

# Package ‘pecan’

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**Description** A portfolio of tools for economic complexity analysis and industrial upgrading navigation. The package implements essential measures in international trade and development economics, including the relative comparative advantage (RCA), economic complexity index (ECI) and product complexity index (PCI). It enables users to analyze export structures, explore product relatedness, and identify potential upgrading paths grounded in economic theory, following the framework in Hausmann et al. (2014)  
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complexity	<i>Complexity Index</i>
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### Description

Compute the economic complexity index (ECI) and the product complexity index (PCI) based on the RCA values.

### Usage

```
complexity(RCAmat, method = c("eigen", "fc", "mr"), niter = 20, gamma = 1)
```

### Arguments

RCAmat	An economy-by-product matrix with the RCA values.
method	A character string specifying the method to calculate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "eigen": the eigenvector solution (Hausmann et al. 2014).</li> <li>• "fc": fitness-complexity method (Tacchella et al. 2012; Pugliese et al. 2016).</li> <li>• "mr": method of reflections (Hidalgo and Hausmann 2009; Caldarelli et al. 2012).</li> </ul>
niter	An integer (default = 20) specifying the number of iterations for <code>method = "fc"</code> and <code>method = "mr"</code> .
gamma	A numeric value (default = 1) specifying the tuning parameter for <code>method = "fc"</code> .

### Value

A list containing ECI and PCI.

## References

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densdist

*Density and Distance*

## Description

Compute the density and distance (Hausmann and Klinger 2006) based on the RCA and proximity values.

## Usage

```
densdist(RCAmat, PROXmat, measure = c("density", "distance"))
```

## Arguments

- |         |  |
|---------|--|
| RCAmat  | An economy-by-product matrix with the RCA values.  |
| PROXmat | A product-by-product matrix with the proximity values.   |
| measure | A character string specifying the measure to compute: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. "density": the new product’s proximity to the economy’s current export basket.</li> <li>2. "distance": the economy’s ability to enter a specific product.</li> </ol> |

## Value

A economy-by-product matrix with the measured values.

## References

Hausmann R, Klinger B (2006). “Structural Transformation and Patterns of Comparative Advantage in the Product Space.” Technical Report CID Working Paper No. 128, Harvard University. <https://nrs.harvard.edu/urn-3:HUL.InstRepos:4248230>.

divubq

*Diversity and Ubiquity*

## Description

Compute the diversity/diversification and ubiquity (Hidalgo 2009) based on the RCA values.

## Usage

```
divubq(RCAmat, measure = c("diversity", "ubiquity"))
```

## Arguments

- |         |  |
|---------|--|
| RCAmat  | An economy-by-product matrix with the RCA values.  |
| measure | A character string specifying the measure to compute: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. "diversity": the number of products that an economy produces.</li> <li>2. "ubiquity": the number of economies that export that product.</li> </ol> |

## Value

A numeric vector with the measured values.

## References

Hidalgo CA (2009). “The Dynamics of Economic Complexity and the Product Space over a 42 year period.” Technical Report CID Working Paper No. 189, Harvard University. <https://dash.harvard.edu/handle/1/37366208>.

productivity

*PRODY and EXPY*

## Description

Compute the PRODY and EXPY (Hausmann et al. 2007) based on export and gross domestic product (GDP) data.

**Usage**

```
productivity(
  expData,
  gdpData,
  measure = c("prody", "expy"),
  econ = "economy",
  prod = "product",
  exp = "export",
  gdp = "GDP"
)
```

**Arguments**

expData	A data frame or matrix containing the export data.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If a data frame, it should have columns representing economies, products, and export values.</li> <li>• If a matrix, it should be an economy-by-product matrix with export values.</li> </ul>
gdpData	A data frame containing the GDP data.
measure	A character string specifying the measure to compute: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. "prody": the income/productivity level.</li> <li>2. "expy": the income/productivity level of a country's export basket.</li> </ol>
econ	A character string (default = "economy") specifying the column name for economies when expData is a data frame.
prod	A character string (default = "product") specifying the column name for products when expData is a data frame.
exp	A character string (default = "export") specifying the column name for export values when expData is a data frame.
gdp	A character string (default = "GDP") specifying the column name for GDP values when gdpData is a data frame.

**Value**

A numeric vector with the measured values.

**References**

Hausmann R, Hwang J, Rodrik D (2007). “What You Export Matters.” *Journal of Economic Growth*, **12**(1), 1–25. doi:10.1007/s1088700690094.

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proximity	<i>Proximity</i>
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## Description

Compute the proximity (Hidalgo et al. 2007) based on the RCA values.

## Usage

```
proximity(RCAmat)
```

## Arguments

RCAmat An economy-by-product matrix with the RCA values.

## Value

A product-by-product matrix with the proximity values.

## References

Hidalgo CA, Klinger B, Barabási A, Hausmann R (2007). “The Product Space Conditions the Development of Nations.” *Science*, **317**(5837), 482–487. doi:[10.1126/science.1144581](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.1144581).

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rca	<i>Revealed Comparative Advantage Index / Balassa Index</i>
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## Description

Compute the revealed comparative advantage (RCA) index (Balassa 1965) for a given dataset.

## Usage

```
rca(
  data,
  binary = TRUE,
  threshold = 1,
  econ = "economy",
  prod = "product",
  exp = "export"
)
```

## Arguments

data	A data frame or matrix containing the data. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If a data frame, it should have columns representing economies, products, and export values.</li><li>• If a matrix, it should be an economy-by-product matrix with export values.</li></ul>
binary	A boolean (default = TRUE) specifying whether to return binary RCA values (1 if $\text{RCA} \geq \text{threshold}$ , 0 otherwise).
threshold	A numeric value (default = 1) specifying the threshold for binary RCA values.
econ	A character string (default = "economy") specifying the column name for economies when data is a data frame.
prod	A character string (default = "product") specifying the column name for products when data is a data frame.
exp	A character string (default = "export") specifying the column name for export values when data is a data frame.

## Value

An economy-by-product matrix with the RCA values.

## References

Balassa B (1965). “Trade Liberalisation and “Revealed” Comparative Advantage.” *The Manchester School*, 33(2), 99–123. doi:10.1111/j.14679957.1965.tb00050.x.

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