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Description dominoSignal is a package developed to analyze cell signaling through ligand - receptor transcription factor networks in scRNAseq data. It takes as input information transcriptomic data, requiring counts, z-scored counts, and cluster labels, as well as information on transcription factor activation (such as from SCENIC) and a database of ligand and receptor pairings (such as from CellPhoneDB). This package creates an object storing ligand - receptor - transcription factor linkages by cluster and provides several methods for exploring, summarizing, and visualizing the analysis.

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Description

This function adds a column to the internal rl 'map' used to map all receptor and receptor complexes to all ligand and ligand complexes.

Usage

```
add_rl_column(map, map_ref, conv, new_name)
```

Arguments

map RL signaling data frame.

map_ref Name of column to match new data to

conv Data frame matching current data in map to new data.

new_name Name of new column to be created in RL map

Value

An updated RL signaling data frame

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Examples

```
example(create_rl_map_cellphonedb, echo = FALSE)
lr_name <- data.frame("abbrev" = c("L", "R"), "full" = c("Ligand", "Receptor"))
rl_map_expanded <- add_rl_column(map = rl_map_tiny, map_ref = "type_A",
conv = lr_name, new_name = "type_A_full")</pre>
```

avg_exp_for_complexes Get average expression for complexes

Description

Get average expression for complexes

Usage

```
avg_exp_for_complexes(exp_mat, complexes_list)
```

Arguments

exp_mat A matrix(or dataframe) of genes x clusters, values are z-scores averaged over the clusters

complexes_list A list similar to dom@linkages\$complexes

Value

A list containing average expression for any complexes

build_domino

Calculate a signaling network for a domino object

Description

This function calculates a signaling network. It requires a domino object preprocessed from create_domino and returns a domino object prepared for plotting with the various plotting functions in this package.

Usage

```
build_domino(
   dom,
   max_tf_per_clust = 5,
   min_tf_pval = 0.01,
   max_rec_per_tf = 5,
   rec_tf_cor_threshold = 0.15,
   min_rec_percentage = 0.1
)
```

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Arguments

Maximum number of transcription factors called active in a cluster.

min_tf_pval Minimum p-value from differential feature score test to call a transcription factor active in a cluster.

max_rec_per_tf Maximum number of receptors to link to each transcription factor.

rec_tf_cor_threshold

Minimum Spearman correlation used to consider a receptor linked with a transcription factor. Increasing this will decrease the number of receptors linked to each transcription factor.

min_rec_percentage

Minimum percentage of cells in cluster expressing a receptor for the receptor to be linked to trancription factors in that cluster.

Value

A domino object with a signaling network built

Examples

```
example(create_domino, echo = FALSE)

#a relaxed example
pbmc_dom_built_tiny <- build_domino(
  dom = pbmc_dom_tiny, min_tf_pval = .05, max_tf_per_clust = Inf,
  max_rec_per_tf = Inf, rec_tf_cor_threshold = .1, min_rec_percentage = 0.01
)</pre>
```

CellPhoneDB

CellPhoneDB subset

Description

A list of four subsets of CellPhoneDB data.

Usage

```
data("CellPhoneDB")
```

Format

A list of:

```
genes_tiny A subset of CellPhoneDB gene_input.csv
proteins_tiny A subset of CellPhoneDB protein_input.csv
complexes_tiny A subset of CellPhoneDB complex_input.csv
interactions_tiny A subset of CellPhoneDB interaction_input.csv
```

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https://github.com/ventolab/cellphonedb-data/archive/refs/tags/v4.0.0.tar.gz

check_arg

Check input arguments

Description

Accepts an object and rules to check against; stops if requirements are not met

Usage

```
check_arg(
   arg,
   allow_class = NULL,
   allow_len = NULL,
   allow_range = NULL,
   allow_values = NULL,
   need_vars = c(NULL),
   need_colnames = FALSE,
   need_rownames = FALSE,
   need_names = FALSE
```

Arguments

```
the argument to check
arg
allow_class
                  vector of allowed classes
allow_len
                  vector of allowed lengths
allow_range
                  range of minimum and maximum values i.e. c(1, 5)
allow_values
                  vector of allowed values
need_vars
                  vector of required variables
need_colnames
                  vogical for whether colnames are required
need_rownames
                 logical for whether rownames are required
need_names
                 logical for whether names are required
```

Value

Logical indicating whether the argument meets the requirements

```
circos_ligand_receptor
```

Plot expression of a receptor's ligands by other cell types as a chord plot

Description

Creates a chord plot of expression of ligands that can activate a specified receptor where chord widths correspond to mean ligand expression by the cluster.

Usage

```
circos_ligand_receptor(
  dom,
  receptor,
  ligand_expression_threshold = 0.01,
  cell_idents = NULL,
  cell_colors = NULL
)
```

Arguments

dom	Domino object that has undergone network building with build_domino()	
receptor	Name of a receptor active in at least one cell type in the domino object	
ligand_expression_threshold		
	Minimum mean expression value of a ligand by a cell type for a chord to be rendered between the cell type and the receptor	
cell_idents	Vector of cell types from cluster assignments in the domino object to be included in the plot.	
cell_colors	Named vector of color names or hex codes where names correspond to the plotted cell types and the color values	

Value

Renders a circos plot to the active graphics device

```
example(build_domino, echo = FALSE)
#basic usage
circos_ligand_receptor(pbmc_dom_built_tiny, receptor = "CXCR3")
#specify colors
cols = c("red", "orange", "green")
names(cols) = dom_clusters(pbmc_dom_built_tiny)
circos_ligand_receptor(pbmc_dom_built_tiny, receptor = "CXCR3", cell_colors = cols)
```

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convert_genes

Use biomaRt to convert genes

Description

This function reads in a vector of genes and converts the genes to specified symbol type

Usage

```
convert_genes(
  genes,
  from = c("ENSMUSG", "ENSG", "MGI", "HGNC"),
  to = c("MGI", "HGNC"),
  host = "https://www.ensembl.org"
)
```

Arguments

genes Vector of genes to convert.

from Format of gene input (ENSMUSG, ENSG, MGI, or HGNC)

to Format of gene output (MGI or HGNC)

host Host to connect to. Defaults to https://www.ensembl.org following the useMart

default, but can be changed to archived hosts if useMart fails to connect.

