# Package: scregclust (via r-universe)

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## Description

Extract final configurations into a data frame

## Usage

```
available_results(obj)
```

## Arguments

obj

An object of class scregclust

## Value

A data. frame containing penalization parameters and final configurations for those penalizations.

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Create a table of module overlap for two clusterings

### **Description**

Compares two clusterings and creates a table of overlap between them. Module labels do not have to match.

#### Usage

```
cluster_overlap(k1, k2)
```

## Arguments

k1 First clusteringk2 Second clustering

### Value

A matrix showing the module overlap with the labels of k1 in the columns and the labels of k2 in the rows.

fast\_cor

Fast computation of correlation

### **Description**

This uses a more memory-intensive but much faster algorithm than the built-in cor function.

### Usage

```
fast_cor(x, y)
```

#### **Arguments**

x first input matrix y second input matrix

#### **Details**

Computes the correlation between the columns of x and y.

#### Value

Correlations matrix between the columns of x and y

find\_module\_sizes

Determine module sizes

## Description

Determine module sizes

#### Usage

```
find_module_sizes(module, n_modules)
```

## Arguments

module Vector of module indices n\_modules Total number of modules

### Value

A named vector containining the name of the module (its index or "Noise") and the number of elements in that module

```
get_avg_num_regulators
```

Get the average number of active regulators per module

## **Description**

Get the average number of active regulators per module

## Usage

```
get_avg_num_regulators(fit)
```

### **Arguments**

fit

An object of class scRegClust

## Value

A data. frame containing the average number of active regulators per module for each penalization parameter.

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get\_num\_final\_configs Return the number of final configurations

#### Description

Returns the number of final configurations per penalization parameter in an scRegClust object.

## Usage

```
get_num_final_configs(fit)
```

### **Arguments**

fit

An object of class scRegClust

#### Value

An integer vector containing the number of final configurations for each penalization parameter.

get\_rand\_indices

Compute Rand indices

#### **Description**

Compute Rand indices for fitted scregclust object

#### Usage

```
get_rand_indices(fit, groundtruth, adjusted = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

fit An object of class scregclust

groundtruth A known clustering of the target genes (integer vector)

adjusted If TRUE, the Adjusted Rand index is computed. Otherwise the ordinary Rand

index is computed.

## Value

A data. frame containing the Rand indices. Since there can be more than one final configuration for some penalization parameters, Rand indices are averaged for each fixed penalization parameter. Returned are the mean, standard deviation and number of final configurations that were averaged.

#### References

W. M. Rand (1971). "Objective criteria for the evaluation of clustering methods". Journal of the American Statistical Association 66 (336): 846–850. DOI:10.2307/2284239

Lawrence Hubert and Phipps Arabie (1985). "Comparing partitions". Journal of Classification. 2 (1): 193–218. DOI:10.1007/BF01908075

get\_regulator\_list

Return list of regulator genes

### **Description**

Return list of regulator genes

#### Usage

```
get_regulator_list(mode = c("TF", "kinase"))
```

### **Arguments**

mode

Determines which genes are considered to be regulators. Currently supports TF=transcription factors and kinases.

#### Value

a list of gene symbols

#### See Also

```
scregclust_format()
```

```
get_target_gene_modules
```

Extract target gene modules for given penalization parameters

## **Description**

Extract target gene modules for given penalization parameters

## Usage

```
get_target_gene_modules(fit, penalization = NULL)
```

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### **Arguments**

fit An object of class scregclust

penalization A numeric vector of penalization parameters. The penalization parameters speci-

ficed here must have been used used during fitting of the fit object.

#### Value

A list of lists of final target modules. One list for each parameter in penalization. The lists contain the modules of target genes for each final configuration.

kmeanspp

*Perform the k-means++ algorithm* 

#### **Description**

Performs the k-means++ algorithm to cluster the rows of the input matrix.

### Usage

```
kmeanspp(x, n_cluster, n_init_clusterings = 10L, n_max_iter = 10L)
```

#### **Arguments**

x Input matrix (n x p)
n\_cluster Number of clusters
n\_init\_clusterings

Number of repeated random initializations to perform

n\_max\_iter Number of maximum iterations to perform in the k-means algorithm

## **Details**

Estimation is repeated

#### Value

An object of class stats::kmeans.

#### References

David Arthur and Sergei Vassilvitskii. K-Means++: The advantages of careful seeding. In Proceedings of the Eighteenth Annual ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms, SODA '07, pages 1027—1035. Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, 2007.

