

Package ‘flexclust’

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Description The main function `kcca` implements a general framework for k-centroids cluster analysis supporting arbitrary distance measures and centroid computation. Further cluster methods include hard competitive learning, neural gas, and QT clustering. There are numerous visualization methods for cluster results (neighborhood graphs, convex cluster hulls, barcharts of centroids, ...), and bootstrap methods for the analysis of cluster stability.

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 achieve

Achievement Test Scores for New Haven Schools

Description

Measurements at the beginning of the 4th grade (when the national average is 4.0) and of the 6th grade in 25 schools in New Haven.

Usage

data(achieve)

Format

A data frame with 25 observations on the following 4 variables.

read4: 4th grade reading

arith4: 4th grade arithmetic

read6: 6th grade reading

arith6: 6th grade arithmetic

Source

<http://www.uni-koeln.de/themen/statistik>

References

John A. Hartigan: Clustering Algorithms. Wiley, New York, 1975.

barplot-methods

Barplot/chart Methods in Package 'flexclust'

Description

Barplot of cluster centers or other cluster statistics.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'kcca'
barplot(height, bycluster = TRUE, oneplot = TRUE,
        data = NULL, FUN=colMeans, main = deparse(substitute(height)),
        which = 1:height@k, names.arg = NULL,
        oma=par("oma"), col=NULL, mcol="darkred", srt=45, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'kcca'
barchart(x, data, xlab="",
        strip.labels=NULL, strip.prefix="Cluster ",
        col=NULL, mcol="darkred", m1col=mcol, which=NULL, legend=FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

height, x	An object of class "kcca".
bycluster	If TRUE, then each barplot shows one cluster. If FALSE, then each barplot compares all cluster for one input variable.
oneplot	If TRUE, all barplots are plotted together on one page, else each plot is on a separate page.
data	If not NULL, cluster membership is predicted for the new data and used for the plots. By default the values from the training data are used. Ignored by the barchart method.

<code>FUN</code>	The function to be applied to each cluster for calculating the bar heights. Only used, if data is not NULL.
<code>which</code>	For <code>barplot</code> index number of clusters for the plot, for <code>barchart</code> index numbers or names of variables to plot.
<code>names.arg</code>	A vector of names to be plotted below each bar.
<code>main, oma, xlab, ...</code>	Graphical parameters.
<code>col</code>	Vector of colors for the clusters.
<code>mcol, mcol</code>	If not NULL, the value of <code>FUN</code> for the complete data set is plotted over each bar as a point with color <code>mcol</code> and a line segment starting in zero with color <code>mcol</code> .
<code>srt</code>	Number between 0 and 90, rotation of the x-axis labels.
<code>strip.labels</code>	Vector of strings for the strips of the Trellis display.
<code>strip.prefix</code>	Prefix string for the strips of the Trellis display.
<code>legend</code>	If TRUE, the barchart is always plotted on the current graphics device and a legend is added to the bottom of the plot.

Note

The `flexclust` `barchart` method uses a horizontal arrangements of the bars, and sorts them from top to bottom. Default barcharts in `lattice` are the other way round (bottom to top). See the examples below how this affects, e.g., manual labels for the y axis.

The `barplot` method is legacy code and only maintained to keep up with changes in R, all active development is done on `barchart`.

Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

Examples

```

cl <- cclust(iris[,-5], k=3)
barplot(cl)
barplot(cl, bycluster=FALSE)

## plot the maximum instead of mean value per cluster:
barplot(cl, bycluster=FALSE, data=iris[,-5],
        FUN=function(x) apply(x,2,max))

## use lattice for plotting:
barchart(cl)
## automatic abbreviation of labels
barchart(cl, scales=list(abbreviate=TRUE))
## origin of bars at zero
barchart(cl, scales=list(abbreviate=TRUE), origin=0)

## Use manual labels. Note that the flexclust barchart orders bars
## from top to bottom (the default does it the other way round), hence
## we have to rev() the labels:

```

```
LAB <- c("SL", "SW", "PL", "PW")
barchart(cl, scales=list(y=list(labels=rev(LAB))), origin=0)

## deviation of each cluster center from the population means
barchart(cl, origin=rev(cl@xcent), mlcol=NULL)
```

birth

Birth and Death Rates

Description

Birth and death rates for 70 countries.

Usage

```
data(birth)
```

Format

A data frame with 70 observations on the following 2 variables.

birth: birth rate (in percent)

death: death rate (in percent)

Source

<http://www.uni-koeln.de/themen/statistik>

References

John A. Hartigan: Clustering Algorithms. Wiley, New York, 1975.

bootFlexclust

Bootstrap Flexclust Algorithms

Description

Runs clustering algorithms repeatedly for different numbers of clusters on bootstrap replica of the original data and returns corresponding cluster assignments, centroids and Rand indices comparing pairs of partitions.

Usage

```
bootFlexclust(x, k, nboot=100, correct=TRUE, seed=NULL,
             multicore=TRUE, verbose=FALSE, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'bootFlexclust'
summary(object)
## S4 method for signature 'bootFlexclust,missing'
plot(x, y, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'bootFlexclust'
boxplot(x, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'bootFlexclust'
densityplot(x, data, ...)
```

Arguments

x, k, ...	Passed to stepFlexclust .
nboot	Number of bootstrap pairs of partitions.
correct	Logical, correct the index for agreement by chance?
seed	If not NULL, a call to <code>set.seed()</code> is made before any clustering is done.
multicore	If TRUE, use package multicore for parallel processing if available. In addition, it may be a workstation cluster object as returned by makeCluster from package snow , see examples below.
verbose	If TRUE, show progress information during computations. Will not work with <code>multicore=TRUE</code> .
y, data	Not used.
object	An object of class "bootFlexclust".

Details

Availability of **multicore** is checked when **flexclust** is loaded and stored in `getOption("flexclust")$have_multicore`. Set to FALSE for debugging and more sensible error messages in case something goes wrong.

Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

See Also

[stepFlexclust](#)

Examples

```
## data uniform on unit square
x <- matrix(runif(400), ncol=2)

cl <- FALSE
```

```
## Not run:
## to run bootstrap replications on snow cluster do the following:
library("snow")
cl <- makeCluster(2, type = "SOCK")
clusterCall(cl, function() require("flexclust"))

## End(Not run)

## 50 bootstrap replicates for speed in example,
## use more for real applications
bcl <- bootFlexclust(x, k=2:7, nboot=50, FUN=cclust, multicore=cl)

bcl
summary(bcl)

## splitting the square into four quadrants should be the most stable
## solution (increase nboot if not)
plot(bcl)
densityplot(bcl, from=0)
```

bundestag

German Parliament Election Data

Description

Results of the elections 2002, 2005 or 2009 for the German Bundestag, the first chamber of the German parliament.

