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align_matrix_cols	<i>Align the columns of two matrices</i>
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Description

Align the columns of two matrices using their column names, omitting columns that are not present in both.

Usage

```
align_matrix_cols(x, y)
```

Arguments

- x A matrix
- y Another matrix

Value

A list with the input x and y matrices, with the columns aligned using their names. Columns not in both matrices are omitted.

See Also

```
align_matrix_rows()
```

Examples

```
# using the provided lineup2ex data (a list of two matrices)
# reduces to the common columns and puts the columns in the same order
# (using the column names)
aligned <- align_matrix_cols(lineup2ex$gastroc, lineup2ex$islet)
```

align_matrix_rows	<i>Align the rows of two matrices</i>
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Description

Align the rows of two matrices using their row names, omitting rows that are not present in both.

Usage

```
align_matrix_rows(x, y)
```

Arguments

x	A matrix
y	Another matrix

Value

A list with the input x and y matrices, with the rows aligned using their names. Rows not in both matrices are omitted.

See Also

[align_matrix_cols\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# using the provided lineup2ex data (a list of two matrices)
# reduces to the common rows and puts the rows in the same order
# (using the row names)
aligned <- align_matrix_rows(lineup2ex$gastroc, lineup2ex$islet)
```

corr_betw_matrices	<i>Calculate correlations between columns of two matrices</i>
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Description

For matrices *x* and *y*, calculate the correlation between columns of *x* and columns of *y*.

Usage

```
corr_betw_matrices(
  x,
  y,
  what = c("paired", "bestright", "bestpairs", "all"),
  corr_threshold = 0.9,
  align_rows = TRUE,
  cores = 1
)
```

Arguments

<i>x</i>	A numeric matrix.
<i>y</i>	A numeric matrix with the same number of rows as <i>x</i> .
<i>what</i>	Indicates which correlations to calculate and return. See value, below.
<i>corr_threshold</i>	Threshold on correlations if <i>what</i> ="bestpairs".
<i>align_rows</i>	If TRUE, align the rows in the two matrices by the row names.
<i>cores</i>	Number of CPU cores to use, for parallel calculations. (If 0, use parallel::detectCores() . Alternatively, this can be links to a set of cluster sockets, as produced by parallel::makeCluster() .)

Details

Missing values (NA) are ignored, and we calculate the correlation using all complete pairs, as in [stats::cor\(\)](#) with *use*="pairwise.complete.obs".

Value

If *what*="paired", the return value is a vector of correlations, between columns of *x* and the corresponding column of *y*. *x* and *y* must have the same number of columns.

If *what*="bestright", we return a data frame of size *ncol(x)* by 3, with the *i*th row being the maximum correlation between column *i* of *x* and a column of *y*, and then the *y*-column index and *y*-column name with that correlation. (In case of ties, we give the first one.)

If *what*="bestpairs", we return a data frame with five columns, containing all pairs of columns (with one in *x* and one in *y*) with correlation $\geq$ *corr_threshold*. Each row corresponds to a column pair, and contains the correlation and then the *x*- and *y*-column indices followed by the *x*- and *y*-column names.

If *what*="all", the output is a matrix of size *ncol(x)* by *ncol(y)*, with all correlations between columns of *x* and columns of *y*.

See Also

[dist_betw_matrices\(\)](#), [dist_betw_arrays\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# use the provided data, and first align the rows
aligned <- align_matrix_rows(lineup2ex$gastroc, lineup2ex$islet)

# correlations for each column in x with each in y
result_pairs <- corr_betw_matrices(aligned[[1]], aligned[[2]], "paired")

# subset columns to those with correlation > 0.75
gastroc <- lineup2ex$gastroc[,result_pairs > 0.75]
islet <- lineup2ex$islet[,result_pairs > 0.75]

# similarity matrix for the two sets of rows
# (by transposing and using what="all")
corr_betw_samples <- corr_betw_matrices(t(gastroc), t(islet), "all")

# for each column in x, find most correlated column in y
# (max in each row of result_all)
bestright <- corr_betw_matrices(t(gastroc), t(islet), "bestright")

# correlations that exceed a threshold
bestpairs <- corr_betw_matrices(t(gastroc), t(islet), "bestpairs", corr_threshold=0.8)
```

dist_betw_arrays	<i>Distance between rows of two arrays</i>
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Description

Calculate the distances between the rows of two multi-dimensional arrays.