```
plot_module_count_helper
```

*Plot average silhouette scores and average predictive*  $R^2$ 

### **Description**

Plot average silhouette scores and average predictive  $\mathbb{R}^2$ 

### Usage

```
plot_module_count_helper(list_of_fits, penalization)
```

## **Arguments**

list\_of\_fits A list of scregclust objects each fit to the same dataset across a variety of module counts (varying n\_modules while running scregclust).
 penalization Either a single numeric value requesting the results for the same penalty parameter across all fits in list\_of\_fits, or one for each individual fit.

#### Value

A ggplot2 plot showing the average silhouette score and the average predictive  $\mathbb{R}^2$ 

```
plot_regulator_network
```

Plotting the regulatory table from scregclust as a directed graph

### **Description**

Plotting the regulatory table from scregclust as a directed graph

### Usage

```
plot_regulator_network(
  output,
  arrow_size = 0.3,
  edge_scaling = 30,
  no_links = 6,
  col = c("gray80", "#FC7165", "#BD828C", "#9D8A9F", "#7D92B2", "#BDA88C", "#FCBD65",
        "#F2BB90", "#E7B9BA", "#BDB69C", "#92B27D", "#9B8BA5", "#9D7DB2", "#94A5BF")
)
```

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### **Arguments**

output Object of type scregclust\_output from a fit of the scregclust algorithm.

arrow\_size Size of arrow head

edge\_scaling Scaling factor for edge width

no\_links Threshold value (0-10) for number of edges to show, higher value = more strin-

gent threshold = less edges

col color

#### Value

Graph with gene modules and regulators as nodes

### **Description**

Plot individual silhouette scores

## Usage

```
plot_silhouettes(list_of_fits, penalization, final_config = 1L)
```

## Arguments

list\_of\_fits A list of scregclust objects each fit to the same dataset across a variety of

module counts (varying n\_modules when running scregclust).

penalization Either a single numeric value requesting the results for the same penalty param-

eter across all fits in list\_of\_fits, or one for each individual fit.

final\_config The final configuration that should be visualized. Either a single number to be

used for all fits in list\_of\_fits, or one for each individual fit.

#### Value

A ggplot2 plot showing the the silhouette scores for each supplied fit.

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scregclust

Uncover gene modules and their regulatory programs from single-cell data

#### **Description**

Use the scRegClust algorithm to determine gene modules and their regulatory programs from single-cell data.

## Usage

```
scregclust(
  expression,
  genesymbols,
  is_regulator,
  penalization,
  n_modules,
  initial_target_modules = NULL,
  sample_assignment = NULL,
  center = TRUE,
  split1_proportion = 0.5,
  total_proportion = 1,
  split_indices = NULL,
  prior_indicator = NULL,
  prior_genesymbols = NULL,
  prior_baseline = 1e-06,
  prior_weight = 0.5,
 min_module_size = 0L,
  allocate_per_obs = TRUE,
  noise_threshold = 0.025,
  n_{cycles} = 50L,
  use_kmeanspp_init = TRUE,
  n_initializations = 50L,
 max_optim_iter = 10000L,
  tol\_coop\_rel = 1e-08,
  tol\_coop\_abs = 1e-12,
  tol_nnls = 1e-04,
  compute_predictive_r2 = TRUE,
  compute_silhouette = FALSE,
  nowarnings = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

expression

p x n matrix of pre-processed single cell expression data with p rows of genes and n columns of cells.

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genesymbols A vector of gene names corresponding to rows of expression. Has to be of

length p.

is\_regulator An indicator vector where 1 indicates that the corresponding row in expression

is a candidate regulator. All other rows represent target genes. Has to be of

length p.

penalization Sparsity penalty related to the amount of regulators associated with each mod-

ule. Either a single positive number or a vector of positive numbers.

n\_modules Requested number of modules (integer). If this is provided without specifying

 $initial\_target\_modules$ , then an initial module allocation is performed on the cross-correlation matrix of targets and genes on the first dataset after data

splitting.

initial\_target\_modules

The initial assignment of target genes to modules of length sum(is\_regulator == 0L). If this is not specified, then see n\_modules regarding module initialization. If provided, use\_kmeanspp\_init and n\_initializations are ignored.

sample\_assignment

A vector of sample assignment for each cell, can be used to perform the data splitting with stratification. Has to be of length n. No stratification if NULL is

supplied.

center Whether or not genes should be centered within each subgroup defined in sample\_assignment.

split1\_proportion

The proportion to use for the first dataset during data splitting. The proportion for the second dataset is 1 - split1\_proportion. If stratification with sample\_assignment is used, then the proportion of each strata is controlled.

total\_proportion

Can be used to only use a proportion of the supplied observations. The proportion of the first dataset during data splitting in relation to the full dataset will be

total\_proportion \* split1\_proportion.

split\_indices Can be used to provide an explicit data split. If this is supplied then split1\_proportion,

and total\_proportion are ignored. Note that if sample\_assignent is provided and center == TRUE, then subgroup centering will be performed as in the case of random splitting. A vector of length n containing entries 1 for cells in the first data split, 2 for cells in the second data split and NA for cells that should

be excluded from the computations.

prior\_indicator

An indicator matrix (sparse or dense) of size  $q \times q$  that indicates whether there is a known functional relationship between two genes. Ideally, this is supplied as a sparse matrix (sparseMatrix in the Matrix package). If not, then the matrix

is converted to one.

prior\_genesymbols

A vector of gene names of length q corresponding to the rows/columns in prior\_indicator.