Usage

```
data(btw2002)
data(btw2005)
data(btw2009)
bundestag(year, second=TRUE, percent=TRUE, nzero=TRUE, state=FALSE)
```

Arguments

year	numeric or character, year of the election.
second	logical, return second or first votes?
percent	logical, return percentages or absolute numbers?
nzero	logical, convert NAs to 0?
state	logical or character. If TRUE then only column state from the corresponding data frame is returned, and all other arguments are ignored. If character, then it is used as pattern to grep for the corresponding state(s), see examples.

Format

btw200x are data frames with 299 rows (corresponding to constituencies) and 17 columns. All columns except state are numeric.

state: factor, the 16 German federal states.

eligible: number of citizens eligible to vote.

votes: number of eligible citizens who did vote.

invalid1, invalid2: number of invalid first and second votes (see details below).

valid1, valid2: number of valid first and second votes.

SPD1, SPD2: number of first and second votes for the Social Democrats.

UNION1, UNION2: number of first and second votes for CDU/CSU, the conservative Christian Democrats.

GRUENE1, GRUENE2: number of first and second votes for the Green Party.

FDP1, FDP2: number of first and second votes for the Liberal Party.

LINKE1, LINKE2: number of first and second votes for the Left Party (PDS in 2002).

Missing values indicate that a party did not candidate in the corresponding constituency.

Details

btw200x are the original data sets. `bundestag()` is a helper function which extracts first or second votes, calculates percentages (number of votes for a party divided by number of valid votes), replaces missing values by zero, and converts the result from a data frame to a matrix. By default it returns the percentage of second votes for each party, which determines the number of seats each party gets in parliament.

German Federal Elections

Half of the Members of the German Bundestag are elected directly from Germany's 299 constituencies, the other half on the parties' state lists. Accordingly, each voter has two votes in the elections to the German Bundestag. The first vote, allowing voters to elect their local representatives to the Bundestag, decides which candidates are sent to Parliament from the constituencies.

The second vote is cast for a party list. And it is this second vote that determines the relative strengths of the parties represented in the Bundestag. At least 598 Members of the German Bundestag are elected in this way. In addition to this, there are certain circumstances in which some candidates win what are known as "overhang mandates" when the seats are being distributed.

References

Homepage of the Bundestag: <http://www.bundestag.de>

Examples

```

p02 <- bundestag(2002)
pairs(p02)
p05 <- bundestag(2005)
pairs(p05)
p09 <- bundestag(2009)
pairs(p09)

state <- bundestag(2002, state=TRUE)
table(state)

start.with.b <- bundestag(2002, state="^B")
table(start.with.b)

pairs(p09, col=2-(state=="Bayern"))

```

cclust

Convex Clustering

Description

Perform k-means clustering, hard competitive learning or neural gas on a data matrix.

Usage

```

cclust(x, k, dist = "euclidean", method = "kmeans",
       weights=NULL, control=NULL, group=NULL, simple=FALSE,
       save.data=FALSE)

```

Arguments

x	A numeric matrix of data, or an object that can be coerced to such a matrix (such as a numeric vector or a data frame with all numeric columns).
k	Either the number of clusters, or a vector of cluster assignments, or a matrix of initial (distinct) cluster centroids. If a number, a random set of (distinct) rows in x is chosen as the initial centroids.
dist	Distance measure, one of "euclidean" (mean square distance) or "manhattan" (absolute distance).
method	Clustering algorithm: one of "kmeans", "hardcl" or "neuralgas", see details below.
weights	An optional vector of weights to be used in the fitting process. Works only in combination with hard competitive learning.
control	An object of class cclustControl.
group	Currently ignored.
simple	Return an object of class kccasimple?
save.data	Save a copy of x in the return object?

Details

This function uses the same computational engine as the earlier function of the same name from package 'cclust'. The main difference is that it returns an S4 object of class "kcca", hence all available methods for "kcca" objects can be used. By default [kcca](#) and `cclust` use exactly the same algorithm, but `cclust` will usually be much faster because it uses compiled code.

If `dist` is "euclidean", the distance between the cluster center and the data points is the Euclidian distance (ordinary kmeans algorithm), and cluster means are used as centroids. If "manhattan", the distance between the cluster center and the data points is the sum of the absolute values of the distances, and the column-wise cluster medians are used as centroids.

If `method` is "kmeans", the classic kmeans algorithm as given by MacQueen (1967) is used, which works by repeatedly moving all cluster centers to the mean of their respective Voronoi sets. If "hardcl", on-line updates are used (AKA hard competitive learning), which work by randomly drawing an observation from `x` and moving the closest center towards that point (e.g., Ripley 1996). If "neuralgas" then the neural gas algorithm by Martinetz et al (1993) is used. It is similar to hard competitive learning, but in addition to the closest centroid also the second closest centroid is moved in each iteration.

Value

An object of class "kcca".

Author(s)

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References

MacQueen, J. (1967). Some methods for classification and analysis of multivariate observations. In *Proceedings of the Fifth Berkeley Symposium on Mathematical Statistics and Probability*, eds L. M. Le Cam & J. Neyman, 1, pp. 281–297. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

Martinetz T., Berkovich S., and Schulten K (1993). 'Neural-Gas' Network for Vector Quantization and its Application to Time-Series Prediction. *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks*, 4 (4), pp. 558–569.

Ripley, B. D. (1996) *Pattern Recognition and Neural Networks*. Cambridge.

See Also

[cclustControl-class](#), [kcca](#)

Examples

```
## a 2-dimensional example
x<-rbind(matrix(rnorm(100,sd=0.3),ncol=2),
          matrix(rnorm(100,mean=1,sd=0.3),ncol=2))
cl<-cclust(x,2)
plot(x, col=predict(cl))
points(cl@centers, pch="x", cex=2, col=3)
```

```
## a 3-dimensional example
x<-rbind(matrix(rnorm(150,sd=0.3),ncol=3),
          matrix(rnorm(150,mean=2,sd=0.3),ncol=3),
          matrix(rnorm(150,mean=4,sd=0.3),ncol=3))
cl<-cclust(x, 6, method="neuralgas", save.data=TRUE)
pairs(x, col=predict(cl))
plot(cl)
```

clusterSim

Cluster Similarity Matrix

Description

Returns a matrix of cluster similarities. Currently two methods for computing similarities of clusters are implemented, see details below.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'kcca'
clusterSim(object, data=NULL, method=c("shadow", "centers"),
           symmetric=FALSE, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'kccasimple'
clusterSim(object, data=NULL, method=c("shadow", "centers"),
           symmetric=FALSE, ...)
```

Arguments

object	fitted object.
data	Data to use for computation of the shadow values. If the cluster object x was created with save.data=TRUE, then these are used by default. Ignored if method="centers".
method	Type of similarities, see details below.
symmetric	Compute symmetric or asymmetric shadow values? Ignored if method="centers".
...	currently not used.

Details

If method="shadow" (the default), then the similarity of two clusters is proportional to the number of points in a cluster, where the centroid of the other cluster is second-closest. See Leisch (2006, 2008) for detailed formulas.

If method="centers", then first the pairwise distances between all centroids are computed and rescaled to [0,1]. The similarity between tow clusters is then simply 1 minus the rescaled distance.

Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

References

Friedrich Leisch. A Toolbox for K-Centroids Cluster Analysis. *Computational Statistics and Data Analysis*, 51 (2), 526–544, 2006.

Friedrich Leisch. Visualizing cluster analysis and finite mixture models. In Chun houh Chen, Wolfgang Haerdle, and Antony Unwin, editors, *Handbook of Data Visualization*, Springer Handbooks of Computational Statistics. Springer Verlag, 2008.

Examples

