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Description

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anno_word_cloud	<i>Word cloud annotations</i>
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Description

Word cloud annotations

Usage

```
anno_word_cloud(  
  align_to,  
  term,  
  exclude_words = NULL,  
  max_words = 10,
```

```

word_cloud_grob_param = list(),
fontsize_range = c(4, 16),
value_range = NULL,
bg_gp = gpar(fill = "#DDDDDD", col = "#AAAAAA"),
side = c("right", "left"),
add_new_line = FALSE,
count_words_param = list(),
...,
return_gbl = FALSE
)

```

Arguments

<code>align_to</code>	How to align the annotations to the heatmap. Similar as in <code>ComplexHeatmap::anno_link</code> , the value of <code>align_to</code> can be a list of row indices or a categorical vector where each vector in the list corresponds to a word cloud. If it is a categorical vector, rows with the same level correspond to a same word cloud. If <code>align_to</code> is a categorical vector and <code>term</code> is a list, names of <code>term</code> should have overlap to the levels in <code>align_to</code> . When <code>align_to</code> is set as a categorical vector, normally the same value is set to <code>row_split</code> in the main heatmap so that each row slice can correspond to a word cloud.
<code>term</code>	The description text used for constructing the word clouds. The value should have the same format as <code>align_to</code> . If <code>align_to</code> is a list, <code>term</code> should also be a list. In this case, the length of vectors in <code>term</code> is not necessarily the same as in <code>align_to</code> . E.g. <code>length(term[[1]])</code> is not necessarily equal to <code>length(align_to[[1]])</code> . If <code>align_to</code> is a categorical vector, <code>term</code> should also be a character vector with the same length as <code>align_to</code> . To make it more general, when <code>align_to</code> is a list, <code>term</code> can also be a list of data frames where the first column contains keywords and the second column contains numeric values that will be mapped to font sizes in the word clouds.
<code>exclude_words</code>	The words excluded for constructing word cloud.
<code>max_words</code>	Maximal number of words visualized in the word cloud.
<code>word_cloud_grob_param</code>	A list of graphics parameters passed to <code>word_cloud_grob</code> .
<code>fontsize_range</code>	The range of the font size. The value should be a numeric vector with length two. The font size interpolation is linear.
<code>value_range</code>	The range of values to map to font sizes.
<code>bg_gp</code>	Graphics parameters for controlling the background.
<code>side</code>	Side of the annotation relative to the heatmap.
<code>add_new_line</code>	Whether to add new line after every word? If TRUE, each word will be in a separated line.
<code>count_words_param</code>	A list of parameters passed to <code>count_words</code> .
<code>...</code>	Other parameters.
<code>return_gbl</code>	Internally used.

Details

The word cloud annotation is constructed by `ComplexHeatmap::anno_link`.

If the annotation is failed to construct or no keyword is found, the function returns a `ComplexHeatmap::anno_empty` with 1px width.

English stop words, punctuation and numbers are removed by default when counting words. As specific stop words might coincide with gene or pathway names, and numbers in genes names might be meaningful it is recommended to adjust this behaviour by passing appropriate arguments to the `count_words` function using `count_words_param`.

Examples

```
gm = readRDS(system.file("extdata", "random_GO_BP_sim_mat.rds", package = "simplifyEnrichment"))
go_id = rownames(gm)
go_term = AnnotationDbi::select(GO.db::GO.db, keys = go_id, columns = "TERM")$TERM

split = sample(letters[1:4], 100, replace = TRUE)
align_to = split(1:100, split)
term = lapply(letters[1:4], function(x) sample(go_term, sample(100:400, 1)))
names(term) = letters[1:4]

require(ComplexHeatmap)
mat = matrix(rnorm(100*10), nrow = 100)
Heatmap(mat, cluster_rows = FALSE, row_split = split,
  right_annotation = rowAnnotation(foo = anno_word_cloud(align_to, term)))
```

anno_word_cloud_from_GO

Word cloud annotations from GO

Description

Word cloud annotations from GO

Usage

```
anno_word_cloud_from_GO(
  align_to,
  go_id,
  stat = c("pvalue", "count"),
  min_stat = ifelse(stat == "count", 5, 0.05),
  term = NULL,
  exclude_words = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

align_to	The same format as in anno_word_cloud.
go_id	The value should be in the same format as align_to. If go_id is a vector, it should have the same length as align_to, and if go_id is a list, note, e.g. <code>length(go_id[[1]])</code> is not necessarily equal to <code>length(align_to[[1]])</code> . If align_to is a categorical vector and go_id is a list, names of go_id should have overlap to the levels in align_to.
stat	What type of value to map to font sizes of the keywords. There are two possible values. "pvalue": enrichment is applied to keywords and $-\log_{10}(\text{p-value})$ is used to map to font size; "count": simply word frequency of keywords.
min_stat	Minimal value for stat for selecting keywords.
term	Alternatively the GO description can be set via the term argument. The same format as in anno_word_cloud.
exclude_words	The words excluded for constructing word cloud. Some words are internally excluded: <code>c("via", "protein", "factor", "side", "type", "specific")</code> .
...	All other arguments passed to anno_word_cloud.

area_above_ecdf	<i>Area above the eCDF curve</i>
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Description

Area above the eCDF curve

Usage

```
area_above_ecdf(x)
```

Arguments

x	A vector of similarity values.
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Details

Denote $F(x)$ as the eCDF (empirical Cumulative Distribution Function) of the similarity vector x , this function calculates the area above the eCDF curve, which is $1 - \int_0^1 F(x)dx$.

Value

A numeric value.

cluster_terms	<i>Cluster terms based on their similarity matrix</i>
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Description

Cluster terms based on their similarity matrix

Usage

