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cell_lines List of metadata table and scaled PCs matrix

Description

List of metadata table and scaled PCs matrix

Usage

cell_lines

Format

: meta_data: data.table of 9478 rows with defining dataset and cell_type scaled_pcs: data.table of 9478 rows (cells) and 20 columns (PCs)

Source

https://www.10xgenomics.com
cell_lines_small

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cell_lines_small  \textit{Same as cell_lines but smaller (300 cells).}

**Description**

Same as cell_lines but smaller (300 cells).

**Usage**

cell_lines_small

**Format**

An object of class \texttt{list} of length 2.

**Source**

https://www.10xgenomics.com

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harmony  \textit{Harmony: fast, accurate, and robust single cell integration.}

**Description**

Algorithm for single cell integration.

**Usage**

?RunHarmony to run Harmony on cell embeddings matrix, Seurat or SingleCellExperiment objects.

**Useful links**

2. Read the manuscript doi:10.1038/s41592-019-06190
HarmonyMatrix

A proxy call to RunHarmony(). Deprecated.

Description

Maintain name backwards compatibility with version 0 of harmony. However, API is not backwards compatible with version 0. This function will be deprecated in later versions of Harmony.

Usage

HarmonyMatrix(...)

Arguments

... Arguments passed on to RunHarmony.default
data_mat Matrix of cell embeddings. Cells can be rows or columns and will be inferred by the rows of meta_data.
meta_data Either (1) Dataframe with variables to integrate or (2) vector with labels.
vars_use If meta_data is dataframe, this defined which variable(s) to remove (character vector).
theta Diversity clustering penalty parameter. Specify for each variable in vars_use
   Default theta=2. theta=0 does not encourage any diversity. Larger values of theta result in more diverse clusters.
sigma Width of soft kmeans clusters. Default sigma=0.1. Sigma scales the distance from a cell to cluster centroids. Larger values of sigma result in cells assigned to more clusters. Smaller values of sigma make soft kmeans cluster approach hard clustering.
lambda Ridge regression penalty. Default lambda=1. Bigger values protect against over correction. If several covariates are specified, then lambda can also be a vector which needs to be equal length with the number of variables to be corrected. In this scenario, each covariate level group will be assigned the scalars specified by the user. If set to NULL, harmony will start lambda estimation mode to determine lambdas automatically and try to minimize overcorrection (Use with caution still in beta testing).
nclust Number of clusters in model. nclust=1 equivalent to simple linear regression.
max_iter Maximum number of rounds to run Harmony. One round of Harmony involves one clustering and one correction step.
early_stop Enable early stopping for harmony. The harmonization process will stop when the change of objective function between corrections drops below 1e-4
ncores Number of processors to be used for math operations when optimized BLAS is available. If BLAS is not supporting multithreaded then this option has no effect. By default, ncore=1 which runs as a single-threaded
harmony_options

process. Although Harmony supports multiple cores, it is not optimized for multithreading. Increase this number for large datasets iff single-core performance is not adequate.

plot_convergence Whether to print the convergence plot of the clustering objective function. TRUE to plot, FALSE to suppress. This can be useful for debugging.

return_object (Advanced Usage) Whether to return the Harmony object or only the corrected PCA embeddings.

verbose Whether to print progress messages. TRUE to print, FALSE to suppress.

.options Advanced parameters of RunHarmony. This must be the result from a call to ‘harmony_options’. See ‘harmony_options’ for more details.

