

# Package ‘tsne’

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## Description

This package contains one function called `tsne` which contains all the functionality.

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**References**

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L.J.P. van der Maaten. Learning a Parametric Embedding by Preserving Local Structure. In *Proceedings of the Twelfth International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)*, JMLR W&CP 5:384-391, 2009.

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 tsne

*The t-SNE method for dimensionality reduction*


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**Description**

Provides a simple function interface for specifying t-SNE dimensionality reduction on R matrices or "dist" objects.

**Usage**

```
tsne(X, initial_config = NULL, k = 2, initial_dims = 30, perplexity = 30,
      max_iter = 1000, min_cost = 0, epoch_callback = NULL, whiten = TRUE,
      epoch=100)
```

**Arguments**

X	The R matrix or "dist" object
initial_config	an argument providing a matrix specifying the initial embedding for X. See Details.
k	the dimension of the resulting embedding.
initial_dims	The number of dimensions to use in reduction method.
perplexity	Perplexity parameter. (optimal number of neighbors)

max_iter	Maximum number of iterations to perform.
min_cost	The minimum cost value (error) to halt iteration.
epoch_callback	A callback function used after each epoch (an epoch here means a set number of iterations)
whiten	A boolean value indicating whether the matrix data should be whitened.
epoch	The number of iterations in between update messages.

### Details

When the `initial_config` argument is specified, the algorithm will automatically enter the *final momentum* stage. This stage has less large scale adjustment to the embedding, and is intended for small scale tweaking of positioning. This can greatly speed up the generation of embeddings for various similar X datasets, while also preserving overall embedding orientation.

### Value

An R object containing a *ydata* embedding matrix, as well as a the matrix of probabilities *P*

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### See Also

[dist](#)

### Examples

```
## Not run:
colors = rainbow(length(unique(iris$Species)))
names(colors) = unique(iris$Species)
ecb = function(x,y){ plot(x,t='n'); text(x,labels=iris$Species, col=colors[iris$Species]) }
tsne_iris = tsne(iris[,1:4], epoch_callback = ecb, perplexity=50)

# compare to PCA
dev.new()
pca_iris = princomp(iris[,1:4])$scores[,1:2]
plot(pca_iris, t='n')
text(pca_iris, labels=iris$Species,col=colors[iris$Species])

## End(Not run)
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