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1 Practical 5 - Dimensionality Reduction with PCA and t-SNE

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In this practical we will implement dimensionality reduction with PCA, followed by t-SNE. Following is going to be the outline:

- 1. Imports
- 2. Loading data and related transformations
- 3. PCA without sklearn
- 4. PCA with sklearn and comparison with 3.
- 5. t-SNE with sklearn

You will be plotting relevant results for visualization and understanding, as you go through the objectives.

1.1 Task 0: Load and normalize count data

This practical uses the data set from https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-018-0654-5. This is single cell transcriptomics data from $\sim 25,000$ cells from the cortex.

For each of these cells, the expression of several thousand genes was measured ['counts']. In the original study, the authors were interested in clustering the cells into types.

We made a selection of 5000 cells and the 1000 most informative genes for run time reasons. We provide you with the original cell type labels determined by the authors for comparison ['clusters'].

The following function will apply some preprocessing steps that are standard for transcriptomics data. We normalize the data to bring columns to comparable sizes and log-transform them as they

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contain huge outliers.
[2]: def lognormalize_counts(tasic_dict):
         # normalize and log-transform counts
         counts = tasic_dict['counts']
         if sp.issparse(counts):
             counts = counts.todense() # Convert sparse matrix to dense
         libsizes = counts.sum(axis=1)
         CPM = counts / libsizes * 1e+6
         logCPM = np.log2(CPM + 1)
         tasic_dict['logCPM'] = np.array(logCPM)
         return tasic_dict
[3]: tasic_1k = lognormalize_counts(pickle.load(open('/kaggle/input/
      atasic-subset-1kselected/tasic_subset_1kselected.pickle', 'rb')))
    /tmp/ipykernel 33/1467658377.py:1: DeprecationWarning: Please use `csc matrix`
    from the `scipy.sparse` namespace, the `scipy.sparse.csc` namespace is
    deprecated.
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tasic_1k = lognormalize_counts(pickle.load(open('/kaggle/input/tasicsubset-1kselected/tasic_subset_1kselected.pickle', 'rb')))

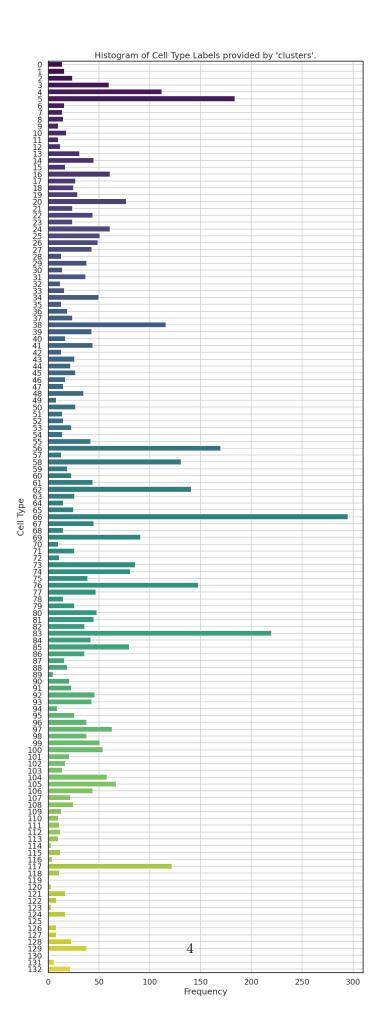
Have a look at ['counts'], ['logCPM'] and ['clusters'] to get a better understanding of the data. Plot a histogram of the cell type labels provided by ['clusters'].

