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DNEA-package

*DNEA: Differential Network Enrichment Analysis for Biological Data*

## Description

The DNEA R package is the latest implementation of the Differential Network Enrichment Analysis algorithm and is the successor to the Filigree Java-application described in Iyer et al. (2020). The package is designed to take as input an  $m \times n$  expression matrix for some -omics modality (ie. metabolomics, lipidomics, proteomics, etc.) and jointly estimate the biological network associations of each condition using the DNEA algorithm described in Ma et al. (2019). This approach provides a framework for data-driven enrichment analysis across two experimental conditions that utilizes the underlying correlation structure of the data to determine feature-feature interactions.

## Primary Components

The main workflow contains the following functions:

1. `createDNEAobject`
2. `BICtune`
3. `stabilitySelection`
4. `getNetworks`
5. `clusterNet`
6. `runNetGSA`

A more descriptive workflow can be viewed in the package vignette. This can be accessed by running `vignette("DNEA")` in the console.

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**See Also**

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/Karnovsky-Lab/DNEA>
- Report bugs at <https://github.com/Karnovsky-Lab/DNEA/issues>

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addExpressionData

*Include custom normalized data in the DNEA object*

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**Description**

This function allows the user to input custom-normalized data into the [DNEA](#) object for use in DNEA analysis.

**Usage**

```
addExpressionData(object, dat, assay_name)
```

**Arguments**

|            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| object     | A <a href="#">DNEA</a> object.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| dat        | A list of $m \times n$ numeric matrices of custom-normalized expression data, one matrix for each experimental condition. The list elements should be labeled for their respective condition. These should match the labels returned by <a href="#">networkGroups</a> . |
| assay_name | A character string corresponding to the name the new data will be stored under in the assays slot of the <a href="#">DNEA</a> .                                                                                                                                         |

**Value**

A [DNEA](#) object with the added expression data in the @assays slot

**Author(s)**

Christopher Patsalis

**See Also**

[createDNEAobject](#), [DNEA](#),



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|                |                                                                             |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| adjacencyGraph | <i>Retrieve the adjacency graph for the case, control, or joint network</i> |
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### Description

The function returns the adjacency graph made for the case, control, or joint network constructed via consensus clustering using [clusterNet](#).

### Usage

```
adjacencyGraph(x, graph)

## S4 method for signature 'DNEA'
adjacencyGraph(x, graph)

## S4 method for signature 'consensusClusteringResults'
adjacencyGraph(x, graph)
```

### Arguments

|       |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x     | A <a href="#">DNEA</a>                                                                                                                                                                                |
| graph | A character string indicating which of the adjacency graphs to return. Values can be "joint_graph" for the whole graph object, or one of the group values returned by <a href="#">networkGroups</a> . |

### Value

An [igraph](#) graph object corresponding to the specified adjacency graph.

### Author(s)

Christopher Patsalis

### See Also

[clusterNet](#)

### Examples

```
#dnw is a \code{\link{DNEA}} object with the results
#generated for the example data accessed by running
#data(TEDDY) in the console. The workflow for this data
#can be found in the vignette accessed by running
#browseVignettes("DNEA") in the console.
data("dnw")

adjacencyGraph(dnw, graph="DM:case")
```

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|                 |                                                             |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| adjacencyMatrix | <i>Retrieve the weighted or unweighted adjacency matrix</i> |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|

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## Description

The function takes as input a [DNEA](#) object and returns the weighted or un-weighted adjacency matrix for each group network constructed via the [getNetworks](#) function.

## Usage

```
adjacencyMatrix(x, weighted)

## S4 method for signature 'DNEA'
adjacencyMatrix(x, weighted = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

|          |                                                                                            |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x        | A <a href="#">DNEA</a> object.                                                             |
| weighted | TRUE/FALSE indicating whether the weighted unweighted adjacency matrix should be returned. |

## Value

A matrix corresponding to the adjacency matrix specified.

## Author(s)

Christopher Patsalis

## See Also

[getNetworks](#)

## Examples

```
#dnw is a \code{\link{DNEA}} object with the results
#generated for the example data accessed by running
#data(TEDDY) in the console. The workflow for this data
#can be found in the vignette accessed by running
#browseVignettes("DNEA") in the console.
data("dnw")

adjacencyMatrix(dnw, weighted=TRUE)
```

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|                   |                                                                  |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| aggregateFeatures | <i>Aggregate correlated features into a single feature class</i> |
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## Description

This function takes as input a [DNEA](#) object and aggregates highly correlated features within the non-normalized, non-transformed data using one of three methods:

1. **correlation-based**
2. **knowledge-based**
3. **hybrid**

More info about the different approaches can be found in the *Details* section below. Highly correlated groups of features are aggregated by taking the mean expression of all features in the group, respectively.

**NOTE:** This method was developed using non-normalized, non-transformed data. Since the mean expression value is used for each group, normalized data may alter erroneously alter the aggregated expression values

## Usage

```
aggregateFeatures(
  object,
  method = c("correlation", "knowledge", "hybrid"),
  correlation_threshold = NULL,
  feature_groups = NULL,
  assay = "input_data"
)
```

## Arguments

|                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| object                | A <a href="#">DNEA</a> object.                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| method                | A character string that dictates the collapsing method to use. The available methods are: "correlation", "knowledge", or "hybrid".                                                                                    |
| correlation_threshold | A threshold wherein features correlated above the supplied value are aggregated into one feature class. This parameter is only necessary for the correlation and hybrid methods.                                      |
| feature_groups        | A data frame containing group information for the algorithm indicated by the "knowledge" and "hybrid" methods.                                                                                                        |
| assay                 | A character string indicating which expression assay to use for analysis. The default is the non-transformed input data that is stored as the "input_data" assay. It is highly recommended that this setting is used. |

## Details

Due to the computational complexity of the DNEA algorithm, the processing time for a given data set increases dramatically as the number of features increases. The ability to process each replicate performed in [stabilitySelection](#) in parallel helps circumvent this issue, however, an analysis may still be constrained by the resources available (i.e. a limited number of cpu cores or memory). Aggregating related features into a single feature class is another method by which the user can reduce the complexity of the analysis, and as a result decrease the necessary resources.

In a related scenario, you may also have many highly-correlated features of the same class of compounds (i.e. fatty acids, carnitines, etc.), and network analysis at the resolution of these individual features is not important. Aggregating features would decrease the computing time without losing critical information to the analysis (Please see the *Details* section of [createDNEAObject](#) for more information about the motivation behind aggregating highly correlated features).

Ultimately, this function allows the user to reduce the complexity of the data set and reduce the computational power necessary for the analysis and/or improve the quality of the results. The most appropriate method to use when aggregating data is dependent on the data set and prior information known about the features. The following text explains more about each method and the best use cases:

1. **correlation-based** - The user specifies a correlation threshold wherein features with a higher pearson correlation value than the threshold are aggregated into one group. This approach is useful when the user does not have any particular class definitions for the features.
2. **knowledge-based** - The user specifies feature classes based on *a priori* information (i.e. all of the carnitine's in a data set are specified as one class) and the features within a class are aggregated into one feature. This approach is best in experiments where the data set contains many highly similar compounds, like fatty acids, carnitines, ceramides, etc.
3. **hybrid** - The user specifies both a correlation threshold like in the correlation-based approach and feature classes based on *a priori* information similar to the knowledge-based approach. The features within each user-specified class that have a higher pearson correlation than the provided threshold are aggregated into one class. This approach is best in experiments where the data set contains many compounds of a similar class, but the user is unsure how correlated the features of said class will be. This method prevents poorly correlated or uncorrelated features from being aggregated into a single feature.

## Value

A collapsed\_DNEA object.

## Author(s)

Christopher Patsalis

## See Also

[createDNEAObject](#), [stabilitySelection](#)

## Examples

```
#load example data
data(TEDDY)
data(T1Dmeta)
```

```

#make sure metadata and expression data are in same order
T1Dmeta <- T1Dmeta[colnames(TEDDY),]

#create group labels
group_labels <- T1Dmeta$group
names(group_labels) <- rownames(T1Dmeta)

#initiate DNEA object
dnw <- createDNEAobject(project_name = "test", expression_data = TEDDY,
                        group_labels = group_labels)

#simulate group labels
TEDDY_groups <- data.frame(features=rownames(expressionData(x=dnw,
                                                         assay="input_data")),
                           groups=rownames(expressionData(x=dnw,
                                                         assay="input_data")),
                           row.names=rownames(expressionData(x=dnw,
                                                         assay="input_data")))

TEDDY_groups$groups[TEDDY_groups$groups %in% c("isoleucine",
                                              "leucine",
                                              "valine")] <- "BCAAs"
TEDDY_groups$groups[grepl("acid", TEDDY_groups$groups)] <- "fatty_acids"

collapsed_TEDDY <- aggregateFeatures(object=dnw,
                                    method="hybrid",
                                    correlation_threshold=0.7,
                                    feature_groups=TEDDY_groups)

```

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BICscores

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*Access the BIC scores for each lambda value evaluated*


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## Description

The function takes as input a [DNEA](#) object and returns the BIC values for each lambda tested during hyper parameter optimization performed via [BICtune](#).

## Usage

```

BICscores(x)

BICscores(x) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'DNEA'
BICscores(x)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'DNEA'
BICscores(x) <- value

```

**Arguments**

|       |                                                                                                 |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x     | A <a href="#">DNEA</a> object.                                                                  |
| value | a list of two lists that consist of the likelihood and BIC scores for each tested lambda value. |

**Value**

The optimized lambda hyperparameter.

**Author(s)**

Christopher Patsalis

**See Also**

[BICtune](#)

**Examples**