```
cluster_terms(
  mat,
  method = "binary_cut",
  control = list(),
  verbose = se_opt$verbose
)

cluster_by_kmeans(mat, max_k = max(2, min(round(nrow(mat)/5), 100)), ...)

cluster_by_pam(mat, max_k = max(2, min(round(nrow(mat)/10), 100)), ...)

cluster_by_dynamicTreeCut(mat, minClusterSize = 5, ...)

cluster_by_fast_greedy(mat, ...)

cluster_by_leading_eigen(mat, ...)

cluster_by_louvain(mat, ...)

cluster_by_walktrap(mat, ...)

cluster_by_mclust(mat, G = seq_len(max(2, min(round(nrow(mat)/5), 100))), ...)

cluster_by_apcluster(mat, s = apcluster::negDistMat(r = 2), ...)

cluster_by_hdbscan(mat, minPts = 5, ...)

cluster_by_MCL(mat, addLoops = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

mat	A similarity matrix.
method	The clustering methods. Value should be in all_clustering_methods() .
control	A list of parameters passed to the corresponding clustering function.
verbose	Whether to print messages.
max_k	Maximal k for k-means/PAM clustering. K-means/PAM clustering is applied from $k = 2$ to $k = \text{max_k}$.

...	Other arguments.
minClusterSize	Minimal number of objects in a cluster. Pass to <code>dynamicTreeCut::cutreeDynamic()</code> .
G	Passed to the G argument in <code>mclust::Mclust()</code> which is the number of clusters.
s	Passed to the s argument in <code>apcluster::apcluster()</code> .
minPts	Passed to the minPts argument in <code>dbscan::hdbscan()</code> .
addLoops	Passed to the addLoops argument in <code>MCL::mcl()</code> .

Details

New clustering methods can be registered by `register_clustering_methods()`.

Please note it is better to directly use `cluster_terms()` for clustering while not the individual `cluster_by_*` functions because `cluster_terms()` does additional cluster label adjustment.

By default, there are the following clustering methods and corresponding clustering functions:

- kmeans see `cluster_by_kmeans()`.
- dynamicTreeCut see `cluster_by_dynamicTreeCut()`.
- mclust see `cluster_by_mclust()`.
- apcluster see `cluster_by_apcluster()`.
- hdbscan see `cluster_by_hdbscan()`.
- fast_greedy see `cluster_by_fast_greedy()`.
- louvain see `cluster_by_louvain()`.
- walktrap see `cluster_by_walktrap()`.
- MCL see `cluster_by_MCL()`.
- binary_cut see `binary_cut()`.

The additional argument in individual clustering functions can be set with the `control` argument in `cluster_terms()`.

`cluster_by_kmeans()`: The best k for k-means clustering is determined according to the "elbow" or "knee" method on the distribution of within-cluster sum of squares (WSS) on each k. All other arguments are passed from ... to `stats::kmeans()`.

`cluster_by_pam()`: PAM is applied by `fpc::pamk()` which can automatically select the best k. All other arguments are passed from ... to `fpc::pamk()`.

`cluster_by_dynamicTreeCut()`: All other arguments are passed from ... to `dynamicTreeCut::cutreeDynamic()`.

`cluster_by_fast_greedy()`: All other arguments are passed from ... to `igraph::cluster_fast_greedy()`.

`cluster_by_leading_eigen()`: All other arguments are passed from ... to `igraph::cluster_leading_eigen()`.

`cluster_by_louvain()`: All other arguments are passed from ... to `igraph::cluster_louvain()`.

`cluster_by_walktrap()`: All other arguments are passed from ... to `igraph::cluster_walktrap()`.

`cluster_by_mclust()`: All other arguments are passed from ... to `mclust::Mclust()`.

`cluster_by_apcluster()`: All other arguments are passed from ... to `apcluster::apcluster()`.

`cluster_by_hdbscan()`: All other arguments are passed from ... to `dbscan::hdbscan()`.

`cluster_by_MCL()`: All other arguments are passed from ... to `MCL::mcl()`.

Value

A vector of numeric cluster labels.

cmp_make_clusters	<i>Compare clustering methods</i>
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Description

Compare clustering methods

Usage

```
cmp_make_clusters(
  mat,
  method = setdiff(all_clustering_methods(), "mclust"),
  verbose = TRUE
)

cmp_make_plot(mat, clt, plot_type = c("mixed", "heatmap"), nrow = 3)

compare_clustering_methods(
  mat,
  method = setdiff(all_clustering_methods(), "mclust"),
  plot_type = c("mixed", "heatmap"),
  nrow = 3,
  verbose = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

mat	The similarity matrix.
method	Which methods to compare. All available methods are in all_clustering_methods() . A value of "all" takes all available methods. By default "mclust" is excluded because its long runtime.
verbose	Whether to print messages. Ddetails The function compares following default clustering methods by default: -kmeans see cluster_by_kmeans. -pam see cluster_by_pam. -dynamicTreeCut see cluster_by_dynamicTreeCut. -mclust see cluster_by_mclust. By default it is not included. -apcluster see cluster_by_apcluster. -hdbscan see cluster_by_hdbscan. -fast_greedy see cluster_by_fast_greedy. -louvain see cluster_by_louvain. -walktrap see cluster_by_walktrap. -MCL see cluster_by_MCL. -binary_cut see binary_cut. Also the user-defined methods in all_clustering_methods are also compared.
clt	A list of clusterings from cmp_make_clusters().
plot_type	What type of plots to make. See Details .
nrow	Number of rows of the layout when plot_type is set to "heatmap".

Details

For `cmp_make_plot()`, if `plot_type` is the default value "mixed", a figure with three panels will be generated:

- A heatmap of the similarity matrix with different classifications as row annotations.
- A heatmap of the pair-wise concordance of the classifications of every two clustering methods.
- Barplots of the difference scores for each method (calculated by `difference_score`), the number of clusters (total clusters and the clusters with size ≥ 5) and the mean similarity of the terms that are in the same clusters.

If `plot_type` is "heatmap". There are heatmaps for the similarity matrix under clusterings from different methods. The last panel is a table with the number of clusters under different clusterings.

`compare_clustering_methods()` is basically a wrapper function of `cmp_make_clusters()` and `cmp_make_plot()`.

Value

`cmp_make_clusters()` returns a list of cluster label vectors from different clustering methods.

`cmp_make_plot()` returns no value.

`compare_clustering_methods()` returns no value.

Examples

