Package ‘clustree’

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Usage

clustree(x, ...)

## S3 method for class 'matrix'
clustree(
  x,
  prefix, suffix = NULL,
  metadata = NULL,
  count_filter = 0,
  prop_filter = 0.1,
  layout = c("tree", "sugiyama"),
  use_core_edges = TRUE,
highlight_core = FALSE,
node_colour = prefix,
node_colour_aggr = NULL,
node_size = "size",
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_text_angle = 0,
node_label = NULL,
node_label_aggr = NULL,
node_label_size = 3,
node_label_nudge = -0.2,
edge_width = 1.5,
edge_arrow = TRUE,
edge_arrow_ends = c("last", "first", "both"),
show_axis = FALSE,
return = c("plot", "graph", "layout"),
...

## S3 method for class 'data.frame'
clustree(x, prefix, ...)

## 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"), ...)

## S3 method for class 'Seurat'
clustree(
x,
  prefix = paste0(assay, "_snn_res."),
  exprs = c("data", "counts", "scale.data"),
  assay = NULL,
  ...
)

Arguments

x          object containing clustering data
...
extra parameters passed to other methods
prefix     string indicating columns containing clustering information
suffix     string at the end of column names containing clustering information
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<td>string specifying the &quot;tree&quot; or &quot;sugiyama&quot; layout, see <code>igraph::layout_as_tree()</code> and <code>igraph::layout_with_sugiyama()</code> for details</td>
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<td>use_core_edges</td>
<td>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 displayed</td>
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<td>highlight_core</td>
<td>logical, whether to increase the edge width of the core network to make it easier to see</td>
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<td>either a value indicating a colour to use for all nodes or the name of a metadata column to colour nodes by</td>
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<td>colour value for node text (and label)</td>
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<td>node_text_angle</td>
<td>the rotation of the node text</td>
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<td>additional label to add to nodes</td>
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edge_width numeric value giving the width of plotted edges
edge_arrow logical indicating whether to add an arrow to edges
eedge_arrow_ends string indicating which ends of the line to draw arrow heads if edge_arrow is TRUE, one of "last", "first", or "both"
show_axis whether to show resolution axis
return string specifying what to return, either "plot" (a ggplot object), "graph" (a tbl_graph object) or "layout" (a ggraph layout object)
exprs 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 of data, raw.data or scale.data and for a Seurat object it must be one of data, counts or scale.data
assay name of assay to pull expression and clustering data from for Seurat objects

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, 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

data(nba_clusts)
clustree(nba_clusts, prefix = "K")

Description

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

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,
  node_alpha_aggr = NULL,
  edge_width = 1,
  use_colour = c("edges", "points"),
  alt_colour = "black",
  point_size = 3,
  point_alpha = 0.2,
  point_shape = 18,
  label_nodes = FALSE,
  label_size = 3,
  plot_sides = FALSE,
Arguments

- `x` object containing clustering data
- `...` extra parameters passed to other methods
- `prefix` string indicating columns containing clustering information
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<td>numeric metadata column to use as the x axis</td>
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<td><code>suffix</code></td>
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<td>logical value indicating whether to add labels to clustering graph nodes</td>
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<td>numeric value giving the size of node labels is <code>label_nodes</code> is TRUE</td>
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<td>logical value indicating whether to produce side on plots</td>
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<td>numeric value giving the y-direction spread of points in side plots</td>
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<td><code>red_dim</code></td>
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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(\textbf{x}) (for a SingleCellExperiment) or \textbf{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(nba_clusts)
clustree_overlay(nba_clusts, prefix = "K", x_value = "PC1", y_value = "PC2")
nba_clusts  Clustered NBA positions dataset

Description
NBA positions dataset clustered using k-means with a range of values of k

Usage
nba_clusts

Format
nba_clusts is a data.frame containing the NBA positions dataset with additional columns holding k-means clusterings at different values of k and the first two principal components

- **Position** - Player position
- **TurnoverPct** - Turnover percentage
- **ReboundPct** - Rebound percentage
- **AssistPct** - Assist percentage
- **FieldGoalPct** - Field goal percentage
- **K1** - K5 - Results of k-means clustering
- **PC1** - First principal component
- **PC2** - Second principal component

Source
NBA positions downloaded from https://github.com/lazappi/nba_positions.
The source dataset is available from Kaggle at https://www.kaggle.com/drgilermo/nba-players-stats/data?select=Seasons_Stats.csv and was originally scraped from Basketball Reference.
See https://github.com/lazappi/clustree/blob/master/data-raw/nba_clusts.R for details of how clustering was performed.

sc_example  Simulated scRNA-seq dataset

Description
A simulated scRNA-seq dataset generated using the splatter package and clustered using the SC3 and Seurat packages.
**Format**

`sce_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 Seurat clustering.

**Source**

```r
# Simulation
library("splatter") # Version 1.2.1
sim <- splatSimulate(batchCells = 200, nGenes = 10000,
                     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_counts <- counts(sim)[1:1000, ]

# SC3 Clustering
library("SC3") # Version 1.7.6
library("scater") # Version 1.6.2
sim_sc3 <- SingleCellExperiment(assays = list(counts = sim_counts))
rowData(sim_sc3)$feature_symbol <- rownames(sim_counts)
sim_sc3 <- normalise(sim_sc3)
sim_sc3 <- sc3(sim_sc3, ks = 1:8, biology = FALSE, n_cores = 1)
sim_sc3 <- runTSNE(sim_sc3)

# Seurat Clustering
library("Seurat") # Version 2.2.0
sim_seurat <- CreateSeuratObject(sim_counts)
sim_seurat <- NormalizeData(sim_seurat, display.progress = FALSE)
sim_seurat <- FindVariableGenes(sim_seurat, do.plot = FALSE,
                                 display.progress = FALSE)
sim_seurat <- ScaleData(sim_seurat, display.progress = FALSE)
sim_seurat <- RunPCA(sim_seurat, do.print = FALSE)
sim_seurat <- FindClusters(sim_seurat, dims.use = 1:6,
                           resolution = seq(0, 1, 0.1),
                           print.output = FALSE)
sc_example <- list(counts = counts(sim_sc3),
                   logcounts = logcounts(sim_sc3),
                   tsne = reducedDim(sim_sc3),
                   sc3_clusters = as.data.frame(colData(sim_sc3)),
                   seurat_clusters = sim_seurat@meta.data)
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