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## Details

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Most important functions:

`comp.psm` for computing posterior similarity matrix (PSM). Based on the PSM `maxpear` and `minbinder` provide several optimization methods to find a clustering with maximal posterior expected adjusted Rand index with the true clustering or one that minimizes the posterior expectation of a loss function by Binder (1978). `minbinder` provides the optimization algorithm of Lau and Green.

`relabel` contains the relabelling algorithm of Stephens (2000).

`arandi` and `vi.dist` compute distance functions for clusterings, the (adjusted) Rand index and the entropy-based variation of information distance.

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Stephens, M. (2000) Dealing with label switching in mixture models. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series B*, **62**, 795–809.

## Examples

```
data(cls.draw2)
# sample of 500 clusterings from a Bayesian cluster model
tru.class <- rep(1:8,each=50)
# the true grouping of the observations
psm2 <- comp.psm(cls.draw2)
# posterior similarity matrix

# optimize criteria based on PSM
mbind2 <- minbinder(psm2)
mpear2 <- maxpear(psm2)

# Relabelling
k <- apply(cls.draw2,1, function(cl) length(table(cl)))
max.k <- as.numeric(names(table(k))[which.max(table(k))])
relab2 <- relabel(cls.draw2[k==max.k,])

# compare clusterings found by different methods with true grouping
arandi(mpear2$cl, tru.class)
arandi(mbind2$cl, tru.class)
arandi(relab2$cl, tru.class)
```

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arandi

*(Adjusted) Rand Index for Clusterings*


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## Description

Computes the adjusted or unadjusted Rand index between two clusterings/partitions of the same objects.

## Usage

```
arandi(c11, c12, adjust = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

c11, c12           vectors of cluster memberships (need to have the same lengths).  
adjust           logical. Should index be adjusted? Defaults to TRUE.

**Details**

The Rand index is based on how often the two clusterings agree in the treatment of pairs of observations, where agreement means that two observations are in/not in the same cluster in both clusterings.

The adjusted Rand index adjusts for the expected number of chance agreements.

Formulas of Hubert and Arabie (1985) are used for the computation.

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**References**

Hubert, L. and Arabie, P. (1985): Comparing partitions. *Journal of Classification*, **2**, 193–218.

**See Also**

[vi.dist](#)

**Examples**

```
c11 <- sample(1:3,10,replace=TRUE)
c12 <- c(c11[1:5], sample(1:3,5,replace=TRUE))
arandi(c11,c12)
arandi(c11,c12,adjust=FALSE)
```

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cls.draw1.5

*Sample of Clusterings from Posterior Distribution of Bayesian Cluster Model*

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**Description**

Output of a Dirichlet process mixture model with normal components fitted to the data set `Ysim1.5`. True clusters are given by `rep(1:8, each =50)`.

**Usage**

```
data(cls.draw1.5)
```

**Format**

matrix with 500 rows and 400 columns. Each row contains a clustering of the 400 observations.

**Source**

Fritsch, A. and Ickstadt, K. (2009) An improved criterion for clustering based on the posterior similarity matrix, *Bayesian Analysis*, accepted.

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cls.draw2	<i>Sample of Clusterings from Posterior Distribution of Bayesian Cluster Model</i>
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**Description**

Output of a Dirichlet process mixture model with normal components fitted to the data set Ysim2. True clusters are given by rep(1:8, each =50).

**Usage**

```
data(cls.draw2)
```

**Format**

matrix with 500 rows and 400 columns. Each row contains a clustering of the 400 observations.

**Source**

Fritsch, A. and Ickstadt, K. (2009) An improved criterion for clustering based on the posterior similarity matrix, *Bayesian Analysis*, accepted.

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cltoSim	<i>Compute Similarity Matrix for a Clustering and vice versa</i>
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**Description**

A similarity matrix is a symmetric matrix whose entry  $[i, j]$  is 1 if observation  $i$  and  $j$  are in the same cluster and 0 otherwise.

**Usage**