Does not have to be the same as genesymbols, but only useful if there is overlap.

prior\_baseline A positive baseline for the network prior. The larger this parameter is, the less

impact the network prior will have.

prior\_weight A number between 0 and 1 indicating the strength of the prior in relation to the

data. 0 ignores the prior and makes the algorithm completely data-driven. 1 uses

only the prior during module allocation.

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min\_module\_size

Minimum required size of target genes in a module. Smaller modules are emptied.

allocate\_per\_obs

Whether module allocation should be performed for each observation in the second data split separately. If FALSE, target genes are allocated into modules on the aggregate sum of squares across all observations in the second data split.

noise\_threshold

Threshold for the best  $\mathbb{R}^2$  of a target gene before it gets identified as noise.

n\_cycles Number of maximum algorithmic cycles.

use\_kmeanspp\_init

Use kmeans++ for module initialization if initial\_target\_modules is a single integer; otherwise use kmeans with random initial cluster centers

n\_initializations

Number of kmeans(++) initialization runs.

max\_optim\_iter Maximum number of iterations during optimization in the coop-Lasso and NNLS steps.

tol\_coop\_rel Relative convergence tolerance during optimization in the coop-Lasso step.

tol\_coop\_abs Absolute convergence tolerance during optimization in the coop-Lasso step.

tol\_nnls Convergence tolerance during optimization in the NNLS step.

compute\_predictive\_r2

Whether to compute predictive  $\mathbb{R}^2$  per module as well as regulator importance.

compute\_silhouette

Whether to compute silhouette scores for each target gene.

nowarnings When turned on then no warning messages are shown.

verbose Whether to print progress.

#### Value

A list with S3 class scregclust containing

penalization The supplied penalization parameters

results A list of result lists (each with S3 class scregclust\_result), one for each supplied penalization parameter. See below.

initial\_target\_modules

Initial allocation of target genes into modules.

split\_indices either verbatim the vector given as input or a vector encoding the splits as NA = not included, 1 = split 1 or 2 = split 2. Allows reproducibility of data splits.

For each supplied penalization parameter, results contains a list with

- the current penalization parameter,
- the supplied genesymbols after filtering (as used during fitting),
- the supplied is\_regulator vector after filtering (as used during fitting),
- the number of fitted modules n\_modules,

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- whether the current run converged to a single configuration (as a boolean),
- as well as an output object containing the numeric results for each final configuration.

It is possible that the algorithm ends in a finite cycle of configurations instead of a unique final configuration. Therefore, output is a list with each element itself being a list with the following contents:

reg\_table a regulator table, a matrix of weights for each regulator and module

module vector of same length as genesymbols containing the module assignments for all genes with regulators marked as NA. Genes considered noise are marked as -1.

module\_all same as module, however, genes that were marked as noise (-1 in module) are assigned to the module in which it has the largest  $R^2$ , even if it is below noise\_threshold.

r2 matrix of predictive  $R^2$  value for each target gene and module

best\_r2 vector of best predictive  $R^2$  for each gene (regulators marked with NA)

 $best_r2\_idx$  module index corresponding to best predictive  $R^2$  for each gene (regulators marked with NA)

r2\_module a vector of predictive  $R^2$  values for each module (included if compute\_predictive\_r2 == TRUE)

importance a matrix of importance values for each regulator (rows) and module (columns) (included if compute\_predictive\_r2 == TRUE)

r2\_cross\_module\_per\_target a matrix of cross module  $R^2$  values for each target gene (rows) and each module (columns) (included if compute\_silhouette == TRUE)

models regulator selection for each module as a matrix with regulators in rows and modules in columns

signs regulator signs for each module as a matrix with regulators in rows and modules in columns weights average regulator coefficient for each module

coeffs list of regulator coefficient matrices for each module for all target genes as re-estimated in the NNLS step

sigmas matrix of residual variances, one per target gene in each module; derived from the residuals in NNLS step

scregclust\_format

Package data before clustering

#### **Description**

Package data before clustering

#### Usage

```
scregclust_format(expression_matrix, mode = c("TF", "kinase"))
```

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## **Arguments**

expression\_matrix

The p x n gene expression matrix with gene symbols as rownames.

mode

Determines which genes are considered to be regulators.

### Value

A list with

genesymbols The gene symbols extracted from the expression matrix

sample\_assignment

A vector filled with 1's of the same length as there are columns in the gene

expression matrix.

is\_regulator Whether a gene is considered to be a regulator or not, determined dependent on

mode.

## See Also

```
get_regulator_list()
```

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