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**Description** Various clustering algorithms that produce a credal partition, i.e., a set of Dempster-Shafer mass functions representing the membership of objects to clusters. The mass functions quantify the cluster-membership uncertainty of the objects. The algorithms are: Evidential c-Means, Relational Evidential c-Means, Constrained Evidential c-Means, Evidential Clustering, Constrained Evidential Clustering, Evidential K-nearest-neighbor-based Clustering, Bootstrap Model-Based Evidential Clustering, Belief Peak Evidential Clustering, Neural-Network-based Evidential Clustering.

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bananas	<i>Generation of "bananas" datasets</i>
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## Description

bananas generates a dataset with two classes separated by a nonlinear boundary.

## Usage

bananas( $n$ ,  $r = 5$ ,  $s = 1$ )

**Arguments**

n	Number of observations.
r	Radius of the two half circles (default: 5).
s	Standard deviation of noise (default 1).

**Details**

This function generates a dataset with two complex-shaped classes, useful to test some nonlinear or constrained clustering algorithms.

**Value**

A list with two attributes:

**x** The (n,2) matrix of attributes.

**y** The vector of class labels.

**Author(s)**

Feng Li.

**References**

F. Li, S. Li and T. Denoeux. k-CEVCLUS: Constrained evidential clustering of large dissimilarity data. Knowledge-Based Systems (142):29-44, 2018.

**See Also**

[kcevclus](#)

**Examples**

```
data<-bananas(1000)
plot(data$x,pch=data$y,col=data$y)
```

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bootclus

*Generating a credal partition by bootstrapping Gaussian Mixture Models*

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**Description**

bootclus generates a credal partition by bootstrapping Gaussian Mixture Models.

**Usage**

```
bootclus(
  x,
  conf = 0.9,
  B = 500,
  param = list(G = NULL),
  type = "pairs",
  Omega = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	attribute matrix or data frame of size (n,p).
<code>conf</code>	confidence level (default: 0.90).
<code>B</code>	number of bootstrap samples (default=500)
<code>param</code>	list of arguments passed to function <code>Mclust</code> in addition to 'data'.
<code>type</code>	Type of focal sets ("simple": $\emptyset$ , singletons and $\Omega$ ; "full": all $2^c$ subsets of $\Omega$ ; "pairs": $\emptyset$ , singletons, $\Omega$ , and all or selected pairs). Argument passed to <code>makeF</code> .
<code>Omega</code>	Logical. If TRUE, $\Omega$ is a focal set. Default is FALSE. Argument passed to <code>makeF</code> .

**Details**

This function uses the `mclust` package to generate and bootstrap the mixture models.

**Value**

A list with the following components:

**clus** An object of class 'Mclust' returned by `Mclust`.

**Clus** An object of class 'credpart' providing the output credal partition.

**CI** An array of dimension (2,n,n) containing the confidence intervals on pairwise probabilities.

**BelPI** An array of dimension (2,n,n) containing the pairwise Bel-Pl intervals.

**Time** A matrix of size (3,5) containing the computing time as returned by function `proctime` for (1) the parameter estimation and bootstrap, (2) the computation fo the quantiles on pairwise probabilities, and (3) the computation of the credal partition.

**References**

T. Denoeux. Calibrated model-based evidential clustering using bootstrapping. *Information Sciences*, Vol. 528, pages 17-45, 2020.

**See Also**

[ecm](#), [reem](#), [cecm](#), [kevclus](#).

## Examples

```
## Example with the Faithful geyser data
## Not run:
data("faithful")
X<-faithful
param=list(G=3)
res.fairthful<-bootclus(X,conf=0.90,B=100,param=param)
## Plot the results
plot(res.fairthful$Clus,X)

## End(Not run)
```

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bpec

*Belief Peak Evidential Clustering (BPEC)*


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## Description

bpec computes a credal partition from a matrix of attribute data using the Belief Peak Evidential Clustering (BPEC) algorithm.

## Usage

```
bpec(
  x,
  g,
  type = "full",
  pairs = NULL,
  Omega = TRUE,
  alpha = 1,
  beta = 2,
  delta = 10,
  epsi = 0.001,
  disp = TRUE,
  distance = 1,
  m0 = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

x	input matrix of size $n \times d$ , where $n$ is the number of objects and $d$ the number of attributes.
g	Matrix of size $c \times d$ of prototypes (the belief peaks).
type	Type of focal sets ("simple": empty set, singletons and Omega; "full": all $2^c$ subsets of $\Omega$ ; "pairs": $\emptyset$ , singletons, $\Omega$ , and all or selected pairs).
pairs	Set of pairs to be included in the focal sets; if NULL, all pairs are included. Used only if type="pairs".

Omega	Logical. If TRUE (default), the whole frame is included (for types 'simple' and 'pairs').
alpha	Exponent of the cardinality in the cost function.
beta	Exponent of masses in the cost function.
delta	Distance to the empty set.
epsi	Minimum amount of improvement.
disp	If TRUE (default), intermediate results are displayed.
distance	Type of distance use: 0=Euclidean, 1=Mahalanobis.
m0	Initial credal partition. Should be a matrix with n rows and a number of columns equal to the number f of focal sets specified by 'type' and 'pairs'.

### Details

BPEC is identical to ECM, except that the prototypes are computed from delta-Bel graph using function `delta_Bel`. The ECM algorithm is then run keeping the prototypes fixed. The distance to the prototypes can be the Euclidean distance or it can be an adaptive Mahalanobis distance as in the CECM algorithm.

### Value

The credal partition (an object of class "credpart").

### Author(s)

Thierry Denoeux.

### References

Z.-G. Su and T. Denoeux. BPEC: Belief-Peaks Evidential Clustering. *IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Systems*, 27(1):111-123, 2019.

### See Also

[ecm](#), [cecm](#), [delta\\_Bel](#)

### Examples

```
## Clustering of the Four-class dataset
## Not run:
data(fourclass)
x<-fourclass[,1:2]
y<-fourclass[,3]
DB<-delta_Bel(x,100,0.9)
plot(x,pch=".")
points(DB$m0,pch=3,col="red",cex=2)
clus<-bpec(x,DB$m0,type='pairs',delta=3,distance=1)
plot(clus,x,mfrow=c(2,2))

## End(Not run)
```

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butterfly

*Butterfly dataset*

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### Description

A toy dataset used to illustrate fuzzy and evidential clustering algorithms. Also called the 'Diamond' dataset. Adapted from Windham (1985), with one outlier added.

### Usage

```
data(butterfly)
```

### Format

A matrix with 12 rows and 2 column.

### References

M.P. Windham. Numerical classification of proximity data with assignment measures. *Journal of classification*, 2:157-172, 1985.

M.-H. Masson and T. Denoeux. ECM: An evidential version of the fuzzy c-means algorithm. *Pattern Recognition*, Vol. 41, Issue 4, pages 1384-1397, 2008.

### Examples

```
data(butterfly)
plot(butterfly[,1],butterfly[,2],xlab=expression(x[1]),ylab=expression(x[2]))
```

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cecm

*Constrained Evidential c-means algorithm*

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### Description

cecm computes a credal partition from a matrix of attribute data and pairwise constraints using the Constrained Evidential c-means (CECM) algorithm.

### Usage

```
cecm(
  x,
  c,
  type = "full",
  pairs = NULL,
  ntrials = 1,
  ML,
  CL,
```

```

g0 = NULL,
alpha = 1,
delta = 10,
xi = 0.5,
distance = 0,
epsi = 0.001,
disp = TRUE
)

```

### Arguments

x	input matrix of size $n \times d$ , where $n$ is the number of objects and $d$ the number of attributes.
c	Number of clusters.
type	Type of focal sets ("simple": empty set, singletons and $\Omega$ ; "full": all $2^c$ subsets of $\Omega$ ; "pairs": $\emptyset$ , singletons, $\Omega$ , and all or selected pairs).
pairs	Set of pairs to be included in the focal sets; if NULL, all pairs are included. Used only if type="pairs".
ntrials	Number of runs of the optimization algorithm (set to 1 if $g_0$ is supplied).
ML	Matrix $nbML \times 2$ of must-link constraints. Each row of ML contains the indices of objects that belong to the same class.
CL	Matrix $nbCL \times 2$ of cannot-link constraints. Each row of CL contains the indices of objects that belong to different classes.
$g_0$	Initial prototypes, matrix of size $c \times d$ . If not supplied, the prototypes are initialized randomly.
alpha	Exponent of the cardinality in the cost function.
delta	Distance to the empty set.
xi	Tradeoff between the objective function $J_{ecm}$ and the constraints: $J_{cecm} = (1 - \xi)J_{ecm} + \xi J_{const}$ .
distance	Type of distance use: 0=Euclidean, 1=Mahalanobis.
epsi	Minimum amount of improvement.
disp	If TRUE (default), intermediate results are displayed.

### Details

CECM is a version of ECM allowing the user to specify pairwise constraints to guide the clustering process. Pairwise constraints are of two kinds: must-link constraints are pairs of objects that are known to belong to the same class, and cannot-link constraints are pairs of objects that are known to belong to different classes. CECM can also learn a metric for each cluster, like the Gustafson-Kessel algorithm in fuzzy clustering. At each iteration, the algorithm solves a quadratic programming problem using an interior ellipsoidal trust region and barrier function algorithm with dual solution updating technique in the standard QP form (Ye, 1992).

If initial prototypes  $g_0$  are provided, the number of trials is automatically set to 1.

Remark: Due to the use of the Matrix package, messages may be generated by R's (S4) method dispatch mechanism. They are not error messages, and they can be ignored.



**Value**

The credal partition (an object of class "credpart").

**Author(s)**

Thierry Denoeux (from a MATLAB code written by Violaine Antoine).

**References**

V. Antoine, B. Quost, M.-H. Masson and T. Denoeux. CECM: Constrained Evidential C-Means algorithm. *Computational Statistics and Data Analysis*, Vol. 56, Issue 4, pages 894–914, 2012.