```
mat = readRDS(system.file("extdata", "random_GO_BP_sim_mat.rds",
  package = "simplifyEnrichment"))
compare_clustering_methods(mat)
compare_clustering_methods(mat, plot_type = "heatmap")
```

count_words

Calculate word frequency

Description

Calculate word frequency

Usage

```
count_words(
  term,
  exclude_words = NULL,
  stop_words = stopwords(),
  min_word_length = 1,
  tokenizer = "words",
  transform_case = tolower,
  remove_numbers = TRUE,
```

```

    remove_punctuation = TRUE,
    custom_transformer = NULL,
    stemming = FALSE,
    dictionary = NULL
  )

```

Arguments

term	A vector of description texts.
exclude_words	The words that should be excluded.
stop_words	The stop words that should be removed.
min_word_length	Minimum length of the word to be counted.
tokenizer	The tokenizer function, one of the values accepted by <code>tm::termFreq</code> .
transform_case	The function normalizing lettercase of the words.
remove_numbers	Whether to remove numbers.
remove_punctuation	Whether to remove punctuation.
custom_transformer	Custom function that transforms words.
stemming	Whether to only keep the roots of inflected words.
dictionary	A vector of words to be counted (if given all other words will be excluded).

Details

The text preprocessing followings the instruction from <http://www.sthda.com/english/wiki/word-cloud-generator-in-r-one-killer-function-to-do-everything-you-need>.

Value

A data frame with words and frequencies.

Examples

```

gm = readRDS(system.file("extdata", "random_GO_BP_sim_mat.rds", package = "simplifyEnrichment"))
go_id = rownames(gm)
go_term = AnnotationDbi::select(GO.db::GO.db, keys = go_id, columns = "TERM")$TERM
count_words(go_term) |> head()

```

dend_node_apply	<i>Apply functions on every node in a dendrogram</i>
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Description

Apply functions on every node in a dendrogram

Usage

```
dend_node_apply(dend, fun)

edit_node(dend, fun = function(d, index) d)
```

Arguments

dend	A dendrogram object.
fun	A self-defined function.

Details

dend_node_apply() returns a vector or a list as the same length as the number of nodes in the dendrogram.

The self-defined function can have one single argument which is the sub-dendrogram at a certain node. E.g. to get the number of members at every node:

```
dend_node_apply(dend, function(d) attr(d, "members"))
```

The self-defined function can have a second argument, which is the index of current sub-dendrogram in the complete dendrogram. E.g. dend[[1]] is the first child node of the complete dendrogram and dend[[c(1, 2)]] is the second child node of dend[[1]], et al. This makes that at a certain node, it is possible to get information of its child nodes and parent nodes.

```
dend_node_apply(dend, function(d, index) {
  dend[[c(index, 1)]] # is the first child node of d, or simply d[[1]]
  dend[[index[-length(index)]]] # is the parent node of d
  ...
})
```

Note for the top node, the value of index is NULL.

In edit_node(), if fun only has one argument, it is basically the same as `stats::dendrapply()`, but it can have a second argument which is the index of the node in the dendrogram, which makes it possible to get information of child nodes and parent nodes for a specific node.

As an example, we first assign random values to every node in the dendrogram:

```
mat = matrix(rnorm(100), 10)
dend = as.dendrogram(hclust(dist(mat)))
dend = edit_node(dend, function(d) {attr(d, 'score') = runif(1); d})
```

Then for every node, we take the maximal absolute difference to all its child nodes and parent node as the attribute `abs_diff`.

```
dend = edit_node(dend, function(d, index) {
  n = length(index)
  s = attr(d, "score")
  if(is.null(index)) { # d is the top node
    s_children = sapply(d, function(x) attr(x, "score"))
    s_parent = NULL
  } else if(is.leaf(d)) { # d is the leaf
    s_children = NULL
    s_parent = attr(dend[[index[-n]]], "score")
  } else {
    s_children = sapply(d, function(x) attr(x, "score"))
    s_parent = attr(dend[[index[-n]]], "score")
  }
  abs_diff = max(abs(s - c(s_children, s_parent)))
  attr(d, "abs_diff") = abs_diff
  return(d)
})
```

Value

`dend_node_apply()` returns a vector or a list, depends on whether `fun` returns a scalar or more complex values.

`edit_node()` returns a dendrogram object.

Examples

