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**Description**

Computes conditional distance covariance and conditional distance correlation statistics, which are multivariate measures of conditional dependence.

**Usage**

```
cdcov(x, y, z, width, index = 1, distance = FALSE)
```

```
cdcor(x, y, z, width, index = 1, distance = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	a numeric vector, matrix, or dist object
y	a numeric vector, matrix, or dist object
z	z is a numeric vector or matrix. It is the variable being conditioned.
width	a user-specified positive value (univariate conditional variable) or vector (multivariate conditional variable) for gaussian kernel bandwidth. Its default value is relies on <code>stats::bw.nrd0</code> .
index	exponent on Euclidean distance, in $(0, 2]$
distance	if <code>distance = TRUE</code> , x and y will be considered as distance matrices. Default: <code>distance = FALSE</code> .

**Details**

cdcov and cdcor compute conditional distance covariance and conditional distance correlation statistics. The sample sizes (number of rows or length of the vector) of the two variables must agree, and samples must not contain missing values. If we set `distance = TRUE`, arguments x, y can be a dist object recording distance between samples; otherwise, these arguments are treated as multivariate data.

**Value**

cdcov	conditional distance covariance test statistic.
cdcor	conditional distance correlation statistic.
cdc	conditional distance covariance/correlation vector.

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## References

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## See Also

[cdcor](#)

## Examples

```
library(cdcov)

##### Conditional Distance Covariance #####
set.seed(1)
x <- rnorm(25)
y <- rnorm(25)
z <- rnorm(25)
cdcov(x, y, z)
##### Conditional Distance Correlation #####
num <- 25
set.seed(1)
x <- rnorm(num)
y <- rnorm(num)
z <- rnorm(num)
cdcor(x, y, z)
```

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cdcov.test

*Conditional Distance Covariance Independence Test*

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## Description

Performs the nonparametric conditional distance covariance test for conditional independence assumption

## Usage

```
cdcov.test(
  x,
  y,
  z,
  num.bootstrap = 99,
  width,
  distance = FALSE,
  index = 1,
  seed = 1,
  num.threads = 1
)
```

**Arguments**

x	a numeric vector, matrix, or dist object
y	a numeric vector, matrix, or dist object
z	z is a numeric vector or matrix. It is the variable being conditioned.
num.bootstrap	the number of local bootstrap procedure replications. Default: num.bootstrap = 99.
width	a user-specified positive value (univariate conditional variable) or vector (multivariate conditional variable) for gaussian kernel bandwidth. Its default value is relies on stats::bw.nrd0 function when conditional variable is univariate, ks::Hpi.diag when conditional variable with at most trivariate, and stats::bw.nrd on the other cases.
distance	if distance = TRUE, x and y will be considered as distance matrices. Default: distance = FALSE.
index	exponent on Euclidean distance, in (0, 2]
seed	the random seed
num.threads	number of threads. Default num.threads = 1.

**Value**

cdcov.test returns a list with class "htest" containing the following components:

statistic	conditional distance covariance statistic.
p.value	the $p$ -value for the test.
replicates	the number of local bootstrap procedure replications.
size	sample sizes.
alternative	a character string describing the alternative hypothesis.
method	a character string indicating what type of test was performed.
data.name	description of data.

**References**

Wang, X., Pan, W., Hu, W., Tian, Y. and Zhang, H., 2015. Conditional distance correlation. Journal of the American Statistical Association, 110(512), pp.1726-1734.

**See Also**

[cdcov](#)

**Examples**

```
library(cdcov)
set.seed(1)
num <- 50
##### Conditional Independent #####
```

```

## Case 1:
cov_mat <- matrix(c(1, 0.36, 0.6, 0.36, 1, 0.6, 0.6, 0.6, 1), nrow = 3)
dat <- mvtnorm::rmvnorm(n = num, sigma = cov_mat)
x <- dat[, 1]
y <- dat[, 2]
z <- dat[, 3]
cdcov.test(x, y, z)
## Case 2:
z <- rnorm(num)
x <- 0.5 * (z^3 / 7 + z / 2) + tanh(rnorm(num))
x <- x + x^3 / 3
y <- (z^3 + z) / 3 + rnorm(num)
y <- y + tanh(y / 3)
cdcov.test(x, y, z, num.bootstrap = 99)

