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**Description** Multidimensional scaling (MDS) functions for various tasks that are beyond the beta stage and way past the alpha stage.

Currently, options are available for weights, restrictions, classical scaling or principal coordinate analysis, transformations (linear, power, Box-Cox, spline, ordinal), outlier mitigation (rdop), out-of-sample estimation (predict), negative dissimilarities, fast and faster executions with low memory footprints, penalized restrictions, cross-validation-based penalty selection, supplementary variable estimation (explain), additive constant estimation, mixed measurement level distance calculation, restricted classical scaling, etc. More will come in the future.

References. Busing (2024) ``A Simple Population Size Estimator for Local Minima Applied to Multidimensional Scaling". Manuscript submitted for publication.

Busing (2025) ``Node Localization by Multidimensional Scaling with Iterative Majorization". Manuscript submitted for publication.

Busing (2025) ``Faster Multidimensional Scaling". Manuscript in preparation.

Barroso and Busing (2025) ``e-RDOP, Relative Density-Based Outlier Probabilities, Extended to Proximity Mapping". Manuscript submitted for publication.

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addconst

*Additive Constant Function for Classical Multidimensional Scaling*

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### Description

addconst returns the smallest additive constant which, added to the dissimilarities, makes the data true Euclidean distances. Note: NA's are not allowed.

### Usage

```
addconst(delta, faster = FALSE, error.check = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

delta	an n by n square symmetric hollow matrix containing (non-negative) dissimilarities.
faster	logical indicating faster but less precise procedure
error.check	extensive check validity input (data) parameters (default = FALSE).

**Value**

additive constant

**Author(s)**

Frank M.T.A. Busing

**References**

Cailliez (1983)

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asymmetry

*Asymmetry Function*

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**Description**

asymmetry return statistics from asymmetry analyses.

**Usage**

```
asymmetry(delta, z, error.check = FALSE, echo = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

delta	an n by n square asymmetric hollow matrix containing dissimilarities.
z	coordinates (n by p) after symmetric analysis
error.check	extensive check validity input parameters (default = FALSE).
echo	print (intermediate) results (default = FALSE).

**Value**

ssaf skew-symmetric sum-of-squares-accounted-for  
 vaf skew-symmetric variance-accounted-for  
 drifts drift vectors starting from coordinates in z (n by p matrix)  
 radii n vector with circle radii

**Author(s)**

Frank M.T.A. Busing

**References**

Gower (1968).

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colors

*Color data*

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**Description**

Dissimilarities are one minus the original ratings. 31 subjects rated 91 combinations for similarity on a 5-point scale (0-4). The ratings were averaged and divided by 4 to obtain similarities between 0 and 1. The 14 colors had wavelengths 434, 445, 465, 472, 490, 504, 537, 555, 54, 600, 610, 628, 651, and 674.

**Usage**

colors

**Format**

14 x 14 dissimilarity matrix

- V1: dissimilarities for V1.
- V2: dissimilarities for V2.
- V3: dissimilarities for V3.
- V4: dissimilarities for V4.
- V5: dissimilarities for V5.
- V6: dissimilarities for V6.
- V7: dissimilarities for V7.
- V8: dissimilarities for V8.
- V9: dissimilarities for V9.
- V10: dissimilarities for V10.
- V11: dissimilarities for V11.
- V12: dissimilarities for V12.
- V13: dissimilarities for V13.
- V14: dissimilarities for V14.

**References**

Ekman (1954). Dimensions of color vision. *Journal of Psychology*, 38, 467-474.

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cv.fastmds	<i>Repeated Cross-Validation Penalized Restricted Multidimensional Scaling Function</i>
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**Description**

cv.fastmds performs repeated cross-validation for a penalized restricted multidimensional scaling model.

**Usage**

```
cv.fastmds(
  delta,
  w = NULL,
  p = 2,
  q = NULL,
  b = NULL,
  lambda = 0,
  alpha = 1,
  grouped = FALSE,
  NFOLDS = 10,
  NREPEATS = 30,
  MAXITER = 1024,
  FCRIT = 1e-08,
  ZCRIT = 1e-06,
  error.check = FALSE,
  echo = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

delta	an n by n symmetric and hollow matrix containing dissimilarities.
w	an identical sized matrix containing nonnegative weights (all ones when omitted).
p	dimensionality (default = 2).
q	independent variables (n by h).
b	initial regression coefficients (h by p).
lambda	regularization penalty parameter(s) (default = 0.0: no penalty).
alpha	elastic-net parameter (default = 1.0: lasso only).
grouped	boolean for lasso penalty (default = FALSE: ordinary lasso).
NFOLDS	number of folds for the k-fold cross-validation.
NREPEATS	number of repeats for the repeated k-fold cross-validation.
MAXITER	maximum number of iterations (default = 1024).
FCRIT	relative convergence criterion function value (default = 0.00000001).

ZCRIT absolute convergence criterion coordinates (default = 0.000001).  
 error.check extensive check validity input parameters (default = FALSE).  
 echo print intermediate algorithm results (default = FALSE).

### Value

mserrors mean squared errors for different values of lambda.  
 stderrors standard errors for mean squared errors.  
 varnames labels of independent row variables.  
 coefficients list with final h by p matrices with regression coefficients (lambda order).  
 lambda sorted regularization penalty parameters.  
 alpha elastic-net parameter (default = 1.0: lasso only).  
 grouped boolean for lasso penalty (default = FALSE: ordinary lasso).

### References

de Leeuw, J., and Heiser, W. J. (1980). Multidimensional scaling with restrictions on the configuration. In P.R. Krishnaiah (Ed.), *Multivariate analysis* (Vol. 5, pp. 501–522). Amsterdam, The Netherlands: North-Holland Publishing Company.

Heiser, W. J. (1987a). Joint ordination of species and sites: The unfolding technique. In P. Legendre and L. Legendre (Eds.), *Developments in numerical ecology* (pp. 189–221). Berlin, Heidelberg: Springer-Verlag.

Busing, F.M.T.A. (2010). *Advances in multidimensional unfolding*. Unpublished doctoral dissertation, Leiden University, Leiden, the Netherlands.

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dilation

*Dilation*

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### Description

dilation returns dilation or scale factor, such that  $\| \text{factor} * \text{source} - \text{target} \|_{\text{weights}}^2$  is minimal.

### Usage

```
dilation(source, weights = NULL, target = NULL, error.check = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

source n x m source matrix  
 weights weights matrix, size n  
 target if NULL: rotate source to principal axes; otherwise: rotate source to n x m target  
 error.check extensive check validity input parameters (default = FALSE).