```
mat = matrix(rnorm(100), 10)
dend = as.dendrogram(hclust(dist(mat)))
# number of members on every node
dend_node_apply(dend, function(d) attr(d, "members"))
# the depth on every node
dend_node_apply(dend, function(d, index) length(index))
```

difference_score

Difference score

Description

Difference score

Usage

```
difference_score(mat, cl)
```

Arguments

<code>mat</code>	The similarity matrix.
<code>cl</code>	Cluster labels.

Details

This function measures the different between the similarity values for the terms that belong to the same clusters and in different clusters. The difference score is the Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistic between the two distributions.

Value

A numeric scalar.

Examples

```
mat = readRDS(system.file("extdata", "random_GO_BP_sim_mat.rds",  
  package = "simplifyEnrichment"))  
cl = binary_cut(mat)  
difference_score(mat, cl)
```

<code>export_to_shiny_app</code>	<i>Interactively visualize the similarity heatmap</i>
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Description

Interactively visualize the similarity heatmap

Usage

```
export_to_shiny_app(mat, cl = binary_cut(mat))
```

Arguments

<code>mat</code>	A similarity matrix.
<code>cl</code>	Cluster labels inferred from the similarity matrix, e.g. from <code>cluster_terms()</code> or <code>binary_cut()</code> .

Value

A shiny application.

Examples

```
if(interactive()) {
  mat = readRDS(system.file("extdata", "random_GO_BP_sim_mat.rds",
    package = "simplifyEnrichment"))
  cl = binary_cut(mat)
  export_to_shiny_app(mat, cl)
}
```

GO_similarity

Calculate Gene Ontology (GO) semantic similarity matrix

Description

Calculate Gene Ontology (GO) semantic similarity matrix

Usage

```
GO_similarity(
  go_id,
  ont = NULL,
  db = "org.Hs.eg.db",
  measure = "Sim_XGraSM_2013"
)

guess_ont(go_id, db = "org.Hs.eg.db")

random_GO(n, ont = c("BP", "CC", "MF"), db = "org.Hs.eg.db")
```

Arguments

go_id	A vector of GO IDs.
ont	Sub-ontology of GO. Value should be one of "BP", "CC" or "MF". If it is not specified, the function automatically identifies it by random sampling 10 IDs from go_id (see guess_ont()).
db	Annotation database. It should be an OrgDb package name from https://bioconductor.org/packages/release/BiocViews.html#___OrgDb . The value can also directly be an OrgDb object.
measure	Semantic measure for the GO similarity, pass to <code>simona::term_sim()</code> . All valid values are in <code>simona::all_term_sim_methods()</code> .
n	Number of GO IDs.

Details

The default similarity method is "Sim_XGraSM_2013". Since the semantic similarities are calculated based on gene annotations to GO terms, I suggest users also try the following methods:

- "Sim_Lin_1998"

- "Sim_Resnik_1999"
- "Sim_Relevance_2006"
- "Sim_SimIC_2010"
- "Sim_XGraSM_2013"
- "Sim_EISI_2015"
- "Sim_AIC_2014"
- "Sim_Wang_2007"
- "Sim_GOGO_2018"

In `guess_ont()`, only 10 random GO IDs are checked.

In `random_GO()`, only GO terms with gene annotations are sampled.

Value

`GO_similarity()` returns a symmetric matrix.

`guess_ont()` returns a single character scalar of "BP", "CC" or "MF". If there are more than one ontologies detected. It returns NULL.

`random_GO()` returns a vector of GO IDs.

Examples

```
go_id = random_GO(100)
mat = GO_similarity(go_id)
```

```
go_id = random_GO(100)
guess_ont(go_id)
```

ht_clusters

Visualize the similarity matrix and the clustering

Description

Visualize the similarity matrix and the clustering

Usage

```
ht_clusters(
  mat,
  cl,
  dend = NULL,
  col = c("white", "red"),
  draw_word_cloud = TRUE,
  min_term = round(nrow(mat) * 0.01),
```

```

    order_by_size = FALSE,
    stat = "pvalue",
    min_stat = ifelse(stat == "count", 5, 0.05),
    exclude_words = character(0),
    max_words = 10,
    word_cloud_grob_param = list(),
    fontsize_range = c(4, 16),
    bg_gp = gpar(fill = "#DDDDDD", col = "#AAAAAA"),
    column_title = NULL,
    ht_list = NULL,
    use_raster = TRUE,
    run_draw = TRUE,
    ...
)

```

Arguments

<code>mat</code>	A similarity matrix.
<code>cl</code>	Cluster labels inferred from the similarity matrix, e.g. from <code>cluster_terms()</code> or <code>binary_cut()</code> .
<code>dend</code>	Used internally.
<code>col</code>	A vector of colors that map from 0 to the 97.5 th percentile of the similarity values. The value can also be a color mapping function generated by <code>circlize::colorRamp2()</code> .
<code>draw_word_cloud</code>	Whether to draw the word clouds.
<code>min_term</code>	Minimal number of functional terms in a cluster. All the clusters with size less than <code>min_term</code> are all merged into one separated cluster in the heatmap.
<code>order_by_size</code>	Whether to reorder clusters by their sizes. The cluster that is merged from small clusters (<code>size < min_term</code>) is always put to the bottom of the heatmap.
<code>stat</code>	Type of value for mapping to the font size of keywords in the word clouds. There are two options: "count": simply number of keywords; "pvalue": enrichment on keywords is performed (by fisher's exact test) and $-\log_{10}(\text{pvalue})$ is used to map to font sizes.
<code>min_stat</code>	Minimal value for <code>stat</code> for selecting keywords.
<code>exclude_words</code>	Words that are excluded in the word cloud.
<code>max_words</code>	Maximal number of words visualized in the word cloud.
<code>word_cloud_grob_param</code>	A list of graphic parameters passed to <code>word_cloud_grob()</code> .
<code>fontsize_range</code>	The range of the font size. The value should be a numeric vector with length two. The font size interpolation is linear.
<code>bg_gp</code>	Graphics parameters for controlling word cloud annotation background.
<code>column_title</code>	Column title for the heatmap.
<code>ht_list</code>	A list of additional heatmaps added to the left of the similarity heatmap.
<code>use_raster</code>	Whether to write the heatmap as a raster image.
<code>run_draw</code>	Internally used.
<code>...</code>	Other arguments passed to <code>ComplexHeatmap::draw, HeatmapList-method</code> .

Value

A `ComplexHeatmap::HeatmapList` object.

Examples