Value

A data frame with input genes as column 1 and converted genes as column 2

conv_py_bools

Change cases of True/False syntax from Python to TRUE/FALSE R

syntax

Description

Change cases of True/False syntax from Python to TRUE/FALSE R syntax

Usage

```
conv_py_bools(obj)
```

Arguments

obj

object that will be converted

Value

The converted object

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cor_heatmap	Create a heatmap of correlation between receptors and transcription factors

Description

Creates a heatmap of correlation values between receptors and transcription factors either with boolean threshold or with continuous values displayed

Usage

```
cor_heatmap(
  dom,
  bool = FALSE,
  bool_thresh = 0.15,
  title = TRUE,
  feats = NULL,
  recs = NULL,
  mark_connections = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

dom	Domino object with network built (build_domino())	
bool	Boolean indicating whether the heatmap should be continuous or boolean. If boolean then bool_thresh will be used to determine how to define activity as positive or negative.	
bool_thresh	Numeric indicating the threshold separating 'on' or 'off' for feature activity if making a boolean heatmap.	
title	Either a string to use as the title or a boolean describing whether to include a title. In order to pass the 'main' parameter to ComplexHeatmap::Heatmap() you must set title to FALSE.	
feats	Either a vector of features to include in the heatmap or 'all' for all features. If left NULL then the features selected for the signaling network will be shown.	
recs	Either a vector of receptors to include in the heatmap or 'all' for all receptors. If left NULL then the receptors selected in the signaling network connected to the features plotted will be shown.	
mark_connections		
	Boolean indicating whether to add an 'x' in cells where there is a connected receptor or TF. Default FALSE.	
	Other parameters to pass to ComplexHeatmap::Heatmap(). Note that to use the 'main' parameter of ComplexHeatmap::Heatmap() you must set title = FALSE and to use 'annCol' or 'annColors' ann_cols must be FALSE.	

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Value

A heatmap rendered to the active graphics device

Examples

```
example(build_domino, echo = FALSE)
#basic usage
cor_heatmap(pbmc_dom_built_tiny, title = "PBMC R-TF Correlations")
#show correlations above a specific value
cor_heatmap(pbmc_dom_built_tiny, bool = TRUE, bool_thresh = 0.1)
#identify combinations that are connected
cor_heatmap(pbmc_dom_built_tiny, bool = FALSE, mark_connections = TRUE)
```

cor_scatter

Create a correlation plot between TF and receptor

Description

Create a correlation plot between transcription factor activation score and receptor expression

Usage

```
cor_scatter(dom, tf, rec, remove_rec_dropout = TRUE, ...)
```

Arguments

Value

A ggplot scatter plot rendered in the active graphics device

```
example(build_domino, echo = FALSE)
cor_scatter(pbmc_dom_built_tiny, "FLI1","CXCR3")
```

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count_linkage Count occurrences of linkages across multiple domino results from a linkage summary	count_linkage	
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Description

Count occurrences of linkages across multiple domino results from a linkage summary

Usage

```
count_linkage(
   linkage_summary,
   cluster,
   group.by = NULL,
   linkage = "rec_lig",
   subject_names = NULL
)
```

Arguments

linkage_summary		
	a linkage_summary() object	
cluster	the name of the cell cluster being compared across multiple domino results	
group.by	the name of the column in linkage_summary@subject_meta by which to group subjects for counting. If NULL, only total counts of linkages for linkages in the cluster across all subjects is given.	
linkage	a stored linkage from the domino object. Can compare any of 'tfs', 'rec', 'incoming_lig', 'tfs_rec', or 'rec_lig'	
subject_names	a vector of subject_names from the linkage_summary to be compared. If NULL, all subject_names in the linkage summary are included in counting.	

Value

A data frame with columns for the unique linkage features and the counts of how many times the linkage occured across the compared domino results. If group.by is used, counts of the linkages are also provided as columns named by the unique values of the group.by variable.

```
count_linkage(
  linkage_summary = mock_linkage_summary(), cluster = "C1",
  group.by = "group", linkage = "rec")
```

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create_domino

Create a domino object and prepare it for network construction

Description

This function reads in a receptor ligand signaling database, cell level features of some kind (ie. output from pySCENIC), z-scored single cell data, and cluster id for single cell data, calculates a correlation matrix between receptors and other features (this is transcription factor module scores if using pySCENIC), and finds features enriched by cluster. It will return a domino object prepared for build_domino(), which will calculate a signaling network.

Usage

```
create_domino(
  rl_map,
  features,
  counts = NULL,
  z_scores = NULL,
  clusters = NULL,
  use_clusters = TRUE,
  tf_targets = NULL,
  verbose = TRUE,
  use_complexes = TRUE,
  rec_min_thresh = 0.025,
  remove_rec_dropout = TRUE,
  tf_selection_method = "clusters",
  tf_variance_quantile = 0.5
)
```

Arguments

rl_map	Data frame where each row describes a receptor-ligand interaction with required columns gene_A & gene_B including the gene names for the receptor and ligand and type_A & type_B annotating if genes A and B are a ligand (L) or receptor (R)
features	Either a path to a csv containing cell level features of interest (ie. the auc matrix from pySCENIC) or named matrix with cells as columns and features as rows.
counts	Counts matrix for the data. This is only used to threshold receptors on dropout.
z_scores	Matrix containing z-scored expression data for all cells with cells as columns and features as rows.
clusters	Named factor containing cell cluster with names as cells.
use_clusters	Boolean indicating whether to use clusters.
tf_targets	Optional. A list where names are transcription factors and the stored values are character vectors of genes in the transcription factor's regulon.
verbose	Boolean indicating whether or not to print progress during computation.

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use_complexes

Boolean indicating whether you wish to use receptor/ligand complexes in the receptor ligand signaling database. If FALSE, receptor/ligand pairs where either functions as a protein complex will not be considered when constructing the signaling network.

rec_min_thresh Minimum expression level of receptors by cell. Default is 0.025 or 2.5 percent of all cells in the data set. This is important when calculating correlation to connect receptors to transcription activation. If this threshold is too low then correlation calculations will proceed with very few cells with non-zero expression.

remove_rec_dropout

Whether to remove receptors with 0 expression counts when calculating correlations. This can reduce false positive correlation calculations when receptors have high dropout rates.

tf_selection_method

Selection of which method to target transcription factors. If 'clusters' then differential expression for clusters will be calculated. If 'variable' then the most variable transcription factors will be selected. If 'all' then all transcription factors in the feature matrix will be used. Default is 'clusters'. Note that if you wish to use clusters for intercellular signaling downstream to MUST choose clusters.

tf_variance_quantile

What proportion of variable features to take if using variance to threshold features. Default is 0.5. Higher numbers will keep more features. Ignored if tf_selection_method is not 'variable'

Value

A domino object