**Value**

dilation factor

**Author(s)**

Frank M.T.A. Busing

**References**

Gower (1968). Commandeur (1991)

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explain.fmds

*Explain method for all fmds objects*

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**Description**

explain fits variables to coordinate configuration

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'fmds'  
explain(  
  x,  
  q,  
  w = NULL,  
  level = c("absolute", "ratio", "linear", "ordinal", "nominal"),  
  MAXITER = 1024,  
  FCRIT = 1e-08,  
  error.check = FALSE,  
  echo = FALSE,  
  ...  
)
```

**Arguments**

x	fmds object
q	variables
w	weights
level	transformation level
MAXITER	maximum number of iterations
FCRIT	convergence criterion
error.check	error checking
echo	intermediate output
...	additional arguments to be passed.

**Value**

data data  
 weights weights  
 transformed.data transformed data  
 approach approach  
 degree zero  
 ninner zero  
 iknots NULL  
 anchor anchor  
 knotstype zero  
 coordinates NULL  
 coefficients coefficients  
 distances distances  
 last.iteration last.iteration  
 last.difference last.difference  
 n.stress n.stress  
 stress.1 stress.1  
 call call

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 expressions

*Facial Expressions Data*


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**Description**

Dissimilarities represent the correspondence in facial expressions. 30 students rated the dissimilarity between 13 female portraits (photographs) on a 9-point scale. The dissimilarities are the means of the re-scaled values obtained by the method of successive intervals.

**Usage**

expressions

**Format**

13 x 16 matrix. The first 13 x 13 matrix is a dissimilarity matrix

- V1: dissimilarities for V1.
- V2: dissimilarities for V2.
- V3: dissimilarities for V3.
- V4: dissimilarities for V4.
- V5: dissimilarities for V5.



- V6: dissimilarities for V6.
- V7: dissimilarities for V7.
- V8: dissimilarities for V8.
- V9: dissimilarities for V9.
- V10: dissimilarities for V10.
- V11: dissimilarities for V11.
- V12: dissimilarities for V12.
- V13: dissimilarities for V13.
- P1: Property 1.
- P2: Property 2.
- P3: Property 3.

## References

Abelson and Sermat (1962). Multidimensional scaling of facial expressions. *Journal of experimental psychology*, 63(6), 546-554. Diederich, Messick, and Tucker (1957). A general least squares solution for successive intervals. *Psychometrika*, 22(2), 159-173. Woodworth (1938). *Experimental psychology*. New York, Holt. Engen, Levy, and Schlosberg (1958). The dimensional analysis of a new series of facial expressions. *Journal of Experimental Psychology*, 55(5), 454-458.

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fastboxcoxmds

*Box-Cox Multidimensional Scaling Function*

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## Description

`fastlinearmds` performs Box-Cox multidimensional scaling. The function follows algorithms given by de Leeuw and Heiser (1980). The data, dissimilarities and weights, are either symmetric or asymmetric. The dissimilarities may contain negative values, the weights may not. The configuration is either unrestricted, (partly) fixed, or a linear combination of independent variables. The dissimilarities are optimally Box-Cox transformed.

## Usage

```
fastboxcoxmds(  
  delta,  
  w = NULL,  
  p = 2,  
  z = NULL,  
  r = NULL,  
  b = NULL,  
  MAXITER = 1024,  
  FCRIT = 1e-08,  
  ZCRIT = 1e-06,  
  rotate = TRUE,
```

```

    faster = FALSE,
    error.check = FALSE,
    echo = FALSE
)

```

### Arguments

<code>delta</code>	an $n$ by $n$ squares hollow matrix containing dissimilarities.
<code>w</code>	an identical sized matrix containing non-negative weights (all ones when omitted).
<code>p</code>	dimensionality (default = 2).
<code>z</code>	$n$ by $p$ matrix with initial coordinates.
<code>r</code>	restrictions on the configuration, either an $n$ by $p$ matrix with booleans indicating free (false) and fixed (true) coordinates or an $n$ by $h$ numerical matrix with $h$ independent variables.
<code>b</code>	$h$ by $p$ matrix with initial regression coefficients.
<code>MAXITER</code>	maximum number of iterations (default = 1024).
<code>FCRIT</code>	relative convergence criterion function value (default = 0.00000001).
<code>ZCRIT</code>	absolute convergence criterion coordinates (default = 0.000001).
<code>rotate</code>	if TRUE: solution is rotated to principal axes.
<code>faster</code>	boolean specifying faster but less precise procedure.
<code>error.check</code>	extensive validity check input parameters (default = FALSE).
<code>echo</code>	print intermediate algorithm results (default = FALSE).

### Value

`data` original  $n$  by  $n$  matrix with dissimilarities.  
`weights` original  $n$  by  $n$  matrix with weights.  
`transformed.data` final  $n$  by  $n$  matrix with transformed dissimilarities.  
`coordinates` final  $n$  by  $p$  matrix with coordinates.  
`restriction` either the fixed coordinates or the independent variables.  
`coefficients` final  $h$  by  $p$  matrix with regression coefficients.  
`distances` final  $n$  by  $n$  matrix with Euclidean distances between  $n$  rows of coordinates.  
`last.iteration` final iteration number.  
`last.difference` final function difference used for convergence testing.  
`n.stress` final normalized stress value.  
`rotate` if solution is rotated to principal axes.  
`faster` if a faster procedure has been used.

### Author(s)

Frank M.T.A. Busing

## References

- de Leeuw, J., and Heiser, W. J. (1980). Multidimensional scaling with restrictions on the configuration. In P.R. Krishnaiah (Ed.), *Multivariate analysis* (Vol. 5, pp. 501–522). Amsterdam, The Netherlands: North-Holland Publishing Company.
- Heiser, W.J. (1991). A generalized majorization method for least squares multidimensional scaling of pseudo-distances that may be negative. *Psychometrika*, 55, pages 7-27.
- Busing, F.M.T.A. (submitted). Node Localization by Multidimensional Scaling with Iterative Majorization: A Psychometric Perspective. *Signal Processing*, Elsevier.

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fastermds

*Stochastic Iterative Majorization Multidimensional Scaling Function*

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## Description

fastermds performs multidimensional scaling using a stochastic iterative majorization algorithm. The data are either dissimilarities (full or only lower triangular part) or multivariate data. The dissimilarities and the weights may not contain negative values. The configuration is either unrestricted or (partly) fixed. Local multidimensional scaling is performed when a boundary is provided. Interval multidimensional scaling is performed with a full dissimilarity matrix, using the lower triangular part for the lower bound and the upper triangular part for the upper bound.

## Usage