```
mat = readRDS(system.file("extdata", "random_GO_BP_sim_mat.rds",
  package = "simplifyEnrichment"))
cl = binary_cut(mat)
ht_clusters(mat, cl, word_cloud_grob_param = list(max_width = 80))
ht_clusters(mat, cl, word_cloud_grob_param = list(max_width = 80),
  order_by_size = TRUE)
```

keyword_enrichment_from_GO

Keyword enrichment for GO terms

Description

Keyword enrichment for GO terms

Usage

```
keyword_enrichment_from_GO(go_id, min_bg = 5, min_term = 2)
```

Arguments

<code>go_id</code>	A vector of GO IDs.
<code>min_bg</code>	Minimal number of GO terms (in the background, i.e. all GO terms in the GO database) that contain a specific keyword.
<code>min_term</code>	Minimal number of GO terms (GO terms in <code>go_id</code>) that contain a specific keyword.

Details

The enrichment is applied by Fisher's exact test. For a keyword, there is the following 2x2 contingency table:

	contains the keyword	does not contain the keyword
In the GO set	s11	s12
Not in the GO set	s21	s22

where s11, s12, s21 and s22 are the counts of GO terms in the four categories.

Value

A data frame with keyword enrichment results.

Examples

```
go_id = random_GO(100)
keyword_enrichment_from_GO(go_id)
```

partition_by_kmeans	<i>Partition the matrix</i>
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Description

Partition the matrix

Usage

```
partition_by_kmeans(mat, n_repeats = 10)

partition_by_pam(mat)

partition_by_hclust(mat)

partition_by_kmeanspp(mat)
```

Arguments

mat	The submatrix in the binary cut clustering process.
n_repeats	Number of repeated runs of k-means clustering.

Details

These functions can be set to the `partition_fun` argument in `binary_cut()`.

`partition_by_kmeans()`: Since k-means clustering brings randomness, this function performs k-means clustering several times (controlled by `n_repeats`) and uses the final consensus partitioning results.

`partition_by_pam()`: The clustering is performed by `cluster::pam()` with the `pamonce` argument set to 5.

`partition_by_hclust()`: The "ward.D2" clustering method was used.

`partition_by_kmeanspp()`: It uses the `kmeanspp` method from the **flexclust** package.

Value

All partitioning functions split the matrix into two groups and return a categorical vector of labels of 1 and 2.

plot_binary_cut	<i>Cluster functional terms by recursively binary cutting the similarity matrix</i>
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Description

Cluster functional terms by recursively binary cutting the similarity matrix

Usage

```
plot_binary_cut(
  mat,
  value_fun = area_above_ecdf,
  cutoff = 0.85,
  partition_fun = partition_by_pam,
  dend = NULL,
  dend_width = unit(3, "cm"),
  depth = NULL,
  show_heatmap_legend = TRUE,
  ...
)

binary_cut(
  mat,
  value_fun = area_above_ecdf,
  partition_fun = partition_by_hclust,
  cutoff = 0.85,
  try_all_partition_fun = TRUE,
  partial = nrow(mat) > 1500
)
```

Arguments

mat	A similarity matrix.
value_fun	A function that calculates the scores for the four submatrices on a node.
cutoff	The cutoff for splitting the dendrogram.
partition_fun	A function to split each node into two groups. Pre-defined functions in this package are partition_by_kmeanspp() , partition_by_pam() and partition_by_hclust() .
dend	A dendrogram object, used internally.
dend_width	Width of the dendrogram on the plot.
depth	Depth of the recursive binary cut process.
show_heatmap_legend	Whether to show the heatmap legend.
...	Other arguments.

try_all_partition_fun	Different partition_fun may give different clusterings. If the value of try_all_partition_fun is set to TRUE, the similarity matrix is clustered by three partitioning methods: partition_by_pam(), partition_by_kmeanspp() and partition_by_hclust(). The clustering with the highest difference score is finally selected as the final clustering.
partial	Whether to generate the complete clustering or the clustering stops when sub-matrices cannot be split anymore.

Details

After the functions which perform clustering are executed, such as simplifyGO() or binary_cut(), the dendrogram is temporarily saved and plot_binary_cut() directly uses this dendrogram.

Value

binary_cut() returns a vector of numeric cluster labels.

Examples

```
mat = readRDS(system.file("extdata", "random_GO_BP_sim_mat.rds",
  package = "simplifyEnrichment"))
plot_binary_cut(mat, depth = 1)
plot_binary_cut(mat, depth = 2)
plot_binary_cut(mat)

mat = readRDS(system.file("extdata", "random_GO_BP_sim_mat.rds",
  package = "simplifyEnrichment"))
binary_cut(mat)
```

register_clustering_methods

Configure clustering methods

Description

Configure clustering methods

Usage

