# Package 'MetaNeighbor'

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extendClusterSet Extend cluster set to nearest neighbors on cluster graph.

# Description

Note that the graph is directed, i.e. neighbors are retrieved by following arrows that start from the initial clusters.

# Usage

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```
extendClusterSet(graph, initial_set, max_neighbor_distance = 2)
```

# extractMetaClusters

#### Arguments

graph	Graph in igraph format generated by makeClusterGraph.	
initial_set	Vector of cluster labels	
<pre>max_neighbor_distance</pre>		
	Include more distantly related nodes by performing neigbor extension max_neighbor_distance rounds.	

# Value

Character vector including initial cluster set and all neighboring clusters (if any).

extractMetaClusters Extracts groups of reciprocal top hits from a 1-vs-best AUROC matrix.

# Description

Note that meta-clusters are \*not\* cliques, but connected components, e.g., if 1<->2 and 1<->3 are reciprocal top hits, 1, 2, 3 is a meta-cluster, independently from the relationship between 2 and 3.

#### Usage

```
extractMetaClusters(best_hits, threshold = 0)
```

# Arguments

best_hits	Matrix of AUROCs produced by MetaNeighborUS.
threshold	AUROC threshold. Two clusters belong to the same meta-cluster if they are re- ciprocal top hits and their similarity exceeds the threshold *both* ways (AUROC(1- >2) > threshold *AND* AUROC(2->1) > threshold).
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# Value

A named list, where names are default meta-cluster names, and values are vectors of cluster names, one vector per meta-cluster. The last element of the list is called "outliers" and contains all clusters that had no match in any other dataset.

getCellType

# Description

Return cell type from a label in format 'study\_idlcell\_type'

#### Usage

```
getCellType(cluster_name)
```

# Arguments

cluster\_name Character vector containing cluster names in the format study\_idlcell\_type.

# Value

Character vector containing all cell type names.

getStudyId

Return study ID from a label in format 'study\_id\cell\_type'

# Description

Return study ID from a label in format 'study\_idlcell\_type'

#### Usage

```
getStudyId(cluster_name)
```

# Arguments

cluster\_name Character vector containing cluster names in the format study\_idlcell\_type.

# Value

Character vector containing all study ids.

ggPlotHeatmap

#### Description

This function is a ggplot alternative to plotHeatmap (without the cell type dendrogram).

#### Usage

```
ggPlotHeatmap(aurocs, label_size = 10)
```

#### Arguments

aurocs	A square AUROC matrix as returned by MetaNeighborUS.
label_size	Font size of cell type labels along the heatmap (default is 10).

#### Value

A ggplot object.

# See Also

plotHeatmap

GOhuman	GOhuman		
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# Description

List containing gene symbols for 71 GO function

# Usage

GOhuman

#### Format

genesets List containing gene symbols for 71 GO function (GO slim terms containing between
50 and 1,000 genes) downloaded from the Gene Ontology Consortium August 2015 http:
//www.geneontology.org/page/download-annotations

#### Source

Dataset: https://github.com/mm-shah/MetaNeighbor/tree/master/data|Paper: https:// www.biorxiv.org/content/early/2017/06/16/150524 GOmouse

#### Description

List containing gene symbols for 10 GO function

#### Usage

GOmouse

#### Format

genesets List containing gene symbols for 10 GO function (GO:0016853, GO:0005615, GO:0005768, GO:0007067, GO:0065003, GO:0042592, GO:0005929, GO:0008565, GO:0016829, GO:0022857) downloaded from the Gene Ontology Consortium August 2015 http://www.geneontology.org/page/download-annotations

# Source

Dataset: https://github.com/mm-shah/MetaNeighbor/tree/master/data|Paper: https:// www.biorxiv.org/content/early/2017/06/16/150524

makeClusterGraph Convert AUROC matrix into a graph.

#### Description

This representation is a useful alternative for heatmaps for large datasets and sparse AUROC matrices (MetaNeighborUS with one\_vs\_best = TRUE)

#### Usage

```
makeClusterGraph(best_hits, low_threshold = 0, high_threshold = 1)
```

# Arguments

best_hits	Matrix of AUROCs produced by MetaNeighborUS.
low_threshold	AUROC threshold value. An edge is drawn between two clusters only if their similarity exceeds low_threshold.
high_threshold	AUROC threshold value. An edge is drawn between two clusters only if their similarity is lower than high_threshold (enables focusing on close calls).

# Value

A graph in igraph format, where nodes are clusters and edges are AUROC similarities.

makeClusterName Make cluster names in format 'study\_id\cell\_type'

#### Description

Make cluster names in format 'study\_idlcell\_type'

# Usage