```
fastermds(  
  delta = NULL,  
  lower = NULL,  
  data = NULL,  
  w = NULL,  
  p = 2,  
  z = NULL,  
  fixed = NULL,  
  linear = FALSE,  
  boundary = NULL,  
  interval = FALSE,  
  NCYCLES = 32,  
  MINRATE = 0.01,  
  error.check = FALSE,  
  test = 0  
)
```

## Arguments

delta	dissimilarity matrix, non-negative, square, and hollow.
lower	lower triangular part of dissimilarity matrix.
data	multivariate data matrix.

w	non-negative weights per dissimilarity for delta and lower, and per object for data
p	dimensionality (default = 2).
z	n by p matrix with initial coordinates.
fixed	n by p matrix with booleans indicating free (FALSE) or fixed (TRUE) coordinates.
linear	boolean indicating whether linear is used.
boundary	boundary value for local mds.
interval	interval measurements for interval mds, requires delta data format.
NCYCLES	number of cycles taken by the algorithm (default = 32).
MINRATE	criterion rate of convergence (default = 0.01).
error.check	extensive validity check input parameters (default = FALSE).
test	indicates which test is applied.

### Details

One of the following three data formats need to be specified:

### Value

n by p matrix with final coordinates.

### Author(s)

Frank M.T.A. Busing

### References

Agrafiotis, and others, and Busing

### Examples

```
n <- 1000
m <- 10
delta <- as.matrix( dist( matrix( runif( n * m ), n, m ) ) )
p <- 2
zinit <- matrix( runif( n * p ), n, p )
# r <- fastermds( delta = delta, p = p, z = zinit, error.check = TRUE )
```

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fasterstress	<i>Faster Stress Function</i>
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**Description**

fasterstress calculates stochastic normalized stress. Neither data nor distances based on z are optimally scaled.

**Usage**

```
fasterstress(data = NULL, z = NULL, nsamples = 100, samplesize = 30)
```

**Arguments**

data	an n by m multivariate data matrix.
z	n by p matrix with coordinates.
nsamples	number of samples
samplesize	sample size

**Value**

n.stress normalized stress, mean over samples and observations  
se standard error of se, standard deviation over samples

**Author(s)**

Frank M.T.A. Busing

**References**

agrafiotis, and others, and busing

**Examples**

```
n <- 10000
m <- 10
data <- matrix( runif( n * m ), n, m )
p <- 2
zinit <- matrix( runif( n * p ), n, p )
# r <- fastermds( data = data, p = p, z = zinit )
# s <- fasterstress( data = data, z = r )
```

fastlinearmds

*Linear Multidimensional Scaling Function***Description**

fastlinearmds performs linear multidimensional scaling. The function follows algorithms given by de Leeuw and Heiser (1980). The data, dissimilarities and weights, are either symmetric or asymmetric. The dissimilarities may contain negative values, the weights may not. The configuration is either unrestricted, (partly) fixed, or a linear combination of independent variables. The dissimilarities are optimally linearly transformed.

**Usage**

```
fastlinearmds(
  delta,
  w = NULL,
  p = 2,
  z = NULL,
  r = NULL,
  b = NULL,
  anchor = TRUE,
  MAXITER = 1024,
  FCRIT = 1e-08,
  ZCRIT = 1e-06,
  rotate = TRUE,
  faster = FALSE,
  error.check = FALSE,
  echo = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

delta	an n by n squares hollow matrix containing dissimilarities.
w	an identical sized matrix containing non-negative weights (all ones when omitted).
p	dimensionality (default = 2).
z	n by p matrix with initial coordinates.
r	restrictions on the configuration, either an n by p matrix with booleans indicating free (false) and fixed (true) coordinates or an n by h numerical matrix with h independent variables.
b	h by p matrix with initial regression coefficients.
anchor	boolean indicating the use of an intercept
MAXITER	maximum number of iterations (default = 1024).
FCRIT	relative convergence criterion function value (default = 0.00000001).

ZCRIT	absolute convergence criterion coordinates (default = 0.000001).
rotate	if TRUE: solution is rotated to principal axes.
faster	logical indicating faster but less precise procedure
error.check	extensive validity check input parameters (default = FALSE).
echo	print intermediate algorithm results (default = FALSE).

