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bestCriterion  Best clustering index

Description

bestCriterion returns the best index value according to a specified criterion.

Usage

bestCriterion(x, crit)
Arguments

x [matrix]: a numeric vector of quality index values.
crit [character]: a string specifying the name of the criterion which was used to compute the quality indices.

Details

Given a vector of several clustering quality index values computed with a given criterion, the function `bestCriterion` returns the index of the "best" one in the sense of the specified criterion. Typically, a set of data has been clusterized several times (using different algorithms or specifying a different number of clusters) and a clustering index has been calculated each time: the `bestCriterion` function tells which value is considered the best according to the given clustering index. For instance, if one uses the Calinski_Harabasz index, the best value is the largest one.

A list of all the supported criteria can be obtained with the `getCriteriaNames` function. The criterion name (crit argument) is case insensitive and can be abbreviated.

Value

The index in vector x of the best value according to the criterion specified by the crit argument.

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See Also

getCriteriaNames, intCriteria.

Examples

```r
# Create some spheric data around three distinct centers
x <- rbind(matrix(rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 0.5), ncol = 2),
          matrix(rnorm(100, mean = 2, sd = 0.5), ncol = 2),
          matrix(rnorm(100, mean = 4, sd = 0.5), ncol = 2))
vals <- vector()
for (k in 2:6) {
  # Perform the kmeans algorithm
  cl <- kmeans(x, k)
  # Compute the Calinski_Harabasz index
  vals <- c(vals,as.numeric(intCriteria(x,cl$cluster,"Calinski_Harabasz")))
}
idx <- bestCriterion(vals,"Calinski_Harabasz")
cat("Best index value is",vals[idx],"\n")
```

clusterCrit ~ Overview: Clustering Indices ~

Description
Details

clusterCrit computes various clustering validation or quality criteria and partition comparison indices. Type

library(help="clusterCrit")

for more info about the available functions.

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References

For more information about the algebraic background of clustering indices and their definition, see the vignette accompanying this package. To display the vignette, type the following instruction in the R console:

> vignette("clusterCrit")

See Also

extCriteria, getCriteriaNames, intCriteria, bestCriterion, concordance.

concordance

Compute Concordance Matrix

Description

concordance calculates the concordance matrix between two partitions of the same data.

Usage

concordance(part1, part2)
concordance

Arguments

part1 [vector] : the first partition vector.

Details

Given two partitions, the function concordance calculates the number of pairs classified as belonging or not belonging to the same cluster with respect to partitions part1 or part2.

Value

A 2x2 matrix of the form :

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<th>P2</th>
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<tr>
<td>P1</td>
<td>Nyy</td>
<td>Nyn</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>P2</td>
<td>Nny</td>
<td>Nnn</td>
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</table>

where

- Nyy is the number of points belonging to the same cluster both in part1 and part2
- Nyn is the number of points belonging to the same cluster in part1 but not in part2
- Nny is the number of points belonging to the same cluster in part2 but not in part1
- Nnn is the number of points not belonging to the same cluster both in part1 and part2

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See Also

extCriteria, intCriteria.

Examples

# Generate two artificial partitions
part1<-sample(1:3,150,replace=TRUE)
part2<-sample(1:5,150,replace=TRUE)

# Compute the table of concordances and discordances
concordance(part1,part2)
extCriteria 

Compute external clustering criteria

Description

extCriteria calculates various external clustering comparison indices.

Usage

extCriteria(part1, part2, crit)

Arguments

part1 [vector] : the first partition vector.
crit [vector] : a vector containing the names of the indices to compute.

Details

The function extCriteria calculates external clustering indices in order to compare two partitions. The list of all the supported criteria can be obtained with the getCriteriaNames function.