```
#dnw is a DNEA with the results generated for the example data
#accessed by running data(TEDDY) in the console. The workflow
#for this data can be found in the vignette accessed by
#running browseVignettes("DNEA") in the console.
data(dnw)

BICscores(dnw)
```

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BICtune

*Optimize the lambda regularization parameter for the glasso-based network models using Bayesian-information Criterion*

---

**Description**

This function will calculate the Bayesian information criterion (BIC) and likelihood for a range of lambda values that are automatically generated (*please see **Details** for more info*) or that are user-specified. The lambda value with the minimum BIC score is the optimal lambda value for the data set and is stored in the DNEA object for use in stability selection using [stabilitySelection](#).

**Usage**

```
BICtune(
  object,
  lambda_values,
  interval = 0.001,
  informed = TRUE,
  assay,
  eps_threshold = 1e-06,
  eta_value = 0.1,
  BPPARAM = bpparam(),
  BPOPTIONS = bpoptions()
)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'DNEA'
BICtune(
  object,
  lambda_values,
  interval = 0.001,
  informed = TRUE,
  assay,
  eps_threshold = 1e-06,
  eta_value = 0.1,
  BPPARAM = bpparam(),
  BPOPTIONS = bpoptions()
)

## S4 method for signature 'matrix'
BICtune(
  object,
  lambda_values,
  interval = 0.001,
  informed = TRUE,
  eps_threshold = 1e-06,
  eta_value = 0.1,
  BPPARAM = bpparam(),
  BPOPTIONS = bpoptions()
)
```

## Arguments

|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| object        | A <a href="#">DNEA</a> object. See <a href="#">createDNEAobject</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| lambda_values | <b>OPTIONAL</b> - A list of values to test while optimizing the lambda parameter. If not provided, a set of lambda values are chosen based on the theoretical value for the asymptotically valid lambda. More information about this can be found in the details section. |
| interval      | A numeric value indicating the specificity by which to optimize lambda. The default value is 1e-3, which indicates lambda will be optimized to 3 decimal places. The value should be between 0 and 0.1.                                                                   |
| informed      | TRUE/FALSE indicating whether the asymptotic properties of lambda for large data sets should be utilized to tune the parameter. This reduces the necessary number of computations for optimization.                                                                       |
| assay         | A character string indicating which expression assay to use for analysis. The default is the "log_scaled_data" assay that is created during <a href="#">createDNEAobject</a> .                                                                                            |
| eps_threshold | A significance cut-off for thresholding network edges. The default value is 1e-06. This value generally should not change.                                                                                                                                                |
| eta_value     | A tuning parameter that ensures that the empirical covariance matrix of the data is positive definite so that we can calculate its inverse. The default value is 0.01.                                                                                                    |
| BPPARAM       | A <a href="#">BiocParallel</a> object.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| BPOPTIONS     | a list of options for BiocParallel created using the <a href="#">bpoptions</a> function.                                                                                                                                                                                  |

## Details

There are several ways to optimize the lambda parameter for a glasso model - We utilize Bayesian-information criterion (BIC) to optimize the lambda parameter in DNEA because it is a more balanced method and less computationally expensive. We can reduce the total number of values that need to be tested in optimization by carefully selecting values around the asymptotically valid lambda for data sets with many samples and many features following the equation:

$$\lambda = \sqrt{\ln(\text{num.features})/\text{num.samples}}$$

For smaller data sets, the asymptotically valid lambda is described by modifying the previous equation to include an unknown constant, *c*, that needs to be determined mathematically. Therefore, to optimize lambda we modify the previous equation as follows:

$$\lambda = c\sqrt{\ln(\text{num.features})/\text{num.samples}}$$

where *c* takes on values between 0 and the theoretical maximum of *C* in intervals of 0.02. *C* is then estimated and a new range is tested to the specificity of the "interval" input. More information regarding the optimization method deployed here can be found in the Guo et al. (2011) paper referenced below.

## Value

A [DNEA](#) object containing the BIC and likelihood scores for every lambda value tested, as well as the optimized lambda value

## Author(s)

Christopher Patsalis

## References

Guo J, Levina E, Michailidis G, Zhu J. Joint estimation of multiple graphical models. *Biometrika*. 2011 Mar;98(1):1-15. doi: 10.1093/biomet/asq060. Epub 2011 Feb 9. PMID: 23049124; PMCID: PMC3412604. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3412604/>

## See Also

[optimizedLambda](#), [bpparam](#), [bpoptions](#) [glasso](#)

## Examples

```
#import BiocParallel package
library(BiocParallel)

#load example data
data(TEDDY)
data(T1Dmeta)

#make sure metadata and expression data are in same order
TEDDY <- TEDDY[seq(50), ]
T1Dmeta <- T1Dmeta[colnames(TEDDY),]

#create group labels
group_labels <- T1Dmeta$group
```

```

names(group_labels) <- rownames(T1Dmeta)

#initiate DNEA object
dnw <- createDNEAobject(project_name = "test", expression_data = TEDDY,
                        group_labels = group_labels)

#optimize lambda parameter
dnw <- BICTune(object=dnw,
              informed=TRUE,
              interval=0.01)

```

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CCsummary

*Retrieves the summary results of consensus clustering*


---

## Description

The function takes as input a [DNEA](#) object and returns a summary of the results of consensus clustering stored in the `consensus_clustering` slot as a [consensusClusteringResults](#) object.

## Usage

```

CCsummary(x)

## S4 method for signature 'DNEA'
CCsummary(x)

```

## Arguments

`x`                      A [DNEA](#) object.

## Value

A data frame summary of the consensus clustering results from DNEA.

## Author(s)

Christopher Patsalis

## See Also

[clusterNet](#)

## Examples

```

#dnw is a \code{\link{DNEA}} object with the results
#generated for the example data accessed by running
#data(TEDDY) in the console. The workflow for this data
#can be found in the vignette accessed by running
#browseVignettes("DNEA") in the console.
data("dnw")

CCsummary(dnw)

```

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|            |                                                                                                        |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| clusterNet | <i>Identify metabolic modules within the biological networks using a consensus clustering approach</i> |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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## Description

This function clusters the jointly estimated adjacency matrices constructed using [getNetworks](#) via the consensus clustering approach described in Ma et al. (*Please see the **Details** section for more information*) to identify metabolic modules, aka sub networks, present in the larger networks. Only sub networks with consensus that meets or exceeds tau are identified as real.

## Usage

```
clusterNet(object, tau = 0.5, max_iterations = 5, verbose = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

|                |                                                                                                       |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| object         | A <a href="#">DNEA</a> object.                                                                        |
| tau            | The % agreement among the clustering algorithms for a node to be included in a sub network.           |
| max_iterations | The maximum number of replicates of consensus clustering to be performed if consensus is not reached. |
| verbose        | TRUE/FALSE whether a progress bar should be displayed in the console.                                 |

## Details

Seven clustering algorithms from the [igraph](#) package are utilized in this consensus clustering approach:

1. [cluster\\_edge\\_betweenness](#)
2. [cluster\\_fast\\_greedy](#)
3. [cluster\\_infomap](#)
4. [cluster\\_label\\_prop](#)
5. [cluster\\_louvain](#)
6. [cluster\\_walktrap](#)
7. [cluster\\_leading\\_eigen](#)

For each iteration, node membership in a respective cluster is compared across the algorithms, and only the nodes with tau % agreement for a given cluster are kept. A new adjacency graph is then created and clustering is performed again. This occurs iteratively until consensus on is reached stable sub networks or the specified "max\_iterations" is reached (*Please see references for more details*).

## Value

A [DNEA](#) object containing sub network determinations for the nodes within the input network. A summary of the consensus clustering results can be viewed using [CCsummary](#). Sub network membership for each node can be found in the "membership" column of the node list, which can be accessed using [nodeList](#).

**Author(s)**

Christopher Patsalis

**References**

Ma J, Karnovsky A, Afshinnia F, Wigginton J, Rader DJ, Natarajan L, Sharma K, Porter AC, Rahman M, He J, Hamm L, Shafi T, Gipson D, Gadegbeku C, Feldman H, Michailidis G, Pen-nathur S. Differential network enrichment analysis reveals novel lipid pathways in chronic kidney disease. *Bioinformatics*. 2019 Sep 15;35(18):3441-3452. doi: 10.1093/bioinformatics/btz114. PMID: 30887029; PMCID: PMC6748777. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6748777/>

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

```
#dnw is a \code{\link[=DNEA-class]{DNEA}} object with the results
#generated for the example data accessed by running
#data(TEDDY) in the console. The workflow for this data
#can be found in the vignette accessed by running
#browseVignettes("DNEA") in the console.
data(dnw)

#identify metabolic modules via consensus clustering
dnw <- clusterNet(object=dnw, tau=0.5, max_iterations=5)

#we can also plot the subnetworks
plotNetworks(object=dnw, type="sub_networks", subtype=1)
```

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collapsed\_DNEA-class    *collapsed\_DNEA*

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**Description**

An s4 class to represent the DNEA workflow, including collapsing features. This class inherits from the [DNEA](#) class.

**Value**

A collapsed\_DNEA object

**Slots**

**original\_experiment** The [DNEA](#) object input to [aggregateFeatures](#).  
**feature\_membership** A data frame containing all of the features from the original input data and their corresponding group membership in the new aggregated data.