```
makeClusterName(study_id, cell_type)
```

#### Arguments

study_id	Character vector containing study ids.
cell_type	Character vector containing cell type names

#### Value

Character vector containing cluster names in the format study\_idlcell\_type.

mergeSCE

Merge multiple SingleCellExperiment objects.

#### Description

Merge multiple SingleCellExperiment objects.

#### Usage

```
mergeSCE(sce_list)
```

#### Arguments

sce\_list

A \*named\* list, where values are SingleCellExperiment objects and names are SingleCellExperiment objects.

#### Value

A SingleCellExperiment object containing the input datasets with the following limitations: (i) only genes common to all datasets are kept, (ii) only colData columns common to all datasets are kept, (iii) only assays common to all datasets (i.e., having the same name) are kept, (iv) all other slots (e.g., reducedDims or rowData) will be ignored and left empty. The SingleCellExperiment object contains a "study\_id" column, mapping each cell to its original dataset (names in "sce\_list").

MetaNeighbor

#### Description

For each gene set of interest, the function builds a network of rank correlations between all cells. Next, It builds a network of rank correlations between all cells for a gene set. Next, the neighbor voting predictor produces a weighted matrix of predicted labels by performing matrix multiplication between the network and the binary vector indicating cell type membership, then dividing each element by the null predictor (i.e., node degree). That is, each cell is given a score equal to the fraction of its neighbors (including itself), which are part of a given cell type. For cross-validation, we permute through all possible combinations of leave-one-dataset-out cross-validation, and we report how well we can recover cells of the same type as area under the receiver operator characteristic curve (AUROC). This is repeated for all folds of cross-validation, and the mean AUROC across folds is reported. Calls neighborVoting.

#### Usage

```
MetaNeighbor(
   dat,
    i = 1,
   experiment_labels,
   celltype_labels,
   genesets,
   bplot = TRUE,
   fast_version = FALSE,
   node_degree_normalization = TRUE,
   batch_size = 10,
   detailed_results = FALSE
)
```

#### Arguments

dat	A SummarizedExperiment object containing gene-by-sample expression matrix.	
i	default value 1; non-zero index value of assay containing the matrix data	
experiment_labe	ls	
	A vector that indicates the source/dataset of each sample.	
celltype_labels		
	A character vector or one-hot encoded matrix (cells x cell type) that indicates the cell type of each sample.	
genesets	Gene sets of interest provided as a list of vectors.	
bplot	default true, beanplot is generated	
fast_version	default value FALSE; a boolean flag indicating whether to use the fast and low memory version of MetaNeighbor	

dividing through total node degree. batch_size Optimization parameter. Gene sets are processed in groups of size batch_size The count matrix is first subset to all genes from these groups, then to each gene set individually. detailed_results	node_degree_normalization		
The count matrix is first subset to all genes from these groups, then to each gene set individually. detailed_results Should the function return the average AUROC across all test datasets (default)			default value TRUE; a boolean flag indicating whether to normalize votes by dividing through total node degree.
Should the function return the average AUROC across all test datasets (default		batch_size	Optimization parameter. Gene sets are processed in groups of size batch_size. The count matrix is first subset to all genes from these groups, then to each gene set individually.
6	detailed_results		
			Should the function return the average AUROC across all test datasets (default) or a detailed table with the AUROC for each test dataset?

#### Value

A matrix of AUROC scores representing the mean for each gene set tested for each celltype is returned directly (see neighborVoting). If detailed\_results is set to TRUE, the function returns a table of AUROC scores in each test dataset for each gene set.

#### See Also

neighborVoting

# Examples

MetaNeighborUS

Runs unsupervised version of MetaNeighbor

#### Description

When it is difficult to know how cell type labels compare across datasets this function helps users to make an educated guess about the overlaps without requiring in-depth knowledge of marker genes

#### Usage

```
MetaNeighborUS(
  var_genes = c(),
  dat,
  i = 1,
  study_id,
  cell_type,
  trained_model = NULL,
```

