

# Package ‘rpcss’

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biplot.pcss.core	<i>Generate Biplots from pcss.core Output</i>
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### Description

biplot.pcss.core generates biplots of scores of genotypes with or without vectors for traits from the output of pcss.core.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'pcss.core'
biplot(
  x,
  ndim = 3,
  highlight.core = c("size", "variance", "logistic", "none"),
  show.traits = c("all", "none", "quantitative", "qualitative"),
  qual.scale = 1,
  quant.scale = 1,
  point.alpha = 0.8,
  segment.alpha = 0.8,
  ...
)
```

### Arguments

x	An object of class pcss.core.
ndim	The number of dimensions for which biplots have to plotted.
highlight.core	The core collection to be highlighted. Either "size", "variance", "logistic", or "none". See <b>Details</b> .
show.traits	Which kind of the traits to be shown in the biplot. Either "all", "none", "quantitative" or "qualitative".
qual.scale	A scale factor to be applied to qualitative trait coordinates plotted in biplot.
quant.scale	A scale factor to be applied to quantitative trait coordinates plotted in biplot.
point.alpha	Alpha transparency value for biplot points.
segment.alpha	Alpha transparency value for biplot segments.
...	Unused.

**Details**

Use "size" to highlight core collection according to the threshold size criterion or use "variance" to highlight core collection according to the variability threshold criterion or use "logistic" to highlight core collection generated according to inflection point of rate of progress of cumulative variability retained identified by logistic regression. Use "none" to not highlight any accessions.

**Value**

A list of biplots as ggplot objects.

**See Also**

[pcscs.core](#), [plot.PCA](#), [plot.MCA](#), [plot.FAMD](#), [fviz\\_pca](#), [fviz\\_mca](#), [fviz\\_famd](#)

**Examples**

```
#~~~~~
# Prepare example data
#~~~~~

if (requireNamespace('EvaluateCore', quietly = TRUE) &
    requireNamespace("factoextra", quietly = TRUE)) {

  suppressPackageStartupMessages(library(EvaluateCore))

  # Get data from EvaluateCore

  data("cassava_EC", package = "EvaluateCore")
  data = cbind(Genotypes = rownames(cassava_EC), cassava_EC)
  quant <- c("NMSR", "TTRN", "TFWSR", "TTRW", "TFWSS", "TTSW", "TTPW",
            "AVPW", "ARSR", "SRDM")
  qual <- c("CUAL", "LNGS", "PTLC", "DSTA", "LFRT", "LBTEF", "CBTR", "NMLB",
           "ANGB", "CUAL9M", "LVC9M", "TNPR9M", "PL9M", "STRP", "STRC",
           "PSTR")
  rownames(data) <- NULL

  # Convert qualitative data columns to factor
  data[, qual] <- lapply(data[, qual], as.factor)

  library(FactoMineR)
  suppressPackageStartupMessages(library(factoextra))

#~~~~~
# With quantitative data
#~~~~~

out1 <- pcscs.core(data = data, names = "Genotypes",
                  quantitative = quant,
                  qualitative = NULL, eigen.threshold = NULL, size = 0.2,
                  var.threshold = 0.75)

# Plot biplot
biplot(out1, ndim = 3, highlight.core = "size", quant.scale = 3,
       point.alpha = 0.5)
```

```

# Plot biplot with FactoMineR
plot(out1$raw.out, choix=c("ind"), label = "none", axes = c(1, 2))

plot(out1$raw.out, choix=c("ind"), label = "none", axes = c(1, 3))

plot(out1$raw.out, choix=c("ind"), label = "none", axes = c(2, 3))

# Plot biplot with factoextra
fviz_pca_biplot(out1$raw.out, geom.ind = "point", axes = c(1, 2))

fviz_pca_biplot(out1$raw.out, geom.ind = "point", axes = c(1, 3))

fviz_pca_biplot(out1$raw.out, geom.ind = "point", axes = c(2, 3))