**Author(s)**

Christopher Patsalis

**See Also**

[aggregateFeatures](#), [createDNEAobject](#)

**Examples**

```
#load example data
data(TEDDY)
data(T1Dmeta)

#make sure metadata and expression data are in same order
T1Dmeta <- T1Dmeta[colnames(TEDDY),]

#create group labels
group_labels <- T1Dmeta$group
names(group_labels) <- rownames(T1Dmeta)

#initiate DNEA object
dnw <- createDNEAobject(project_name = "test", expression_data = TEDDY,
                        group_labels = group_labels)

#simulate group labels
TEDDY_groups <- data.frame(features=rownames(expressionData(x=dnw,
                                                         assay="input_data")),
                           groups=rownames(expressionData(x=dnw,
                                                         assay="input_data")),
                           row.names=rownames(expressionData(x=dnw,
                                                         assay="input_data")))

TEDDY_groups$groups[TEDDY_groups$groups %in% c("isoleucine",
                                              "leucine",
                                              "valine")] <- "BCAAs"
TEDDY_groups$groups[grepl("acid", TEDDY_groups$groups)] <- "fatty_acids"

collapsed_TEDDY <- aggregateFeatures(object=dnw,
                                    method="hybrid",
                                    correlation_threshold=0.7,
                                    feature_groups=TEDDY_groups)
```

---

consensusClusteringResults-class

*consensusClusteringResults*

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**Description**

An s4 class to represent the results from consensus clustering within DNEA

**Value**

A consensusClusteringResults object

**Slots**

**summary** a data frame containing the sub networks as rows and summary information as columns. The columns include: number\_of\_nodes, number\_of\_edges, number\_of\_DE\_nodes, and number\_of\_DE\_edges.

**subnetwork\_membership** A data frame with the same number of rows as features in the data, and a column indicating which sub network a given feature belongs to, if any.

**adjacency\_graph** The resulting adjacency graph from [igraph](#) created after consensus clustering.

**Author(s)**

Christopher Patsalis

**See Also**

[clusterNet](#)

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|                  |                                 |
|------------------|---------------------------------|
| createDNEAobject | <i>Initialize a DNEA object</i> |
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**Description**

This function takes as input a matrix of non-normalized, non-transformed expression data and the case/control group labels in order to initiate a DNEA object. Differential expression analysis is performed using a student's T-test and Benjamini-Hochberg for multiple-testing corrections. Diagnostic testing is done on the input data by checking the minimum eigen value and condition number of the expression data for each experimental condition. To initialize a *DNEA* from a [SummarizedExperiment-class](#), or a `mass_dataset`-class from the `massdataset` package, please see the [sumExp2DNEA](#) and [massDataset2DNEA](#) documentation, respectively.

**IMPORTANT::**

Special attention should be given to the diagnostic criteria that is output. The minimum eigen value and condition number are calculated for the whole data set as well as for each condition to determine mathematic stability of the data set and subsequent results from a GGM model. More information about interpretation can be found in the ***Details*** section below.

**Usage**

```
createDNEAobject(
  project_name,
  expression_data,
  scaled_expression_data,
  group_labels,
  assay
)
```

## Arguments

|                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| project_name           | A character string name for the experiment.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| expression_data        | A numeric $m \times n$ matrix or data frame of un-transformed, un-scaled expression data. The sample names should be column names and the feature names should be row names.                                                                        |
| scaled_expression_data | A list of numeric $m \times n$ matrices or data frames of transformed and/or scaled expression data. The sample names should be column names and the feature names should be row names. Each set of expression data should be approximately normal. |
| group_labels           | A factor vector of experimental group labels named with the corresponding sample name.                                                                                                                                                              |
| assay                  | A character string indicating which assay to use for diagnostics and differential expression analysis NOTE: The function always defaults to using log transformed data for differential expression analysis if provided.                            |

## Details

### Diagnostics Motivation:

Negative or zero eigenvalues in a data set can represent instability in that portion of the matrix, thereby invalidating parametric statistical methods and creating unreliable results. In this function, the minimum eigenvalue of the data set is calculated by first creating a pearson correlation matrix of the data. Instability may then occur for a number of reasons, but one common cause is highly correlated features (in the positive and negative direction).

Regularization often takes care of this problem by arbitrarily selecting one of the variables in a highly correlated group and removing the rest. We have developed DNEA to be very robust in situations where  $p \gg n$  by optimizing the model via several regularization steps (*please see [BICtune](#) and [stabilitySelection](#)*) that may handle such problems without intervention, however, the user can also pre-emptively collapse highly-correlated features into a single group via [aggregateFeatures](#).

### Benefits of Feature Aggregation:

When your dataset contains highly correlated features, we recommend aggregating features into related groups - such as highly-correlated features of a given class of molecules (ie. many fatty acids, carnitines, etc.) - because the user then has more control over which variables are included in the model. Without collapsing, the model regularization may result in one of the features within a class being included and some or all of the remaining features being removed. By collapsing first, you retain the signal from all of the features in the collapsed group and also have information pertaining to which features are highly correlated and will therefore have similar feature-feature associations.

## Value

A [DNEA](#) object.

## Author(s)

Christopher Patsalis

**See Also**

[BIctune](#), [stabilitySelection](#), [sumExp2DNEA](#), [massDataset2DNEA](#)

**Examples**

```
#import example data
data(TEDDY)
data(T1Dmeta)

#create group labels
group_labels <- factor(T1Dmeta$group,
                      levels=c("DM:control", "DM:case"))
names(group_labels) <- rownames(T1Dmeta)

#initiate DNEA object
DNEA <- createDNEAobject(expression_data=TEDDY,
                        project_name="TEDDYmetabolomics",
                        group_labels=group_labels)
```

---

datasetSummary

*Access the dataset\_summary slot of a DNEA object*

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**Description**

This function prints to console the number of samples, number of features, and diagnostic values of the input data stored in the `dataset_summary` slot of the [DNEA](#).

**Usage**

```
datasetSummary(x)

## S4 method for signature 'DNEA'
datasetSummary(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    A [DNEA](#) object.

**Value**

The numbers of samples/features and diagnostic values of the input data stored in the `dataset_summary` slot of the [DNEA](#).

**Author(s)**

Christopher Patsalis

**See Also**

[createDNEAobject](#), [aggregateFeatures](#)

**Examples**

```
#load example data
data(TEDDY)
data(T1Dmeta)

#make sure metadata and expression data are in same order
T1Dmeta <- T1Dmeta[colnames(TEDDY),]

#create group labels
group_labels <- T1Dmeta$group
names(group_labels) <- rownames(T1Dmeta)

#initiate DNEA object
dnw <- createDNEAobject(project_name = "test", expression_data = TEDDY,
                        group_labels = group_labels)

datasetSummary(dnw)
```

---

diagnostics

*Retrieve the diagnostic values for the input expression data*


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**Description**

This function retrieves the diagnostic values calculated for the input expression data by the [createDNEAobject](#) function.

**Usage**

```
diagnostics(x)

## S4 method for signature 'DNEA'
diagnostics(x)

## S4 method for signature 'DNEAinputSummary'
diagnostics(x)
```

**Arguments**

x [DNEA](#) or [DNEAinputSummary](#) object.

**Value**

Returns the diagnostic values for the input expression data.

**Author(s)**

Christopher Patsalis

**See Also**

[createDNEAobject](#), [aggregateFeatures](#)

## Examples

```
#load example data
data(TEDDY)
data(T1Dmeta)

#make sure metadata and expression data are in same order
T1Dmeta <- T1Dmeta[colnames(TEDDY),]

#create group labels
group_labels <- T1Dmeta$group
names(group_labels) <- rownames(T1Dmeta)

#initiate DNEA object
dnw <- createDNEAobject(project_name = "test", expression_data = TEDDY,
                        group_labels = group_labels)

diagnostics(dnw)
```

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|            |                    |
|------------|--------------------|
| DNEA-class | <i>DNEA object</i> |
|------------|--------------------|

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## Description

An s4 class to represent the DNEA workflow

## Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DNEA'
show(object)
```

## Arguments

object            A [DNEA](#) object.

## Value

A DNEA object

A summary of the information stored in a [DNEA](#) object.

## Functions

- `show(DNEA)`: This function will display a summary of the information stored within a [DNEA](#) object.

## Slots

`project_name` A character string name for the experiment.

`assays` A list of matrices, "input\_data" being the original non-normalized, non-transformed data, "log\_input\_data" is the input data log transformed, and "log-scaled\_input" is the input data log-transformed and auto-scaled. The row names between the input assays must be identical (the expression data can be accessed via the [expressionData](#) function). Any other assay input into the DNEA object can be accessed by supplying its name to the assay parameter.



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DNEAinputSummary-class

*DNEAinputSummary*

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### Description

An s4 class to represent the results from diagnostic testing on the input data to a [DNEA](#).

