

# Package ‘ClustIRR’

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| BLOSUM62 | <i>BLOSUM62 matrix</i> |
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Description

Predefined scoring matrix for amino acid or nucleoitide alignments.

Usage

data("BLOSUM62")

Format

BLOSUM62 is a square symmetric matrix. Rows and columns are identical single letters, representing nucleotide or amino acid. Elements are integer coefficients (substitution scores).

## Details

BLOSUM62 was obtained from NCBI (the same matrix used by the stand-alone BLAST software).

## Source

See <https://ftp.ncbi.nih.gov/blast/matrices/BLOSUM62>

## References

See <https://ftp.ncbi.nih.gov/blast/matrices/BLOSUM62>

## Examples

```
data(BLOSUM62, package = "ClustIRR")
BLOSUM62
```

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|----------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| clustirr | <i>Clustering of immune receptor repertoires (IRRs)</i> |
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## Description

clustirr computes similarities between immune receptors (IRs = T-cell and B-cell receptors) based on their CDR3 sequences.

## Usage

```
clustirr(s,
  meta = NULL,
  cores = 1,
  control = list(gmi = 0.8,
    trim_flank_aa = 3,
    db_dist = 0,
    db_custom = NULL))
```

## Arguments

- s** a data.frame consisting of one or more IRRs. Each row is a clone of a given IRR with the following columns (clone features):
- **sample**: names of the repertoires (e.g. 'A', 'B', etc.)
  - **clone\_size**: cell count in the clone (=clonal expansion)
  - **CDR3?**: amino acid CDR3 sequence. Replace '?' with the appropriate name of the immune receptor chain (e.g. CDR3a for CDR3s from TCR $\alpha$  chain; or CDR3d for CDR3s from TCR $\delta$  chain. Meanwhile, if paired CDR3s from both chains are available, then you can provide both in separate columns e.g.:
    - CDR3b and CDR3a [for  $\alpha\beta$  TCRs]
    - CDR3g and CDR3d [for  $\gamma\delta$  TCRs]
    - CDR3h and CDR3l [for heavy/light chain BCRs]

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| meta    | data.frame with meta-data for each clone, which may contain clone-specific data, such as, V/J genes, cell-type (e.g. CD8+, CD4+), but also repertoire-specific data, such as, biological condition, HLA type, age, etc. This data will be used to annotate the graph nodes and help downstream analyses.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| cores   | number of computer cores to use (default = 1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| control | auxiliary parameters to control the algorithm's behavior. See the details below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• gmi: the minimum sequence identity between a pair of CDR3 sequences for them to even be considered for alignment and scoring (default = 0.8; 80 percent identity).</li> <li>• trim_flank_aa: how many amino acids should be trimmed from the flanks of all CDR3 sequences to isolate the <b>CDR3 cores</b>. trim_flank_aa = 3 (default).</li> <li>• db_custom: additional database (data.frame) which allows us to annotate CDR3 sequences from the input (s) with their cognate antigens. The structure of db_custom must be identical to that in data(vdjd, package = "ClustIRR"). ClustIRR will use the internal databases if db_custom=NULL (default). Three databases (<b>data only from human CDR3</b>) are integrated in ClustIRR: VDJdb, TCR3d and McPAS-TCR.</li> <li>• db_dist: we compute edit distances between CDR3 sequences from s and from a database (e.g. VDJdb). If a particular distance is smaller than or equal to db_dist (default = 0), then we annotate the CDR3 from s with the specificity of the database CDR3 sequence.</li> </ul> |

## Details

ClustIRR performs the following steps.

1. Compute similarities between clones within each repertoire
2. Construct a graph from each TCR repertoire
3. Construct a joint similarity graph ( $J$ )
4. Detect communities in  $J$
5. Analyze Differential Community Occupancy (DCO)
  - Between individual TCR repertoires with model  $M$
  - Between groups of TCR repertoires from biological conditions with model  $M_h$
6. Inspect results

**the function clustirr performs the steps 1. to 3.**

## Value

The output is a list with the following elements.

- graph: the resulting igraph object
  - clust\_irr: list of clust\_irr objects for each repertoire (sample)
- Each element is an S4 object of class clust\_irr. This object contains two sublists:
- clust, list, contains clustering results for each receptor chain. The results are stored as data.frame in separate sub-list named appropriately (e.g. CDR3a, CDR3b, CDR3g, etc.). Each row in the data.frames contains a pair of CDR3s. The remaining columns contain similarity scores for the complete CDR3 sequences (column weight) or their cores (column cweight). The columns max\_len and max\_clen

store the length of the longer CDR3 sequence and core in the pair, and these used to normalize the scores weight and cweight: the normalized scores are shown in the columns nweight and ncweight

- inputs, list, contains all user provided inputs (see Arguments)
- multigraph: logical variable multigraph, which is set to TRUE if the graph is a joint graph made up of two or more repertoires (samples) and FALSE if the graph contains only one repertoire

## Examples

```
# load package input data
data("CDR3ab", package = "ClustIRR")
s <- data.frame(CDR3b = CDR3ab[1:100, "CDR3b"], sample = "A", clone_size = 1)

# run analysis
c <- clustirr(s = s)

# output class
class(c)

# output structure
str(c)
```

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| clust_irr-class | <i>clust_irr class</i> |
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## Description

Objects of the class `clust_irr` are generated by the function `cluster_irr`. These objects are used to store the clustering results in a structured way, such that they may be used as inputs of other ClustIRR functions (e.g. `get_graph`, `plot_graph`, etc.).

