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## Description

This package implements a general algorithm to cluster coefficient functions (i.e. clusters of effects) obtained from a quantile regression (qrcm; Frumento and Bottai, 2016). This algorithm is also used for clustering curves observed in time, as in functional data analysis. The objectives of this algorithm vary with the scenario in which it is used, i.e. in the case of a cluster of effects, in a univariate case the objective may be to reduce its dimensionality or in the multivariate case to group similar effects on a covariate. In the case of a functional data analysis the main objective is to cluster waves or any other function of time or space. Sottile G. and Adelfio G. (2019) <<https://doi.org/10.1007/s00180-018-0817-8>>.

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The function `clustEff` allows to specify the type of the curves to apply the proposed clustering algorithm. The function `extract.object` extracts the matrices, in case of multivariate response, through the quantile regression coefficient modeling, useful to run the main algorithm. The auxiliary functions `summary.clustEff` and `plot.clustEff` can be used to extract information from the main algorithm. In the new version of the package you can also find a PCA-based clustering approach called Functional Principal Components Analysis Clustering (FPCAC). Main function of this algorithm is `fpcac`, and some auxiliary functions are `summary.fpcac` and `plot.fpcac`.

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**Examples**

```

# Main functions:
set.seed(1234)
n <- 300
x <- 1:n/n

Y <- matrix(0, n, 30)

sigma2 <- 4*pmax(x-.2, 0) - 8*pmax(x-.5, 0) + 4*pmax(x-.8, 0)

mu <- sin(3*pi*x)
for(i in 1:10) Y[, i] <- mu + rnorm(length(x), 0, pmax(sigma2, 0))

mu <- cos(3*pi*x)
for(i in 11:23) Y[, i] <- mu + rnorm(length(x), 0, pmax(sigma2, 0))

mu <- sin(3*pi*x)*cos(pi*x)
for(i in 24:28) Y[, i] <- mu + rnorm(length(x), 0, pmax(sigma2, 0))

mu <- 0 #sin(1/3*pi*x)*cos(2*pi*x)
for(i in 29:30) Y[, i] <- mu + rnorm(length(x), 0, pmax(sigma2, 0))

clustEff(Y)

fpcac(Y, K = opt.fpcac(Y)$K.opt)

```

clustEff

*Cluster Effects Algorithm***Description**

This function implements the algorithm to cluster curves of effects obtained from a quantile regression (qrcm; Frumento and Bottai, 2015) in which the coefficients are described by flexible parametric functions of the order of the quantile. This algorithm can be also used for clustering of curves observed in time, as in functional data analysis.

**Usage**

```

clustEff(Beta, Beta.lower = NULL, Beta.upper = NULL,
         k = c(2, min(5, (ncol(Beta)-1))), ask = FALSE, diss.mat, alpha = .5,
         step = c("both", "shape", "distance"),
         cut.method = c("mindist", "length", "conf.int"),
         method = "ward.D2", approx.spline = FALSE, nbasis = 50,
         conf.level = 0.9, stand = FALSE, plot = TRUE, trace = TRUE)

```

**Arguments**

**Beta** A matrix  $n \times q$ .  $q$  represents the number of curves to cluster and  $n$  is either the length of percentiles used in the quantile regression or the length of the time vector.

Beta.lower	A matrix $n \times q$ . $q$ represents the number of lower interval of the curves to cluster and $n$ the length of percentiles used in quantile regression. Used only if <code>cluster.effects=TRUE</code> .
Beta.upper	A matrix $n \times q$ . $q$ represents the number of upper interval of the curves to cluster and $n$ the length of percentiles used in quantile regression. Used only if <code>cluster.effects=TRUE</code> .
k	It represents the number of clusters to look for. If it is two-length vector ( <code>k.min - k.max</code> ) an optimization is performed, if it is a unique value it is fixed.
ask	If <code>TRUE</code> , after plotting the dendrogram, the user make is own choice about how many cluster to use.
diss.mat	a dissimilarity matrix, obtained by using <code>distshape</code> function.
alpha	It is the alpha-percentile used for computing the dissimilarity matrix. The default value is <code>alpha=.5</code> .
step	The steps used in computing the dissimilarity matrix. Default is <code>"both"=("shape" and "distance")</code>
cut.method	The method used in optimization step to look for the optimal number of clusters. Default is <code>"mindist"</code> , however if <code>Beta.lower</code> and <code>Beta.upper</code> are available the suggested method is <code>"conf.int"</code> .
method	The agglomeration method to be used.
approx.spline	If <code>TRUE</code> , Beta is approximated by a smooth spline.
nbasis	An integer variable specifying the number of basis functions. Only when <code>approx.spline=TRUE</code>
conf.level	the confidence level required.
stand	If <code>TRUE</code> , the argument Beta is standardized.
plot	If <code>TRUE</code> , dendrogram, boxplot and clusters are plotted.
trace	If <code>TRUE</code> , some informations are printed.