```
fast_version = FALSE,
node_degree_normalization = TRUE,
one_vs_best = FALSE,
symmetric_output = TRUE
```

#### Arguments

)

var_genes	vector of high variance genes.	
dat	SummarizedExperiment object containing gene-by-sample expression matrix.	
i	default value 1; non-zero index value of assay containing the matrix data	
study_id	a vector that lists the Study (dataset) ID for each sample	
cell_type	a vector that lists the cell type of each sample	
trained_model	default value NULL; a matrix containing a trained model generated from MetaNeighbor::trainModel. If not NULL, the trained model is treated as training data and dat is treated as testing data. If a trained model is provided, fast_version will automatically be set to TRUE and var_genes will be overridden with genes used to generate the trained_model	
fast_version	default value FALSE; a boolean flag indicating whether to use the fast and low memory version of MetaNeighbor	
node_degree_normalization		
	default value TRUE; a boolean flag indicating whether to use normalize votes by dividing through total node degree.	
one_vs_best	default value FALSE; a boolean flag indicating whether to compute AUROCs based on a best match against second best match setting (default version is one-vs-rest). This option is currently only relevant when fast_version = TRUE.	
symmetric_output		
	default value TRUE; a boolean flag indicating whether to average AUROCs in the output matrix.	

# Value

The output is a cell type-by-cell type mean AUROC matrix, which is built by treating each pair of cell types as testing and training data for MetaNeighbor, then taking the average AUROC for each pair (NB scores will not be identical because each test cell type is scored out of its own dataset, and the differential heterogeneity of datasets will influence scores). If symmetric\_output is set to FALSE, the training cell types are displayed as columns and the test cell type are displayed as rows. If trained\_model was provided, the output will be a cell type-by-cell type AUROC matrix with training cell types as columns and test cell types as rows (no swapping of test and train, no averaging).

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#### mn\_data

```
study_id = mn_data$study_id,
cell_type = mn_data$cell_type)
```

celltype\_NV

mn\_data

mn\_data

#### Description

A SummarizedExperiment object containing: a gene matrix, cell type labels, experiment labels, sets of genes, sample ID, study id and cell types.

#### Usage

mn\_data

#### Format

- Gene matrix A gene-by-sample expression matrix consisting of 3157 rows (genes) and 1051 columns (cell types)
- **cell\_labels** 1051x1 binary matrix that indicates whether a cell belongs to the SstNos cell type (1=yes, 0 = no)
- sample\_id A character vector of length 1051 that indicates the sample\_id of each sample
- study\_id A character vector of length 1051 that indicates the study\_id of each sample ("GSE60361" = Zeisel et al, "GSE71585" = Tasic et al)
- cell\_type A character vector of length 1051 that indicates the cell-type of each sample

#### Source

Dataset:https://github.com/mm-shah/MetaNeighbor/tree/master/data1.Zeisaletal.http: //science.sciencemag.org/content/347/6226/11382.Tasic et al. http://www.nature. com/neuro/journal/v19/n2/full/nn.4216.html

neighborVoting Runs the neighbor voting algorithm.

#### Description

The function performs cell type identity prediction based on 'guilt by association' using cross validation. Performance is evaluated by calculating the AUROC for each cell type.

# Usage

```
neighborVoting(
  exp_labels,
  cell_labels,
  network,
  means = TRUE,
  node_degree_normalization = TRUE
)
```

# Arguments

exp_labels	A vector that indicates the dataset source of each sample	
cell_labels	sample by cell type matrix that indicates the cell type of each sample (0-absent; 1-present)	
network	sample by sample adjacency matrix, ranked and standardized between 0-1	
means	default TRUE, determines output formatting	
node_degree_normalization		
	default TRUE, should predictions be divided by node degree?	

# Value

If means = TRUE (default) a vector containing the mean of AUROC values across cross-validation folds will be returned. If FALSE a list is returned containing a cell type by dataset matrix of AUROC scores, for each fold of cross-validation. Default is over-ridden when more than one cell type is assessed.

# See Also

MetaNeighbor

# Examples

AUROC\_scores

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orderCellTypes

# Description

Order cell types based on AUROC similarity matrix.

# Usage

```
orderCellTypes(M, na_value = 0)
```

# Arguments

М	A square AUROC matrix as returned by MetaNeighborUS.
na_value	Replace NA values with this value (default is 0).

# Value

A hierarchical clustering object as returned by stats::hclust.

plotBPlot	Plot Bean Plot, showing how replicability of cell types depends on
	gene sets.

# Description

Plot Bean Plot, showing how replicability of cell types depends on gene sets.

# Usage

