

# Package: clusterability (via r-universe)

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**Title** Performs Tests for Cluster Tendency of a Data Set

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**Description** Test for cluster tendency (clusterability) of a data set. The methods implemented - reducing the data set to a single dimension using principal component analysis or computing pairwise distances, and performing a multimodality test like the Dip Test or Silverman's Critical Bandwidth Test - are described in Adolffson, Ackerman, and Brownstein (2019) <[doi:10.1016/j.patcog.2018.10.026](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.patcog.2018.10.026)> and Laborde et al. (2023) <[doi:10.1186/s12859-023-05210-6](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12859-023-05210-6)>. Such methods can inform whether clustering algorithms are appropriate for a data set.

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| clusterability | <i>clusterability: a package to perform tests of clusterability</i> |
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## Description

The `clusterabilitytest` function tests for clusterability of a dataset, and the `print` function displays output in the console. Below, code is included to use with the provided example datasets. Please see the `clusterabilitytest()` function for documentation on available parameters.

## Examples

```
# Normals1
data(normals1)
normals1 <- normals1[, -3]
norm1_dippca <- clusterabilitytest(normals1, "dip")
norm1_dipdist <- clusterabilitytest(normals1, "dip",
  distance_standardize = "NONE",
  reduction = "distance"
)
norm1_silvpca <- clusterabilitytest(normals1, "silverman", s_setseed = 123)
norm1_silvdist <- clusterabilitytest(normals1, "silverman",
  distance_standardize = "NONE",
  reduction = "distance", s_setseed = 123
)

print(norm1_dippca)
print(norm1_dipdist)
print(norm1_silvpca)
print(norm1_silvdist)

# Normals2
data(normals2)
normals2 <- normals2[, -3]
norm2_dippca <-
  clusterabilitytest(normals2, "dip")
norm2_dipdist <-
```

```
clusterabilitytest(normals2, "dip", reduction = "distance", distance_standardize = "NONE")
norm2_silvpca <- clusterabilitytest(normals2, "silverman", s_setseed = 123)
norm2_silvdist <- clusterabilitytest(normals2, "silverman",
  reduction = "distance",
  distance_standardize = "NONE", s_setseed = 123
)

print(norm2_dippca)
print(norm2_dipdist)
print(norm2_silvpca)
print(norm2_silvdist)

# Normals3
data(normals3)
normals3 <- normals3[, -3]
norm3_dippca <- clusterabilitytest(normals3, "dip")
norm3_dipdist <- clusterabilitytest(normals3, "dip",
  reduction = "distance",
  distance_standardize = "NONE"
)
norm3_silvpca <- clusterabilitytest(normals3, "silverman", s_setseed = 123)
norm3_silvdist <- clusterabilitytest(normals3, "silverman",
  reduction = "distance",
  distance_standardize = "NONE", s_setseed = 123
)

print(norm3_dippca)
print(norm3_dipdist)
print(norm3_silvpca)
print(norm3_silvdist)

# Normals4
data(normals4)
normals4 <- normals4[, -4]
norm4_dippca <- clusterabilitytest(normals4, "dip")
norm4_dipdist <- clusterabilitytest(normals4, "dip",
  reduction = "distance",
  distance_standardize = "NONE"
)
norm4_silvpca <- clusterabilitytest(normals4, "silverman", s_setseed = 123)
norm4_silvdist <- clusterabilitytest(normals4, "silverman",
  reduction = "distance",
  distance_standardize = "NONE", s_setseed = 123
)

print(norm4_dippca)
print(norm4_dipdist)
print(norm4_silvpca)
print(norm4_silvdist)
```

```
# Normals5
data(normals5)
normals5 <- normals5[, -4]
norm5_dippca <- clusterabilitytest(normals5, "dip")
norm5_dipdist <- clusterabilitytest(normals5, "dip",
  reduction = "distance",
  distance_standardize = "NONE"
)
norm5_silvpca <- clusterabilitytest(normals5, "silverman", s_setseed = 123)
norm5_silvdist <- clusterabilitytest(normals5, "silverman",
  reduction = "distance",
  distance_standardize = "NONE", s_setseed = 123
)

print(norm5_dippca)
print(norm5_dipdist)
print(norm5_silvpca)
print(norm5_silvdist)

# iris
data(iris)
newiris <- iris[, c(1:4)]
iris_dippca <- clusterabilitytest(newiris, "dip")
iris_dipdist <- clusterabilitytest(newiris, "dip",
  reduction = "distance",
  distance_standardize = "NONE"
)
iris_silvpca <- clusterabilitytest(newiris, "silverman", s_setseed = 123)
iris_silvdist <- clusterabilitytest(newiris, "silverman",
  reduction = "distance",
  distance_standardize = "NONE", s_setseed = 123
)

print(iris_dippca)
print(iris_dipdist)
print(iris_silvpca)
print(iris_silvdist)

# cars
data(cars)

cars_dippca <- clusterabilitytest(cars, "dip")
cars_dipdist <- clusterabilitytest(cars, "dip",
  reduction = "distance",
  distance_standardize = "NONE"
)
cars_silvpca <- clusterabilitytest(cars, "silverman", s_setseed = 123)
cars_silvdist <- clusterabilitytest(cars, "silverman",
```

```
    reduction = "distance",
    distance_standardize = "NONE", s_setseed = 123
)

print(cars_dippca)
print(cars_dipdist)
print(cars_silvpca)
print(cars_silvdist)
```

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clusterabilitytest      *Perform a test of clusterability*

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### Description

Performs tests for clusterability of a data set and returns results in a clusterability object. Dimension reduction via PCA, sparse PCA, or pairwise distances and data standardization can be performed prior to performing the test.

