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mvcor-package

*Correlation Coefficients for Multivariate Data*

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### Description

Correlation Coefficients for Multivariate Data.

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Adjusted RV correlation between two sets of variables

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### Description

Adjusted RV correlation between two sets of variables.

### Usage

arv(y, x)

### Arguments

y            A numerical matrix.  
x            A numerical matrix.

**Details**

The adjusted RV correlation coefficient is computed.

**Value**

The value of the adjusted RV coefficient.

**Author(s)**

Michail Tsagris

R implementation and documentation: Michail Tsagris <mtsagris@uoc.gr>.

**References**

Mordant G. and Segers J. (2022). Measuring dependence between random vectors via optimal transport. *Journal of Multivariate Analysis*, 189: 104912.

**See Also**

[mrv](#), [rv](#), [drv](#), [sq.correl](#), [dcor](#)

**Examples**

```
arv( as.matrix(iris[, 1:2]), as.matrix(iris[, 3:4]) )
```

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Dissimilarity between two data matrices based on the RV coefficient

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**Description**

Dissimilarity between two data matrices based on the RV coefficient.

**Usage**

```
drv(y, x)
```

**Arguments**

y	A numerical matrix.
x	A numerical matrix.

**Details**

The dissimilarity between the two data matrices is computed as  $\sqrt{2}\sqrt{1 - RV(y, x)}$ , where  $RV(y, x)$  is the RV coefficient.

**Value**

The value of the dissimilarity.

**Author(s)**

Michail Tsagris

R implementation and documentation: Michail Tsagris <mtsagris@uoc.gr>.

**References**

Josse J., Pages J. and Husson F. (2008). Testing the significance of the RV coefficient. *Computational Statistics & Data Analysis*, 53(1): 82–91.

**See Also**

[rv](#), [sq.correl](#), [dcor](#)

**Examples**

```
drv( as.matrix(iris[, 1:2]), as.matrix(iris[, 3:4]) )
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Distance correlation    *Distance correlation*

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**Description**

Distance correlation.

**Usage**

```
dcor(y, x, bc = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

y	A numerical matrix.
x	A numerical matrix.
bc	Do you want the corrected distance correlation? Default value if FALSE.

**Details**

The distance correlation or the bias corrected distance correlation of two matrices is calculated. The latter one is used for the hypothesis test that the distance correlation is zero.).

**Value**

A list including:

dcov	The (bias corrected) distance covariance.
dvarX	The (bias corrected) distance variance of x.
dvarY	The (bias corrected) distance variance of Y.
dcor	The (bias corrected) distance correlation.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

G.J. Szekely, M.L. Rizzo and N. K. Bakirov (2007). Measuring and Testing Independence by Correlation of Distances. *Annals of Statistics*, 35(6): 2769–2794.

Szekely G. J. and Rizzo M. L. (2023). *The energy of data and distance correlation*. Chapman and Hall/CRC.

**See Also**

[sq.correl](#), [rv](#)

**Examples**

```
dcor( as.matrix(iris[, 1:2]), as.matrix(iris[, 3:4]) )
dcor( as.matrix(iris[, 1:2]), as.matrix(iris[, 3:4]), bc = TRUE )
```

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Mantel coefficient between two sets of variables

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**Description**

Mantel coefficient between two sets of variables.

**Usage**

```
mantel(y, x)
```

**Arguments**

y	A numerical matrix.
x	A numerical matrix.

**Details**

The Mantel coefficient is simply the Pearson correlation coefficient computed on the off-diagonal elements of the distance matrix of each matrix (or set of variables).

**Value**

The Mantel coefficient.

**Author(s)**

Michail Tsagris

R implementation and documentation: Michail Tsagris <mtsagris@uoc.gr>.

**References**

Abdi H. (2010). Congruence: Congruence coefficient, RV coefficient, and Mantel coefficient. Encyclopedia of Research Design, 3, 222–229.

**See Also**

[rv](#), [dcor](#)

**Examples**

```
mantel( as.matrix(iris[, 1:2]), as.matrix(iris[, 3:4]) )
```

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Modified RV correlation between two sets of variables

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**Description**

Modified RV correlation between two sets of variables.