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**Description**

Set advanced options for RunHarmony

**Usage**

harmony_options(
  alpha = 0.2,
  tau = 0,
  block.size = 0.05,
  max.iter.cluster = 20,
  epsilon.cluster = 0.001,
  epsilon.harmony = 0.01
)

**Arguments**

- **alpha** When setting lambda = NULL and use lambda estimation mode, lambda would be determined by the expected number of cells assuming independence between batches and clusters. i.e., lambda = alpha * expected number of cells, default 0.2 and alpha should be 0 < alpha < 1
- **tau** Protection against overclustering small datasets with large ones. ‘tau’ is the expected number of cells per cluster.
- **block.size** What proportion of cells to update during clustering. Between 0 to 1, default 0.05. Larger values may be faster but less accurate.
- **max.iter.cluster** Maximum number of rounds to run clustering at each round of Harmony.
- **epsilon.cluster** Convergence tolerance for clustering round of Harmony. Set to -Inf to never stop early.
epsilon.harmony

    Convergence tolerance for Harmony. Set to -Inf to never stop early. When
    ‘epsilon.harmony’ is set to not NULL, then user-supplied values of ‘early_stop’
    is ignored.

Value

    Return a list for `.options` argument of ‘RunHarmony’

Examples

    ## If want to set lambda to be fixed to 1, do
    ## Not run:
    RunHarmony(data_meta, meta_data, vars_use,
            .options = harmony_options(lambda = c(1, 1)))

    ## End(Not run)

moe_ridge_get_betas  Get beta Utility

Description

    Utility function to get ridge regression coefficients from trained Harmony object

Usage

    moe_ridge_get_betas(harmonyObj)

Arguments

    harmonyObj  Trained harmony object. Get this by running RunHarmony function with re-
                turn_object=TRUE.

Value

    Returns nothing, modifies object in place.
### pbmc.ctrl

**Gene expression data of control PBMC from Kang et al. 2017. This contains a sample of 1000 cells from that condition and is used for the Seurat Vignette.**

### Description

Gene expression data of control PBMC from Kang et al. 2017. This contains a sample of 1000 cells from that condition and is used for the Seurat Vignette.

### Usage

`pbmc.ctrl`

### Format

An object of class `dgCMatrix` with 9015 rows and 1000 columns.

### Source

doi:10.1038/nbt.4042

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### pbmc.stim

**Gene expression data of stimulated PBMC from Kang et al. 2017. This contains a sample of 1000 cells from that condition and is used for the Seurat Vignette.**

### Description

Gene expression data of stimulated PBMC from Kang et al. 2017. This contains a sample of 1000 cells from that condition and is used for the Seurat Vignette.

### Usage

`pbmc.stim`

### Format

An object of class `dgCMatrix` with 9015 rows and 1000 columns.

### Source

doi:10.1038/nbt.4042
RunHarmony

**Generic function that runs the harmony algorithm on single-cell genomics cell embeddings.**

### Description

RunHarmony is a generic function that runs the main Harmony algorithm. If working with single cell R objects, please refer to the documentation of the appropriate generic API: \( \text{RunHarmony.Seurat()} \) or \( \text{RunHarmony.SingleCellExperiment()} \). If users work with other forms of cell embeddings, they can pass them directly to harmony using \( \text{RunHarmony.default()} \) API. All the function arguments listed here are common in all RunHarmony interfaces.

### Usage

```r
RunHarmony(...) 
```

### Arguments

- `...` Arguments passed on to \( \text{RunHarmony.default} \)
- `theta` Diversity clustering penalty parameter. Specify for each variable in vars_use
  - Default: \( \text{theta=2} \). \( \text{theta=0} \) does not encourage any diversity. Larger values of theta result in more diverse clusters.
- `sigma` Width of soft kmeans clusters. Default: \( \text{sigma=0.1} \). Sigma scales the distance from a cell to cluster centroids. Larger values of sigma result in cells assigned to more clusters. Smaller values of sigma make soft kmeans cluster approach hard clustering.
- `lambda` Ridge regression penalty. Default: \( \text{lambda=1} \). Bigger values protect against over correction. If several covariates are specified, then lambda can also be a vector which needs to be equal length with the number of variables to be corrected. In this scenario, each covariate level group will be assigned the scalars specified by the user. If set to NULL, harmony will start lambda estimation mode to determine lambdas automatically and try to minimize overcorrection (Use with caution still in beta testing).
- `nclust` Number of clusters in model. \( \text{nclust=1} \) equivalent to simple linear regression.
- `max_iter` Maximum number of rounds to run Harmony. One round of Harmony involves one clustering and one correction step.
- `early_stop` Enable early stopping for harmony. The harmonization process will stop when the change of objective function between corrections drops below 1e-4
- `ncores` Number of processors to be used for math operations when optimized BLAS is available. If BLAS is not supporting multithreaded then this option has no effect. By default, ncore=1 which runs as a single-threaded process. Although Harmony supports multiple cores, it is not optimized for multithreading. Increase this number for large datasets iff single-core performance is not adequate.
RunHarmony.default