#-----
# Get core sets with PCSS (qualitative data)
#-----

out2 <- pcscs.core(data = data, names = "Genotypes", quantitative = NULL,
                  qualitative = qual, eigen.threshold = NULL,
                  size = 0.2, var.threshold = 0.75)

# Plot biplot
biplot(out2, ndim = 3, highlight.core = "size", qual.scale = 1,
       point.alpha = 0.5)

# Plot biplot with FactoMineR
plot(out2$raw.out, choix=c("ind"), label = "none", axes = c(1, 2))

plot(out2$raw.out, choix=c("ind"), label = "none", axes = c(1, 3))

plot(out2$raw.out, choix=c("ind"), label = "none", axes = c(2, 3))

# Plot biplot with factoextra
fviz_mca_biplot(out2$raw.out, geom.ind = "point", axes = c(1, 2))

fviz_mca_biplot(out2$raw.out, geom.ind = "point", axes = c(1, 3))

fviz_mca_biplot(out2$raw.out, geom.ind = "point", axes = c(2, 3))

#-----
# Get core sets with PCSS (quantitative and qualitative data)
#-----

out3 <- pcscs.core(data = data, names = "Genotypes",
                  quantitative = quant,
                  qualitative = qual, eigen.threshold = NULL)

# Plot biplot
biplot(out3, ndim = 3, highlight.core = "size",
       quant.scale = 3, qual.scale = 1,
       point.alpha = 0.5)

# Plot biplot with FactoMineR
plot(out3$raw.out, choix=c("ind"), label = "none", axes = c(1, 2))

```

```

plot(out3$raw.out, choix=c("ind"), label = "none", axes = c(1, 3))

plot(out3$raw.out, choix=c("ind"), label = "none", axes = c(2, 3))

# Plot biplot with factoextra

# Fix rownames
row.names(out3$raw.out$quali.var$coord) <-
  unlist(lapply(seq_along(data[, qual]),
                function(i) paste(qual[i],
                                  levels(data[, qual[i]]), sep = "_")))

fviz_famd_ind(out3$raw.out, geom = "point", axes = c(1, 2))

fviz_famd_ind(out3$raw.out, geom = "point", axes = c(1, 3))

fviz_famd_ind(out3$raw.out, geom = "point", axes = c(2, 3))

} else {
  message('Packages "EvaluateCore" and "factoextra" are required to run these examples.')
}

```

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pcss.core

*Principal Component Scoring to Generate Core collections*


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## Description

Generate a Core Collection with Principal Component Scoring Strategy (PCSS) (Hamon and Noirot 1990; Noirot et al. 1996; Noirot et al. 2003) using qualitative and/or quantitative trait data.

## Usage