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'DNEAinputSummary'  
show(object)
```

### Arguments

object            A DNEAinputSummary object

### Value

A DNEAinputSummary object

A summary of the input data to [createDNEAobject](#).

### Functions

- `show(DNEAinputSummary)`: This function will display the number of samples, number of features, and diagnostics values of the input data set to a [DNEA](#) object.

### Slots

`num_samples` a single-value numeric vector corresponding to the number of samples in the data set.

`num_features` a single-value numeric vector corresponding to the number of features in the data set

`diagnostic_values` a 3x3 data frame with the diagnostic values calculated via [createDNEAobject](#).

### Author(s)

Christopher Patsalis

### See Also

[createDNEAobject](#)

[createDNEAobject](#), [aggregateFeatures](#)

## Examples

```
#load example data
data(TEDDY)
data(T1Dmeta)

#make sure metadata and expression data are in same order
T1Dmeta <- T1Dmeta[colnames(TEDDY),]

#create group labels
group_labels <- T1Dmeta$group
names(group_labels) <- rownames(T1Dmeta)

#initiate DNEA object
dnw <- createDNEAObject(project_name = "test", expression_data = TEDDY,
                        group_labels = group_labels)

datasetSummary(dnw)
```

---

dnw

*Example results for DNEA*


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## Description

"dnw" is a DNEA object containing the results for the full DNEA workflow on the [TEDDY](#) example data. The exact workflow to produce these results can be replicated by following the package vignette accessed by entering `browseVignettes("DNEA")` in the console. 1000 replicates were performed during stability selection *with* the subsampling protocol. The lambda value used during joint estimation was approximated as

$$\lambda = \sqrt{\ln(\text{num.features})/\text{num.samples}}$$

## Usage

```
data("dnw")
```

## Format

A DNEA results object after completing a DNEA experiment.

## Value

A [DNEA](#) object containing the results of a DNEA experiment.

## Source

The data the results of the full DNEA workflow performed using the [TEDDY](#) example data, as described above.

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|----------|-----------------------------|
| edgeList | <i>Access the edge list</i> |
|----------|-----------------------------|

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### Description

The function takes as input a [DNEA](#) object and returns the edge list created by the [getNetworks](#) function.

### Usage

```
edgeList(x)

edgeList(x) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'DNEA'
edgeList(x)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'DNEA'
edgeList(x) <- value
```

### Arguments

|       |                                       |
|-------|---------------------------------------|
| x     | a <a href="#">DNEA</a> object.        |
| value | a data frame of edges in the network. |

### Value

A data frame corresponding to the edge list determined by DNEA.

### Author(s)

Christopher Patsalis

### See Also

[getNetworks](#), [filterNetworks](#), [getNetworkFiles](#)

### Examples

```
#dnw is a \code{\link{DNEA}} object with the results
#generated for the example data accessed by running
#data(TEDDY) in the console. The workflow for this data
#can be found in the vignette accessed by running
#browseVignettes("DNEA") in the console.
data("dnw")

edgeList(dnw)
```

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|                |                                                     |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| expressionData | <i>Access expression data within a DNEA object,</i> |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|

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## Description

This function accesses the expression data stored in the assays slot of the [DNEA](#) object. The output is an  $n \times m$  matrix with one row for each sample and one column for each feature in the data.

## Usage

```
expressionData(x, assay)

## S4 method for signature 'DNEA'
expressionData(x, assay = names(assays(x)))
```

## Arguments

|       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x     | A <a href="#">DNEA</a> object.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| assay | A character string corresponding to the data to retrieve: "input_data" retrieves the data as it was input, "log_input_data" retrieves the input data after log transforming, and "log_scaled_data" retrieves a list of matrices corresponding to the log-scaled data for each experimental condition, respectively. Any other externally transformed data that is stored in the DNEA object can be accessed by providing its name to the assay parameter. |

## Value

The expression matrix specified by the user.

## Author(s)

Christopher Patsalis

## See Also

[createdNEAobject](#), [aggregateFeatures](#)

## Examples

```
#load example data
data(TEDDY)
data(T1Dmeta)

#make sure metadata and expression data are in same order
T1Dmeta <- T1Dmeta[colnames(TEDDY),]

#create group labels
group_labels <- T1Dmeta$group
names(group_labels) <- rownames(T1Dmeta)

#initiate DNEA object
dnw <- createdNEAobject(project_name = "test", expression_data = TEDDY,
                        group_labels = group_labels)
```

```
expressionData(x=dnw, assay="input_data")
expressionData(x=dnw, assay="log_input_data")
expressionData(x=dnw, assay="log_scaled_data")
```

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|              |                                                           |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| featureNames | <i>Retrieve the feature names from the metadata slot.</i> |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|

---

## Description

This function accesses the feature names stored in the metadata slot of the [DNEA](#) object.

## Usage

```
featureNames(x, original = FALSE)
```

```
## S4 method for signature 'DNEA'
featureNames(x, original = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x        | A <a href="#">DNEA</a> object.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| original | "TRUE" returns the original feature names and "FALSE" returns the feature names that have been modified to avoid errors as a result of special characters using <a href="#">make_clean_names</a> . |

## Value

A character vector of feature names.

## Author(s)

Christopher Patsalis

## See Also

[createDNEAobject](#)

## Examples

```
#load example data
data(TEDDY)
data(T1Dmeta)

#make sure metadata and expression data are in same order
T1Dmeta <- T1Dmeta[colnames(TEDDY),]

#create group labels
group_labels <- T1Dmeta$group
names(group_labels) <- rownames(T1Dmeta)

#initiate DNEA object
dnw <- createDNEAobject(project_name = "test", expression_data = TEDDY,
```

```

        group_labels = group_labels)

featureNames(dnw, original=TRUE)

```

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|                |                                                                                        |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| filterNetworks | <i>Filter the adjacency matrices to only the edges that meet the filter conditions</i> |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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## Description

This function takes as input a [DNEA](#) object and allows the user to filter the network edges by one of two methods:

1. **Partial Correlation** - The networks can be filtered to only include edges greater than or equal to a specified partial correlation (pcor) value.
2. **Top X% of edges** - The networks can be filtered to only include the strongest X% of edges determined by their partial correlation values.

Filtering is performed on the case and control adjacency matrices separately.

## Usage

```

filterNetworks(data, pcor, top_percent_edges)

## S4 method for signature 'DNEA'
filterNetworks(data, pcor, top_percent_edges)

## S4 method for signature 'list'
filterNetworks(data, pcor, top_percent_edges)

```

## Arguments

|                   |                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| data              | A <a href="#">DNEA</a> object.                                                                                                                                                            |
| pcor              | A partial correlation value of which to threshold the adjacency matrices. Edges with pcor values <= to this value will be removed.                                                        |
| top_percent_edges | A value between 0-1 that corresponds to the top x% edges to keep in each network, respectively (i.e. top_percent_edges = 0.1 will keep only the top 10% strongest edges in the networks). |

## Value

The input object after filtering the edges in the network according to the specified parameters.

## Author(s)

Christopher Patsalis

## See Also

[getNetworks](#), [adjacencyMatrix](#)

## Examples

```
#dnw is a \code{\link[=DNEA-class]{DNEA}} object with the results
#generated for the example data accessed by running
#data(TEDDY) in the console. The workflow for this data
#can be found in the vignette accessed by running
#browseVignettes("DNEA") in the console.
data(dnw)

#filter the networks by a correlation threshold of 0.166
dnw <- filterNetworks(dnw, pcor=0.166)

#filter networks for the top 40% strongest correlations
dnw <- filterNetworks(dnw, top_percent_edges=0.4)
```

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|                 |                                               |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| getNetworkFiles | <i>Save network information to .csv files</i> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------|

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## Description

This function will save the node and edge information as .csv files to the specified directory. The files are already formatted for input into Cytoscape.

## Usage

```
getNetworkFiles(object, file_path = getwd())
```

## Arguments

|           |                                                                                                                      |
|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| object    | A <a href="#">DNEA</a> object.                                                                                       |
| file_path | The file path to save the node and edge lists to. If <b>NULL</b> , the files will be saved to the working directory. |

## Value

Two .csv files, one for the node list and one for the edge list, saved to the specified file path

## Author(s)

Christopher Patsalis

## See Also

[edgeList](#), [nodeList](#)

## Examples

```
#dnw is a \code{\link[=DNEA-class]{DNEA}} object with the results
#generated for the example data accessed by running
#data(TEDDY) in the console. The workflow for this data
#can be found in the vignette accessed by running
#browseVignettes("DNEA") in the console.
data(dnw)

#filepath wherein to save the networks files
filepath <- tempdir()
#save node and edge list for input to cytoscape
getNetworkFiles(dnw, file_path=filepath)
```

getNetworks

*Construct the GLASSO-based biological Networks*

## Description

This function constructs a biological network for each experimental condition using the joint estimation method described in Ma et al. (2019) (*please see references below*). If [stabilitySelection](#) was performed previously, the selection probabilities will be used to for model optimization when constructing the networks (please see the *Details* section of [stabilitySelection](#) for more information).