plot_convergence  Whether to print the convergence plot of the clustering objective function. TRUE to plot, FALSE to suppress. This can be useful for debugging.

verbose  Whether to print progress messages. TRUE to print, FALSE to suppress.

.options  Advanced parameters of RunHarmony. This must be the result from a call to ‘harmony_options’. See ?harmony_options for more details.

Value

If used with single-cell objects, it will return the updated single-cell object. For standalone operation, it returns the corrected cell embeddings or the R6 harmony object (see RunHarmony.default()).

See Also

Other RunHarmony: RunHarmony.Seurat(), RunHarmony.SingleCellExperiment(), RunHarmony.default()

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RunHarmony.default  This is the primary harmony interface.

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Description

Use this generic with a cell embeddings matrix, a metadata table and a categorical covariate to run the Harmony algorithm directly on cell embedding matrix.

Usage

```r
## Default S3 method:
RunHarmony(
  data_mat,
  meta_data,
  vars_use,
  theta = NULL,
  sigma = 0.1,
  lambda = 1,
  nclust = NULL,
  max_iter = 10,
  early_stop = TRUE,
  ncores = 1,
  plot_convergence = FALSE,
  return_object = FALSE,
  verbose = TRUE,
  .options = harmony_options(),
  ...
)
```
RunHarmony.default

Arguments

data_mat  Matrix of cell embeddings. Cells can be rows or columns and will be inferred by the rows of meta_data.
meta_data Either (1) Dataframe with variables to integrate or (2) vector with labels.
vars_use If meta_data is dataframe, this defined which variable(s) to remove (character vector).
theta Diversity clustering penalty parameter. Specify for each variable in vars_use
default theta=2. theta=0 does not encourage any diversity. Larger values of theta result in more diverse clusters.
sigma Width of soft kmeans clusters. Default sigma=0.1. Sigma scales the distance from a cell to cluster centroids. Larger values of sigma result in cells assigned to more clusters. Smaller values of sigma make soft kmeans cluster approach hard clustering.
lambda Ridge regression penalty. Default lambda=1. Bigger values protect against over correction. If several covariates are specified, then lambda can also be a vector which needs to be equal length with the number of variables to be corrected. In this scenario, each covariate level group will be assigned the scalars specified by the user. If set to NULL, harmony will start lambda estimation mode to determine lambdas automatically and try to minimize overcorrection (Use with caution still in beta testing).
nclust Number of clusters in model. nclust=1 equivalent to simple linear regression.
max_iter Maximum number of rounds to run Harmony. One round of Harmony involves one clustering and one correction step.
early_stop Enable early stopping for harmony. The harmonization process will stop when the change of objective function between corrections drops below 1e-4
ncores Number of processors to be used for math operations when optimized BLAS is available. By default, ncore=1 which runs as a single-threaded process. Although Harmony supports multiple cores, it is not optimized for multithreading. Increase this number for large datasets iff single-core performance is not adequate.
plot_convergence Whether to print the convergence plot of the clustering objective function. TRUE to plot, FALSE to suppress. This can be useful for debugging.
return_object (Advanced Usage) Whether to return the Harmony object or only the corrected PCA embeddings.
verbose Whether to print progress messages. TRUE to print, FALSE to suppress.
.options Advanced parameters of RunHarmony. This must be the result from a call to ‘harmony_options’. See ‘harmony_options’ for more details.
... other parameters that are not part of the API

