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data.gen

*Simulated Data Generation*

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### Description

Generating gene matrix as a example of input.

### Usage

```
data.gen(n.genes=100, n.samples=100, n.grps=10, aver.grp.size=10,  
n.fun.types=6, epsilon=0.1, n.depend=0)
```

### Arguments

n.genes	the number of rows of the matrix.
n.samples	the number of columns of the matrix.
n.grps	the number of hidden clusters.
aver.grp.size	average number of genes in a cluster.
n.fun.types	number of function types to use.
epsilon	noise level.
n.depend	data generation dependence structure. can be 0, 1, 2.

### Details

The data generation scheme is described in detail in IEEE ACM Trans. Comput. Biol. Bioinform. 10(4):1080-85.

### Value

return the data including gene and clustering.

data	the gene matrix
grps	the predicted clustering

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### Examples

```
##generating a gene matrix with 100 genes, some in 5 clusters, and 100 samples per gene.  
output<-data.gen(n.genes=100, n.samples=10, n.grps=5)  
##get the gene matrix from the source of data.  
matrix<-output$data  
##get the hidden clusters from the source of data.  
grps<-output$grp
```

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KPC *implementation of K-Profiles Clustering*

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**Description**

implementation of K-Profiles Clustering

**Usage**

```
KPC(dataset, nCluster, maxIter = 100, p.max = 0.2, p.min = 0.05)
```

**Arguments**

dataset	the data matrix with genes in the row and samples in the column
nCluster	the number of clusters K
maxIter	the maximum number of iterations
p.max	the starting p-value cutoff to exclude noise genes
p.min	the final p-value cutoff to exclude noise genes

**Value**

Return a list about gene cluster and the list of value p

cluster	gene cluster
p.list	a list of value p

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**References**

<http://www.hindawi.com/journals/bmri/aa/918954/>

**See Also**

[data.gen](#)

**Examples**

```
## generating the data matrix & hidden clusters as a sample
input<-data.gen(n.genes=40, n.grps=4)
## now input includes data matrix and hidden clusters, so get the matrix as input.
input<-input$data

## set nCluster value to 4
kpc<-KPC(input,nCluster=4)
```

```
##get the hidden cluster result from "KPC"
cluster<-kpc$cluster
##get the list of p
p<-kpc$p.list
```

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nlhc

*Non-Linear Hierarchical Clustering*


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## Description

The non-linear hierarchical clustering based on DCOL

## Usage

```
nlhc(array, hamil.method = "nn", concorde.path = NA,
      use.normal.approx = FALSE, normalization = "standardize", combine.linear = TRUE,
      use.traditional.hclust = FALSE, method.traditional.hclust = "average")
```

## Arguments

array	the data matrix with no missing values
hamil.method	the method to find the hamiltonian path.
concorde.path	If using the Concorde TSP Solver, the local directory of the solver
use.normal.approx	whether to use the normal approximation for the null hypothesis.
normalization	the normalization method for the array.
combine.linear	whether linear association should be found by correlation to combine with non-linear association found by DCOL.
use.traditional.hclust	whether traditional agglomerative clustering should be used.
method.traditional.hclust	the method to pass on to hclust() if traditional method is chosen.

## Details

hamil.method: It is passed onto the function tsp of library TSP. To use linkern method, the user needs to install concord as instructed in TSP.

use.normal.approx: If TRUE, normal approximation is used for every feature, AND all covariances are assumed to be zero. If FALSE, generates permutation based null distribution - mean vector and a variance-covariance matrix.

normalization: There are three choices - "standardize" means removing the mean of each row and make the standard deviation one; "normal\_score" means normal score transformation; "none" means do nothing. In that case we still assume some normalization has been done by the user such that each row has approximately mean 0 and sd 1.

combine.linear: The two pieces of information is combined at the start to initiate the distance matrix.

