## Package 'SIMLR'

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Description Single-cell RNA-seq technologies enable high throughput gene expression measurement of individual cells, and allow the discovery of heterogeneity within cell populations. Measurement of cell-to-cell gene expression similarity is critical for the identification, visualization and analysis of cell populations. However, single-cell data introduce challenges to conventional measures of gene expression similarity because of the high level of noise, outliers and dropouts. We develop a novel similarity-learning framework, SIMLR (Single-cell Interpretation via Multi-kernel LeaRning), which learns an appropriate distance metric from the data for dimension reduction, clustering and visualization.

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#### **Description**

example dataset to test SIMLR from the work by Buettner, Florian, et al.

#### Usage

```
data(BuettnerFlorian)
```

#### **Format**

gene expression measurements of individual cells

#### Value

list of 6: in\_X = input dataset as an  $(m \times n)$  gene expression measurements of individual cells, n\_clust = number of clusters (number of distinct true labels), true\_labs = ground true of cluster assignments for each of the n\_clust clusters, seed = seed used to compute the results for the example, results = result by SIMLR for the inputs defined as described, nmi = normalized mutual information as a measure of the inferred clusters compared to the true labels

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#### **Source**

Buettner, Florian, et al. "Computational analysis of cell-to-cell heterogeneity in single-cell RNA-sequencing data reveals hidden subpopulations of cells." Nature biotechnology 33.2 (2015): 155-160.

SIMLR SIMLR

#### Description

perform the SIMLR clustering algorithm

#### Usage

```
SIMLR(
   X,
   c,
   no.dim = NA,
   k = 10,
   if.impute = FALSE,
   normalize = FALSE,
   cores.ratio = 1
)
```

#### **Arguments**

X	an (m x n) data matrix of gene expression measurements of individual cells and object of class SCESet
С	number of clusters to be estimated over X
no.dim	number of dimensions
k	tuning parameter
if.impute	should I traspose the input data?
normalize	should I normalize the input data?
cores.ratio	ratio of the number of cores to be used when computing the multi-kernel

#### Value

clusters the cells based on SIMLR and their similarities

list of 8 elements describing the clusters obtained by SIMLR, of which y are the resulting clusters: y = results of k-means clusterings, S = similarities computed by SIMLR, F = results from network diffiusion, ydata = data referring the the results by k-means, alphaK = clustering coefficients, execution.time = execution time of the present run, converge = iterative convergence values by T-SNE, LF = parameters of the clustering

#### **Examples**

```
data(BuettnerFlorian)
SIMLR(X = BuettnerFlorian$in_X, c = BuettnerFlorian$n_clust, cores.ratio = 0)
```

```
{\it SIMLR\_Estimate\_Number\_of\_Clusters} \\ {\it SIMLR\_Estimate\ Number\ of\ Clusters}
```

#### **Description**

estimate the number of clusters by means of two huristics as discussed in the SIMLR paper

#### Usage

```
SIMLR_Estimate_Number_of_Clusters(X, NUMC = 2:5, cores.ratio = 1)
```

#### **Arguments**

X an (m x n) data matrix of gene expression measurements of individual cells

NUMC vector of number of clusters to be considered

cores.ratio ratio of the number of cores to be used when computing the multi-kernel

#### Value

a list of 2 elements: K1 and K2 with an estimation of the best clusters (the lower values the better) as discussed in the original paper of SIMLR

#### **Examples**

```
data(BuettnerFlorian)
SIMLR_Estimate_Number_of_Clusters(BuettnerFlorian$in_X,
    NUMC = 2:5,
    cores.ratio = 0)
```

SIMLR\_Feature\_Ranking SIMLR Feature Ranking

#### **Description**

perform the SIMLR feature ranking algorithm. This takes as input the original input data and the corresponding similarity matrix computed by SIMLR

#### Usage

```
SIMLR_Feature_Ranking(A, X)
```

#### **Arguments**

A an (n x n) similarity matrix by SIMLR

X an (m x n) data matrix of gene expression measurements of individual cells

#### Value

a list of 2 elements: pvalues and ranking ordering over the n covariates as estimated by the method

#### **Examples**

```
data(BuettnerFlorian)
SIMLR_Feature_Ranking(A = BuettnerFlorian$results$S, X = BuettnerFlorian$in_X)
```

SIMLR\_Large\_Scale

SIMLR Large Scale

#### **Description**

perform the SIMLR clustering algorithm for large scale datasets

#### Usage

```
SIMLR_Large_Scale(X, c, k = 10, kk = 100, if.impute = FALSE, normalize = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

Χ	an (m x n) data matrix of gene expression measurements of individual cells or
	and object of class SCESet

c number of clusters to be estimated over X

k tuning parameter

kk number of principal components to be assessed in the PCA

if.impute should I traspose the input data? normalize should I normalize the input data?

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#### Value

clusters the cells based on SIMLR Large Scale and their similarities

list of 8 elements describing the clusters obtained by SIMLR, of which y are the resulting clusters: y = results of k-means clusterings, S0 = similarities computed by SIMLR, F = results from the large scale iterative procedure, ydata = data referring the the results by k-means, alphaK = clustering coefficients, val = distances from the k-nearest neighbour search, ind = indeces from the k-nearest neighbour search, execution.time = execution time of the present run

#### **Examples**

```
data(ZeiselAmit)
resized = ZeiselAmit$in_X[, 1:340]
SIMLR_Large_Scale(X = resized, c = ZeiselAmit$n_clust, k = 5, kk = 5)
```

ZeiselAmit

test dataset for SIMLR large scale

#### Description

example dataset to test SIMLR large scale. This is a reduced version of the dataset from the work by Zeisel, Amit, et al.

#### Usage

```
data(ZeiselAmit)
```

#### **Format**

gene expression measurements of individual cells

#### Value

list of 6: in\_X = input dataset as an (m x n) gene expression measurements of individual cells, n\_clust = number of clusters (number of distinct true labels), true\_labs = ground true of cluster assignments for each of the n\_clust clusters, seed = seed used to compute the results for the example, results = result by SIMLR for the inputs defined as described, nmi = normalized mutual information as a measure of the inferred clusters compared to the true labels

#### **Source**

Zeisel, Amit, et al. "Cell types in the mouse cortex and hippocampus revealed by single-cell RNA-seq." Science 347.6226 (2015): 1138-1142.

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