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Description

Surrogate-guided ensemble Latent Dirichlet Allocation (sureLDA) is a label-free multidimensional phenotyping method. It first uses the PheNorm algorithm to initialize probabilities based on two surrogate features for each target disease, and then leverages these probabilities to guide the LDA topic model to generate phenotype-specific topics. Finally, it combines phenotype-feature counts with surrogates via clustering ensemble to yield final phenotype probabilities.

simdata	<i>Simulated Dataset</i>
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Description

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Usage

```
simdata
```

Format

An object of class `list` of length 6.

Examples

```
str(simdata)
```

 sureLDA

Surrogate-guided ensemble Latent Dirichlet Allocation

Description

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Usage

```
sureLDA(
  X,
  ICD,
  NLP,
  HU,
  filter,
  prior = "PheNorm",
  weight = "beta",
  nEmpty = 20,
  alpha = 100,
  beta = 100,
  burnin = 50,
  ITER = 150,
  phi = NULL,
  nCores = 1,
  labeled = NULL,
  verbose = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

X	nPatients x nFeatures matrix of EHR feature counts
ICD	nPatients x nPhenotypes matrix of main ICD surrogate counts
NLP	nPatients x nPhenotypes matrix of main NLP surrogate counts
HU	nPatients-dimensional vector containing the healthcare utilization feature
filter	nPatients x nPhenotypes binary matrix indicating filter-positives
prior	'PheNorm', 'MAP', or nPatients x nPhenotypes matrix of prior probabilities (defaults to PheNorm)
weight	'beta', 'uniform', or nPhenotypes x nFeatures matrix of feature weights (defaults to beta)
nEmpty	Number of 'empty' topics to include in LDA step (defaults to 10)
alpha	LDA Dirichlet hyperparameter for patient-topic distribution (defaults to 100)
beta	LDA Dirichlet hyperparameter for topic-feature distribution (defaults to 100)
burnin	number of burnin Gibbs iterations (defaults to 50)
ITER	number of subsequent iterations for inference (defaults to 150)

phi	(optional) nPhenotypes x nFeatures pre-trained topic-feature distribution matrix
nCores	(optional) Number of parallel cores to use only if phi is provided (defaults to 1)
labeled	(optional) nPatients x nPhenotypes matrix of a priori labels (set missing entries to NA)
verbose	(optional) indicating whether to output verbose progress updates

Value

scores nPatients x nPhenotypes matrix of weighted patient-phenotype assignment counts from LDA step

probs nPatients x nPhenotypes matrix of patient-phenotype posterior probabilities

ensemble Mean of sureLDA posterior and PheNorm/MAP prior

prior nPatients x nPhenotypes matrix of PheNorm/MAP phenotype probability estimates

phi nPhenotypes x nFeatures topic distribution matrix from LDA step

weights nPhenotypes x nFeatures matrix of topic-feature weights

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