The output is an S4 object of class `clust_irr`. This object contains two sublists:

- `clust`, list, contains clustering results for each IR chain. The results are stored as `data.frame` in separate sub-list named appropriately (e.g. `CDR3a`, `CDR3b`, `CDR3g`, etc.). Each row in the `data.frames` contains a pair of CDR3s.

The remaining columns contain similarity scores for the complete CDR3 sequences (column `weight`) or their cores (column `cweight`). The columns `max_len` and `max_clen` store the length of the longer CDR3 and CDR3 core sequence in the pair, and these used to normalize the scores `weight` and `cweight`: the normalized scores are shown in the columns `nweight` and `ncweight`

- `inputs`, list, contains all user provided inputs (see Arguments)

## Arguments

|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>clust</code>  | list, contains clustering results for each TCR/BCR chain. The results are stored in separate sub-list named appropriately (e.g. <code>CDR3a</code> , <code>CDR3b</code> , <code>CDR3g</code> , etc.) |
| <code>inputs</code> | list, contains all user provided inputs                                                                                                                                                              |

## Value

The output is an S4 object of class `clust_irr`

## Accessors

To access the slots of `clust_irr` object we have two accessor functions. In the description below, `x` is a `clust_irr` object.

**get\_clustirr\_clust** `get_clustirr_clust(x)`: Extract the clustering results (slot `clust`)

**get\_clustirr\_inputs** `get_clustirr_inputs(x)`: Extract the processed inputs (slot `inputs`)

## Examples

```
# load package input data
data("CDR3ab", package = "ClustIRR")
s <- data.frame(CDR3b = CDR3ab[1:100, "CDR3b"], sample = "A", clone_size = 1)

# run analysis
c <- clustirr(s = s)

# output class
class(c)

# output structure
str(c)

# inspect which CDR3bs are globally similar
knitr::kable(head(slot(c$clust_irrs, "clust")$CDR3b))

# clust_irr S4 object generated 'manually' from the individual results
new_clust_irr <- new("clust_irr",
  clust = slot(object = c$clust_irrs, name = "clust"),
  inputs = slot(object = c$clust_irrs, name = "inputs"))

# we should get identical outputs
identical(x = new_clust_irr, y = c$clust_irrs)
```

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Datasets

*Datasets CDR3ab and D1 with TCR $\alpha\beta$  mock repertoires*

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## Description

TCR $\alpha\beta$  repertoire with 10,000 T-cells (rows). Each T-cell has the following features: amino acid sequences of their complementarity determining region 3 (CDR3); and variable (V) and joining (J) gene names for TCR chains  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

Important remark: this is a mock dataset, all CDR3 sequences and the genes were sampled from a larger set of CDR3 $\beta$  sequences and genes of naive CD8+ T cells in humans.

We used this data to create dataset D1: three TCR $\alpha\beta$  repertoires a, b, and c, each with 500 TCR clones. We simulated clonal expansion with increasing degree in TCR repertoires b and c. The TCR repertoires are stored as element of a list. For each TCR repertoire we have a metadata: `ma`, `mb`, and `mc`.

**Usage**

```
# For the raw data with 10,000 TCR clones
data(CDR3ab)

# For dataset D1
data(D1)
```

**Format**

data.frame with rows as TCR clones and 6 columns

- CDR3a: CDR3 $\alpha$  amino acid sequence
- TRAV: variable (V) gene of TCR $\alpha$
- TRAV: joining (J) gene of TCR $\alpha$
- CDR3b: CDR3 $\beta$  amino acid sequence
- TRBV: variable (V) gene of TCR $\beta$
- TRBV: joining (J) gene of TCR $\beta$

**Value**

data(CDR3ab) loads the object CDR3ab, which is a data.frame with six columns (3 for TCR $\alpha$  and 3 for TCR $\beta$ ) and rows for each TCR clone (see details).

**Source**

GLIPH version 2

**Examples**

```
data("CDR3ab")
data("D1")
```

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dco

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*Model-based differential community occupancy (DCO) analysis*


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**Description**

This algorithm takes as input a community matrix, and quantifies the relative enrichment/depletion of individual communities in each sample using a Bayesian hierarchical model.