### Details

Quantile regression models conditional quantiles of a response variable, given a set of covariates. Assume that each coefficient can be expressed as a parametric function of  $p$  in the form:

$$\beta(p|\theta) = \theta_0 + \theta_1 b_1(p) + \theta_2 b_2(p) + \dots$$

where  $b_1(p), b_2(p, \dots)$  are known functions of  $p$ .

### Value

An object of class `"clustEff"`, a list containing the following items:

call	the matched call.
p	The percentiles used in quantile regression coefficient modeling or the time otherwise.
X	The curves matrix.

clusters	The vector of clusters.
X.mean	The mean curves matrix of dimension $n \times k$ .
X.mean.dist	The within cluster distance from the mean curve.
X.lower	The lower bound matrix.
X.mean.lower	The mean lower bound of dimension $n \times k$ .
X.upper	The upper bound matrix.
X.mean.upper	The mean upper bound of dimension $n \times k$ .
Signif.interval	The matrix of dimension $n \times k$ containing the intervals in which each mean lower and upper bounds don't include the zero.
k	The number of selected clusters.
diss.matrix	The dissimilarity matrix.
X.mean.diss	The within cluster dissimilarity.
oggSilhouette	An object of class "silhouette".
oggHclust	An object of class "hclust".
distance	A vector of goodness measures used to select the best number of clusters.
step	The selected step.
method	The used agglomeration method.
cut.method	The used method to select the best number of clusters.
alpha	The selected alpha-percentile.

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### References

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Frumento, P., and Bottai, M. (2015). *Parametric modeling of quantile regression coefficient functions*. *Biometrics*, doi: 10.1111/biom.12410.

### See Also

[summary.clustEff](#), [plot.clustEff](#), for summary and plotting. [extract.object](#) to extract useful objects for the clustering algorithm through a quantile regression coefficient modeling in a multivariate case.

**Examples**

```

# CURVES EFFECTS CLUSTERING

set.seed(1234)
n <- 300
q <- 2
k <- 5
x1 <- runif(n, 0, 5)
x2 <- runif(n, 0, 5)

X <- cbind(x1, x2)
rownames(X) <- 1:n
colnames(X) <- paste0("X", 1:q)

theta1 <- matrix(c(1, 1, 0, 0, 0, .5, 0, .5, 1, 2, .5, 0, 2, 1, .5),
                 ncol=k, byrow=TRUE)

theta2 <- matrix(c(1, 1, 0, 0, 0, -.3, 0, .5, 1, .5, -1.5, 0, -1, -.5, 1),
                 ncol=k, byrow=TRUE)

theta3 <- matrix(c(1, 1, 0, 0, 0, .3, 0, -.5, -1, 2, -.5, 0, 1, -.5, -1),
                 ncol=k, byrow=TRUE)

rownames(theta3) <- rownames(theta2) <- rownames(theta1) <-
  c("(intercept)", paste("X", 1:q, sep=""))
colnames(theta3) <- colnames(theta2) <- colnames(theta1) <-
  c("(intercept)", "qnorm(p)", "p", "p^2", "p^3")

Theta <- list(theta1, theta2, theta3)

B <- function(p, k){matrix(cbind(1, qnorm(p), p, p^2, p^3), nrow=k, byrow=TRUE)}
Q <- function(p, theta, B, k, X){rowSums(X * t(theta %*% B(p, k)))}

Y <- matrix(NA, nrow(X), 15)
for(i in 1:15){
  if(i <= 5) Y[, i] <- Q(runif(n), Theta[[1]], B, k, cbind(1, X))
  if(i <= 10 & i > 5) Y[, i] <- Q(runif(n), Theta[[2]], B, k, cbind(1, X))
  if(i <= 15 & i > 10) Y[, i] <- Q(runif(n), Theta[[3]], B, k, cbind(1, X))
}

XX <- extract.object(Y, X, intercept=TRUE, formula.p= ~ I(p) + I(p^2) + I(p^3))

obj <- clustEff(XX$X$X1, Beta.lower=XX$X1$X1, Beta.upper=XX$Xr$X1, cut.method = "conf.int")
summary(obj)
plot(obj, xvar="clusters", col = 1:3)
plot(obj, xvar="dendrogram")
plot(obj, xvar="boxplot")

obj2 <- clustEff(XX$X$X2, Beta.lower=XX$X1$X2, Beta.upper=XX$Xr$X2, cut.method = "conf.int")
summary(obj2)
plot(obj2, xvar="clusters", col=1:3)
plot(obj2, xvar="dendrogram")