### Value

data original n by n matrix with dissimilarities.  
 weights original n by n matrix with weights.  
 transformed.data final n by n matrix with transformed dissimilarities.  
 anchor whether an intercept was used or not.  
 coordinates final n by p matrix with coordinates.  
 restriction either the fixed coordinates or the independent variables.  
 coefficients final h by p matrix with regression coefficients.  
 distances final n by n matrix with Euclidean distances between n rows of coordinates.  
 last.iteration final iteration number.  
 last.difference final function difference used for convergence testing.  
 n.stress final normalized stress value.  
 rotate if solution is rotated to principal axes.  
 faster if a faster procedure has been used.

### Author(s)

Frank M.T.A. Busing

### References

de Leeuw, J., and Heiser, W. J. (1980). Multidimensional scaling with restrictions on the configuration. In P.R. Krishnaiah (Ed.), *Multivariate analysis* (Vol. 5, pp. 501–522). Amsterdam, The Netherlands: North-Holland Publishing Company.

Heiser, W.J. (1991). A generalized majorization method for least squares multidimensional scaling of pseudo-distances that may be negative. *Psychometrika*, 55, pages 7-27.

Busing, F.M.T.A. (submitted). Node Localization by Multidimensional Scaling with Iterative Majorization: A Psychometric Perspective. Signal Processing, Elsevier.

### Examples

```

data( "colors" )
delta <- as.matrix( colors^3 )
n <- nrow( delta )
w <- 1 - diag( n )
p <- 2
z <- matrix( runif( n * p ), n, p )
#r <- fastlinearmds( delta, w, p, z, echo = TRUE )

```

fastmds

*Multidimensional Scaling Function***Description**

fastmds performs multidimensional scaling. The function follows algorithms given by de Leeuw and Heiser (1980). The data, dissimilarities and weights, are either symmetric or asymmetric. The dissimilarities may contain negative values, the weights may not. The configuration is either unrestricted, (partly) fixed, or a linear combination of independent variables, penalized or not.

**Usage**

```
fastmds(
  delta,
  w = NULL,
  p = 2,
  z = NULL,
  r = NULL,
  b = NULL,
  anchor = 0,
  lambda = 0,
  alpha = 1,
  grouped = FALSE,
  MAXITER = 1024,
  FCRIT = 1e-08,
  ZCRIT = 1e-06,
  rotate = TRUE,
  faster = FALSE,
  error.check = FALSE,
  echo = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

delta	an n by n squares hollow matrix containing dissimilarities.
w	an identical sized matrix containing non-negative weights (all ones when omitted).
p	dimensionality (default = 2).
z	n by p matrix with initial coordinates.
r	restrictions on the configuration, either an n by p matrix with booleans indicating free (false) and fixed (true) coordinates or an n by h numerical matrix with h independent variables.
b	h by p matrix with initial regression coefficients.
anchor	used as additive constant, but estimated for pcoa only when anchor == NA.
lambda	regularization penalty parameter (default = 0.0: no penalty).



alpha	elastic-net parameter (default = 1.0: lasso only).
grouped	boolean for grouped lasso penalty (default = FALSE: ordinary lasso).
MAXITER	maximum number of iterations (default = 1024).
FCRIT	relative convergence criterion function value (default = 0.00000001).
ZCRIT	absolute convergence criterion coordinates (default = 0.000001).
rotate	if TRUE: solution is rotated to principal axes.
faster	logical indicating faster but less precise procedure
error.check	extensive validity check input parameters (default = FALSE).
echo	print intermediate algorithm results (default = FALSE).

### Value

data original n by n matrix with dissimilarities.  
 weights original n by n matrix with weights.  
 coordinates final n by p matrix with coordinates.  
 restriction either the fixed coordinates or the independent variables.  
 coefficients final h by p matrix with regression coefficients.  
 lambda (optimal) penalty parameter.  
 alpha elastic-net penalty parameter.  
 grouped common or grouped lasso penalty.  
 distances final n by n matrix with Euclidean distances between n rows of coordinates.  
 last.iteration final iteration number.  
 last.difference final function difference used for convergence testing.  
 n.stress final normalized stress value.  
 rotate if solution is rotated to principal axes.

### Author(s)

Frank M.T.A. Busing

### References

- de Leeuw, J., and Heiser, W. J. (1980). Multidimensional scaling with restrictions on the configuration. In P.R. Krishnaiah (Ed.), *Multivariate analysis* (Vol. 5, pp. 501–522). Amsterdam, The Netherlands: North-Holland Publishing Company.
- Heiser, W.J. (1991). A generalized majorization method for least squares multidimensional scaling of pseudo-distances that may be negative. *Psychometrika*, 55, pages 7-27.
- Busing, F.M.T.A. (submitted). *Node Localization by Multidimensional Scaling with Iterative Majorization: A Psychometric Perspective*. Signal Processing, Elsevier.

## Examples

```
data( "colors" )
delta <- as.matrix( ( colors )^3 )
n <- nrow( delta )
w <- 1 - diag( n )
p <- 2
zinit <- matrix( runif( n * p ), n, p )
#r <- fastmids( delta, w, p, z = zinit, echo = TRUE )
```

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fastordinalmids

*Ordinal Multidimensional Scaling Function*

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## Description

fastordinalmids performs ordinal multidimensional scaling. The function follows algorithms given by de Leeuw and Heiser (1980). The data, dissimilarities and weights, are either symmetric or asymmetric. The dissimilarities may contain negative values, the weights may not. The configuration is either unrestricted, (partly) fixed, or a linear combination of independent variables. The dissimilarities are optimally monotone transformed.

## Usage

```
fastordinalmids(
  delta,
  w = NULL,
  p = 2,
  z = NULL,
  r = NULL,
  b = NULL,
  approach = 1,
  MAXITER = 1024,
  FCRIT = 1e-08,
  ZCRIT = 1e-06,
  rotate = TRUE,
  faster = FALSE,
  error.check = FALSE,
  echo = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

delta	an n by n squares hollow matrix containing dissimilarities.
w	an identical sized matrix containing non-negative weights (all ones when omitted).
p	dimensionality (default = 2).

z	n by p matrix with initial coordinates.
r	restrictions on the configuration, either an n by p matrix with booleans indicating free (false) and fixed (true) coordinates or an n by h numerical matrix with h independent variables.
b	h by p matrix with initial regression coefficients.
approach	approach to ties: 1 = untie ties, 2 = keep ties tied.
MAXITER	maximum number of iterations (default = 1024).
FCRIT	relative convergence criterion function value (default = 0.00000001).
ZCRIT	absolute convergence criterion coordinates (default = 0.000001).
rotate	if TRUE: solution is rotated to principal axes
faster	logical indicating faster but less precise procedure.
error.check	extensive check validity input parameters (default = FALSE).
echo	print intermediate algorithm results (default = FALSE).

