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Title Calculate the Mahalanobis Distance for a Given List of Data

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Description It provides a function that calculates the Mahalanobis distance between each pair of species in a list of data frames. Each data frame contains the observations of a species with some factors. Mahalanobis distance is a measure of dissimilarity between two vectors of multivariate random variables, based on the covariance matrix. This distance is useful for statistical matching or fusion of data, that is the integration of two data sources that refer to the same target population and that share some variables.
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cmahalanobis	Calculate the Mahalanobis distance for each species
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Description

. This function takes a list of data frames as input, where each data frame contains the observations of a species, and returns a matrix with the Mahalanobis distances between each pair of species.

Usage

```
cmahalanobis(
  dataset,
  plot = TRUE,
  p.value = FALSE,
  plot_title = "Mahalanobis Distance Between Groups"
)
```

Arguments

A list of data frames, where each data frame contains the observations of a species.

plot Logical, if TRUE, a plot of the Mahalanobis distances is displayed.

p.value Logical, if TRUE, a matrix of p-values for the distances is returned.

plot_title The title to be used for the plot if plot is TRUE.

Value

A list containing a matrix with the Mahalanobis distances between each pair of groups, and optionally a matrix of p-values and the plot.

Examples

```
# Example with the iris dataset
library(stats)
# Split the data into 3 parts for each species
setosa <- subset(iris, Species == "setosa")
setosa <- setosa[,-5]
versicolor <- subset(iris, Species == "versicolor")
versicolor <- versicolor[,-5]
virginica <- subset(iris, Species == "virginica")
virginica <- virginica[,-5]
# Create a list with the three groups of flowers
groups <- list(setosa, versicolor, virginica)
# Calculate the Mahalanobis distance with the cmahalanobis function
cmahalanobis(groups)</pre>
```

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# Example with the mtcars dataset
library(stats)
# Split the data into 2 parts for each type of transmission
auto <- subset(mtcars, am == 0)
auto <- auto[,-9]
manual <- subset(mtcars, am == 1)
manual <- manual[,-9]
# Create a list with the two groups of cars
groups <- list(auto, manual)
# Calculate the Mahalanobis distance with the cmahalanobis function
cmahalanobis(groups)</pre>
```

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