```
plotBPlot(nv_mat, hvg_score = NULL, cex = 1)
```

# Arguments

nv_mat	A rectangular AUROC matrix as returned by MetaNeighbor, where each row is a gene set and each column is a cell type.
hvg_score	Named vector with AUROCs obtained from a set of Highly Variable Genes (HVGs). The names must correspond to cell types from nv_mat. If specified, the HVG score is highlighted in red.
cex	Size factor for row and column labels.

# Examples

plotClusterGraph *Plot cluster graph generated with makeClusterGraph.* 

#### Description

In this visualization, edges are colored in black when AUROC > 0.5 and orange when AUROC < 0.5, edge width scales linearly with AUROC. Edges are oriented from training cluster towards test cluster. A black bidirectional edge indicates that two clusters are reciprocal top matches. Node radius reflects cluster size (small: up to 10 cells, medium: up to 100 cells, large: all other clusters).

#### Usage

```
plotClusterGraph(
  graph,
  study_id = NULL,
  cell_type = NULL,
  size_factor = 1,
  label_cex = 0.2 * size_factor,
  legend_cex = 2,
  study_cols = NULL
)
```

# Arguments

graph	Graph in igraph format generated by makeClusterGraph.
study_id	Vector with study IDs provided to MetaNeighborUS to compute AUROCs stored in graph (used to compute cluster size). If NULL, all nodes have medium size.
cell_type	Vector with cell type labels provided to MetaNeighborUS to compute AUROCs stored in graph (used to compute cluster size). If NULL, all nodes have medium size.
size_factor	Numeric value controling the size of nodes and edges.
label_cex	Numeric value controling the size of cell type labels.
legend_cex	Numeric value controling the size of the legend.
study_cols	Named vector where values are RGB colors and names are unique study identi- fiers. If NULL, a default color palette is used.

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plotDotPlot

# Description

The size of each dot reflects the number of cell that express a gene, the color reflects the average expression. Expression of genes is first average and scaled in each dataset independently. The final value is obtained by averaging across datasets.

# Usage

```
plotDotPlot(
    dat,
    experiment_labels,
    celltype_labels,
    gene_set,
    i = 1,
    normalize_library_size = TRUE,
    alpha_row = 10,
    average_expressing_only = FALSE
)
```

#### Arguments

dat	A SummarizedExperiment object containing gene-by-sample expression matrix.	
experiment_lab	els	
	A vector that indicates the source/dataset of each sample.	
celltype_label	S	
	A character vector that indicates the cell type of each sample.	
gene_set	Gene set of interest provided as a vector of genes.	
i	Default value 1; non-zero index value of assay containing the matrix data.	
normalize_library_size		
	Whether to apply library size normalization before computing average expression (set this value to FALSE if data are already normalized).	
alpha_row	Parameter controling row ordering: a higher value of alpha_row gives more weight to extreme AUROC values (close to 1).	
average_expressing_only		
	Whether average expression should be computed based only on expressing cells (Seurat default) or taking into account zeros.	
	-	

# Value

a ggplot object.

plotHeatmap

## Description

Plots symmetric AUROC heatmap, clustering cell types by similarity.

#### Usage

```
plotHeatmap(aurocs, cex = 1, margins = c(8, 8), ...)
```

# Arguments

aurocs	A square AUROC matrix as returned by MetaNeighborUS.
cex	Size factor for row and column labels.
margins	Size of margins (for row and column labels).
	Additional graphical parameters that are passed on to gplots::heatmap.2 (allows customization of the heatmap).

# See Also

ggPlotHeatmap

# Examples

plotHeatmapPretrained Plots rectangular AUROC heatmap, clustering train cell types (columns) by similarity, and ordering test cell types (rows) according to similarity to train cell types..

# Description

Plots rectangular AUROC heatmap, clustering train cell types (columns) by similarity, and ordering test cell types (rows) according to similarity to train cell types.

# plotMetaClusters

# Usage