### Value

data original n by n matrix with dissimilarities.  
weights original n by n matrix with weights.  
transformed.data final n by n matrix with transformed dissimilarities.  
approach approach to ties: 1 = untie ties, 2 = keep ties tied.  
coordinates final n by p matrix with coordinates.  
restriction either the fixed coordinates or the independent variables.  
coefficients final h by p matrix with regression coefficients.  
distances final n by n matrix with Euclidean distances between n rows of coordinates.  
last.iteration final iteration number.  
last.difference final function difference used for convergence testing.  
n.stress final normalized stress value.  
rotate if solution is rotated to principal axes.  
faster if a faster procedure has been used.

### Author(s)

Frank M.T.A. Busing

### References

- de Leeuw, J., and Heiser, W. J. (1980). Multidimensional scaling with restrictions on the configuration. In P.R. Krishnaiah (Ed.), *Multivariate analysis* (Vol. 5, pp. 501–522). Amsterdam, The Netherlands: North-Holland Publishing Company.
- Heiser, W.J. (1991). A generalized majorization method for least squares multidimensional scaling of pseudo-distances that may be negative. *Psychometrika*, 55, pages 7-27.
- Busing, F.M.T.A. (submitted). *Node Localization by Multidimensional Scaling with Iterative Majorization: A Psychometric Perspective*. Signal Processing, Elsevier.

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fastpowermds

*Power Multidimensional Scaling Function*


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### Description

fastpowermds performs power multidimensional scaling. The function follows algorithms given by de Leeuw and Heiser (1980). The data, dissimilarities and weights, are either symmetric or asymmetric. The dissimilarities may contain negative values, the weights may not. The configuration is either unrestricted, (partly) fixed, or a linear combination of independent variables. The dissimilarities are optimally power transformed.

### Usage

```
fastpowermds(
  delta,
  w = NULL,
  p = 2,
  z = NULL,
  r = NULL,
  b = NULL,
  MAXITER = 1024,
  FCRIT = 1e-08,
  ZCRIT = 1e-06,
  rotate = TRUE,
  faster = FALSE,
  error.check = FALSE,
  echo = FALSE
)
```

### Arguments

delta	an n by n squares hollow matrix containing dissimilarities.
w	an identical sized matrix containing non-negative weights (all ones when omitted).
p	dimensionality (default = 2).
z	n by p matrix with initial coordinates.
r	restrictions on the configuration, either an n by p matrix with booleans indicating free (false) and fixed (true) coordinates or an n by h numerical matrix with h independent variables.
b	h by p matrix with initial regression coefficients.
MAXITER	maximum number of iterations (default = 1024).
FCRIT	relative convergence criterion function value (default = 0.00000001).
ZCRIT	absolute convergence criterion coordinates (default = 0.000001).
rotate	if TRUE: solution is rotated to principal axes.

faster	logical indicating faster but less precise procedure
error.check	extensive validity check input parameters (default = FALSE).
echo	print intermediate algorithm results (default = FALSE).

**Value**

data original n by n matrix with dissimilarities.  
 weights original n by n matrix with weights.  
 transformed.data final n by n matrix with transformed dissimilarities.  
 coordinates final n by p matrix with coordinates.  
 restriction either the fixed coordinates or the independent variables.  
 coefficients final h by p matrix with regression coefficients.  
 distances final n by n matrix with Euclidean distances between n rows of coordinates.  
 last.iteration final iteration number.  
 last.difference final function difference used for convergence testing.  
 n.stress final normalized stress value.  
 rotate if solution is rotated to principal axes.  
 faster if a faster procedure has been used.

**Author(s)**

Frank M.T.A. Busing

**References**

de Leeuw, J., and Heiser, W. J. (1980). Multidimensional scaling with restrictions on the configuration. In P.R. Krishnaiah (Ed.), *Multivariate analysis* (Vol. 5, pp. 501–522). Amsterdam, The Netherlands: North-Holland Publishing Company.

Heiser, W.J. (1991). A generalized majorization method for least squares multidimensional scaling of pseudo-distances that may be negative. *Psychometrika*, 55, pages 7-27.

Busing, F.M.T.A. (submitted). *Node Localization by Multidimensional Scaling with Iterative Majorization: A Psychometric Perspective*. Signal Processing, Elsevier.

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fastsplinemds

*Polynomial Multidimensional Scaling Function*


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**Description**

fastpolynomialmids performs monotone polynomial multidimensional scaling. The function follows algorithms given by de Leeuw and Heiser (1980). The data, dissimilarities and weights, are either symmetric or asymmetric. The dissimilarities are may contain negative values, the weights may not. The configuration is either unrestricted, (partly) fixed, or a linear combination of independent variables. The dissimilarities are optimally monotone transformed following a polynomial function.