## Usage

```
getNetworks(
  object,
  lambda_values,
  aprox = FALSE,
  informed = TRUE,
  interval = 0.001,
  assay,
  eps_threshold = 1e-06,
  eta_value = 0.1,
  optimal_lambdas,
  BPPARAM = bpparam(),
  BPOPTIONS = bpoptions()
)
```

## Arguments

|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| object        | A <a href="#">DNEA</a> object.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| lambda_values | <b>OPTIONAL</b> A list of values to test while optimizing the lambda parameter. If not provided, a set of lambda values are chosen based on the theoretical value for the asymptotically valid lambda. More information about this can be found in the details section of <a href="#">BICtune</a> . |
| aprox         | TRUE/FALSE indicating whether <a href="#">BICtune</a> should be used to optimize the lambda value for each condition. If aprox==FALSE, $\sqrt{\log(\# \text{ features})/\# \text{ samples}}$ is used to approximate lambda.                                                                         |

|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| informed        | TRUE/FALSE indicating whether the asymptotic properties of lambda for large data sets should be utilized to tune the parameter. This reduces the necessary number of computations for optimization.                               |
| interval        | A numeric value indicating the specificity by which to optimize lambda. The default value is 1e-3, which indicates lambda will be optimized to 3 decimal places. The value should be between 0 and 0.1.                           |
| assay           | A character string indicating which expression assay to use for analysis. The default is the "log_scaled_data" assay that is created during <a href="#">createDNEAobject</a> .                                                    |
| eps_threshold   | A numeric value between 0 and 1 by which to threshold the partial correlation values for edge identification. Edges with an absolute partial correlation value below this threshold will be zero'd out from the adjacency matrix. |
| eta_value       | A tuning parameter that ensures that the empirical covariance matrix of the data is positive definite so that we can calculate its inverse. The default value is 0.01.                                                            |
| optimal_lambdas | <b>OPTIONAL</b> - The lambda value to be used in analysis. If not provided, the lambda value is determined based on the input of the "aprox" parameter.                                                                           |
| BPPARAM         | A <a href="#">BiocParallel</a> object.                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| BPOPTIONS       | a list of options for BiocParallel created using the <a href="#">bpoptions</a> function.                                                                                                                                          |

### Value

A [DNEA](#) object after populating the `adjacency_matrix` and `edge_list` slots with the corresponding `adjacency_matrix` for each sample condition as well as the network edge list.

### Author(s)

Christopher Patsalis

### References

Ma J, Karnovsky A, Afshinnia F, Wigginton J, Rader DJ, Natarajan L, Sharma K, Porter AC, Rahman M, He J, Hamm L, Shafi T, Gipson D, Gadegbeku C, Feldman H, Michailidis G, Pen-nathur S. Differential network enrichment analysis reveals novel lipid pathways in chronic kidney disease. *Bioinformatics*. 2019 Sep 15;35(18):3441-3452. doi: 10.1093/bioinformatics/btz114. PMID: 30887029; PMCID: PMC6748777. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6748777/>

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### See Also

[edgeList](#), [adjacencyMatrix](#)

### Examples

```
#dnw is a \code{\link[=DNEA-class]{DNEA}} object with the results
#generated for the example data accessed by running
#data(TEDDY) in the console. The workflow for this data
#can be found in the vignette accessed by running
```

```
#browseVignettes("DNEA") in the console.
data(dnw)

#construct the networks
dnw <- getNetworks(object=dnw, aprox = TRUE)

#now we can plot the group networks
plotNetworks(object=dnw, type="group_networks")
```

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|                 |                                                   |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| includeMetadata | <i>Add additional metadata to the DNEA object</i> |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------|

---

## Description

This function will take additional metadata and add it to the specified data frame in the metadata slot. **NOTE:** The row names of the new metadata must match the order of the input sample names or feature names, respectively.

## Usage

```
includeMetadata(object, type = c("samples", "features"), metadata)
```

## Arguments

|          |                                                                                                                         |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| object   | A <a href="#">DNEA</a> object.                                                                                          |
| type     | A character string corresponding to the type of metadata being included. Can be either "samples" or "features"          |
| metadata | a data frame containing metadata to add. The row names should be either the sample names or feature names, respectively |

## Value

A [DNEA](#) object with the specified additions.

## Author(s)

Christopher Patsalis

## See Also

[featureNames](#), [sampleNames](#), [metaData](#)

## Examples

```
#load example data
data(TEDDY)
data(T1Dmeta)

#make sure metadata and expression data are in same order
T1Dmeta <- T1Dmeta[colnames(TEDDY),]

#create group labels
```

```

group_labels <- T1Dmeta$group
names(group_labels) <- rownames(T1Dmeta)

#initiate DNEA object
dnw <- createDNEAobject(project_name = "test", expression_data = TEDDY,
                        group_labels = group_labels)

#make sure metadata has same sample order as DNEA object
T1Dmeta <- T1Dmeta[sampleNames(dnw), ]

#add new metadata to DNEA object
dnw <- includeMetadata(object=dnw, type="samples", metadata=T1Dmeta)

```

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lambdas2Test

---

*Access the lambda values tested during hyper parameter optimization*


---

## Description

The function takes as input a [DNEA](#) object and returns the lambda values that were testing during hyper parameter optimization performed via [BICtune](#).

## Usage

```

lambdas2Test(x)

## S4 method for signature 'DNEA'
lambdas2Test(x)

```

## Arguments

x                    A [DNEA](#) or [collapsed\\_DNEA](#) object.

## Value

The lambda values to evaluate in optimization.

## Author(s)

Christopher Patsalis

## See Also

[BICtune](#)

## Examples

```

#load example data
data(TEDDY)
data(T1Dmeta)

#make sure metadata and expression data are in same order
T1Dmeta <- T1Dmeta[colnames(TEDDY),]

```

```
#create group labels
group_labels <- T1Dmeta$group
names(group_labels) <- rownames(T1Dmeta)

#initiate DNEA object
dnw <- createDNEAobject(project_name = "test", expression_data = TEDDY,
                        group_labels = group_labels)

lambdas2Test(dnw)
```

---

massDataset2DNEA

Initialize a DNEA object from a mass\_dataset object

---

## Description

This function takes as input a mass\_dataset-class object from the massdataset package to initiate a [DNEA](#) object. Differential expression analysis is performed using a student's T-test and Benjamini-Hochberg for multiple-testing corrections. Diagnostic testing is done on the input data by checking the minimum eigen value and condition number of the expression data for each experimental condition. **NOTE: the massdataset package from the tidymass software suite must be installed to use this function. Please see <https://massdataset.tidymass.org/> for more installation instructions**

### IMPORTANT::

Special attention should be given to the diagnostic criteria that is output. The minimum eigen value and condition number are calculated for the whole data set as well as for each condition to determine mathematic stability of the data set and subsequent results from a GGM model. More information about interpretation can be found in the *Details* section below.

## Usage

```
massDataset2DNEA(project_name, object, group_label_col, scaled_input = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

|                 |                                                                                                                                     |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| project_name    | A character string name for the experiment.                                                                                         |
| object          | a mass_dataset object.                                                                                                              |
| group_label_col | A character string corresponding to the column in the sample metadata stored in the mass_dataset object to use as the group labels. |
| scaled_input    | A TRUE/FALSE indicating whether the input data is already normalized                                                                |

## Details

### Diagnostics Motivation:

Negative or zero eigenvalues in a data set can represent instability in that portion of the matrix, thereby invalidating parametric statistical methods and creating unreliable results. In this function, the minimum eigenvalue of the data set is calculated by first creating a pearson correlation matrix of the data. Instability may then occur for a number of reasons, but one common cause is highly correlated features (in the positive and negative direction).

Regularization often takes care of this problem by arbitrarily selecting one of the variables in a highly correlated group and removing the rest. We have developed DNEA to be very robust in situations where  $p \gg n$  by optimizing the model via several regularization steps (*please see [BICtune](#) and [stabilitySelection](#)*) that may handle such problems without intervention, however, the user can also pre-emptively collapse highly-correlated features into a single group via [aggregateFeatures](#).

### Benefits of Feature Aggregation:

When your dataset contains highly correlated features, we recommend aggregating features into related groups - such as highly-correlated features of a given class of molecules (ie. many fatty acids, carnitines, etc.) - because the user then has more control over which variables are included in the model. Without collapsing, the model regularization may result in one of the features within a class being included and some or all of the remaining features being removed. By collapsing first, you retain the signal from all of the features in the collapsed group and also have information pertaining to which features are highly correlated and will therefore have similar feature-feature associations.

### Value

A [DNEA](#) object.

### Author(s)

Christopher Patsalis

### See Also

[BICtune](#), [stabilitySelection](#), [createDNEAobject](#)

### Examples

```
#load data
data(TEDDY)
data(T1Dmeta)
data(metab_data)

#make sure metadata and expression data are in same order
T1Dmeta <- T1Dmeta[colnames(TEDDY),]
T1Dmeta <- T1Dmeta[, c(6,7,7)]
colnames(T1Dmeta) <- c("sample_id", "group", "class")

metab_data <- metab_data[rownames(TEDDY), ]

sample_info_note = data.frame(name = c("sample_id", "group", "class"),
                              meaning = c("sample", "group", "class"))
variable_info_note = data.frame(name = c("variable_id", "mz", "rt"),
                                meaning = c("variable_id", "mz", "rt"))

if (require(massdataset)) {
  #create mass_dataset object from TEDDY
  object <- massdataset::create_mass_dataset(expression_data = data.frame(TEDDY),
                                             sample_info = T1Dmeta,
                                             variable_info = metab_data,
                                             sample_info_note = sample_info_note,
                                             variable_info_note = variable_info_note)
```

```
DNEA <- massDataset2DNEA(project_name = "mass_dataset",
                          object = object,
                          group_label_col = "group")
}
```

metab\_data

*Feature meta data for the The Environmental Determinants of Diabetes in the Young (TEDDY) clinical trial*

## Description

This is a data frame containing metadata for the metabolites in the corresponding [TEDDY](#) example data from "The Environmental Determinants of Diabetes in the Young" clinical trial.

## Usage