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[128]: # Extract the relevant data
       counts = tasic_1k['counts']
       logCPM = tasic_1k['logCPM']
       clusters = tasic_1k['clusters']
       # Print a summary of the data
       print(f"Counts shape: {counts.shape}")
       print(f"logCPM shape: {logCPM.shape}")
       print(f"Clusters unique labels: {np.unique(clusters)}")
      Counts shape: (5000, 1000)
      logCPM shape: (5000, 1000)
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[18]: # Plot a histogram of the cell type labels
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 35))
sns.countplot(y=clusters, palette='viridis')
plt.title("Histogram of Cell Type Labels provided by 'clusters'.")
plt.ylabel('Cell Type')
plt.xlabel('Frequency')
plt.grid()

plt.show()
```



1.2 Task 1: Linear dimensionality reduction with PCA

In this task, you will use Principal Component Analysis (PCA) to reduce the dimensionality of the dataset.

First, implement PCA "by hand". You can use eigenvalue/singular value decomposition from numpy/scipy but no sklearn-functions. Write a function that computes all possible principal components and returns them along with the fraction of variance they explain.

```
[25]: import numpy as np
      def PCA_manual(data):
          Function that performs PCA on the input data
          input: (cells, genes)-shaped array of log-transformed cell counts
          output:
              fraction_variance_explained: (genes,)-shaped array with the fraction of __
       ⇔variance explained by the individual PCs
              principal_components: (genes, genes)-shaped array containing the ⊔
       ⇔principal components as columns
          111
          ### NOTE: Make sure the function returns the PCs sorted by the fraction of \Box
       ⇔variance explained! ###
                    (First column of principal components should hold the PC with the
       ⇔highest variance ###
                    explained -- fraction_variance_explained should also be sorted_
       →accordingly)
                               ###
          # Center the data by subtracting the mean
          data_mean = np.mean(data, axis=0)
          centered_data = data - data_mean
          # Compute the covariance matrix
          covariance_matrix = np.cov(centered_data, rowvar=False)
          # Compute the eigenvalues and eigenvectors
          eigenvalues, eigenvectors = np.linalg.eigh(covariance_matrix)
          # Sort the eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors in descending order
          sorted indices = np.argsort(eigenvalues)[::-1]
          sorted_eigenvalues = eigenvalues[sorted_indices]
          sorted eigenvectors = eigenvectors[:, sorted indices]
          # Compute the fraction of variance explained by each principal component
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total_variance = np.sum(sorted_eigenvalues)
fraction_variance_explained = sorted_eigenvalues / total_variance
# Return PCs sorted by the fraction of variance explained
principal_components = sorted_eigenvectors
return fraction_variance_explained, principal_components
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[26]: var_expl, PCs = PCA_manual(tasic_1k['logCPM'])
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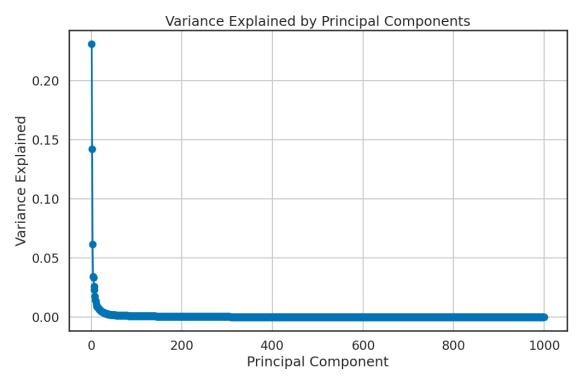
Before we explore the structure of the low-dimensional representation, we first want to know how much variance the first PCs explain:

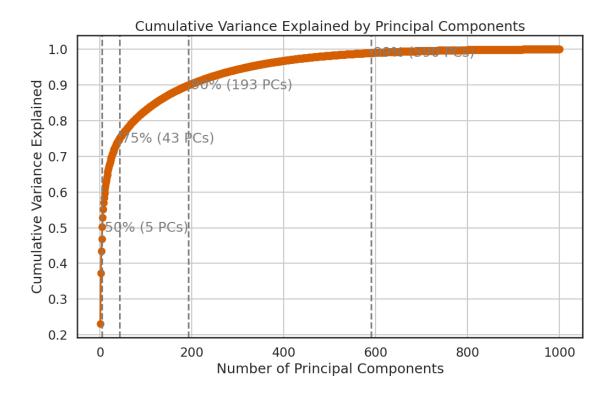
- Plot the fraction of variance explained by the n-th PC vs. n
- Plot the cumulative fraction of variance explained by the first ${\tt n}$ PCs with largest eigenvalue vs. ${\tt n}$

From the latter plot you should be able to see how many PCs you need to keep to explain at least x% of the variance.