```
example(create_rl_map_cellphonedb, echo = FALSE)
example(create_regulon_list_scenic, echo = FALSE)
data(SCENIC)
data(PBMC)
pbmc_dom_tiny <- create_domino(</pre>
rl_map = rl_map_tiny, features = SCENIC$auc_tiny,
counts = PBMC$RNA_count_tiny, z_scores = PBMC$RNA_zscore_tiny,
clusters = PBMC$clusters_tiny, tf_targets = regulon_list_tiny,
use_clusters = TRUE, use_complexes = TRUE, remove_rec_dropout = FALSE,
verbose = FALSE
)
pbmc_dom_tiny_no_clusters <- create_domino(</pre>
rl_map = rl_map_tiny, features = SCENIC$auc_tiny,
counts = PBMC$RNA_count_tiny, z_scores =PBMC$RNA_zscore_tiny,
clusters = PBMC$clusters_tiny, tf_targets = regulon_list_tiny,
use_clusters = FALSE, use_complexes = FALSE,
rec_min_thresh = 0.1, remove_rec_dropout = TRUE,
tf_selection_method = "all",
verbose = FALSE
```

)

```
create_regulon_list_scenic
```

Create a list of genes in regulons inferred by SCENIC

Description

Generates a list of transcription factors and the genes targeted by the transcription factor as part of their regulon inferred by pySCENIC

Usage

```
create_regulon_list_scenic(regulons)
```

Arguments

regulons

Data frame or file path to the table of the output of the ctx function from pySCENIC

Value

A list where names are transcription factors and the stored values are character vectors of genes in the inferred regulons

Examples

```
data(SCENIC)
regulon_list_tiny <- create_regulon_list_scenic(regulons = SCENIC$regulons_tiny)</pre>
```

```
create_rl_map_cellphonedb
```

Create a receptor - ligand map from a CellPhoneDB signaling database

Description

Generates a data frame of ligand-receptor interactions from a CellPhoneDB database annotating the genes encoding the interacting ligands and receptors to be queried in transcriptomic data.

Usage

```
create_rl_map_cellphonedb(
  genes,
  proteins,
  interactions,
  complexes = NULL,
  database_name = "CellPhoneDB",
  gene_conv = NULL,
  gene_conv_host = "https://www.ensembl.org",
  alternate_convert = FALSE,
  alternate_convert_table = NULL
)
```

Arguments

genes data frame or file path to table of gene names in uniprot, hgnc_symbol, or en-

sembl format in CellPhoneDB database format

proteins data frame or file path to table of protein features in CellPhoneDB format

interactions data frame or file path to table of protein-protein interactions in CellPhoneDB

format

complexes optional: data frame or file path to table of protein complexes in CellPhoneDB

format

database_name name of the database being used, stored in output

gene_conv a tuple of (from, to) or (source, target) if gene conversion to orthologs is desired;

options are ENSMUSG, ENSG, MGI, or HGNC

gene_conv_host host for conversion; default ensembl, could also use mirrors if desired

alternate_convert

boolean if you would like to use a non-ensembl method of conversion (must

supply table; not recommended, use only if ensembl is down)

alternate_convert_table

supplied table for non-ensembl method of conversion

Value

Data frame where each row describes a possible receptor-ligand interaction

```
data(CellPhoneDB)
rl_map_tiny <- create_rl_map_cellphonedb(genes = CellPhoneDB$genes_tiny,
proteins = CellPhoneDB$proteins_tiny,
interactions = CellPhoneDB$interactions_tiny,
complexes = CellPhoneDB$complexes_tiny)</pre>
```

dom_clusters

domino-class

The domino class

Description

The domino class contains all information necessary to calculate receptor-ligand signaling. It contains z-scored expression, cell cluster labels, feature values, and a referenced receptor-ligand database formatted as a receptor-ligand map. Calculated intermediate values are also stored.

Value

An instance of class domino

Slots

db_info List of data sets from ligand - receptor database

counts Raw count gene expression data

z_scores Matrix of z-scored expression data with cells as columns

clusters Named factor with cluster identity of each cell

features Matrix of features (TFs) to correlate receptor - ligand expression with. Cells are columns and features are rows.

cor Correlation matrix of receptor expression to features.

linkages List of lists containing info linking cluster->tf->rec->lig

clust_de Data frame containing differential expression results for features by cluster.

misc List of miscellaneous info pertaining to run parameters etc.

cl_signaling_matrices Incoming signaling matrix for each cluster

signaling Signaling matrix between all clusters.

dom_clusters

Access clusters

Description

A function to pull cluster information from a domino object

Usage

```
dom_clusters(dom, labels = FALSE)
```

Arguments

dom a domino object that has been created with create_domino()

labels a boolean for whether to return the cluster labels for each cell or the clusters

used for inferring communication

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Value

A vector containing either the names of the clusters used OR factors of the cluster label for each individual cell

Examples