Y. Ye. On affine-scaling algorithm for nonconvex quadratic programming. *Math. Programming* 56 (1992) 285–300.

**See Also**

[create\\_MLCL](#), [makeF](#), [extractMass](#), [ecm](#), [recm](#)

**Examples**

```
## Generation of a two-class dataset
## Not run:
n<-30
x<-cbind(0.2*rnorm(n),rnorm(n))
y<-c(rep(1,n/2),rep(2,n/2))
x[(n/2+1):n,1]<-x[(n/2+1):n,1]+1
plot(x[,1],x[,2],asp=1,pch=y,col=y)
## Generation of 10 constraints
const<-create_MLCL(y,nbConst=10)
## Call of cecm
clus<-cecm(x=x,c=2,ML=const$M,CL=const$CL,delta=10)
plot(x[,1],x[,2],asp=1,pch=clus$y.pl,col=y)

## End(Not run)
```

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createD

*Computation of a Euclidean distance matrix*

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**Description**

createD constructs an  $n \times k$  matrix of Euclidean distances from an  $n \times p$  matrix of attribute data. For each object, the distances to  $k$  randomly selected objects are computed.

**Usage**

```
createD(x, k)
```

**Arguments**

**x** n x p data matrix.  
**k** Number of distances. If missing, an n x n distance matrix is computed.

**Value**

A list with two elements:

**D** n x k distance matrix.

**J** n x k matrix of indices. D[i,j] is the Euclidean distance between x[i,] and x[J[i,j],].

**See Also**

[kevclus](#)

**Examples**

```
data(fourclass)
x<-as.matrix(fourclass[,1:2])
dist<-createD(x,k=10)
dim(dist$D)
dim(dist$J)
```

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createPairs

*Finding overlapping pairs of clusters*

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**Description**

createPairs finds pairs of clusters that are mutual k nearest neighbors in a credal partition. The similarity between two clusters k and l is defined as  $\sum_{i=1}^n pl_{ik}pl_{il}$ , where  $pl_{ik}$  is the plausibility of object i belonging to cluster k.

**Usage**

```
createPairs(clus, k = 1)
```

**Arguments**

**clus** An object of class credpart. It should contain at least two fields: clus\$mass (the credal partition) and clus\$pl.n (the normalized plausibilities). The focal sets of the credal partition must be the empty set, the singletons, and (optionally) the whole set of clusters.

**k** The number of neighbors.

## Details

This function allows one to use evidential clustering when the number of clusters is large. A clustering algorithm is first run with a limited number of focal sets (the empty set, the singletons and, optionally, the whole frame). Then, the similarity between clusters is analysed to determine the pairs of neighboring (overlapping) clusters. The clustering algorithm is then run again, adding these pairs to the focal sets (see the example). The focal sets of the passed credal partition must be the empty set (first row), the singletons (next  $c$  rows) and, optionally, the whole frame (last row).

## Value

A list with the following components:

**pairs** A matrix with two columns and  $p$  rows, containing the  $p$  pairs of clusters. This matrix can be passed to [ecm](#), [reclm](#), [cecm](#) or [kevclus](#).

**m0** A matrix of size  $(n, c+2+p)$ , encoding the credal partition. The masses assigned to the pairs are null.

**S** The  $c \times c$  matrix of similarities between clusters.

## References

T. Denoeux, S. Sriboonchitta and O. Kanjanatarakul. Evidential clustering of large dissimilarity data. Knowledge-Based Systems, vol. 106, pages 179-195, 2016.

## See Also

[extractMass](#), [ecm](#), [reclm](#), [cecm](#), [kevclus](#).

## Examples

```
## Example with Four-class data
data("fourclass")
x<-fourclass[,1:2]
y<-fourclass[,3]
c=4
## Running k-EVCLUS with singletons
clus<-kevclus(x=x,k=100,c=c,type='simple')
## Plot the results
plot(clus,X=x,mfrow=c(2,2),ytrue=y)
## Creating the pairs of clusters
P<-createPairs(clus,k=2)
## Running k-EVCLUS again, with pairs of clusters
clus1<-kevclus(x=x,k=100,c=c,type='pairs',pairs=P$pairs,m0=P$m0)
## Plot the results
plot(clus1,X=x,mfrow=c(2,2),ytrue=y)
```

create\_fuzzy\_credpart *Creation of a "credpart" object from a from a fuzzy or possibilistic partition matrix*

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### Description

create\_fuzzy\_credpart creates a "credpart" object from a fuzzy or possibilistic partition matrix.

### Usage

```
create_fuzzy_credpart(U)
```

### Arguments

U                    A fuzzy or possibilistic partition matrix of size  $n \times c$ , where  $c$  is the number of clusters.

### Value

An object of class "credpart".

### References

T. Denoeux, S. Li and S. Sriboonchitta. Evaluating and Comparing Soft Partitions: an Approach Based on Dempster-Shafer Theory. IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Systems, 26(3):1231-1244, 2018.

### See Also

[extractMass](#), [create\\_hard\\_credpart](#)

### Examples

```
## Not run:
library(fclust)
U<-FKM(fourclass[,1:2],4)$U
clus<-create_fuzzy_credpart(U)
summary(clus)

## End(Not run)
```

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create\_hard\_credpart    *Creation of a "credpart" object from a vector of class labels*

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## Description

create\_hard\_credpart creates a "credpart" object from a vector of class labels.

## Usage

```
create_hard_credpart(y)
```

## Arguments

y                    A vector of class labels.

## Value

An object of class "credpart".

## References

T. Denoeux, S. Li and S. Sriboonchitta. Evaluating and Comparing Soft Partitions: an Approach Based on Dempster-Shafer Theory. IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Systems, 26(3):1231-1244, 2018.

## See Also

[extractMass](#), [create\\_fuzzy\\_credpart](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
data(fourclass)
y<-kmeans(fourclass[,1:2],4)$cluster
clus<-create_hard_credpart(y)
summary(clus)

## End(Not run)
```

---

create\_MLCL *Random generation of Must-Link and Cannot-Link constraints*

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**Description**

create\_MLCL randomly generates Must-Link (ML) and Cannot-Link (CL) constraints from a vector `y` of class labels.

**Usage**

```
create_MLCL(y, nbConst)
```

**Arguments**

`y` Vector of class labels.  
`nbConst` Number of constraints.

**Value**

A list with two components:

**ML** Matrix of ML constraints. Each row corresponds to a constraint.

**CL** Matrix of ML constraints. Each row corresponds to a constraint.

**See Also**

[cecm](#)

**Examples**

```
y<-sample(3,100,replace=TRUE)
const<-create_MLCL(y,nbConst=10)
const$ML
const$CL
```

---

credal\_RI *Credal Rand indices*

---

**Description**

credal\_RI computes generalizations of the Rand index to compare credal partitions, as defined in Denoeux et al (2018).

**Usage**

```
credal_RI(P1, P2, type = "c")
```

**Arguments**

P1	Relational representation of the first credal partition such as generated by function <code>pairwise_mass</code>
P2	Relational representation of the second credal partition such as generated by function <code>pairwise_mass</code>
type	"c" for degree of conflict (default), "j" for Jousselme's distance and "b" for belief distance.

**Details**

In Denoeux et al. (2018), two generalizations of the Rand index for comparing credal partitions are defined: one is based on distances between mass function, the other one is based on distances. In the latter case, two distances are proposed: Jousselme's distance and the L1 distance between belief functions. These three indices can be computed by function `credal_RI`.

**Value**

The credal Rand index

**References**

T. Denoeux, S. Li and S. Sriboonchitta. Evaluating and Comparing Soft Partitions: an Approach Based on Dempster-Shafer Theory. *IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Systems*, 26(3):1231-1244, 2018.

**See Also**

[nonspecificity](#), [pairwise\\_mass](#)

**Examples**

```
## Butterfly data
data(butterfly)
clus1<-kevclus(butterfly,c=2)
P1<-pairwise_mass(clus1)
clus2<-ecm(butterfly,c=2)
P2<-pairwise_mass(clus2)
RI1<-credal_RI(P1,P2,"c")
RI2<-credal_RI(P1,P2,"j")
RI3<-credal_RI(P1,P2,"b")
print(c(RI1,RI2,RI3))
```

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 delta\_Bel

*Delta-Bel graph for Belief Peak Evidential Clustering (BPEC)*


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### Description

delta\_Bel computes the delta-Bel graph used to determine the prototypes in the Belief Peak Evidential Clustering (BPEC) algorithm. The user must manually specify the rectangles containing the prototypes (which are typically in the upper-right corner of the graph if the clusters are well-separated). These prototypes are then used by function bpec to compute a credal partition.

### Usage

```
delta_Bel(x, K, q = 0.9)
```

### Arguments

x	input matrix of size $n \times d$ , where $n$ is the number of objects and $d$ the number of attributes.
K	Number of neighbors to determine belief values
q	Parameter of the algorithm, between 0 and 1 (default: 0.9).

### Value

A list with three elements:

**BelC** The belief values.

**delta** The delta values.

**g0** A  $c \times d$  matrix containing the prototypes.

**ii** List of indices of the belief peaks.

### Author(s)

Thierry Denoeux .

### References

Z.-G. Su and T. Denoeux. BPEC: Belief-Peaks Evidential Clustering. IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Systems, 27(1):111-123, 2019.

### See Also

[bpec](#)



## Examples

```
## Not run:
data(fourclass)
x<-fourclass[,1:2]
y<-fourclass[,3]
DB<-delta_Bel(x,100,0.9)
plot(x,pch=".")
points(DB$g0,pch=3,col="red",cex=2)

## End(Not run)
```

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 ecm

*Evidential c-means algorithm*


---

## Description

ecm computes a credal partition from a matrix of attribute data using the Evidential c-means (ECM) algorithm.

## Usage