How many components do you need to keep to explain 50%, 75%, 90% and 99%, respectively? Indicate this in your plot.

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[39]: n PCs = len(var expl)
      PC_ids = np.arange(1, n_PCs+1)
      plt.figure(figsize=(20, 7))
      plt.subplot(121)
      # Plot the variance explained of the n-th PC vs. n
      plt.plot(PC_ids, var_expl, marker='o', linestyle='-', color='b')
      plt.xlabel('Principal Component')
      plt.ylabel('Variance Explained')
      plt.title('Variance Explained by Principal Components')
      plt.grid(True)
      plt.tight_layout()
      plt.show()
      # Plot the cumulative variance explained for the n PCs with highest variance
       \hookrightarrow explained vs. n
      # Indicate how many components you need to keep to explain 50%, 75%, 90% and
       99\% in the plot.
      plt.figure(figsize=(20, 7))
      plt.subplot(122)
      cumulative_variance_explained = np.cumsum(var_expl)
```





From the plot, we can see that we need 5, 43, 193, and 590 prinicpal components to explain 50%, 75%, 90%, and 99% respectively.

Write a function to select the n PCs needed to explain at least x% of the variance and use this function to extract as many PCs as are needed to explain 75% of the variance.

```
[41]: def select_PCs(variance_explained, principal_components, percent_variance=None):

Function that selects the first n principal components necessary to explain_

**x*\" of the variance

input:

variance_explained: amount of variance explained by the individual PCs

principal_components: contains the principal components as columns

percent_variance: fraction of the variance, the all PCs that are kept_

**explain*

output:

variance_explained_kept: individual amount of variance explained for_

**the remaining PCs

principal_components_kept: remaining principal components, shape_

**(genes, n_PCs_kept)

**'''
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# Sort variance explained and principal components by variance explained
       ⇔(descending)
          sorted_indices = np.argsort(variance_explained)[::-1]
          variance explained sorted = variance explained[sorted indices]
          principal_components_sorted = principal_components[:, sorted_indices]
          # Compute cumulative variance explained
          cumulative_variance_explained = np.cumsum(variance_explained_sorted)
          # Determine the number of components needed to explain at least
       →percent_variance of the variance
          if percent variance is not None:
              target_variance = percent_variance
              n_components = np.argmax(cumulative_variance_explained >=_
       →target_variance) + 1
          else:
              n_components = len(variance_explained)
          # Select the principal components and variance explained up to n components
          variance_explained_kept = variance_explained_sorted[:n_components]
          principal_components_kept = principal_components_sorted[:, :n_components]
          return variance_explained_kept, principal_components_kept
[46]: , PCs75 = select PCs(var expl, PCs, percent variance=0.75)
      print(PCs75.shape)
      PCs75
     (1000, 43)
[46]: array([[-2.86841825e-03, -7.39914177e-03, 4.10942528e-04, ...,
               9.09122538e-05, 2.13829856e-03, 5.44251969e-03],
             [-8.90906786e-04, -2.77466790e-03, 2.59610069e-04, ...,
               8.27735347e-04, 1.03142966e-02, 1.45884764e-03],
             [-2.01183577e-03, -6.23015636e-03, 3.07094456e-04, ...,
               1.72076112e-03, 5.96341915e-03, -5.77499147e-03],
             [-3.20559788e-03, -9.33703482e-03, 2.47974148e-04, ...,
              -3.62870001e-03, -3.26969854e-03, -1.48112495e-03],
             [-3.18975833e-03, -9.35593771e-03, 7.35523967e-04, ...,
               1.84682757e-03, -2.85509473e-03, 8.36434053e-03],
             [ 1.92646007e-02, 6.94544486e-02, 7.82303879e-03, ...,
               3.47853932e-03, 2.37969994e-02, 2.40412846e-02]])
```

To compute the representation of the data in this lower dimensional representation, write a function that compute the PC scores for each cell, i.e. that projects the original data matrix on the low-dimensional subspace provided by the first $\bf n$ PCs:

```
[55]: tasic_1k['PCA_75'] = compute_PCA_scores(tasic_1k['logCPM'], PCs75) tasic_1k['PCA_75'].shape
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[55]: (5000, 43)

Visualize the top 5 PCs as a pairwise scatter plot. Use one subplot for each pair of components.

Use the colors provided in tasic_1k['clusterColors'] and the cluster information in tasic_1k['clusters'] to color each data point according to its original cluster identity.

The colors indicate the family of the cell type:

- greenish colors: excitatory neurons
- orange colors: somatostatin positive interneurons
- pinkish colors: VIP-positive interneurons
- reddish colors: parvalbumin positive interneurons
- dark colors: non-neurons (glia etc)

What do you observe?

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[124]: def plot_PCs(data_transformed, color_per_datapoint):

Function that plots the scores of the 10 pairs of the top 5 PCs against

each other.

inputs:

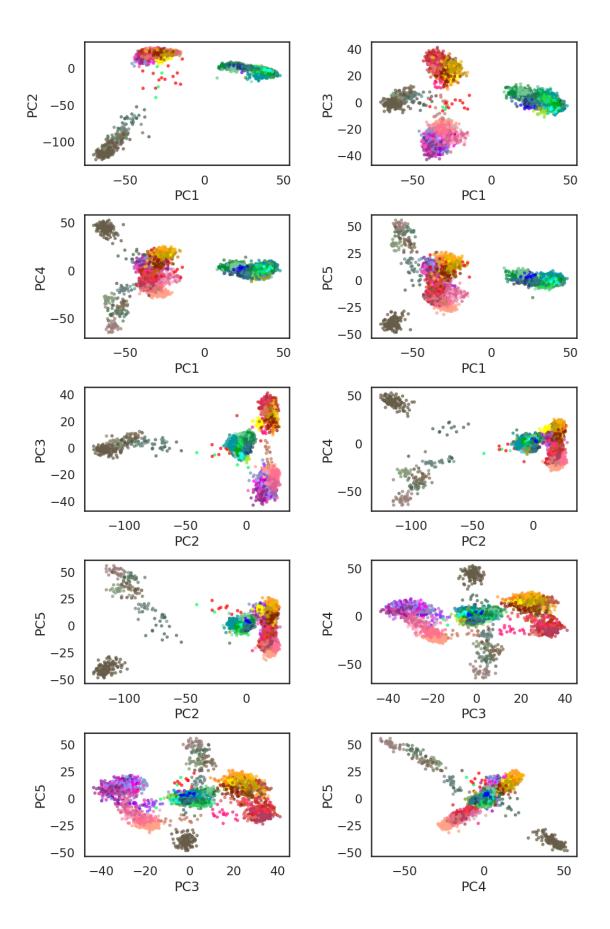
data_transformed: (cells, n_PCs_kept)-shaped array of PC scores