```

pcss.core(
  data,
  names,
  quantitative,
  qualitative,
  eigen.threshold = NULL,
  size = 0.2,
  var.threshold = 0.75,
  always.selected = NULL
)

```

## Arguments

data	The data as a data frame object. The data frame should possess one row per individual and columns with the individual names and multiple trait/character data.
names	Name of column with the individual/genotype names as a character string.
quantitative	Name of columns with the quantitative traits as a character vector.
qualitative	Name of columns with the qualitative traits as a character vector.

eigen.threshold	The lower limit of the eigen value of factors to be included in the estimation. The default value is the average of all the eigen values.
size	The desired core set size proportion.
var.threshold	The desired proportion of total variability to be sampled.
always.selected	Names of genotypes to be always included in the core set as a character vector.

## Details

A core collection is constituted from an entire collection of  $N$  genotypes using quantitative data of  $J$  traits using Principal Component Scoring Strategy (PCSS) (Hamon and Noirot 1990; Noirot et al. 1996; Noirot et al. 2003) as follows:

1. Principal Component Analysis (PCA) is performed on the standardized genotype  $\times$  trait data. This takes care of multicollinearity between the traits to generate  $J$  standardized and independent variables or factors or principal component.
2. Considering only a subset of factors  $K$ , the Generalized Sum of Squares (GSS) of  $N$  individuals in  $K$  factorial spaces is computed as  $N \times K$ .  
 $K$  can be the number of factors for which the eigen value  $\lambda$  is greater than a threshold value such as 1 (Kaiser-Guttman criterion) or the average of all the eigen values.
3. The contribution of the  $i$ th genotype to GSS ( $P_i$ ) or total variability is calculated as below.

$$P_i = \sum_{j=1}^K x_{ij}^2$$

Where  $x_{ij}$  is the component score or coordinate of the  $i$ th genotype on the  $j$ th principal component.

4. For each genotype, its relative contribution to GSS or total variability is computed as below.

$$CR_i = \frac{P_i}{N \times K}$$

5. The genotypes are sorted in descending order of magnitude of their contribution to GSS and then the cumulative contribution of successive genotypes to GSS is computed.
6. The core collection can then be selected by three different methods.
  - (a) Selection of fixed proportion or percentage or number of the top accessions.
  - (b) Selection of the top accessions that contribute up to a fixed percentage of the GSS.
  - (c) Fitting a logistic regression model of the following form to the cumulative contribution of successive genotypes to GSS (Balakrishnan et al. 2000).

$$\frac{y}{A - y} = e^{a+bn}$$

The above equation can be reparameterized as below.

$$\log_e \left( \frac{y}{A - y} \right) = a + bn$$

Where,  $a$  and  $b$  are the intercept and regression coefficient, respectively;  $y$  is the cumulative contribution of successive genotypes to GSS;  $n$  is the rank of the genotype when sorted according to the contribution to GSS and  $A$  is the asymptote of the curve ( $A = 100$ ).

The rate of increase in the successive contribution of genotypes to GSS can be computed by the following equation to find the point of inflection where the rate of increase starts declining.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = by(A - y)$$

The number of accessions included till the peak or inflection point are selected to constitute the core collection.

Similarly for qualitative traits, standardized and independent variables or factors can be obtained by Correspondence Analysis (CA) on complete disjunctive table of genotype  $\times$  trait data or to be specific Multiple Correspondence Analysis (MCA). In `rpcss`, this has also been extended for data sets having both quantitative and qualitative traits by implementing Factor Analysis for Mixed Data (FAMD) for obtaining standardized and independent variables or factors.

In `rpcss`, PCA, MCA and FAMD are implemented via the `FactoMineR` package. (Le et al. 2008; Husson et al. 2017).

## Value

A list of class `pcss.core` with the following components.

<code>details</code>	The details of the core set generation process.
<code>raw.out</code>	The original output of <code>PCA</code> , <code>CA</code> and <code>FAMD</code> functions of <code>FactoMineR</code>
<code>eigen</code>	A data frame with eigen values and their partial and cumulative contribution to percentage of variance.
<code>eigen.threshold</code>	The threshold eigen value used.
<code>rotation</code>	A matrix of rotation values or loadings.
<code>scores</code>	A matrix of scores from <code>PCA</code> , <code>CA</code> or <code>FAMD</code> .
<code>variability.ret</code>	A data frame of individuals/genotypes ordered by variability retained.
<code>cores.info</code>	A data frame of core set size and percentage variability retained according to the method used.

## References

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## See Also

[PCA](#), [CA](#) and [FAMD](#)

## Examples

```
#~~~~~
# Prepare example data
#~~~~~

if (requireNamespace('EvaluateCore', quietly = TRUE)) {

  suppressPackageStartupMessages(library(EvaluateCore))

  # Get data from EvaluateCore

  data("cassava_EC", package = "EvaluateCore")
  data = cbind(Genotypes = rownames(cassava_EC), cassava_EC)
  quant <- c("NMSR", "TTRN", "TFWSR", "TTRW", "TFWSS", "TTSW", "TTPW",
            "AVPW", "ARSR", "SRDM")
  qual <- c("CUAL", "LNGS", "PTLC", "DSTA", "LFRT", "LBTEF", "CBTR", "NMLB",
           "ANGB", "CUAL9M", "LVC9M", "TNPR9M", "PL9M", "STRP", "STRC",
           "PSTR")
  rownames(data) <- NULL

