

Package ‘N2R’

May 7, 2026

Type Package

Title Fast and Scalable Approximate k-Nearest Neighbor Search Methods
using 'N2' Library

Version 1.0.5

Description

Implements methods to perform fast approximate K-nearest neighbor search on input matrix. Algorithm based on the 'N2' implementation of an approximate nearest neighbor search using hierarchical Navigable Small World (NSW) graphs. The original algorithm is described in ``Efficient and Robust Approximate Nearest Neighbor Search Using Hierarchical Navigable Small World Graphs'', Y. Malkov and D. Yashunin, <doi:10.1109/TPAMI.2018.2889473>, <doi:10.48550/arXiv.1603.09

License Apache License 2.0

Encoding UTF-8

Depends Matrix

Imports Rcpp (>= 1.0.4)

Suggests testthat

LinkingTo Rcpp, BH, RcppSpdlog, RcppEigen

RoxygenNote 7.3.3

URL <https://github.com/kharchenkolab/N2R>

BugReports <https://github.com/kharchenkolab/N2R/issues>

NeedsCompilation yes

Author Peter Kharchenko [aut],
Viktor Petukhov [aut],
Dirk Eddelbuettel [ctb],
Evan Biederstedt [cre, aut]

Maintainer Evan Biederstedt <evan.biederstedt@gmail.com>

Repository CRAN

Date/Publication 2026-03-30 21:00:08 UTC

Contents

checkOpenMP	2
crossKnn	2
Knn	3

Index	5
--------------	----------

checkOpenMP	<i>boolean to check OpenMP exists</i>
-------------	---------------------------------------

Description

boolean to check OpenMP exists

Usage

checkOpenMP()

crossKnn	<i>Perform fast approximate K-nearest neighbor search of rows input matrix mA in rows of matrix mB.</i>
----------	---

Description

Perform fast approximate K-nearest neighbor search of rows input matrix mA in rows of matrix mB.

Usage

```
crossKnn(
  mA,
  mB,
  k,
  nThreads = 10L,
  verbose = TRUE,
  indexType = "angular",
  M = 12L,
  MaxM0 = 24L,
  ef_search_multiplier = 50,
  quiet = FALSE
)
```

Arguments

mA	Input numeric matrix of data
mB	Input numeric matrix of data
k	Integer number of clusters
nThreads	Integer number of threads (default=10)
verbose	Boolean flag for verbose output (default=FALSE)
indexType	Metric distance type, which can be "angular" or "L2" (default="angular")
M	Integer number of connections (default=12) The NSW graph is constructed via consecutive insertion of elements in random order by bidirectionally connecting them to the M closest neighbors from the previously inserted elements.
MaxM0	Integer maximum number of connections that an element can have in the zero layer. (default=24) It is recommended that MaxM0 not exceed 2*M.
ef_search_multiplier	Integer multiplier to calculate candidate nearest neighbors, set to k*ef_search_multiplier (default=50). Refer to the parameters er and efConstruction in Malkov & Yashunin (2020) doi: 10.1109/TPAMI.2018.2889473
quiet	Boolean flag specifically for Rcpp warnings (default=FALSE)

Value

clusters per row in sparse Matrix of class "dgCMatrix" of dimensions mB rows by mA rows

Examples

```
data(iris)
iris_df = data.matrix(iris[-5]) ## convert to a numeric matrix
crossKnn(mA=iris_df, mB=head(iris_df, 50), 4)
```

Knn	<i>Perform fast approximate K-nearest neighbor search on rows of the input matrix m.</i>
-----	--

Description

Perform fast approximate K-nearest neighbor search on rows of the input matrix m.

Usage

```
Knn(
  m,
  k,
  nThreads = 10L,
  verbose = TRUE,
```

```

    indexType = "angular",
    M = 12L,
    MaxM0 = 24L,
    ef_search_multiplier = 50,
    quiet = FALSE
  )

```

Arguments

<code>m</code>	Input numeric matrix of data
<code>k</code>	Integer number of clusters
<code>nThreads</code>	Integer number of threads (default=10)
<code>verbose</code>	Boolean flag for verbose output (default=FALSE)
<code>indexType</code>	Metric distance type, which can be "angular" or "L2" (default="angular")
<code>M</code>	Integer number of connections (default=12) The NSW graph is constructed via consecutive insertion of elements in random order by bidirectionally connecting them to the M closest neighbors from the previously inserted elements.
<code>MaxM0</code>	Integer maximum number of connections that an element can have in the zero layer. (default=24) It is recommended that MaxM0 not exceed 2*M.
<code>ef_search_multiplier</code>	Integer multiplier to calculate candidate nearest neighbors, set to k*ef_search_multiplier (default=50). Refer to the parameters <code>er</code> and <code>efConstruction</code> in Malkov & Yashunin (2020) doi: 10.1109/TPAMI.2018.2889473
<code>quiet</code>	Boolean flag specifically for Rcpp warnings (default=FALSE)

Value

clusters per row in sparse Matrix of class "dgCMatrix" of dimensions m rows by m rows

Examples

```

data(iris)
iris_df = data.matrix(iris[-5]) ## convert to a numeric matrix
Knn(m=iris_df, 4)

```

Index

[checkOpenMP](#), [2](#)

[crossKnn](#), [2](#)

[Knn](#), [3](#)