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bestCriterion	<i>Best clustering index</i>
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Description

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

Usage

```
bestCriterion(x, crit)
```

Arguments

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

Details

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

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

Value

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

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See Also

[getCriteriaNames](#), [intCriteria](#).

Examples

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

Description

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Details

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

```
library(help="clusterCrit")
```

for more info about the available functions.

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References

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

```
> vignette("clusterCrit")
```

See Also

[extCriteria](#), [getCriteriaNames](#), [intCriteria](#), [bestCriterion](#), [concordance](#).

concordance

Compute Concordance Matrix

Description

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

Usage

```
concordance(part1, part2)
```

Arguments

part1 [vector] : the first partition vector.
 part2 [vector] : the second partition vector.

Details

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

Value

A 2x2 matrix of the form :

	P1		P2		
P1		Nyy		Nyn	
P2		Nny		Nnn	

where

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

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See Also

[extCriteria](#), [intCriteria](#).

Examples

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

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

`extCriteria`*Compute external clustering criteria*

Description

`extCriteria` calculates various external clustering comparison indices.

Usage

```
extCriteria(part1, part2, crit)
```

Arguments

<code>part1</code>	[vector] : the first partition vector.
<code>part2</code>	[vector] : the second partition vector.
<code>crit</code>	[vector] : a vector containing the names of the indices to compute.

Details

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

The currently available indices are :

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

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

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

Value

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

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References

See the bibliography at the end of the vignette.

See Also

[getCriteriaNames](#), [intCriteria](#), [bestCriterion](#), [concordance](#).

Examples

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

# Compute all the external indices
extCriteria(part1,part2,"all")
# Compute some of them
extCriteria(part1,part2,c("Rand","Folkes"))
# The names are case insensitive and can be abbreviated
extCriteria(part1,part2,c("ra","fo"))
```

getCriteriaNames	<i>Get clustering criteria names</i>
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Description

getCriteriaNames returns the available clustering criteria names.

Usage

```
getCriteriaNames(isInternal)
```

Arguments

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

Details

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

The internal indices can be used in the crit argument of the [intCriteria](#) function and the external indices similarly in the [extCriteria](#) function.

Value

A character vector containing the supported criteria names.

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References

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See Also

[intCriteria](#), [extCriteria](#), [bestCriterion](#).

Examples

```
getCriteriaNames(TRUE)  
getCriteriaNames(FALSE)
```

intCriteria

Compute internal clustering criteria

Description

intCriteria calculates various internal clustering validation or quality criteria.

Usage

```
intCriteria(traj, part, crit)
```

Arguments

traj	[matrix] : the matrix of observations (trajectories).
part	[vector] : the partition vector.
crit	[vector] : a vector containing the names of the indices to compute.

Details

The function intCriteria calculates internal clustering indices. The list of all the supported criteria can be obtained with the [getCriteriaNames](#) function.

The currently available indices are :

- "Ball_Hall"
- "Banfeld_Raftery"
- "C_index"
- "Calinski_Harabasz"
- "Davies_Bouldin"
- "Det_Ratio"
- "Dunn"

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

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

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

Value

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

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See Also

[getCriteriaNames](#), [extCriteria](#), [bestCriterion](#).

Examples

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

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