```
example(Nclus)

clusterSim(cl)
clusterSim(cl, symmetric=TRUE)

## should have similar structure but will be numerically different:
clusterSim(cl, symmetric=TRUE, data=Nclus[sample(1:550, 200),])

## different concept of cluster similarity
clusterSim(cl, method="centers")
```

conversion

Conversion Between S3 Partition Objects and KCCA

Description

These functions can be used to convert the results from cluster functions like [kmeans](#) or [pam](#) to objects of class "kcca" and vice versa

Usage

```
as.kcca(object, ...)

## S3 method for class 'hclust'
as.kcca(object, data, k, family=NULL, save.data=FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'kmeans'
as.kcca(object, data, save.data=FALSE, ...)
## S3 method for class 'partition'
as.kcca(object, data=NULL, save.data=FALSE, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'kccasimple,kmeans'
coerce(from, to="kmeans", strict=TRUE)
```

Arguments

object	fitted object.
data	data which were used to obtain the clustering. For "partition" objects created by functions from package cluster this is optional, if object contains the data.
save.data	Save a copy of the data in the return object?

k number of clusters.
family object of class `kccaFamily`, can be omitted for some known distances.
... currently not used.
from, to, strict usual arguments for `coerce`

Details

For hierarchical clustering the cluster memberships of the converted object can be different from the result of `cutree`, because one KCCA-iteration has to be performed in order to obtain a valid `kcca` object. In this case a warning is issued.

Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

Examples

```
data(Nclus)

c11 <- kmeans(Nclus, 4)
c11
c11a <- as.kcca(c11, Nclus)
c11a
c11b <- as(c11a, "kmeans")

library("cluster")
c12 <- pam(Nclus, 4)
c12
c12a <- as.kcca(c12)
c12a
## the same
c12b = as.kcca(c12, Nclus)
c12b

## hierarchical clustering
hc <- hclust(dist(USArrests))
plot(hc)
rect.hclust(hc, k=3)
c3 <- cutree(hc, k=3)
k3 <- as.kcca(hc, USArrests, k=3)
barchart(k3)
table(c3, clusters(k3))
```

dentitio

Dentition of Mammals

Description

Mammal's teeth divided into the 4 groups: incisors, canines, premolars and molars.

Usage

```
data(dentitio)
```

Format

A data frame with 66 observations on the following 8 variables.

top.inc: top incisors

bot.inc: bottom incisors

top.can: top canines

bot.can: bottom canines

top.pre: top premolars

bot.pre: bottom premolars

top.mol: top molars

bot.mol: bottom molars

Source

<http://www.uni-koeln.de/themen/statistik>

References

John A. Hartigan: Clustering Algorithms. Wiley, New York, 1975.

dist2

Compute pairwise distances between two data sets

Description

This function computes and returns the distance matrix computed by using the specified distance measure to compute the pairwise distances between the rows of two data matrices.

Usage

```
dist2(x, y, method = "euclidean", p=2)
```

Arguments

x	A data matrix.
y	A vector or second data matrix.
method	the distance measure to be used. This must be one of "euclidean", "maximum", "manhattan", "canberra", "binary" or "minkowski". Any unambiguous substring can be given.
p	The power of the Minkowski distance.

Details

This is a two-data-set equivalent of the standard function `dist`. It returns a matrix of all pairwise distances between rows in `x` and `y`. The current implementation is efficient only if `y` has not too many rows (the code is vectorized in `x` but not in `y`).

Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

See Also

[dist](#)

Examples

```
x = matrix(rnorm(20), ncol=4)
rownames(x) = paste("X", 1:nrow(x), sep=".")
y = matrix(rnorm(12), ncol=4)
rownames(y) = paste("Y", 1:nrow(y), sep=".")

dist2(x, y)
dist2(x, y, "man")

data(milk)
dist2(milk[1:5,], milk[4:6,])
```

Description

Helper functions to create `kccaFamily` objects.

Usage

```
distAngle(x, centers)
distCanberra(x, centers)
distCor(x, centers)
distEuclidean(x, centers)
distJaccard(x, centers)
distManhattan(x, centers)
distMax(x, centers)
distMinkowski(x, centers, p=2)

centAngle(x)
centMean(x)
centMedian(x)

centOptim(x, dist)
centOptim01(x, dist)
```

Arguments

x	A data matrix.
centers	A matrix of centroids.
p	The power of the Minkowski distance.
dist	A distance function.

Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

flexclustControl-class

Classes "flexclustControl" and "cclustControl"

Description

Hyperparameters for cluster algorithms.

Objects from the Class

Objects can be created by calls of the form `new("flexclustControl", ...)`. In addition, named lists can be coerced to flexclustControl objects, names are completed if unique (see examples).

Slots

Objects of class `flexclustControl` have the following slots:

`iter.max`: Maximum number of iterations.

`tolerance`: The algorithm is stopped when the (relative) change of the optimization criterion is smaller than `tolerance`.

`verbose`: If a positive integer, then progress is reported every `verbose` iterations. If 0, no output is generated during model fitting.

`classify`: Character string, one of "auto", "weighted", "hard" or "simann".

`initcent`: Character string, name of function for initial centroids, currently "randomcent" (the default) and "kmeanspp" are available.

`gamma`: Gamma value for weighted hard competitive learning.

`simann`: Parameters for simulated annealing optimization (only used when `classify="simann"`).

`ntry`: Number of trials per iteration for QT clustering.

`min.size`: Clusters smaller than this value are treated as outliers.

Objects of class `cclustControl` inherit from `flexclustControl` and have the following additional slots:

`method`: Learning rate for hard competitive learning, one of "polynomial" or "exponential".

`pol.rate`: Positive number for polynomial learning rate of form $1/iter^{par}$.

`exp.rate`: Vector of length 2 with parameters for exponential learning rate of form $par1 * (par2/par1)^{(iter/iter.max)}$.

`ng.rate`: Vector of length 4 with parameters for neural gas, see details below.

Learning Rate of Neural Gas

The neural gas algorithm uses updates of form

$$c_{new} = c_{old} + e * \exp(-m/l) * (x - c_{old})$$

for every centroid, where m is the order (minus 1) of the centroid with respect to distance to data point x (0=closest, 1=second, ...). The parameters e and l are given by

$$e = par1 * (par2/par1)^{(iter/iter.max)},$$

$$l = par3 * (par4/par3)^{(iter/iter.max)}.$$

See Martinetz et al (1993) for details of the algorithm, and the examples section on how to obtain default values.

Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

References

Martinetz T., Berkovich S., and Schulten K. (1993). "Neural-Gas Network for Vector Quantization and its Application to Time-Series Prediction." *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks*, 4 (4), pp. 558–569.

Arthur D. and Vassilvitskii S. (2007). "k-means++: the advantages of careful seeding". *Proceedings of the 18th annual ACM-SIAM symposium on Discrete algorithms*. pp. 1027-1035.

See Also

[kcca](#), [cclust](#)

Examples