**Usage**

```
dco(community_occupancy_matrix, mcmc_control, compute_delta=TRUE, groups = NA)
```

## Arguments

|                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>community_occupancy_matrix</code> | matrix, rows are communities, columns are repertoires, matrix entries are numbers of cells in each community and repertoire.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>mcmc_control</code>               | list, configurations for the Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) simulation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><code>mcmc_warmup = 750</code>; number of MCMC warmups</li> <li><code>mcmc_iter = 1500</code>; number of MCMC iterations</li> <li><code>mcmc_chains = 4</code>; number of MCMC chains</li> <li><code>mcmc_cores = 1</code>; number of computer cores</li> <li><code>mcmc_algorithm = "NUTS"</code>; which MCMC algorithm to use</li> <li><code>adapt_delta = 0.95</code>; MCMC step size</li> <li><code>max_tredepth = 12</code>; the max value, in exponents of 2, of what the binary tree size in NUTS should have.</li> </ul> |
| <code>compute_delta</code>              | should delta be computed by the Stan model? This may be take up extra memory.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <code>groups</code>                     | vector with integers $\geq 1$ , one for each repertoire (column in <code>community_occupancy_matrix</code> ). This specifies the biological group of each repertoire (e.g. for cancer repertoire we may specify the index 1, and for normal repertoires the index 2). If this vector is specified, ClustIRR will employ a hierarchical model, modeling the dependence between the repertoires within each group. Else (which is the default setting in ClustIRR), ClustIRR will treat the repertoires as independent samples by employing a simpler model.                                                                                       |

## Value

The output is a list with the folling elements:

|                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>fit</code>                        | model fit (stan object)                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <code>posterior_summary</code>          | nested list with data.frames, summary of model parameters, including their means, medians, 95% credible intervals, etc. Predicted observations ( <code>y_hat</code> ), which are useful for posterior predictive checks are also provided. |
| <code>community_occupancy_matrix</code> | matrix, rows are communities, columns are repertoires, matrix entries are numbers of cells in each community and repertoire.                                                                                                               |
| <code>mcmc_control</code>               | mcmc configuration inputs provided as list.                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <code>compute_delta</code>              | the input <code>compute_delta</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>groups</code>                     | the input <code>groups</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

## Examples

```
# load package input data
data("CDR3ab", package = "ClustIRR")
a <- data.frame(CDR3a = CDR3ab[1:500, "CDR3a"],
                CDR3b = CDR3ab[1:500, "CDR3b"],
                clone_size = 1,
                sample = "a")
```

```
b <- data.frame(CDR3a = CDR3ab[401:900, "CDR3a"],
               CDR3b = CDR3ab[401:900, "CDR3b"],
               clone_size = 1,
               sample = "b")
b$clone_size[1] <- 20

# run ClustIRR analysis
c <- clustirr(s = rbind(a, b))

# detect communities
gcd <- detect_communities(graph = c$graph,
                        algorithm = "leiden",
                        resolution = 1,
                        weight = "ncweight",
                        iterations = 100,
                        chains = c("CDR3a", "CDR3b"))

# look at outputs
names(gcd)

# look at the community matrix
head(gcd$community_occupancy_matrix)

# look at the community summary
head(gcd$community_summary$wide)

# look at the node summary
head(gcd$node_summary)

# differential community occupancy analysis
dco <- dco(community_occupancy_matrix = gcd$community_occupancy_matrix)

names(dco)
```

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`decode_all_communities`*Decode all graph communities*

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## Description

Given a graph based on which we have detected communities (with the function `detect_community`), this function applies `decode_communities` to **all** communities in the graph.

Each community is partitioned according to user-defined filters on edges (`edge_filter`) and nodes (`node_filter`). This allows extraction of subgraphs, cliques, and connected components across the full set of communities in the graph.

## Usage

```
decode_all_communities(graph, edge_filter, node_filter)
```

## Arguments

- graph** igraph object that has been analyzed by graph-based community detection methods as implemented in `detect_community`. Must have a vertex attribute named `community`.
- edge\_filter** data.frame with edge filters. The data.frame has three columns:
- **name**: edge attribute name
  - **value**: edge attribute value (threshold)
  - **operation**: logical operation that tells ClustIRR which edge attribute values should pass the filter. Possible operations: "<", ">", ">=", "<=", "==" and "!=".
- node\_filter** data.frame with node filters. Groups of nodes that have the same attribute values among **ALL** provided attributes will be treated as a subcomponent.

## Details

Internally, this function iterates over all unique community IDs found in the vertex attribute `community`, and applies `decode_communities`.

- The `edge_filter` controls which edges are retained based on their attributes.
- The `node_filter` groups nodes with shared attributes into subcomponents.