**Usage**

```

fastsplinemds(
  delta,
  w = NULL,
  p = 2,
  z = NULL,
  r = NULL,
  b = NULL,
  anchor = TRUE,
  ninner = 0,
  degree = 2,
  knotstype = c("none", "uniform", "percentile", "midpercentile"),
  iknots = NULL,
  MAXITER = 1024,
  FCRIT = 1e-08,
  ZCRIT = 1e-06,
  rotate = TRUE,
  faster = FALSE,
  error.check = FALSE,
  echo = FALSE
)

```

**Arguments**

delta	an n by n squares hollow matrix containing dissimilarities.
w	an identical sized matrix containing non-negative weights (all ones when omitted).
p	dimensionality (default = 2).
z	n by p matrix with initial coordinates.
r	restrictions on the configuration, either an n by p matrix with booleans indicating free (false) and fixed (true) coordinates or an n by h numerical matrix with h independent variables.
b	h by p matrix with initial regression coefficients.
anchor	boolean indicating the use of an intercept
ninner	number of interior knots.
degree	spline degree.
knotstype	type of knots, either a vector with knots or the type uniform, percentile, or mid-percentile.
iknots	user-provided interior knots
MAXITER	maximum number of iterations (default = 1024).
FCRIT	relative convergence criterion function value (default = 0.00000001).
ZCRIT	absolute convergence criterion coordinates (default = 0.000001).
rotate	if TRUE: solution is rotated to principal axes.
faster	logical indicating faster but less precise procedure.

error.check      extensive validity check input parameters (default = FALSE).  
 echo              print intermediate algorithm results (default = FALSE).

### Value

data original n by n matrix with dissimilarities.  
 weights original n by n matrix with weights.  
 transformed.data final n by n matrix with transformed dissimilarities.  
 anchor whether an intercept was used or not.  
 degree spline degree.  
 ninner number of interior knots.  
 knotstype type of procedure creating the interior knot sequence.  
 iknots interior knots sequence.  
 coordinates final n by p matrix with coordinates.  
 restriction either the fixed coordinates or the independent variables.  
 coefficients final h by p matrix with regression coefficients.  
 distances final n by n matrix with Euclidean distances between n rows of coordinates.  
 last.iteration final iteration number.  
 last.difference final function difference used for convergence testing.  
 n.stress final normalized stress value.  
 rotate if solution is rotated to principal axes.  
 faster if a faster procedure has been used.

### Author(s)

Frank M.T.A. Busing

### References

- de Leeuw, J., and Heiser, W. J. (1980). Multidimensional scaling with restrictions on the configuration. In P.R. Krishnaiah (Ed.), *Multivariate analysis* (Vol. 5, pp. 501–522). Amsterdam, The Netherlands: North-Holland Publishing Company.
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`faststress`*Fast Stress Function*

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**Description**

`faststress` calculates value for normalized stress with different input parameters. Distances `d` are optimally scaled.

**Usage**

```
faststress(  
  lower = NULL,  
  delta = NULL,  
  data = NULL,  
  w = NULL,  
  z = NULL,  
  d = NULL  
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>lower</code>	an $n \times (n - 1) / 2$ vector containing lower triangular part of dissimilarity matrix.
<code>delta</code>	an $n$ by $n$ square hollow matrix containing dissimilarities.
<code>data</code>	an $n$ by $m$ multivariate data matrix.
<code>w</code>	an identical sized matrix containing non-negative weights (all ones when omitted).
<code>z</code>	$n$ by $p$ matrix with coordinates.
<code>d</code>	distances between the rows of <code>z</code> , an $n$ by $n$ square hollow matrix containing Euclidean distances.

**Value**

`n.stress` normalized stress value

**Author(s)**

Frank M.T.A. Busing



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food

*Food data*

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**Description**

38 subjects places 45 food items in categories based on similarity. The dissimilarities are the proportions of combinations NOT placed in the same category.

**Usage**

food

**Format**

45 x 45 dissimilarity matrix

- V1: dissimilarities for V1.
- V2: dissimilarities for V2.
- V3: dissimilarities for V3.
- V4: dissimilarities for V4.
- V5: dissimilarities for V5.
- V6: dissimilarities for V6.
- V7: dissimilarities for V7.
- V8: dissimilarities for V8.
- V9: dissimilarities for V9.
- V10: dissimilarities for V10.
- V11: dissimilarities for V11.
- V12: dissimilarities for V12.
- V13: dissimilarities for V13.
- V14: dissimilarities for V14.
- V15: dissimilarities for V15.
- V16: dissimilarities for V16.
- V17: dissimilarities for V17.
- V18: dissimilarities for V18.
- V19: dissimilarities for V19.
- V20: dissimilarities for V20.
- V21: dissimilarities for V21.
- V22: dissimilarities for V22.
- V23: dissimilarities for V23.
- V24: dissimilarities for V24.

- V25: dissimilarities for V25.
- V26: dissimilarities for V26.
- V27: dissimilarities for V27.
- V28: dissimilarities for V28.
- V29: dissimilarities for V29.
- V30: dissimilarities for V30.
- V31: dissimilarities for V31.
- V32: dissimilarities for V32.
- V33: dissimilarities for V33.
- V34: dissimilarities for V34.
- V35: dissimilarities for V35.
- V36: dissimilarities for V36.
- V37: dissimilarities for V37.
- V38: dissimilarities for V38.
- V39: dissimilarities for V39.
- V40: dissimilarities for V40.
- V41: dissimilarities for V41.
- V42: dissimilarities for V42.
- V43: dissimilarities for V43.
- V44: dissimilarities for V44.
- V45: dissimilarities for V45.

## References

Ross and Murphy (1999). Food for thought: Cross-classification and category organization in a complex real-world domain. *Cognitive psychology*, 38(4), 495-553. Brusco and Stahl (2000). Using Quadratic Assignment Methods to Generate Initial Permutations for Least-Squares Unidimensional Scaling of Symmetric Proximity Matrices. *Journal of Classification*, 17(2).

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fullmds

*Full Multidimensional Scaling Function*

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## Description

fullmds performs a complete multidimensional scaling analysis. The function follows algorithms given by de Leeuw and Heiser (1980). The data, dissimilarities and weights, are either symmetric or asymmetric. The dissimilarities may contain negative values, the weights may not. The configuration is either unrestricted, (partly) fixed, or a linear combination of independent variables. The dissimilarities may be transformed by different functions, with related parameters.

**Usage**