```
register_clustering_methods(...)

all_clustering_methods()

remove_clustering_methods(method)

reset_clustering_methods()
```

Arguments

... A named list of clustering functions, see in **Details**.

method A vector of method names.

Details

The user-defined functions should accept at least one argument which is the input matrix. The second optional argument should always be ... so that parameters for the clustering function can be passed by the control argument from `cluster_terms()`, `simplifyGO()` or `simplifyEnrichment()`. If users forget to add ..., it is added internally.

Please note, the user-defined function should automatically identify the optimized number of clusters.

The function should return a vector of cluster labels. Internally it is converted to numeric labels.

The default clustering methods are:

- kmeans see `cluster_by_kmeans()`.
- dynamicTreeCut see `cluster_by_dynamicTreeCut()`.
- mclust see `cluster_by_mclust()`.
- apcluster see `cluster_by_apcluster()`.
- hdbscan see `cluster_by_hdbscan()`.
- fast_greedy see `cluster_by_fast_greedy()`.
- louvain see `cluster_by_louvain()`.
- walktrap see `cluster_by_walktrap()`.
- MCL see `cluster_by_MCL()`.
- binary_cut see `binary_cut()`.

Value

`all_clustering_methods()` returns a vector of clustering method names.

Examples

```
register_clustering_methods(
  # assume there are 5 groups
  random = function(mat, ...) sample(5, nrow(mat), replace = TRUE)
)
all_clustering_methods()
remove_clustering_methods("random")
all_clustering_methods()
remove_clustering_methods(c("kmeans", "mclust"))
all_clustering_methods()
reset_clustering_methods()
all_clustering_methods()
```

scale_fontsize	<i>Scale font size</i>
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Description

Scale font size

Usage

```
scale_fontsize(x, rg = c(1, 30), fs = c(4, 16))
```

Arguments

x	A numeric vector.
rg	The range.
fs	Range of the font size.

Details

It is a linear interpolation.

Value

A numeric vector.

Examples

```
x = runif(10, min = 1, max = 20)
# scale x to fontsize 4 to 16.
scale_fontsize(x)
```

select_cutoff	<i>Select the cutoff for binary cut</i>
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Description

Select the cutoff for binary cut

Usage

```
select_cutoff(
  mat,
  cutoff = seq(0.6, 0.98, by = 0.01),
  verbose = se_opt$verbose,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

mat	A similarity matrix.
cutoff	A list of cutoffs to test. Note the range of the cutoff values should be inside [0.5, 1].
verbose	Whether to print messages.
...	Pass to <code>binary_cut()</code> .

Details

Binary cut is applied to each cutoff and the clustering results are evaluated by following metrics:

- difference score, calculated by `difference_score()`.
- number of clusters.
- block mean, which is the mean similarity in the blocks in the diagonal of the heatmap.

Examples

```
mat = readRDS(system.file("extdata", "random_GO_BP_sim_mat.rds",
  package = "simplifyEnrichment"))
select_cutoff(mat)
```

se_opt

Global parameters

Description

Global parameters

Usage

```
se_opt(..., RESET = FALSE, READ.ONLY = NULL, LOCAL = FALSE, ADD = FALSE)
```

Arguments

...	Arguments for the parameters, see "details" section.
RESET	Whether to reset to default values.
READ.ONLY	Please ignore.
LOCAL	Please ignore.
ADD	Please ignore.

Details

There are the following global options:

- verobse: Whether to print messages.

Value

A GlobalOptionsFun object.

simplifyGO

Simplify Gene Ontology (GO) enrichment results

Description

Simplify Gene Ontology (GO) enrichment results

Usage

```
simplifyGO(
  mat,
  method = "binary_cut",
  control = list(),
  plot = TRUE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  column_title = qq("@{nrow(mat)} GO terms clustered by '{method}'"),
  ht_list = NULL,
  ...
)

simplifyEnrichment(...)
```

Arguments

mat	A GO similarity matrix. You can also provide a vector of GO IDs to this argument.
method	Method for clustering the matrix. See cluster_terms() .
control	A list of parameters for controlling the clustering method, passed to cluster_terms() .
plot	Whether to make the heatmap.
verbose	Whether to print messages.
column_title	Column title for the heatmap.
ht_list	A list of additional heatmaps added to the left of the similarity heatmap.
...	Arguments passed to ht_clusters() .

Details

This is basically a wrapper function that it first runs [cluster_terms\(\)](#) to cluster GO terms and then runs [ht_clusters\(\)](#) to visualize the clustering.

The arguments in `simplifyGO()` passed to `ht_clusters()` are:

- `draw_word_cloud`: Whether to draw the word clouds.

- `min_term`: Minimal number of GO terms in a cluster. All the clusters with size less than `min_term` are all merged into one single cluster in the heatmap.
- `order_by_size`: Whether to reorder GO clusters by their sizes. The cluster that is merged from small clusters (`size < min_term`) is always put to the bottom of the heatmap.
- `stat`: What values of keywords are used to map to font sizes in the word clouds.
- `exclude_words`: Words that are excluded in the word cloud.
- `max_words`: Maximal number of words visualized in the word cloud.
- `word_cloud_grob_param`: A list of graphic parameters passed to `word_cloud_grob()`.
- `fontsize_range`: The range of the font size. The value should be a numeric vector with length two. The minimal font size is mapped to word frequency value of 1 and the maximal font size is mapped to the maximal word frequency. The font size interpolation is linear.
- `bg_gp`: Graphic parameters for controlling the background of word cloud annotations.