Usage

```
dist_betw_arrays(x, y, distance = c("rmsd", "mad", "propdiff"), cores = 1)
```

Arguments

x	A numeric array.
y	A second numeric array, with the same dimensions as x.
distance	Indicates whether to use Euclidean distance ("rmsd" for root mean square difference), the mean absolute difference ("mad"), or the proportion of differences ("propdiff").
cores	Number of CPU cores to use, for parallel calculations. (If 0, use parallel::detectCores() .) Alternatively, this can be links to a set of cluster sockets, as produced by parallel::makeCluster() .

Details

The two arrays need to have the same dimensions, except for the leading dimension (rows). They are turned into matrices by merging all but the leading dimension, and then they're sent to `dist_betw_matrices()`.

Value

If `x` and `y` have `m` and `n` rows, respectively, the result is an `m` by `n` matrix whose (i,j) th element is the distance between the i th row of `x` and the j th row of `y`.

See Also

`dist_betw_matrices()`, `corr_betw_matrices()`

Examples

```
p <- 10
k <- 6
n <- 5
m <- 3
x <- array(stats::rnorm(n*k*p), dim=c(n,k,p))
rownames(x) <- LETTERS[1:n]
y <- array(stats::rnorm(m*k*p), dim=c(m,k,p))
rownames(y) <- letters[1:m]

d <- dist_betw_arrays(x, y)
```

dist_betw_matrices	<i>Distance between rows of two matrices</i>
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Description

Calculate the distances between the rows of one matrix and the rows of a second matrix.

Usage

```
dist_betw_matrices(
  x,
  y,
  distance = c("rmsd", "mad", "propdiff"),
  align_cols = TRUE,
  cores = 1
)
```

Arguments

<code>x</code>	A numeric matrix.
<code>y</code>	A second numeric matrix, with the same number of columns as <code>x</code> .
<code>distance</code>	Indicates whether to use Euclidean distance ("rmsd" for root mean square difference), the mean absolute difference ("mad"), or the proportion of differences ("propdiff").
<code>align_cols</code>	If TRUE, align the columns in the two matrices by the column names.
<code>cores</code>	Number of CPU cores to use, for parallel calculations. (If 0, use <code>parallel::detectCores()</code> .) Alternatively, this can be links to a set of cluster sockets, as produced by <code>parallel::makeCluster()</code> .

Value

If `x` is `m` by `p` and `y` is `n` by `p`, then the result is an `m` by `n` matrix whose `(i,j)`th element is the distance between the `i`th row of `x` and the `j`th row of `y`.

See Also

`corr_betw_matrices()`, `dist_betw_arrays()`

Examples

```
p <- 10
n <- 5
m <- 3
x <- matrix(stats::rnorm(n*p), ncol=p)
rownames(x) <- LETTERS[1:n]
y <- matrix(stats::rnorm(m*p), ncol=p)
rownames(y) <- letters[1:m]

d <- dist_betw_matrices(x, y)
```

get_2ndbest

Get 2nd-smallest distance for each individual

Description

For each individual represented in a distance matrix, find the 2nd-smallest entry (with NAs for individuals present in only the rows or only the columns).

Usage

```
get_2ndbest(d, dimension = c("row", "column"), get_min = TRUE)
```

Arguments

d	A distance matrix
dimension	Whether to get the 2nd-best by row or by column
get_min	If TRUE, get the 2nd-minimum; if FALSE, get the 2nd-maximum

Value

A vector with **all** distinct individuals, with the 2nd-smallest (or largest) value by row or column. We include all individuals so that the results are aligned with the results of [get_self\(\)](#).

