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*biotools* is an ongoing project. Any and all criticism, comments and suggestions are welcomed.

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- Da Silva, A.R. (2020). On testing for seed sample heterogeneity with the exact probability distribution of the germination count range. *Seed Science Research*, 30(1): 59-63.

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**aer***Apparent Error Rate*

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**Description**

A function to calculate the apparent error rate of two classification vectors, i.e., the proportion of observed cases incorrectly predicted. It can be useful for evaluating discriminant analysis or other classification systems.

$$aer = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n I(y_i \neq \hat{y}_i)$$

**Usage**

```
aer(obs, predict)
```

**Arguments**

**obs** a vector containing the observed classes.  
**predict** a vector with the same length of obs containing the predicted classes.

**Value**

The apparent error rate, a number between 0 (no agreement) and 1 (thorough agreement).

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**See Also**

[confusionmatrix](#), [lda](#)

**Examples**

```
data(iris)
da <- lda(Species ~ ., data = iris)
pred <- predict(da, dimen = 1)
aer(iris$Species, pred$class)

# End (not run)
```

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boxM	<i>Box's M-test</i>
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**Description**

It performs the Box's M-test for homogeneity of covariance matrices obtained from multivariate normal data according to one classification factor. The test is based on the chi-square approximation.

**Usage**

```
boxM(data, grouping)
```

**Arguments**

data	a numeric data.frame or matrix containing $n$ observations of $p$ variables; it is expected that $n > p$ .
grouping	a vector of length $n$ containing the class of each observation; it is usually a factor.

**Value**

A list with class "hstest" containing the following components:

statistic	an approximated value of the chi-square distribution.
parameter	the degrees of freedom related of the test statistic in this case that it follows a Chi-square distribution.
p.value	the p-value of the test.
cov	a list containing the within covariance matrix for each level of grouping.
pooled	the pooled covariance matrix.
logDet	a vector containing the natural logarithm of each matrix in cov.
data.name	a character string giving the names of the data.
method	the character string "Box's M-test for Homogeneity of Covariance Matrices".

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**References**

Morrison, D.F. (1976) *Multivariate Statistical Methods*.

**Examples**

```
data(iris)
boxM(iris[, -5], iris[, 5])

# End (not run)
```

brazil

*Brazil Grid*

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**Description**

Lat/Long coordinates within Brazil's limits.

**Usage**

```
data("brazil")
```

**Format**

A data frame with 17141 observations on the following 2 variables.

x a numeric vector (longitude)

y a numeric vector (latitude)

**Examples**

```
data(brazil)
plot(brazil, cex = 0.1, col = "gray")
```

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confusionmatrix

*Confusion Matrix*

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**Description**

A function to compute the confusion matrix of two classification vectors. It can be useful for evaluating discriminant analysis or other classification systems.

**Usage**

```
confusionmatrix(obs, predict)
```

**Arguments**

obs a vector containing the observed classes.

predict a vector with the same length of obs containing the predicted classes.

**Value**

A square matrix containing the number of objects in each class, observed (rows) and predicted (columns). Diagonal elements refers to agreement of obs and predict.

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**See Also**

[aer](#), [lda](#)

**Examples**

```
data(iris)
da <- lda(Species ~ ., data = iris)
pred <- predict(da, dimen = 1)
confusionmatrix(iris$Species, pred$class)

# End (not run)
```

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 cov2pcov

*Partial Covariance Matrix*


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**Description**

Compute a matrix of partial (co)variances for a group of variables with respect to another.

Take  $\Sigma$  as the covariance matrix of dimension  $p$ . Now consider dividing  $\Sigma$  into two groups of variables. The partial covariance matrices are calculate by:

$$\Sigma_{11.2} = \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12}\Sigma_{22}^{-1}\Sigma_{21}$$

$$\Sigma_{22.1} = \Sigma_{22} - \Sigma_{21}\Sigma_{11}^{-1}\Sigma_{12}$$

**Usage**

```
cov2pcov(m, vars1, vars2 = seq(1, ncol(m))[-vars1])
```

**Arguments**

<code>m</code>	a square numeric matrix.
<code>vars1</code>	a numeric vector indicating the position (rows or columns in <code>m</code> ) of the set of variables at which to compute the partial covariance matrix.
<code>vars2</code>	a numeric vector indicating the position (rows or columns in <code>m</code> ) of the set of variables at which to adjust the partial covariance matrix.

**Value**

A square numeric matrix.

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

```
(C1 <- cov(longley))
cov2pcov(C1, 1:2)

# End (Not run)
```

creategroups

*Creating Homogeneous Groups***Description**

A function to create homogeneous groups of named objects according to an objective function evaluated at a covariate. It can be useful to design experiments which contain a fixed covariate factor.

**Usage**

```
creategroups(x, ngroups, sizes, fun = mean, tol = 0.01, maxit = 200)
```

**Arguments**

x	a numeric vector of a covariate at which to evaluate the objective function.
ngroups	the number of groups to create.
sizes	a numeric vector of length equal to ngroups containing the group sizes.
fun	the objective function, i.e., to create groups with similar fun; default is mean.
tol	the tolerance level to define the groups as homogenous; see details.
maxit	the maximum number of iterations; default is 200.

**Details**

creategroups uses a tol value to evaluate the following statistic:  $h = \sum_j^{ngroups} abs(t_{j+1} - t_j) / ngroups$ , where  $t_j = fun(group_j)$ . If  $h \leq tol$ , the groups are considered homogeneous.