Value

A data frame with two columns: GO IDs and cluster labels.

Examples

```
set.seed(123)
go_id = random_GO(500)
mat = GO_similarity(go_id)
df = simplifyGO(mat, word_cloud_grob_param = list(max_width = 80))
head(df)
```

`simplifyGOFromMultipleLists`

Perform simplifyGO analysis with multiple lists of GO IDs

Description

Perform simplifyGO analysis with multiple lists of GO IDs

Usage

```
simplifyGOFromMultipleLists(
  lt,
  go_id_column = NULL,
  padj_column = NULL,
  padj_cutoff = 0.01,
  filter = function(x) any(x < padj_cutoff),
  default = 1,
  ont = NULL,
  db = "org.Hs.eg.db",
  measure = "Sim_XGraSM_2013",
```

```

heatmap_param = list(NULL),
show_barplot = TRUE,
method = "binary_cut",
control = list(),
min_term = NULL,
verbose = TRUE,
column_title = NULL,
...
)

```

Arguments

<code>lt</code>	A data frame, a list of numeric vectors (e.g. adjusted p-values) where each numeric vector has GO IDs as names, or a list of GO IDs.
<code>go_id_column</code>	Column index of GO ID if <code>lt</code> contains a list of data frames.
<code>padj_column</code>	Column index of adjusted p-values if <code>lt</code> contains a list of data frames.
<code>padj_cutoff</code>	Cut off for adjusted p-values.
<code>filter</code>	A self-defined function for filtering GO IDs. By default it requires GO IDs should be significant in at least one list.
<code>default</code>	The default value for the adjusted p-values. See Details .
<code>ont</code>	Pass to <code>GO_similarity()</code> .
<code>db</code>	Pass to <code>GO_similarity()</code> .
<code>measure</code>	Pass to <code>GO_similarity()</code> .
<code>heatmap_param</code>	Parameters for controlling the heatmap, see Details .
<code>show_barplot</code>	Whether draw barplots which shows numbers of significant GO terms in clusters.
<code>method</code>	Pass to <code>simplifyGO()</code> .
<code>control</code>	Pass to <code>simplifyGO()</code> .
<code>min_term</code>	Pass to <code>simplifyGO()</code> .
<code>verbose</code>	Pass to <code>simplifyGO()</code> .
<code>column_title</code>	Pass to <code>simplifyGO()</code> .
<code>...</code>	Pass to <code>simplifyGO()</code> .

Details

The input data can have three types of formats:

- A list of numeric vectors of adjusted p-values where each vector has the GO IDs as names.
- A data frame. The column of the GO IDs can be specified with `go_id_column` argument and the column of the adjusted p-values can be specified with `padj_column` argument. If these columns are not specified, they are automatically identified. The GO ID column is found by checking whether a column contains all GO IDs. The adjusted p-value column is found by comparing the column names of the data frame to see whether it might be a column for adjusted p-values. These two columns are used to construct a numeric vector with GO IDs as names.

- A list of character vectors of GO IDs. In this case, each character vector is changed to a numeric vector where all values take 1 and the original GO IDs are used as names of the vector.

Now let's assume there are n GO lists, we first construct a global matrix where columns correspond to the n GO lists and rows correspond to the "union" of all GO IDs in the lists. The value for the i th GO ID and in the j th list are taken from the corresponding numeric vector in lt . If the j th vector in lt does not contain the i th GO ID, the value defined by default argument is taken there (e.g. in most cases the numeric values are adjusted p-values, default is set to 1). Let's call this matrix as $M0$.

Next step is to filter $M0$ so that we only take a subset of GO IDs of interest. We define a proper function via argument `filter` to remove GO IDs that are not important for the analysis. Functions for `filter` is applied to every row in $M0$ and `filter` function needs to return a logical value to decide whether to remove the current GO ID. For example, if the values in lt are adjusted p-values, the filter function can be set as `function(x) any(x < padj_cutoff)` so that the GO ID is kept as long as it is significant in at least one list. After the filter, let's call the filtered matrix $M1$.

GO IDs in $M1$ (row names of $M1$) are used for clustering. A heatmap of $M1$ is attached to the left of the GO similarity heatmap so that the group-specific (or list-specific) patterns can be easily observed and to corresponded to GO functions.

Argument `heatmap_param` controls several parameters for heatmap $M1$:

- `transform`: A self-defined function to transform the data for heatmap visualization. The most typical case is to transform adjusted p-values by $-\log_{10}(x)$.
- `breaks`: break values for color interpolation.
- `col`: The corresponding values for breaks.
- `labels`: The corresponding labels.
- `name`: Legend title.