```
## have a look at the defaults
new("flexclustControl")

## corce a list
mycont = list(iter=500, tol=0.001, class="w")
as(mycont, "flexclustControl")

## some additional slots
as(mycont, "cclustControl")

## default values for ng.rate
new("cclustControl")@ng.rate
```

flxColors

Flexclust Color Palettes

Description

Create and access palettes for the plot methods.

Usage

```
flxColors(n=1:8, color=c("full","medium", "light","dark"), grey=FALSE)
```

Arguments

n	Index number of color to return (1 to 8)
color	Type of color, see details.
grey	Return grey value corresponding to palette.

Details

This function creates color palettes in HCL space for up to 8 colors. All palettes have constant chroma and luminance, only the hue of the colors change within a palette.

Palettes "full" and "dark" have the same luminance, and palettes "medium" and "light" have the same luminance.

Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

See Also[hcl](#)**Examples**

```
opar <- par(c("mfrow", "mar", "xaxt"))
par(mfrow=c(2,2), mar=c(0,0,2,0), yaxt="n")

x <- rep(1, 8)

barplot(x, col = flxColors(color="full"), main="full")
barplot(x, col = flxColors(color="dark"), main="dark")
barplot(x, col = flxColors(color="medium"), main="medium")
barplot(x, col = flxColors(color="light"), main="light")

par(opar)
```

image-methods

*Methods for Function image in Package 'flexclust'***Description**

Image plot of cluster segments overlaid by neighbourhood graph.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'kcca'
image(x, which = 1:2, npoints = 100,
      xlab = "", ylab = "", fastcol = TRUE, col=NULL,
      clwd=0, graph=TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

x	An object of class "kcca".
which	Index number of dimensions of input space to plot.
npoints	Number of grid points for image.
fastcol	If TRUE, a greedy algorithm is used for the background colors of the segments, which may result in neighbouring segments having the same color. If FALSE, neighbouring segments always have different colors at a speed penalty.
col	Vector of background colors for the segments.
clwd	Line width of contour lines at cluster boundaries, use larger values for npoints than the default to get smooth lines. (Warning: We really need a smarter way to draw cluster boundaries!)

graph Logical, add a neighborhood graph to the plot?
 xlab, ylab, ... Graphical parameters.

Details

This works only for "kcca" objects, no method is available for "kccasimple" objects.

Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

See Also

[kcca](#)

info

Get Information on Fitted Flexclust Objects

Description

Returns descriptive information about fitted flexclust objects like cluster sizes or sum of within-cluster distances.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'flexclust,character'
info(object, which, drop=TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

object fitted object.
 which which information to get. Use which="help" to list available information.
 drop logical. If TRUE the result is coerced to the lowest possible dimension.
 ... passed to methods.

Details

Function `info` can be used to access slots of fitted flexclust objects in a portable way, and in addition computes some meta-information like sum of within-cluster distances.

Function `infoCheck` returns a logical value that is TRUE if the requested information can be computed from the object.

Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

See Also[info](#)**Examples**

```

data("Nclus")
plot(Nclus)

c11 = cclust(Nclus, k=4)
summary(c11)

## these two are the same
info(c11)
info(c11, "help")

## cluster sizes
i1 = info(c11, "size")
i1

## average within cluster distances
i2 = info(c11, "av_dist")
i2

## the sum of all within-cluster distances
i3 = info(c11, "distsum")
i3

## sum(i1*i2) must of course be the same as i3
stopifnot(all.equal(sum(i1*i2), i3))

## This should return TRUE
infoCheck(c11, "size")
## and this FALSE
infoCheck(c11, "Homer Simpson")
## both combined
i4 = infoCheck(c11, c("size", "Homer Simpson"))
i4

stopifnot(all.equal(i4, c(TRUE, FALSE)))

```

Description

Perform k-centroids clustering on a data matrix.

Usage

```

kcca(x, k, family=kccaFamily("kmeans"), weights=NULL, group=NULL,
     control=NULL, simple=FALSE, save.data=FALSE)
kccaFamily(which=NULL, dist=NULL, cent=NULL, name=which,
           preproc = NULL, trim=0, groupFun = "minSumClusters")

## S4 method for signature 'kccasimple'
summary(object)

```

Arguments

x	A numeric matrix of data, or an object that can be coerced to such a matrix (such as a numeric vector or a data frame with all numeric columns).
k	Either the number of clusters, or a vector of cluster assignments, or a matrix of initial (distinct) cluster centroids. If a number, a random set of (distinct) rows in x is chosen as the initial centroids.
family	Object of class <code>kccaFamily</code> .
weights	An optional vector of weights to be used in the clustering process, cannot be combined with all families.
group	An optional grouping vector for the data, see details below.
control	An object of class <code>flexclustControl</code> .
simple	Return an object of class <code>kccasimple</code> ?
save.data	Save a copy of x in the return object?
which	One of "kmeans", "kmedians", "angle", "jaccard", or "ejaccard".
name	Optional long name for family, used only for show methods.
dist	A function for distance computation, ignored if which is specified.
cent	A function for centroid computation, ignored if which is specified.
preproc	Function for data preprocessing.
trim	A number in between 0 and 0.5, if non-zero then trimmed means are used for the kmeans family, ignored by all other families.
groupFun	Function or name of function to obtain clusters for grouped data, see details below.
object	Object of class "kcca".

Details

See the paper *A Toolbox for K-Centroids Cluster Analysis* referenced below for details.

Value

Function `kcca` returns objects of class "kcca" or "kccasimple" depending on the value of argument `simple`. The simpler objects contain fewer slots and hence are faster to compute, but contain no auxiliary information used by the plotting methods. Most plot methods for "kccasimple" objects do nothing and return a warning. If only centroids, cluster membership or prediction for new data are of interest, then the simple objects are sufficient.

Predefined Families

Function `kccaFamily()` currently has the following predefined families (distance / centroid):

kmeans: Euclidean distance / mean

kmedians: Manhattan distance / median

angle: angle between observation and centroid / standardized mean

jaccard: Jaccard distance / numeric optimization

ejaccard: Jaccard distance / mean

See Leisch (2006) for details on all combinations.

Group Constraints

If `group` is not `NULL`, then observations from the same `group` are restricted to belong to the same cluster (must-link constraint) or different clusters (cannot-link constraint) during the fitting process. If `groupFun = "minSumClusters"`, then all group members are assigned to the cluster where the center has minimal average distance to the group members. If `groupFun = "majorityClusters"`, then all group members are assigned to the cluster the majority would belong to without a constraint.

`groupFun = "differentClusters"` implements a cannot-link constraint, i.e., members of one group are not allowed to belong to the same cluster. The optimal allocation for each group is found by solving a linear sum assignment problem using `solve_LSAP`. Obviously the group sizes must be smaller than the number of clusters in this case.

Ties are broken at random in all cases. Note that at the moment not all methods for fitted "kcca" objects respect the grouping information, most importantly the plot method when a data argument is specified.

Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

References

Friedrich Leisch. A Toolbox for K-Centroids Cluster Analysis. *Computational Statistics and Data Analysis*, 51 (2), 526–544, 2006.

Friedrich Leisch and Bettina Gruen. Extending standard cluster algorithms to allow for group constraints. In Alfredo Rizzi and Maurizio Vichi, editors, *Compstat 2006-Proceedings in Computational Statistics*, pages 885-892. Physica Verlag, Heidelberg, Germany, 2006.

See Also

[stepFlexclust](#), [cclust](#)

Examples