```
cltoSim(cl)  
Simtocl(Sim)
```

**Arguments**

cl	vector of cluster memberships
Sim	similarity matrix

**Warning**

Simtocl does **not** check whether Sim is a valid similarity matrix, e.g. that  $Sim[i, j]==1$  if  $Sim[i, k]==1$  and  $Sim[j, k]==1$ .

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**See Also**

[comp.psm](#) for an average similarity matrix.

**Examples**

```
cl <- c(3,3,1,2,2)
(Sim <- cltoSim(cl))
Simtocl(Sim)

# not a valid similarity matrix
(Sim2 <- matrix(c(1,0,1,0,1,1,1,1,1), ncol=3))
Simtocl(Sim2) # no warning
```

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comp.psm

*Estimate Posterior Similarity Matrix*

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**Description**

For a sample of clusterings of the same objects the proportion of clusterings in which observation  $i$  and  $j$  are together in a cluster is computed and a matrix containing all proportions is given out.

**Usage**

```
comp.psm(cls)
```

**Arguments**

`cls` a matrix in which every row corresponds to a clustering of the `ncol(cls)` objects

**Details**

In Bayesian cluster analysis the posterior similarity matrix is a matrix whose entry  $[i, j]$  contains the posterior probability that observation  $i$  and  $j$  are together in a cluster. It is estimated by the proportion of a posteriori clusterings in which  $i$  and  $j$  cluster together.

**Value**

a symmetric `ncol(cls)*ncol(cls)` matrix

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**[cltoSim](#)**Examples**

```
(cls <- rbind(c(1,1,2,2),c(1,1,2,2),c(1,2,2,2),c(2,2,1,1)))
comp.psm(cls)
```

maxpear

*Maximize/Compute Posterior Expected Adjusted Rand Index***Description**

Based on a posterior similarity matrix of a sample of clusterings maxpear finds the clustering that maximizes the posterior expected Rand adjusted index (PEAR) with the true clustering, while pear computes PEAR for several provided clusterings.

**Usage**

```
maxpear(psm, cls.draw = NULL, method = c("avg", "comp", "draws",
    "all"), max.k = NULL)

pear(cls,psm)
```

**Arguments**

psm	a posterior similarity matrix, usually obtained from a call to comp.psm.
cls, cls.draw	a matrix in which every row corresponds to a clustering of the ncol(cls) objects. cls.draw refers to the clusterings that have been used to compute psm, cls.draw has to be provided if method="draw" or "all".
method	the maximization method used. Should be one of "avg", "comp", "draws" or "all". The default is "avg".
max.k	integer, if method="avg" or "comp" the maximum number of clusters up to which the hierarchical clustering is cut. Defaults to ceiling(nrow(psm)/8).

**Details**

For method="avg" and "comp" 1-psm is used as a distance matrix for hierarchical clustering with average/complete linkage. The hierarchical clustering is cut for the cluster sizes 1:max.k and PEAR computed for these clusterings.

Method "draws" simply computes PEAR for each row of cls.draw and takes the maximum. If method="all" all maximization methods are applied.

**Value**

c1	clustering with maximal value of PEAR. If method="all" a matrix containing the clustering with the highest value of PEAR over all methods in the first row and the clusterings of the individual methods in the next rows.
value	value of PEAR. A vector corresponding to the rows of c1 if method="all".
method	the maximization method used.

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**References**

Fritsch, A. and Ickstadt, K. (2009) An improved criterion for clustering based on the posterior similarity matrix, *Bayesian Analysis*, accepted.

**See Also**

[comp.psm](#) for computing posterior similarity matrix, [minbinder](#), [medv](#), [relabel](#) for other possibilities for processing a sample of clusterings.

**Examples**

```
data(cls.draw1.5)
# sample of 500 clusterings from a Bayesian cluster model
tru.class <- rep(1:8,each=50)
# the true grouping of the observations
psm1.5 <- comp.psm(cls.draw1.5)
mpear1.5 <- maxpear(psm1.5)
table(mpear1.5$c1, tru.class)