```
ecm(
  x,
  c,
  g0 = NULL,
  type = "full",
  pairs = NULL,
  Omega = TRUE,
  ntrials = 1,
  alpha = 1,
  beta = 2,
  delta = 10,
  epsi = 0.001,
  init = "kmeans",
  disp = TRUE
)
```

## Arguments

x	input matrix of size $n \times d$ , where $n$ is the number of objects and $d$ the number of attributes.
c	Number of clusters.
g0	Initial prototypes, matrix of size $c \times d$ . If not supplied, the prototypes are initialized randomly.
type	Type of focal sets ("simple": empty set, singletons and $\Omega$ ; "full": all $2^c$ subsets of $\Omega$ ; "pairs": $\emptyset$ , singletons, $\Omega$ , and all or selected pairs).

<code>pairs</code>	Set of pairs to be included in the focal sets; if NULL, all pairs are included. Used only if <code>type="pairs"</code> .
<code>Omega</code>	Logical. If TRUE (default), the whole frame is included (for types 'simple' and 'pairs').
<code>ntrials</code>	Number of runs of the optimization algorithm (set to 1 if <code>m0</code> is supplied).
<code>alpha</code>	Exponent of the cardinality in the cost function.
<code>beta</code>	Exponent of masses in the cost function.
<code>delta</code>	Distance to the empty set.
<code>epsi</code>	Minimum amount of improvement.
<code>init</code>	Initialization: "kmeans" (default) or "rand" (random).
<code>disp</code>	If TRUE (default), intermediate results are displayed.

### Details

ECM is an evidential version algorithm of the Hard c-Means (HCM) and Fuzzy c-Means (FCM) algorithms. As in HCM and FCM, each cluster is represented by a prototype. However, in ECM, some sets of clusters are also represented by a prototype, which is defined as the center of mass of the prototypes in each individual cluster. The algorithm iteratively optimizes a cost function, with respect to the prototypes and to the credal partition. By default, each mass function in the credal partition has  $2^c$  focal sets, where  $c$  is the supplied number of clusters. We can also limit the number of focal sets to subsets of clusters with cardinalities 0, 1 and  $c$  (recommended if  $c \geq 10$ ), or to all or some selected pairs of clusters. If initial prototypes `g0` are provided, the number of trials is automatically set to 1.

### Value

The credal partition (an object of class "credpart").

### Author(s)

Thierry Denoeux (from a MATLAB code written by Marie-Helene Masson).

### References

M.-H. Masson and T. Denoeux. ECM: An evidential version of the fuzzy c-means algorithm. *Pattern Recognition*, Vol. 41, Issue 4, pages 1384–1397, 2008.

### See Also

[makeF](#), [extractMass](#), [reem](#), [cecm](#), [plot.credpart](#)

### Examples

```
## Clustering of the Four-class dataset
## Not run:
data(fourclass)
x<-fourclass[,1:2]
y<-fourclass[,3]
```

```
clus<-ecm(x,c=4,type='full',alpha=1,beta=2,delta=sqrt(20),epsi=1e-3,disp=TRUE)
plot(clus,X=x,mfrow=c(2,2),ytrue=y,Outliers=TRUE,Approx=2)

## End(Not run)
```

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EkNNclus

*EkNNclus algorithm*


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### Description

EkNNclus computes hard and credal partitions from dissimilarity or attribute data using the EkNNclus algorithm.

### Usage

```
EkNNclus(
  x = NULL,
  D,
  K,
  y0,
  ntrials = 1,
  q = 0.5,
  b = 1,
  disp = TRUE,
  tr = FALSE,
  eps = 1e-06
)
```

### Arguments

x	n x p data matrix (n instances, p attributes).
D	n x n dissimilarity matrix (used only if x is not supplied).
K	Number of neighbors.
y0	Initial partition (vector of length n, with values in 1,2,...).
ntrials	Number of runs of the algorithm (the best solution is kept).
q	Parameter in (0,1). Gamma is set to the inverse of the q-quantile of distances from the K nearest neighbors (same notation as in the paper).
b	Exponent of distances, $\alpha_{ij} = \phi(d_{ij}^b)$ .
disp	If TRUE, intermediate results are displayed.
tr	If TRUE, a trace of the cost function is returned.
eps	Minimal distance between two vectors (distances smaller than eps are replaced by eps)

## Details

The number of clusters is not specified. It is influenced by parameters  $K$  and  $q$ . (It is advised to start with the default values.) For  $n$  not too large (say, until one thousand),  $y_0$  can be defined as the vector  $(1, 2, \dots, n)$ . For larger values of  $n$ , it is advised to start with a random partition of  $c$  clusters,  $c < n$ .

## Value

The credal partition (an object of class "credpart"). In addition to the usual attributes, the output credal partition has the following attributes:

**trace** Trace of the algorithm (sequence of values of the cost function).

**W** The weight matrix.

## Author(s)

Thierry Denoeux.

## References

T. Denoeux, O. Kanjanatarakul and S. Sriboonchitta. EK-NNclus: a clustering procedure based on the evidential  $K$ -nearest neighbor rule. Knowledge-Based Systems, Vol. 88, pages 57–69, 2015.

## Examples

```
## Clustering of the fourclass dataset
## Not run:
data(fourclass)
n<-nrow(fourclass)
N=2
clus<- EkNNclus(fourclass[,1:2],K=60,y0=(1:n),ntrials=N,q=0.9,b=2,disp=TRUE,tr=TRUE)
## Plot of the partition
plot(clus,X=fourclass[,1:2],ytrue=fourclass$y,Outliers=FALSE,plot_approx=FALSE)
## Plot of the cost function vs number of iteration
L<-vector(length=N)
for(i in 1:N) L[i]<-dim(clus$trace[clus$trace[,1]==i,])[1]
imax<-which.max(L)
plot(0:(L[imax]-1),-clus$trace[clus$trace[,1]==imax,3],type="l",lty=imax,
xlab="time steps",ylab="energy")
for(i in (1:N)) if(i != imax) lines(0:(L[i]-1),-clus$trace[clus$trace[,1]==i,3],
type="l",lty=i)

## End(Not run)
```

## Description

Various clustering algorithms that generate a credal partition, i.e., a set of mass functions. Mass functions quantify the cluster-membership uncertainty of the objects. The package consists in the following main functions, implementing different evidential clustering algorithms:

- ecm** Evidential c-means algorithm (Masson and Denoeux, 2008)
- recm** Relational Evidential c-means algorithm (Masson and Denoeux, 2009)
- kevclus**  $k$ -EVCLUS algorithm (Denoeux and Masson, 2004; Denoeux et al., 2016)
- EkNNclus**  $E$ -NNclus algorithm (Denoeux et al., 2015)
- cecm** Constrained Evidential c-means algorithm (Antoine et al, 2012)
- kcevclus** Constrained evidential clustering (Antoine et al., 2014; Li et al., 2018)
- bpec** Belief peak evidential clustering (Su and Denoeux, 2019)
- nnevclus** Neural-network based evidential clustering (Denoeux, 2020a)
- nnevclus\_mb** Neural-network based evidential clustering, minibatch version (Denoeux, 2020a)
- bootclus** Model-based evidential clustering using bootstrapping (Denoeux, 2020b)

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- T. Denoeux. Calibrated model-based evidential clustering using bootstrapping. *Information Sciences*, Vol. 528, pages 17-45, 2020b.

**See Also**

[ecm](#), [reclm](#), [cecm](#), [kevclus](#), [EkNNclus](#), [kcevclus](#), [bpec](#), [nnevclus](#), [nnevclus\\_mb](#), [bootclus](#).

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expandlink

*Expansion of must-link and cannot-link constraints*

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**Description**

expandlink returns an expanded set of must-link and cannot-link constraints using the  $k$  nearest neighbors of each observation.

**Usage**

```
expandlink(link, ind, distan)
```

**Arguments**

link	A list with two attributes: a matrix $ML$ containing $nbML \times 2$ must-link constraints and a matrix $CL$ containing $nbCL \times 2$ cannot-link constraints.
ind	An $n \times k$ matrix containing the $k$ nearest neighbor indices.
distan	An $n \times k$ matrix containing the $k$ nearest neighbor distances.

**Details**

Using the algorithm described in Li et al (2018), expandlink generates new must-link and cannot-link constraints from existing ones, using the  $k$  nearest neighbors of each observations. The extended constraint list can be used by constrained clustring algorithms such as [cecm](#) and [kcevclus](#).

**Value**

A list with two attributes:

**ML** The new matrix of must-link constraints.

**CL** The new matrix of cannot-link constraints.

**Author(s)**

Feng Li and Thierry Denoeux.

**References**

F. Li, S. Li and T. Denoeux.  $k$ -CEVCLUS: Constrained evidential clustering of large dissimilarity data. Knowledge-Based Systems (142):29-44, 2018.

**See Also**

[kcevclus](#), [cecm](#), [create\\_MLCL](#), [bananas](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
data<-bananas(200)
link<-create_MLCL(data$y,10)
nml<-nrow(link$ML)
plot(data$x,col=data$y)
for(k in 1:nml) lines(data$x[link$ML[k,],1],data$x[link$ML[k,],2],lwd=2,col="red")
ncl<-nrow(link$CL)
for(k in 1:ncl) lines(data$x[link$CL[k,],1],data$x[link$CL[k,],2],lwd=2,col="blue")
library(FNN)
nn<-get.knn(data$x,5)
link1<-expandlink(link,ind=nn$nn.index,distan=nn$nn.dist)
nml<-nrow(link1$ML)
for(k in 1:nml) lines(data$x[link1$ML[k,],1],data$x[link1$ML[k,],2],lwd=1,lty=2,col="red")
ncl<-nrow(link1$CL)
for(k in 1:ncl) lines(data$x[link1$CL[k,],1],data$x[link1$CL[k,],2],lwd=1,lty=2,col="blue")

## End(Not run)
```

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extractMass

*Creates an object of class "credpart"*


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**Description**

extractMass computes different outputs (hard, fuzzy, rough partitions, etc.) from a credal partition and creates an object of class "credpart".