```
plotHeatmapPretrained(
  aurocs,
  alpha_col = 1,
  alpha_row = 10,
  cex = 1,
  margins = c(8, 8)
)
```

# Arguments

aurocs	A rectangular AUROC matrix as returned by MetaNeighborUS,
alpha_col	Parameter controling column clustering: a higher value of alpha_col gives more weight to extreme AUROC values (close to 1).
alpha_row	Parameter controling row ordering: a higher value of alpha_row gives more weight to extreme AUROC values (close to 1).
cex	Size factor for row and column labels.
margins	Size of margins (for row and column labels).

# Examples

plotMetaClusters	Plot meta-cluster badges, each badge is a small AUROC heatmap re-
	stricted to a specific meta-cluster.

# Description

Plot meta-cluster badges, each badge is a small AUROC heatmap restricted to a specific metacluster.

# Usage

# Arguments

<pre>meta_clusters</pre>	Meta-cluster list generated by extractMetaClusters.
best_hits	Matrix of AUROCs used to extract meta-clusters.
reorder	Reorder datasets by similarity for each badge? By default, the same dataset ordering is used for each badge.
cex	Size factor controling label size.
study_cols	Named vector where values are RGB colors and names are unique study identi- fiers (corresponding to study_id). If NULL, a default color palette is used.
auroc_breaks	Numeric vector used to bin AUROC values for color coding.
auroc_cols	Vector containing RGB colors used to encode AUROC levels. The length of auroc_cols must correspond to the length of auroc_breaks - 1.

plotUpset

Plot Upset plot showing how replicability depends on input dataset.

# Description

Plot Upset plot showing how replicability depends on input dataset.

#### Usage

```
plotUpset(metaclusters, min_recurrence = 2, outlier_name = "outliers")
```

#### Arguments

metaclusters	Metaclusters extracted from MetaNeighborUS analysis.
<pre>min_recurrence</pre>	Only show replicability structure for metaclusters that are replicable across at least min_recurrence datasets.
outlier_name	In metaclusters, name assigned to outliers (clusters that did not match with any other cluster)

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# scoreMetaClusters

#### Examples

scoreMetaClusters Summarize meta-cluster information in a table.

#### Description

Summarize meta-cluster information in a table.

#### Usage

```
scoreMetaClusters(meta_clusters, best_hits, outlier_label = "outliers")
```

#### Arguments

<pre>meta_clusters</pre>	Meta-cluster list generated by extractMetaClusters.
best_hits	Matrix of AUROCs used to extract meta-clusters.
outlier_label	Element of meta-cluster list containing outlier clusters.

#### Value

A data.frame. Column "meta\_cluster" contains meta-cluster names, "clusters" lists the clusters belonging to each meta-cluster, "n\_studies" is the number of studies spanned by the meta-cluster, "score" is the average similarity between meta-cluster members (average AUROC, NAs are treated as 0).

```
splitClusters
```

# Description

This function computes hierarchical clustering to group similar clusters, interpreting the AUROC matrix as a similarity matrix, then uses a standard tree cutting algorithm to obtain groups of similar clusters. Note that the cluster hierarchy corresponds exactly to the dendrogram shown when using the plotHeatmap function.

#### Usage

splitClusters(mn\_scores, k)

#### Arguments

<pre>mn_scores</pre>	A symmetric AUROC matrix as generated by MetaNeighborUS.
k	The number of desired cluster sets.

#### Value

A list of cluster sets, each cluster set is a character vector containg cluster labels.

#### See Also

plotHeatmap

splitTestClusters Split test clusters according to AUROC similarity to train clusters.

#### Description

This function computes hierarchical clustering to group similar test clusters, using similarity to train clusters as features, then uses a standard tree cutting algorithm to obtain groups of similar clusters. Note that the cluster hierarchy does \*not\* correspond to the row ordering of plotHeatmapPretrained function, which uses a different heuristic.

#### Usage

```
splitTestClusters(mn_scores, k)
```

#### Arguments

<pre>mn_scores</pre>	An AUROC matrix as generated by MetaNeighborUS, usually with the "trained_model"
	option.
k	The number of desired cluster sets.

# splitTrainClusters

# Value

A list of cluster sets, each cluster set is a character vector containg cluster labels.

# See Also

plotHeatmapPretrained

splitTrainClusters Split train clusters according to AUROC similarity to test clusters.

# Description

This function computes hierarchical clustering to group similar train clusters, using similarity to test clusters as features, then uses a standard tree cutting algorithm to obtain groups of similar clusters. Note that the cluster hierarchy corresponds exactly to the column dendrogram shown when using the plotHeatmapPretrained function.

#### Usage

```
splitTrainClusters(mn_scores, k)
```

#### Arguments

mn_scores	An AUROC matrix as generated by MetaNeighborUS, usually with the "trained_model" option.
k	The number of desired cluster sets.

# Value

A list of cluster sets, each cluster set is a character vector containg cluster labels.

# See Also

plotHeatmapPretrained

standardizeLabel

# Description

Remove special characters ("I") from labels to avoid later conflicts

# Usage