```
data("Nclus")
plot(Nclus)

## try kmeans
c11 = kcca(Nclus, k=4)
c11

image(c11)
points(Nclus)

## A barplot of the centroids
barplot(c11)

## now use k-medians and kmeans++ initialization, cluster centroids
## should be similar...

c12 = kcca(Nclus, k=4, family=kccaFamily("kmedians"),
           control=list(initcent="kmeanspp"))
c12

## ... but the boundaries of the partitions have a different shape
image(c12)
points(Nclus)
```

milk

Milk of Mammals

Description

The data set contains the ingredients of mammal's milk of 25 animals.

Usage

```
data(milk)
```

Format

A data frame with 25 observations on the following 5 variables (all in percent).

water: water

protein: protein

fat: fat

lactose: lactose

ash: ash

Source

<http://www.uni-koeln.de/themen/statistik>

References

John A. Hartigan: Clustering Algorithms. Wiley, New York, 1975.

Nclus

Artificial Example with 4 Gaussians

Description

A simple artificial regression example with 4 clusters, all of them having a Gaussian distribution.

Usage

```
data(Nclus)
```

Details

The Nclus data set can be re-created by loading package **flexmix** and running `ExNclus(100)` using `set.seed(2602)`. It has been saved as a data set for simplicity of examples only.

Examples

```
data(Nclus)
cl <- cclust(Nclus, k=4, simple=FALSE, save.data=TRUE)
plot(cl)
```

nutrient

Nutrients in Meat, Fish and Fowl

Description

The data set contains the measurements of nutrients in several types of meat, fish and fowl.

Usage

```
data(nutrient)
```

Format

A data frame with 27 observations on the following 5 variables.

energy: food energy (calories)

protein: protein (grams)

fat: fat (grams)

calcium: calcium (milli grams)

iron: iron (milli grams)

Source

<http://www.uni-koeln.de/themen/statistik>

References

John A. Hartigan: Clustering Algorithms. Wiley, New York, 1975.

pairs-methods

Methods for Function pairs in Package 'flexclust'

Description

Plot a matrix of neighbourhood graphs.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'kcca'  
pairs(x, which=NULL, project=NULL, oma=NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

x	an object of class "kcca"
which	Index numbers of dimensions of (projected) input space to plot, default is to plot all dimensions.
project	Projection object for which a predict method exists, e.g., the result of <code>prcomp</code> .
oma	Outer margin.
...	Passed to the plot method.

Details

This works only for "kcca" objects, no method is available for "kccasimple" objects.

Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

parameters	<i>Get Centroids from KCCA Object</i>
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Description

Returns the matrix of centroids of a fitted object of class "kcca".

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'kccasimple'
parameters(object, ...)
```

Arguments

object	fitted object.
...	currently not used.

Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

plot-methods	<i>Methods for Function plot in Package 'flexclust'</i>
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Description

Plot the neighbourhood graph of a cluster solution together with projected data points.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'kcca,missing'
plot(x, y, which=1:2, project=NULL,
     data=NULL, points=TRUE, hull=TRUE, hull.args=NULL,
     number = TRUE, simlines=TRUE,
     lwd=1, maxlwd=8*lwd, cex=1.5, numcol=FALSE, nodes=16,
     add=FALSE, xlab="", ylab="", xlim = NULL,
     ylim = NULL, pch=NULL, col=NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

x	an object of class "kcca"
y	not used
which	Index numbers of dimensions of (projected) input space to plot.
project	Projection object for which a predict method exists, e.g., the result of <code>prcomp</code> .
data	Data to include in plot. If the cluster object x was created with <code>save.data=TRUE</code> , then these are used by default.
points	Logical, shall data points be plotted (if available)?
hull	If TRUE, then hulls of the data are plotted (if available). Can either be a logical value, one of the strings "convex" (the default) or "ellipse", or a function for plotting the hulls.
hull.args	A list of arguments for the hull function.
number	Logical, plot number labels in nodes of graph?
numcol, cex	Color and size of number labels in nodes of graph. If numcol is logical, it switches between black and the color of the clusters, else it is taken as a vector of colors.
nodes	Plotting symbol to use for nodes if no numbers are drawn.
simlines	Logical, plot edges of graph?
lwd, maxlwd	Numerical, thickness of lines.
add	Logical, add to existing plot?
xlab, ylab	Axis labels.
xlim, ylim	Axis range.
pch, col, ...	Plotting symbols and colors for data points.

Details

This works only for "kcca" objects, no method is available for "kccasimple" objects.

Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

References

Friedrich Leisch. Visualizing cluster analysis and finite mixture models. In Chun houh Chen, Wolfgang Haerdle, and Antony Unwin, editors, Handbook of Data Visualization, Springer Handbooks of Computational Statistics. Springer Verlag, 2008.

predict-methods	<i>Predict Cluster Membership</i>
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Description

Return either the cluster membership of training data or predict for new data.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'kccasimple'
predict(object, newdata, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'flexclust,ANY'
clusters(object, newdata, ...)
```

Arguments

object	Object of class inheriting from "flexclust".
newdata	An optional data matrix with the same number of columns as the cluster centers. If omitted, the fitted values are used.
...	Currently not used.

Details

clusters can be used on any object of class "flexclust" and returns the cluster memberships of the training data.

predict can be used only on objects of class "kcca" (which inherit from "flexclust"). If no newdata argument is specified, the function is identical to clusters, if newdata is specified, then cluster memberships for the new data are predicted. clusters(object, newdata, ...) is an alias for predict(object, newdata, ...).

Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

projAxes	<i>Add Arrows for Projected Axes to a Plot</i>
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Description

Adds arrows for original coordinate axes to a projection plot.

Usage

