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**Description** The rank distance correlation  
<doi:10.1080/01621459.2020.1782223> is computed. Included also  
is a function to perform permutation based testing.

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rdcor-package

*Rank Distance Correlation Coefficient*

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**Description**

The rank distance correlation of Shi H., Drton M. and Han F. (2022) is computed. Included also is a function to perform permutation based testing.

**Details**

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**References**

Shi H., Drton M. and Han F. (2022). Distribution-free consistent independence tests via center-outward ranks and signs. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 117(537): 395–410.

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Permutation-based hypothesis testing for the rank distance correlation

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**Description**

Permutation-based hypothesis testing for the rank distance correlation.

**Usage**

```
rdcor.test(y, x, B = 499)
```

**Arguments**

y	A numerical vector.
x	A numerical vector or a numerical matrix.
B	The number of permutations to implement.

**Details**

Permutation-based hypothesis testing between y and x or between y and each column of x is performed.

**Value**

If x is a vector a vector with the rank distance correlation and the permutation-based p-value. If x is a matrix, this returns a matrix with two columns: the rank distance correlation and the permutation-based p-value.

**Author(s)**

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

**References**

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**See Also**

[rdcor](#), [rdcor.mat](#)

**Examples**

```
y <- iris[, 1]
x <- matrix( rnorm(150 * 10), ncol = 10 )
rdcor.test(y, x)
```

Rank distance correlation

*Rank distance correlation*

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### Description

Rank distance correlation.

### Usage

```
rdcor(y, x)
```

### Arguments

y	A numerical vector.
x	A numerical vector or a numerical matrix.

### Details

This computes the rank distance correlation between y and x, or between y and each column of x.

### Value

A vector with the rank distance correlation().

### Author(s)

Michail Tsagris.

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

### References

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### See Also

[rdcor.test](#), [rdcor.mat](#)

### Examples

```
y <- iris[, 1]
x <- matrix( rnorm(150 * 10), ncol = 10 )
rdcor(y, x)
```

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Rank distance correlation matrix  
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**Description**

Rank distance correlation matrix.

**Usage**

```
rdcor.mat(x, B = 1)
```

**Arguments**

x	A numerical matrix.
B	The number of permutations to implement to compute the p-value. If B = 1, no p-value is returned.

**Details**

The function computes the rank distance correlation matrix and optionally performs permutation-based hypothesis testing.

**Value**

A list including:

r	The rank distance correlation matrix.
pvalue	A matrix with the associated p-values, if B>1, otherwise NULL.

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**See Also**

[rdcor](#), [rdcor.test](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- as.matrix(iris[, 1:4])  
rdcor.mat(x)
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