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.adjustedRandIndex

adjusted Rand Index

### Description

adjusted Rand Index

### Usage

.adjustedRandIndex(tab)

### Arguments

tab

The confusion matrix

### Value

The ARI

ARIImp

ARI improvement

### Description

Compute the ARI improvement over the ARI merging procedure

```
ARIImp(merger, unclustered = NULL)
```

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#### **Arguments**

merger the result from having run Dune on the dataset

unclustered The value assigned to unclustered cells. Default to NULL

### Value

a vector with the mean ARI between methods at each merge

#### See Also

ARItrend

#### **Examples**

```
data("clusMat", package = "Dune")
merger <- Dune(clusMat = clusMat)
plot(0:nrow(merger$merges), ARIImp(merger))</pre>
```

ARIS ARI Matrix

### Description

ARI Matrix

### Usage

```
ARIs(clusMat, unclustered = NULL)
```

### Arguments

clusMat The clustering matrix with a row per cell and a column per clustering label type unclustered The value assigned to unclustered cells. Default to NULL

### **Details**

In the ARI matrix where each cell  $\mathbf{i}$ ,  $\mathbf{j}$  is the adjusted Rand Index between columns  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$  of the original clusMat. If unclustered is not NULL, the cells which have been assigned to the unclustered cluster will not be counted towards computing the ARI.

#### Value

The ARI matrix

```
data("clusMat", package = "Dune")
ARIs(clusMat)
```

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ARItrend

ARI improvement plot

#### **Description**

A plot to see how ARI improves over merging

#### Usage

```
ARItrend(merger, unclustered = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

merger the result from having run Dune on the dataset

unclustered The value assigned to unclustered cells. Default to NULL

#### Value

```
a ggplot object
```

#### **Examples**

```
data("clusMat", package = "Dune")
merger <- Dune(clusMat = clusMat)
ARItrend(merger)</pre>
```

clusMat

A clustering matrix used to demonstrate the ari-merging process.

### Description

A clustering matrix used to demonstrate the ari-merging process.

### Usage

clusMat

#### **Format**

An object of class matrix (inherits from array) with 100 rows and 5 columns.

#### **Details**

This matrix has 100 samples with 5 cluster labels. Cluster labels 2 trought 5 are modified versions of cluster label 1, where some clusters from label 1 where broken down into smaller clusters. It is just a toy dataset that can be re-generated with the code in https://github.com/HectorRDB/Pipeline\_Brain/blob/master/Sandbox

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#### **Description**

Find the conversion between the old cluster and the final clusters

#### Usage

```
clusterConversion(merger, p = 1, average_n = NULL, n_steps = NULL)
```

### Arguments

| merger    | the result from having run Dune on the dataset   |
|-----------|--|
| p         | A value between 0 and 1. We stop when the metric used for merging has improved by p of the final total improvement. Default to 1 (i.e running the full merging). |
| average_n | Alternatively, you can specify the average number of clusters you want to have.  |
| n_steps   | Finally, you can specify the number of merging steps to do before stopping.  |

#### **Details**

If more than one of p,average\_n and  $n_s$ teps is specified, then the order of preference is  $n_s$ teps, then average\_n then p.

### Value

A list containing a matrix per clustering method, with a column for the old labels and a column for the new labels.

### **Examples**

```
data("clusMat", package = "Dune")
merger <- Dune(clusMat = clusMat)
clusterConversion(merger)[[2]]</pre>
```

ConfusionEvolution

Plot the evolution of the ConfusionPlot as merging happens

#### **Description**

Animated version of ConfusionPlot

```
ConfusionEvolution(merger, unclustered = NULL, x, y, state_length = 1)
```

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#### **Arguments**

merger the result from having run Dune on the dataset
unclustered The value assigned to unclustered cells. Default to NULL

x The name of the first cluster label to plot

y The name of the second cluster label to plot

state\_length Time between steps. Default to 1. See transition\_states for details.

#### **Details**

See ConfusionPlot and animate.

#### Value

```
a gganim object
```

#### **Examples**

```
## Not run:
   data("clusMat", package = "Dune")
   merger <- Dune(clusMat = clusMat)
   ConfusionEvolution(merger, x = "A", y = "B")
## End(Not run)</pre>
```

ConfusionPlot

Plot confusion matrix

### Description

A plot to visualize how alike two clustering labels are

#### Usage

```
ConfusionPlot(x, y = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

x A vector of clustering labels or a matrix of clustering labels. See details.

y Optional. Another vector of clustering labels

#### Value

```
a ggplot object
```

```
data("nuclei", package = "Dune")
ConfusionPlot(nuclei[, c("SC3", "Monocle")])
```

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Dune Dune

#### **Description**

Compute the Metric between every pair of clustering labels after merging every possible pair of clusters. Find the one that improves the Metric merging the most, merge the pair. Repeat until there is no improvement.