# Does hierachical clustering with Ward's method lead
# to a better value of PEAR?
hclust.ward <- hclust(as.dist(1-psm1.5), method="ward")
cls.ward <- t(apply(matrix(1:20),1, function(k) cutree(hclust.ward,k=k)))
ward1.5 <- pear(cls.ward, psm1.5)
max(ward1.5) > mpear1.5$value
```

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medv

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*Clustering Method of Medvedovic*


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**Description**

Based on a posterior similarity matrix of a sample of clusterings medv obtains a clustering by using 1-psm as distance matrix for hierarchical clustering with complete linkage. The dendrogram is cut at a value h close to 1.

**Usage**

```
medv(psm, h=0.99)
```

**Arguments**

`psm` a posterior similarity matrix, usually obtained from a call to `comp.psm`.  
`h` The height at which the dendrogram is cut.

**Value**

vector of cluster memberships.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Medvedovic, M. Yeung, K. and Bumgarner, R. (2004) Bayesian mixture model based clustering of replicated microarray data, *Bioinformatics*, **20**, 1222-1232.

**See Also**

[comp.psm](#) for computing posterior similarity matrix, [maxpear](#), [minbinder](#), [relabel](#) for other possibilities for processing a sample of clusterings.

**Examples**

```
data(cls.draw1.5)
# sample of 500 clusterings from a Bayesian cluster model
tru.class <- rep(1:8,each=50)
# the true grouping of the observations
psm1.5 <- comp.psm(cls.draw1.5)
medv1.5 <- medv(psm1.5)
table(medv1.5, tru.class)
```

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minbinder

*Minimize/Compute Posterior Expectation of Binders Loss Function*

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**Description**

Based on a posterior similarity matrix of a sample of clusterings `minbinder` finds the clustering that minimizes the posterior expectation of Binders loss function, while `binder` computes the posterior expected loss for several provided clusterings.

**Usage**

```
minbinder(psm, cls.draw = NULL, method = c("avg", "comp", "draws",
      "laugreen", "all"), max.k = NULL, include.lg = FALSE,
      start.cl = NULL, tol = 0.001)
```

```
binder(cls, psm)
```

```
laugreen(psm, start.cl, tol=0.001)
```

**Arguments**

psm	a posterior similarity matrix, usually obtained from a call to <code>comp.psm</code> .
cls, cls.draw	a matrix in which every row corresponds to a clustering of the <code>ncol(cls)</code> objects. <code>cls.draw</code> refers to the clusterings that have been used to compute <code>psm</code> , <code>cls.draw</code> has to be provided if <code>method="draw"</code> or <code>"all"</code> .
method	the maximization method used. Should be one of <code>"avg"</code> , <code>"comp"</code> , <code>"draws"</code> , <code>"laugreen"</code> or <code>"all"</code> . The default is <code>"avg"</code> .
max.k	integer, if <code>method="avg"</code> or <code>"comp"</code> the maximum number of clusters up to which the hierarchical clustering is cut. Defaults to <code>ceiling(nrow(psm)/4)</code> .
include.lg	logical, should method <code>"laugreen"</code> be included when <code>method="all"</code> ? Defaults to <code>FALSE</code> .
start.cl	clustering used as starting point for <code>method="laugreen"</code> . If <code>NULL</code> <code>start.cl=1:nrow(psm)</code> is used.
tol	convergence tolerance for <code>method="laugreen"</code> .

**Details**

The posterior expected loss is the sum of the absolute differences of the indicator function of observation  $i$  and  $j$  clustering together and the posterior probability that they are in one cluster.

For `method="avg"` and `"comp"` `1-psm` is used as a distance matrix for hierarchical clustering with average/complete linkage. The hierarchical clustering is cut for the cluster sizes `1:max.k` and the posterior expected loss is computed for these clusterings.

Method `"draws"` simply computes the posterior expected loss for each row of `cls.draw` and takes the minimum.

Method `"laugreen"` implements the algorithm of Lau and Green (2007), which is based on binary integer programming. Since the method can take some time to converge it is only used if explicitly demanded with `method="laugreen"` or `method="all"` and `include.lg=TRUE`. If `method="all"` all minimization methods except `"laugreen"` are applied.

**Value**

cl	clustering with minimal value of expected loss. If <code>method="all"</code> a matrix containing the clustering with the smallest value of the expected loss over all methods in the first row and the clusterings of the individual methods in the next rows.
value	value of posterior expected loss. A vector corresponding to the rows of <code>cl</code> if <code>method="all"</code> .

method           the maximization method used.  
 iter.lg          if method="laugreen" the number of iterations the method needed to converge.

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### See Also

[comp.psm](#) for computing posterior similarity matrix, [maxpear](#), [medv](#), [relabel](#) for other possibilities for processing a sample of clusterings. [lp](#) for the linear programming.

### Examples