##### Conditional Dependent #####
## Case 3:
cov_mat <- matrix(c(1, 0.7, 0.6, 0.7, 1, 0.6, 0.6, 0.6, 1), nrow = 3)
dat <- mvtnorm::rmvnorm(n = num, sigma = cov_mat)
x <- dat[, 1]
y <- dat[, 2]
z <- dat[, 3]
cdcov.test(x, y, z, width = 0.5)
## Case 4:
z <- matrix(rt(num * 4, df = 2), nrow = num)
x <- z
y <- cbind(sin(z[, 1]) + cos(z[, 2]) + (z[, 3])^2 + (z[, 4])^2,
           (z[, 1])^2 + (z[, 2])^2 + z[, 3] + z[, 4])
z <- z[, 1:2]
cdcov.test(x, y, z, seed = 2)

##### Distance Matrix Input #####
x <- dist(x)
y <- dist(y)
cdcov.test(x, y, z, seed = 2, distance = TRUE)

```

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cdcsis

*Conditional Distance Correlation Sure Independence Screening  
(CDC-SIS)*


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## Description

Performs conditional distance correlation sure independence screening (CDC-SIS).

## Usage

```

cdcsis(
  x,
  y,

```

```

    z = NULL,
    width,
    threshold = nrow(y),
    distance = FALSE,
    index = 1,
    num.threads = 1
  )

```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	a numeric matrix, or a list which contains multiple numeric matrix
<code>y</code>	a numeric vector, matrix, or dist object
<code>z</code>	<code>z</code> is a numeric vector or matrix. It is the variable being conditioned.
<code>width</code>	a user-specified positive value (univariate conditional variable) or vector (multivariate conditional variable) for gaussian kernel bandwidth. Its default value is relies on <code>stats::bw.nrd0</code> function when conditional variable is univariate, <code>ks::Hpi.diag</code> when conditional variable with at most trivariate, and <code>stats::bw.nrd</code> on the other cases.
<code>threshold</code>	the threshold of the number of predictors recruited by CDC-SIS. Should be less than or equal than the number of column of <code>x</code> . Default value <code>threshold</code> is sample size.
<code>distance</code>	if <code>distance = TRUE</code> , only <code>y</code> will be considered as distance matrices. Default: <code>distance = FALSE</code>
<code>index</code>	exponent on Euclidean distance, in $(0, 2]$
<code>num.threads</code>	number of threads. Default <code>num.threads = 1</code> .

### Value

<code>ix</code>	the vector of indices selected by CDC-SIS
<code>cdcor</code>	the conditional distance correlation for each univariate/multivariate variable in <code>x</code>

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### References

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### See Also

[cdcor](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:

library(cdcsis)

##### univariate explanative variables #####
set.seed(1)
num <- 100
p <- 150
x <- matrix(rnorm(num * p), nrow = num)
z <- rnorm(num)
y <- 3 * x[, 1] + 1.5 * x[, 2] + 4 * z * x[, 5] + rnorm(num)
res <- cdcsis(x, y, z)
head(res[["ix"]], n = 10)

##### multivariate explanative variables #####
x <- as.list(as.data.frame(x))
x <- lapply(x, as.matrix)
x[[1]] <- cbind(x[[1]], x[[2]])
x[[2]] <- NULL
res <- cdcsis(x, y, z)
head(res[["ix"]], n = 10)

##### multivariate response variables #####
num <- 100
p <- 150
x <- matrix(rnorm(num * p), nrow = num)
z <- rnorm(num)
y1 <- 3 * x[, 1] + 5 * z * x[, 4] + rnorm(num)
y2 <- 3 * x[, 2] + 5 * x[, 3] + 2 * z + rnorm(num)
y <- cbind(y1, y2)
res <- cdcsis(x, y, z)
head(res[["ix"]], n = 10)

## End(Not run)
```

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