**Usage**

```
extractMass(
  mass,
  F,
  g = NULL,
  S = NULL,
  method,
  crit = NULL,
  Kmat = NULL,
  trace = NULL,
  D = NULL,
  W = NULL,
  J = NULL,
  param = NULL
)
```

**Arguments**

mass	A credal partition (a matrix of n rows and f columns, where n is the number of objects and f is the number of focal sets).
F	Matrix (f,c) of focal sets. If the empty set is a focal set, it must correspond to the first row of F.
g	A c x d matrix of prototypes.
S	A list of length f containing the matrices $S_j$ defining the metrics for each cluster and each group of cluster.
method	The method used to construct the credal partition (a character string).
crit	The value of the optimized criterion (depends on the method used).
Kmat	The matrix of degrees of conflict. Same size as D (for method <a href="#">kevclus</a> ).
trace	The trace of criterion values (for methods <a href="#">kevclus</a> and <a href="#">EkNNclus</a> ).
D	The normalized dissimilarity matrix (for method <a href="#">kevclus</a> ).
W	The weight matrix (for method <a href="#">EkNNclus</a> ).
J	The matrix of indices (for method <a href="#">kevclus</a> ).
param	A method-dependent list of parameters.

**Details**

This function collects varied information on a credal partition and stores it in an object of class "credpart". The lower and upper approximations of clusters define rough partitions. They can be computed in two ways: either from the set of clusters with maximum mass, or from the set of non dominated clusters. A cluster  $\omega_k$  is non dominated if  $pl(\omega_k) \geq bel(\omega_l)$  for all l different from k. Once a set of cluster  $Y_i$  has been computed for each object, object i belongs to the lower approximation of cluster k if  $Y_i = \omega_k$ . It belongs to the upper approximation of cluster k if  $\omega_k \in Y_i$ . See Masson and Denoeux (2008) for more details, and Denoeux and Kanjanatarakul (2016) for the interval dominance rule. The function creates an object of class "credpart". There are three methods for this class: [plot.credpart](#), [summary.credpart](#) and [predict.credpart](#).

**Value**

An object of class "credpart" with the following components:

**method** The method used to construct the credal partition (a character string).

**F** Matrix of focal sets. The first row always corresponds to the empty set.

**conf** Masses assigned to the empty set, vector of length n.

**mass** Mass functions, matrix of size (n,f).

**mass.n** Normalized mass functions, matrix of size (n,f-1).

**g** The prototypes (if defined).

**S** The matrices  $S_j$  defining the metrics for each cluster and each group of cluster (if defined).

**pl** Unnormalized plausibilities of the singletons, matrix of size (n,c).

**pl.n** Normalized plausibilities of the singletons, matrix of size (n,c).

**p** Probabilities derived from pl by the plausibility transformation, matrix of size (n,c).



- bel** Unnormalized beliefs of the singletons, matrix of size (n,c).
- bel.n** Normalized beliefs of the singletons, matrix of size (n,c).
- y.pl** Maximum plausibility clusters, vector of length n.
- y.bel** Maximum belief clusters, vector of length n.
- betp** Unnormalized pignistic probabilities of the singletons, matrix of size (n,c).
- betp.n** Normalized pignistic probabilities of the singletons, matrix of size (n,c).
- Y** Sets of clusters with maximum mass, matrix of size (n,c).
- outlier** n-vector of 0's and 1's, indicating which objects are outliers. An outlier is an object such that the largest mass is assigned to the empty set.
- lower.approx** Lower approximations of clusters, a list of length c. Each element lower.approx[[i]] is a vector of object indices.
- upper.approx** Upper approximations of clusters, a list of length c. Each element upper.approx[[i]] is a vector of object indices.
- Ynd** Sets of clusters selected by the interval dominance rule, matrix of size (n,c).
- lower.approx.nd** Lower approximations of clusters using the interval dominance rule, a list of length c. Each element lower.approx.nd[[i]] is a vector of objects.
- upper.approx.nd** Upper approximations of clusters using the interval dominance rule, a list of length c. Each element upper.approx.nd[[i]] is a vector of objects.
- N** Average nonspecificity.
- crit** The value of the optimized criterion (depends on the method used).
- Kmat** The matrix of degrees of conflict. Same size as D (for method [kevclus](#)).
- D** The normalized dissimilarity matrix (for method [kevclus](#)).
- trace** The trace of criterion values (for methods [kevclus](#) and [EkNNclus](#)).
- W** The weight matrix (for method [EkNNclus](#)).
- J** The matrix of indices (for method [kevclus](#)).
- param** A method-dependent list of parameters.

## References

- T. Denoeux and O. Kanjanatarakul. Beyond Fuzzy, Possibilistic and Rough: An Investigation of Belief Functions in Clustering. 8th International conference on soft methods in probability and statistics, Rome, 12-14 September, 2016.
- M.-H. Masson and T. Denoeux. ECM: An evidential version of the fuzzy c-means algorithm. Pattern Recognition, Vol. 41, Issue 4, pages 1384-1397, 2008.

## See Also

[plot.credpart](#), [summary.credpart](#)

### Examples

```
## Not run:
## Four-class data
data(fourclass)
x<-fourclass[,1:2]
y<-fourclass[,3]
D<-as.matrix(dist(x))^2
clus<-reem(D,c=4,delta=10,ntrials=1)
summary(clus)
plot(clus,X=x,mfrow=c(1,1),ytrue=y,Outliers=TRUE)

## End(Not run)
```

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fourclass

*Synthetic four-class dataset*

---

### Description

A synthetic dataset with two attributes and four classes of 100 points each, generated from a multivariate t distribution with five degrees of freedom and centered, respectively, on [0;0], [0;4], [4;0] and [4;4].

### Usage

```
data(fourclass)
```

### Format

A data frame with three variables: x1, x2 and y (the true class).

### References

M.-H. Masson and T. Denoeux. ECM: An evidential version of the fuzzy c-means algorithm. *Pattern Recognition*, Vol. 41, Issue 4, pages 1384-1397, 2008.

### Examples

```
data(fourclass)
plot(fourclass$x1,fourclass$x2,xlab=expression(x[1]),ylab=expression(x[2]),
col=fourclass$y,pch=fourclass$y)
```

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harris

*Harris gradient-based optimization algorithm*


---

### Description

The optimization algorithm implemented in `harris` is described on Silva & Almeida (1990) and summarized in Denoeux & Masson (2004). The four parameters are:

**options[1]** ] Display parameter : 1 (default) displays some results.

**options[2]** ] Maximum number of iterations (default: 100).

**options[3]** ] Relative error for stopping criterion (default: 1e-4).

**options[4]** ] Number of iterations between two displays.

### Usage

```
harris(fun, x, options = c(1, 100, 1e-04, 10), tr = FALSE, ...)
```

### Arguments

<code>fun</code>	Function to be optimized. The function 'fun' should return a scalar function value 'fun' and a vector 'grad' containing the partial derivatives of fun at x.
<code>x</code>	Initial value (a vector).
<code>options</code>	Vector of parameters (see details).
<code>tr</code>	If TRUE, returns a trace of objective function vs CPU time
<code>...</code>	Additional parameters passed to fun

### Value

A list with three attributes:

**par** The minimizer of fun found.

**value** The value of fun at par.

**trace** The trace, a list with two attributes: 'time' and 'fct' (if `tr==TRUE`).

### Author(s)

Thierry Denoeux.

### References

F. M. Silva and L. B. Almeida. Speeding up backpropagation. In *Advanced Neural Computers*, R. Eckmiller, ed., Elsevier-North-Holland, New-York, 151-158, 1990.

T. Denoeux and M.-H. Masson. EVCLUS: Evidential Clustering of Proximity Data. *IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man and Cybernetics B*, Vol. 34, Issue 1, 95–109, 2004.

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

```
opt<-harris(function(x) return(list(fun=sum(x^2),grad=2*x)),rnorm(2),tr=TRUE)
print(c(opt$par,opt$value))
plot(opt$trace$fct,type="l")
```

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kcevclus

*k-CEVCLUS algorithm*

---

**Description**

kcevclus computes a credal partition from a dissimilarity matrix and pairwise (must-link and cannot-link) constraints using the k-CEVCLUS algorithm.

**Usage**

```
kcevclus(
  x,
  k = n - 1,
  D,
  J,
  c,
  ML,
  CL,
  xi = 0.5,
  type = "simple",
  pairs = NULL,
  m0 = NULL,
  ntrials = 1,
  disp = TRUE,
  maxit = 1000,
  epsi = 1e-05,
  d0 = quantile(D, 0.9),
  tr = FALSE,
  change.order = FALSE,
  norm = 1
)
```

**Arguments**

x	nxp matrix of p attributes observed for n objects (optional).
k	Number of distances to compute for each object (default: n-1).
D	nxn or nxk dissimilarity matrix (used only if x is not supplied).

<code>J</code>	n x k matrix of indices. $D[i,j]$ is the distance between objects $i$ and $J[i,j]$ . (Used only if $D$ is supplied and $\text{ncol}(D) < n$ ; then $k$ is set to $\text{ncol}(D)$ .)
<code>c</code>	Number of clusters
<code>ML</code>	Matrix nbML x 2 of must-link constraints. Each row of ML contains the indices of objects that belong to the same class.
<code>CL</code>	Matrix nbCL x 2 of cannot-link constraints. Each row of CL contains the indices of objects that belong to different classes.
<code>xi</code>	Penalization coefficient.
<code>type</code>	Type of focal sets ("simple": empty set, singletons and $\Omega$ ; "full": all $2^c$ subsets of $\Omega$ ; "pairs": $\emptyset$ , singletons, $\Omega$ , and all or selected pairs).
<code>pairs</code>	Set of pairs to be included in the focal sets; if NULL, all pairs are included. Used only if <code>type="pairs"</code> .
<code>m0</code>	Initial credal partition. Should be a matrix with $n$ rows and a number of columns equal to the number $f$ of focal sets specified by 'type' and 'pairs'.
<code>ntrials</code>	Number of runs of the optimization algorithm (set to 1 if $m_0$ is supplied and <code>change.order=FALSE</code> ).
<code>disp</code>	If TRUE (default), intermediate results are displayed.
<code>maxit</code>	Maximum number of iterations.
<code>epsi</code>	Minimum amount of improvement.
<code>d0</code>	Parameter used for matrix normalization. The normalized distance corresponding to $d_0$ is 0.95.
<code>tr</code>	If TRUE, a trace of the stress function is returned.
<code>change.order</code>	If TRUE, the order of objects is changed at each iteration of the Iterative Row-wise Quadratic Programming (IRQP) algorithm.
<code>norm</code>	Normalization of distances. 1: division by $\text{mean}(D^2)$ (default); 2: division par $n \cdot p$ .