**Value**

A list of

covar	a character indicating the name of the covariate.
func	a character indicating the name of the objective function.
val.func	a numeric vector containing the values evaluated by func on each group.
niter	the number of iteration require to achieve convergence.
labels	a list containing the labels of the objects in each group.
groups	a list of named vectors containing the values for the groups

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**Examples**

```
x <- rnorm(10, 1, 0.5)
names(x) <- letters[1:10]
creategroups(x, ngroups = 2, sizes = c(5, 5))
creategroups(x, ngroups = 3, sizes = c(3, 4, 3), tol = 0.05)

# End (not run)
```

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D2.disc

*Discriminant Analysis Based on Mahalanobis Distance*

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**Description**

A function to perform discriminant analysis based on the squared generalized Mahalanobis distance (D2) of the observations to the center of the groups.

**Usage**

```
## Default S3 method:
D2.disc(data, grouping, pooled.cov = NULL)
## S3 method for class 'D2.disc'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'D2.disc'
predict(object, newdata = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

data	a numeric data.frame or matrix ( $n \times p$ ).
grouping	a vector of length $n$ containing the class of each observation (row) in data.
pooled.cov	a grouping-pooled covariance matrix ( $p \times p$ ). If NULL (default), D2.disc will automatically compute a pooled covariance matrix.
x, object	an object of class "D2.disc".
newdata	numeric data.frame or matrix of observations to be classified. If NULL (default), the input data used as argument in D2.disc will be used.
...	further arguments.

**Value**

A list of

- call            the call which produced the result.
- data            numeric matrix; the input data.
- D2              a matrix containing the Mahalanobis distances between each row of data and the center of each class of grouping. In addition, the original and the predicted (lowest distance) class are displayed, as well as a character vector indicating where the misclassification has occurred.
- means          a matrix containing the vector of means of each class in grouping.
- pooled         the pooled covariance matrix.
- confusion.matrix    an object of class `confusionmatrix`.

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**References**

Manly, B.F.J. (2004) *Multivariate statistical methods: a primer*. CRC Press. (p. 105-106).  
 Mahalanobis, P.C. (1936) On the generalized distance in statistics. *Proceedings of The National Institute of Sciences of India*, 12:49-55.

**See Also**

[D2.dist](#), [confusionmatrix](#), [lda](#)

**Examples**

```
data(iris)
(disc <- D2.disc(iris[, -5], iris[, 5]))
first10 <- iris[1:10, -5]
predict(disc, first10)
predict(disc, iris[, -5])$class

# End (not run)
```

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D2.dist

*Pairwise Squared Generalized Mahalanobis Distances*

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**Description**

Function to calculate the squared generalized Mahalanobis distance between all pairs of rows in a data frame with respect to a covariance matrix. The element of the  $i$ -th row and  $j$ -th column of the distance matrix is defined as

$$D_{ij}^2 = (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j)' \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_j)$$

**Usage**

```
D2.dist(data, cov, inverted = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

data	a data frame or matrix of data ( $n \times p$ ).
cov	a variance-covariance matrix ( $p \times p$ ).
inverted	logical. If FALSE (default), cov is supposed to be a variance-covariance matrix.

**Value**

An object of class "dist".

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**References**

Mahalanobis, P. C. (1936) On the generalized distance in statistics. *Proceedings of The National Institute of Sciences of India*, 12:49-55.

**See Also**

[dist](#), [singh](#)

**Examples**

```
# Manly (2004, p.65-66)
x1 <- c(131.37, 132.37, 134.47, 135.50, 136.17)
x2 <- c(133.60, 132.70, 133.80, 132.30, 130.33)
x3 <- c(99.17, 99.07, 96.03, 94.53, 93.50)
x4 <- c(50.53, 50.23, 50.57, 51.97, 51.37)
x <- cbind(x1, x2, x3, x4)
Cov <- matrix(c(21.112,0.038,0.078,2.01, 0.038,23.486,5.2,2.844,
0.078,5.2,24.18,1.134, 2.01,2.844,1.134,10.154), 4, 4)
D2.dist(x, Cov)

# End (not run)
```

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distClust	<i>Cluster Distance Matrix</i>
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**Description**

Function to compute a matrix of average distances within and between clusters.

**Usage**

```
distClust(d, nobj.cluster, id.cluster)
```

**Arguments**

d	an object of class "dist" containing the distances between objects.
nobj.cluster	a numeric vector containing the numbers of objects per cluster.
id.cluster	a numeric vector for identification of the objects per cluster.

**Value**

A squared matrix containing distances within (diagonal) and between (off-diagonal) clusters.

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**See Also**

[tocher](#), [dist](#)

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findSubsample	<i>Finding an Optimized Subsample</i>
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**Description**

It allows one to find an optimized (minimized or maximized) numeric subsample according to a statistic of interest. For example, it might be of interest to determine a subsample whose standard deviation is the lowest among all of those obtained from all possible subsamples of the same size.

**Usage**

```
findSubsample(x, size, fun = sd, minimize = TRUE, niter = 10000)
```

**Arguments**

x	a numeric vector.
size	an integer; the size of the subsample.
fun	an object of class function; the statistic at which to evaluate the subsample.
minimize	logical; if TRUE (default) findSubsample will find a subsample that minimizes stat.
niter	an integer indicating the number of iterations, i.e., the number of subsamples to be selected (without replacement) from the original sample, x. The larger is this number, the more optimized is the subsample to be found, but this also implies in time-consuming.

**Value**

A list of

dataname	a character.
niter	the number of iterations.
fun	the objective function.
stat	the achieved statistic for the optimized subsample.
criterion	a character indicating the type of optimization.
subsample	a numeric vector; the optimized subsample.
labels	a string containing the labels of the subsample values.

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**See Also**

[sample](#), [creategroups](#)

**Examples**

```
# Example 1
y <- rnorm(40, 5, 2)
findSubsample(x = y, size = 6)

# Example 2
f <- function(x) diff(range(x)) # max(x) - min(x)
findSubsample(x = y, size = 6, fun = f, minimize = FALSE, niter = 20000)

# End (not run)
```

**Description**

Function to estimate the parameters of the nonlinear Lessman & Atkins (1963) model for determining the optimum plot size as a function of the experimental coefficient of variation (CV) or as a function of the residual standard error.

$$CV = a * plotsize^{-b}.$$

It creates initial estimates of the parameters  $a$  and  $b$  by log-linearization and uses them to provide its least-squares estimates via [nls](#).