## Value

A named list of results, one per community. Each element of the list is the output of `decode_communities`, containing:

- **community\_graph**: "filtered" igraph object for the community
- **component\_stats**: data.frame with summary about each connected component
- **node\_summary**: data.frame with summary about each node

## Examples

```
# load package input data
data("CDR3ab", package = "ClustIRR")
a <- data.frame(CDR3a = CDR3ab[1:500, "CDR3a"],
                CDR3b = CDR3ab[1:500, "CDR3b"],
                clone_size = 1,
                sample = "a")

b <- data.frame(CDR3a = CDR3ab[401:900, "CDR3a"],
                CDR3b = CDR3ab[401:900, "CDR3b"],
                clone_size = 1,
                sample = "b")
b$clone_size[1] <- 20

# run ClustIRR analysis
c <- clustirr(s = rbind(a, b))

# detect communities
gcd <- detect_communities(graph = c$graph,
                          algorithm = "leiden",
                          resolution = 1,
```

```

weight = "ncweight",
iterations = 100,
chains = c("CDR3a", "CDR3b"))

# Construct edge and node filters
edge_filter <- rbind(data.frame(name = "nweight", value = 8, operation = ">="),
                    data.frame(name = "ncweight", value = 8, operation = ">="))
node_filter <- data.frame(name = "Ag_gene")

# Decode all communities at once
all_decoded <- decode_all_communities(graph = gcd$graph,
                                     edge_filter = edge_filter,
                                     node_filter = node_filter)

# Inspect one decoded community
names(all_decoded)
str(all_decoded[[1]]$component_stats)

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| decode_community | <i>Decode graph communities</i> |
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## Description

Given a graph based on which we have detected communities (with the function `detect_communities`), and a community ID, the function will try to partition the community nodes according to user-defined filters: edge and node filters.

## Usage

```
decode_community(community_id, graph, edge_filter, node_filter)
```

## Arguments

- |              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| graph        | igraph object that has been analyzed by graph-based community detection methods as implemented in <code>detect_communities</code>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| community_id | which community should be decoded?                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| edge_filter  | data.frame with edge filters. The data.frame has three columns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>name: edge attribute name</li> <li>value: edge attribute value (threshold)</li> <li>operation: logical operation that tells ClustIRR which edge attribute values should pass the filter. Possible operations: "&lt;", "&gt;", "&gt;=", "&lt;=", "==" and "!=".</li> </ul> |
| node_filter  | a vector with node attributes. Groups of nodes that have the same attribute values among <b>ALL</b> provided attributes will be treated as a subcomponent.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## Details

How to decode a community?

For instance, the user may only be interested in retaining edges with core edge weight > 4; or making sure that nodes that have same 'cell\_type' (node meta datafrom) are grouped together. Or the user might want to treat all nodes that have the same V, D and J gene names and HLA types as subgroups, in which case all edges between nodes that do not share the same sets of attributes are discarded.

Based on these filters, ClustIRR will reformat the edges in the selected community and then find **connected components** in the resulting graph.

## Value

The output is a list with the following elements

- community\_graph: "filtered" igraph object
- component\_stats: data.frame with summary about each connected component
- node\_summary: data.frame with summary about each node

## Examples

```
# load package input data
data("CDR3ab", package = "ClustIRR")
a <- data.frame(CDR3a = CDR3ab[1:500, "CDR3a"],
                CDR3b = CDR3ab[1:500, "CDR3b"],
                clone_size = 1,
                sample = "a")

b <- data.frame(CDR3a = CDR3ab[401:900, "CDR3a"],
                CDR3b = CDR3ab[401:900, "CDR3b"],
                clone_size = 1,
                sample = "b")
b$clone_size[1] <- 20

# run ClustIRR analysis
c <- clustirr(s = rbind(a, b))

# detect communities
gcd <- detect_communities(graph = c$graph,
                          algorithm = "leiden",
                          resolution = 1,
                          weight = "ncweight",
                          iterations = 100,
                          chains = c("CDR3a", "CDR3b"))

# We "decompose" the communities in the gcd object using decode_community
# based on the attributes of the edges (edge_filter) and nodes (node_filter).
# We can pick from these edge attributes and create filters:
library(igraph)
edge_attr_names(graph = gcd$graph)

# For instance, the following edge-filter will instruct ClustIRR to keep
# edges with: edge attributes: nweight>=8 \bold{AND} ncweight>=8
edge_filter <- rbind(data.frame(name = "nweight", value = 8, operation = ">="),
                     data.frame(name = "ncweight", value = 8, operation = ">="))
```

```

# In addition, we can construct filters based on the following node attributes:
vertex_attr_names(graph = gcd$graph)

# The following node-filter will instruct ClustIRR to retain edges
# between nodes that have shared node attributed with respect to ALL
# of the following node attributes:
node_filter <- data.frame(name = "Ag_gene")

# Lets inspect community with ID = 1.
c1 <- decode_community(community_id = 1,
                      graph = gcd$graph,
                      edge_filter = edge_filter,
                      node_filter = node_filter)

# Plot resulting igraph
par(mar = c(0, 0, 0, 0))
plot(c1$community_graph, vertex.size = 10)

# Now look at node attributes
as_data_frame(x = c1$community_graph, what = "vertices")[,c("name",
                                                             "component_id",
                                                             "CDR3b",
                                                             "CDR3a",
                                                             "Ag_gene")]

str(c1$component_stats)

str(c1$node_summary)

```

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| detect_communities | <i>Graph-based community detection (GCD)</i> |
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## Description

Graph-based community detection in graphs constructed by `get_graph` or `get_joint_graph`.

## Usage