## Details

k-CEVCLUS is a version of EVCLUS allowing the user to specify pairwise constraints to guide the clustering process. Pairwise constraints are of two kinds: must-link constraints are pairs of objects that are known to belong to the same class, and cannot-link constraints are pairs of objects that are known to belong to different classes. As `kevclus`, `kcevclus` uses the Iterative Row-wise Quadratic Programming (IRQP) algorithm (see ter Braak et al., 2009). It also makes it possible to use only a random sample of the dissimilarities, reducing the time and space complexity from quadratic to roughly linear (Denoeux et al., 2016).

## Value

The credal partition (an object of class "`credpart`"). In addition to the usual attributes, the output credal partition has the following attributes:

**Kmat** The matrix of degrees of conflict. Same size as  $D$ .

**D** The normalized dissimilarity matrix.

**trace** Trace of the algorithm (Stress function vs iterations).

**J** The matrix of indices.

**Author(s)**

Feng Li and Thierry Denoeux.

**References**

F. Li, S. Li and T. Denoeux. k-CEVCLUS: Constrained evidential clustering of large dissimilarity data. *Knowledge-Based Systems* 142:29-44, 2018.

T. Denoeux, S. Sriboonchitta and O. Kanjanatarakul. Evidential clustering of large dissimilarity data. *Knowledge-Based Systems* 106:179-195, 2016.

V. Antoine, B. Quost, M.-H. Masson and T. Denoeux. CEVCLUS: Evidential clustering with instance-level constraints for relational data. *Soft Computing* 18(7):1321-1335, 2014.

C. J. ter Braak, Y. Kourmpetis, H. A. Kiers, and M. C. Bink. Approximating a similarity matrix by a latent class model: A reappraisal of additive fuzzy clustering. *Computational Statistics & Data Analysis* 53(8):3183–3193, 2009.

**See Also**

[kevclus](#), [createD](#), [makeF](#), [extractMass](#), [create\\_MLCL](#), [bananas](#), [nnevclus](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
data<-bananas(2000)
D<-as.matrix(dist(data$x))
link<-create_MLCL(data$y,2000)
clus0<-kevclus(D=D,k=200,c=2)
clus1<-kcevclus(D=D,k=200,c=2,ML=link2$ML,CL=link2$CL,Xi=0.1,m0=clus0$mass)
clus2<-kcevclus(D=D,k=200,c=2,ML=link2$ML,CL=link2$CL,Xi=0.5,m0=clus1$mass)
plot(clus2,X=data$x,ytrue=data$y,Outliers=FALSE,Approx=1)

## End(Not run)
```

---

kevclus

*k-EVCLUS algorithm*

---

**Description**

kevclus computes a credal partition from a dissimilarity matrix using the k-EVCLUS algorithm.

**Usage**

```
kevclus(
  x,
  k = n - 1,
  D,
  J,
```

```

c,
type = "simple",
pairs = NULL,
m0 = NULL,
ntrials = 1,
disp = TRUE,
maxit = 1000,
epsi = 1e-05,
d0 = quantile(D, 0.9),
tr = FALSE,
change.order = FALSE,
norm = 1
)

```

### Arguments

x	nxp matrix of p attributes observed for n objects (optional).
k	Number of distances to compute for each object (default: n-1).
D	nxn or nxk dissimilarity matrix (used only if x is not supplied).
J	nxk matrix of indices. D[i,j] is the distance between objects i and J[i,j]. (Used only if D is supplied and ncol(D)<n; then k is set to ncol(D).)
c	Number of clusters
type	Type of focal sets ("simple": empty set, singletons and Omega; "full": all 2 <sup>c</sup> subsets of Omega; "pairs": empty set, singletons, Omega, and all or selected pairs).
pairs	Set of pairs to be included in the focal sets; if NULL, all pairs are included. Used only if type="pairs".
m0	Initial credal partition. Should be a matrix with n rows and a number of columns equal to the number f of focal sets specified by 'type' and 'pairs'.
ntrials	Number of runs of the optimization algorithm (set to 1 if m0 is supplied and change.order=FALSE).
disp	If TRUE (default), intermediate results are displayed.
maxit	Maximum number of iterations.
epsi	Minimum amount of improvement.
d0	Parameter used for matrix normalization. The normalized distance corresponding to d0 is 0.95.
tr	If TRUE, a trace of the stress function is returned.
change.order	If TRUE, the order of objects is changed at each iteration of the Iterative Row-wise Quadratic Programming (IRQP) algorithm.
norm	Normalization of distances. 1: division by mean(D <sup>2</sup> ) (default); 2: division par n*p.

## Details

This version of the EVCLUS algorithm uses the Iterative Row-wise Quadratic Programming (IRQP) algorithm (see ter Braak et al., 2009). It also makes it possible to use only a random sample of the dissimilarities, reducing the time and space complexity from quadratic to roughly linear (Denoeux et al., 2016). The user must supply: 1) a matrix  $x$  of size  $(n,p)$  containing the values of  $p$  attributes for  $n$  objects, or 2) a matrix  $D$  of size  $(n,n)$  of dissimilarities between  $n$  objects, or 3) a matrix  $D$  of size  $(n,k)$  of dissimilarities between the  $n$  objects and  $k$  randomly selected objects, AND a matrix  $J$  of size  $(n,k)$  of indices, such that  $D[i,j]$  is the distance between objects  $i$  and  $J[i,j]$ . In cases 1 and 2, the user may supply the number  $k$  of distances to be picked randomly for each object. In case 3,  $k$  is set to the number of columns of  $D$ .

## Value

The credal partition (an object of class "credpart"). In addition to the usual attributes, the output credal partition has the following attributes:

**Kmat** The matrix of degrees of conflict. Same size as  $D$ .

**D** The normalized dissimilarity matrix.

**trace** Trace of the algorithm (Stress function vs iterations).

**J** The matrix of indices.

## Author(s)

Thierry Denoeux.

## References

T. Denoeux and M.-H. Masson. EVCLUS: Evidential Clustering of Proximity Data. *IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man and Cybernetics B*, Vol. 34, Issue 1, 95–109, 2004.

T. Denoeux, S. Sriboonchitta and O. Kanjanatarakul. Evidential clustering of large dissimilarity data. *Knowledge-Based Systems*, vol. 106, pages 179-195, 2016.

C. J. ter Braak, Y. Kourmpetis, H. A. Kiers, and M. C. Bink. Approximating a similarity matrix by a latent class model: A reappraisal of additive fuzzy clustering. *Computational Statistics & Data Analysis*, 53(8):3183–3193, 2009.

## See Also

[created](#), [makeF](#), [extractMass](#)

## Examples

```
## Example with a non metric dissimilarity matrix: the Protein dataset
## Not run:
data(protein)
clus <- kevclus(D=protein$D,c=4,type='simple',d0=max(protein$D))
z<- cmdscale(protein$D,k=2) # Computation of 2 attributes by Multidimensional Scaling
plot(clus,X=z,mfrow=c(2,2),ytrue=protein$y,Outliers=FALSE,Approx=1)
## Example with k=30
```



```
clus <- kevclus(D=protein$D,k=30,c=4,type='simple',d0=max(protein$D))
z<- cmdscale(protein$D,k=2) # Computation of 2 attributes by Multidimensional Scaling
plot(clus,X=z,mfrow=c(2,2),ytrue=protein$y,Outliers=FALSE,Approx=1)

## End(Not run)
```

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knn\_dist

*K nearest neighbors in a dissimilarity matrix*

---

## Description

knn\_dist searches for nearest neighbors in a dissimilarity matrix matrix.

## Usage

```
knn_dist(D, K)
```

## Arguments

D Dissimilarity matrix of size (n,n), where n is the number of objects.  
K Number of neighbors

## Details

This function is called by [EkNNclus](#) if argument x is not supplied. It is not optimized and cannot be used for very large D. If an attribute matrix x is supplied and D is the matrix of Euclidean distances, it is preferable to use function [get.knn](#) from package FNN.

## Value

A list with two components:

**nn.dist** An (n,K) matrix for the nearest neighbor dissimilarities.

**nn.index** An (n,K) matrix for the nearest neighbor indices.

## Author(s)

Thierry Denoeux.

## See Also

[get.knn](#), [EkNNclus](#)

**Examples**

```

data(butterfly)
n <- nrow(butterfly)
D<-as.matrix(dist(butterfly))
knn<-knn_dist(D,K=2)
knn$nn.dist
knn$nn.index

```

kpcca

*Kernel Pairwise Constrained Component Analysis (KPCCA)***Description**

Using must-link and cannot-link constraints, KPCCA (Mignon & Jury, 2012) learns a projection into a low-dimensional space where the distances between pairs of data points respect the desired constraints, exhibiting good generalization properties in presence of high dimensional data. This is a kernelized version of pcca.

**Usage**

```
kpcca(K, d1, ML, CL, beta = 1, epsi = 1e-04, etamax = 0.1, disp = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

K	Gram matrix of size n*n
d1	Number of extracted features.
ML	Matrix nbML x 2 of must-link constraints. Each row of ML contains the indices of objects that belong to the same class.
CL	Matrix nbCL x 2 of cannot-link constraints. Each row of CL contains the indices of objects that belong to different classes.
beta	Sharpness parameter in the loss function (default: 1).
epsi	Minimal rate of change of the cost function (default: 1e-4).
etamax	Maximum step in the line search algorithm (default: 0.1).
disp	If TRUE (default), intermediate results are displayed.

