

# Package ‘GeneralizedUmatrixGPU’

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**Description** Projections are common dimensionality reduction methods, which represent high-dimensional data in a two-dimensional space. However, when restricting the output space to two dimensions, which results in a two dimensional scatter plot (projection) of the data, low dimensional similarities do not represent high dimensional distances coersively [Thrun, 2018] <[DOI:10.1007/978-3-658-20540-9](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-658-20540-9)>. This could lead to a misleading interpretation of the underlying structures [Thrun, 2018]. By means of the 3D topographic map the generalized Umatrix is able to depict errors of these two-dimensional scatter plots. The package is derived from the book of Thrun, M.C.: ``Projection Based Clustering through Self-Organization and Swarm Intelligence" (2018) <[DOI:10.1007/978-3-658-20540-9](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-658-20540-9)> and the main algorithm called simplified self-organizing map for dimensionality reduction methods is published in Thrun, M.C. and Ultsch, A.: ``Uncovering High-dimensional Structures of Projections from Dimensionality Reduction Methods" (2020) <[DOI:10.1016/j.mex.2020.101093](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.mex.2020.101093)>.

**License** GPL-3

**Imports** Rcpp (>= 1.0.8), RcppParallel (>= 5.1.4), ggplot2,  
GeneralizedUmatrix

**Suggests** DataVisualizations, rgl, grid, mgcv, png, reshape2, fields,  
ABCanalysis, plotly, deldir, methods, knitr (>= 1.12),  
rmarkdown (>= 0.9)

**LinkingTo** Rcpp, RcppArmadillo, RcppParallel

**Depends** R (>= 3.0)

**NeedsCompilation** yes

**SystemRequirements** C++17, GNU make, pandoc (>=1.12.3, needed for  
vignettes), OpenCL shared library (provided by an SDK such as  
AMD/NVIDIA)

**LazyLoad** yes

**LazyData** TRUE

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GeneralizedUmatrixGPU-package  
*Credible Visualization for Two-Dimensional Projections of Data*

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**Details**

For a brief introduction to **GeneralizedUmatrixGPU** please see the vignette of the CRAN package [GeneralizedUmatrix](#).

For further details regarding the generalized Umatrix see [Thrun, 2018], chapter 4-5, or [Thrun/Ultsch, 2020].

If you want to verify your clustering result externally, you can use Heatmap or SilhouettePlot of the CRAN package DataVisualizations.

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Chainlink	Chainlink is part of the Fundamental Clustering Problem Suit (FCPS) [Thrun/Ultsch, 2020].
DefaultColorSequence	Default color sequence for plots
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### Examples

```
data("Chainlink")
SampleIdx = sample(1:1000, 200)
Data=Chainlink$Data[SampleIdx,]
Cls=Chainlink$Cls[SampleIdx]
InputDistances=as.matrix(dist(Data))
res=cmdscale(d=InputDistances, k = 2, eig = TRUE, add = FALSE, x.ret = FALSE)
ProjectedPoints=as.matrix(res$points)

# see also R package 'ProjectionBasedClustering' for other common projection methods
# see DatabionicSwarm for projection method without parameters or objective function
# ProjectedPoints=DatabionicSwarm::Pswarm(Data)$ProjectedPoints

resUmatrix=GeneralizedUmatrixGPU(Data,ProjectedPoints)
#library(GeneralizedUmatrix)
#plotTopographicMap(resUmatrix$Umatrix,resUmatrix$Bestmatches,Cls)
```

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Chainlink

*Chainlink is part of the Fundamental Clustering Problem Suit (FCPS)*  
*[Thrun/Ultsch, 2020].*

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### Description

linear not separable dataset of two intertwined chains.

### Usage

```
data("Chainlink")
```

### Details

Size 1000, Dimensions 3, stored in Chainlink\$Data

Teo clusters, stored in Chainlink\$Cls

Published in [Ultsch et al.,1994] in German and [Ultsch 1995] in English.

### References

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[Ultsch et al.,1994] Ultsch, A., Guimaraes, G., Korus, D., & Li, H.: Knowledge extraction from artificial neural networks and applications, Parallele Datenverarbeitung mit dem Transputer, pp. 148-16Chainlink, Springer, 1994.

### Examples

```
data(Chainlink)
str(Chainlink)

## Not run:
require(DataVisualizations)
DataVisualizations::Plot3D(Chainlink$Data,Chainlink$Cls)

## End(Not run)
```

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DefaultColorSequence *Default color sequence for plots*

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### Description

Defines the default color sequence for plots made within the Projections package.

### Usage

```
data("DefaultColorSequence")
```

### Format

A vector with 562 different strings describing colors for plots.

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GeneralizedUmatrixGPU *Generalized U-Matrix on GPU for Projection Methods published in [Thrun/Ultsch, 2020]*

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### Description

Generalized U-Matrix visualizes high-dimensional distance and density based structures in two-dimensional scatter plots of projection methods like CCA, MDS, PCA or NeRV [Ultsch/Thrun, 2017] with the help of a topographic map with hypsometric tints [Thrun et al. 2016] using a simplified emergent SOM published in [Thrun/Ultsch, 2020].

### Usage

```
GeneralizedUmatrixGPU(Data, ProjectedPoints, PlotIt = FALSE, CIs = NULL,
Toroid = TRUE, Tiled = FALSE, DataPerEpoch = 1, Verbose = 0, ...)
```

### Arguments

Data	[1:n,1:d] array of data: n cases in rows, d variables in columns.
ProjectedPoints	[1:n,2] matrix containing coordinates of the Projection: A matrix of the fitted configuration.
PlotIt	Optional, bool, default=FALSE, if =TRUE: U-Matrix of every current Position of Databots will be shown.
CIs	Optional, For plotting, see plotUmatrix in package Umatrix.
Toroid	Optional, Default=TRUE, ==FALSE planar computation with borders defined by projection method ==TRUE: toroid borderless (toroidal) computation, the four borders defined by projection method are ignored.
Tiled	Optional, For plotting see plotUmatrix in package Umatrix

DataPerEpoch	Optional, scalar, value above zero and below 1 starts sampling and defines percentage of data points sampled in each epoch during the learning phase. Beware: Experimental!
Verbose	Integer, determining text output during computation (Verbose > 0) or silent mode (Verbose=0).
...	Further parameters.

### Details

Introduced first in the PhD thesis in [Thrun, 2018, p.46]. Furthermore the two parts of the work were peer-reviewed and published in [Ultsch/Thrun, 2017, Thrun/Ultsch, 2020].

### Value

List with

Umatrix	[1:Lines,1:Columns] Umatrix to be plotted, numerical matrix storing the U-heights, see [Thrun, 2018] for definition.
EsomNeurons	[1:Lines,1:Columns,1:weights] 3-dimensional numeric array (wide format), not wts (long format).
Bestmatches	[1:n,1:2] Positions of GridConverted Projected Points on the Umatrix to the pre-defined Grid by Lines and Columns, First Columns has the content of the Line No and second Column of the Column number.
sESOMparamaters	internals for debugging
Lines	Number of Lines
Columns	Number of Columns
gplotres	output of ggplot2

### Note

With the update of 01.01.2024, version 1.3 a minor change is included that is not mentioned in the referenced papers: for large number of cases and small radii the learning rate decays to 0.1 instead of remaining constant (any other case).

### Author(s)

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