# Package 'PHclust'

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Hybrid

## Description

This function estimates the optimal number of clusters for a given dataset.

#### Usage

Hybrid(data, absolute = FALSE, Kstart = NULL, Treatment)

#### Arguments

| data      | Data matrix with dimension N*P indicating N features and P samples.                                                                                                                                    |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| absolute  | Logical. Whether we should use absolute (TRUE) or relative (FALSE) abundance of features to determine clusters.                                                                                        |
| Kstart    | Positive integer. The number of clusters for starting the hybrid merging algorithm. Should be relatively large to ensure that Kstart > optimal number of clusters. Uses $max(50, sqrt(N))$ by default. |
| Treatment | Vector of length p, indicating replicates of different treatment groups. For example, $Treatment = c(1,1,2,2,3,3)$ indicates 3 treatment groups, each with 2 replicates.                               |

#### Value

A positive integer indicating the optimal number of clusters

#### Examples

```
######## Run the following codes in order:
##
## This is a sample data set which has 100 features, and 4 treatment groups with 4 replicates each.
data('sample_data')
head(sample_data)
set.seed(1)
##
## Finding the optimal number of clusters
K <- Hybrid(sample_data, Kstart = 4, Treatment = rep(c(1,2,3,4), each = 4))</pre>
##
## Clustering result from EM algorithm
result <- PHcluster(sample_data, rep(c(1,2,3,4), each = 4), K, method = 'EM', nstart = 1)
print(result$cluster)
##
## Plot the feature abundance level for each cluster
plot_abundance(result, sample_data, Treatment = rep(c(1,2,3,4), each = 4))
```

PHcluster

## Description

This function gives the clustering result based on a Poisson hurdle model.

# Usage

```
PHcluster(
   data,
   Treatment,
   nK,
   method = c("EM", "SA"),
   absolute = FALSE,
   cool = 0.9,
   nstart = 1
)
```

#### Arguments

| data      | Data matrix with dimension N*P indicating N features and P samples. The cluster analysis is done feature-wised.                                                          |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Treatment | Vector of length P. Indicating replicates of different treatment groups. For example, $Treatment = c(1,1,2,2,3,3)$ indicates 3 treatment groups, each with 2 replicates. |
| nK        | Positive integer. Number of clusters.                                                                                                                                    |
| method    | Method for the algorithm. Can choose between " <i>EM</i> " as Expectation Maximization or " <i>SA</i> " as Simulated Annealing.                                          |
| absolute  | Logical. Whether we should use absolute (TRUE) or relative (False) abundance of features to determine clusters.                                                          |
| cool      | Real number between (0, 1). Cooling rate for the "SA" algorithm. Uses 0.9 by default.                                                                                    |
| nstart    | Positive integer. Number of starts for the entire algorithm. Note that as <i>nstart</i> increases the computational time also grows linearly. Uses 1 by default.         |

#### Value

- **cluster** Vector of length N consisting of integers from 1 to nK. Indicating final clustering result. For evaluating the clustering result please check NMI for *Normalized Mutual Information*.
- **prob** N\*nK matrix. The (i, j)th element representing the probability that observation i belongs to cluster j.
- log\_l Scaler. The Poisson hurdle log-likelihood of the final clustering result.
- **alpha** Vector of length N. The geometric mean abundance level for each feature, across all treatment groups.

Normalizer vector of length P. The normalizing constant of sequencing depth for each sample.

#### Examples

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##
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print(result$cluster)
##
## Plot the feature abundance level for each cluster
plot_abundance(result, sample_data, Treatment = rep(c(1,2,3,4), each = 4))
```

plot\_abundance

### Plot of feature abundance level

#### Description

This function plots the feature abundance level for each cluster, after extracting the effect of samplewise normalization factors and feature-wise geometric mean.

#### Usage

plot\_abundance(result, data, Treatment)

#### Arguments

| result    | Clustering result from function PHclust().                                                                                                                               |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| data      | Data matrix with dimension N*P indicating N features and P samples.                                                                                                      |
| Treatment | Vector of length P. Indicating replicates of different treatment groups. For example, $Treatment = c(1,1,2,2,3,3)$ indicates 3 treatment groups, each with 2 replicates. |

# Value

A plot for feature abundance level will be shown. No value is returned.

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#### sample\_data

#### Examples

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print(result$cluster)
##
## Plot the feature abundance level for each cluster
plot_abundance(result, sample_data, Treatment = rep(c(1,2,3,4), each = 4))
```

```
sample_data
```

Sample of sparse microbiome count data

#### Description

A sample data matrix with 100 features in 2 true clusters, 4 treatment groups with 4 replicates in each group.

#### Usage

sample\_data

## Format

The dataset contains 16 columns, indexed as A1 ~ A4, B1 ~ B4, C1 ~ C4, D1 ~ D4 to represent 4 treatment groups.

#### Examples

head(sample\_data)

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