#### Usage

```
Dune(clusMat, ...)
## S4 method for signature 'matrix'
Dune(
  clusMat,
  unclustered = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE,
  parallel = FALSE,
  BPPARAM = BiocParallel::bpparam(),
 metric = "NMI"
)
## S4 method for signature 'data.frame'
Dune(
  clusMat,
  unclustered = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE,
  parallel = FALSE,
  BPPARAM = BiocParallel::bpparam(),
  metric = "NMI"
)
## S4 method for signature 'SummarizedExperiment'
Dune(
  clusMat,
  cluster_columns,
  unclustered = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE,
  parallel = FALSE,
  BPPARAM = BiocParallel::bpparam(),
  metric = "NMI"
)
```

#### Arguments

clusMat the matrix of samples by clustering labels.

... parameters including:

unclustered The value assigned to unclustered cells. Default to NULL verbose Whether or not the print cluster merging as it happens.

Dune Dune

| parallel        | Logical, defaults to FALSE. Set to TRUE if you want to parallellize the fitting.   |
|-----------------|--|
| BPPARAM         | object of class bpparamClass that specifies the back-end to be used for computations. See bpparam in BiocParallel package for details. Won't be used if parallel is FALSE. |
| metric          | The metric that is tracked to decide which clusters to merge. For now, either ARI and NMI are accepted. Default to NMI. See details.                                       |
| cluster columns |  |

cluster\_columns

if clusMat is a SummarizedExperiment, then this defines the columns of colData that are outputs from a clustering algorithm.

### **Details**

The Dune algorithm merges pairs of clusters in order to improve the mean adjusted Rand Index or the mean normalized mutual information with other clustering labels. It returns a list with five components.: #'

- initialMat: The initial matrix of cluster labels
- currentMat: The final matrix of cluster labels
- merges: The step-by-step detail of the merges, recapitulating which clusters where merged in which cluster label
- impMetric: How much each merge improved the mean Metric between the cluster label that has been merged and the other cluster labels.
- metric: The metric that was used to find the merges.

#### Value

A list with four components: the initial matrix of clustering labels, the final matrix of clustering labels, the merge info matrix and the Metric improvement vector.

#### See Also

clusterConversion ARIImp

```
data("clusMat", package = "Dune")
merger <- Dune(clusMat = clusMat)
# clusters 11 to 14 from cluster label 5 and 3 are subset of cluster 2 from
# other cluster labels. Designing cluster 2 as unclustered therefore means we
# do fewer merges.
merger2 <- Dune(clusMat = clusMat, unclustered = 2)
merger$merges
merger2$merges</pre>
```

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| functionTracking Track the evolution of a function along merging | functionTracking | Track the evolution of a function along merging |  |
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#### **Description**

For a given ARI merging, compute the evolution on the function f

### Usage

```
functionTracking(merger, f, p = 1, n_steps = NULL, ...)
```

#### **Arguments**

| merger  | the result from having run Dune on the dataset   |
|---------|--|
| f       | the function used. It must takes as input a clustering matrix and return a value   |
| p       | A value between 0 and 1. We stop when the metric used for merging has improved by p of the final total improvement. Default to 1 (i.e running the full merging). |
| n_steps | Alternatively, you can specify the number of merging steps to do before stopping.  |
|         | additional arguments passed to f   |

#### Value

a vector of length the number of merges

### **Examples**

```
# Return the number of clusters for the fourth cluster label
data("clusMat", package = "Dune")
merger <- Dune(clusMat = clusMat)
f <- function(clusMat, i) dplyr::n_distinct(clusMat[, i])
functionTracking(merger, f, i = 4)</pre>
```

intermediateMat Find the clustering matrix that we would get if we stopped the ARI merging early

### Description

Find the clustering matrix that we would get if we stopped the ARI merging early

```
intermediateMat(merger, p = 1, average_n = NULL, n_steps = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

merger the result from having run Dune on the dataset

p A value between 0 and 1. We stop when the metric used for merging has im-

proved by p of the final total improvement. Default to 1 (i.e running the full

merging).

average\_n Alternatively, you can specify the average number of clusters you want to have. n\_steps Finally, you can specify the number of merging steps to do before stopping.

#### **Details**

If more than one of p,average\_n and n\_steps is specified, then the order of preference is n\_steps, then average\_n then p.

#### Value

A data.frame with the same dimensions as the currentMat of the merger argument, plus one column with cell names, related to the rownames of the original input

#### **Examples**

```
data("clusMat", package = "Dune")
merger <- Dune(clusMat = clusMat)
head(intermediateMat(merger, n_steps = 1))</pre>
```

NMIImp

NMI improvement

### Description

Compute the NMI improvement over the NMI merging procedure

#### Usage

```
NMIImp(merger, unclustered = NULL)
```

### Arguments

merger the result from having run Dune on the dataset

unclustered The value assigned to unclustered cells. Default to NULL

#### Value

a vector with the mean NMI between methods at each merge

#### See Also

**NMItrend** 

```
data("clusMat", package = "Dune")
merger <- Dune(clusMat = clusMat)
plot(0:nrow(merger$merges), NMIImp(merger))</pre>
```

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NMIs NMI Matrix

#### **Description**

**NMI Matrix** 

#### Usage

```
NMIs(clusMat, unclustered = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

clusMat The clustering matrix with a row per cell and a column per clustering label type

unclustered The value assigned to unclustered cells. Default to NULL

#### **Details**

In the NMI matrix where each cell i,j is the normalized mutual information between columns i and j of the original clusMat. If unclustered is not NULL, the cells which have been assigned to the unclustered cluster will not be counted towards computing the NMI.