Value

By default, matrix with corrected PCA embeddings. If return_object is TRUE, returns the full Harmony object (R6 reference class type).
**RunHarmony.Seurat**

See Also

Other RunHarmony: `RunHarmony.Seurat()`, `RunHarmony.SingleCellExperiment()`, `RunHarmony()`

Examples

```r
## By default, Harmony inputs a cell embedding matrix
## Not run:
harmony_embeddings <- RunHarmony(cell_embeddings, meta_data, 'dataset')
## End(Not run)

## If PCA is the input, the PCs need to be scaled
data(cell_lines_small)
pca_matrix <- cell_lines_small$scaled_pcs
meta_data <- cell_lines_small$meta_data
harmony_embeddings <- RunHarmony(pca_matrix, meta_data, 'dataset')

## Output is a matrix of corrected PC embeddings
dim(harmony_embeddings)
harmony_embeddings[seq_len(5), seq_len(5)]

## Finally, we can return an object with all the underlying data structures
harmony_object <- RunHarmony(pca_matrix, meta_data, 'dataset', return_object=TRUE)
dim(harmony_object$Y) ## cluster centroids
dim(harmony_object$R) ## soft cluster assignment
dim(harmony_object$Z_corr) ## corrected PCA embeddings
head(harmony_object$O) ## batch by cluster co-occurence matrix
```

**RunHarmony.Seurat**
Applies harmony on a Seurat object cell embedding.

**Description**

Applies harmony on a Seurat object cell embedding.

**Usage**

```r
## S3 method for class 'Seurat'
RunHarmony(
  object,
  group.by.vars,
  reduction.use = "pca",
  dims.use = NULL,
  reduction.save = "harmony",
  project.dim = TRUE,
  ...
)
```
Arguments

object the Seurat object. It needs to have the appropriate slot of cell embeddings precomputed.
group.by.vars the name(s) of covariates that harmony will remove its effect on the data.
reduction.use Name of dimension reduction to use. Default is pca.
dims.use indices of the cell embedding features to be used
reduction.save the name of the new slot that is going to be created by harmony. By default, harmony.
project.dim Project dimension reduction loadings. Default TRUE.

... Arguments passed on to RunHarmony.default

theta Diversity clustering penalty parameter. Specify for each variable in vars_use
Default theta=2. theta=0 does not encourage any diversity. Larger values of theta result in more diverse clusters.
sigma Width of soft kmeans clusters. Default sigma=0.1. Sigma scales the distance from a cell to cluster centroids. Larger values of sigma result in cells assigned to more clusters. Smaller values of sigma make soft kmeans cluster approach hard clustering.
lambda Ridge regression penalty. Default lambda=1. Bigger values protect against over correction. If several covariates are specified, then lambda can also be a vector which needs to be equal length with the number of variables to be corrected. In this scenario, each covariate level group will be assigned the scalars specified by the user. If set to NULL, harmony will start lambda estimation mode to determine lambdas automatically and try to minimize overcorrection (Use with caution still in beta testing).
nclust Number of clusters in model. nclust=1 equivalent to simple linear regression.
max_iter Maximum number of rounds to run Harmony. One round of Harmony involves one clustering and one correction step.
early_stop Enable early stopping for harmony. The harmonization process will stop when the change of objective function between corrections drops below 1e-4
ncore Number of processors to be used for math operations when optimized BLAS is available. If BLAS is not supporting multithreaded then this option has no effect. By default, ncore=1 which runs as a single-threaded process. Although Harmony supports multiple cores, it is not optimized for multithreading. Increase this number for large datasets iff single-core performance is not adequate.
plot_convergence Whether to print the convergence plot of the clustering objective function. TRUE to plot, FALSE to suppress. This can be useful for debugging.
verbose Whether to print progress messages. TRUE to print, FALSE to suppress.
.options Advanced parameters of RunHarmony. This must be the result from a call to ‘harmony_options’. See ‘harmony_options’ for more details.
RunHarmony.SingleCellExperiment

Value
Seurat object. Harmony dimensions placed into a new slot in the Seurat object according to the reduction.save. For downstream Seurat analyses, use reduction='harmony'.