```
data("metab_data")
```

## Format

A data frame with 134 rows and 3 columns. Each row corresponds to a metabolite, and each column corresponds to:

**variable\_id** The metabolite name

**mz** The mass/charge ratio for a given metabolite

**rt** The retention time for a given metabolite

## Value

A data frame containing the metabolite metadata for the TEDDY metabolomics study

## Source

The raw data can be downloaded from the Metabolomics workbench under study ID **ST001386**: <https://www.metabolomicsworkbench.org/data/DRCCStudySummary.php?Mode=SetupRawDataDownload&StudyID=ST001386>

## References

Lee HS, Burkhardt BR, McLeod W, Smith S, Eberhard C, Lynch K, Hadley D, Rewers M, Simell O, She JX, Hagopian B, Lernmark A, Akolkar B, Ziegler AG, Krischer JP; TEDDY study group. Biomarker discovery study design for type 1 diabetes in The Environmental Determinants of Diabetes in the Young (TEDDY) study. *Diabetes Metab Res Rev*. 2014 Jul;30(5):424-34. doi: 10.1002/dmrr.2510. PMID: 24339168; PMCID: PMC4058423. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4058423/>

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|          |                                           |
|----------|-------------------------------------------|
| metaData | <i>Retrieve metadata stored in a DNEA</i> |
|----------|-------------------------------------------|

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### Description

This function retrieves the specified metadata stored in the metadata slot of the [DNEA](#) object.

### Usage

```
metaData(x, type)

## S4 method for signature 'DNEA'
metaData(x, type = c("samples", "features"))
```

### Arguments

|      |                                                                                             |
|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x    | A <a href="#">DNEA</a> object.                                                              |
| type | A character string indicating the type of metadata to access. Can be "sample" or "feature". |

### Value

A data frame of the indicated metadata

### Author(s)

Christopher Patsalis

### See Also

[includeMetadata](#)  
[createDNEAobject](#), [includeMetadata](#)  
[includeMetadata](#)

### Examples

```
#load example data
data(TEDDY)
data(T1Dmeta)

#make sure metadata and expression data are in same order
T1Dmeta <- T1Dmeta[colnames(TEDDY),]

#create group labels
group_labels <- T1Dmeta$group
names(group_labels) <- rownames(T1Dmeta)

#initiate DNEA
dnw <- createDNEAobject(project_name = "test", expression_data = TEDDY,
                        group_labels = group_labels)

metaData(dnw, type = "sample")
```

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|               |                                                |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------|
| netGSAresults | <i>Access the netGSA slot of a DNEA object</i> |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------|

---

## Description

The function takes as input a [DNEA](#) object and returns a summary of the enrichment analysis results stored in the netGSA slot.

## Usage

```
netGSAresults(x)

## S4 method for signature 'DNEA'
netGSAresults(x)
```

## Arguments

x                      A [DNEA](#) object.

## Value

A data frame of the results from [runNetGSA](#).

## Author(s)

Christopher Patsalis

## See Also

[runNetGSA](#), [netgsa::NetGSA\(\)](#)

## Examples

```
#dnw is a \code{\link{DNEA}} object with the results
#generated for the example data accessed by running
#data(TEDDY) in the console. The workflow for this data
#can be found in the vignette accessed by running
#browseVignettes("DNEA") in the console.
data("dnw")

netGSAresults(dnw)
```

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|                 |                                                     |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| networkGroupIDs | <i>Access and set the experimental group labels</i> |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

This function accesses the experimental group labels for each sample stored in the metadata slot of a [DNEA](#) object.

**Usage**

```
networkGroupIDs(x)

networkGroupIDs(x) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'DNEA'
networkGroupIDs(x)
```

**Arguments**

|       |                                                                                           |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x     | A <a href="#">DNEA</a> object.                                                            |
| value | a character string name corresponding to a column name of the sample metadata data frame. |

**Value**

A vector of the unique condition labels.

**Author(s)**

Christopher Patsalis

**See Also**

[includeMetadata](#)

**Examples**

```
#load example data
data(TEDDY)
data(T1Dmeta)

#make sure metadata and expression data are in same order
T1Dmeta <- T1Dmeta[colnames(TEDDY),]

#create group labels
group_labels <- T1Dmeta$group
names(group_labels) <- rownames(T1Dmeta)

#initiate DNEA object
dnw <- createDNEAobject(project_name = "test", expression_data = TEDDY,
                        group_labels = group_labels)

networkGroupIDs(dnw)
```

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`networkGroups`*Retrieve the unique group values of the experimental condition*

---

### Description

This function takes in a [DNEA](#) object and returns the unique group labels of the experimental condition in the data set.

### Usage

```
networkGroups(x)

## S4 method for signature 'DNEA'
networkGroups(x)
```

### Arguments

`x`                      A [DNEA](#) or [collapsed\\_DNEA](#)

### Value

A vector of the condition values.

### Author(s)

Christopher Patsalis

### See Also

[networkGroupIDs](#), [createDNEAobject](#)

### Examples

```
#load example data
data(TEDDY)
data(T1Dmeta)

#make sure metadata and expression data are in same order
T1Dmeta <- T1Dmeta[colnames(TEDDY),]

#create group labels
group_labels <- T1Dmeta$group
names(group_labels) <- rownames(T1Dmeta)

#initiate DNEA object
dnw <- createDNEAobject(project_name = "test", expression_data = TEDDY,
                        group_labels = group_labels)

networkGroups(dnw)
```

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|          |                             |
|----------|-----------------------------|
| nodeList | <i>Access the node list</i> |
|----------|-----------------------------|

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### Description

The function takes as input a [DNEA](#) object and returns the node list created from the [createdDNEAobject](#) function.

### Usage

```
nodeList(x)

nodeList(x) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'DNEA'
nodeList(x)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'DNEA'
nodeList(x) <- value
```

### Arguments

|       |                                       |
|-------|---------------------------------------|
| x     | a <a href="#">DNEA</a> object.        |
| value | a data frame of nodes in the network. |

### Value

A data frame corresponding to the node list determined by DNEA.

### Author(s)

Christopher Patsalis

### See Also

[createdDNEAobject](#), [clusterNet](#), [getNetworkFiles](#)

### Examples

```
#load example data
data(TEDDY)
data(T1Dmeta)

#make sure metadata and expression data are in same order
T1Dmeta <- T1Dmeta[colnames(TEDDY),]

#create group labels
group_labels <- T1Dmeta$group
names(group_labels) <- rownames(T1Dmeta)

#initiate DNEA object
dnw <- createdDNEAobject(project_name = "test", expression_data = TEDDY,
                          group_labels = group_labels)
```

```
nodeList(dnw)
```

---

```
numFeatures
```

```
Retrieve the total number of features in the dataset
```

---

## Description

This function prints to console the total number of features in the data set

## Usage

```
numFeatures(x)

## S4 method for signature 'DNEA'
numFeatures(x)

## S4 method for signature 'DNEAinputSummary'
numFeatures(x)
```

## Arguments

x                      A [DNEA](#) object.

## Value

The number of features in the data set.

## Author(s)

Christopher Patsalis

## See Also

[createDNEAobject](#)

## Examples

```
#load example data
data(TEDDY)
data(T1Dmeta)

#make sure metadata and expression data are in same order
T1Dmeta <- T1Dmeta[colnames(TEDDY),]

#create group labels
group_labels <- T1Dmeta$group
names(group_labels) <- rownames(T1Dmeta)

#initiate DNEA object
dnw <- createDNEAobject(project_name = "test", expression_data = TEDDY,
                        group_labels = group_labels)

numFeatures(dnw)
```

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|            |                                                             |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| numSamples | <i>Retrieves the total number of samples in the dataset</i> |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|

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### Description

This function prints to console the total number of samples in the data set.

### Usage

```
numSamples(x)

## S4 method for signature 'DNEA'
numSamples(x)

## S4 method for signature 'DNEAinputSummary'
numSamples(x)
```

### Arguments

x                    A [DNEA](#) object.

### Value

The number of samples in the data set.

### Author(s)

Christopher Patsalis

### See Also

[createdNEAobject](#)

### Examples

```
#load example data
data(TEDDY)
data(T1Dmeta)

#make sure metadata and expression data are in same order
T1Dmeta <- T1Dmeta[colnames(TEDDY),]

#create group labels
group_labels <- T1Dmeta$group
names(group_labels) <- rownames(T1Dmeta)

#initiate DNEA object
dnw <- createdNEAobject(project_name = "test", expression_data = TEDDY,
                        group_labels = group_labels)

numSamples(dnw)
```

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|                 |                                                 |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| optimizedLambda | <i>Access the lambda value used in analysis</i> |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------|

---

## Description

The function takes as input a [DNEA](#) object and returns the hyper parameter (lambda) that is currently being used for the analysis. The user may also provide a single-value numeric vector to change the lambda value for analysis.

## Usage

```
optimizedLambda(x)

optimizedLambda(x) <- value

## S4 method for signature 'DNEA'
optimizedLambda(x)

## S4 replacement method for signature 'DNEA'
optimizedLambda(x) <- value
```

## Arguments

|       |                                                                                     |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x     | A <a href="#">DNEA</a> object.                                                      |
| value | a single-value numeric vector corresponding to the lambda value to use in analysis. |

## Value

The optimized lambda hyperparameter.

## Author(s)

Christopher Patsalis

## See Also

[BICtune](#)

## Examples

```
#load example data
data(TEDDY)
data(T1Dmeta)

#make sure metadata and expression data are in same order
T1Dmeta <- T1Dmeta[colnames(TEDDY),]

#create group labels
group_labels <- T1Dmeta$group
names(group_labels) <- rownames(T1Dmeta)
```