```

fullmds(
  delta,
  w = NULL,
  p = 2,
  z = NULL,
  r = NULL,
  b = NULL,
  level = c("none", "linear", "power", "box-cox", "spline", "ordinal"),
  anchor = TRUE,
  ninner = 0,
  degree = 2,
  knotstype = c("none", "uniform", "percentile", "midpercentile"),
  iknots = NULL,
  approach = 1,
  lambda = 0,
  alpha = 1,
  grouped = FALSE,
  MAXITER = 1024,
  FCRIT = 1e-08,
  ZCRIT = 1e-06,
  rotate = TRUE,
  faster = FALSE,
  error.check = FALSE,
  echo = FALSE
)

```

**Arguments**

<code>delta</code>	an $n$ by $n$ squares hollow matrix containing dissimilarities.
<code>w</code>	an identical sized matrix containing non-negative weights (all ones when omitted).
<code>p</code>	dimensionality (default = 2).
<code>z</code>	$n$ by $p$ matrix with initial coordinates.
<code>r</code>	restrictions on the configuration, either an $n$ by $p$ matrix with booleans indicating free (false) and fixed (true) coordinates or an $n$ by $h$ numerical matrix with $h$ independent variables.
<code>b</code>	$h$ by $p$ matrix with initial regression coefficients.
<code>level</code>	type of dissimilarity transformation
<code>anchor</code>	boolean indicating the use of an intercept
<code>ninner</code>	number of interior knots.
<code>degree</code>	spline degree.
<code>knotstype</code>	type of knots, either a vector with knots or the type uniform, percentile, or mid-percentile.
<code>iknots</code>	user-provided interior knots

approach	approach to ties: 1 = untie ties, 2 = keep ties tied.
lambda	regularization penalty parameter (default = 0.0: no penalty).
alpha	elastic-net parameter (default = 1.0: lasso only).
grouped	boolean for grouped lasso penalty (default = FALSE: ordinary lasso).
MAXITER	maximum number of iterations (default = 1024).
FCRIT	relative convergence criterion function value (default = 0.00000001).
ZCRIT	absolute convergence criterion coordinates (default = 0.000001).
rotate	if TRUE: solution is rotated to principal axes.
faster	logical indicating faster but less precise procedure.
error.check	extensive validity check input parameters (default = FALSE).
echo	print intermediate algorithm results (default = FALSE).

### Value

data original n by n matrix with dissimilarities.  
 weights original n by n matrix with weights.  
 transformed.data final n by n matrix with transformed dissimilarities.  
 anchor whether an intercept was used or not.  
 degree spline degree.  
 ninner number of interior knots.  
 knotstype type of procedure creating the interior knot sequence.  
 iknots interior knots sequence.  
 approach approach to ties: 1 = untie ties, 2 = keep ties tied.  
 coordinates final n by p matrix with coordinates.  
 restriction either the fixed coordinates or the independent variables.  
 coefficients final h by p matrix with regression coefficients.  
 lambda (optimal) penalty parameter.  
 alpha elastic-net penalty parameter.  
 grouped common or grouped lasso penalty.  
 distances final n by n matrix with Euclidean distances between n rows of coordinates.  
 last.iteration final iteration number.  
 last.difference final function difference used for convergence testing.  
 n.stress final normalized stress value.  
 rotate if solution is rotated to principal axes.  
 faster if a faster procedure has been used.

### Author(s)

Frank M.T.A. Busing

## References

de Leeuw, J., and Heiser, W. J. (1980). Multidimensional scaling with restrictions on the configuration. In P.R. Krishnaiah (Ed.), *Multivariate analysis* (Vol. 5, pp. 501–522). Amsterdam, The Netherlands: North-Holland Publishing Company.

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kabah

*Kabah data*

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## Description

Data description

## Usage

kabah

## Format

17 x 17 dissimilarity matrix

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mdist

*Mixed Measurement Level Euclidean Distances Function*

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## Description

fastmixed returns Euclidean distances for variables from mixed measurement levels.

## Usage

```
mdist(
  data,
  level = rep("numeric", ncol(data)),
  scale = FALSE,
  error.check = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

data	an n (objects) by m (variables) numerical data matrix .
level	measurement level variables: 1:numerical, 2:ordinal, 3:nominal (default = 1).
scale	boolean specifying scaling of distances such that sum-of-squares are n times n.
error.check	extensive check validity input parameters (default = FALSE).

**Value**

'dist' object with Euclidean distances between objects.

**Author(s)**

Frank M.T.A. Busing

**References**

Busing (2025). A Consistent Distance Measure for Mixed Data: Bridging the Gap between Euclidean and Chi-Squared Distances. Manuscript in progress.

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pcoa

*Classical Multidimensional Scaling Function*

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**Description**

pcoa performs classical multidimensional scaling or principal coordinates analysis. The function uses an eigenvalue decomposition on a Gramm matrix. The data are supposed to be distances, but often dissimilarities will do fine. The data matrix contains nonnegative values, is square, symmetric, and hollow. NA's are not allowed. An additive constant may be provided, which is added to the dissimilarities. This constant might be obtained optimally with the function `fastaddconst()`. Error checking focuses on the data requirements.

**Usage**

```
pcoa(  
  delta = NULL,  
  lower = NULL,  
  data = NULL,  
  p = 2,  
  k = NULL,  
  ac = 0,  
  q = NULL,  
  faster = FALSE,  
  error.check = FALSE  
)
```

**Arguments**

delta	dissimilarity matrix, non-negative, square, and hollow.
lower	lower triangular part of dissimilarity matrix.
data	multivariate data matrix.
p	dimensionality (default = 2).
k	number of landmark points (default = NULL, i.e., no landmarks).

ac	additive constant (default = 0.0, i.e., no additive constant). An additive constant can be obtained with the function <code>fastaddconst( d )</code> or can be user specified.
q	matrix with h independent n-sized variables ( <code>nrow( q ) &gt;= p</code> ), specifying the linear restriction $z = qb$ (coordinates = variables times coefficients)
faster	logical indicating faster but less precise procedure
error.check	extensive check validity input parameters (default = FALSE).