```

```

plot(obj2, xvar="boxplot")

## Not run:
set.seed(1234)
n <- 300
q <- 15
k <- 5
X <- matrix(rnorm(n*q), n, q); X <- scale(X)
rownames(X) <- 1:n
colnames(X) <- paste0("X", 1:q)

Theta <- matrix(c(1, 1, 0, 0, 0,
                  .5, 0, .5, 1, 1,
                  .5, 0, 1, 2, .5,
                  .5, 0, 1, 1, .5,
                  .5, 0, .5, 1, 1,
                  .5, 0, .5, 1, .5,
                  -1.5, 0, -.5, 1, 1,
                  -1, 0, .5, -1, -1,
                  -.5, 0, -.5, -1, .5,
                  -1, 0, .5, -1, -.5,
                  -1.5, 0, -.5, -1, -.5,
                  2, 0, 1, 1.5, 2,
                  2, 0, .5, 1.5, 2,
                  2.5, 0, 1, 1, 2,
                  1.5, 0, 1.5, 1, 2,
                  3, 0, 2, 1, .5),
                ncol=k, byrow=TRUE)
rownames(Theta) <- c("intercept", paste("X", 1:q, sep=""))
colnames(Theta) <- c("intercept", "qnorm(p)", "p", "p^2", "p^3")

B <- function(p, k){matrix(cbind(1, qnorm(p), p, p^2, p^3), nrow=k, byrow=TRUE)}
Q <- function(p, theta, B, k, X){rowSums(X * t(theta %*% B(p, k)))}

s <- matrix(1, q+1, k)
s[2:(q+1), 2] <- 0
s[1, 3:k] <- 0

Y <- Q(runif(n), Theta, B, k, cbind(1, X))
XX <- extract.object(Y, X, intercept = TRUE, formula.p= ~ I(p) + I(p^2) + I(p^3))

obj3 <- clustEff(XX$X, Beta.lower=XX$Xl, Beta.upper=XX$Xr, cut.method = "conf.int")
summary(obj3)

# changing the alpha-percentile clusters are correctly identified

obj4 <- clustEff(XX$X, Beta.lower=XX$Xl, Beta.upper=XX$Xr, cut.method = "conf.int",
                alpha = 0.25)
summary(obj4)

# CURVES CLUSTERING IN FUNCTIONAL DATA ANALYSIS

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```

set.seed(1234)
n <- 300
x <- 1:n/n

Y <- matrix(0, n, 30)

sigma2 <- 4*pmax(x-.2, 0) - 8*pmax(x-.5, 0) + 4*pmax(x-.8, 0)

mu <- sin(3*pi*x)
for(i in 1:10) Y[, i] <- mu + rnorm(length(x), 0, pmax(sigma2, 0))

mu <- cos(3*pi*x)
for(i in 11:23) Y[, i] <- mu + rnorm(length(x), 0, pmax(sigma2, 0))

mu <- sin(3*pi*x)*cos(pi*x)
for(i in 24:28) Y[, i] <- mu + rnorm(length(x), 0, pmax(sigma2, 0))

mu <- 0 #sin(1/3*pi*x)*cos(2*pi*x)
for(i in 29:30) Y[, i] <- mu + rnorm(length(x), 0, pmax(sigma2, 0))

obj5 <- clustEff(Y)
summary(obj5)
plot(obj5, xvar="clusters", col=1:4)
plot(obj5, xvar="dendrogram")
plot(obj5, xvar="boxplot")

## End(Not run)

```

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distshape

*Dissimilarity matrix*

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## Description

This function implements the dissimilarity matrix based on shape and distance of curves.