**Value**

A list with three attributes:

**z** The n\*d1 matrix of extracted features.  
**A** The projection matrix of size d1\*n.  
**D** The Euclidean distance matrix in the projected space.

**Author(s)**

Thierry Denoeux.

## References

A. Mignon and F. Jurie. PCCA: a new approach for distance learning from sparse pairwise constraints. In 2012 IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, pages 2666-2672, 2012.

## See Also

[pcca](#), [create\\_MLCL](#)

## Examples

```
## Not run:
library(kernlab)
data<-bananas(400)
plot(data$x,pch=data$y,col=data$y)
const<-create_MLCL(data$y,1000)
rbf <- rbfdot(sigma = 0.2)
K<-kernelMatrix(rbf,data$x)
res.kpcca<-kpcca(K,d1=1,ML=const$ML,CL=const$CL,beta=1)
plot(res.kpcca$z,col=data$y)

## End(Not run)
```

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makeF	<i>Creation of a matrix of focal sets</i>
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## Description

makeF creates a matrix of focal sets

## Usage

```
makeF(c, type = c("simple", "full", "pairs"), pairs = NULL, Omega = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

<code>c</code>	Number of clusters.
<code>type</code>	Type of focal sets ("simple": $\emptyset$ , singletons and $\Omega$ ; "full": all $2^c$ subsets of $\Omega$ ; "pairs": $\emptyset$ , singletons, $\Omega$ , and all or selected pairs).
<code>pairs</code>	Set of pairs to be included in the focal sets; if NULL, all pairs are included. Used only if type="pairs".
<code>Omega</code>	Logical. If TRUE (default), $\Omega$ is a focal set (for types 'simple' and 'pairs').

## Value

A matrix (f,c) of focal sets.

**Examples**

```

c<-4
## Generation of all 16 focal sets
F<-makeF(c,type='full')
## Generation of focal sets of cardinality 0, 1 and c
F<-makeF(c,type='simple')
## Generation of focal sets of cardinality 0, 1, and 2
F<-makeF(c,type='pairs',Omega=FALSE)
## Generation of focal sets of cardinality 0, 1, and c, plus the pairs (1,2) and (1,3)
F<-makeF(c,type='pairs',pairs=matrix(c(1,2,1,3),nrow=2,byrow=TRUE))

```

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nnevclus

*NN-EVCLUS algorithm*


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**Description**

nnevclus computes a credal partition from a dissimilarity matrix using the NN-EVCLUS algorithm.

**Usage**

```

nnevclus(
  x,
  k = n - 1,
  D = NULL,
  J = NULL,
  c,
  type = "simple",
  n_H,
  ntrials = 1,
  d0 = quantile(D, 0.9),
  fhat = NULL,
  lambda = 0,
  y = NULL,
  Is = NULL,
  nu = 0,
  ML = NULL,
  CL = NULL,
  xi = 0,
  tr = FALSE,
  options = c(1, 1000, 1e-04, 10),
  param0 = list(U0 = NULL, V0 = NULL, W0 = NULL, beta0 = NULL)
)

```

**Arguments**

x	n $\times$ p matrix of p attributes observed for n objects.
k	Number of distances to compute for each object (default: n-1).
D	n $\times$ n or n $\times$ k dissimilarity matrix (optional). If absent, the Euclidean distance is computed.
J	n $\times$ k matrix of indices. D[i,j] is the distance between objects i and J[i,j]. (Used only if D is supplied and ncol(D)<n.)
c	Number of clusters
type	Type of focal sets ("simple": empty set, singletons and Omega; "full": all 2 <sup>c</sup> subsets of Omega; "pairs": empty set, singletons, Omega, and all or selected pairs).
n_H	Number of hidden units (if one hidden layer), or a two-dimensional vector of numbers of hidden units (if two hidden layers).
ntrials	Number of runs of the optimization algorithm (set to 1 if param0 is supplied).
d0	Parameter used for matrix normalization. The normalized distance corresponding to d0 is 0.95.
fhat	Vector of outputs from a one-class SVM for novelty detection (optional)
lambda	Regularization coefficient (default: 0)
y	Optional vector of class labels for a subset of the training set (for semi-supervised learning).
Is	Vector of indices corresponding to y (for semi-supervised learning).
nu	Coefficient of the supervised error term (default: 0).
ML	Optional nbML*2 matrix of must-link constraints (for constrained clustering). Each row of ML contains the indices of objects that belong to the same class.
CL	Optional nbCL*2 matrix of cannot-link constraints (for constrained clustering). Each row of CL contains the indices of objects that belong to different classes.
xi	Coefficient of the constrained clustering loss (default: 0).
tr	If TRUE, a trace of the stress function is returned.
options	Parameters of the optimization algorithm (see <a href="#">harris</a> ).
param0	Optional list of initial network parameters (see details).

**Details**

This is a neural network version of `kevclus`. The neural net has one or two layers of ReLU units and a softmax output layer (see Denoeux, 2020). The weight matrices are denoted by U, V and W for a two-hidden-layer network, or V and W for a one-hidden-layer network. The inputs are a feature vector x, an optional distance matrix D, and an optional vector of one-class SVM outputs fhat, which is used for novelty detection. Part of the output belief mass is transferred to the empty set based on  $\beta[1] + \beta[2] * \text{fhat}$ , where beta is an additional parameter vector. The network can be trained in fully unsupervised mode, in semi-supervised mode (with class labels for a subset of the learning instances), or with pairwise constraints. The output is a credal partition (a "credpart" object), with a specific field containing the network parameters (U, V, W, beta).

**Value**

The output credal partition (an object of class "credpart"). In addition to the usual attributes, the output credal partition has the following attributes:

**Kmat** The matrix of degrees of conflict. Same size as D.

**D** The normalized dissimilarity matrix.

**trace** Trace of the algorithm (Stress function vs iterations).

**J** The matrix of indices.

**param** The network parameters as a list with components U, V, W and beta.

**Author(s)**

Thierry Denoeux.

**References**

T. Denoeux. NN-EVCLUS: Neural Network-based Evidential Clustering. *Information Sciences*, Vol. 572, Pages 297-330, 2021.

**See Also**

[nnevclus\\_mb](#), [predict.credpart](#), [kevclus](#), [kcevclus](#), [harris](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
## Example with one hidden layer and no novelty detection
data(fourclass)
x<-scale(fourclass[,1:2])
y<-fourclass[,3]
clus<-nnevclus(x,c=4,n_H=c(5,5),type='pairs') # One hidden layer
plot(clus,x,mfrow=c(2,2))

## Example with two hidden layers and novelty detection
library(kernlab)
data(fourclass)
x<-scale(fourclass[,1:2])
y<-fourclass[,3]
x<-data.frame(x)
svmfit<-ksvm(~.,data=x,type="one-svc",kernel="rbfdot",nu=0.2,kpar=list(sigma=0.2))
fhat<-predict(svmfit,newdata=x,type="decision")
clus<-nnevclus(x,k=200,c=4,n_H=c(5,5),type='pairs',fhat=fhat)
plot(clus,x,mfrow=c(2,2))

## Example with semi-supervised learning
data<-bananas(400)
x<-scale(data$x)
y<-data$y
Is<-sample(400, 50) # Indices of labeled instances
plot(x,col=y,pch=y)
```

```

points(x[Is,],pch=16)
svmfit<-ksvm(~.,data=x,type="one-svc",kernel="rbfdot",nu=0.2,kpar=list(sigma=0.2))
fhat<-predict(svmfit,newdata=x,type="decision")
clus<-nnevclus(x,k=100,c=2,n_H=10,type='full',fhat=fhat,Is=Is,y=y[Is],nu=0.5)
plot(clus,x)

## Example with pairwise constraints
data<-bananas(400)
x<-scale(data$x)
y<-data$y
const<-create_MLCL(y,500)
clus<-nnevclus(x,k=100,c=2,n_H=10,type='full',fhat=fhat,ML=const$ML,CL=const$CL,
rho=0.5)
plot(clus,x)

## Example with pairwise constraints and PCCA
data(iris)
x<-scale(as.matrix(iris[,1:4]))
y<-as.integer(iris[,5])
const<-create_MLCL(y,100)
res.pcca<-pcca(x,3,const$ML,const$CL,beta=1)
plot(res.pcca$z,pch=y,col=y)
clus<-nnevclus(x=x,D=res.pcca$D,c=3,n_H=10,type='full',ML=const$ML,CL=const$CL,rho=0.5)
plot(clus,x[,3:4])

## End(Not run)

```

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nnevclus\_mb

*NN-EVCLUS algorithm (minibatch version)*


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## Description

nnevclus\_mb computes a credal partition from a dissimilarity matrix using the NN-EVCLUS algorithm. Training is done using mini-batch gradient descent with the RMSprop optimization algorithm.