```
data(cls.draw2)
# sample of 500 clusterings from a Bayesian cluster model
tru.class <- rep(1:8,each=50)
# the true grouping of the observations
psm2 <- comp.psm(cls.draw2)
mbind2 <- minbinder(psm2)
table(mbind2$c1, tru.class)

# Does hierachical clustering with Ward's method lead
# to a lower value of Binders loss?
hclust.ward <- hclust(as.dist(1-psm2), method="ward")
cls.ward <- t(apply(matrix(1:20),1, function(k) cutree(hclust.ward,k=k)))
ward2 <- binder(cls.ward, psm2)
min(ward2) < mbind2$value

# Method laugreen is applied to 40 randomly selected observations
ind <- sample(1:400, 40)
mbind.lg <- minbinder(psm2[ind, ind],cls.draw2[,ind], method="all",
                    include.lg=TRUE)
mbind.lg$value
```

norm.label *Norm Labelling of a Clustering*

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**Description**

Cluster labels of a clusterings are replaced by `1:length(table(c1))`.

**Usage**

```
norm.label(c1)
```

**Arguments**

`c1` vector of cluster memberships

**Value**

the clustering with normed labels.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[relabel](#) for labelling a sample of clusterings the same way

**Examples**

```
(c1 <- sample(c(13,12,34), 13, replace=TRUE))
norm.label(c1)
```

```
(c1 <- sample(c("a","b","f31"), 13, replace=TRUE))
norm.label(c1)
```

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relabel *Stephens' Relabelling Algorithm for Clusterings*

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**Description**

For a sample of clusterings in which corresponding clusters have different labels the algorithm attempts to bring the clusterings to a unique labelling.

**Usage**

```
relabel(cls, print.loss = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>cls</code>	a matrix in which every row corresponds to a clustering of the <code>ncol(cls)</code> objects.
<code>print.loss</code>	logical, should current value of loss function be printed after each iteration? Defaults to TRUE.

**Details**

The algorithm minimizes the loss function

$$\sum_{m=1}^M \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^K -\log \hat{p}_{ij} \cdot I_{\{z_i^{(m)}=j\}}$$

over the  $M$  clusterings,  $n$  observations and  $K$  clusters, where  $\hat{p}_{ij}$  is the estimated probability that observation  $i$  belongs to cluster  $j$  and  $z_i^{(m)}$  indicates to which cluster observation  $i$  belongs in clustering  $m$ .  $I_{\{.\}}$  is an indicator function.

Minimization is achieved by iterating the estimation of  $\hat{p}_{ij}$  over all clusterings and the minimization of the loss function in each clustering by permuting the cluster labels. The latter is done by linear programming.

**Value**

<code>cls</code>	the input <code>cls</code> with unified labelling.
<code>P</code>	an $n \times K$ matrix, where entry $[i, j]$ contains the estimated probability that observation $i$ belongs to cluster $j$ .
<code>loss.val</code>	value of the loss function.
<code>cl</code>	vector of cluster memberships that have the highest probabilities $\hat{p}_{ij}$ .

**Warning**

The algorithm assumes that the number of clusters  $K$  is fixed. If this is not the case  $K$  is taken to be the most common number of clusters. Clusterings with other numbers of clusters are discarded and a warning is issued.