### Usage

```
clusterabilitytest(
  data,
  test,
  reduction = "pca",
  distance_metric = "euclidean",
  distance_standardize = "std",
  pca_center = TRUE,
  pca_scale = TRUE,
  spca_method = "EN",
  spca_EN_para = 0.01,
  spca_EN_lambda = 1e-06,
  spca_VP_center = TRUE,
  spca_VP_scale = TRUE,
  spca_VP_alpha = 0.001,
  spca_VP_beta = 0.001,
  is_dist_matrix = FALSE,
  completecase = FALSE,
  d_simulatepvalue = FALSE,
  d_reps = 2000,
  s_m = 999,
  s_adjust = TRUE,
  s_digits = 6,
  s_setseed = NULL,
  s_outseed = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| data                 | the data set to be used in the test. Must contain only numeric data.  |
| test                 | the test to be performed. Either "dip" or "silverman". See 'Details' section below for how to pick a test.  |
| reduction            | any dimension reduction that is to be performed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "none" performs no dimension reduction.</li> <li>• "pca" uses the scores from the first principal component.</li> <li>• "spca" uses the scores from the first sparse principal component.</li> <li>• "distance" computes pairwise distances (using distance_metric as the metric).</li> </ul> <p>For multivariate data, dimension reduction is required.</p>  |
| distance_metric      | if applicable, the metric to be used in computing pairwise distances. The "euclidean" (default), "maximum", "manhattan", "canberra", "binary" choices work the same as in <code>dist</code> . The Minkowski metric is available by providing "minkowski(p)". Additional choices are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "sqeuc": squared Euclidean distances.</li> <li>• "cov": covariance similarity coefficient,</li> <li>• "corr": correlation similarity coefficient.</li> <li>• "sqcorr": squared correlation similarity coefficient.</li> <li>• "gower": gower metric, as implemented in the <code>cluster</code> package.</li> </ul> <p>CAUTION: Not all of these have been tested, but instead are provided to potentially be useful. If in doubt, use the default "euclidean".</p> |
| distance_standardize | how the variables should be standardized, if at all. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "none": no standardization is performed</li> <li>• "std" (default): each variable standardized to have mean 0 and standard deviation 1</li> <li>• "mean": each variable standardized to have mean 0 (standard deviation is unchanged)</li> <li>• "median": each variable standardized to have median 0 (standard deviation is unchanged)</li> </ul>   |
| pca_center           | if applicable, a logical value indicating whether the variables should be shifted to be zero centered (see <code>prcomp</code> for more details). Default is TRUE.  |
| pca_scale            | if applicable, a logical value indicating whether the variables should be scaled to have unit variance before the analysis takes place (see <code>prcomp</code> for details). Default is TRUE.  |
| spca_method          | if applicable, the sparse PCA method to use. Either "EN" for the <code>elasticnet</code> implementation or "VP" for the <code>variable projection</code> implementation.  |
| spca_EN_para         | if applicable, a positive number used as a penalty parameter. Default is 0.01.  |
| spca_EN_lambda       | if applicable, the quadratic penalty parameter. Default is 1e-6.  |

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| spca_VP_center   | if applicable, a logical value indicating whether the variables should be shifted to be zero centered. Default is TRUE.  |
| spca_VP_scale    | if applicable, a logical value indicating whether the variables should be scaled to have unit variance. Default is TRUE.   |
| spca_VP_alpha    | if applicable, the sparsity controlling parameter. Default is 1e-3.  |
| spca_VP_beta     | if applicable, the amount of ridge shrinkage to apply in order to improve conditioning. Default is 1e-3.   |
| is_dist_matrix   | a logical value indicating whether the data argument is a distance matrix. If TRUE then the lower triangular portion of data will be extracted and be used in the multimodality test.  |
| completecase     | a logical value indicating whether a complete case analysis should be performed. For both tests, missing data must be removed before the test can be performed. This can be done manually by the user or by setting completecase = TRUE. |
| d_simulatepvalue | for Dip Test, a logical value indicating whether $p$ -values should be obtained via Monte Carlo simulation (see <a href="#">dip.test</a> for details).   |
| d_reps           | for Dip Test, a positive integer. The number of replicates used in Monte Carlo simulation. Only used if d_simulatepvalue is TRUE.  |
| s_m              | for Silverman Test, a positive integer. The number of bootstrap replicates used in the test. Default is 999.   |
| s_adjust         | for Silverman Test, a logical value indicating whether p-values are adjusted using work by Hall and York.  |
| s_digits         | for Silverman Test, a positive integer indicating the number of digits to round the p value. Default is 6 and is only used when s_adjust = TRUE.   |
| s_setseed        | for Silverman Test, an integer used to set the seed of the random number generator. If the default value of NULL is used, then no seed will be set.  |
| s_outseed        | for Silverman Test, a logical value indicating whether to return the state of the random number generator as part of the output. This is used in limited cases for troubleshooting, so the default is FALSE.                             |

### Value

clusterabilitytest returns a clusterability object containing information on the test performed and results. Can be printed using the [print.clusterability](#) function.

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**See Also**[print.clusterability](#)**Examples**