## Usage

```
distshape(Beta, alpha=.5, step=c("both", "shape", "distance"), trace=TRUE)
```

## Arguments

Beta	A matrix $n \times q$ . $q$ represents the number of curves to cluster and $n$ is either the length of percentiles used in the quantile regression or the length of the time vector.
alpha	It is the alpha-percentile used for computing the dissimilarity matrix. If not fixed, the algorithm choose $\alpha=.25$ (cluster.effects=TRUE) or $\alpha=.5$ (cluster.effects=FALSE).

step	The steps used in computing the dissimilarity matrix. Default is "both"=("shape" and "distance")
trace	If TRUE, some informations are printed.

### Value

The dissimilarity matrix of class “dist”.

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### References

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Frumento, P., and Bottai, M. (2015). *Parametric modeling of quantile regression coefficient functions*. *Biometrics*, doi: 10.1111/biom.12410.

### See Also

[clustEff](#), [summary.clustEff](#), [plot.clustEff](#), for summary and plotting. [extract.object](#) to extract useful objects for the clustering algorithm through a quantile regression coefficient modeling in a multivariate case.

### Examples

```
set.seed(1234)
n <- 300
x <- 1:n/n

Y <- matrix(0, n, 30)

sigma2 <- 4*pmax(x-.2, 0) - 8*pmax(x-.5, 0) + 4*pmax(x-.8, 0)

mu <- sin(3*pi*x)
for(i in 1:10) Y[, i] <- mu + rnorm(length(x), 0, pmax(sigma2, 0))

mu <- cos(3*pi*x)
for(i in 11:23) Y[, i] <- mu + rnorm(length(x), 0, pmax(sigma2, 0))

mu <- sin(3*pi*x)*cos(pi*x)
for(i in 24:28) Y[, i] <- mu + rnorm(length(x), 0, pmax(sigma2, 0))

mu <- 0 #sin(1/3*pi*x)*cos(2*pi*x)
for(i in 29:30) Y[, i] <- mu + rnorm(length(x), 0, pmax(sigma2, 0))

diss <- distshape(Y)
```

diss

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extract.object	extract.object fits a multivariate quantile regression and extracts objects for the cluster effects algorithm.
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### Description

extract.object fits a multivariate quantile regression and extracts objects for the cluster effects algorithm.

### Usage

```
extract.object(Y, X, intercept=TRUE, formula.p=~slp(p, 3), s, object, p, which)
```

### Arguments

Y	A multivariate response matrix of dimension $n \times q_1$ , or a vector of length $n$ .
X	The covariates matrix of dimension $n \times q_2$ .
intercept	If TRUE, the intercept is included in the model.
formula.p	a one-sided formula of the form $\sim b_1(p, \dots) + b_2(p, \dots) + \dots$
s	An optional 0/1 matrix that allows to exclude some model coefficients (see ‘Examples’).
object	An object of class “iqr”. If missing, Y and X have to be supplied.
p	The percentiles used in quantile regression coefficient modeling. If missing a default sequence is chosen.
which	If fixed, only the selected covariates are extracted from the model. If missing all the covariates are extracted.

### Details

A list of objects useful to run the cluster effect algorithm is created.

### Value

p	The percentiles used in the quantile regression.
X	A list containing as many matrices as covariates, where for each matrix the number of columns corresponds to the number of the responses. Each column of a matrix corresponds to one curve effect. In the case of a univariate model it is a unique matrix.
Xl	A list as X. Each column of a matrix corresponds to the lower interval of the curve effect. In the case of a univariate model it is a unique matrix.
Xr	A list as X. Each column of a matrix corresponds to the upper interval of the curve effect. In the case of a univariate model it is a unique matrix.

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**See Also**

[clustEff](#), for clustering algorithm; [summary.clustEff](#) and [plot.clustEff](#), for summarizing and plotting clustEff objects.