color_per_datapoint: (cells,)-shaped array of color strings, one color

for each cell
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# Only take the top 5 PCs
   top_pcs = data_transformed[:, :5]
    # Create subplots for pairwise scatter plots
   fig, axes = plt.subplots(5, 2, figsize=(12, 20)) # 5 rows, 2 columns
   plt.subplots_adjust(wspace=0.4, hspace=0.4)
   # Define pairs of PCs to plot
   pc_pairs = [(0, 1), (0, 2), (0, 3), (0, 4),
                (1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4),
                (2, 3), (2, 4),
                (3, 4)
   # Loop over each pair of PCs
   for idx, (i, j) in enumerate(pc_pairs):
       row = idx // 2
       col = idx \% 2
       axes[row, col].scatter(top_pcs[:, i], top_pcs[:, j],
                               c=color_per_datapoint, s=10, alpha=0.6)
       axes[row, col].set_xlabel(f'PC{i+1}')
        axes[row, col].set_ylabel(f'PC{j+1}')
   plt.show()
# Example usage:
# Assuming data_transformed and color_per_datapoint are defined elsewhere
# plot_PCs(data_transformed, color_per_datapoint)
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[125]: color_per_datapoint = tasic_1k['clusterColors'][tasic_1k['clusters']]
plot_PCs(tasic_1k['PCA_75'], color_per_datapoint)
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[64]: print(tasic_1k['PCA_75'].shape)
print(color_per_datapoint.shape)

(5000, 43)
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- In the plots, we can see that the second pais of the top 5 PCs i.e.(PC1, PC3) are well segregated clusters. We can say that the principle components used in this plot effectively discriminate between different cell types. Thus, the combinations of (PC1, PC3) gives the best visualization of our data.
- If we closely analyse the patterns then we can see that the pairs of initial principal componets best captures the variations in our data. For example, in most of our plots, the clusters are well segregated when the principal components pairs are in the range of PC1, PC2, and so on.
- Also, in the pair (PC4, PC5), we can see that the cluster shows linear pattern. It can indicate
 that there exists relationships or correlations between the principal components for latter pairs
 of principal components.

1.3 Task 2: Comparison with PCA implemented by sklearn

Use the PCA implementation of sklearn to check whether your PCA implementation is correct and obtain some insights into numerical precision of the algorithms underlying PCA implementations. Note that the sklearn implementation of PCA switches the dimensions of the matrix, so you will have to transpose your principal components matrix to get the same output as in the manual implementation.

```
# Extract fraction of variance explained by each PC
fraction_variance_explained = pca.explained_variance_ratio_

# Extract principal components
principal_components = pca.components_

# Transpose principal components to match the format (genes, genes)
principal_components = principal_components.T

return fraction_variance_explained, principal_components
```

```
[75]: # do sklearn-PCA on selected genes
var_expl_sklearn, PCs_sklearn = PCA_sklearn(tasic_1k['logCPM'])
# select components as before
_, PCs_sklearn75 = select_PCs(var_expl_sklearn, PCs_sklearn, 0.75)
# get PC scores
PCA_75_sklearn = compute_PCA_scores(tasic_1k['logCPM'], PCs_sklearn75)
print(PCA_75_sklearn.shape)
PCA_75_sklearn
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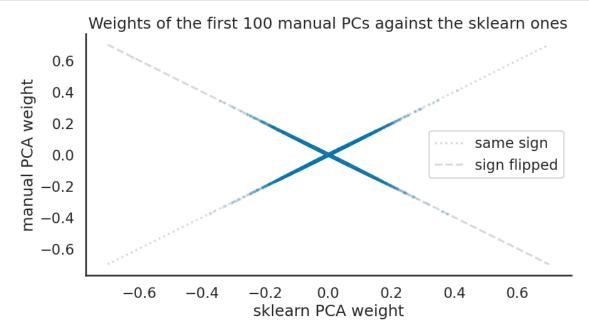
(5000, 43)

To see if your manual PCA yielded the same PC weights as the sklearn PCA, we can just take the two matrices of principal components and plot their entries against each other. (Note: This again assumes they are sorted by variance explained and the order of dimensions in your weight matrix compared to the sklearn weight matrix is the same (change if necessary).)

Use the following plot to compare the results to your own implementation (here plotting the weights of the first 100 PCs against each other). What do you observe?