```
standardizeLabel(labels, replace = "|", with = ".")
```

# Arguments

labels	Character vector containing study ids or cell type names.
replace	Special character to replace
with	Character to use instead of special character

#### Value

Character vector with replaced special characters.

subsetClusterGraph Subset cluster graph to clusters of interest.

# Description

Subset cluster graph to clusters of interest.

# Usage

```
subsetClusterGraph(graph, vertices)
```

# Arguments

graph	Graph in igraph format generated by makeClusterGraph.
vertices	Vector of cluster labels

# Value

Graph in igraph format, where nodes have been restricted to clusters of interests.

# See Also

extendClusterSet

topHits

# Description

Identifies reciprocal top hits and high scoring cell type pairs. This function only look for the overall top hit for each cell type. We strongly recommend using topHitsByStudy instead, which looks for top hits in each target study, providing a more comprehensive view of replicability.

#### Usage

```
topHits(cell_NV, dat, i = 1, study_id, cell_type, threshold = 0.95)
```

# Arguments

cell_NV	matrix of celltype-to-celltype AUROC scores (output from MetaNeighborUS)
dat	a SummarizedExperiment object containing gene-by-sample expression matrix.
i	default value 1; non-zero index value of assay containing the matrix data
study_id	a vector that lists the Study (dataset) ID for each sample
cell_type	a vector that lists the cell type of each sample
threshold	default value 0.95. Must be between [0,1]

# Value

Function returns a dataframe with cell types that are either reciprocal best matches, and/or those with AUROC values greater than or equal to threshold value

# See Also

#### topHitsByStudy

topHitsByStudy

# Description

This function looks for reciprocal top hits in each target study separately, allowing for as many reciprocal top hits as target studies. This is the recommended function for extracting top hits.

# Usage

```
topHitsByStudy(
  auroc,
  threshold = 0.9,
  n_digits = 2,
  collapse_duplicates = TRUE
)
```

FALSE).

#### Arguments

auroc	matrix of celltype-to-celltype AUROC scores (output from MetaNeighborUS)
threshold	AUROC threshold, must be between [0,1]. Default is 0.9. Only top hits above this threshold are included in the result table.
n_digits	Number of digits for AUROC values in the result table. Set to "Inf" to skip rounding.
collapse_duplicates	
	Collapse identical pairs of cell types (by default), effectively averaging AU-
	ROCs when reference and target roles are reversed. Setting this option to FALSE
	makes it easier to filter results by study or cell type. If collapse_duplicates is set
	to FALSE, "Celltype_1" is the reference cell type and "Celltype_2" is the tar-

#### Value

Function returns a dataframe with cell types that are either reciprocal best matches, and/or those with AUROC values greater than or equal to threshold value

get cell type (relevant if MetaNeighborUS was run with symmetric\_output =

#### See Also

topHits

# trainModel

```
trainModel
```

Pretrains model for the unsupervised version of MetaNeighbor

#### Description

When comparing clusters to a large reference dataset, this function summarizes the gene-by-cell matrix into a much smaller highly variable gene-by-cluster matrix which can be fed as training data into MetaNeighborUS, resulting in substantial time and memory savings.

# Usage

trainModel(var\_genes, dat, i = 1, study\_id, cell\_type)

#### Arguments

var_genes	vector of high variance genes.
dat	SummarizedExperiment object containing gene-by-sample expression matrix.
i	default value 1; non-zero index value of assay containing the matrix data
study_id	a vector that lists the Study (dataset) ID for each sample
cell_type	a vector that lists the cell type of each sample

# Value

The output is a gene-by-cluster matrix that contains all the information necessary to run MetaNeighborUS from a pre-trained model.

variableGenes

# Description

Identifies genes with high variance compared to their median expression (top quartile) within each experimentCertain function

#### Usage

```
variableGenes(
   dat,
    i = 1,
   exp_labels,
   min_recurrence = length(unique(exp_labels)),
   downsampling_size = 10000
)
```

# Arguments

dat	SummarizedExperiment object containing gene-by-sample expression matrix.
i	default value 1; non-zero index value of assay containing the matrix data
exp_labels	character vector that denotes the source (Study ID) of each sample.
min_recurrence	Number of studies across which a gene must be detected as highly variable to be kept. By default, only genes that are variable across all studies are kept (intersection).
downsampling_size	
	Downsample each study to downsampling_size samples without replacement. If set to 0 or value exceeds dataset size, no downsampling is applied.

# Value

The output is a vector of gene names that are highly variable in every experiment (intersect)

```
data(mn_data)
var_genes = variableGenes(dat = mn_data, exp_labels = mn_data$study_id)
var_genes
```

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