

# Package ‘VoronoiBiomedPlot’

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VoronoiBiomedPlot-package

*Projection Visualization Plots for Dimensionally Reduced Data*

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## Details

The VoronoiBiomedPlot package provides functions for creating visualization plots of 2D projected data, particularly useful for biomedical data analysis and dimensionality reduction results.

The package includes two main functions:

- `create_projection_plots`: Creates three types of plots (ellipse, Voronoi, and combined)
- `create_voronoi_plot`: Creates standalone Voronoi tessellation plots

These functions are designed to visualize class separation in dimensionally reduced data from techniques like PCA, PLS-DA, t-SNE, or other projection methods commonly used in biomedical research.

Voronoi tessellation divides the plot space into regions based on proximity to data points, providing an intuitive visualization of class boundaries and decision regions. Confidence ellipses show the distribution spread and correlation structure within each class.

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## References

Löttsch, J. and A. Ultsch (2024). Comparative assessment of projection and clustering method combinations in the analysis of biomedical data. *Informatics in Medicine Unlocked* 50: 101573. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2352914824001291>

## See Also

- [https://github.com/JornLotsch/voronoi\\_projection\\_plot](https://github.com/JornLotsch/voronoi_projection_plot)
- Report bugs at [https://github.com/JornLotsch/voronoi\\_projection\\_plot/issues](https://github.com/JornLotsch/voronoi_projection_plot/issues)

## Examples

```
# Load the iris dataset
data <- iris[, c("Sepal.Length", "Petal.Length", "Species")]

# Create comprehensive projection plots
plots <- create_projection_plots(
  data = data,
  class_column = "Species",
  legend_position = "bottom",
  add_grid_lines = FALSE
)

# Access individual plots
# plots$ellipse_plot
# plots$voronoi_plot
# plots$voronoi_plot_plus_ellipse

# Create standalone Voronoi plot
voronoi_plot <- create_voronoi_plot(
  data = data,
  class_column = "Species",
  legend_position = "bottom",
  add_grid_lines = FALSE
)
```

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create\_projection\_plots

*Create Projection Visualization Plots*

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## Description

Creates three types of visualization plots for 2D projected data: ellipse plots, Voronoi diagram plots, and combined ellipse-Voronoi plots. The function is designed to visualize class separation in dimensionally reduced data.

## Usage

```
create_projection_plots(
  data,
  class_column = NULL,
  alternative_class_column = NULL,
  coordinate_columns = NULL,
  case_labels = NULL,
  coord_names = c("Dim1", "Dim2"),
  title = NULL,
  show_labels = FALSE,
  ellipse_alpha = 0.1,
  voronoi_alpha = 0.3,
```

```

    point_size = 2,
    legend_position = "bottom",
    color_palette = NULL,
    add_grid_lines = FALSE,
    color_points = "primary",
    fill_voronoi = "primary"
  )

```

## Arguments

<code>data</code>	A data frame containing projected data. Must have at least 2 numeric columns. If more than 2 columns are provided, the first 2 are used as coordinates.
<code>class_column</code>	Character string specifying the column name containing class labels, or a vector of class labels. If NULL, all observations are treated as a single class. Default: NULL.
<code>alternative_class_column</code>	Character string specifying the column name containing alternative class labels, or a vector of alternative class labels. If NULL, uses <code>class_column</code> . Default: NULL.
<code>coordinate_columns</code>	Character vector of length 2 specifying the column names to use as coordinates. If NULL, uses the first two numeric columns. Default: NULL.
<code>case_labels</code>	Character vector of case labels for individual observations. If NULL, row numbers are used. Default: NULL.
<code>coord_names</code>	Character vector of length 2 specifying names for the coordinate axes. Default: <code>c("Dim1", "Dim2")</code> .
<code>title</code>	Character string for plot title. If NULL, no title is added. Default: NULL.
<code>show_labels</code>	Logical indicating whether to show case labels on plots. Default: FALSE.
<code>ellipse_alpha</code>	Numeric value (0-1) for ellipse transparency. Default: 0.1.
<code>voronoi_alpha</code>	Numeric value (0-1) for Voronoi polygon transparency. Default: 0.3.
<code>point_size</code>	Numeric value for point size. Default: 2.
<code>legend_position</code>	Character string or numeric vector specifying legend position. Default: "bottom".
<code>color_palette</code>	Function or character vector for color palette. If NULL, uses ggplot2 default colors. Default: NULL.
<code>add_grid_lines</code>	Logical indicating whether to add dashed grid lines at origin. Default: FALSE.
<code>color_points</code>	Character string specifying which classification to use for point colors. Either "primary" (uses <code>class_column</code> ) or "alternative" (uses <code>alternative_class_column</code> ). Default: "primary".
<code>fill_voronoi</code>	Character string specifying which classification to use for Voronoi fill. Either "primary" (uses <code>class_column</code> ) or "alternative" (uses <code>alternative_class_column</code> ). Default: "primary".