See Also

[get_self\(\)](#), [get_best\(\)](#), [which_2ndbest\(\)](#), [get_nonself\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# align rows in the provided dataset, lineup2ex
aligned <- align_matrix_rows(lineup2ex$gastroc, lineup2ex$islet)
# find correlated columns
selected_genes <- (corr_betw_matrices(aligned[[1]], aligned[[2]], "paired") > 0.75)
# calculate correlation between rows
similarity <- corr_betw_matrices(t(lineup2ex$gastroc[,selected_genes]),
                                t(lineup2ex$islet[,selected_genes]), "all")

# second-biggest value by row
secbest_byrow <- get_2ndbest(similarity, get_min=FALSE)

# second-biggest value by column
secbest_bycol <- get_2ndbest(similarity, get_min=FALSE, dimension="column")
```

get_best

Get smallest distance for each individual

Description

For each individual represented in a distance matrix, find the smallest entry (with NAs for individuals present in only the rows or only the columns).

Usage

```
get_best(d, dimension = c("row", "column"), get_min = TRUE)
```

Arguments

d	A distance matrix
dimension	Whether to get the minimum by row or by column
get_min	If TRUE, get the minimum; if FALSE, get the maximum

Value

A vector with **all** distinct individuals, with the minimum (or maximum) value by row or column. We include all individuals so that the results are aligned with the results of `get_self()`.

See Also

`get_self()`, `get_2ndbest()`, `which_best()`, `get_nonself()`

Examples

```
# align rows in the provided dataset, lineup2ex
aligned <- align_matrix_rows(lineup2ex$gastroc, lineup2ex$islet)
# find correlated columns
selected_genes <- (corr_betw_matrices(aligned[[1]], aligned[[2]], "paired") > 0.75)
# calculate correlation between rows
similarity <- corr_betw_matrices(t(lineup2ex$gastroc[,selected_genes]),
                                t(lineup2ex$islet[,selected_genes]), "all")

# maximum value by row
best_byrow <- get_best(similarity, get_min=FALSE)

# maximum value by column
best_bycol <- get_best(similarity, get_min=FALSE, dimension="column")
```

get_nonself

Get self-nonself distances

Description

Return the distance matrix with all self-self distances replaced with NAs (and so just containing the self-self distances).

Usage

```
get_nonself(d)
```

Arguments

d A distance matrix

Value

The input distance matrix with all self-self distances replaced with NAs.

See Also

`get_self()`, `get_best()`, `get_2ndbest()`

Examples

```
# align rows in the provided dataset, lineup2ex
aligned <- align_matrix_rows(lineup2ex$gastroc, lineup2ex$islet)
# find correlated columns
selected_genes <- (corr_betw_matrices(aligned[[1]], aligned[[2]], "paired") > 0.75)
# calculate correlation between rows
similarity <- corr_betw_matrices(t(lineup2ex$gastroc[,selected_genes]),
                                t(lineup2ex$islet[,selected_genes]), "all")
# pull out the non-self similarities
nonself <- get_nonself(similarity)
```

get_problems

Summarize potential problems in a distance matrix

Description

For the individuals represented in a distance matrix, collect the self-self, best, and 2nd best distances, and summarize the results in a data frame.

Usage

```
get_problems(
  d,
  dimension = c("row", "column"),
  get_min = TRUE,
  subset = c("problems", "all"),
  threshold = 0
)
```

Arguments

d	A distance or similarity matrix
dimension	Whether to determine the best distances within rows or columns
get_min	If TRUE, get the minimum (for a distance matrix); if FALSE, get the maximum (for a similarity matrix)
subset	Whether to return just the rows with potential problems, or all of the rows.
threshold	If subset="problems", the threshold on the difference between the self and best distances.

Value

A data frame containing individual ID, distance to self, best distance and corresponding individual, 2nd best distance and the corresponding individual.

See Also

[get_self\(\)](#), [get_best\(\)](#), [get_2ndbest\(\)](#), [which_best\(\)](#), [get_nonsself\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# align rows in the provided dataset, lineup2ex
aligned <- align_matrix_rows(lineup2ex$gastroc, lineup2ex$islet)
# find correlated columns
selected_genes <- (corr_betw_matrices(aligned[[1]], aligned[[2]], "paired") > 0.75)
# calculate correlation between rows
similarity <- corr_betw_matrices(t(lineup2ex$gastroc[,selected_genes]),
                                t(lineup2ex$islet[,selected_genes]), "all")
# pull out the problems, looking by row (where best > self + 0.3)
problems_byrow <- get_problems(similarity, get_min=FALSE, threshold=0.3)

# pull out the problems, looking by column (where best > self + 0.3)
problems_bycol <- get_problems(similarity, get_min=FALSE, threshold=0.3,
                              dimension="column")
```