```
example(build_domino, echo = FALSE)
cluster_names <- dom_clusters(pbmc_dom_built_tiny)
cell_cluster_label <- dom_clusters(pbmc_dom_built_tiny, labels = TRUE)</pre>
```

dom_correlations

Access correlations

Description

A function to pull receptor-transcription factor correlations from a domino object

Usage

```
dom_correlations(dom, type = "rl")
```

Arguments

dom a domino object that has been created with create_domino()

type either "rl" or "complex", to select between the receptor-ligand or complex cor-

relation matrix

Value

A matrix containing the correlation values for each receptor (row) by transcription factor (column)

```
example(build_domino, echo = FALSE)
cor_matrix <- dom_correlations(pbmc_dom_built_tiny, "rl")</pre>
```

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dom_counts

Access counts

Description

A function to pull gene expression from a domino object

Usage

```
dom_counts(dom)
```

Arguments

dom

a domino object that has been created with create_domino()

Value

A matrix containing the gene expression values for each gene (row) by cell (column)

Examples

```
example(build_domino, echo = FALSE)
counts <- dom_counts(pbmc_dom_built_tiny)</pre>
```

dom_database

Access database

Description

A function to pull database information from a domino object

Usage

```
dom_database(dom, name_only = TRUE)
```

Arguments

dom a domino object that has been created

name_only a boolean for whether to return only the name of the database used or the entire

database that is stored. Default TRUE.

Value

A vector of unique databases used in building the domino object OR a data frame that includes the database information used in the domino object creation

dom_de

Examples

```
example(build_domino, echo = FALSE)
database_name <- dom_database(pbmc_dom_built_tiny)
full_database <- dom_database(pbmc_dom_built_tiny, name_only = FALSE)</pre>
```

dom_de

Access differential expression

Description

A function to pull differential expression p-values from a domino object

Usage

```
dom_de(dom)
```

Arguments

dom

a domino object that has been created with create_domino()

Value

A matrix containing the p-values for differential expression of transcription factors (rows) in each cluster (columns)

Examples

```
example(build_domino, echo = FALSE)
de_mat <- dom_de(pbmc_dom_built_tiny)</pre>
```

dom_info

Access build information

Description

A function to pull the parameters used when running build_domino() from a domino object

Usage

```
dom_info(dom)
```

Arguments

dom

a domino object that has been created with create_domino()

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Value

A list containing booleans for whether the object has been created and built and a list of the build parameters that were used in build_domino() to infer the signaling network

Examples

```
example(build_domino, echo = FALSE)
build_details <- dom_info(pbmc_dom_built_tiny)</pre>
```

dom_linkages

Access linkages

Description

A function to pull linkages from a domino object

Usage

```
dom_linkages(
  dom,
  link_type = c("complexes", "receptor-ligand", "tf-target", "tf-receptor", "receptor",
        "incoming-ligand"),
  by_cluster = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

dom a domino object that has been created with create_domino()

link_type one value (out of "complexes", "receptor-ligand", "tf-target", "tf-receptor", "re-

ceptor", "incoming-ligand") used to select the desired type of linkage

by_cluster a boolean to indicate whether the linkages should be returned overall or by clus-

ter

Value

A list containing linkages between some combination of receptors, ligands, transcription factors, and clusters

```
example(build_domino, echo = FALSE)
complexes <- dom_linkages(pbmc_dom_built_tiny, "complexes")
tf_rec_by_cluster <- dom_linkages(pbmc_dom_built_tiny, "tf-receptor", TRUE)</pre>
```

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	Access all features, receptors, or ligands present in a signaling network.
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Description

This function collates all of the features, receptors, or ligands found in a signaling network anywhere in a list of clusters. This can be useful for comparing signaling networks across two separate conditions. In order to run this build_domino() must be run on the object previously.

Usage

```
dom_network_items(dom, clusters = NULL, return = NULL)
```

Arguments

dom	a domino object containing a signaling network (i.e. build_domino() was run)
clusters	vector indicating clusters to collate network items from. If left as NULL then all clusters will be included.
return	string indicating whether to collate "features", "receptors", or "ligands". If "all"

then a list of all three will be returned.

Value

A vector containing all features, receptors, or ligands in the data set or a list containing all three.

Examples

```
example(build_domino, echo = FALSE)
monocyte_receptors <- dom_network_items(pbmc_dom_built_tiny, "CD14_monocyte", "receptors")
all_tfs <- dom_network_items(pbmc_dom_built_tiny, return = "features")</pre>
```

Description

A function to pull signaling matrices from a domino object

Usage

```
dom_signaling(dom, cluster = NULL)
```

dom_tf_activation

Arguments

dom a domino object that has been created with create_domino()

cluster either NULL to indicate global signaling or a specific cluster for which a signal-

ing matrix is desired

Value

A data frame containing the signaling score through each ligand (row) by each cluster (column) OR a data frame containing the global summed signaling scores between receptors (rows) and ligands (columns) of each cluster

Examples

```
example(build_domino, echo = FALSE)
monocyte_signaling <- dom_signaling(pbmc_dom_built_tiny, cluster = "CD14_monocyte")</pre>
```

dom_tf_activation

Access transcription factor activation

Description

A function to pull transcription factor activation scores from a domino object

Usage

```
dom_tf_activation(dom)
```

Arguments

dom

a domino object that has been created with create_domino()

Value

A matrix containing the transcription factor activation scores for each TF (row) by cell (column)

```
example(build_domino, echo = FALSE)
tf_activation <- dom_tf_activation(pbmc_dom_built_tiny)</pre>
```

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dom_zscores

Access z-scores

Description

A function to pull z-scored expression from a domino object

Usage

```
dom_zscores(dom)
```

Arguments

dom

a domino object that has been created with create_domino()

Value

A matrix containing the z-scored gene expression values for each gene (row) by cell (column)

Examples

```
example(build_domino, echo = FALSE)
zscores <- dom_zscores(pbmc_dom_built_tiny)</pre>
```

do_norm

Normalize a matrix to its max value by row or column

Description

Normalizes a matrix to its max value by row or column

Usage

```
do_norm(mat, dir)
```

Arguments

mat Matrix to be normalized

dir Direction to normalize the matrix (either "row" for row or "col" for column)

Value

A normalized matrix in the direction specified.