```
### Quick start ###
# Load data and remove Species
data(iris)
iris_numeric <- iris[, -5]
plot(iris_numeric)

# Run test using default options
clusterability_result <- clusterabilitytest(iris_numeric, "dip")

# Print results
print(clusterability_result)

### Longer Example: Specifying Parameters ###
# Load data and plot to visualize
data(normals2)
plot(normals2)

# Using Silverman's test, pairwise distances to reduce dimension,
# 1,000 bootstrap replicates, with an RNG seed of 12345
clusterability_result2 <- clusterabilitytest(normals2, "silverman",
  reduction = "distance",
  s_m = 1000, s_setseed = 12345
)

# Print result
print(clusterability_result2)
```

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normals1

*Data generated from a single multivariate Normal distribution, 2 dimensions.*

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**Description**

A dataset containing 150 observations generated from a multivariate Normal distribution. The distribution has mean vector (0, 4), each variable has unit variance, and the variables are uncorrelated. This dataset is not clusterable.

The cluster variable is 1 for all observations because all were sampled from the same distribution. Remove the variable before using the dataset in any tests.

**Usage**

```
normals1
```

**Format**

A data frame with 150 rows and 3 variables:

**x** x variable

**y** y variable

**cluster** Distribution from which the observation was sampled

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normals2

*Data generated from a mixture of two multivariate Normal distributions, 2 dimensions.*

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**Description**

A dataset containing 150 observations generated from a mixture of two multivariate Normal distributions. 75 observations come from a distribution with mean vector (-3, -2) with each variable having unit variance and uncorrelated with each other. 75 observations come from a distribution with mean vector (1, 1) with each variable having unit variance and uncorrelated with each other. The dataset is clusterable.

Remove the cluster variable before using the dataset in any tests.

**Usage**

normals2

**Format**

A data frame with 150 rows and 3 variables:

**x** x variable

**y** y variable

**cluster** Distribution from which the observation was sampled

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normals3

*Data generated from a mixture of three multivariate Normal distributions, 2 dimensions.*

---

**Description**

A dataset containing 150 observations generated from a mixture of three multivariate Normal distributions. 50 observations are from a distribution with mean vector (3, 0), 50 observations from a distribution with mean vector (0, 3), and 50 observations from a distribution with mean vector (3, 6). For each of these three distributions, the x and y variables have unit variance and are uncorrelated. The dataset is clusterable.

Remove the cluster variable before using the dataset in any tests.

**Usage**

```
normals3
```

**Format**

A data frame with 150 rows and 3 variables:

**x** x variable

**y** y variable

**cluster** Distribution from which the observation was sampled

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```
normals4
```

*Data generated from a mixture of two multivariate Normal distributions, 3 dimensions.*

---

**Description**

A dataset containing 150 observations generated from a mixture of two multivariate Normal distributions. 75 observations come from a distribution with mean vector (1, 3, 2) and 75 observations come from a distribution with mean vector (4, 6, 0). For each distribution, the variables each have unit variance and are uncorrelated. The dataset is clusterable.

Remove the cluster variable before using the dataset in any tests.

**Usage**

```
normals4
```

**Format**

A data frame with 150 rows and 4 variables:

**x** x variable

**y** y variable

**z** z variable

**cluster** Distribution from which the observation was sampled

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| normals5 | <i>Data generated from a mixture of three multivariate Normal distributions, 3 dimensions.</i> |
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**Description**

A dataset containing 150 observations generated from a mixture of three multivariate Normal distributions. 50 observations come from a distribution with mean vector (1, 3, 3), 50 observations come from a distribution with mean vector (4, 6, 0), and 50 observations come from a distribution with mean vector (2, 8, -3). For each distribution, the variables each have unit variance and are uncorrelated. The dataset is clusterable.

Remove the cluster variable before using the dataset in any tests.

**Usage**

```
normals5
```

**Format**

A data frame with 150 rows and 4 variables:

**x** x variable

**y** y variable

**z** z variable

**cluster** Distribution from which the observation was sampled

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```
print.clusterability Print a clusterability object
```

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**Description**

Print function to display results from a clusterability test.

**Usage**

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

**Arguments**

|     |                                     |
|-----|-------------------------------------|
| x   | An object of class 'clusterability' |
| ... | Not used                            |

**See Also**

[clusterabilitytest](#)

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