**Value**

Returns a hclust object same as the output of hclust(). Reference: help(hclust)

merge	an n-1 by 2 matrix. Row i of merge describes the merging of clusters at step i of the clustering. If an element j in the row is negative, then observation -j was merged at this stage. If j is positive then the merge was with the cluster formed at the (earlier) stage j of the algorithm.
height	a set of n-1 real values, the value of the criterion associated with the clustering method for the particular agglomeration
order	a vector giving the permutation of the original observations suitable for plotting, in the sense that a cluster plot using this ordering and matrix merge will not have crossings of the branches.
labels	labels for each of the objects being clustered
call	the call which produced the result
dist.method	the distance that has been used to create d
height.0	original calculation of merging height

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**References**

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24334400>

**See Also**

[data.gen](#)

**Examples**

```
## generating the data matrix & hidden clusters as a sample
input<-data.gen(n.genes=40, n.grps=4)
## now input includes data matrix and hidden clusters, so get the matrix as input.
input<-input$data

nlhc.data<-nlhc(input)
plot(nlhc.data)
##get the merge from the input.
merge<-nlhc.data$merge
```

nlnet

*Non-Linear Network reconstruction from expression matrix***Description**

Non-Linear Network reconstruction method

**Usage**

```
nlnet(input, min.fdr.cutoff=0.05,max.fdr.cutoff=0.2, conn.proportion=0.007,
gene.fdr.plot=FALSE, min.module.size=0, gene.community.method="multilevel",
use.normal.approx=FALSE, normalization="standardize", plot.method="communitygraph")
```

**Arguments**

input	the data matrix with no missing values.
min.fdr.cutoff	the minimum allowable value of the local false discovery cutoff in establishing links between genes.
max.fdr.cutoff	the maximum allowable value of the local false discovery cutoff in establishing links between genes.
conn.proportion	the target proportion of connections between all pairs of genes, if allowed by the fdr cutoff limits.
gene.fdr.plot	whether plot a figure with estimated densities, distribution functions, and (local) false discovery rates.
min.module.size	the min number of genes together as a module.
gene.community.method	the method for community detection.
use.normal.approx	whether to use the normal approximation for the null hypothesis.
normalization	the normalization method for the array.
plot.method	the method for graph and community plotting.

**Details**

gene.community.method: It provides three kinds of community detection method: "mutilevel", "label.propagation" and "leading.eigenvector".

use.normal.approx: If TRUE, normal approximation is used for every feature, AND all covariances are assumed to be zero. If FALSE, generates permutation based null distribution - mean vector and a variance-covariance matrix.

normalization: There are three choices: "standardize" means removing the mean of each row and make the standard deviation one; "normal\_score" means normal score transformation; "none"

means do nothing. In that case we still assume some normalization has been done by the user such that each row has approximately mean 0 and sd 1.

plot.method: It provides three kinds of plotting method: "none" means plotting no graph, "communitygraph" means plotting community with graph, "graph" means plotting graph, "membership" means plotting membership of the community

### Value

it returns a graph and the community membership of the graph.

algorithm	The algorithm name for community detection
graph	An igraph object including edges : Numeric vector defining the edges, the first edge points from the first element to the second, the second edge from the third to the fourth, etc.
community	Numeric vector, one value for each vertex, the membership vector of the community structure.

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### References

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27380516>

### See Also

[data.gen](#)

### Examples

```
## generating the data matrix & hidden clusters as a sample
input<-data.gen(n.genes=40, n.grps=4)
## now input includes data matrix and hidden clusters, so get the matrix as input.
input<-input$data
##change the plotting method
result<-nlnet(input,plot.method="graph")
## get the result and see it values
graph<-result$graph ##a igraph object.
comm<-result$community ##community of the graph

## use different community detection method
#nlnet(input,gene.community.method="label.propagation")

## change the fdr pro to control connections of genes
## adjust the modularity size
#nlnet(input,conn.proportion=0.005,min.module.size=10)
```

**Description**

This is a nonlinear variable selection procedure for generalized additive models. It's based on DCOL, using forward stagewise selection. In addition, a cross-validation is conducted to tune the stopping alpha level and finalize the variable selection.