**Details**

The function creates visualizations for 2D projected data, particularly useful for displaying results from dimensionality reduction techniques like PCA, PLS-DA, or t-SNE.

Voronoi tessellation divides the plot space into regions based on proximity to data points, providing an intuitive visualization of class boundaries and decision regions.

Confidence ellipses show the distribution spread and correlation structure within each class.

**Value**

A list containing three ggplot objects:

ellipse_plot	Plot with confidence ellipses for each class
voronoi_plot	Plot with Voronoi tessellation regions
voronoi_plot_plus_ellipse	Combined plot with both Voronoi regions and ellipses

**Examples**

```
# Basic usage with iris dataset
data <- iris[, c("Sepal.Length", "Petal.Length", "Species")]
plots <- create_projection_plots(
  data = data,
  class_column = "Species",
  legend_position = "bottom",
  add_grid_lines = FALSE
)
```

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create_voronoi_plot	<i>Create Voronoi Projection Visualization Plot</i>
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**Description**

Creates a Voronoi tessellation visualization for 2D projected data, showing class separation through proximity-based regions.

**Usage**

```
create_voronoi_plot(
  data,
  class_column = NULL,
  alternative_class_column = NULL,
  coordinate_columns = NULL,
  case_labels = NULL,
  coord_names = c("Dim1", "Dim2"),
  title = NULL,
  show_labels = FALSE,
```

```

    voronoi_alpha = 0.3,
    point_size = 2,
    legend_position = "bottom",
    color_palette = NULL,
    add_grid_lines = FALSE,
    color_points = "primary",
    fill_voronoi = "primary"
  )

```

## Arguments

<code>data</code>	A data frame containing projected data. Must have at least 2 numeric columns. If more than 2 columns are provided, the first 2 are used as coordinates.
<code>class_column</code>	Character string specifying the column name containing class labels, or a vector of class labels. If NULL, all observations are treated as a single class. Default: NULL.
<code>alternative_class_column</code>	Character string specifying the column name containing alternative class labels, or a vector of alternative class labels. If NULL, uses <code>class_column</code> . Default: NULL.
<code>coordinate_columns</code>	Character vector of length 2 specifying the column names to use as coordinates. If NULL, uses the first two numeric columns. Default: NULL.
<code>case_labels</code>	Character vector of case labels for individual observations. If NULL, row numbers are used. Default: NULL.
<code>coord_names</code>	Character vector of length 2 specifying names for the coordinate axes. Default: <code>c("Dim1", "Dim2")</code> .
<code>title</code>	Character string for plot title. If NULL, no title is added. Default: NULL.
<code>show_labels</code>	Logical indicating whether to show case labels on plots. Default: FALSE.
<code>voronoi_alpha</code>	Numeric value (0-1) for Voronoi polygon transparency. Default: 0.3.
<code>point_size</code>	Numeric value for point size. Default: 2.
<code>legend_position</code>	Character string or numeric vector specifying legend position. Default: "bottom".
<code>color_palette</code>	Function or character vector for color palette. If NULL, uses ggplot2 default colors. Default: NULL.
<code>add_grid_lines</code>	Logical indicating whether to add dashed grid lines at origin. Default: TRUE.
<code>color_points</code>	Character string specifying which classification to use for point colors. Either "primary" (uses <code>class_column</code> ) or "alternative" (uses <code>alternative_class_column</code> ). Default: "primary".
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**Details**

The function creates a Voronoi tessellation visualization for 2D projected data, particularly useful for displaying results from dimensionality reduction techniques. Voronoi tessellation divides the plot space into regions based on proximity to data points, providing an intuitive visualization of class boundaries and decision regions.

**Value**

A ggplot object showing the Voronoi tessellation plot.

**Examples**

```
# Basic usage with iris dataset
data <- iris[, c("Sepal.Length", "Petal.Length", "Species")]
plot <- create_voronoi_plot(
  data = data,
  class_column = "Species",
  legend_position = "bottom",
  add_grid_lines = FALSE
)
```

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