```
#initiate DNEA object
dnw <- createDNEAobject(project_name = "test", expression_data = TEDDY,
                        group_labels = group_labels)

optimizedLambda(dnw) <- 0.15
optimizedLambda(dnw)
```

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plotNetworks

Visualize the biological networks

---

## Description

This function plots the total network, condition networks, or sub networks as specified by the user. Purple nodes are differential features, green indicates edges specific to group 1, and red indicates edges specific to group 2.

## Usage

```
plotNetworks(
  object,
  type = c("group_networks", "sub_networks"),
  subtype = "All",
  layout_func,
  main = "",
  node_size = 15,
  edge_width = 1,
  label_size = 1,
  label_font = 1
)
```

## Arguments

|             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| object      | A <a href="#">DNEA</a> object.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| type        | There are two possible arguments to <b>type</b> : " <i>group_networks</i> " specifies the whole network or condition networks. " <i>sub_networks</i> " specifies that one of the sub networks should be plotted. <i>Additional input via the <b>subtype</b> parameter is required.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| subtype     | There are several possible arguments to <b>subtype</b> . If <i>type</i> == " <i>group_networks</i> ", <b>subtype</b> can be " <i>All</i> " to plot the whole network (ie. both conditions in the data returned by <a href="#">networkGroups</a> ), or one of the condition network names to plot the network corresponding to that condition. If <i>type</i> == " <i>sub_networks</i> ", <b>subtype</b> should be a single-value numeric vector corresponding to the sub network to plot. |
| layout_func | The layout in which to plot the specified network. Please see <a href="#">plot.igraph</a> for more information.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| main        | A character string to use as the plot title.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| node_size   | The size of the nodes in the plot. The default is 15. Please see <i>vertex.size</i> parameter in <a href="#">tkplot</a> for more details.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| edge_width  | The width of the edges in the plot. The default is 1. Please see <i>width</i> parameter in <a href="#">tkplot</a> for more details.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

- `label_size` The size of the node labels in the plot. The default is 1. Please see *label.size* in [tkplot](#) for more details.
- `label_font` Specifies the font type to use in the plot. 1 is normal font, 2 is bold-type, 3 is italic-type, 4 is bold- and italic-type. Please see the *label.font* parameter in [plot.igraph](#) for more details.

**Value**

A plot of the specified network

**Author(s)**

Christopher Patsalis

**See Also**

[getNetworks](#), [clusterNet](#), [networkGroups](#)

**Examples**

```
#dnw is a \code{\link[=DNEA-class]{DNEA}} object with the results
#generated for the example data accessed by running
#data(TEDDY) in the console. The workflow for this data
#can be found in the vignette accessed by running
#browseVignettes("DNEA") in the console.
data(dnw)

#plot the networks
plotNetworks(object=dnw, type="group_networks", subtype="All")
plotNetworks(object=dnw, type="sub_networks", subtype=1)
```

---

projectName

*Return the name of the current experiment*

---

**Description**

This function returns the name of the DNEA experiment.

**Usage**

```
projectName(x)

## S4 method for signature 'DNEA'
projectName(x)
```

**Arguments**

`x` A [DNEA](#) object.

**Value**

The name of the DNEA experiment.

**Author(s)**

Christopher Patsalis

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

```
#load example data
data(TEDDY)
data(T1Dmeta)

#make sure metadata and expression data are in same order
T1Dmeta <- T1Dmeta[colnames(TEDDY),]

#create group labels
group_labels <- T1Dmeta$group
names(group_labels) <- rownames(T1Dmeta)

#initiate DNEA object
dnw <- createdNEAobject(project_name = "test", expression_data = TEDDY,
                        group_labels = group_labels)

projectName(dnw)
```

runNetGSA

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*Identify metabolic modules that are enriched across experimental conditions using NetGSA*


---

**Description**

This function performs pathway enrichment analysis on the metabolic modules identified via [clusterNet](#) using the `netgsa::NetGSA()` algorithm.

**Usage**

```
runNetGSA(object, min_size = 5, assay, pathways)
```

**Arguments**

|          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| object   | A <a href="#">DNEA</a> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| min_size | The minimum size of a given metabolic module for to be tested for enrichment across the experimental condition.                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| assay    | A character string indicating which expression assay to use for analysis. The default is the "log_input-data" assay that is created during <a href="#">createdNEAobject</a> .                                                                                                                                                               |
| pathways | An adjacency matrix indicating feature inclusion for a given pathway. Features should be columns (with corresponding column names) and pathways should be rows (with corresponding row names). 1 indicates a feature is included in a given pathway and 0 indicates that it is not. Please see <a href="#">NetGSA</a> for more information. |

**Value**

A [DNEA](#) object after populating the @netGSA slot. A summary of the NetGSA results can be viewed using [netGSAresults](#).

**Author(s)**

Christopher Patsalis

**References**

Hellstern M, Ma J, Yue K, Shojaie A. netgsa: Fast computation and interactive visualization for topology-based pathway enrichment analysis. PLoS Comput Biol. 2021 Jun 11;17(6):e1008979. doi: 10.1371/journal.pcbi.1008979. PMID: 34115744; PMCID: PMC8221786 <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/34115744/>

**See Also**

[netGSAresults](#) [clusterNet](#) [NetGSA](#)

**Examples**

```
#dnw is a \code{\link{DNEA-class}}{DNEA} object with the results
#generated for the example data accessed by running
#data(TEDDY) in the console. The workflow for this data
#can be found in the vignette accessed by running
#browseVignettes("DNEA") in the console.
data(dnw)

#perform pathway enrichment analysis using netGSA
dnw <- runNetGSA(object=dnw, min_size=5)

#view the results
netGSAresults(dnw)
```

---

sampleNames

---

*Retrieve the sample names from the metadata slot.*


---

**Description**

This function accesses the sample names stored in the metadata slot of the [DNEA](#) object.

**Usage**

```
sampleNames(x, original = FALSE)

## S4 method for signature 'DNEA'
sampleNames(x, original = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

`x` A [DNEA](#) object.

`original` "TRUE" returns the original sample names and "FALSE" returns the sample names that have been modified to avoid errors as a result of special characters using [make\\_clean\\_names](#).

**Value**

A character vector of sample names.

**Author(s)**

Christopher Patsalis

**See Also**

[createdNEAobject](#)

**Examples**

```
#load example data
data(TEDDY)
data(T1Dmeta)

#make sure metadata and expression data are in same order
T1Dmeta <- T1Dmeta[colnames(TEDDY),]

#create group labels
group_labels <- T1Dmeta$group
names(group_labels) <- rownames(T1Dmeta)

#initiate DNEA object
dnw <- createdNEAobject(project_name = "test", expression_data = TEDDY,
                        group_labels = group_labels)

sampleNames(dnw)
```

---

selectionProbabilities

*Access and set the edge selection probabilities from stabilitySelection()*

---

**Description**

The function takes as input a [DNEA](#) object and returns an  $m \times n$  matrix of selection probabilities for every possible network edge calculated during [stabilitySelection](#).

**Usage**

```
selectionProbabilities(x)

## S4 method for signature 'DNEA'
selectionProbabilities(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                      A [DNEA](#) object.

**Value**

A [DNEA](#) object after filling the selection\_probabilities section of the stable\_networks slot.

**Author(s)**

Christopher Patsalis

**See Also**

[stabilitySelection](#), [selectionResults](#)

**Examples**

```
#dnw is a \code{\link{DNEA}} object with the results generated
#for the example data accessed by running data(TEDDY) in the
#console. The workflow for this data can be found in the
#vignette accessed by running browseVignettes("DNEA")
#in the console.
data("dnw")

selectionProbabilities(dnw)
```

---

|                  |                                                                            |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| selectionResults | <i>Access and set the edge selection results from stabilitySelection()</i> |
|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|

---

**Description**

The function takes as input a [DNEA](#) object and returns an  $m \times n$  matrix of selection results for every possible network edge calculated during [stabilitySelection](#).

**Usage**

```
selectionResults(x)

## S4 method for signature 'DNEA'
selectionResults(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                      A [DNEA](#) object.

**Value**

A [DNEA](#) object after filling the selection\_results section of the stable\_networks slot.

**Author(s)**

Christopher Patsalis

**See Also**

[stabilitySelection](#), [selectionProbabilities](#)

**Examples**

```
#dnw is a DNEA with the results generated for the example data
#accessed by running data(TEDDY) in the console. The workflow
#for this data can be found in the vignette accessed by
#running browseVignettes("DNEA") in the console.
data(dnw)

selectionResults(dnw)
```

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|                    |                                                                                                                                    |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| stabilitySelection | <i>Stability selection calculates selection probabilities for every possible feature-feature interaction within the input data</i> |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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**Description**

This function randomly samples the input data and fits a glasso model with the sampled data for **nreps** number of replicates. The resulting adjacency matrices are summed together and selection probabilities for each feature-feature interaction are calculated. Stability selection is particularly useful for smaller data sets. A large number of replicates should be performed (the default is 1000). The exact method deployed varies slightly whether or not additional sub-sampling of the data is performed. More information can be found in the *Details* section.

