or the name of a metadata column to use for node transparency

plot\_overlay\_side Plot overlay side

plot\_overlay\_side

Arguments

Description Plot the side view of a clustree overlay plot. If the ordinary plot shows the tree from above this plot shows it from the side, highlighting either the x or y dimension and the clustering resolution.

Usage plot\_overlay\_side(nodes, edges, points, prefix, side\_value, graph\_attr,

node\_size\_range, edge\_width, use\_colour, alt\_colour, point\_size,

point\_alpha, point\_shape, label\_nodes, label\_size, y\_jitter, y\_offset) Arguments

nodes

data.frame describing nodes

edges data.frame describing edges

data.frame describing points points

prefix string indicating columns containing clustering information

string giving the metadata column to use for the x axis side value

list describing graph attributes graph\_attr

node\_size\_range

numeric vector of length two giving the maximum and minimum point size for

plotting nodes edge\_width

use colour

point\_size

point\_alpha

numeric value giving the width of plotted edges thetic to alt\_colour

one of "edges" or "points" specifying which element to apply the colour aes-

colour value to be used for edges or points (whichever is NOT given by use\_colour) numeric value giving the size of sample points

numeric value giving the alpha of sample points

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                                                                                       sc_example
```

```
numeric value giving the shape of sample points
point_shape
                   logical value indicating whether to add labels to clustering graph nodes
label nodes
```

```
label_size
                  numeric value giving the size of node labels is label_nodes is TRUE
```

y\_jitter numeric value giving the y-direction spread of points in side plots y\_offset numeric value giving the y-direction offset for points in side plots

Simulated scRNA-seq dataset

A simulated scRNA-seq dataset generated using the splatter package and clustered using the SC3

sc\_example is a list holding a simulated scRNA-seq dataset. Items in the list included the simulated counts, normalised log counts, tSNE dimensionality reduction and cell assignments from SC3 and

> group.prob = c(0.4, 0.2, 0.2, 0.15, 0.05), de.prob = c(0.1, 0.2, 0.05, 0.1, 0.05),

method = "groups", seed = 1)

sim\_sc3 <- SingleCellExperiment(assays = list(counts = sim\_counts))

Value

sc\_example

Description

Usage

**Format** 

Source

RETURN DESCRIPTION

and Seurat packages.

sc\_example

Seurat clustering.

# Simulation

# SC3 Clustering

library("splatter") # Version 1.2.1

sim\_counts <- counts(sim)[1:1000, ]</pre>

library("SC3") # Version 1.7.6 library("scater") # Version 1.6.2

sim\_sc3 <- normalise(sim\_sc3)</pre>

sim <- splatSimulate(batchCells = 200, nGenes = 10000,</pre>

rowData(sim\_sc3)\$feature\_symbol <- rownames(sim\_counts)</pre>

sim\_seurat <- FindVariableGenes(sim\_seurat, do.plot = FALSE,</pre>

# Seurat Clustering

sim\_sc3 <- runTSNE(sim\_sc3)</pre>

library("Seurat") # Version 2.2.0

store\_node\_aes

resolution = seq(0, 1, 0.1), print.output = FALSE) sc\_example <- list(counts = counts(sim\_sc3),</pre>

sim\_seurat <- RunPCA(sim\_seurat, do.print = FALSE)</pre> sim\_seurat <- FindClusters(sim\_seurat, dims.use = 1:6,</pre>

sim\_seurat <- CreateSeuratObject(sim\_counts)</pre>

sim\_sc3 <- sc3(sim\_sc3, ks = 1:8, biology = FALSE, n\_cores = 1)</pre>

sim\_seurat <- NormalizeData(sim\_seurat, display.progress = FALSE)</pre>

tsne = reducedDim(sim\_sc3), sc3\_clusters = colData(sim\_sc3),

seurat\_clusters = sim\_seurat@meta.data)

sim\_seurat <- ScaleData(sim\_seurat, display.progress = FALSE)

display.progress = FALSE)

Store node aesthetics store\_node\_aes

### Store the names of node attributes to use as aesthetics as graph attributes

**Description** 

Usage

store\_node\_aes(graph, node\_aes\_list, metadata)

### Arguments

graph to store attributes in graph nested list containing node aesthetics node aes list

data.frame containing metadata that can be used as aesthetics

### Value

metadata

graph with additional attributes

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