```

detect_communities(graph,
                  weight = "nweight",
                  algorithm = "leiden",
                  metric = "average",
                  resolution = 1,
                  iterations = 100,
                  chains)

```

## Arguments

|           |                                                                                     |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| graph     | igraph object                                                                       |
| algorithm | graph-based community detection (GCD) method: leiden (default), louvain or infomap. |
| metric    | possible metrics: "average" (default) or "max".                                     |

|            |                                                                                                                                   |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| resolution | clustering resolution (default = 1) for GCD.                                                                                      |
| iterations | clustering iterations (default = 100) for GCD.                                                                                    |
| weight     | which edge weight attribute (default = nweight) should be used for GCD                                                            |
| chains     | which chains should be used for clustering? For instance: chains = "CDR3a"; or chains = "CDR3b"; or chains = c("CDR3a", "CDR3b"). |

## Details

ClustIRR employs graph-based community detection (GCD) algorithms, such as Louvain, Leiden or InfoMap, to identify communities of nodes that have high density of edges among each other, and low density of edges with nodes outside the community.

## Value

The output is a list with the following elements:

|                            |                                                                                                                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| community_occupancy_matrix | matrix, rows are communities, columns are repertoires, matrix entries are numbers of cells in each community and repertoire. |
| community_summary          | data.frame, rows are communities and their properties are provided as columns.                                               |
| node_summary               | data.frame, rows are nodes (clones) and their properties are provided as columns. contains all user provided.                |
| graph                      | igraph object, processed graph object.                                                                                       |
| graph_structure_quality    | graph modularity and quality (only for Leiden) measure of the strength of division of the graph into communities.            |
| input_config               | list, inputs provided as list.                                                                                               |

## Examples

```
# load package input data
data("CDR3ab", package = "ClustIRR")
a <- data.frame(CDR3a = CDR3ab[1:500, "CDR3a"],
                CDR3b = CDR3ab[1:500, "CDR3b"],
                clone_size = 1,
                sample = "a")

b <- data.frame(CDR3a = CDR3ab[401:900, "CDR3a"],
                CDR3b = CDR3ab[401:900, "CDR3b"],
                clone_size = 1,
                sample = "b")
b$clone_size[1] <- 20

# run ClustIRR analysis
c <- clustirr(s = rbind(a, b))

# detect communities
gcd <- detect_communities(graph = c$graph,
                          algorithm = "leiden",
                          metric = "average",
                          resolution = 1,
                          weight = "ncweight",
```

```

iterations = 100,
chains = c("CDR3a", "CDR3b"))

# look at outputs
names(gcd)

# look at the community occupancy matrix
head(gcd$community_occupancy_matrix)

# look at the community summary
head(gcd$community_summary$wide)

# look at the node summary
head(gcd$node_summary)

```

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|                  |                                                   |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| get_ag_gene_hits | <i>Annotate antigen gene hits in node summary</i> |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------|

---

## Description

Annotates clones (nodes) in the node summary output from the function `detect_communities` with specificity to given antigen gene name. Adds new binary columns indicating hits and computes antigen-specific cellular statistics per community and sample.

## Usage

```

get_ag_gene_hits(node_summary,
                  db = "vdjdb",
                  ag_gene)

```

## Arguments

|              |                                                              |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| node_summary | Node summary data.frame from <code>detect_communities</code> |
| db           | Annotation database (e.g., "vdjdb", "mcpas", "tcr3d")        |
| ag_gene      | Antigen gene name (e.g., "MLANA", "gp100", "Spike")          |

## Details

Searches for antigen gene matches (e.g., "MLANA" or "gp100") in annotation columns from specified databases (e.g., "vdjdb"). For each match, adds a new column to `node_summary` (1 = hit, 0 = no hit) and computes:

- Repertoire-level: Total cells/clones per sample
- Community-level: Cells/clones per community
- Antigen-specific: Cells/clones per antigen-community

Requires `node_summary` from `detect_communities` with database annotation columns).

**Value**

List containing:

|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| node_summary  | Input with added antigen hit columns. See new_columns for the names of the added columns                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| new_columns   | Names of added columns                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| table_summary | Aggregated data.frame with columns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sample, community, ag_key</li> <li>• rep_cells, rep_clones (repertoire totals)</li> <li>• com_cells, com_clones (community totals)</li> <li>• ag_cells, ag_clones (antigen-specific counts)</li> </ul> |

**Examples**

```
# load package input data
data("CDR3ab", package = "ClustIRR")
a <- data.frame(CDR3a = CDR3ab[1:500, "CDR3a"],
                CDR3b = CDR3ab[1:500, "CDR3b"],
                clone_size = 1,
                sample = "a")

b <- data.frame(CDR3a = CDR3ab[401:900, "CDR3a"],
                CDR3b = CDR3ab[401:900, "CDR3b"],
                clone_size = 1,
                sample = "b")
b$clone_size[1] <- 20