**Usage**

```
fitplotsize(plotsize, CV)
```

**Arguments**

<code>plotsize</code>	a numeric vector containing estimates of plot size.
<code>CV</code>	a numeric vector of experimental coefficient of variation or residual standard error.

**Value**

A [nls](#) output.

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**References**

Lessman, K. J. & Atkins, R. E. (1963) Optimum plot size and relative efficiency of lattice designs for grain sorghum yield tests. *Crop Sci.*, 3:477-481.

**See Also**

[optimumplotsize](#)

**Examples**

```
ps <- c(1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12)
cv <- c(35.6, 29, 27.1, 25.6, 24.4, 23.3, 21.6)
out <- fitplotsize(plotsize = ps, CV = cv)
predict(out) # fitted.values
plot(cv ~ ps)
curve(coef(out)[1] * x^(-coef(out)[2]), add = TRUE)
```

```
# End (not run)
```

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garlicdist	<i>Distances Between Garlic Cultivars</i>
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### Description

The data give the squared generalized Mahalanobis distances between 17 garlic cultivars. The data are taken from the article published by Silva & Dias (2013).

### Usage

```
data(garlicdist)
```

### Format

An object of class "dist" based on 17 objects.

### Source

Silva, A.R. & Dias, C.T.S. (2013) A cophenetic correlation coefficient for Tocher's method. *Pesquisa Agropecuaria Brasileira*, 48:589-596.

### Examples

```
data(garlicdist)
tocher(garlicdist)

# End (not run)
```

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gencovtest	<i>Testing Genetic Covariance</i>
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### Description

`gencovtest()` tests genetic covariance components from a MANOVA model. Two different approaches can be used: (I) a test statistic that takes into account the genetic and environmental effects and (II) a test statistic that only considers the genetic information. The first type refers to tests based on the mean cross-products ratio, whose distribution is obtained via Monte Carlo simulation of Wishart matrices. The second way of testing genetic covariance refers to tests based upon an adaptation of Wilks' and Pillai's statistics for evaluating independence of two sets of variables. All these tests are described by Silva (2015).

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'manova'
gencovtest(obj, geneticFactor, gcov = NULL,
  residualFactor = NULL, adjNrep = 1,
  test = c("MCPR", "Wilks", "Pillai"),
  nsim = 9999,
  alternative = c("two.sided", "less", "greater"))
## S3 method for class 'gencovtest'
print(x, digits = 4, ...)
## S3 method for class 'gencovtest'
plot(x, var1, var2, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>obj</code>	an object of class "manova".
<code>geneticFactor</code>	a character indicating the genetic factor from which to test covariance components. It must be declared as a factor in the manova object.
<code>gcov</code>	optional; a matrix containing estimates of genetic covariances to be tested. If NULL (default), an estimate is obtained via method of moments.
<code>residualFactor</code>	optional; a character indicating a source in the manova model to be used as error term. If NULL (default), the usual term "Residuals" will be used.
<code>adjNrep</code>	a correction index for dealing with unbalanced data. See details.
<code>test</code>	a character indicating the test. It must be one of the following: "MCPR" - the empirical type-I test based on Mean Cross-Products Ratios via Wishart simulation, "Wilks" - a type-II test based on the partial Wilks' Lambda, "Pillai" - a type-II test based on the partial Pillai's statistic.
<code>nsim</code>	the number of Monte Carlo simulations. Used only if <code>test = "MCPR"</code> .
<code>alternative</code>	the type of alternative hypothesis. Used only if <code>test = "MCPR"</code> . So far, only the option "two.sided" is implemented.
<code>x</code>	an object of class "gencovtest".
<code>digits</code>	the number of digits to be displayed by the print method.
<code>var1</code>	a character of integer indicating one of the two response variable or its position.
<code>var2</code>	a character of integer indicating one of the two response variable or its position.
<code>...</code>	further arguments.

**Details**

The genetic covariance matrix is currently estimated via method of moments, following the equation:

$$G = (Mg - Me) / (nrep * adjNrep)$$

where  $Mg$  and  $Me$  are the matrices of mean cross-products associated with the genetic factor and the residuals, respectively;  $nrep$  is the number of replications, calculated as the ratio between the total number of observations and the number of levels of the genetic factor;  $adjNrep$  is supposed to adjust  $nrep$ , specially when estimating  $G$  from unbalanced data.

**Value**

An object of class `gencovtest`, a list of

<code>gcov</code>	a p-dimensional square matrix containing estimates of the genetic covariances.
<code>gcor</code>	a p-dimensional square matrix containing estimates of the genetic correlations.
<code>test</code>	the test (as input).
<code>statistics</code>	a p-dimensional square matrix containing the test statistics. If <code>test = "MCPR"</code> the mean cross-products ratios are computed; if <code>test = "Wilks"</code> the Wilks' Lambda is; and <code>test = "Pillai"</code> results on Pillai's $Tn$ .
<code>p.values</code>	a p-dimensional square matrix containing the associated p-values.
<code>alternative</code>	the type of alternative hypothesis (as input).
<code>X2</code>	a p-dimensional square matrix containing the Chi-square (D.f. = 1) approximation for Wilks's and Pillai's statistics. Stored only if one of these two tests is chosen.
<code>simRatio</code>	an array consisting of <code>nsim</code> p-dimensional matrices containing the simulated mean cross-products ratios.
<code>dfg</code>	the number of degrees of freedom associated with the genetic factor.
<code>dfc</code>	the number of degrees of freedom associated with the residual term.

**Warning**

When using the MCPR test, be aware that `dfg` should be equal or greater than the number of variables (`p`). Otherwise the simulation of Wishart matrices may not be done.