**Usage**

```
mrV(y, x)
```

**Arguments**

y                    A numerical matrix.

x                    A numerical matrix.

**Details**

The modified RV correlation coefficient

**Value**

The value of the modified RV coefficient.

**Author(s)**

Michail Tsagris

R implementation and documentation: Michail Tsagris <mtsagris@uoc.gr>.

**References**

Smilde A. K., Kiers H. A., Bijlsma S., Rubingh C. M. and Van Erk M. J. (2009). Matrix correlations for high-dimensional data: the modified RV-coefficient. *Bioinformatics*, 25(3): 401–405.

**See Also**

[rv](#), [arv](#), [drv](#), [sq.correl](#), [dcor](#)

**Examples**

```
mrsv( as.matrix(iris[, 1:2]), as.matrix(iris[, 3:4]) )
```

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RV correlation between two sets of variables

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**Description**

RV correlation between two sets of variables.

**Usage**

```
rv(y, x)
```

**Arguments**

y	A numerical matrix.
x	A numerical matrix.

**Details**

The RV correlation coefficient

**Value**

The value of the RV coefficient.

**Author(s)**

Michail Tsagris

R implementation and documentation: Michail Tsagris <mtsagris@uoc.gr>.

**References**

Robert P. and Escoufier Y. (1976). A Unifying Tool for Linear Multivariate Statistical Methods: The RV-Coefficient. *Applied Statistics*, 25(3): 257–265.

**See Also**

[mrv](#), [drv](#), [sq.correl](#), [dcor](#)

**Examples**

```
rv( as.matrix(iris[, 1:2]), as.matrix(iris[, 3:4]) )
```

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Squared multivariate correlation between two sets of variables

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**Description**

Squared multivariate correlation between two sets of variables.

**Usage**

```
sq.correl(y, x)
```

**Arguments**

y	A numerical matrix.
x	A numerical matrix.

**Details**

Mardia, Kent and Bibby (1979, pg. 171) defined two squared multiple correlation coefficient between the dependent variable  $\mathbf{Y}$  and the independent variable  $\mathbf{X}$ . They mention that these are a similar measure of the coefficient determination in the univariate regression. Assume that the multivariate regression model is written as  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{U}$ , where  $\mathbf{U}$  is the matrix of residuals. Then, they write  $\mathbf{D} = (\mathbf{Y}^T\mathbf{Y})^{-1}\hat{\mathbf{U}}^T\hat{\mathbf{U}}$ , with  $\hat{\mathbf{U}}^T\hat{\mathbf{U}} = \mathbf{Y}^T\mathbf{P}\mathbf{Y}$  and  $\mathbf{P}$  is  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{I}_n - \mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^T$ . The matrix  $\mathbf{D}$  is a generalization of  $1 - R^2$  in the univariate case. Mardia, Kent and Bibby (1979, pg. 171) mentioned that the dependent variable  $\mathbf{Y}$  has to be centred.

The squared multivariate correlation should lie between 0 and 1 and this property is satisfied by the trace correlation  $r_T$  and the determinant correlation  $r_D$ , defined as  $r_T^2 = d^{-1}\text{tr}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{D})$  and  $r_D^2 = \det(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{D})$  respectively, where  $d$  denotes the dimensionality of  $\mathbf{Y}$ . So, high values indicate



high proportion of variance of the dependent variables explained. Alternatively, one can calculate the trace and the determinant of the matrix  $\mathbf{E} = (\mathbf{Y}^T \mathbf{Y})^{-1} \hat{\mathbf{Y}}^T \hat{\mathbf{Y}}$ . Try something else also, use the function "sq.correl()" in a univariate regression example and then calculate the  $R^2$  for the same dataset. Try this example again but without centering the dependent variable. In addition, take two variables and calculate their squared correlation coefficient and then square it and using "sq.correl()".

**Value**

A vector with two values, the trace and determinant  $R^2$ .

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**See Also**

[rv](#), [dcor](#)

**Examples**

```
sq.correl( as.matrix(iris[, 1:2]), as.matrix(iris[, 3:4]) )
```

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