get_self

Get self-self distance

Description

For each individual represented in a distance matrix, pull the self-self entry (with NAs for individuals present in only the rows or only the columns).

Usage

```
get_self(d)
```

Arguments

d A distance matrix

Value

A vector with all distinct individuals, with the self-self values

See Also

[get_best\(\)](#), [get_2ndbest\(\)](#), [get_nonsself\(\)](#)

Examples

```
# align rows in the provided dataset, lineup2ex
aligned <- align_matrix_rows(lineup2ex$gastroc, lineup2ex$islet)
# find correlated columns
selected_genes <- (corr_betw_matrices(aligned[[1]], aligned[[2]], "paired") > 0.75)
# calculate correlation between rows
similarity <- corr_betw_matrices(t(lineup2ex$gastroc[,selected_genes]),
                                t(lineup2ex$islet[,selected_genes]), "all")
# pull out the self-self similarities
self <- get_self(similarity)
```

hist_self_nonself	<i>Plot histograms of self-self and self-nonself distances</i>
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Description

Plot histograms of self-self and self-nonself distances

Usage

```
hist_self_nonself(d, breaks = NULL, rug = TRUE, xlabel = "distance")
```

Arguments

d	A distance matrix
breaks	Histogram breaks (default is to use 100 intervals)
rug	If TRUE, use <code>graphics::rug()</code> to plot tick marks at the observed values, below the histograms.
xlabel	Label on x-axes (e.g., "similarity" vs "distance")

Details

We use the `mfrow` arg for `graphics::par()` to make a two-panel figure.

Value

None.

See Also

`get_self()`, `get_nonself()`

Examples

```
# align rows in the provided dataset, lineup2ex
aligned <- align_matrix_rows(lineup2ex$gastroc, lineup2ex$islet)
# find correlated columns
selected_genes <- (corr_betw_matrices(aligned[[1]], aligned[[2]], "paired") > 0.75)
# calculate correlation between rows
similarity <- corr_betw_matrices(t(lineup2ex$gastroc[,selected_genes]),
                                t(lineup2ex$islet[,selected_genes]), "all")
# histograms of the self and non-self distances
hist_self_nonself(similarity)
```

lineup2ex

*Example dataset for lineup2 package***Description**

Example dataset for lineup2 package, with gene expression data for a selected set of 200 genes on two tissues on a set of about 500 mice, with 100 genes chosen to be highly correlated between the two tissues and 100 chosen at random.

Usage

```
data(lineup2ex)
```

Format

List of two matrices, with gene expression data for gastrocnemius muscle (gastroc) and pancreatic islets (islet), at a selected set of 200 genes (100 are highly correlated between the two tissues, and 100 others chosen at random). The matrices have samples as rows and genes as columns. The row names are sample identifiers. There are 498 samples for gastroc and 499 samples for islet, with 497 samples in common.