A collinearity diagnosis is carried out using the condition number (CN), for the inferences may be affected by the quality of  $G$ . Thus, if  $CN > 100$ , a warning message is displayed.

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**References**

Silva, A.R. (2015) *On Testing Genetic Covariance*. LAP Lambert Academic Publishing. ISBN 3659716553

**See Also**

[manova](#)

**Examples**

```
# MANOVA
data(maize)
M <- manova(cbind(NKPR, ED, CD, PH) ~ family + env, data = maize)
summary(M)

# Example 1 - MCPR
```

```

t1 <- gencovtest(obj = M, geneticFactor = "family")
print(t1)
plot(t1, "ED", "PH")

# Example 2 - Pillai
t2 <- gencovtest(obj = M, geneticFactor = "family", test = "Pillai")
print(t2)
plot(t2, "ED", "PH")

# End (not run)

```

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germinationcount.test *Germination Count Range Test for Seed Sample Heterogeneity*

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### Description

A test based on the exact probability distribution of the germination count range, i.e, the difference between germination count of seed samples.

### Usage

```
germinationcount.test(r, nsamples, n, N, K)
```

### Arguments

r	an integer representing the germination count difference between seed samples.
nsamples	an integer representing the number of seed samples.
n	an integer representing the number of seeds per sample.
N	an integer representing the size (number of seeds) of the seed lot.
K	an integer representing the number of germinating seeds in the seed lot.

### Value

A list of

R.value	integer; the input R-value (r).
p.value	numeric; the exact p-value.
germination.rate	numeric; the germination rate of the seed lot, calculated as the ration of K and N.

### Author(s)

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### References

Da Silva, A.R. (2020). On testing for seed sample heterogeneity with the exact probability distribution of the germination count range. *Seed Science Research*, **30**(1): 59–63. doi:10.1017/S0960258520000112

**Examples**

```
germinationcount.test(r = 6, nsamples = 4, n = 50, N = 2000, K = 1700)

# End (Not run)
```

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maize

*Maize Data*

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**Description**

Data from an experiment with five maize families carried out in randomized block design, with four replications (environments).

**Usage**

```
data("maize")
```

**Format**

A data frame with 20 observations on the following 6 variables.

NKPR a numeric vector containing values of Number of Kernels Per cob Row.

ED a numeric vector containing values of Ear Diameter (in cm).

CD a numeric vector containing values of Cob Diameter (in cm).

PH a numeric vector containing values of Plant Height (in m).

family a factor with levels 1 2 3 4 5

env a factor with levels 1 2 3 4

**Examples**

```
data(maize)
str(maize)
summary(maize)
```

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mantelPower	<i>Power of Mantel's Test</i>
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### Description

Power calculation of Mantel's permutation test.

### Usage

```
mantelPower(obj, effect.size = seq(0, 1, length.out = 50), alpha = 0.05)
```

### Arguments

`obj` an object of class "mantelTest". See [mantelTest](#).  
`effect.size` numeric; the effect size specifying the alternative hypothesis.  
`alpha` numeric; the significance level at which to compute the power level.

### Value

A data frame containing the effect size and its respective power level.

### Author(s)

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### References

Silva, A.R.; Dias, C.T.S.; Cecon, P.R.; Rego, E.R. (2015). An alternative procedure for performing a power analysis of Mantel's test. *Journal of Applied Statistics*, **42**(9): 1984-1992.

### See Also

[mantelTest](#)

### Examples

```
# Mantel test
data(garlicdist)
garlic <- tocher(garlicdist)
coph <- cophenetic(garlic)
mt1 <- mantelTest(garlicdist, coph, xlim = c(-1, 1))

# Power calculation, H1: rho = 0.3
mantelPower(mt1, effect.size = 0.3)

# Power calculation, multiple H1s and different alphas
p01 <- mantelPower(mt1, alpha = 0.01)
p05 <- mantelPower(mt1, alpha = 0.05)
```

```

p10 <- mantelPower(mt1, alpha = 0.10)
plot(p01, type = "l", col = 4)
lines(p05, lty = 2, col = 4)
lines(p10, lty = 3, col = 4)
legend("bottomright", c("0.10", "0.05", "0.01"),
title = expression(alpha), col = 4, lty = 3:1, cex = 0.8)

# End (Not run)

```

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mantelTest

*Mantel's Permutation Test*


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### Description

Mantel's permutation test based on Pearson's correlation coefficient to evaluate the association between two distance square matrices.

### Usage

```

mantelTest(m1, m2, nperm = 999, alternative = "greater",
graph = TRUE, main = "Mantel's test", xlab = "Correlation", ...)

```

### Arguments

m1	an object of class "matrix" or "dist", containing distances among $n$ individuals.
m2	an object of class "matrix" or "dist", containing distances among $n$ individuals.
nperm	the number of matrix permutations.
alternative	a character specifying the alternative hypothesis. It must be one of "greater" (default), "two.sided" or "less".
graph	logical; if TRUE (default), the empirical distribution is plotted.
main	optional; a character describing the title of the graphic.
xlab	optional; a character describing the $x$ -axis label.
...	further graphical arguments. See <a href="#">par</a> .

### Value

A list of

correlation	numeric; the observed Pearson's correlation between m1 and m2.
p.value	numeric; the empirical p-value of the permutation test.
alternative	character; the alternative hypothesis used to compute p.value.
nullcor	numeric vector containing randomized values of correlation, i.e., under the null hypothesis that the true correlation is equal to zero.

**Author(s)**

Anderson Rodrigo da Silva <anderson.agro@hotmail.com>

**References**

Mantel, N. (1967). The detection of disease clustering and a generalized regression approach. *Cancer Research*, 27:209–220.