**Usage**

```
stabilitySelection(
  object,
  subSample = FALSE,
  nreps = 500,
  optimal_lambda,
  assay,
  BPPARAM = bpparam(),
  BPOPTIONS = bpoptions()
)
```

**Arguments**

|                |                                                                                                                                                                                |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| object         | A <a href="#">DNEA</a> object.                                                                                                                                                 |
| subSample      | TRUE/FALSE indicating whether the number of samples are unevenly split by condition and subsampling should be performed when randomly sampling to even out the groups.         |
| nreps          | The total number of replicates to perform in stability selection. The default is 1000.                                                                                         |
| optimal_lambda | <b>OPTIONAL</b> - The optimal lambda value to be used in the model. This parameter is only necessary if <a href="#">BICtune</a> is not performed prior.                        |
| assay          | A character string indicating which expression assay to use for analysis. The default is the "log_scaled_data" assay that is created during <a href="#">createDNEAobject</a> . |
| BPPARAM        | a BiocParallel object.                                                                                                                                                         |
| BPOPTIONS      | a list of options for BiocParallel created using the <a href="#">bpoptions</a> function.                                                                                       |

## Details

Stability selection provides an additional approach by which to regularize the network model and create more robust results, particularly when  $p \gg n$ . Stability selection works by randomly sampling (without replacement) the input data many times and fitting a glasso model to each subset of sampled data. The unweighted adjacency matrix from each model is summed together (A feature-feature interaction is considered present if the partial correlation value is above  $1e-5$ ), and the probability of an edge being selected in a random subset of the data is calculated by dividing the number of times an edge was selected in the replicates over the total number of replicates. This results in a selection probability for every possible feature-feature interaction that is used to modify the regularization parameter via the following equation:

$$\rho = \lambda * (1 / (0.0001 + selection.probability))$$

However, when the sample groups are very unbalanced, randomly sampling strongly favors the larger group, resulting in over representation. In order to combat this, setting `subSample=TRUE` modifies the random sample by sub-sampling the experimental groups to even out the sample numbers. In this method, 90% of the smaller group is randomly sampled without replacement, and an additional 10% is randomly sampled without replacement from the entire group to preserve the variance. The larger group is randomly sampled to have 1.3 times the number of samples present in the smaller group. This method ensures that each group is equally represented in stability selection.

The principles of stability selection remain similar with both methods, however, there are a few small differences. Stability selection *without* additional sub-sampling randomly samples 50% of each group (without replacement) and fits a model for both halves of the sampled data. Since nearly all of the data for the smaller group is used *with* additional sub-sampling, only one model is fit per replicate when `subSample=TRUE`. This means that at the default value of `nreps=500`, 1000 randomly sampled models are fit in total *without* sub-sampling, but 500 randomly sampled models are fit in total *with* sub-sampling. More details about the stability approach deployed in this function can be found in Ma et al. (2019) referenced below.

## Value

A `DNEA` object after populating the `stable_networks` slot of the object. It contains the selection results from stability selection as well as the calculated selection probabilities.

## Author(s)

Christopher Patsalis

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**See Also**

[selectionProbabilities](#), [selectionResults](#), [bpparam](#), [bpoptions glasso](#)

**Examples**

```
#import BiocParallel package
library(BiocParallel)

#load example data
data(TEDDY)
data(T1Dmeta)

#make sure metadata and expression data are in same order
TEDDY <- TEDDY[seq(50), ]
T1Dmeta <- T1Dmeta[colnames(TEDDY),]

#create group labels
group_labels <- T1Dmeta$group
names(group_labels) <- rownames(T1Dmeta)

#initiate DNEA object
dnw <- createDNEAobject(project_name = "test", expression_data = TEDDY,
                        group_labels = group_labels)

#optimize lambda parameter
dnw <- BICTune(object=dnw,
              informed=TRUE,
              interval=0.01)

# perform stability selection
dnw <- stabilitySelection(object=dnw,
                        subSample=FALSE,
                        nreps=4,
                        BPPARAM=bpparam())
```

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subnetworkMembership    *Retrieve the subnetwork membership for each feature*

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**Description**

The function takes as input a [DNEA](#) object and returns the results of consensus clustering determined via [clusterNet](#).

**Usage**

```
subnetworkMembership(x)

## S4 method for signature 'DNEA'
subnetworkMembership(x)

## S4 method for signature 'consensusClusteringResults'
subnetworkMembership(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                      A [DNEA](#) object.

**Value**

A data frame that corresponds to the results of consensus clustering.

**Author(s)**

Christopher Patsalis

**See Also**

[clusterNet](#)

**Examples**

```
#dnw is a \code{\link{DNEA}} object with the results
#generated for the example data accessed by running
#data(TEDDY) in the console. The workflow for this data
#can be found in the vignette accessed by running
#browseVignettes("DNEA") in the console.
data("dnw")

subnetworkMembership(dnw)
```

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sumExp2DNEA

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*Initialize a DNEA from SummarizedExperiment*


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**Description**

This function takes as input a [SummarizedExperiment-class](#) object non-transformed in order to initiate a [DNEA](#) object. Differential expression analysis is performed using a student's T-test and Benjamini-Hochberg for multiple-testing corrections. Diagnostic testing is done on the input data by checking the minimum eigen value and condition number of the expression data for each experimental condition.

**IMPORTANT::**

Special attention should be given to the diagnostic criteria that is output. The minimum eigen value and condition number are calculated for the whole data set as well as for each condition to determine mathematic stability of the data set and subsequent results from a GGM model. More information about interpretation can be found in the ***Details*** section below.

**Usage**

```
sumExp2DNEA(project_name, object, scaled_expression_assay, group_label_col)
```

## Arguments

|                         |                                                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| project_name            | A character string name for the experiment.                                                                                                                   |
| object                  | a SummarizedExperiment object object.                                                                                                                         |
| scaled_expression_assay | A character string corresponding to the assay in the summarizedExperiment object to use for analysis. Defaults to log-scaling the count data if not provided. |
| group_label_col         | A character string corresponding to the column in the sample metadata stored in the SummarizedExperiment object to use as the group labels.                   |

## Details

### Diagnostics Motivation:

Negative or zero eigenvalues in a data set can represent instability in that portion of the matrix, thereby invalidating parametric statistical methods and creating unreliable results. In this function, the minimum eigenvalue of the data set is calculated by first creating a pearson correlation matrix of the data. Instability may then occur for a number of reasons, but one common cause is highly correlated features (in the positive and negative direction).

Regularization often takes care of this problem by arbitrarily selecting one of the variables in a highly correlated group and removing the rest. We have developed DNEA to be very robust in situations where  $p \gg n$  by optimizing the model via several regularization steps (*please see* [BICtune](#) and [stabilitySelection](#)) that may handle such problems without intervention, however, the user can also pre-emptively collapse highly-correlated features into a single group via [aggregateFeatures](#).

### Benefits of Feature Aggregation:

When your dataset contains highly correlated features, we recommend aggregating features into related groups - such as highly-correlated features of a given class of molecules (ie. many fatty acids, carnitines, etc.) - because the user then has more control over which variables are included in the model. Without collapsing, the model regularization may result in one of the features within a class being included and some or all of the remaining features being removed. By collapsing first, you retain the signal from all of the features in the collapsed group and also have information pertaining to which features are highly correlated and will therefore have similar feature-feature associations.

## Value

A [DNEA](#) object.

## Author(s)

Christopher Patsalis

## See Also

[BICtune](#), [stabilitySelection](#), [createDNEAobject](#)

## Examples

```
#load example data from airway package
library(airway)
data(airway)

airway <- airway[1:50,]
airway <- airway[rowSums(SummarizedExperiment::assays(airway)$counts) > 5, ]
DNEA <- sumExp2DNEA(project_name = "airway",
                    object = airway,
                    group_label_col = "dex")
```

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|         |                                                                                                                |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| T1Dmeta | <i>Sample meta data for the The Environmental Determinants of Diabetes in the Young (TEDDY) clinical trial</i> |
|---------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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## Description

This is a data frame containing metadata for the samples in the corresponding [TEDDY](#) example data from "The Environmental Determinants of Diabetes in the Young" clinical trial.

## Usage

```
data("T1Dmeta")
```

## Format

A data frame with 322 rows and 7 columns. Each row corresponds to a sample, and each column corresponds to:

**subject** The individual patient

**Endpoint1** The age of the case subject in days when this sample was collected

**Endpoint2** The age of the control subject in days when this sample was collected

**Age** The age of the subject in days when this sample was collected

**Sex** The sex of the subject

**sample** The name of this sample

**group** A variable indicating whether or not this sample is part of the T1D case or T1D control group

## Value

A data frame containing the sample metadata for the TEDDY metabolomics study

## Source

The raw data can be downloaded from the Metabolomics workbench under study ID **ST001386**:

<https://www.metabolomicsworkbench.org/data/DRCCStudySummary.php?Mode=SetupRawDataDownload&StudyID=ST001386>

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TEDDY

*Example expression data set from The Environmental Determinants of Diabetes in the Young (TEDDY) clinical trial*

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## Description

This data is an  $m \times n$  expression matrix corresponding to a curated list of metabolites from "The Environmental Determinants of Diabetes in the Young" clinical trial. The data was downloaded from

## Usage

```
data("TEDDY")
```

## Format

A matrix with 134 rows and 322 columns. Each row corresponds to a unique metabolite, and each column corresponds to a sample

## Value

An  $m \times n$  expression matrix of metabolomics data from the TEDDY dataset

## Source

This data is available at the NIH Common Fund's National Metabolomics Data Repository (NMDR) website, [the Metabolomics Workbench](#), where it has been assigned Project ID [PR000950](#) and Study ID ST001386. The data can be accessed directly via it's Project DOI: [10.21228/M8WM4P](#). This work is supported by NIH grant, U2C- DK119886.

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