**Examples**

```
# using simulated data

# see the documentation for 'clustEff'
```

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fpcac

*Functional Principal Components Analysis Clustering*

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**Description**

This function implements the algorithm FPCAC for curves clustering as a variant of a k-means algorithm based on the principal component rotation of data

**Usage**

```
fpcac(X, K = 2, fd = NULL, nbasis = 5, norder = 3, nharmonics = 3,
      alpha = 0, niter = 30, Ksteps = 25, conf.level = 0.9, seed, disp = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

X	Matrix of ‘curves’ of dimension n x q.
K	the number of clusters.
fd	If not NULL it overrides X and must be an object of class fd.
nbasis	an integer variable specifying the number of basis functions. The default value is 5.
norder	an integer specifying the order of b-splines, which is one higher than their degree. The default value is 3.
nharmonics	the number of harmonics or principal components to use. The default value is 3.
alpha	trimming size, that is the given proportion of observations to be discarded.
niter	the number or random restarting (larger values provide more accurate solutions).
Ksteps	the number of k-mean steps (not too many ksteps are needed).
conf.level	the confidence level required.
seed	the seed used for reproducibility.
disp	if TRUE, it is used to print some information across the algorithm.

## Details

FPCAC is a functional PCA-based clustering approach that provides a variation of the algorithm for curves clustering proposed by Garcia-Escudero and Gordaliza (2005).

The starting point of the proposed FPCAC is to find a linear approximation of each curve by a finite  $p$  dimensional vector of coefficients defined by the FPCA scores.

The number of starting clusters  $k$  is obtained on the basis of the scores volume, such that we assign events to the clusters defined by events that have a distance less than a fixed threshold (e.g. 90-th percentile) in the space of PCA scores. Once  $k$  is obtained we use a modified version of the trimmed  $k$ -means algorithm, that considers the matrix of FPCA scores instead of the coefficients of a linear fitting to B-spline bases.

The trimmed  $k$ -means clustering algorithm looks for the  $k$  centers  $C_1, \dots, C_k$  that are solution of the minimization problem:

$$O_k(\alpha) = \min_Y \min_{C_1, \dots, C_k} \frac{1}{[n(1-\alpha)]} \sum_{X_i \in Y} \inf_{1 \leq j \leq k} \|X_i - C_j\|^2$$

We think that the proposed approach has the advantage of an immediate use of PCA for functional data avoiding some objective choices related to spline fitting as in RCC. Simulations and applications suggest also the well behavior of the FPCAC algorithm, both in terms of stable and easily interpretable results.

## Value

An object of class “fpcac”, a list containing the following items:

call	the matched call.
obj.function	The percentiles used in the quantile regression coefficient modeling or objective function $O_k(\alpha)$ .
centers	The curves matrix.
radius	The vector of clusters.
clusters	The mean curves matrix of dimension $n \times k$ .
Xorig	The atrix of ‘curves’ of dimension $n \times q$ .
fd	The object obtained by the call of FPCA of class ‘fd’
X	The matrix of ‘curves’ transformed through FPCA of dimension $p \times n$ harmonics.
X.mean	The mean curves matrix of dimension $n \times k$ .
diss.matrix	The Euclidean distance matrix of the transformed curves.
oggSilhouette	An object of class ‘silhouette’.

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## References

- Adelfio, G., Chiodi, M., D'Alessandro, A. and Luzio, D. (2011) FPCA algorithm for waveform clustering. *Journal of Communication and Computer*, 8(6), 494-502.
- Adelfio, G., Chiodi, M., D'Alessandro, A., Luzio, D., D'Anna, G., Mangano, G. (2012) Simultaneous seismic wave clustering and registration. *Computers & Geosciences* 44, 60-69.
- Garcia-Escudero, L. A. and Gordaliza, A. (2005). A proposal for robust curve clustering, *Journal of classification*, 22, 185-201.

## See Also

[opt.fpcac](#).

## Examples