```
projAxes(object, which=1:2, center=NULL,
         col="red", radius=NULL,
         minradius=0.1, textargs=list(col=col),
         col.names=getColnames(object),
         which.names="", group = NULL, groupFun = colMeans,
         plot=TRUE, ...)

placeLabels(object)
## S4 method for signature 'projAxes'
placeLabels(object)
```

Arguments

object	Return value of a projection method like prcomp .
which	Index number of dimensions of (projected) input space that have been plotted.
center	Center of the coordinate system to use in projected space. Default is the center of the plotting region.
col	Color of arrows.
radius	Relative size of the arrows.
minradius	Minimum radius of arrows to include (relative to arrow size).
textargs	List of arguments for text .
col.names	Variable names of the original data.
which.names	A regular expression which variable names to include in the plot.
group	An optional grouping variable for the original coordinates. Coordinates with group NA are omitted.
groupFun	Function used to aggregate the projected coordinates if group is specified.
plot	Logical, if TRUE the axes are added to the current plot.
...	Passed to arrows .

Value

projAxes invisibly returns an object of class "projAxes", which can be added to an existing plot by its plot method.

Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

Examples

```
data(milk)
milk.pca <- prcomp(milk, scale=TRUE)

## create a biplot step by step
```

```

plot(predict(milk.pca), type="n")
text(predict(milk.pca), rownames(milk), col="green", cex=0.8)
projAxes(milk.pca)

## the same, but arrows are blue, centered at origin and all arrows are
## plotted
plot(predict(milk.pca), type="n")
text(predict(milk.pca), rownames(milk), col="green", cex=0.8)
projAxes(milk.pca, col="blue", center=0, minradius=0)

## use points instead of text, plot PC2 and PC3, manual radius
## specification, store result
plot(predict(milk.pca)[,c(2,3)])
arr <- projAxes(milk.pca, which=c(2,3), radius=1.2, plot=FALSE)
plot(arr)

## Not run:

## manually try to find new places for the labels: each arrow is marked
## active in turn, use the left mouse button to find a better location
## for the label. Use the right mouse button to go on to the next
## variable.

arr1 <- placeLabels(arr)

## now do the plot again:
plot(predict(milk.pca)[,c(2,3)])
plot(arr1)

## End(Not run)

```

propBarchart

Barchart for Proportions of Apriori Segments in Binary Data Matrix

Description

This function splits a binary data matrix into subgroups, computes the percentage of ones in each column and compares the proportions in the groups using [prop.test](#). The p-values for all variables are adjusted for multiple testing and a barchart of group percentages is drawn highlighting variables with significant differences in proportion.

Usage

```

propBarchart(x, g, alpha=0.05, correct="holm",
             strip.prefix="", strip.labels=NULL, which=NULL, ...)

```

Arguments

x	A binary data matrix.
g	A factor specifying the groups.
alpha	Significance level for test of differences in proportions.
correct	Correction method for multiple testing, passed to <code>p.adjust</code> .
strip.prefix	Character string prepended to strips of the <code>barchart</code> (the remainder of the strip are group levels and group sizes). Ignored if <code>strip.labels</code> is specified.
strip.labels	Character vector of labels to use for strips of <code>barchart</code> .
which	Index numbers or names of variables to plot.
...	Passed on to <code>barchart</code> .

Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

See Also

[barplot-methods](#)

Examples

```
## create a binary matrix from the iris data plus a random noise column
x <- apply(iris[,1:4], 2, function(z) z>median(z))
x <- cbind(x, Noise=sample(0:1, 150, replace=TRUE))

## There are significant differences in all 4 original variables, Noise
## has most likely no significant difference (of course the difference
## will be significant in alpha percent of all random samples).
propBarchart(x, iris$Species)
```

qtclust

Stochastic QT Clustering

Description

Perform stochastic QT clustering on a data matrix.

Usage

```
qtclust(x, radius, family = kccaFamily("kmeans"), control = NULL,
        save.data=FALSE, kcca=FALSE)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	A numeric matrix of data, or an object that can be coerced to such a matrix (such as a numeric vector or a data frame with all numeric columns).
<code>radius</code>	Maximum radius of clusters.
<code>family</code>	Object of class <code>kccaFamily</code> specifying the distance measure to be used.
<code>control</code>	An object of class <code>flexclustControl</code> specifying the minimum number of observations per cluster (<code>min.size</code>), and trials per iteration (<code>ntry</code> , see details below)..
<code>save.data</code>	Save a copy of <code>x</code> in the return object?
<code>kcca</code>	Run <code>kcca</code> after the QT cluster algorithm has converged?

Details

This function implements a generalization of the QT clustering algorithm by Heyer et al. (1999), see Scharl and Leisch (2006). The only difference is that in each iteration not all possible cluster start points are considered, but only a random sample of size `control@ntry`. In most cases the resulting solutions are almost the same at a considerable speed increase, in some cases even better solutions are obtained than with the original algorithm. If `control@ntry` is set to the size of the data set, the original algorithm as proposed by Heyer et al. (1999) is obtained.

Value

Function `qtclust` by default returns objects of class `"kccasimple"`. If argument `kcca` is `TRUE`, function `kcca()` is run afterwards (initialized on the QT cluster solution). Data points not clustered by the QT cluster algorithm are omitted from the `kcca()` iterations, but filled back into the return object. All plot methods defined for objects of class `"kcca"` can be used.

Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

References

Heyer, L. J., Kruglyak, S., Yooseph, S. (1999). Exploring expression data: Identification and analysis of coexpressed genes. *Genome Research* 9, 1106–1115.

Theresa Scharl and Friedrich Leisch. The stochastic QT-clust algorithm: evaluation of stability and variance on time-course microarray data. In Alfredo Rizzi and Maurizio Vichi, editors, *Compstat 2006 – Proceedings in Computational Statistics*, pages 1015-1022. Physica Verlag, Heidelberg, Germany, 2006.

Examples

```
x <- matrix(10*runif(1000), ncol=2)

## maximum distance of point to cluster center is 3
c11 <- qtclust(x, radius=3)

## maximum distance of point to cluster center is 1
```

```
## -> more clusters, longer runtime
cl2 <- qtclust(x, radius=1)

opar <- par(c("mfrow", "mar"))
par(mfrow=c(2,1), mar=c(2.1,2.1,1,1))
plot(x, col=predict(cl1), xlab="", ylab="")
plot(x, col=predict(cl2), xlab="", ylab="")
par(opar)
```

randIndex

Rand Index

Description

Compute the Rand Index for agreement of two partitions.