Examples

```
# perform functional enrichment on the signatures genes from cola analysis
require(cola)
data(golub_col)
res = golub_col[["ATC:skmeans"]]
require(hu6800.db)
x = hu6800ENTREZID
mapped_probes = mappedkeys(x)
id_mapping = unlist(as.list(x[mapped_probes]))
lt = functional_enrichment(res, k = 3, id_mapping = id_mapping) # you can check the value of `lt`

# a list of data frames
simplifyGOFromMultipleLists(lt, padj_cutoff = 0.001)

# a list of numeric values
lt2 = lapply(lt, function(x) structure(x$p.adjust, names = x$ID))
simplifyGOFromMultipleLists(lt2, padj_cutoff = 0.001)

# a list of GO IDs
lt3 = lapply(lt, function(x) x$ID[x$p.adjust < 0.001])
```

```
simplifyGOFromMultipleLists(lt3)
```

summarizeGO

A simplified way to visualize enrichment in GO clusters

Description

A simplified way to visualize enrichment in GO clusters

Usage

```
summarizeGO(
  go_id,
  value = NULL,
  aggregate = mean,
  method = "binary_cut",
  control = list(),
  verbose = TRUE,
  axis_label = "Value",
  title = "",
  legend_title = axis_label,
  min_term = round(nrow(mat) * 0.01),
  stat = "pvalue",
  min_stat = ifelse(stat == "count", 5, 0.05),
  exclude_words = character(0),
  max_words = 6,
  word_cloud_grob_param = list(),
  fontsize_range = c(4, 16),
  bg_gp = gpar(fill = "#DDDDDD", col = "#AAAAAA")
)
```

Arguments

go_id	A vector of GO IDs.
value	A list of numeric value associate with go_id. We suggest to use $-\log_{10}(p.adjust)$ or $-\log_2(\text{fold enrichment})$ as the values.
aggregate	Function to aggregate values in each GO cluster.
method	Method for clustering the matrix. See cluster_terms() .
control	A list of parameters for controlling the clustering method, passed to cluster_terms() .
verbose	Whether to print messages.
axis_label	X-axis label.
title	Title for the whole plot.
legend_title	Title for the legend.

min_term	Minimal number of functional terms in a cluster. All the clusters with size less than min_term are all merged into one separated cluster in the heatmap.
stat	Type of value for mapping to the font size of keywords in the word clouds. There are two options: "count": simply number of keywords; "pvalue": enrichment on keywords is performed (by fisher's exact test) and $-\log_{10}(\text{pvalue})$ is used to map to font sizes.
min_stat	Minimal value for stat for selecting keywords.
exclude_words	Words that are excluded in the word cloud.
max_words	Maximal number of words visualized in the word cloud.
word_cloud_grob_param	A list of graphic parameters passed to word_cloud_grob.
fontsize_range	The range of the font size. The value should be a numeric vector with length two. The font size interpolation is linear.
bg_gp	Graphics parameters for controlling word cloud annotation background.

Details

There are several other ways to specify GO IDs and the associated values.

1. specify value as a named vector where GO IDs are the names.
2. specify value as a list of numeric named vectors. In this case, value contains multiple enrichment results.

Please refer to <https://jokergoo.github.io/2023/10/02/simplified-simplifyenrichment-plot/> for more examples of this function.

word_cloud_grob	<i>A simple grob for the word cloud</i>
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Description

A simple grob for the word cloud

Usage

```
word_cloud_grob(
  text,
  fontsize,
  line_space = unit(4, "pt"),
  word_space = unit(4, "pt"),
  max_width = unit(80, "mm"),
  col = function(fs) circlize::rand_color(length(fs), luminosity = "dark"),
  add_new_line = FALSE,
  test = FALSE
)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'word_cloud'
widthDetails(x)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'word_cloud'
heightDetails(x)
```

Arguments

<code>text</code>	A vector of words.
<code>fontsize</code>	The corresponding font size. With the frequency of the words known, <code>scale_fontsize</code> can be used to linearly interpolate frequencies to font sizes.
<code>line_space</code>	Space between lines. The value can be a <code>grid::unit</code> object or a numeric scalar which is measured in mm.
<code>word_space</code>	Space between words. The value can be a <code>grid::unit</code> object or a numeric scalar which is measured in mm.
<code>max_width</code>	The maximal width of the viewport to put the word cloud. The value can be a <code>grid::unit</code> object or a numeric scalar which is measured in mm. Note this might be larger than the final width of the returned grob object.
<code>col</code>	Colors for the words. The value can be a vector, in numeric or character, which should have the same length as <code>text</code> . Or it is a self-defined function that takes the font size vector as the only argument. The function should return a color vector. See Examples.
<code>add_new_line</code>	Whether to add new line after every word? If TRUE, each word will be in a separated line.
<code>test</code>	Internally used. It basically adds borders to the words and the viewport.
<code>x</code>	The <code>word_cloud_grob</code> returned by <code>word_cloud_grob</code> .

Value

A `grid::grob` object. The width and height of the grob can be get by `grid::grobWidth` and `grid::grobHeight`.

Examples

```
# very old R versions do not have strrep() function
if(!exists("strrep")) {
  strrep = function(x, i) paste(rep(x, i), collapse = "")
}
words = sapply(1:30, function(x) strrep(sample(letters, 1), sample(3:10, 1)))
require(grid)
gb = word_cloud_grob(words, fontsize = runif(30, min = 5, max = 30),
  max_width = 100)
grid.newpage(); grid.draw(gb)

# color as a single scalar
gb = word_cloud_grob(words, fontsize = runif(30, min = 5, max = 30),
  max_width = 100, col = 1)
grid.newpage(); grid.draw(gb)
```

```
# color as a vector
gb = word_cloud_grob(words, fontsize = runif(30, min = 5, max = 30),
  max_width = 100, col = 1:30)
grid.newpage(); grid.draw(gb)

# color as a function
require(circlize)
col_fun = colorRamp2(c(5, 17, 30), c("blue", "black", "red"))
gb = word_cloud_grob(words, fontsize = runif(30, min = 5, max = 30),
  max_width = 100, col = function(fs) col_fun(fs))
grid.newpage(); grid.draw(gb)
```

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