#### Value

The NMI matrix

#### **Examples**

```
data("clusMat", package = "Dune")
NMIs(clusMat)
```

NMItrend

NMI improvement plot

### **Description**

A plot to see how NMI improves over merging

### Usage

```
NMItrend(merger, unclustered = NULL)
```

### Arguments

merger the result from having run Dune on the dataset

unclustered The value assigned to unclustered cells. Default to NULL

### Value

```
a ggplot object
```

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#### **Examples**

```
data("clusMat", package = "Dune")
merger <- Dune(clusMat = clusMat)
NMItrend(merger)</pre>
```

nuclei

Cluster labels for a subset of the allen Smart-Seq nuclei dataset

#### **Description**

Cluster labels for a subset of the allen Smart-Seq nuclei dataset

#### Usage

nuclei

#### **Format**

An object of class data. frame with 1744 rows and 7 columns.

#### **Details**

This matrix of clusters was obtained by running 3 clustering algorithms on a brain snRNA-Seq dataset from Tasic et .al (https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-018-0654-5). This dataset was then subsetted to the GABAergic neurons. Code to reproduce all this can be found in the github repository from the Dune paper (https://github.com/HectorRDB/Dune\_Paper).

plotARIs

Plot an heatmap of the ARI matrix

#### **Description**

We can compute the ARI between pairs of cluster labels. This function plots a matrix where a cell is the adjusted Rand Index between cluster label of row i and cluster label of column j.

#### Usage

```
plotARIs(clusMat, unclustered = NULL, values = TRUE, numericalLabels = FALSE)
```

#### **Arguments**

clusMat The clustering matrix with a row per cell and a column per clustering label type

unclustered The value assigned to unclustered cells. Default to NULL values Whether to also display the ARI values. Default to TRUE.

numericalLabels

Whether labels are numerical values. Default to FALSE.

### Value

```
a ggplot object
```

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#### **Examples**

```
data("clusMat", package = "Dune")
merger <- Dune(clusMat = clusMat)
plotARIs(merger$initialMat)
plotARIs(merger$currentMat)</pre>
```

plotNMIs

Plot an heatmap of the NMI matrix

#### **Description**

We can compute the NMI between pairs of cluster labels. This function plots a matrix where a cell is the Normalized Mutual Information between cluster label of row i and cluster label of column j.

### Usage

```
plotNMIs(clusMat, unclustered = NULL, values = TRUE, numericalLabels = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

clusMat The clustering matrix with a row per cell and a column per clustering label type

unclustered The value assigned to unclustered cells. Default to NULL values Whether to also display the ARI values. Default to TRUE.

numericalLabels

Whether labels are numerical values. Default to FALSE.

### Value

```
a ggplot object
```

#### **Examples**

```
data("clusMat", package = "Dune")
merger <- Dune(clusMat = clusMat, metric = "NMI")
plotNMIs(merger$initialMat)
plotNMIs(merger$currentMat)</pre>
```

plotPrePost

Plot the reduction in cluster size for an ARI merging with Dune

### **Description**

Plot the reduction in cluster size for an ARI merging with Dune

```
plotPrePost(merger)
```

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#### **Arguments**

merger

The output from an ARI merging, by calling Dune

#### Value

```
a ggplot object #' @importFrom dplyr mutate
```

#### **Examples**

```
data("clusMat", package = "Dune")
merger <- Dune(clusMat = clusMat)
plotPrePost(merger)</pre>
```

whenToStop

When to Stop

#### **Description**

When to Stop

#### Usage

```
whenToStop(merger, p = 1, average_n = NULL)
```

#### **Arguments**

merger the result from having run Dune on the dataset

p A value between 0 and 1. We stop when the metric used for merging has im-

proved by p of the final total improvement. Default to 1 (i.e running the full

merging).

average\_n Alternatively, you can specify the average number of clusters you want to have.

#### **Details**

The Dune process improves the metric. This return the first merging step after which the metric has been improved by p of the total. Setting p = 1 just return the number of merges.

#### Value

An integer giving the step where to stop.

```
data("clusMat", package = "Dune")
merger <- Dune(clusMat = clusMat)
whenToStop(merger, p = .5)</pre>
```

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