**Usage**

```
nvsd(X, y, fold = 10, step.size = 0.01, stop.alpha = 0.05, stop.var.count = 20,
max.model.var.count = 10, roughening.method = "DCOL", do.plot = F, pred.method = "MARS")
```

**Arguments**

<code>X</code>	The predictor matrix. Each row is a gene (predictor), each column is a sample. Notice the dimensionality is different than most other packages, where each column is a predictor. This is to conform to other functions in this package that handles gene expression type of data.
<code>y</code>	The numerical outcome vector.
<code>fold</code>	The fold of cross-validation.
<code>step.size</code>	The step size of the roughening process.
<code>stop.alpha</code>	The alpha level (significance of the current selected predictor) to stop the iterations.
<code>stop.var.count</code>	The maximum number of predictors to select in the forward stagewise selection. Once this number is reached, the iteration stops.
<code>max.model.var.count</code>	The maximum number of predictors to select. Notice this can be smaller than the <code>stop.var.count</code> . <code>Stop.var.count</code> can be set more leniently, and this parameter controls the final maximum model size.
<code>roughening.method</code>	The method for roughening. The choices are "DCOL" or "spline".
<code>do.plot</code>	Whether to plot the points change in each step.
<code>pred.method</code>	The prediction method for the cross validation variable selection. As forward stagewise procedure doesn't do prediction, a method has to be borrowed from existing packages. The choices include "MARS", "RF", and "SVM".

**Details**

Please refer to the reference for details.



**Value**

A list object is returned. The components include the following.

`selected.pred` The selected predictors (row number).  
`all.pred` The selected predictors by the forward stagewise selection. The `$selected.pred` is a subset of this.

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**References**

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1601.05285>

**See Also**

`stage.forward`

**Examples**

```
X<-matrix(rnorm(2000),ncol=20)
y<-sin(X[,1])+X[,2]^2+X[,3]
nvsvd(t(X),y,stop.alpha=0.001,step.size=0.05)
```

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`stage.forward`

*Nonlinear Forward stagewise regression using DCOL*

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**Description**

The subroutine conducts forward stagewise regression using DCOL. Either DCOL roughening or spline roughening is conducted.

**Usage**

```
stage.forward(X, y, step.size = 0.01, stop.alpha = 0.01,
stop.var.count = 20, roughening.method = "DCOL", tol = 1e-08,
spline.df = 5, dcol.sel.only = FALSE, do.plot = F)
```

**Arguments**

`X` The predictor matrix. Each row is a gene (predictor), each column is a sample. Notice the dimensionality is different than most other packages, where each column is a predictor. This is to conform to other functions in this package that handles gene expression type of data.

`y` The numerical outcome vector.

`step.size` The step size of the roughening process.

stop.alpha	The alpha level (significance of the current selected predictor) to stop the iterations.
stop.var.count	The maximum number of predictors to select. Once this number is reached, the iteration stops.
roughening.method	The method for roughening. The choices are "DCOL" or "spline".
tol	The tolerance level of sum of squared changes in the residuals.
spline.df	The degree of freedom for the spline.
dcol.sel.only	TRUE or FALSE. If FALSE, the selection of predictors will consider both linear and nonlinear association significance.
do.plot	Whether to plot the points change in each step.

### Details

Please refer to the reference manuscript for details.

### Value

A list object is returned. The components include the following.

found.pred	The selected predictors (row number).
ssx.rec	The magnitude of variance explained using the current predictor at each step.
\$sel.rec	The selected predictor at each step.
\$p.rec	The p-value of the association between the current residual and the selected predictor at each step.

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### References

<https://arxiv.org/abs/1601.05285>

### See Also

nvsd

### Examples

```
X<-matrix(rnorm(2000),ncol=20)
y<-sin(X[,1])+X[,2]^2+X[,3]
stage.forward(t(X),y,stop.alpha=0.001,step.size=0.05)
```

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