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feat_heatmap

Create a heatmap of features organized by cluster

Description

Creates a heatmap of transcription factor activation scores by cells grouped by cluster.

Usage

```
feat_heatmap(
  dom,
  feats = NULL,
  bool = FALSE,
  bool_thresh = 0.2,
  title = TRUE,
  norm = FALSE,
  cols = NULL,
  ann_cols = TRUE,
  min_thresh = NULL,
  max_thresh = NULL,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

dom	Domino object with network built (build_domino())
feats	Either a vector of features to include in the heatmap or 'all' for all features. If left NULL then the features selected for the signaling network will be shown.
bool	Boolean indicating whether the heatmap should be continuous or boolean. If boolean then bool_thresh will be used to determine how to define activity as positive or negative.
bool_thresh	Numeric indicating the threshold separating 'on' or 'off' for feature activity if making a boolean heatmap.
title	Either a string to use as the title or a boolean describing whether to include a title. In order to pass the 'main' parameter to ComplexHeatmap::Heatmap() you must set title to FALSE.
norm	Boolean indicating whether or not to normalize the transcrption factors to their max value.
cols	Named vector of colors to annotate cells by cluster color. Values are taken as colors and names as cluster. If left as NULL then default ggplot colors will be generated.
ann_cols	Boolean indicating whether to include cell cluster as a column annotation. Colors can be defined with cols. If FALSE then custom annotations can be passed to ComplexHeatmap::Heatmap().
min_thresh	Minimum threshold for color scaling if not a boolean heatmap

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max_thresh Maximum threshold for color scaling if not a boolean heatmap

Other parameters to pass to ComplexHeatmap::Heatmap(). Note that to use the 'main' parameter of ComplexHeatmap::Heatmap() you must set title = FALSE and to use 'annCol' or 'annColors' ann cols must be FALSE.

Value

A heatmap rendered to the active graphics device

Examples

```
#basic usage
example(build_domino, echo = FALSE)
feat_heatmap(pbmc_dom_built_tiny)
#using thresholds
feat_heatmap(
  pbmc_dom_built_tiny, min_thresh = 0.1,
  max_thresh = 0.6, norm = TRUE, bool = FALSE)
```

gene_network

Create a gene association network

Description

Create a gene association network for genes from a given cluster. The selected cluster acts as the receptor for the gene association network, so only ligands, receptors, and features associated with the receptor cluster will be included in the plot.

Usage

```
gene_network(
   dom,
   clust = NULL,
   OutgoingSignalingClust = NULL,
   class_cols = c(lig = "#FF685F", rec = "#47a7ff", feat = "#39C740"),
   cols = NULL,
   lig_scale = 1,
   layout = "grid",
   ...
)
```

Arguments

dom Domino object with network built (build_domino())

clust Receptor cluster to create the gene association network for. A vector of clusters

may be provided.

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OutgoingSignalingClust

Vector of clusters to plot the outgoing signaling from

class_cols Named vector of colors used to color classes of vertices. Values must be colors

and names must be classes ('rec', 'lig', and 'feat' for receptors, ligands, and

features.).

cols Named vector of colors for individual genes. Genes not included in this vector

will be colored according to class_cols.

lig_scale FALSE or a numeric value to scale the size of ligand vertices based on z-scored

expression in the data set.

layout Type of layout to use. Options are 'grid', 'random', 'sphere', 'circle', 'fr' for

Fruchterman-Reingold force directed layout, and 'kk' for Kamada Kawai for

directed layout.

... Other parameters to pass to plot() with an igraph object. See igraph manual for

options.

Value

An igraph plot rendered to the active graphics device

Examples

```
#basic usage
example(build_domino, echo = FALSE)
gene_network(
  pbmc_dom_built_tiny, clust = "CD8_T_cell",
  OutgoingSignalingClust = "CD14_monocyte")
```

ggplot_col_gen

Generate ggplot colors

Description

Accepts a number of colors to generate and generates a ggplot color spectrum.

Usage

```
ggplot_col_gen(n)
```

Arguments

n

Number of colors to generate

Value

A vector of colors according to ggplot color generation.

```
incoming_signaling_heatmap
```

Create a cluster incoming signaling heatmap

Description

Creates a heatmap of a cluster incoming signaling matrix. Each cluster has a list of ligands capable of activating its enriched transcription factors. The function creates a heatmap of cluster average expression for all of those ligands. A list of all cluster incoming signaling matrices can be found in the cl_signaling_matrices slot of a domino option as an alternative to this plotting function.

Usage

```
incoming_signaling_heatmap(
   dom,
   rec_clust,
   clusts = NULL,
   min_thresh = -Inf,
   max_thresh = Inf,
   scale = "none",
   normalize = "none",
   title = TRUE,
   ...
)
```

Arguments

dom	Domino object with network built (build_domino())
rec_clust	Which cluster to select as the receptor. Must match naming of clusters in the domino object.
clusts	Vector of clusters to be included. If NULL then all clusters are used.
min_thresh	Minimum signaling threshold for plotting. Defaults to -Inf for no threshold.
max_thresh	Maximum signaling threshold for plotting. Defaults to Inf for no threshold.
scale	How to scale the values (after thresholding). Options are 'none', 'sqrt' for square root, or 'log' for log10.
normalize	Options to normalize the matrix. Accepted inputs are 'none' for no normalization, 'rec_norm' to normalize to the maximum value with each receptor cluster, or 'lig_norm' to normalize to the maximum value within each ligand cluster
title	Either a string to use as the title or a boolean describing whether to include a title. In order to pass the 'main' parameter to ComplexHeatmap::Heatmap() you must set title to FALSE.
	Other parameters to pass to ComplexHeatmap::Heatmap(). Note that to use the 'column_title' parameter of ComplexHeatmap::Heatmap() you must set title = FALSE

Value

a Heatmap rendered to the active graphics device

Examples