**See Also**

[mantelPower](#)

**Examples**

```
# Distances between garlic cultivars
data(garlicdist)
garlicdist

# Tocher's clustering
garlic <- tocher(garlicdist)
garlic

# Cophenetic distances
coph <- cophenetic(garlic)
coph

# Mantel's test
mantelTest(garlicdist, coph,
xlim = c(-1, 1))

# End (Not run)
```

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moco

*Moco Cotton Data*

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**Description**

Data set of...

**Usage**

```
data("moco")
```

**Format**

A data frame with 206 observations (sampling points) on the following 20 variables (coordinates and markers).

Lon a numeric vector containing values of longitude

Lat a numeric vector containing values of latitude

BNL1434.1 a numeric vector (marker)

BNL1434.2 a numeric vector

BNL840.1 a numeric vector

BNL840.2 a numeric vector

BNL2496.1 a numeric vector

BNL2496.2 a numeric vector

BNL1421.1 a numeric vector

BNL1421.2 a numeric vector

BNL1551.1 a numeric vector

BNL1551.2 a numeric vector

CIR249.1 a numeric vector

CIR249.2 a numeric vector

BNL3103.1 a numeric vector

BNL3103.2 a numeric vector

CIR311.1 a numeric vector

CIR311.2 a numeric vector

CIR246.1 a numeric vector

CIR246.2 a numeric vector

### **Source**

...

### **References**

...

### **Examples**

```
data(moco)
str(moco)
```

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multcor.test                      *Pairwise Correlation t-Test*

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### Description

It performs multiple correlation t-tests from a correlation matrix based on the statistic:

$$t = r * \sqrt{df / (1 - r^2)}$$

where, in general,  $df = n - 2$ .

### Usage

```
multcor.test(x, n = NULL, Df = NULL,
             alternative = c("two.sided", "less", "greater"), adjust = "none")
```

### Arguments

x	a correlation matrix.
n	the number of observations; if NULL (default), the argument Df must be passed.
Df	the number of degrees of freedom of the t statistic; if NULL (default), the argument n must be passed and, in this case, multcor.test considers $Df = n - 2$ .
alternative	the alternative hypothesis. It must be one of "two.sided", "greater" or "less". You can specify just the initial letter. "greater" corresponds to positive association, "less" to negative association. The default is "two.sided".
adjust	The adjustment method for multiple tests. It must be one of "holm", "hochberg", "hommel", "bonferroni", "BH", "BY", "fdr", "none" (default). For more information, see <a href="#">p.adjust</a> .

### Value

A list with class "multcor.test" containing the following components:

t.values	the t-value calculated for each correlation.
p.values	the p.value for each t-test, adjusted for multiple tests.
p.check	a matrix containing the p.values for each t-test (lower triangular) and a symbol indicating the significance level at which one can to reject the null hypothesis (upper triangular).
adjustemnt	a character indicating the p-value adjustment method.
df	the degrees of freedom of the tests.
alternative	a character indicating the type of alternative hypothesis.
data.name	a character string giving the name of the data.

### Author(s)

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**See Also**

[cor](#), [cor.test](#), [p.adjust](#)

**Examples**

```
data(peppercorr)
multcor.test(peppercorr, n = 20)

# End (not run)
```

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mvpaircomp

*Multivariate Pairwise Comparisons*


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**Description**

Performs pairwise comparisons of multivariate mean vectors of factor levels, overall or nested. The tests are run in the same spirit of `summary.manova()`, based on multivariate statistics such as Pillai's trace and Wilks' lambda, which can be applied to test multivariate contrasts.

**Usage**

```
mvpaircomp(model, factor1, nesting.factor = NULL,
            test = "Pillai", adjust = "none", SSPerror = NULL, DFerror = NULL)
```

```
## S3 method for class 'mvpaircomp'
print(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>model</code>	a multivariate analysis of variance (MANOVA) model, fitted using <code>lm()</code> or <code>manova()</code> ; an object of class "mlm".
<code>factor1</code>	a character string indicating a factor declared in the <code>model</code> , whose levels will be compared in pairs.
<code>nesting.factor</code>	optional; a character string indicating a factor also declared in <code>model</code> whose levels will nest the contrasts performed with <code>factor1</code> . <code>factor1</code> and <code>nesting.factor</code> can have pretty much any form or relationship, that is, not necessarily nested one another.
<code>test</code>	a character string indicating the type of multivariate statistics to be calculated to perform the F-test approximation. Default is "Pillai". Other options are: "Wilks", "Hotelling-Lawley" and "Roy". But they use to give very close results.
<code>adjust</code>	a character string indicating the p-value adjustment method for multiple comparisons. Default is "none". See <a href="#">p.adjust</a>
<code>SSPerror</code>	optional; a numeric matrix representing the residual sum of squares and cross-products, to be used to compute the multivariate statistics.

DFerror optional; a numeric value representing the residual degrees of freedom, to be used to compute the multivariate statistics.

x an object of class `mvpaircomp`.

... further arguments.

### Value

An object of class `mvpaircomp`, a list of

st an array containing the summary of the multivariate tests.

SSPcontrast an array containing p-dimensional square matrices of sum of squares and cross-products of the contrasts.

adjust a character string indicating the p-value adjustment method used.

fac1 a character string indicating the factor being tested.

fac2 a character string indicating the nesting factor.

### Author(s)

Anderson Rodrigo da Silva <anderson.agro@hotmail.com>

### References

Krzanowski, W. J. (1988) *Principles of Multivariate Analysis. A User's Perspective*. Oxford.

### See Also

[manova](#)

### Examples

```
# Example 1
data(maize)
M <- lm(cbind(NKPR, ED, CD, PH) ~ family + env, data = maize)
anova(M) # MANOVA table
mvpaircomp(M, factor1 = "family", adjust = "bonferroni")

