

# Package ‘EfficientOASW’

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**Description** This package implements the original Optimum Silhouette (OSil) clustering algorithm and provides an O(N) faster implementation of the exact OSil algorithm.

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ASW	<i>The Average Silhouette Width</i>
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## Description

This function computes the Average Silhouette Width (ASW).

## Usage

```
ASW(C, dist)
```

## Arguments

C	A clustering solution. It must be an integer vector of k unique values 1,2,...,k.
dist	A "dist" object, which can be obtained by the "dist" function.

**Value**

The ASW of the clustering C with respect to the distance matrix dist.

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**References**

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 effOSil

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*Efficient Optimum Silhouette Clustering Algorithm*


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**Description**

effOSil implements the exact Optimum Silhouette (OSil) algorithm. It is  $O(N)$  times faster than the original OSil algorithm at the cost of storing  $O(N)$  additional values.

**Usage**

```
effOSil(dist, k, initClustering = NULL, initMethod = "average")
```

**Arguments**

<b>dist</b>	A "dist" object, which can be obtained by the "dist" function.
<b>k</b>	The number of clusters.
<b>initClustering</b>	A user-specified initialized clustering. It must be an integer vector of k unique values 1,2,...,k. By default, initClustering is set to NULL. If initClustering is NULL, initMethod is used; otherwise, initClustering is used.
<b>initMethod</b>	An initialization method. By default, effOSil uses average-linkage clustering ("average") for initialization. Other options include well-established clustering algorithms such as Partition Around Medoids ("pam"), single-linkage clustering ("single"), complete-linkage clustering ("complete"), the Ward's method ("ward.D"), etc.

**Value**

**Clustering** The OSil clustering solution.

**ASW** The ASW associated with the OSil clustering.

**nIter** The number of iterations needed for convergence.

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OSil

*Original Optimum Silhouette Clustering Algorithm***Description**

OSil implements the original Optimum Silhouette algorithm.

**Usage**

```
OSil(dist, k, initClustering = NULL, initMethod = "average")
```

**Arguments**

<b>dist</b>	A "dist" object, which can be obtained by the "dist" function.
<b>k</b>	The number of clusters.
<b>initClustering</b>	A user-specified initialized clustering. It must be an integer vector of k unique values 1,2,...,k. By default, initClustering is set to NULL. If initClustering is NULL, initMethod is used; otherwise, initClustering is used.
<b>initMethod</b>	An initialization method. By default, effOSil uses average-linkage clustering ("average") for initialization. Other options include well-established clustering algorithms such as Partition Around Medoids ("pam"), single-linkage clustering ("single"), complete-linkage clustering ("complete"), the Ward's method ("ward.D"), etc.

**Value**

**Clustering** The OSil clustering solution.

**ASW** The ASW associated with the OSil clustering.

**nIter** The number of iterations needed for convergence.

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