

# Package ‘hclustTeach’

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**Description** Implements hierarchical clustering methods (single linkage, complete linkage, average linkage, and centroid linkage) with stepwise printing and dendograms for didactic purposes.

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hclust\_average      *Hierarchical Clustering - Average linkage*

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### Description

A function that performs hierarchical clustering with average linkage. It can also print the clustering steps and display a dendrogram

**Usage**

```
hclust_average(
  data,
  metric = "euclidean",
  print.steps = TRUE,
  plot = TRUE,
  label.names = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	Numerical matrix or data frame of observations (rows = observations, columns = variables).
<code>metric</code>	Distance metric to be used (default: "euclidean").
<code>print.steps</code>	If TRUE, the algorithm's steps are printed.
<code>plot</code>	If TRUE, a dendrogram is plotted.
<code>label.names</code>	If TRUE, uses the row names as labels in the dendrogram.

**Value**

object of class "hclust".

**Examples**

```
y1 <- c(1, 2, 1, 0); y2 <- c(2, 1, 0, 2)
y3 <- c(8, 8, 9, 7); y4 <- c(6, 9, 8, 9)
Data <- rbind(y1, y2, y3, y4)
hc <- hclust_average(Data, metric = "euclidean",
                      print.steps = TRUE,
                      plot = TRUE,
                      label.names = TRUE)
```

**Description**

A function that performs hierarchical clustering with centroid linkage. It can also print the clustering steps and display a dendrogram

**Usage**

```
hclust_centroid(
  data,
  metric = "euclidean",
  print.steps = TRUE,
```

```
    plot = TRUE,  
    label.names = TRUE  
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	Numerical matrix or data frame of observations (rows = observations, columns = variables).
<code>metric</code>	Distance metric to be used (default: "euclidean").
<code>print.steps</code>	If TRUE, the algorithm's steps are printed.
<code>plot</code>	If TRUE, a dendrogram is plotted.
<code>label.names</code>	If TRUE, uses the row names as labels in the dendrogram.

**Value**

object of class "hclust".

**Examples**

```
y1 <- c(1, 2, 1, 0); y2 <- c(2, 1, 0, 2)  
y3 <- c(8, 8, 9, 7); y4 <- c(6, 9, 8, 9)  
Data <- rbind(y1, y2, y3, y4)  
hc <- hclust_centroid(Data, metric = "euclidean",  
                      print.steps = TRUE,  
                      plot = TRUE,  
                      label.names = TRUE)
```

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**hclust\_complete**      *Hierarchical Clustering - Complete linkage*

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**Description**

A function that performs hierarchical clustering with complete linkage. It can also print the clustering steps and display a dendrogram

**Usage**

```
hclust_complete(  
  data,  
  metric = "euclidean",  
  print.steps = TRUE,  
  plot = TRUE,  
  label.names = TRUE  
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	Numerical matrix or data frame of observations (rows = observations, columns = variables).
<code>metric</code>	Distance metric to be used (default: "euclidean").
<code>print.steps</code>	If TRUE, the algorithm's steps are printed.
<code>plot</code>	If TRUE, a dendrogram is plotted.
<code>label.names</code>	If TRUE, uses the row names as labels in the dendrogram.

**Value**

object of class "hclust".

**Examples**

```
y1 <- c(1, 2, 1, 0); y2 <- c(2, 1, 0, 2)
y3 <- c(8, 8, 9, 7); y4 <- c(6, 9, 8, 9)
Data <- rbind(y1, y2, y3, y4)
hc <- hclust_complete(Data, metric = "euclidean",
                      print.steps = TRUE,
                      plot = TRUE,
                      label.names = TRUE)
```

**hclust\_single**

*Hierarchical Clustering - Single linkage*

**Description**

A function that performs hierarchical clustering with single linkage. It can also print the clustering steps and display a dendrogram

**Usage**

```
hclust_single(
  data,
  metric = "euclidean",
  print.steps = TRUE,
  plot = TRUE,
  label.names = TRUE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>data</code>	Numerical matrix or data frame of observations (rows = observations, columns = variables).
<code>metric</code>	Distance metric to be used (default: "euclidean").
<code>print.steps</code>	If TRUE, the algorithm's steps are printed.
<code>plot</code>	If TRUE, a dendrogram is plotted.
<code>label.names</code>	If TRUE, uses the row names as labels in the dendrogram.

**Value**

object of class "hclust".

**Examples**

```
y1 <- c(1, 2, 1, 0); y2 <- c(2, 1, 0, 2)
y3 <- c(8, 8, 9, 7); y4 <- c(6, 9, 8, 9)
Data <- rbind(y1, y2, y3, y4)
hc <- hclust_single(Data, metric = "euclidean",
                     print.steps = TRUE,
                     plot = TRUE,
                     label.names = TRUE)
```

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