

scanpy.tl.louvain

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scanpy.tl.louvain(adata, resolution=None, random_state=0, restrict_to=None,
key_added='louvain', adjacency=None, flavor='vtraag', directed=True, use_weights=False,
partition_type=None, partition_kwargs=mappingproxy({}), neighbors_key=None, obsp=None, copy=False)
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Cluster cells into subgroups [\[Blondel08\]](#) [\[Levine15\]](#) [\[Traag17\]](#).

Cluster cells using the Louvain algorithm [\[Blondel08\]](#) in the implementation of [\[Traag17\]](#). The Louvain algorithm has been proposed for single-cell analysis by [\[Levine15\]](#).

This requires having ran `neighbors()` or `bbknn()` first, or explicitly passing a `adjacency` matrix.

Parameters: **adata :** `AnnData`

The annotated data matrix.

resolution : `Optional` `[float]` (default: `None`)

For the default flavor (`'vtraag'`) or for ``RAPIDS``, you can provide a resolution (higher resolution means finding more and smaller clusters), which defaults to 1.0. See “Time as a resolution parameter” in [\[Lambiotte09\]](#).

random_state : `Union` `[None , int , RandomState]` (default: `0`)

Change the initialization of the optimization.

restrict_to : `Optional` `[Tuple [str , Sequence [str]]]` (default: `None`)

Restrict the clustering to the categories within the key for sample annotation, tuple needs to contain `(obs_key, list_of_categories)` .

key_added : `str` (default: `'louvain'`)

Key under which to add the cluster labels. (default: `'louvain'`)

adjacency : `Optional` `[spmatrix]` (default: `None`)

Sparse adjacency matrix of the graph, defaults to neighbors connectivities.

flavor : `Literal ['vtraag', 'igraph', 'rapids']` (default: `'vtraag'`)

Choose between to packages for computing the clustering.

`'vtraag'` is much more powerful, and the default.

directed : `bool` (default: `True`)

Interpret the `adjacency` matrix as directed graph?

use_weights : `bool` (default: `False`)

Use weights from knn graph.

partition_type : `Optional [Type [MutableVertexPartition]]`
(default: `None`)

Type of partition to use. Only a valid argument if `flavor` is `'vtraag'` .

partition_kwargs : `Mapping [str , Any]` (default: `mappingproxy({})`)

Key word arguments to pass to partitioning, if `vtraag` method is being used.

neighbors_key : `optional [str]` (default: `None`)

Use neighbors connectivities as adjacency. If not specified, louvain looks `.obsp['connectivities']` for connectivities (default storage place for `pp.neighbors`). If specified, louvain looks `.obsp[uns[neighbors_key]['connectivities_key']]` for connectivities.

obsp : `optional [str]` (default: `None`)

Use `.obsp[obsp]` as adjacency. You can't specify both `obsp` and `neighbors_key` at the same time.

copy : `bool` (default: `False`)

Copy adata or modify it inplace.

Return type:

`Optional [AnnData]`

Returns:

: `None`

By default (`copy=False`), updates `adata` with the following fields:

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adata.obs['louvain'] ( pandas.Series, dtype category )
```

Array of dim (number of samples) that stores the subgroup id
(`'0'`, `'1'`, ...) for each cell.

`AnnData`

When `copy=True` is set, a copy of `adata` with those fields is returned.