The currently available indices are:

- "Czekanowski_Dice"
- "Folkes_Mallows"
- "Hubert"
- "Jaccard"
- "Kulczynski"
- "McNemar"
- "Phi"
- "Precision"
- "Rand"
- "Recall"
- "Rogers_Tanimoto"
- "Russel_Rao"
- "Sokal_Sneath1"
- "Sokal_Sneath2"

All the names are case insensitive and can be abbreviated. The keyword "all" can also be used as a shortcut to calculate all the external indices.

The partition vectors should not have empty subsets. No attempt is made to verify this.

Value

A list containing the computed criteria, in the same order as in the crit argument.
getCriteriaNames

Description
getCriteriaNames returns the available clustering criteria names.

Usage
getCriteriaNames(isInternal)

Arguments
isInternal [logical] : get internal indices if TRUE, external indices otherwise.

Details
getCriteriaNames returns a list of the available internal or external clustering indices depending on the isInternal logical argument.

The internal indices can be used in the crit argument of the intCriteria function and the external indices similarly in the extCriteria function.

Value
A character vector containing the supported criteria names.
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References

See the bibliography at the end of the vignette.

See Also

intCriteria, extCriteria, bestCriterion.

Examples

getCriteriaNames(TRUE)
getCriteriaNames(FALSE)

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intCriteria

*Compute internal clustering criteria*

Description

intCriteria calculates various internal clustering validation or quality criteria.

Usage

intCriteria(traj, part, crit)

Arguments

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<tr>
<td>traj</td>
<td>[matrix] : the matrix of observations (trajectories).</td>
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<tr>
<td>part</td>
<td>[vector] : the partition vector.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>crit</td>
<td>[vector] : a vector containing the names of the indices to compute.</td>
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Details

The function intCriteria calculates internal clustering indices. The list of all the supported criteria can be obtained with the getCriteriaNames function.

The currently available indices are:

- "Ball_Hall"
- "Banfeld_Raftery"
- "C_index"
- "Calinski_Harabasz"
- "Davies_Bouldin"
- "Det_Ratio"
- "Dunn"
• "Gamma"
• "G_plus"
• "GDI11"
• "GDI12"
• "GDI13"
• "GDI21"
• "GDI22"
• "GDI23"
• "GDI31"
• "GDI32"
• "GDI33"
• "GDI41"
• "GDI42"
• "GDI43"
• "GDI51"
• "GDI52"
• "GDI53"
• "Ksq_DetW"
• "Log_Det_Ratio"
• "Log_SS_Ratio"
• "McClain_Rao"
• "PBM"
• "Point_Biserial"
• "Ray_Turi"
• "Ratkowsky_Lance"
• "Scott_Symons"
• "SD_Scat"
• "SD_Dis"
• "S_Dbw"
• "Silhouette"
• "Tau"
• "Trace_W"
• "Trace_WiB"
• "Wemmert_Gancarski"
• "Xie_Beni"

All the names are case insensitive and can be abbreviated. The keyword "all" can also be used as a shortcut to calculate all the internal indices.

The GDI (Generalized Dunn Indices) are designated by the following convention: GDI_{mn}, where the integers m (1<=m<=5) and n (1<=n<=3) correspond to the between-group and within-group distances respectively. See the vignette for a comprehensive definition of the various distances. GDI alone is synonym of GDI11 and is the genuine Dunn’s index.
Value

A list containing the computed criteria, in the same order as in the crit argument.

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See Also

getcharacteristics, extcharacteristics, bestcharacteristic.

Examples

# Create some data
x <- rbind(matrix(rnorm(100, mean = 0, sd = 0.5), ncol = 2),
           matrix(rnorm(100, mean = 1, sd = 0.5), ncol = 2),
           matrix(rnorm(100, mean = 2, sd = 0.5), ncol = 2))
# Perform the kmeans algorithm
cl <- kmeans(x, 3)
# Compute all the internal indices
intCriteria(x, cl$cluster,"all")
# Compute some of them
intCriteria(x, cl$cluster,c("C_index","Calinski_Harabasz","Dunn"))
# The names are case insensitive and can be abbreviated
intCriteria(x, cl$cluster,c("det","cal","dav"))
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