  # Convert qualitative data columns to factor
  data[, qual] <- lapply(data[, qual], as.factor)

#~~~~~
# Get core sets with PCSS (quantitative data)
#~~~~~

  out1 <- pcss.core(data = data, names = "Genotypes",
                   quantitative = quant,
                   qualitative = NULL, eigen.threshold = NULL, size = 0.2,
                   var.threshold = 0.75)

  out1

#~~~~~
# Get core sets with PCSS (qualitative data)
#~~~~~

  out2 <- pcss.core(data = data, names = "Genotypes", quantitative = NULL,
                   qualitative = qual, eigen.threshold = NULL,
                   size = 0.2, var.threshold = 0.75)

  out2

#~~~~~
# Get core sets with PCSS (quantitative and qualitative data)
```



```

#~~~~~
out3 <- pcss.core(data = data, names = "Genotypes",
                 quantitative = quant,
                 qualitative = qual, eigen.threshold = NULL)

out3

} else {
  message('Package "EvaluateCore" is required to run these examples.')
}

```

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```
print.pcss.core      Prints summary of pcss.core object
```

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### Description

pcss.core prints to console the summary of an object of class pcss.core including the dimensionality reduction method used, the basic details including parameters and the information on the core sets that can be constituted.

### Usage

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

### Arguments

x	An object of class pcss.core.
...	Unused.

### Value

The argument x, invisibly as for all [print](#) methods.

### See Also

[pcss.core](#)

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```
screepplot.pcss.core  Plot Eigen values as a Scree Plot from pcss.core Output
```

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### Description

screepplot.pcss.core generates a scree plot of eigen values from the output of pcss.core.

### Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'pcss.core'
screepplot(x, ndim = NULL, show.values = TRUE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	An object of class <code>pcSS.core</code> .
ndim	The number of eigen values to be plotted in the scree plot.
show.values	If TRUE, the eigen values are shown in the plot as annotation labels. Default is TRUE.
...	Unused.

**Value**

The scree plot as a `ggplot` object.

**See Also**

[pcSS.core](#), [fviz\\_screepLOT](#)

**Examples**

```
#~~~~~
# Prepare example data
#~~~~~

if (requireNamespace('EvaluateCore', quietly = TRUE) &
    requireNamespace("factoextra", quietly = TRUE)) {

  # Get data from EvaluateCore

  data("cassava_EC", package = "EvaluateCore")
  data = cbind(Genotypes = rownames(cassava_EC), cassava_EC)
  quant <- c("NMSR", "TTRN", "TFWSR", "TTRW", "TFWSS", "TTSW", "TTPW", "AVPW",
            "ARSR", "SRDM")
  qual <- c("CUAL", "LNCS", "PTLC", "DSTA", "LFRT", "LBTEF", "CBTR", "NMLB",
           "ANGB", "CUAL9M", "LVC9M", "TNPR9M", "PL9M", "STRP", "STRC",
           "PSTR")
  rownames(data) <- NULL

  # Convert qualitative data columns to factor
  data[, qual] <- lapply(data[, qual], as.factor)

  library(FactoMineR)
  suppressPackageStartupMessages(library(factoextra))

#~~~~~
# With quantitative data
#~~~~~

out1 <- pcSS.core(data = data, names = "Genotypes",
                 quantitative = quant,
                 qualitative = NULL, eigen.threshold = NULL, size = 0.2,
                 var.threshold = 0.75)

# Plot scree plot
screepLOT(x = out1)

# Plot biplot with factoextra
```

```

    fviz_screepplot(out1$raw.out)

#-----
# Get core sets with PCSS (qualitative data)
#-----

    out2 <- pcss.core(data = data, names = "Genotypes", quantitative = NULL,
                     qualitative = qual, eigen.threshold = NULL,
                     size = 0.2, var.threshold = 0.75)

    # Plot scree plot
    screeplot(x = out2)

    # Plot biplot with factoextra
    fviz_screepplot(out2$raw.out)

#-----
# Get core sets with PCSS (quantitative and qualitative data)
#-----

    out3 <- pcss.core(data = data, names = "Genotypes",
                     quantitative = quant,
                     qualitative = qual, eigen.threshold = NULL)

