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Distances between Observations for a Partitioned Matrix

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Partitioned Distances

Description

Compute distance matrix between two matrices of observations, or two subsets of one matrix

Usage

```
pdist(X, Y = NULL, indices.A = NULL, indices.B = NULL)
```

Arguments

X	a matrix of n observations where columns represent features of the observations
Y	optional. A second matrix of p observations like X. Y must have the same number of columns as X

- `indices.A` optional. A vector of integers representing row indices from X. This should only be used when Y is not provided.
- `indices.B` optional. A vector of integers representing row indices from X. This should only be used when Y is not provided.

Details

`pdist` computes a n by p distance matrix using two separate matrices. `pdist` allows the user to factor out observations into separate matrices to improve computations. The function `dist` computes the distances between all possible pair wise elements, `pdist` only computes the distance between observations in X with observations in Y; distances between observations in X and other observations in X are not computed, and likewise for Y.

If a second matrix Y is not provided, `indices.A` and `indices.B` can be provided together to specify subsets of X to be computed. A new matrix X is created by taking `X[indices.A,]` and Y is created using `X[indices.B,]`.

The return value of `pdist` is a distance vector, much like the default return value for `dist`. However, it can be accessed like a full distance matrix. If `mydist = pdist(X,Y)`, `mydist[i,j]` is the distance between `X[i,]` and `Y[j,]`. Similarly, `mydist[i,]` is a vector of distances between `X[i,]` and all observations in Y.

Examples

```
x = matrix(rnorm(100),10,10)
x.pdist = pdist(x, indices.A = 1:3, indices.B = 8:10)
message("Find the distance between observation 1 and 10 of x")
x.pdist[1,3]
message("Converting a pdist object into a traditional distance matrix")
as.matrix(x.pdist)
```

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