```
example(build_domino, echo = FALSE)
#incoming signaling of the CD8  T cells
incoming_signaling_heatmap(pbmc_dom_built_tiny, "CD8_T_cell")
```

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Pulls all items from a list pooled into a single vector

Description

Helper function to convert from a nested series of lists to a single vector.

Usage

```
lc(list, list_names)
```

Arguments

list List to pull items from

list_names Names of items in list to pool

Value

A vector contaning all items in the list by list_names

Description

The linkage summary class contains linkages established in multiple domino objects through gene regulatory network inference and reference to receptor- ligand data bases. A data frame summarizing meta features that describe the domino objects compared in the linkage summary facilitates comparisons of established linkages and differential signaling interactions across categorical sample covariates.

Value

an instance of class linkage_summary

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Slots

subject_names unique names for each domino result included in the summary

subject_meta data.frame with each row describing one subject and columns describing features of the subjects by which to draw comparisons of signaling networks

subject_linkages nested list of linkages inferred for each subject. Lists are stored in a heirarchical structure of subject-cluster-linkage where linkages include transcription factors (tfs), linkages between transcription factors and receptors (tfs_rec), active receptors (rec), possible receptor-ligand interactions (rec_lig), and incoming ligands (incoming_lig)

mean_exp_by_cluster

Get average expression for a set of genes over cluster(s)

Description

Get average expression for a set of genes over cluster(s)

Usage

```
mean_exp_by_cluster(dom, clusts, genes)
```

Arguments

dom A domino object

clusts Cluster(s) for which we want to get average expression genes The genes for which we want to get average expression

Value

A dataframe of genes x clusters, values are z-scores averaged over the clusters

mean_ligand_expression

Calculate mean ligand expression as a data frame for plotting in circos plot

Description

Creates a data frame of mean ligand expression for use in plotting a circos plot of ligand expression and saving tables of mean expression. us

Usage

```
mean_ligand_expression(x, ligands, cell_ident, cell_barcodes, destination)
```

Arguments

X	Gene by cell expression matrix
ligands	Character vector of ligand genes to be quantified
cell_ident	Vector of cell type (identity) names for which to calculate mean ligand gene expression
cell_barcodes	Vector of cell barcodes (colnames of x) belonging to cell_ident to calculate mean expression across
destination	Name of the receptor with which each ligand interacts

Value

A data frame of ligand expression targeting the specified receptor

Examples

```
example(build_domino, echo = FALSE)
counts <- dom_counts(pbmc_dom_built_tiny)
mean_exp <- mean_ligand_expression(counts,
   ligands = c("PTPRC", "FASLG"), cell_ident = "CD14_monocyte",
   cell_barcodes = colnames(counts), destination = "FAS")</pre>
```

Description

Create a mock linkage summary object

Usage

```
mock_linkage_summary()
```

Value

obj a linkage summary object

```
obtain_circos_expression

Obtain Circos Expression
```

Description

Pull expression data from a domino object and format for plotting as a receptor-oriented circos plot.

Usage

```
obtain_circos_expression(
  dom,
  receptor,
  ligands,
  ligand_expression_threshold = 0.01,
  cell_idents = NULL
)
```

Arguments

dom	Domino object that has undergone network building with build_domino()	
receptor	Name of a receptor active in at least one cell type in the domino object	
ligands	Character vector of ligands capable of interaction with the receptor	
ligand_express:	And_expression_threshold Minimum mean expression value of a ligand by a cell type for a chord to be	
cell idents	rendered between the cell type and the receptor Vector of cell types from cluster assignments in the domino object to be included	
cert_raemes	in the plot.	

Value

a data frame where each row describes plotting parameters of ligand-receptor interactions to pass to $render_circos_ligand_receptor()$

```
example(build_domino, echo = FALSE)
#basic usage
obtain_circos_expression(pbmc_dom_built_tiny, receptor = "CXCR3", ligands = "CCL20")
```

PBMC

PBMC RNAseq data subset

Description

A subset of the results of PBMC RNA-seq data.

Usage

```
data("PBMC")
```

Format

A list of::

```
RNA_count_tiny A subset of PBMC RNA-seq data: counts assay

RNA_zscore_tiny A subset of PBMC RNA-seq data: zscore assay

clusters_tiny A subset of PBMC RNA-seq data: clusters as defined by cell_type
```

Source

https://zenodo.org/records/10951634/files/pbmc3k_sce.rds

```
plot_differential_linkages
```

Plot differential linkages among domino results ranked by a comparative statistic

Description

Plot differential linkages among domino results ranked by a comparative statistic

Usage

```
plot_differential_linkages(
   differential_linkages,
   test_statistic,
   stat_range = c(0, 1),
   stat_ranking = c("ascending", "descending"),
   group_palette = NULL
)
```

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Arguments

Value

A heatmap-class object of features ranked by test_statistic annotated with the proportion of subjects that showed active linkage of the features.

Examples

```
example(build_domino, echo = FALSE)
example(test_differential_linkages, echo = FALSE)
plot_differential_linkages(
  differential_linkages = tiny_differential_linkage_c1,
  test_statistic = "p.value",
  stat_ranking = "ascending"
)
```

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Print domino object

Description

Prints a summary of a domino object

Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'domino'
print(x, ...)
```

Arguments

x A domino object

... Additional arguments to be passed to other methods

Value

A printed description of the number of cells and clusters in the domino object

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Examples

```
example(build_domino, echo = FALSE)
print(pbmc_dom_built_tiny)
```

read_if_char

Read in data if an object looks like path to it

Description

Read in data if an object looks like path to it

Usage

```
read_if_char(obj)
```

Arguments

obj

object to read if not already object

Value

Object itself or data read in from path

rename_clusters

Renames clusters in a domino object

Description

This function renames the clusters used to build a domino object

Usage

```
rename_clusters(dom, clust_conv, warning = FALSE)
```

Arguments

dom a domino object to rename clusters in

clust_conv named vector of conversions from old to new clusters. Values are taken as new

clusters IDs and names as old cluster IDs.

warning logical. If TRUE, will warn if a cluster is not found in the conversion table.