See Also
Other RunHarmony: RunHarmony.SingleCellExperiment(), RunHarmony.default(), RunHarmony()

Examples
## Not run:
## seu is a Seurat single-Cell R object
seu <- RunHarmony(seu, "donor_id")
## End(Not run)

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RunHarmony.SingleCellExperiment

Applies harmony on PCA cell embeddings of a SingleCellExperiment.

Description
Applies harmony on PCA cell embeddings of a SingleCellExperiment.

Usage
## S3 method for class 'SingleCellExperiment'
RunHarmony(
  object,
  group.by.vars,
  dims.use = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE,
  reduction.save = "HARMONY",
  ...
)

Arguments

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<td>object</td>
<td>SingleCellExperiment with the PCA reducedDim cell embeddings populated</td>
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<tr>
<td>group.by.vars</td>
<td>the name(s) of covariates that harmony will remove its effect on the data.</td>
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<tr>
<td>dims.use</td>
<td>a vector of indices that allows only selected cell embeddings features to be used.</td>
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<td>verbose</td>
<td>enable verbosity</td>
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<tr>
<td>reduction.save</td>
<td>the name of the new slot that is going to be created by harmony. By default, HARMONY.</td>
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theta  Diversity clustering penalty parameter. Specify for each variable in vars_use
       Default theta=2. theta=0 does not encourage any diversity. Larger values
       of theta result in more diverse clusters.

sigma Width of soft kmeans clusters. Default sigma=0.1. Sigma scales the
       distance from a cell to cluster centroids. Larger values of sigma result in
       cells assigned to more clusters. Smaller values of sigma make soft kmeans
       cluster approach hard clustering.

lambda Ridge regression penalty. Default lambda=1. Bigger values protect
       against over correction. If several covariates are specified, then lambda can
       also be a vector which needs to be equal length with the number of variables
       to be corrected. In this scenario, each covariate level group will be assigned
       the scalars specified by the user. If set to NULL, harmony will start lambda
       estimation mode to determine lambdas automatically and try to minimize
       overcorrection (Use with caution still in beta testing).

nclust Number of clusters in model. nclust=1 equivalent to simple linear re-
       gression.

max_iter Maximum number of rounds to run Harmony. One round of Har-
       mony involves one clustering and one correction step.

early_stop Enable early stopping for harmony. The harmonization process
       will stop when the change of objective function between corrections drops
       below 1e-4

ncores Number of processors to be used for math operations when optimized
       BLAS is available. If BLAS is not supporting multithreaded then this op-
       tion has no effect. By default, ncore=1 which runs as a single-threaded
       process. Although Harmony supports multiple cores, it is not optimized
       for multithreading. Increase this number for large datasets iff single-core
       performance is not adequate.

plot_convergence Whether to print the convergence plot of the clustering ob-
       jective function. TRUE to plot, FALSE to suppress. This can be useful for
       debugging.

.options Advanced parameters of RunHarmony. This must be the result from
       a call to 'harmony_options'. See ?harmony_options' for more details.

Value

SingleCellExperiment object. After running RunHarmony, the corrected cell embeddings can be
       accessed with reducedDim(object, "Harmony").

See Also

Other RunHarmony: RunHarmony.Seurat(), RunHarmony.default(), RunHarmony()

Examples

## Not run:
## sce is a SingleCellExperiment R object
sce <- RunHarmony(sce, "donor_id")

## End(Not run)
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