# run ClustIRR analysis
c <- clustirr(s = rbind(a, b))

# detect communities
gcd <- detect_communities(graph = c$graph,
                          algorithm = "leiden",
                          resolution = 1,
                          weight = "ncweight",
                          chains = c("CDR3a", "CDR3b"))

ag <- get_ag_gene_hits(node_summary = gcd$node_summary,
                      db = "vdjdb",
                      ag_gene = "Spike")

head(ag)
```

---

get\_ag\_species\_hits     *Annotate antigen species hits in node summary*

---

**Description**

Annotates clones (nodes) in the node summary output from the function `detect_communities` with specificity to given antigen species. Adds new binary columns indicating hits and computes antigen-specific cellular statistics per community and sample.

**Usage**

```
get_ag_species_hits(node_summary,
                    db = "vdjdb",
                    ag_species)
```

**Arguments**

|              |                                                       |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| node_summary | Node summary data.frame from detect_communities       |
| db           | Annotation database (e.g., "vdjdb", "mcpas", "tcr3d") |
| ag_species   | Antigen species (e.g., "EBV", "CMV", "SARS-CoV-2")    |

**Details**

Searches for antigen species matches (e.g., "EBV" or "CMV") in annotation columns from specified databases (e.g., "vdjdb"). For each match, adds a new column to node\_summary (1 = hit, 0 = no hit) and computes:

- Repertoire-level: Total cells/clones per sample
- Community-level: Cells/clones per community
- Antigen-specific: Cells/clones per antigen-community

Requires node\_summary from detect\_communities with database annotation columns).

**Value**

List containing:

|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| node_summary  | Input with added antigen hit columns. See new_columns for the names of the added columns                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| new_columns   | Names of added columns                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| table_summary | Aggregated data.frame with columns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sample, community, ag_key</li> <li>• rep_cells, rep_clones (repertoire totals)</li> <li>• com_cells, com_clones (community totals)</li> <li>• ag_cells, ag_clones (antigen-specific counts)</li> </ul> |

**Examples**

```
# load package input data
data("CDR3ab", package = "ClustIRR")
a <- data.frame(CDR3a = CDR3ab[1:500, "CDR3a"],
                CDR3b = CDR3ab[1:500, "CDR3b"],
                clone_size = 1,
                sample = "a")

b <- data.frame(CDR3a = CDR3ab[401:900, "CDR3a"],
                CDR3b = CDR3ab[401:900, "CDR3b"],
                clone_size = 1,
                sample = "b")
b$clone_size[1] <- 20

# run ClustIRR analysis
```

```

c <- clustirr(s = rbind(a, b))

# detect communities
gcd <- detect_communities(graph = c$graph,
                          algorithm = "leiden",
                          resolution = 1,
                          weight = "ncweight",
                          chains = c("CDR3a", "CDR3b"))

ag <- get_ag_species_hits(node_summary = gcd$node_summary,
                          db = "vdjdb",
                          ag_species = "EBV")

head(ag)

```

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|                 |                                                                                              |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| get_beta_violin | <i>Visualize distribution of <math>\beta</math> means in each repertoire as violin plots</i> |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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## Description

Visualize the  $\beta$  means as violin plots, representing relative community occupancies for individual repertoires. At the same time, annotate the communities (dots) based on their specificity.

## Usage

```

get_beta_violin(beta,
                 node_summary,
                 ag,
                 ag_species,
                 db = "vdjdb")

```

## Arguments

|              |                                                                |
|--------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| beta         | beta data.frame                                                |
| node_summary | node_summary data.frame                                        |
| ag           | antigen species/gene, character, e.g. "EBV", "CMV", or "MLANA" |
| ag_species   | is the antigen a species (TRUE) or gene (FALSE)                |
| db           | annotation database, character, e.g. "vdjdb"                   |

## Details

The user has to provide an antigen species (e.g. ag = "EBV" and ag\_species=TRUE) or an antigen gene (e.g. ag = "MLANA" and ag\_species=FALSE). Furthermore, the user has to provide nodes (node\_summary data.frame created by the function detect\_communities) and beta data.frame which is part of posterior\_summary generated by the function dco.

The user can also select an annotation database db, such as "vdjdb", "mcpas" or "tcr3d". We will look for perfect matches between CDR3 sequences in the input and in the annotation database for annotation.

## Value

The output is a violin ggplot.

## Examples

```
# load package input data
data("CDR3ab", package = "ClustIRR")
a <- data.frame(CDR3a = CDR3ab[1:500, "CDR3a"],
                CDR3b = CDR3ab[1:500, "CDR3b"],
                clone_size = 1,
                sample = "a")

b <- data.frame(CDR3a = CDR3ab[401:900, "CDR3a"],
                CDR3b = CDR3ab[401:900, "CDR3b"],
                clone_size = 1,
                sample = "b")
b$clone_size[1] <- 20