Default is FALSE.

Value

A domino object with clusters renamed in all applicable slots.

Examples

```
example(build_domino, echo = FALSE)
new_clust <- c("CD8_T_cell" = "CD8+ T Cells",
   "CD14_monocyte" = "CD14+ Monocytes", "B_cell" = "B Cells")
pbmc_dom_built_tiny <- rename_clusters(pbmc_dom_built_tiny, new_clust)</pre>
```

render_circos_ligand_receptor

Render Circos Ligand Receptor Plot

Description

Renders a circos plot from the output of obtain_circos_expression() to the active graphics device

Usage

```
render_circos_ligand_receptor(
   signaling_df,
   receptor,
   cell_colors = NULL,
   ligand_expression_threshold = 0.01
)
```

Arguments

signaling_df Data frame output from obtain_circos_expression()

receptor Name of a receptor active in at least one cell type in the domino object

cell_colors Named vector of color names or hex codes where names correspond to the plot-

ted cell types and the color values

 $ligand_expression_threshold$

Minimum mean expression value of a ligand by a cell type for a chord to be

rendered between the cell type and the receptor

Value

a circlize plot is rendered to the active graphics device

```
example(build_domino, echo = FALSE)
#basic usage
circos_df <- obtain_circos_expression(pbmc_dom_built_tiny, receptor = "CXCR3", ligands = "CCL20")
render_circos_ligand_receptor(signaling_df = circos_df, receptor = "CXCR3")</pre>
```

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resolve_complexes

Convert between complex names and gene names

Description

Convert between complex names and gene names

Usage

```
resolve_complexes(dom, genes)
```

Arguments

dom A domino object

genes A vector of genes, some of which may be complexes

Value

A list where any complexes are mapped to a vector of component genes. The list names are set to the input gene names.

resolve_names

Convert between ligand names and gene names

Description

Convert between ligand names and gene names

Usage

```
resolve_names(dom, genes)
```

Arguments

dom A domino object

genes A vector of genes on which to resolve ligand and gene names

Value

A vector of names where ligand names have been replaced with gene names if applicable

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SCENIC AUC subset

Description

A subset of SCENIC AUCs as applied to PBMC data.

Usage

```
data("SCENIC")
```

Format

A list of:

```
auc_tiny A subset of SCENIC AUCs
regulons_tiny A subset of SCENIC regulons
```

Source

https://zenodo.org/records/10951634/files

show, domino-method

Show domino object information

Description

Shows content overview of domino object

Usage

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

Arguments

object

A domino object

Value

A printed description of cell numbers and clusters in the object

```
example(build_domino, echo = FALSE)
show(pbmc_dom_built_tiny)
```

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signaling_heatmap

Create a network heatmap

Description

Creates a heatmap of the signaling network. Alternatively, the network matrix can be accessed directly in the signaling slot of a domino object using the dom_signaling() function.

Usage

```
signaling_heatmap(
  dom,
  clusts = NULL,
  min_thresh = -Inf,
  max_thresh = Inf,
  scale = "none",
  normalize = "none",
  ...
)
```

Arguments

dom	domino object with network built (build_domino())
clusts	vector of clusters to be included. If NULL then all clusters are used.
min_thresh	minimum signaling threshold for plotting. Defaults to -Inf for no threshold.
max_thresh	maximum signaling threshold for plotting. Defaults to Inf for no threshold.
scale	how to scale the values (after thresholding). Options are 'none', 'sqrt' for square root, or 'log' for log10.
normalize	options to normalize the matrix. Normalization is done after thresholding and scaling. Accepted inputs are 'none' for no normalization, 'rec_norm' to normalize to the maximum value with each receptor cluster, or 'lig_norm' to normalize to the maximum value within each ligand cluster
	other parameters to pass to ComplexHeatmap::Heatmap()

Value

A heatmap rendered to the active graphics device

```
example(build_domino, echo = FALSE)
#basic usage
signaling_heatmap(pbmc_dom_built_tiny)
#scale
signaling_heatmap(pbmc_dom_built_tiny, scale = "sqrt")
#normalize
```

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```
signaling_heatmap(pbmc_dom_built_tiny, normalize = "rec_norm")
```

signaling_network

Create a cluster to cluster signaling network diagram

Description

Creates a network diagram of signaling between clusters. Nodes are clusters and directed edges indicate signaling from one cluster to another. Edges are colored based on the color scheme of the ligand expressing cluster

Usage

```
signaling_network(
  dom,
  cols = NULL,
 edge_weight = 0.3,
  clusts = NULL,
  showOutgoingSignalingClusts = NULL,
  showIncomingSignalingClusts = NULL,
 min_thresh = -Inf,
 max_thresh = Inf,
 normalize = "none",
  scale = "sq",
  layout = "circle",
  scale_by = "rec_sig",
 vert_scale = 3,
 plot_title = NULL,
)
```

Arguments

dom	a domino object with network built (build_domino())	
cols	named vector indicating the colors for clusters. Values are colors and names must match clusters in the domino object. If left as NULL then ggplot colors are generated for the clusters	
edge_weight	weight for determining thickness of edges on plot. Signaling values are multiplied by this value	
clusts	vector of clusters to be included in the network plot	
showOutgoingSignalingClusts		
	vector of clusters to plot the outgoing signaling from	
showIncomingSignalingClusts		
vector of clusters to plot the incoming signaling on		

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min_thresh	minimum signaling threshold. Values lower than the threshold will be set to the threshold. Defaults to -Inf for no threshold
max_thresh	maximum signaling threshold for plotting. Values higher than the threshold will be set to the threshold. Defaults to Inf for no threshold
normalize	options to normalize the signaling matrix. Accepted inputs are 'none' for no normalization, 'rec_norm' to normalize to the maximum value with each receptor cluster, or 'lig_norm' to normalize to the maximum value within each ligand cluster
scale	how to scale the values (after thresholding). Options are 'none', 'sqrt' for square root, 'log' for log10, or 'sq' for square
layout	type of layout to use. Options are 'random', 'sphere', 'circle', 'fr' for Fruchterman-Reingold force directed layout, and 'kk' for Kamada Kawai for directed layout
scale_by	how to size vertices. Options are 'lig_sig' for summed outgoing signaling, 'rec_sig' for summed incoming signaling, and 'none'. In the former two cases the values are scaled with asinh after summing all incoming or outgoing signaling
vert_scale	integer used to scale size of vertices with our without variable scaling from size_verts_by.
plot_title	text for the plot's title.
	other parameters to be passed to plot when used with an igraph object.

Value

An igraph plot rendered to the active graphics device

Examples