    # Plot scree plot
    screeplot(x = out3)

    # Plot biplot with factoextra
    fviz_screepplot(out3$raw.out)

} else {
  message('Packages "EvaluateCore" and "factoextra" are required to run these examples.')
}

```

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subset.pcss.core	<i>Fetch the names of individuals/genotypes in the core set generated from pcss.core Output</i>
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## Description

subset.pcss.core returns names of individuals/genotypes in the core collection from pcss.core Output.

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'pcss.core'
subset(x, criterion = c("size", "variance", "logistic"), ...)
```

## Arguments

x	An object of class pcss.core.
criterion	The core collection generation criterion. Either "size", "variance", or "logistic". See <b>Details</b> .
...	Unused.

**Details**

Use "size" to return names of individuals/genotypes in the core collection according to the threshold size criterion or use "variance" to return names according to the variability threshold criterion or use "logistic" to return names according to inflection point of rate of progress of cumulative variability retained identified by logistic regression.

**Value**

The names of individuals/genotypes in the core collection as a character vector.

**See Also**

[pcss.core](#)

**Examples**

```
#~~~~~
# Prepare example data
#~~~~~

if (requireNamespace('EvaluateCore', quietly = TRUE)) {

  suppressPackageStartupMessages(library(EvaluateCore))

  # Get data from EvaluateCore

  data("cassava_EC", package = "EvaluateCore")
  data = cbind(Genotypes = rownames(cassava_EC), cassava_EC)
  quant <- c("NMSR", "TTRN", "TFWSR", "TTRW", "TFWSS", "TTSW", "TTPW",
            "AVPW", "ARSR", "SRDM")
  qual <- c("CUAL", "LNGS", "PTLC", "DSTA", "LFRT", "LBTEF", "CBTR", "NMLB",
           "ANGB", "CUAL9M", "LVC9M", "TNPR9M", "PL9M", "STRP", "STRC",
           "PSTR")
  rownames(data) <- NULL

  # Convert qualitative data columns to factor
  data[, qual] <- lapply(data[, qual], as.factor)

#~~~~~
# With quantitative data
#~~~~~

out1 <- pcss.core(data = data, names = "Genotypes",
                 quantitative = quant,
                 qualitative = NULL, eigen.threshold = NULL, size = 0.2,
                 var.threshold = 0.75)

# Core sets
out1$cores.info

# Fetch genotype names of core set by size criterion
subset(x = out1, criterion = "size")

# Fetch genotype names of core set by variance criterion
subset(x = out1, criterion = "variance")
```

```

# Fetch genotype names of core set by logistic regression criterion
subset(x = out1, criterion = "logistic")

#-----
# Get core sets with PCSS (qualitative data)
#-----

out2 <- pcscs.core(data = data, names = "Genotypes", quantitative = NULL,
                  qualitative = qual, eigen.threshold = NULL,
                  size = 0.2, var.threshold = 0.75)

# Core sets
out2$cores.info

# Fetch genotype names of core set by size criterion
subset(x = out2, criterion = "size")

# Fetch genotype names of core set by variance criterion
subset(x = out2, criterion = "variance")

# Fetch genotype names of core set by logistic regression criterion
subset(x = out2, criterion = "logistic")
#-----
# Get core sets with PCSS (quantitative and qualitative data)
#-----

out3 <- pcscs.core(data = data, names = "Genotypes",
                  quantitative = quant,
                  qualitative = qual, eigen.threshold = NULL)

# Core sets
out3$cores.info

# Fetch genotype names of core set by size criterion
subset(x = out3, criterion = "size")

# Fetch genotype names of core set by variance criterion
subset(x = out3, criterion = "variance")

# Fetch genotype names of core set by logistic regression criterion
subset(x = out3, criterion = "logistic")

} else {
  message('Package "EvaluateCore" is required to run these examples.')
}

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