# Example 2 (with nesting factor)
# Data on producing plastic film from Krzanowski (1998, p. 381)
tear <- c(6.5, 6.2, 5.8, 6.5, 6.5, 6.9, 7.2, 6.9, 6.1, 6.3,
          6.7, 6.6, 7.2, 7.1, 6.8, 7.1, 7.0, 7.2, 7.5, 7.6)
gloss <- c(9.5, 9.9, 9.6, 9.6, 9.2, 9.1, 10.0, 9.9, 9.5, 9.4,
           9.1, 9.3, 8.3, 8.4, 8.5, 9.2, 8.8, 9.7, 10.1, 9.2)
opacity <- c(4.4, 6.4, 3.0, 4.1, 0.8, 5.7, 2.0, 3.9, 1.9, 5.7,
            2.8, 4.1, 3.8, 1.6, 3.4, 8.4, 5.2, 6.9, 2.7, 1.9)
Y <- cbind(tear, gloss, opacity)
rate <- gl(2, 10, labels = c("Low", "High"))
additive <- gl(2, 5, length = 20, labels = c("Low", "High"))

fit <- manova(Y ~ rate * additive)
summary(fit, test = "Wilks") # MANOVA table
```

```
mvpaircomp(fit, factor1 = "rate", nesting.factor = "additive", test = "Wilks")
mvpaircomp(fit, factor1 = "additive", nesting.factor = "rate", test = "Wilks")

# End (not run)
```

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optimumplotsize            *Maximum Curvature Point for Optimum Plot Size*

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## Description

The Meier & Lessman (1971) method to determine the maximum curvature point for optimum plot size as a function of the experimental coefficient of variation.

## Usage

```
optimumplotsize(a, b)
```

## Arguments

a                    a parameter estimate of the plot size model; see [fitplotsize](#).  
b                    a parameter estimate of the plot size model; see [fitplotsize](#).

## Value

The (approximated) optimum plot size value.

## Author(s)

Anderson Rodrigo da Silva <[anderson.agro@hotmail.com](mailto:anderson.agro@hotmail.com)>

## References

Meier, V. D. & Lessman, K. J. (1971) Estimation of optimum field plot shape and size for testing yield in *Crambe abyssinica* Hochst. *Crop Sci.*, 11:648-650.

## See Also

[fitplotsize](#)

## Examples

```
ps <- c(1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12)
cv <- c(35.6, 29, 27.1, 25.6, 24.4, 23.3, 21.6)
out <- fitplotsize(plotsize = ps, CV = cv)
plot(cv ~ ps)
curve(coef(out)[1] * x^(-coef(out)[2]), add = TRUE)
optimumplotsize(a = coef(out)[1], b = coef(out)[2])

# End (not run)
```

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 pathanalysis

*Path Analysis, Simple and Under Collinearity*


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### Description

Function to perform the simple path analysis and the path analysis under collinearity (sometimes called *ridge path analysis*). It computes the direct (diagonal) and indirect (off-diagonal) effects of each explanatory variable over a response one.

### Usage

```
pathanalysis(corMatrix, resp.col, collinearity = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

corMatrix	a correlation matrix.
resp.col	an integer value indicating the column in corMatrix that corresponds to the response variable.
collinearity	logical; if TRUE, an external interactive display is used to pass a value, say $k$ , at which to evaluate the system: $(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{I}k)\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y}$ , being $\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}$ the correlation matrix between explanatory variables, $\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y}$ the correlation vector between all explanatory variables and the response variable, $\mathbf{B}$ is the vector of path coefficients and $k$ is a value between 0 and 1; default is FALSE, i.e., $k = 0$ .

### Value

A list of	
coef	a matrix containing the direct (diagonal) and indirect (off-diagonal) effects of each variable.
Rsq	the coefficient of determination.
ResidualEffect	the residual effect.
VIF	a vector containing the variance inflation factors.
CN	the condition number.

### Side Effects

If `collinearity = TRUE`, an interactive graphic is displayed for dealing with collinearity.

### Author(s)

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### References

Carvalho, S.P. (1995) *Metodos alternativos de estimacao de coeficientes de trilha e indices de selecao, sob multicolinearidade*. Ph.D. Thesis, Federal University of Vicosa (UFV), Vicosa, MG, Brazil.

**Examples**

```
data(peppercorr)
pathanalysis(peppercorr, 6, collinearity = FALSE)

# End (not run)
```

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peppercorr	<i>Correlations Between Pepper Variables</i>
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**Description**

The data give the correlations between 6 pepper variables. The data are taken from the article published by Silva et al. (2013).

**Usage**

```
data(peppercorr)
```

**Format**

An object of class "matrix".

**Source**

Silva et al. (2013) Path analysis in multicollinearity for fruit traits of pepper. *Idesia*, 31:55-60.

**Examples**

```
data(peppercorr)
print(peppercorr)

# End (not run)
```

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raise.matrix	<i>Raising a Square Matrix to a Power</i>
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**Description**

raise.matrix raises a square matrix to a power by using spectral decomposition.

**Usage**

```
raise.matrix(x, power = 1)
```

**Arguments**

x                    a square matrix.  
 power                numeric; default is 1.

**Value**

An object of class "matrix".

**Author(s)**

Anderson Rodrigo da Silva <anderson.agro@hotmail.com>

**See Also**

[eigen](#), [svd](#)

**Examples**

```
m <- matrix(c(1, -2, -2, 4), 2, 2)
raise.matrix(m)
raise.matrix(m, 2)

# End (not run)
```

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samplesize	<i>Minimum Sample Size</i>
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**Description**

Function to determine the minimum sample size for calculating a statistic based on its the confidence interval.