```
example(build_domino, echo = FALSE)
#basic usage
signaling_network(pbmc_dom_built_tiny, edge_weight = 2)
# scaling, thresholds, layouts, selecting clusters
signaling_network(
   pbmc_dom_built_tiny, showOutgoingSignalingClusts = "CD14_monocyte",
   scale = "none", norm = "none", layout = "fr", scale_by = "none",
   vert_scale = 5, edge_weight = 2)
```

summarize_linkages

Summarize linkages from multiple domino objects

Description

Creates a linkage_summary() object storing the linkages learned in different domino objects as nested lists to facilitate comparisons of networks learned by domino across subject covariates.

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Usage

```
summarize_linkages(domino_results, subject_meta, subject_names = NULL)
```

Arguments

domino_results list of domino result with one domino object per subject. Names from the list must match subject_names

subject_meta data frame that includes the subject features by which the objects could be grouped. The first column should must be subject names

subject_names vector of subject names in domino_results. If NULL, defaults to first column of subject_meta.

Value

A linkage summary class object consisting of nested lists of the active transcription factors, active receptors, and incoming ligands for each cluster across multiple domino results

```
example(build_domino, echo = FALSE)
#create alternative clustering by shuffling cluster assignments
clusters_tiny_alt <- setNames(</pre>
  PBMC$clusters_tiny[c(121:240, 1:120, 241:360)],
  names(PBMC$clusters_tiny)
clusters_tiny_alt <- as.factor(clusters_tiny_alt)</pre>
#build an alternative domino object
pbmc_dom_tiny_alt <- create_domino(</pre>
  rl_map = rl_map_tiny,
  features = SCENIC$auc_tiny,
  counts = PBMC$RNA_count_tiny,
  z_scores = PBMC$RNA_zscore_tiny,
  clusters = clusters_tiny_alt,
  tf_targets = regulon_list_tiny,
  use_clusters = TRUE,
  use_complexes = TRUE,
  remove_rec_dropout = FALSE
)
pbmc_dom_built_tiny_alt <- build_domino(</pre>
  dom = pbmc_dom_tiny_alt,
  min_tf_pval = .05,
  max_tf_per_clust = Inf,
  max_rec_per_tf = Inf,
  rec_tf_cor_threshold = .1,
  min_rec_percentage = 0.01
)
#create a list of domino objects
```

```
dom_ls <- list(
  dom1 = pbmc_dom_built_tiny,
  dom2 = pbmc_dom_built_tiny_alt
)

#compare the linkages across the two domino objects
meta_df <- data.frame("ID" = c("dom1", "dom2"), "group" = c("A", "B"))
summarize_linkages(
  domino_results = dom_ls, subject_meta = meta_df,
  subject_names = meta_df$ID
)</pre>
```

table_convert_genes

Convert genes using a table

Description

Takes a vector of gene inputs and a conversion table and returns a converted gene table

Usage

```
table_convert_genes(genes, from, to, conversion_table)
```

Arguments

genes the genes to convert

from gene symbol type of the input (ENSG, ENSMUSG, HGNC, MGI)

to desired gene symbol type for the output (HGNC, MGI)

conversion_table

a data frame with column names corresponding to gene symbol types (mm.ens, hs.ens, mgi, hgnc) and rows corresponding to the gene symbols themselves

Value

A data frame of genes with original and corresponding converted symbols

```
test_differential_linkages
```

Statistical test for differential linkages across multiple domino results

Description

Statistical test for differential linkages across multiple domino results

Usage

```
test_differential_linkages(
   linkage_summary,
   cluster,
   group.by,
   linkage = "rec_lig",
   subject_names = NULL,
   test_name = "fishers.exact"
)
```

Arguments

linkage_summary

a linkage_summary() object

cluster the name of the cell cluster being compared across multiple domino results

group.by the name of the column in linkage_summary@subject_meta by which to group

subjects for counting.

linkage a stored linkage from the domino object. Can compare any of 'tfs', 'rec', 'in-

coming_lig', 'tfs_rec', or 'rec_lig'

subject_names a vector of subject_names from the linkage_summary to be compared. If NULL,

all subject_names in the linkage summary are included in counting.

test_name the statistical test used for comparison.

• 'fishers.exact': Fisher's exact test for the dependence of the proportion of subjects with an active linkage in the cluster on which group the subject belongs to in the group.by variable. Provides an odds ratio, p-value, and a Benjamini-Hochberg FDR-adjusted p-value (p.adj) for each linkage tested.

Value

A data frame of results from the test of the differential linkages. Rows correspond to each linkage tested. Columns correspond to:

- 'cluster': the name of the cell cluster being compared
- 'linkage' : the type of linkage being compared
- 'group.by': the grouping variable
- 'test_name': the test used for comparison
- · 'feature': individual linkages compared
- 'test statistics': test statistics provided are based on test method. 'fishers.exact' provides a odds ratio, p-value, and fdr-adjusted p-value.
- 'total_count' : total number of subjects where the linkage is active
- 'X_count': number of subjects in each category of group.by (X) where the linkage is active
- 'total_n' : number of total subjects compared
- 'X_n': total number of subjects in each category of group.by (X)

```
tiny_differential_linkage_c1 <- test_differential_linkages(
  linkage_summary = mock_linkage_summary(), cluster = "C1", group.by = "group",
  linkage = "rec", test_name = "fishers.exact"
)</pre>
```

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