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BuettnerFlorian test dataset for SIMLR

#### 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 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

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# SIMLR

# 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

| Х           | an $(m \ x \ n)$ data matrix of gene expression measurements of individual cells or 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 diffusion, 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)
```

SIMLR\_Estimate\_Number\_of\_Clusters
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

| Х           | 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)
```

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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

| Α | an (n x n) similarity matrix by SIMLR  |
|---|--|
| Х | 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

| Х         | an (m x n) data matrix of gene expression measurements of individual cells or and object of class SCESet $% \left( {{{\left[ {{{{}}}} \right]}}}} \right.}$ |
|-----------|---|
| с         | 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?  |

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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