```
[76]: n_evs_to_compare = 100

plt.figure(figsize=(12, 5))
plt.scatter(PCs_sklearn[:, :n_evs_to_compare].flatten(),
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After observing the graph, we can see that the maual calculation of the PCs and the ones obtained from sklearn have almost same values. Thus, we can say that our manual calculation of PCs is correct.

Additional reading about the sign of PCs: https://stats.stackexchange.com/questions/88880/does-the-sign-of-scores-or-of-loadings-in-pca-or-fa-have-a-meaning-may-i-revers

1.4 Task 3: Nonlinear dimensionality reduction with t-SNE

In this task, you will use the nonlinear dimensionality reduction technique t-SNE and look at visualizations of the data set. Plot the result of default t-SNE with the original cluster colors. For this and the following tasks, use the PCs explaining 75% of the variance PCA_75_sklearn you computed above.

```
[77]: def plot_tsne(tsne_results, clusters=tasic_1k['clusters'], labels=['']):
          '''Plotting function for tsne results, creates one or multiple plots of \Box
       \hookrightarrow tSNE-transformed data.
             If the clustering is the original one (default), original cluster colors,
       ⇔will be used. Otherwise,
             colors will be a random permutation.
          input:
              tsne\_results: (n, 2)-shaped array containing tSNE-transformed data or \Box
       ⇔list of such arrays
                             (output of the fit_transform function of sklearn tSNE)
              clusters: (n,)-shaped array containing cluster labels or list of such
       \hookrightarrow arrays
              labels: optional, list of titles for the subplots
          if type(tsne_results) == list: # make sure we can do both single and_
       →multiple plots and are flexible regarding input
              num_plots = len(tsne_results)
          else:
              num_plots = 1
              tsne_results = [tsne_results]
          if type(clusters) == list:
              num_clusters = len(clusters)
              num_plots = num_plots * num_clusters
              tsne_results = tsne_results * num_clusters
          else:
              clusters = [clusters] * num_plots
          if len(labels) == 1:
              labels = labels * num plots
          n clusters = len(np.unique(clusters))
                                                 # ensure a long enough color
       → list even if we plot more than
          n_colors = len(tasic_1k['clusterColors']) # the original number of clusters
          if n_clusters > n_colors:
              n_extra_colors = n_clusters - n_colors
              colors = np.concatenate((tasic_1k['clusterColors'],__

→tasic_1k['clusterColors'][:n_extra_colors]))
          else:
              colors = tasic_1k['clusterColors']
          fig, ax = plt.subplots(num_plots, 1, figsize=(10, num_plots*10))
          if num_plots == 1:
              if not np.all(tasic_1k['clusters'] == clusters[0]):
                  current_colors = np.random.permutation(colors)
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else:
          current_colors = colors
      ax.scatter(tsne_results[0][:, 0], tsne_results[0][:, 1], s=1,__
ax.set_title(labels[0])
      ax.set xticks([])
      ax.set_yticks([])
      ax.set_axis_off()
  else:
      for i in range(num_plots):
          if not np.all(tasic_1k['clusters'] == clusters[i]):
              current_colors = np.random.permutation(colors)
          else:
              current_colors = colors
          ax[i].scatter(tsne_results[i][:, 0], tsne_results[i][:, 1], s=1,__

¬color=current_colors[clusters[i]])
          ax[i].set_title(labels[i])
          ax[i].set_xticks([])
          ax[i].set_yticks([])
          ax[i].set_axis_off()
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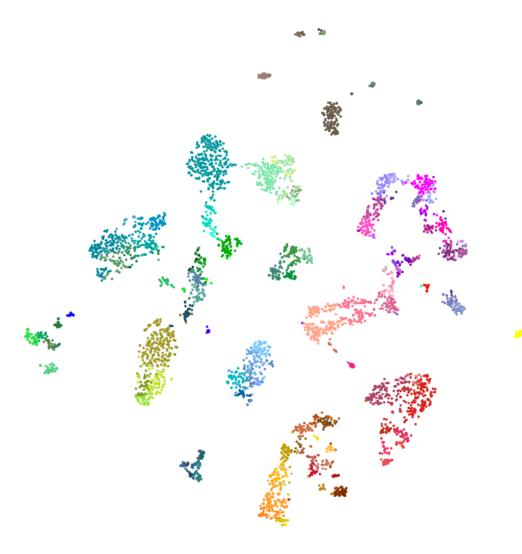
Run the following cells to set the random seed/random state, run t-SNE and plot the results.

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[86]: # create and fit TSNE, the fitted data should be in tsne_results variable
    tsne = TSNE(n_components=2, random_state=42)
    tsne_results = tsne.fit_transform(PCA_75_sklearn)
[80]: # Plotting
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plot_tsne(tsne_results, original_clusters, labels=['default t-SNE'])

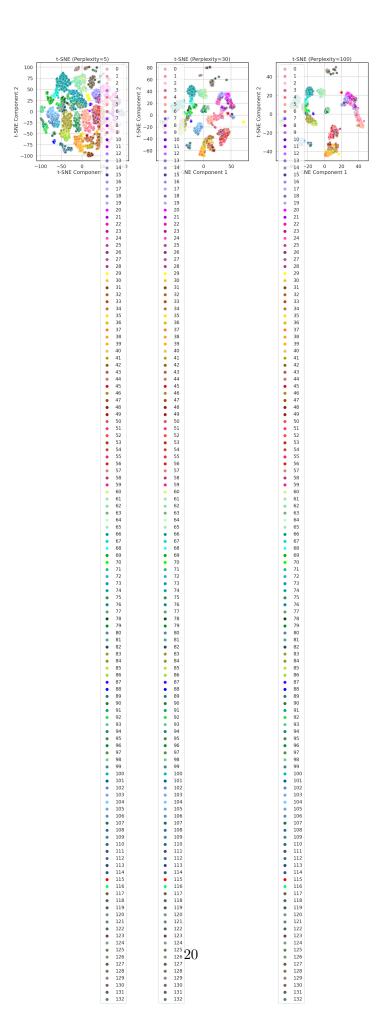
original_clusters = tasic_1k['clusters']

default t-SNE



t-SNE has one main parameter called perplexity, which trades of local and global structure. Its default value is 30. Run the t-SNE with some other perplexity values (e.g. 5, 100), plot the results next to each other and explain what you observe. In particular, compare with the PCA plot above.