**Value**

either n by p coordinates matrix (if `q == NULL`) or h by p coefficients matrix `b` (if `q != NULL`), in which case  $z = qb$

**Author(s)**

Frank M.T.A. Busing

**References**

Young and Householder (1938) Torgerson (1952, 1958) Gower (1966) Carroll, Green, and Carmone (1976) De Leeuw and Heiser (1982) Ter Braak (1992) Borg and Groenen (2005)

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petersen

*Mark-Recapture Population Size Estimator*

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**Description**

`petersen` returns the estimated population size based on two independent equally-sized samples

**Usage**

`petersen(first, second)`

**Arguments**

<code>first</code>	vector with first sample identifiers (local minima)
<code>second</code>	vector with second sample identifiers (local minima)

**Value**

population size estimate

**Author(s)**

Frank M.T.A. Busing

**References**

Busing (2025). A Simple Population Size Estimator for Local Minima Applied to Multidimensional Scaling.

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plot.fmds	<i>Visualisation of an fmds object</i>
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### Description

Plot function for a fmds object. The plot shows the result of fmds.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'fmds'
plot(
  x,
  type = c("configuration", "transformation", "fit", "residuals", "shepard", "stress",
    "biplot", "dendrogram", "threshold", "neighbors"),
  markers = NULL,
  labels = NULL,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

x	An fmds object .
type	type of plot (configuration by default)
markers	vector or matrix for pie markers
labels	vector with labels
...	additional arguments to pass

### Value

none

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predict.fmds	<i>Predict method for all fmds objects</i>
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### Description

predict provides locations for additional objects. Function is under construction.



**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'fmds'
predict(
  object,
  delta,
  w = NULL,
  level = c("absolute", "ratio", "linear", "ordinal"),
  MAXITER = 1024,
  FCRIT = 1e-08,
  error.check = FALSE,
  echo = FALSE,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

object	object of class fmds.
delta	an n by n squares hollow matrix containing dissimilarities.
w	an identical sized matrix containing non-negative weights (all ones when omitted).
level	parameter indicating whether absolute, ratio, linear, or ordinal level to be used.
MAXITER	maximum number of iterations (default = 1024).
FCRIT	relative convergence criterion function value (default = 0.00000001).
error.check	extensive validity check input parameters (default = FALSE).
echo	print intermediate algorithm results (default = FALSE).
...	additional arguments to be passed.

**Value**

data original n by n matrix with dissimilarities.  
weights original n by n matrix with weights.  
transformed.data final n by n matrix with transformed dissimilarities.  
approach approach to ties: 1 = untie ties, 2 = keep ties tied.  
degree spline degree.  
ninner number of interior knots.  
iknots interior knots sequence.  
anchor whether an intercept was used or not.  
knotstype type of procedure creating the interior knot sequence.  
coordinates final n by p matrix with coordinates.  
coefficients final h by p matrix with regression coefficients.  
distances final n by n matrix with Euclidean distances between n rows of coordinates.  
last.iteration final iteration number.  
last.difference final function difference used for convergence testing.  
n.stress final normalized stress value.

**Author(s)**

Frank M.T.A. Busing

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`print.fmds`                      *Print method for all fmds objects*

---

**Description**

`print` produces output for `fmds` object.

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

`x`                      object of class `fmds`.  
`...`                    additional arguments to be passed.

**Value**

none

**Author(s)**

Frank M.T.A. Busing

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`rdop`                      *Relative Density-based Outlier Probabilities Function*

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**Description**

`rdop` returns the relative density-based outlier probabilities according to Barroso and Busing (2025).

**Usage**

```
rdop(data, k = 0, lambda = 3, extended = FALSE, alpha = 0.2, beta = 0.25)
```

**Arguments**

data	a (rectangular, multivariate, n by m) data matrix or a (n by n ) distance matrix, in either case, the function continues with a full distance matrix
k	number of neighbors (default: $\sqrt{2n}$ )
lambda	multiple of standard distance deviations to get probabilistic distances
extended	extended relative density-based probabilities
alpha	steepness parameter turning scores into weights
beta	halfway parameter turning scores into weights

**Value**

if ( extended == FALSE ): outlier scores; else: weights matrix

**Author(s)**

Frank M.T.A. Busing

**References**

Barroso and Busing (2025).

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rotation	<i>Rotation</i>
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**Description**

rotation returns rotation matrix, such that  $\| \text{rotation} * \text{source} - \text{target} \|^2_{\text{weights}}$  is minimal.

**Usage**

```
rotation(source, weights = NULL, target = NULL, error.check = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

source	n x m source matrix
weights	diagonal of weights matrix, size n
target	if NULL: rotate source to principal axes; otherwise: rotate source to n x m target
error.check	extensive check validity input parameters (default = FALSE).

**Value**

rotation matrix

**Author(s)**

Frank M.T.A. Busing

**References**

Gower (1968). Commandeur (1991).

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summary.fmds	<i>Summary method for all fmds objects</i>
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**Description**

summary produces an output summary for fmds objects.

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

object	object of class fmds.
...	additional arguments to be passed.

**Value**

none

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tortula	<i>Tortula data</i>
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**Description**

Morphological data on 10 taxa of Tortula labeled C, CC, CCS, I, I, N, N, RF, RH, RS, R, R, V, V.

**Usage**

```
tortula
```

**Format**

Multivariate data set with 14 cases and 7 variables.

- hydroids: (nominal)
- leaves: (nominal)
- hairs: (ordinal)
- apex: (ordinal)
- length: (numerical)
- diameter: (numerical)
- papillae: (numerical)

**References**

Podani (1999). Extending Gower's general coefficient of similarity to ordinal characters. *Taxon*, 48(2), 331-340.

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