Usage

```
randIndex(x, y, correct=TRUE)
## S4 method for signature 'table,missing'
randIndex(x, y, correct=TRUE)
## S4 method for signature 'flexclust,flexclust'
randIndex(x, y, correct=TRUE)
## S4 method for signature 'integer,integer'
randIndex(x, y, correct=TRUE)
## S4 method for signature 'flexclust,integer'
randIndex(x, y, correct=TRUE)
## S4 method for signature 'integer,flexclust'
randIndex(x, y, correct=TRUE)
```

Arguments

x	Either a 2-dimensional cross-tabulation of cluster assignments, or an object inheriting from class "flexclust", or an integer vector of cluster memberships.
y	An (optional) object inheriting from class "flexclust", or an integer vector of cluster memberships.
correct	Logical, correct the index for agreement by chance?

Details

Suppose we want to compare two partitions summarized by the contingency table $T = [t_{ij}]$ where $i, j = 1, \dots, K$ and t_{ij} denotes the number of data points which are in cluster i in the first partition and in cluster j in the second partition. Let A denote the number of all pairs of data points which are either put into the same cluster by both partitions or put into different clusters by both partitions. Conversely, let D denote the number of all pairs of data points that are put into one cluster in one partition, but into different clusters by the other partition. The partitions disagree for all pairs D and agree for all pairs A . We can measure the agreement by the Rand index $A/(A + D)$ which is invariant with respect to permutations of the columns or rows of T .

The index has to be corrected for agreement by chance if the sizes of the clusters are not uniform (which is usually the case), or if there are many clusters, see Hubert & Arabie (1985) for details.

Value

A number between -1 and 1 for the corrected version, a number between 0 and 1 for the original version.

Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

References

Lawrence Hubert and Phipps Arabie. Comparing partitions. *Journal of Classification*, 2, 193–218, 1985.

Examples

```
## no class correlations: corrected Rand almost zero
g1 <- sample(1:5, size=1000, replace=TRUE)
g2 <- sample(1:5, size=1000, replace=TRUE)
tab <- table(g1, g2)
randIndex(tab)

## uncorrected version will be large, because there are many points
## which are assigned to different clusters in both cases
randIndex(tab, correct=FALSE)

## let pairs (g1=1,g2=1) and (g1=3,g2=3) agree better
k <- sample(1:1000, size=200)
g1[k] <- 1
g2[k] <- 1
k <- sample(1:1000, size=200)
g1[k] <- 3
g2[k] <- 3
tab <- table(g1, g2)

## the index should be larger than before
randIndex(tab)
randIndex(tab, correct=FALSE)
```

randomTour

Plot a Random Tour

Description

Create a series of projection plots corresponding to a random tour through the data.

Usage

```

randomTour(object, ...)

## S4 method for signature 'ANY'
randomTour(object, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'matrix'
randomTour(object, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'flexclust'
randomTour(object, data=NULL, col=NULL, ...)

randomTourMatrix(x, directions=10,
                 steps=100, sec=4, sleep = sec/steps,
                 axiscol=2, axislab=colnames(x),
                 center=NULL, radius=1, minradius=0.01, asp=1,
                 ...)

```

Arguments

object, x	A matrix or an object of class "flexclust".
data	Data to include in plot.
col	Plotting colors for data points.
directions	Integer value, how many different directions are toured.
steps	Integer, number of steps in each direction.
sec	Numerical, lower bound for the number of seconds each direction takes.
sleep	Numerical, sleep for as many seconds after each picture has been plotted.
axiscol	If not NULL, then arrows are plotted for projections of the original coordinate axes in these colors.
axislab	Optional labels for the projected axes.
center	Center of the coordinate system to use in projected space. Default is the center of the plotting region.
radius	Relative size of the arrows.
minradius	Minimum radius of arrows to include.
asp, ...	Passed on to randomTourMatrix and from there to plot.

Details

Two random locations are chosen, and data then projected onto hyperplanes which are orthogonal to step vectors interpolating the two locations. The first two coordinates of the projected data are plotted. If `directions` is larger than one, then after the first steps plots one more random location is chosen, and the procedure is repeated from the current position to the new location, etc..

The whole procedure is similar to a grand tour, but no attempt is made to optimize subsequent directions, `randomTour` simply chooses a random direction in each iteration. Use `rggobi` for the real thing.

Obviously the function needs a reasonably fast computer and graphics device to give a smooth impression, for `x11` it may be necessary to use `type="Xlib"` rather than `cairo`.

Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

Examples

```
if(interactive()){
  par(ask=FALSE)
  randomTour(iris[,1:4], axiscol=2:5)
  randomTour(iris[,1:4], col=as.numeric(iris$Species), axiscol=4)

  x <- matrix(runif(300), ncol=3)
  x <- rbind(x, x+1, x+2)
  cl <- cclust(x, k=3, save.data=TRUE)

  randomTour(cl, center=0, axiscol="black")

  ## now use predicted cluster membership for new data as colors
  randomTour(cl, center=0, axiscol="black",
             data=matrix(rnorm(3000, mean=1, sd=2), ncol=3))
}
```

shadow

Cluster shadows and silhouettes

Description

Compute and plot shadows and silhouettes.

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'kccasimple'
shadow(object, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'kcca'
Silhouette(object, data=NULL, ...)
```

Arguments

object	an object of class "kcca" or "kccasimple".
data	data to compute silhouette values for. If the cluster object was created with save.data=TRUE, then these are used by default.
...	currently not used.

Details

The shadow value of each data point is defined as twice the distance to the closest centroid divided by the sum of distances to closest and second-closest centroid. If the shadow values of a point is close to 0, then the point is close to its cluster centroid. If the shadow value is close to 1, it is almost equidistant to the two centroids. Thus, a cluster that is well separated from all other clusters should have many points with small shadow values.

The silhouette value of a data point is defined as the scaled difference between the average dissimilarity of a point to all points in its own cluster to the smallest average dissimilarity to the points of a different cluster. Large silhouette values indicate good separation.

The main difference between silhouette values and shadow values is that we replace average dissimilarities to points in a cluster by dissimilarities to point averages (=centroids). See Leisch (2009) for details.

Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

References

Friedrich Leisch. Neighborhood graphs, stripes and shadow plots for cluster visualization. *Statistics and Computing*, 2009. Accepted for publication on 2009-06-16.

See Also

[silhouette](#)

Examples

```
data(Nclus)
set.seed(1)
c5 <- cclust(Nclus, 5, save.data=TRUE)
c5
plot(c5)

## high shadow values indicate clusters with *bad* separation
shadow(c5)
plot(shadow(c5))

## high Silhouette values indicate clusters with *good* separation
Silhouette(c5)
plot(Silhouette(c5))
```

shadowStars

*Shadow Stars***Description**

Shadow star plots and corresponding panel functions.

Usage

```
shadowStars(object, which=1:2, project=NULL,
            width=1, varwidth=FALSE,
            panel=panelShadowStripes,
            box=NULL, col=NULL, add=FALSE, ...)
```