## Usage

```

nnevclus_mb(
  x,
  foncD = function(x) as.matrix(dist(x)),
  c,
  type = "simple",
  n_H,
  nbatch = 10,
  alpha0 = 0.9,
  fhat = NULL,
  lambda = 0,

```

```

y = NULL,
Is = NULL,
nu = 0,
disp = TRUE,
options = list(Niter = 1000, epsi = 0.001, rho = 0.9, delta = 1e-08, Dmax = 100,
  print = 5),
param0 = list(V0 = NULL, W0 = NULL, beta0 = NULL)
)

```

### Arguments

x	nxp matrix of p attributes observed for n objects.
fond	A function to compute distances.
c	Number of clusters
type	Type of focal sets ("simple": empty set, singletons and Omega; "full": all $2^c$ subsets of $\Omega$ ; "pairs": $\emptyset$ , singletons, $\Omega$ , and all or selected pairs).
n_H	Size of the hidden layer.
nbatch	Number of mini-batches.
alpha0	Order of the quantile to normalize distances. Parameter d0 is set to the alpha0-quantile of distances. Default: 0.9.
fhat	Vector of outputs from a one-class SVM for novelty detection (optional)
lambda	Regularization coefficient (default: 0)
y	Optional vector of class labels for a subset of the training set (for semi-supervised learning).
Is	Vector of indices corresponding to y (for semi-supervised learning).
nu	Coefficient of the supervised error term (default: 0).
disp	If TRUE, intermediate results are displayed.
options	Parameters of the optimization algorithm (Niter: maximum number of iterations; epsi, rho, delta: parameters of RMSprop; Dmax: the algorithm stops when the loss has not decreased in the last Dmax iterations; print: number of iterations between two displays).
param0	Optional list of initial network parameters (see details). #'

### Details

This is a neural network version of kevclus. The neural net has one layer of ReLU units and a softmax output layer (see Denoeux, 2020). The network is trained in mini-batch mode using the RMSprop algorithm. The inputs are a feature vector x, an optional distance matrix D, and an optional vector of one-class SVM outputs fhat, which is used for novelty detection. Part of the output belief mass is transferred to the empty set based on  $\beta[1] + \beta[2] * fhat$ , where beta is an additional parameter vector. The network can be trained in fully unsupervised mode or in semi-supervised mode (with class labels for a subset of the learning instances). The output is a credal partition (a "credpart" object), with a specific field containing the network parameters (U, V, W, beta).



**Value**

The output credal partition (an object of class "credpart"). In addition to the usual attributes, the output credal partition has the following attributes:

**Kmat** The matrix of degrees of conflict. Same size as D.

**trace** Trace of the algorithm (values of the loss function).

**param** The network parameters as a list with components V, W and beta.

**Author(s)**

Thierry Denoeux.

**References**

T. Denoeux. NN-EVCLUS: Neural Network-based Evidential Clustering. *Information Sciences*, Vol. 572, Pages 297-330, 2021.

**See Also**

[nnevclus](#), [predict.credpart](#), [kevclus](#), [kcevclus](#), [harris](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
## Unsupervised learning
data(fourclass)
x<-scale(fourclass[,1:2])
y<-fourclass[,3]
svmfit<-ksvm(~.,data=x,type="one-svc",kernel="rbfdot",nu=0.2,kpar=list(sigma=0.2))
fhat<-predict(svmfit,newdata=x,type="decision")
clus<-nnevclus_mb(x,funcD=function(x) as.matrix(dist(x)),c=4,type='pairs',
n_H=10,nbatch=10,alpha0=0.9,fhat=fhat)
plot(clus,x)
## semi-supervised learning
Is<-sample(400,100)
clus<-nnevclus_mb(x,funcD=function(x) as.matrix(dist(x)),c=4,type='pairs',
n_H=10,nbatch=10,alpha0=0.9,fhat=fhat,lambda=0, y=y[Is],Is=Is,nu=0.5)
plot(clus,x)

## End(Not run)
```

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nonspecificity	<i>Nonspecificity of the relational representation of a credal partition</i>
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**Description**

nonspecificity the average nonspecificity of a credal partition, as defined in Denoeux et al (2018).

**Usage**

```
nonspecificity(P)
```

**Arguments**

P The relation representation of a credal partition as generated by [pairwise\\_mass](#).

**Value**

The mean nonspecificity (i.e, the average nonspecificity of pairwise mass functions in P).

**References**

T. Denoeux, S. Li and S. Sriboonchitta. Evaluating and Comparing Soft Partitions: an Approach Based on Dempster-Shafer Theory. IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Systems, 26(3):1231-1244, 2018.

**See Also**

[credal\\_RI](#), [pairwise\\_mass](#)

**Examples**

```
## Butterfly data
data(butterfly)
clus<-kevclus(butterfly,c=2)
P<-pairwise_mass(clus)
print(nonspecificity(P))
```

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normalize.credpart      *Normalization of a credal partition*

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### Description

normalize.credpart normalizes a credal partition (a "credpart" object).

### Usage

```
normalize.credpart(clus, method = "d")
```

### Arguments

clus                    An object of class "credpart", encoding a credal partition.  
method                  Normalization method ("d" for Dempster or "y" for Yager).

### Details

The function implements two normalization methods: Dempster's normalization (the mass of each focal set is divided by one minus the mass on the empty set), and yager's normalization (the mass of the empty set is transferred to the whole frame).

### Value

The normalized credal partition (a "credpart" object).

### References

T. Denoeux and O. Kanjanatarakul. Beyond Fuzzy, Possibilistic and Rough: An Investigation of Belief Functions in Clustering. 8th International conference on soft methods in probability and statistics, Rome, 12-14 September, 2016.

### See Also

[extractMass](#), [plot.credpart](#), [summary.credpart](#).

### Examples

```
data(butterfly)
clus<-kevclus(butterfly,c=2)
print(clus$mass)
clus1<-normalize.credpart(clus,"d") # Dempster normalization
print(clus1$mass)
clus2<-normalize.credpart(clus,"y") # Yager normalization
print(clus2$mass)
```

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 pairwise\_mass

*Computes the relational representation*


---

### Description

pairwise\_mass computes the relational representation of a credal partition, as defined in Denoeux et al (2018).

### Usage

```
pairwise_mass(clus)
```

### Arguments

**clus** A credal partition (a matrix of  $n$  rows and  $f$  columns, where  $n$  is the number of objects and  $f$  is the number of focal sets).

### Details

Given a credal partition, we can compute, for each pair of objects, a "pairwise mass function" on a frame  $\Theta = \{s, \neg s\}$ , where  $s$  means that the two objects belong to the same cluster, and  $\neg s$  is the negation of  $s$ . Function pairwise\_mass compute these pairwise mass functions for all object pairs. The result is return as a list with "dist" objects containing the masses of each of the two elements of  $\Theta$ , and the masses on the empty set.

### Value

A list with three "dist" objects:

**M0** The masses assigned to the assumption that each pair of object (i,j) do not belong to the same class.

**M1** The masses assigned to the assumption that each pair of object (i,j) belongs to the same class.

**Me** The masses assigned to the empty set, for each pair of object (i,j).

### References

T. Denoeux, S. Li and S. Sriboonchitta. Evaluating and Comparing Soft Partitions: an Approach Based on Dempster-Shafer Theory. IEEE Transactions on Fuzzy Systems, 26(3):1231-1244, 2018.

### See Also

[credal\\_RI](#), [nonspecificity](#)

## Examples

```
## Butterfly data
data(butterfly)
clus<-kevclus(butterfly,c=2)
P<-pairwise_mass(clus)
```

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pcca

*Pairwise Constrained Component Analysis (PCCA)*

---

## Description

Using must-link and cannot-link constraints, PCCA (Mignon & Jury, 2012) learns a projection into a low-dimensional space where the distances between pairs of data points respect the desired constraints, exhibiting good generalization properties in presence of high dimensional data.

## Usage

```
pcca(x, d1, ML, CL, options = c(1, 1000, 1e-05, 10), beta = 1)
```

## Arguments

x	Data matrix of size n*d
d1	Number of extracted features.
ML	Matrix nbML x 2 of must-link constraints. Each row of ML contains the indices of objects that belong to the same class.
CL	Matrix nbCL x 2 of cannot-link constraints. Each row of CL contains the indices of objects that belong to different classes.
options	Parameters of the optimization algorithm (see <a href="#">harris</a> ).
beta	Sharpness parameter in the loss function (default: 1).

## Value

A list with three attributes:

**z** The n\*d1 matrix of extracted features.

**L** The projection matrix of size d1\*d.

**D** The Euclidean distance matrix in the projected space

## Author(s)

Thierry Denoeux.

**References**

A. Mignon and F. Jurie. PCCA: a new approach for distance learning from sparse pairwise constraints. In 2012 IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition, pages 2666-2672, 2012.

**See Also**

[kpcca](#), [harris](#), [create\\_MLCL](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
data(iris)
x<-as.matrix(iris[,1:4])
y<-as.integer(iris[,5])
const<-create_MLCL(y,50)
res.pcca<-pcca(x,1,const$ML,const$CL)
plot(res.pcca$z,col=y,pch=y)

## End(Not run)
```

---

plot.credpart

*Plotting a credal partition*

---

**Description**

Generates plots of a credal partition.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'credpart'
plot(
  x,
  X = NULL,
  ...,
  mfrow = c(1, 1),
  ytrue = NULL,
  Outliers = TRUE,
  Approx = 1,
  cex = 1,
  cexvar = "pl",
  cex_outliers = 1.3,
  cex_protos = 1,
  lwd = 2,
  ask = FALSE,
  plot_Shepard = FALSE,
  plot_approx = TRUE,
```