# run ClustIRR analysis
c <- clustirr(s = rbind(a, b))

# detect communities
gcd <- detect_communities(graph = c$graph,
                          algorithm = "leiden",
                          resolution = 1,
                          weight = "ncweight",
                          chains = c("CDR3a", "CDR3b"))

# differential community occupancy analysis
dco <- dco(community_occupancy_matrix = gcd$community_occupancy_matrix)

# generate beta violin plots
v <- get_beta_violin(beta = dco$posterior_summary$beta,
                     node_summary = gcd$node_summary,
                     ag = "EBV",
                     ag_species = TRUE,
                     db = "vdjdb")
```

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get\_community\_purity    *Compute community purity with respect to a node feature*

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## Description

Given an igraph object with detected communities (via a node attribute called community) and a node feature (e.g., the output graph of the function detect\_communities), this function computes the purity of each community with respect to that feature.

If the node feature is numeric (e.g., expression values, clone size, etc.), purity is measured by the coefficient of variation (CV). If the node feature is categorical (e.g., tissue type, sample name, cell type), purity is measured by Gini Impurity (GI).

## Usage

```
get_community_purity(graph, node_feature)
```

## Arguments

|              |                                                                                                       |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| graph        | igraph object with community membership stored as a vertex attribute named community.                 |
| node_feature | Character scalar specifying the vertex attribute to evaluate (must be either categorical or numeric). |

## Details

The function checks for the existence of a community vertex attribute in the graph and for a valid node\_feature. Depending on whether the feature is numeric or categorical, it computes CV or GI, respectively.

- For categorical features: communities with low GI contain mostly homogeneous feature values.
- For numeric features: communities with low CV are more homogeneous in feature values.

## Value

A data.frame summarizing purity for each community:

- For categorical features: columns GI (Gini impurity), n (community size), community.
- For numeric features: columns mean, sd, cv (coefficient of variation), n (community size), community.

## Examples

```
library(igraph)

# create a simple graph
g <- make_ring(10)
V(g)$community <- rep(1:2, each = 5)
V(g)$tissue <- rep(c("A", "B"), times = 5)
V(g)$expression <- rnorm(10, mean = 5, sd = 1)

# categorical feature
get_community_purity(graph = g, node_feature = "tissue")

# numeric feature
get_community_purity(graph = g, node_feature = "expression")
```

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get\_honeycombs

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*Generate honeycomb plot: visualize community occupancy of pairs of immune receptor repertoires*


---

## Description

Use the community\_occupancy\_matrix generated by the function detect\_communities to generate honeycomb plots for each pair of repertoires. In each plot, we will show communities (rows in the matrix community\_occupancy\_matrix) as dots and their intensities in a pair of repertoires (x-axis and y-axis). The density of dots is encoded by the color of the honeycomb-like hexagons.

**Usage**

```
get_honeycombs(com)
```

**Arguments**

com                      community\_occupancy\_matrix, matrix generated by detect\_communities

**Details**

Use the community\_occupancy\_matrix generated by the function detect\_communities to generate honeycomb plots for each pair of repertoires. In each plot, we will show communities (rows in the matrix community\_occupancy\_matrix) as dots and their intensities in a pair of repertoires (x-axis and y-axis). The density of dots is encoded by the color of the honeycomb-like hexagons.

**Value**

The output is a list with ggplots. Given n repertoires (columns in input community\_occupancy\_matrix), it will generate  $n*(n-1)/2$  plots. You can arrange the ggplots (or a portion of them) in any shape e.g. with the R-package patchwork.

**Examples**

```
# load package input data
data("CDR3ab", package = "ClustIRR")
a <- data.frame(CDR3a = CDR3ab[1:300, "CDR3a"],
                CDR3b = CDR3ab[1:300, "CDR3b"],
                clone_size = 1,
                sample = "a")

b <- data.frame(CDR3a = CDR3ab[201:400, "CDR3a"],
                CDR3b = CDR3ab[201:400, "CDR3b"],
                clone_size = 1,
                sample = "b")
b$clone_size[1] <- 20

# run ClustIRR analysis
c <- clustirr(s = rbind(a, b))

# detect communities
gcd <- detect_communities(graph = c$graph,
                          algorithm = "leiden",
                          resolution = 1,
                          weight = "ncweight",
                          chains = c("CDR3a", "CDR3b"))

# get honeycombs
g <- get_honeycombs(com = gcd$community_occupancy_matrix)

g
```

---

`mcpas`*CDR3 sequences and their matching epitopes obtained from McPAS-TCR*

---

**Description**

data.frame with CDR3a and/or CDR3b sequences and their matching antigenic epitopes obtained from McPAS-TCR. The remaining CDR3 columns are set to NA. For data processing details see the script `inst/script/get_mcpaster.R`

**Usage**