Source

<https://phenome.jax.org/projects/Attie1>

References

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Examples

```
data(lineup2ex)
common_ind <- align_matrix_rows(lineup2ex$gastroc, lineup2ex$islet)
```

plot_sample

Plot the distances for a given sample

Description

Plot the distances for a given sample, highlighting itself and the closest sample

Usage

```
plot_sample(
  d,
  sample,
  dimension = c("row", "column"),
  get_min = TRUE,
  add_labels = TRUE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

d	A distance or similarity matrix
sample	Sample ID (in row or column names)
dimension	Whether to look at the row or column
get_min	If TRUE, get the minimum (for a distance matrix); if FALSE, get the maximum (for a similarity matrix)
add_labels	If TRUE, label the individual sample and the optimal sample
...	Passed to points()

Value

None.

Examples

```
# align rows in the provided dataset, lineup2ex
aligned <- align_matrix_rows(lineup2ex$gastroc, lineup2ex$islet)
# find correlated columns
selected_genes <- (corr_betw_matrices(aligned[[1]], aligned[[2]], "paired") > 0.75)
# calculate correlation between rows
similarity <- corr_betw_matrices(t(lineup2ex$gastroc[,selected_genes]),
                                t(lineup2ex$islet[,selected_genes]), "all")
```

```
plot_sample(similarity, "Mouse3659", get_min=FALSE)
plot_sample(similarity, "Mouse3655", "column", get_min=FALSE)
```

which_2ndbest	<i>Determine which individual has 2nd-smallest distance to each individual</i>
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Description

For each individual represented in a distance matrix, find the individual giving the 2nd-smallest entry (with NAs for individuals present in only the rows or only the columns).

Usage

```
which_2ndbest(d, dimension = c("row", "column"), get_min = TRUE)
```

Arguments

d	A distance matrix
dimension	Whether to get the 2nd-best by row or by column
get_min	If TRUE, get the 2nd-minimum; if FALSE, get the 2nd-maximum

Value

A vector with **all** distinct individuals, with the character string labels for the individuals giving the 2nd-smallest (or largest) value by row or column. We include all individuals so that the results are aligned with the results of `get_self()`.

See Also

`get_2ndbest()`, `get_self()`, `get_best()`, `which_best()`

Examples

```
# align rows in the provided dataset, lineup2ex
aligned <- align_matrix_rows(lineup2ex$gastroc, lineup2ex$islet)
# find correlated columns
selected_genes <- (corr_betw_matrices(aligned[[1]], aligned[[2]], "paired") > 0.75)
# calculate correlation between rows
similarity <- corr_betw_matrices(t(lineup2ex$gastroc[,selected_genes]),
                                t(lineup2ex$islet[,selected_genes]), "all")
# which sample gives second-biggest value by row
secbest_byrow <- which_2ndbest(similarity, get_min=FALSE)

# which sample gives second-biggest value by column
secbest_bycol <- which_2ndbest(similarity, get_min=FALSE, dimension="column")
```

which_best	<i>Determine which individual has smallest distance to each individual</i>
------------	--

Description

For each individual represented in a distance matrix, find the individual giving the smallest entry (with NAs for individuals present in only the rows or only the columns).

Usage

```
which_best(d, dimension = c("row", "column"), get_min = TRUE)
```

Arguments

d	A distance matrix
dimension	Whether to get the minimum by row or by column
get_min	If TRUE, get the minimum; if FALSE, get the maximum

Value

A vector with **all** distinct individuals, with the character string labels for the individuals giving the minimum (or maximum) value by row or column. We include all individuals so that the results are aligned with the results of `get_self()`.

See Also

`get_best()`, `get_self()`, `get_2ndbest()`, `which_2ndbest()`

Examples

```
# align rows in the provided dataset, lineup2ex
aligned <- align_matrix_rows(lineup2ex$gastroc, lineup2ex$islet)
# find correlated columns
selected_genes <- (corr_betw_matrices(aligned[[1]], aligned[[2]], "paired") > 0.75)
# calculate correlation between rows
similarity <- corr_betw_matrices(t(lineup2ex$gastroc[selected_genes]),
                                t(lineup2ex$islet[selected_genes]), "all")
# which sample gives maximum value by row
best_byrow <- which_best(similarity, get_min=FALSE)

# which sample gives maximum value by column
best_bycol <- which_best(similarity, get_min=FALSE, dimension="column")
```

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