```

    plot_protos = TRUE,
    xlab = expression(x[1]),
    ylab = expression(x[2])
)

```

### Arguments

x	An object of class "credpart", encoding a credal partition.
X	A data matrix. If it has more than two columns (attributes), only the first two columns are used.
...	Other arguments to be passed to the plot function.
mfrow	A 2-vector defining the number of rows and columns of the plot. If mfrow=c(1,1), only one figure is drawn. Otherwise, mfrow[1] x mfrow[2] should not be less than x, the number of clusters.
ytrue	The vector of true class labels. If supplied, a different color is used for each true cluster. Otherwise, the maximum-plausibility clusters are used instead.
Outliers	If TRUE, the outliers are plotted, and they are not included in the lower and upper approximations of the clusters.
Approx	If Approx==1 (default), the lower and upper cluster approximations are computed using the interval dominance rule. Otherwise, the maximum mass rule is used.
cex	Maximum size of data points.
cexvar	Parameter determining if the size of the data points is proportional to the plausibilities ('pl', the default), the plausibilities of the normalized credal partition ('pl.n'), the degrees of belief ('bel'), the degrees of belief of the normalized credal partition ('bel.n'), or if it is constant ('cst', default).
cex_outliers	Size of data points for outliers.
cex_protos	Size of data points for prototypes (if applicable).
lwd	Line width for drawing the lower and upper approximations.
ask	Logical; if TRUE, the user is asked before each plot.
plot_Shepard	Logical; if TRUE and if the credal partition was generated by kevclus the Shepard diagram is plotted.
plot_approx	Logical; if TRUE (default) the convex hulls of the lower and upper approximations are plotted.
plot_protos	Logical; if TRUE (default) the prototypes are plotted (for methods generating prototypes, like ECM).
xlab	Label of horizontal axis.
ylab	Label of vertical axis.

### Details

This function plots different views of a credal partition in a two-dimensional attribute space. If mfrow=c(1,1) (the default), the function plot the dataset with a different symbol for each cluster.

**Value**

The maximum plausibility hard partition, as well as the lower and upper approximations of each cluster are drawn in the two-dimensional space specified by matrix  $X$ . If prototypes are defined (for methods "ecm" and "cecm"), they are also represented on the plot. For methods "kevclus", "kcevclus" or "nnevclus" a second plot with Shepard's diagram (degrees of conflict vs. transformed dissimilarities) is drawn. If input  $X$  is not supplied and the Shepard diagram exists, then only the Shepard diagram is drawn.

**References**

T. Denoeux and O. Kanjanatarakul. Beyond Fuzzy, Possibilistic and Rough: An Investigation of Belief Functions in Clustering. 8th International conference on soft methods in probability and statistics, Rome, 12-14 September, 2016.

M.-H. Masson and T. Denoeux. ECM: An evidential version of the fuzzy c-means algorithm. Pattern Recognition, Vol. 41, Issue 4, pages 1384–1397, 2008.

T. Denoeux, S. Sriboonchitta and O. Kanjanatarakul. Evidential clustering of large dissimilarity data. Knowledge-Based Systems, vol. 106, pages 179-195, 2016.

**See Also**

[extractMass](#), [summary.credpart](#), [ecm](#), [reem](#), [cecm](#), [kevclus](#).

**Examples**

```
## Example with Four-class data
data("fourclass")
x<-fourclass[,1:2]
y<-fourclass[,3]
c=4
## Running k-EVCLUS with singletons
clus<-kevclus(x=x,k=100,c=c,type='simple')
## Plot the results
plot(clus,X=x,mfrow=c(2,2),ytrue=y)
```

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predict.credpart

*Computation of a credal partition for new data*

---

**Description**

predict.credpart is the predict method for "credpart" objects generated by nnevclus or ecm.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'credpart'
predict(object, newdata, fhat = NULL, ...)
```



## Arguments

object	An object of class "credpart", encoding a credal partition.
newdata	A matrix of size ntest*p containing the new data.
fhat	An optional vector of one-class SVM outputs (for method nn-evclus only)
...	Additional arguments (not used).

## Details

This function computes a credal partial of newdata based on learnt information stored in a "credpart" objects created by [ecm](#) or [nnevclus](#).

## Value

A credal partition of the new data.

## References

T. Denoeux and O. Kanjanatarakul. Beyond Fuzzy, Possibilistic and Rough: An Investigation of Belief Functions in Clustering. 8th International conference on soft methods in probability and statistics, Rome, 12-14 September, 2016.

M.-H. Masson and T. Denoeux. ECM: An evidential version of the fuzzy c-means algorithm. Pattern Recognition, Vol. 41, Issue 4, pages 1384–1397, 2008.

T. Denoeux, S. Sriboonchitta and O. Kanjanatarakul. Evidential clustering of large dissimilarity data. Knowledge-Based Systems, vol. 106, pages 179-195, 2016.

## See Also

[ecm](#), [cecm](#), [nnevclus](#).

## Examples

```
## Not run:
data(fourclass)
train<-sample(400,200)
x<-fourclass[train,1:2]
x.test<-x[-train,1:2]
clus<-ecm(x,c=4,type='pairs',delta=sqrt(10),epsi=1e-3,disp=TRUE)
clus.test<-predict(clus,x.test)
plot(clus.test,x.test,mfrow=c(2,2))

## End(Not run)
```

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protein	<i>Protein dataset</i>
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### Description

This real data set consists of a dissimilarity matrix derived from the structural comparison of 213 protein sequences. Each of these proteins is known to belong to one of four classes of globins: hemoglobin-alpha (HA), hemoglobin-beta (HB), myoglobin (M) and heterogeneous globins (G).

### Usage

```
data(protein)
```

### Format

A list with three elements:

**D** The 213x213 dissimilarity matrix.

**class** A 213-vector containing the class encoded as a factor with four levels: "G", "HA", "HB", "M".

**y** A 213-vector containing the class encoded by an integer between 1 and 4.

### References

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### Examples

```
data(protein)
z<- cmdscale(protein$D,k=2) # Multidimensional scaling
plot(z[,1],z[,2],xlab=expression(z[1]),ylab=expression(z[2]),pch=protein$y,col=protein$y)
```

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 recm

*Relational Evidential c-means algorithm*


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### Description

recm computes a credal partition from a dissimilarity matrix using the Relational Evidential c-means (RECM) algorithm.

### Usage

```
recm(
  D,
  c,
  type = "full",
  pairs = NULL,
  Omega = TRUE,
  m0 = NULL,
  ntrials = 1,
  alpha = 1,
  beta = 1.5,
  delta = quantile(D[upper.tri(D) | lower.tri(D)], 0.95),
  epsi = 1e-04,
  maxit = 5000,
  disp = TRUE
)
```

### Arguments

D	Dissimilarity matrix of size (n,n), where n is the number of objects. Dissimilarities must be squared Euclidean distances to ensure convergence.
c	Number of clusters.
type	Type of focal sets ("simple": empty set, singletons and Omega; "full": all $2^c$ subsets of $\Omega$ ; "pairs": $\emptyset$ , singletons, $\Omega$ , and all or selected pairs).
pairs	Set of pairs to be included in the focal sets; if NULL, all pairs are included. Used only if type="pairs".
Omega	Logical. If TRUE (default), the whole frame is included (for types 'simple' and 'pairs').
m0	Initial credal partition. Should be a matrix with n rows and a number of columns equal to the number f of focal sets specified by 'type' and 'pairs'.
ntrials	Number of runs of the optimization algorithm (set to 1 if m0 is supplied).
alpha	Exponent of the cardinality in the cost function.
beta	Exponent of masses in the cost function.
delta	Distance to the empty set.
epsi	Minimum amount of improvement.
maxit	Maximum number of iterations.
disp	If TRUE (default), intermediate results are displayed.

## Details

REEM is a relational version of the Evidential c-Means (ECM) algorithm. Convergence is guaranteed only if elements of matrix  $D$  are squared Euclidean distances. However, the algorithm is quite robust and generally provides sensible results even if the dissimilarities are not metric. By default, each mass function in the credal partition has  $2^c$  focal sets, where  $c$  is the supplied number of clusters. We can also limit the number of focal sets to subsets of clusters with cardinalities 0, 1 and  $c$  (recommended if  $c \geq 10$ ), or to all or some selected pairs of clusters. If an initial credal partition  $m_0$  is provided, the number of trials is automatically set to 1.

## Value

The credal partition (an object of class "credpart").

## Author(s)

Thierry Denoeux (from a MATLAB code written by Marie-Helene Masson).

## References

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## See Also

[makeF](#), [extractMass](#), [ecm](#)

## Examples

```
## Clustering of the Butterfly dataset
## Not run:
n <- nrow(butterfly)
D<-as.matrix(dist(butterfly))^2
clus<-reem(D,c=2,delta=sqrt(50))
m<-clus$mass
plot(1:n,m[,1],type="l",ylim=c(0,1),xlab="objects",ylab="masses")
lines(1:n,m[,2],lty=2)
lines(1:n,m[,3],lty=3)
lines(1:n,m[,4],lty=4)

## Clustering the protein data
data(protein)
clus <- reem(D=protein$D,c=4,type='full',alpha=0.2,beta=1.1,delta=sqrt(20))

z<- cmdscale(protein$D,k=2)
plot(clus,X=z,mfrow=c(2,2),ytrue=protein$y,Outliers=FALSE,Approx=1)

## End(Not run)
```

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s2	<i>S2 dataset</i>
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**Description**

This dataset contains 5000 two-dimensional vectors grouped in 15 Gaussian clusters.

**Usage**

```
data(s2)
```

**Format**

A matrix with 5000 rows and two columns.

**References**

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**Examples**

```
data(s2)
plot(s2[,1],s2[,2],xlab=expression(x[1]),ylab=expression(x[2]))
```

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<code>summary.credpart</code>	<i>Summary of a credal partition</i>
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**Description**

`summary.credpart` is the summary method for "credpart" objects.

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	An object of class "credpart", encoding a credal partition.
<code>...</code>	Additional arguments (not used).

**Details**

This function extracts basic information from "credpart" objects, such as created by [ecm](#), [reem](#), [ceem](#), [EkNNclus](#) or [kevclus](#).

**Value**

Prints basic information on the credal partition.

**References**

T. Denoeux and O. Kanjanatarakul. Beyond Fuzzy, Possibilistic and Rough: An Investigation of Belief Functions in Clustering. 8th International conference on soft methods in probability and statistics, Rome, 12-14 September, 2016.

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**See Also**

[extractMass](#), [plot.credpart](#), [ecm](#), [reem](#), [ceem](#), [EkNNclus](#), [kevclus](#).

**Examples**

```
## Example with Four-class data
data("fourclass")
x<-fourclass[,1:2]
y<-fourclass[,3]
c=4
## Running k-EVCLUS with singletons
clus<-kevclus(x=x,k=100,c=c,type='simple')
summary(clus)
```

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