```
panelShadowStripes(x, col, ...)
panelShadowViolin(x, ...)
panelShadowBP(x, ...)
panelShadowSkeleton(x, ...)
```

Arguments

object	an object of class "kcca"
which	index numbers of dimensions of (projected) input space to plot.
project	projection object for which a predict method exists, e.g., the result of prcomp .
width	width of vertices connecting the cluster centroids.
varwidth	logical, shall all vertices have the same width or should the width be proportional to number of points shown on the vertex?
panel	function used to draw vertices.
box	color of rectangle drawn around each vertex.
col	a vector of colors for the clusters.
add	logical, start a new plot?
...	passed on to panel function.
x	shadow values of data points corresponding to the vertex.

Details

The shadow value of each data point is defined as twice the distance to the closest centroid divided by the sum of distances to closest and second-closest centroid. If the shadow values of a point is close to 0, then the point is close to its cluster centroid. If the shadow value is close to 1, it is almost equidistant to the two centroids. Thus, a cluster that is well separated from all other clusters should have many points with small shadow values.

The neighborhood graph of a cluster solution connects two centroids by a vertex if at least one data point has the two centroids as closest and second closest. The width of the vertex is proportional to

the sum of shadow values of all points having these two as closest and second closest. A shadow star depicts the distribution of shadow values on the vertex, see Leisch (2009) for details.

Currently four panel functions are available:

`panelShadowStripes`: line segment for each shadow value.

`panelShadowViolin`: violin plot of shadow values.

`panelShadowBP`: box-percentile plot of shadow values.

`panelShadowSkeleton`: average shadow value.

Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

References

Friedrich Leisch. Neighborhood graphs, stripes and shadow plots for cluster visualization. *Statistics and Computing*, 2009. Accepted for publication on 2009-06-16.

See Also

[shadow](#)

Examples

```
data(Nclus)
set.seed(1)
c5 <- cclust(Nclus, 5, save.data=TRUE)
c5
plot(c5)

shadowStars(c5)
shadowStars(c5, varwidth=TRUE)

shadowStars(c5, panel=panelShadowViolin)
shadowStars(c5, panel=panelShadowBP)

## always use varwidth=TRUE with panelShadowSkeleton, otherwise a few
## large shadow values can lead to misleading results:
shadowStars(c5, panel=panelShadowSkeleton)
shadowStars(c5, panel=panelShadowSkeleton, varwidth=TRUE)
```

stepFlexclust *Run Flexclust Algorithms Repeatedly*

Description

Runs clustering algorithms repeatedly for different numbers of clusters and returns the minimum within cluster distance solution for each.

Usage

```
stepFlexclust(x, k, nrep=3, verbose=TRUE, FUN = kcca, drop=TRUE,
              group=NULL, simple=FALSE, save.data=FALSE, seed=NULL,
              multicore=TRUE, ...)
```

```
stepcclust(...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'stepFlexclust,missing'
plot(x, y,
     type=c("barplot", "lines"), totaldist=NULL,
     xlab=NULL, ylab=NULL, ...)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'stepFlexclust'
getModel(object, which=1)
```

Arguments

x, ...	passed to kcca or cclust .
k	A vector of integers passed in turn to the k argument of kcca
nrep	For each value of k run kcca nrep times and keep only the best solution.
FUN	Cluster function to use, typically kcca or cclust .
verbose	If TRUE, show progress information during computations.
drop	If TRUE and K is of length 1, then a single cluster object is returned instead of a "stepFlexclust" object.
group	An optional grouping vector for the data, see kcca for details.
simple	Return an object of class <code>kccasimple?</code>
save.data	Save a copy of x in the return object?
seed	If not NULL, a call to <code>set.seed()</code> is made before any clustering is done.
multicore	If TRUE, use package multicore for parallel processing if available.
y	Not used.
type	Create a barplot or lines plot.
totaldist	Include value for 1-cluster solution in plot? Default is TRUE if K contains 2, else FALSE.
xlab, ylab	Graphical parameters.
object	Object of class "stepFlexclust".
which	Number of model to get. If character, interpreted as number of clusters.

Details

stepcclust is a simple wrapper for stepFlexclust(..., FUN=cclust).

Availability of **multicore** is checked when **flexclust** is loaded and stored in `getOption("flexclust")$have_multicore`. Set to FALSE for debugging and more sensible error messages in case something goes wrong.

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Examples

```
data("Nclus")
plot(Nclus)

## multicore off for CRAN checks
c11 = stepFlexclust(Nclus, k=2:7, FUN=cclust, multicore=FALSE)
c11

plot(c11)

# two ways to do the same:
getModel(c11, 4)
c11[[4]]

opar=par("mfrow")
par(mfrow=c(2,2))
for(k in 3:6){
  image(getModel(c11, as.character(k)), data=Nclus)
  title(main=paste(k, "clusters"))
}
par(opar)
```

stripes

Stripes Plot

Description

Plot distance of data points to cluster centroids using stripes.

Usage

```
stripes(object, groups=NULL, type=c("first", "second", "all"),
        beside=(type!="first"), col=NULL, gp.line=NULL, gp.bar=NULL,
        gp.bar2=NULL, number=TRUE, legend=!is.null(groups),
        ylim=NULL, ylab="distance from centroid",
        margins=c(2,5,3,2), ...)
```

Arguments

object	an object of class "kcca".
groups	grouping variable to color-code the stripes. By default cluster membership is used as groups.
type	plot distance to closest, closest and second-closest or to all centroids?
beside	logical, make different stripes for different clusters?
col	vector of colors for clusters or groups.
gp.line, gp.bar, gp.bar2	graphical parameters for horizontal lines and background rectangular areas, see gpar .
number	logical, write cluster numbers on x-axis?
legend	logical, plot a legend for the groups?
ylim, ylab	graphical parameters for y-axis.
margins	margin of the plot.
...	further graphical parameters.

Details

A simple, yet very effective plot for visualizing the distance of each point from its closest and second-closest cluster centroids is a stripes plot. For each of the k clusters we have a rectangular area, which we optionally vertically divide into k smaller rectangles (`beside=TRUE`). Then we draw a horizontal line segment for each data point marking the distance of the data point from the corresponding centroid.

Author(s)

Friedrich Leisch

References

Friedrich Leisch. Neighborhood graphs, stripes and shadow plots for cluster visualization. *Statistics and Computing*, 2009. Accepted for publication on 2009-06-16.

Examples

```
bw05 <- bundestag(2005)
bavaria <- bundestag(2005, state="Bayern")

set.seed(1)
c4 <- cclust(bw05, k=4, save.data=TRUE)
plot(c4)

stripes(c4)
stripes(c4, beside=TRUE)

stripes(c4, type="sec")
stripes(c4, type="sec", beside=FALSE)
```

```
stripes(c4, type="all")

stripes(c4, groups=bavaria)

## ugly, but shows how colors of all parts can be changed
library("grid")
stripes(c4, type="all",
        gp.bar=gpar(col="red", lwd=3, fill="white"),
        gp.bar2=gpar(col="green", lwd=3, fill="black"))
```

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