```
data(mcpas)
```

**Format**

data.frame with columns:

1. CDR3a: CDR3a amino acid sequence
2. CDR3b: CDR3b amino acid sequence
3. CDR3g: CDR3g amino acid sequence -> NA
4. CDR3d: CDR3d amino acid sequence -> NA
5. CDR3h: CDR3h amino acid sequence -> NA
6. CDR3l: CDR3l amino acid sequence -> NA
7. CDR3\_species: CDR3 species (e.g. human, mouse, ...)
8. Antigen\_species: antigen species
9. Antigen\_gene: antigen gene
10. Reference: Reference (Pubmed ID)

**Value**

`data(mcpas)` loads the object McPAS-TCR

**Source**

McPAS-TCR, June 2024

**Examples**

```
data(mcpas)
```

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|            |                            |
|------------|----------------------------|
| plot_graph | <i>Plot ClustIRR graph</i> |
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## Description

This function visualizes a graph. The main input is `g` object created by the function `clustirr`.

## Usage

```
plot_graph(g,
  select_by = "Ag_species",
  as_visnet = FALSE,
  show_singletons = TRUE,
  node_opacity = 1)
```

## Arguments

|                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>g</code>               | Object returned by the function <code>clustirr</code>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <code>as_visnet</code>       | logical, if <code>as_visnet=TRUE</code> we plot an interactive graph with <code>visNetwork</code> . If <code>as_visnet=FALSE</code> , we plot a static graph with <code>igraph</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <code>select_by</code>       | character string, two values are possible: "Ag_species" or "Ag_gene". This only has an effect if <code>as_visnet = TRUE</code> , i.e. if the graph is interactive. It will allow the user to highlight clones (nodes) in the graph that are associated with a specific antigenic specie or gene. The mapping between CDR3 and antigens is extracted from databases, such as, <code>VDJdb</code> , <code>McPAS-TCR</code> and <code>TCR3d</code> . If none of the clones in the graph are matched to a CDR3, then the user will have no options to select/highlight. |
| <code>show_singletons</code> | logical, if <code>show_singletons=TRUE</code> we plot all vertices. If <code>show_singletons=FALSE</code> , we plot only vertices connected by edges.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <code>node_opacity</code>    | probability, controls the opacity of node colors. Lower values corresponding to more transparent colors.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

## Value

The output is an `igraph` or `visNetwork` plot.

The size of the vertices increases linearly as the logarithm of the degree of the clonal expansion (number of cells per clone) in the corresponding clones.

## Examples

```
# load package input data
data("CDR3ab", package = "ClustIRR")
s <- data.frame(CDR3b = CDR3ab[1:100, "CDR3b"], sample = "A", clone_size = 1)

# run ClustIRR analysis
c <- clustirr(s = s)

# plot graph with vertices as clones
plot_graph(c, as_visnet=FALSE, show_singletons=TRUE, node_opacity = 0.8)
```

---

`tcr3d`*CDR3 sequences and their matching epitopes obtained from TCR3d*

---

**Description**

data.frame with paired CDR3a and CDR3b CDR3 sequences and their matching epitopes obtained from TCR3d. The remaining CDR3 columns are set to NA. The antigenic epitopes come from cancer antigens and from viral antigens. For data processing details see the script `inst/script/get_tcr3d.R`

**Usage**

```
data(tcr3d)
```

**Format**

data.frame with columns:

1. CDR3a: CDR3a amino acid sequence
2. CDR3b: CDR3b amino acid sequence
3. CDR3g: CDR3g amino acid sequence -> NA
4. CDR3d: CDR3d amino acid sequence -> NA
5. CDR3h: CDR3h amino acid sequence -> NA
6. CDR3l: CDR3l amino acid sequence -> NA
7. CDR3\_species: CDR3 species (e.g. human, mouse, ...)
8. Antigen\_species: antigen species
9. Antigen\_gene: antigen gene
10. Reference: Reference ID

**Value**

`data(tcr3d)` loads the object `tcr3d`

**Source**

TCR3d, June 2024

**Examples**

```
data("tcr3d")
```

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vdjdb*CDR3 sequences and their matching epitopes obtained from VDJdb*

---

**Description**

data.frame with unpaired CDR3a or CDR3b sequences and their matching epitopes obtained from VDJdb. The remaining CDR3 columns are set to NA. For data processing details see the script inst/script/get\_vdjdb.R

**Usage**

```
data(vdjdb)
```

**Format**

data.frame with columns:

1. CDR3a: CDR3a amino acid sequence
2. CDR3b: CDR3b amino acid sequence
3. CDR3g: CDR3g amino acid sequence -> NA
4. CDR3d: CDR3d amino acid sequence -> NA
5. CDR3h: CDR3h amino acid sequence -> NA
6. CDR3l: CDR3l amino acid sequence -> NA
7. CDR3\_species: CDR3 species (e.g. human, mouse, ...)
8. Antigen\_species: antigen species
9. Antigen\_gene: antigen gene
10. Reference: Reference (Pubmed ID)

**Value**

data(vdjdb) loads the object vdjdb

**Source**

VDJdb, December 2024

**Examples**

```
data("vdjdb")
```

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