```
set.seed(1234)
n <- 300
x <- 1:n/n

Y <- matrix(0, n, 30)

sigma2 <- 4*pmax(x-.2, 0) - 8*pmax(x-.5, 0) + 4*pmax(x-.8, 0)

mu <- sin(3*pi*x)
for(i in 1:10) Y[, i] <- mu + rnorm(length(x), 0, pmax(sigma2, 0))

mu <- cos(3*pi*x)
for(i in 11:23) Y[,i] <- mu + rnorm(length(x), 0, pmax(sigma2,0))

mu <- sin(3*pi*x)*cos(pi*x)
for(i in 24:28) Y[, i] <- mu + rnorm(length(x), 0, pmax(sigma2, 0))

mu <- 0 #sin(1/3*pi*x)*cos(2*pi*x)
for(i in 29:30) Y[, i] <- mu + rnorm(length(x), 0, pmax(sigma2, 0))

obj <- fpcac(Y, K = 4, disp = FALSE)
obj
```

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opt.fpcac

*Optimal cluster selection in Functional Principal Components Analysis Clustering*

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## Description

This function provides the optimal selection of clusters for the algorithm FPCAC, as a variant of a k-means algorithm based on the principal component rotation of data

**Usage**

```
opt.fpcac(X, k.max = 5, method = c("silhouette", "wss"),
          fd = NULL, nbasis = 5, norder = 3, nharmonics = 3,
          alpha = 0, niter = 30, Ksteps = 10, seed,
          diss = NULL, trace=FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

X	Matrix of 'curves' of dimension n x q.
k.max	the number of cluster used in the optimization step to select the optimal one.
method	the method used to select the optimal number of clusters, "silhouette" or "wss" (whithin sum of squares).
fd	If not NULL it overrides X and must be an object of class fd.
nbasis	an integer variable specifying the number of basis functions. The default value is 5.
norder	an integer specifying the order of b-splines, which is one higher than their degree. The default value is 3.
nharmonics	the number of harmonics or principal components to use. The default value is 3.
alpha	trimming size, that is the given proportion of observations to be discarded.
niter	the number or random restarting (larger values provide more accurate solutions).
Ksteps	the number of k-mean steps (not too many ksteps are needed).
seed	the seed used for reproducibility.
diss	the dissimilarity matrix used to compute measures "silhouette" or "wss".
trace	if TRUE, it is used to print some information across the algorithm.

**Details**

Silhouette is a method for validate the consistency within clusters, providing a measure of how similar an object is to its own cluster compared to other clusters. The silhouette score  $S$  belongs to the interval  $[-1,1]$ .  $S$  close to one means that the data is appropriately clustered. If  $S$  is close to negative one, datum should be clustered in its neighbouring cluster.  $S$  near zero means that the datum is on the border of two natural clusters.

The wss is obtained as the classical sum of the squared deviations from each observation and the cluster centroid, providing a measure of the variability of the observations within each cluster. Clusters with higher values exhibit greater variability of the observations within the cluster.

**Value**

a list containing the following items:

obj.function	the sequence of objective functions.
clusters	the matrix in which each columns identify clusters for each fixed K.
K	the sequence of K used.
K.opt	the optimal number of clusters
plot	a ggplot object to plot the curve of silhouette or whithin sum of squares.

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**References**

Peter J. Rousseeuw (1987). Silhouettes: a Graphical Aid to the Interpretation and Validation of Cluster Analysis. Computational and Applied Mathematics. 20, 53-65

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**See Also**

[fpcac](#).

**Examples**

```
set.seed(1234)
n <- 300
x <- 1:n/n

Y <- matrix(0, n, 30)

sigma2 <- 4*pmax(x-.2, 0) - 8*pmax(x-.5, 0) + 4*pmax(x-.8, 0)

mu <- sin(3*pi*x)
for(i in 1:10) Y[, i] <- mu + rnorm(length(x), 0, pmax(sigma2, 0))

mu <- cos(3*pi*x)
for(i in 11:23) Y[, i] <- mu + rnorm(length(x), 0, pmax(sigma2, 0))

mu <- sin(3*pi*x)*cos(pi*x)
for(i in 24:28) Y[, i] <- mu + rnorm(length(x), 0, pmax(sigma2, 0))

mu <- 0 #sin(1/3*pi*x)*cos(2*pi*x)
for(i in 29:30) Y[, i] <- mu + rnorm(length(x), 0, pmax(sigma2, 0))

num.clust <- opt.fpcac(Y)
obj2 <- fpcac(Y, K = num.clust$K.opt, disp = FALSE)
obj2
```

