

# Package ‘RECA’

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**Title** Relevant Component Analysis for Supervised Distance Metric Learning

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**Description** Relevant Component Analysis (RCA) tries to find a linear transformation of the feature space such that the effect of irrelevant variability is reduced in the transformed space.

**License** GPL (>= 2)

**URL** <https://github.com/road2stat/RECA>

**BugReports** <https://github.com/road2stat/RECA/issues>

**Suggests** MASS

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RECA-package

*Relevant Component Analysis*

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### Description

The RECA package offers an R implementation for Relevant Component Analysis (RCA).

### Details

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### Note

Bug reports and feature requests could be sent to <https://github.com/road2stat/RECA/issues>.

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rca

*Relevant Component Analysis*

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### Description

`rca` performs relevant component analysis (RCA) for the given data. It takes a data set and a set of positive constraints as arguments and returns a linear transformation of the data space into better representation, alternatively, a Mahalanobis metric over the data space.

### Usage

```
rca(x, chunks, useD = NULL)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	<code>n * d</code> matrix or data frame of original data.
<code>chunks</code>	a vector of size <code>N</code> describing the chunklets: <code>-1</code> in the <code>i</code> -th place says that point <code>i</code> does not belong to any chunklet; integer <code>j</code> in place <code>i</code> says that point <code>i</code> belongs to chunklet <code>j</code> ; The chunklets indexes should be <code>1:number-of-chunklets</code> .
<code>useD</code>	optional. When not given, RCA is done in the original dimension and <code>B</code> is full rank. When <code>useD</code> is given, RCA is preceded by constraints based LDA which reduces the dimension to <code>useD</code> . <code>B</code> in this case is of rank <code>useD</code> .

## Details

The new representation is known to be optimal in an information theoretic sense under a constraint of keeping equivalent data points close to each other.

The three returned objects are just different forms of the same output. If one is interested in a Mahalanobis metric over the original data space, the first argument is all she/he needs. If a transformation into another space (where one can use the Euclidean metric) is preferred, the second returned argument is sufficient. Using A and B are equivalent in the following sense:

if  $y1 = A * x1$ ,  $y2 = A * y2$  then

$$(x2 - x1)^T * B * (x2 - x1) = (y2 - y1)^T * (y2 - y1)$$

## Value

A list of the RCA results:

- B: The RCA suggested Mahalanobis matrix. Distances between data points  $x1$ ,  $x2$  should be computed by  $(x2 - x1)^T * B * (x2 - x1)$
- RCA: The RCA suggested transformation of the data. The data should be transformed by  $RCA * data$
- newX: The data after the RCA transformation.  $newX = data * RCA$

## Note

Note that any different sets of instances (chunklets), e.g. {1, 3, 7} and {4, 6}, might belong to the same class and might belong to different classes.

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## References

Aharon Bar-Hillel, Tomer Hertz, Noam Shental, and Daphna Weinshall (2003). Learning Distance Functions using Equivalence Relations. *Proceedings of 20th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML2003)*

## Examples

```
library("MASS") # generate synthetic MVN data
set.seed(42)
k = 100L        # sample size of each class
n = 3L          # specify how many classes
N = k * n      # total sample size
x1 = mvrnorm(k, mu = c(-8, 6), matrix(c(15, 1, 2, 10), ncol = 2))
x2 = mvrnorm(k, mu = c(0, 0), matrix(c(15, 0.5, 2, 10), ncol = 2))
x3 = mvrnorm(k, mu = c(8, -6), matrix(c(15, 1, 2, 10), ncol = 2))
x = as.data.frame(rbind(x1, x2, x3)) # predictor
y = gl(n, k) # response

# The fully labeled data set with 3 classes
```

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plot(x[, 1L], x[, 2L], bg = c("#E41A1C", "#377EB8", "#4DAF4A")[y],
     pch = rep(c(22, 21, 25), each = k))

# Same data unlabeled; clearly the class structure is less evident
plot(x[, 1L], x[, 2L])

# Manually generating synthetic chunklets
chunk1 = sample(1L:100L, 3L)
chunk2 = sample(1L:100L, 3L)
chunk3 = sample(1L:100L, 3L)
chunk4 = sample(1L:100L, 3L)
chunk5 = sample(1L:100L, 3L)
chunk6 = sample(1L:100L, 3L)
chunk7 = sample(101L:200L, 3L)
chunk8 = sample(101L:200L, 3L)
chunk9 = sample(101L:200L, 3L)
chunk10 = sample(101L:200L, 3L)
chunk11 = sample(101L:200L, 3L)
chunk12 = sample(101L:200L, 3L)
chunk13 = sample(101L:200L, 3L)
chunk14 = sample(101L:200L, 3L)
chunk15 = sample(201L:300L, 3L)
chunk16 = sample(201L:300L, 3L)
chunk17 = sample(201L:300L, 3L)
chunk18 = sample(201L:300L, 3L)
chunk19 = sample(201L:300L, 3L)
chunk20 = sample(201L:300L, 3L)
chks = x[c(chunk1, chunk2, chunk3, chunk4, chunk5,
           chunk6, chunk7, chunk8, chunk9, chunk10,
           chunk11, chunk12, chunk13, chunk14, chunk15,
           chunk16, chunk17, chunk18, chunk19, chunk20), ]
chunks = list(chunk1, chunk2, chunk3, chunk4, chunk5,
             chunk6, chunk7, chunk8, chunk9, chunk10,
             chunk11, chunk12, chunk13, chunk14, chunk15,
             chunk16, chunk17, chunk18, chunk19, chunk20)

# Make "chunklet" vector to feed the chunks argument
chunksvec = rep(-1L, nrow(x))
for ( i in 1L:length(chunks) ) {
  for ( j in 1L:length(chunks[[i]]) ) {
    chunksvec[chunks[[i]][j]] = i
  }
}

# Chunklets for the RCA algorithm
plot(chks[, 1L], chks[, 2L], col = rep(1L:20L, each = 3L),
     pch = rep(0L:19L, each = 3L))

# RCA suggested transformation of the data
rca(x, chunksvec)$RCA

# RCA suggested Mahalanobis matrix
rca(x, chunksvec)$B

```

```
# Whitening transformation applied to the chunklets
chkTransformed = as.matrix(chks) %*% rca(x, chunksvec)$RCA

plot(chkTransformed[, 1L], chkTransformed[, 2L],
     col = rep(1L:20L, each = 3L),
     pch = rep(0L:19L, each = 3L))

# Origin data after applying RCA transformation
xnew = rca(x, chunksvec)$newX
plot(xnew[, 1L], xnew[, 2L],
     bg = c("#E41A1C", "#377EB8", "#4DAF4A")[gl(n, k)],
     pch = c(rep(22, k), rep(21, k), rep(25, k)))
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