**Usage**

```
samplesize(x, fun, sizes = NULL, lcl = NULL, ucl = NULL,
nboot = 200, conf.level = 0.95, nrep = 500, graph = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x                    a numeric vector.  
 fun                  an objective function at which to evaluate the sample size; see details.  
 sizes                a numeric vector containing sample sizes; if NULL (default), samplesize creates a vector ranging from 2 to  $n-1$ .  
 lcl                  the lower confidence limit for the statistic defined in fun; if NULL (default), samplesize estimates lcl based on bootstrap percentile interval.  
 ucl                  the upper confidence limit for the statistic defined in fun; if NULL (default), samplesize estimates ucl based on bootstrap percentile interval.

nboot	the number of bootstrap samples; it is used only if lcl or ucl is NULL.
conf.level	the confidence level for calculating the lcl and ucl; it is used only if lcl or ucl is NULL.
nrep	the resampling (with replacement) number for each sample size in sizes; default is 500.
graph	logical; default is TRUE.
...	further graphical arguments.

### Details

If ucl or lcl is NULL, fun must be defined as in `boot`, i.e., the first argument passed will always be the original data and the second will be a vector of indices, frequencies or weights which define the bootstrap sample. By now, `samplesize` considers the second argument only as index.

### Value

A list of

CI	a vector containing the lower and the upper confidence limit for the statistic evaluated.
pointsOut	a data frame containing the sample sizes (in sizes), the number of points outside the CI (n.out) and the proportion of this number (prop).

### Side Effects

If graph = TRUE, a graphic with the dispersion of the estimates for each sample size, as well as the graphic containing the number of points outside the confidence interval for the reference sample.

### Author(s)

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### Examples

```
cv <- function(x, i) sd(x[i]) / mean(x[i]) # coefficient of variation
x = rnorm(20, 15, 2)
cv(x)
samplesize(x, cv)

par(mfrow = c(1, 3), cex = 0.7, las = 1)
samplesize(x, cv, lcl = 0.05, ucl = 0.20)
abline(h = 0.05 * 500, col = "blue") # sample sizes with 5% (or less) out CI

# End (not run)
```

sHe

*Spatial Analysis of Gene Diversity***Description**

Estimate spatial gene diversity (expected heterozygosity - *He*) through the individual-centred approach by Manel et al. (2007). `sHe()` calculates the unbiased estimate of *He* based on the information of allele frequency obtained from codominant or dominant markers in individuals within a circular moving windows of known radius over the sampling area.

**Usage**

```
sHe(x, coord.cols = 1:2, marker.cols = 3:4,
    marker.type = c("codominant", "dominant"),
    grid = NULL, latlong2km = TRUE, radius, nmin = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	a data frame or numeric matrix containing columns with coordinates of individuals and marker genotyping
<code>coord.cols</code>	a vector of integer giving the columns of coordinates in <code>x</code>
<code>marker.cols</code>	a vector of integer giving the columns of markers in <code>x</code>
<code>marker.type</code>	a character; the type of molecular marker
<code>grid</code>	optional; a two-column matrix containing coordinates over which to predict <i>He</i>
<code>latlong2km</code>	logical; should coordinates be converted from lat/long format into kilometer-grid based?
<code>radius</code>	the radius of the moving window. It must be in the same format as sampling coordinates
<code>nmin</code>	optional; a numeric value indicating the minimum number of individuals used to calculate <i>He</i> . If is the number of individuals in a certain location is less than <code>nmin</code> , <code>sHe</code> will consider <i>He</i> as zero.

**Details**

The unbiased estimate of expected heterozygosity (Nei, 1978) is given by:

$$He = (1 - \sum_{i=1}^n p_i^2) \frac{2n}{2n-1}$$

where  $p_i$  is the frequency of the  $i$ -th allele per locus considering the  $n$  individuals in a certain location.

**Value**

A list of	
diversity	a data frame with the following columns: <i>coord.x</i> - the x-axis coordinates of the prediction grid, <i>coord.y</i> - the y-axis coordinates of the prediction grid, <i>n</i> - the number of individuals in a certain points in the grid, <i>MaxDist</i> - the maximum observed distance among these individuals, <i>uHe</i> - the unbiased estimate of gene diversity (as expressed above), and <i>SE</i> - the standard error of <i>uHe</i> .
mHe	a matrix containing the estimates of <i>He</i> for every marker, on each point of the grid.
locations	a numeric matrix containing the sampling coordinates, as provides as input.

**Warning**

Depending on the dimension of *x* and/or *grid*, *sHe()* can be time demanding.

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**References**

- da Silva, A.R.; Malafaia, G.; Menezes, I.P.P. (2017) biotools: an R function to predict spatial gene diversity via an individual-based approach. *Genetics and Molecular Research*, **16**: gmr16029655.
- Manel, S., Berthoud, F., Bellemain, E., Gaudoul, M., Luikart, G., Swenson, J.E., Waits, L.P., Taberlet, P.; IntraBiodiv Consortium. (2007) A new individual-based spatial approach for identifying genetic discontinuities in natural populations. *Molecular Ecology*, **16**:2031-2043.
- Nei, M. (1978) Estimation of average heterozygosity and genetic distance from a small number of individuals. *Genetics*, **89**: 583-590.

**See Also**

[levelplot](#)

**Examples**

```
data(moco)
data(brazil)

# check points
plot(brazil, cex = 0.1, col = "gray")
points(Lat ~ Lon, data = moco, col = "blue", pch = 20)

# using a rectangular grid (not passed as input!)
# ex <- sHe(x = moco, coord.cols = 1:2,
# marker.cols = 3:20, marker.type = "codominant",
# grid = NULL, radius = 150)
#ex
```

```

# plot(ex, xlab = "Lon", ylab = "Lat")

# A Fancier Plot...
# using Brazil's coordinates as prediction grid
# ex2 <- sHe(x = moco, coord.cols = 1:2,
# marker.cols = 3:20, marker.type = "codominant",
# grid = brazil, radius = 150)
# ex2
#
# library(maps)
# borders <- data.frame(x = map("world", "brazil")$x,
# y = map("world", "brazil")$y)
#
# library(latticeExtra)
# plot(ex2, xlab = "Lon", ylab = "Lat",
# xlim = c(-75, -30), ylim = c(-35, 10), aspect = "iso") +
# latticeExtra::as.layer(xyplot(y ~ x, data = borders, type = "l")) +
# latticeExtra::as.layer(xyplot(Lat ~ Lon, data = moco))

# End (not run)