**Description**

Produces a dendrogram, a cluster plot and a boxplot of average distance cluster of an object of class “clustEff”.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'clustEff'
plot(x, xvar=c("clusters", "dendrogram", "boxplot", "numclust"), which,
      polygon=TRUE, dissimilarity=TRUE, par=FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An object of class “clustEdd”, typically the result of a call to <a href="#">clustEff</a> .
xvar	Clusters: plot of the k clusters; Dendrogram: plot of the tree after computing the dissimilarity measure and applying a hierarchical clustering algorithm; Boxplot: plot the average distance within clusters; Numclust: plot the curve to minimize to select the best number of clusters;
which	If missing all curves effect are plotted.
polygon	If TRUE confidence intervals are represented by shaded areas via polygon. Otherwise, dashed lines are used. If NULL no confidence intervals are represented
dissimilarity	If TRUE dissimilarity measure within each cluster is used to do boxplot representation.
par	If TRUE the screen is automaticcally splitted.
...	additional graphical parameters, that can include xlim, ylim, xlab, ylab, col, lwd, lty. See <a href="#">par</a> .

**Details**

Different plot for the clustering algorithm.

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**See Also**

[clustEff](#) for cluster algorithm; [extract.object](#) for extracting information through a quantile regression coefficient modeling in a multivariate case; [summary.clustEff](#) for clustering summary.

**Examples**

```
# using simulated data

# see the documentation for 'clustEff'
```

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`plot.fpcac`*Plot Functional Principal Component Analysis Clustering*

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**Description**

Produces a cluster plot of an object of class “fpcac”.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'fpcac'  
plot(x, which, polygon=TRUE, conf.level, ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	An object of class “clustEdd”, typically the result of a call to <a href="#">fpcac</a> .
<code>which</code>	If missing all curves effect are plotted.
<code>polygon</code>	If TRUE confidence intervals are represented by shaded areas via polygon. Otherwise, dashed lines are used. If NULL no confidence intervals are represented
<code>conf.level</code>	the confidence level required.
<code>...</code>	additional graphical parameters, that can include <code>xlim</code> , <code>ylim</code> , <code>xlab</code> , <code>ylab</code> , <code>col</code> , <code>lwd</code> , <code>lty</code> . See <a href="#">par</a> .

**Details**

Different plot for the clustering algorithm.

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**See Also**

[fpcac](#), [summary.fpcac](#), [opt.fpcac](#).

**Examples**

```
# using simulated data  
  
# see the documentation for 'fpcac'
```

---

summary.clustEff      *Summary clustEff algorithm*

---

### Description

Summary of an object of class “clustEff”.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'clustEff'
summary(object, ...)
```

### Arguments

object            An object of class “clustEff”, the result of a call to [clustEff](#).  
 ...                for future methods.

### Details

A summary of the clustering algorithm is printed.

### Value

The following items is returned:

k	The number of selected clusters.
n	The number of observations.
p	The number of curves.
step	The selected step for computing the dissimilarity matrix.
alpha	The alpha-percentile used for computing the dissimilarity matrix.
method	The selected method to compute the hierarchical cluster analysis.
cut.method	The selected method to choose the best number of clusters.
tabClust	The table of clusters.
avClust	The average distance within clusters.
avSilhouette	Silhouette widths for clusters.
avDiss	The average dissimilarity measure within clusters.

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### See Also

[clustEff](#), for cluster algorithm [extract.object](#) for extracting information through a quantile regression coefficient modeling in a multivariate case and plotting objects of class “clustEff”.

**Examples**

```
# using simulated data

# see the documentation for 'clustEff'
```

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summary.fpcac	<i>Summary FPCAC algorithm</i>
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**Description**

Summary of an object of class “fpcac”.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'fpcac'
summary(object, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of class “fpcac”, the result of a call to <a href="#">fpcac</a> .
...	for future methods.

**Details**

A summary of the clustering algorithm is printed.

**Value**

The following items is returned:

k	The number of selected clusters.
n	The number of curves.
p	The number of harmonics used.
trimmed	The number of trimmed curves.
tabClust	The table of clusters.
avClust	The average distance within clusters.

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**See Also**

[fpcac](#), [opt.fpcac](#)

**Examples**

```
# using simulated data  
  
# see the documentation for 'fpcac'
```

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