**Note**

The implementation is a variant of the algorithm of Stephens which is originally applied to draws of parameters for each observation, not to cluster labels.

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**References**

Stephens, M. (2000) Dealing with label switching in mixture models. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series B*, **62**, 795–809.

**See Also**

[lp.transport](#) for the linear programming, [maxpear](#), [minbinder](#), [medv](#) for other possibilities of processing a sample of clusterings.

**Examples**

```
(cls <- rbind(c(1,1,2,2),c(1,1,2,2),c(1,2,2,2),c(2,2,1,1)))
# group 2 in clustering 4 corresponds to group 1 in clustering 1-3.
cls.relab <- relabel(cls)
cls.relab$cls
```

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vi.dist

*Variation of Information Distance for Clusterings*

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**Description**

Computes the 'variation of information' distance of Meila (2007) between two clusterings/partitions of the same objects.

**Usage**

```
vi.dist(cl1, cl2, parts = FALSE, base = 2)
```

**Arguments**

cl1, cl2	vectors of cluster memberships (need to have the same lengths).
parts	logical; should the two conditional entropies also be returned?
base	base of logarithm used for computation of entropy and mutual information.

**Details**

The variation of information distance is the sum of the two conditional entropies of one clustering given the other. For details see Meila (2007).

**Value**

The VI distance. If parts=TRUE the two conditional entropies are appended.

**Author(s)**

Arno Fritsch, <arno.fritsch@tu-dortmund.de>

**References**

Meila, M. (2007) Comparing Clusterings - an Information Based Distance. *Journal of Multivariate Analysis*, **98**, 873 – 895.

**See Also**[arandi](#)**Examples**

```
c11 <- sample(1:3,10,replace=TRUE)
c12 <- c(c11[1:5], sample(1:3,5,replace=TRUE))
vi.dist(c11,c12)
vi.dist(c11,c12, parts=TRUE)
```

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Ysim1.5

*Simulated 3-dimensional Normal Data Containing 8 Clusters*

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**Description**

Cluster means are given by the 8 possible values of  $(\pm 1.5, \pm 1.5, \pm 1.5)$  to which standard normal noise was added. True clusters are given by `rep(1:8, each =50)`.

**Usage**

```
data(Ysim1.5)
```

**Format**

matrix with 400 rows and 3 columns.

**Source**

Simulated by

```
1.5 * matrix(c(rep(c(1,1,1),50), rep(c(1,1,-1),50), rep(c(1,-1,1),50), rep(c(-1,1,1),50), rep(c(1,-1,-1),50), rep(c(-1,1,-1),50), rep(c(-1,-1,1),50), rep(c(-1,-1,-1),50)), byrow=TRUE, ncol=3) + matrix(rnorm( 400*3),ncol=3)
```

**References**

Fritsch, A. and Ickstadt, K. (2008) An improved criterion for clustering based on the posterior similarity matrix, *Bayesian Analysis*, accepted.

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`Ysim2`*Simulated 3-dimensional Normal Data Containing 8 Clusters*

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**Description**

Cluster means are given by the 8 possible values of  $(\pm 2, \pm 2, \pm 2)$  to which standard normal noise was added. True clusters are given by `rep(1:8, each = 50)`.

**Usage**

```
data(Ysim2)
```

**Format**

matrix with 400 rows and 3 columns.

**Source**

Simulated by

```
2 * matrix(c(rep(c(1,1,1),50), rep(c(1,1,-1),50), rep(c(1,-1,1),50), rep(c(-1,1,1),50), rep(c(1,-1,-1),50), rep(c(-1,1,-1),50), rep(c(-1,-1,1),50), rep(c(-1,-1,-1),50)), byrow=TRUE, ncol=3) + matrix(rnorm( 400*3),ncol=3)
```

**References**

Fritsch, A. and Ickstadt, K. (2009) An improved criterion for clustering based on the posterior similarity matrix, *Bayesian Analysis*, accepted.

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