```

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singh

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*Importance of Variables According to the Singh (1981) Criterion*


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## Description

A function to calculate the Singh (1981) criterion for importance of variables based on the squared generalized Mahalanobis distance.

$$S_{.j} = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{i'>i}^n (x_{ij} - x_{i'j}) * (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{x}_{i'})' * \Sigma_j^{-1}$$

## Usage

```

## Default S3 method:
singh(data, cov, inverted = FALSE)
## S3 method for class 'singh'
plot(x, ...)

```

## Arguments

data	a data frame or matrix of data ( $n \times p$ ).
cov	a variance-covariance matrix ( $p \times p$ ).
inverted	logical. If FALSE (default), cov is supposed to be a variance-covariance matrix.
x	an object of class "singh".
...	further graphical arguments.

**Value**

singh returns a matrix containing the Singh statistic, the importance proportion and the cumulative proportion of each variable (column) in data.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Singh, D. (1981) The relative importance of characters affecting genetic divergence. *Indian Journal Genetics & Plant Breeding*, 41:237-245.

**See Also**

[D2.dist](#)

**Examples**

```
# Manly (2004, p.65-66)
x1 <- c(131.37, 132.37, 134.47, 135.50, 136.17)
x2 <- c(133.60, 132.70, 133.80, 132.30, 130.33)
x3 <- c(99.17, 99.07, 96.03, 94.53, 93.50)
x4 <- c(50.53, 50.23, 50.57, 51.97, 51.37)
x <- cbind(x1, x2, x3, x4)
Cov <- matrix(c(21.112,0.038,0.078,2.01, 0.038,23.486,5.2,2.844,
0.078,5.2,24.18,1.134, 2.01,2.844,1.134,10.154), 4, 4)
(s <- singh(x, Cov))
plot(s)

# End (not run)
```

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spatialpred

*Spatial Predictions Based on the Circular Variable-Radius Moving Window Method*

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**Description**

A heuristic method to perform spatial predictions. The method consists of a local interpolator with stochastic features. It allows to build effective detailed maps and to estimate the spatial dependence without any assumptions on the spatial process.

**Usage**

```
spatialpred(coords, data, grid)
```

**Arguments**

coords	a data frame or numeric matrix containing columns with geographic coordinates
data	a numeric vector of compatible dimension with coords containing the response variable data to be predicted at each grid point
grid	a data frame or numeric matrix containing columns with geographic coordinates where data is to be predicted

**Details**

If grid receives the same input as coords, spatialpred will calculate the Percentual Absolute Mean Error (PAME) of predictions.

**Value**

A data.frame containing spatial predictions, standard errors, the radius and the number of observations used in each prediction over the grid.

**Warning**

Depending on the dimension of coords and/or grid, spatialpred() can be time demanding.

**Author(s)**

Anderson Rodrigo da Silva <anderson.agro@hotmail.com>

**References**

Da Silva, A.R., Silva, A.P.A., Tiago-Neto, L.J. (2020) A new local stochastic method for predicting data with spatial heterogeneity. *ACTA SCIENTIARUM-AGRONOMY*, **43**:e49947.

**See Also**

[sHe](#)

**Examples**

```
# data(moco)
# p <- spatialpred(coords = moco[, 1:2], data = rnorm(206), grid = moco[, 1:2])
# note: using coords as grid to calculate PAME
# head(p)
# lattice::levelplot(pred ~ Lat*Lon, data = p)

# End (not run)
```

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tocher	<i>Tocher's Clustering</i>
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### Description

tocher performs the Tocher (Rao, 1952) optimization clustering from a distance matrix. The cophenetic distance matrix for a Tocher's clustering can also be computed using the methodology proposed by Silva and Dias (2013).

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'dist'
tocher(d, algorithm = c("original", "sequential"))
## S3 method for class 'tocher'
print(x, ...)
## S3 method for class 'tocher'
cophenetic(x)
```

### Arguments

d	an object of class "dist".
algorithm	a character indicating the algorithm to be used for clustering objects. It must be one of the two: "original" (default) or "sequential". The latter is the method proposed by Vasconcelos et al. (2007), and sometimes called "modified" Tocher.
x	an object of class "tocher".
...	optional further arguments from print.

### Value

An object of class tocher. A list of

call	the call which produced the result.
algorithm	character; the algorithm that has been used as input.
clusters	a list of length $k$ (the number of clusters), containing the labels of the objects in $d$ for each cluster.
class	a numeric vector indicating the class (the cluster) of each object in $d$ .
criterion	a numeric vector containing the clustering criteria - the greatest amongst the smallest distances involving each object in $d$ . If <code>algorithm = "original"</code> , this vector contains an unique value, i.e., the same criterion is used for every clustering step.
distClust	a matrix of distances within (diagonal) and between (off-diagonal) clusters.
d	the input object.

### Warning

Clustering a large number of objects (say 300 or more) can be time demanding.

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**See Also**

[dist](#), [D2.dist](#), [cophenetic](#), [distClust](#), [hclust](#)

**Examples**

```
# example 1
data(garlicdist)
(garlic <- tocher(garlicdist))
garlic$distClust # cluster distances

# example 2
data(USArrests)
(usa <- tocher(dist(USArrests)))
usa$distClust

# cophenetic correlation
cophUS <- cophenetic(usa)
cor(cophUS, dist(USArrests))

# using the sequential algorithm
(usa2 <- tocher(dist(USArrests), algorithm = "sequential"))
usa2$criterion

# example 3
data(eurodist)
(euro <- tocher(eurodist))
euro$distClust

# End (not run)
```

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