```
# Create t-SNE with different perplexity values
perplexities = [5, 30, 100]
tsne_results = {}
plt.figure(figsize=(18, 6))
# Loop over each perplexity value
for i, perplexity in enumerate(perplexities, 1):
   # Fit t-SNE
   tsne = TSNE(n_components=2, perplexity=perplexity, random_state=42)
   tsne_results[perplexity] = tsne.fit_transform(PCA_75_sklearn)
   # Plotting
   plt.subplot(1, 3, i)
   sns.scatterplot(
       x=tsne_results[perplexity][:, 0], y=tsne_results[perplexity][:, 1],
       hue=cluster_labels, palette=palette,
       legend='full', alpha=0.7
   plt.xlabel('t-SNE Component 1')
   plt.ylabel('t-SNE Component 2')
   plt.title(f't-SNE (Perplexity={perplexity})')
   plt.grid(True)
# Adjust the space between subplots
plt.subplots_adjust(left=0.05, right=0.95, top=0.9, bottom=0.1, wspace=0.3)
# Show the plot
plt.show()
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Based on the plots, we can see that as we increase the values perplexity values, the cluster become more segregable in this context.

Check out https://distill.pub/2016/misread-tsne/. There's a nice tool that let's you play with t-SNE parameters and visualize the consequences.