

# Package ‘PCAtools’

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**Description** Principal Component Analysis (PCA) is a very powerful technique that has wide applicability in data science, bioinformatics, and further afield. It was initially developed to analyse large volumes of data in order to tease out the differences/relationships between the logical entities being analysed. It extracts the fundamental structure of the data without the need to build any model to represent it. This 'summary' of the data is arrived at through a process of reduction that can transform the large number of variables into a lesser number that are uncorrelated (i.e. the 'principal components'), while at the same time being capable of easy interpretation on the original data. PCAtools provides functions for data exploration via PCA, and allows the user to generate publication-ready figures. PCA is performed via BiocSingular - users can also identify optimal number of principal components via different metrics, such as elbow method and Horn's parallel analysis, which has relevance for data reduction in single-cell RNA-seq (scRNA-seq) and high dimensional mass cytometry data.

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| biplot | <i>Draw a bi-plot, comparing 2 selected principal components / eigenvectors.</i> |
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Description

Draw a bi-plot, comparing 2 selected principal components / eigenvectors.

Usage

```
biplot(  
  pcaobj,  
  x = "PC1",  
  y = "PC2",  
  showLoadings = FALSE,  
  ntopLoadings = 5,  
  showLoadingsNames = if (showLoadings) TRUE else FALSE,  
  colLoadingsNames = "black",  
  sizeLoadingsNames = 3,  
  boxedLoadingsNames = TRUE,  
  fillBoxedLoadings = alpha("white", 1/4),
```

```

drawConnectorsLoadings = TRUE,
widthConnectorsLoadings = 0.5,
colConnectorsLoadings = "grey50",
lengthLoadingsArrowsFactor = 1.5,
colLoadingsArrows = "black",
widthLoadingsArrows = 0.5,
alphaLoadingsArrow = 1,
colby = NULL,
colkey = NULL,
colLegendTitle = if (!is.null(colby)) colby else NULL,
singlecol = NULL,
shape = NULL,
shapekey = NULL,
shapeLegendTitle = if (!is.null(shape)) shape else NULL,
pointSize = 3,
legendPosition = "none",
legendLabSize = 12,
legendTitleSize = 14,
legendIconSize = 5,
encircle = FALSE,
encircleFill = TRUE,
encircleFillKey = NULL,
encircleAlpha = 1/4,
encircleLineSize = 0.25,
encircleLineCol = NULL,
ellipse = FALSE,
ellipseType = "t",
ellipseLevel = 0.95,
ellipseSegments = 51,
ellipseFill = TRUE,
ellipseFillKey = NULL,
ellipseAlpha = 1/4,
ellipseLineSize = 0.25,
ellipseLineCol = NULL,
xlim = if (showLoadings || ellipse) c(min(pcaobj$rotated[, x]) -
  abs((min(pcaobj$rotated[, x])/100) * 35), max(pcaobj$rotated[, x]) +
  abs((min(pcaobj$rotated[, x])/100) * 35)) else c(min(pcaobj$rotated[, x]) -
  abs((min(pcaobj$rotated[, x])/100) * 10), max(pcaobj$rotated[, x]) +
  abs((min(pcaobj$rotated[, x])/100) * 10)),
ylim = if (showLoadings || ellipse) c(min(pcaobj$rotated[, y]) -
  abs((min(pcaobj$rotated[, y])/100) * 35), max(pcaobj$rotated[, y]) +
  abs((min(pcaobj$rotated[, y])/100) * 35)) else c(min(pcaobj$rotated[, y]) -
  abs((min(pcaobj$rotated[, y])/100) * 10), max(pcaobj$rotated[, y]) +
  abs((min(pcaobj$rotated[, y])/100) * 10)),
lab = rownames(pcaobj$metadata),
labSize = 3,
boxedLabels = FALSE,
selectLab = NULL,
drawConnectors = TRUE,
widthConnectors = 0.5,
colConnectors = "grey50",
max.overlaps = 15,

```

```

maxoverlapsConnectors = NULL,
min.segment.length = 0,
directionConnectors = "both",
xlab = paste0(x, ", ", round(pcaobj$variance[x], digits = 2), "% variation"),
xlabAngle = 0,
xlabhjust = 0.5,
xlabvjust = 0.5,
ylab = paste0(y, ", ", round(pcaobj$variance[y], digits = 2), "% variation"),
ylabAngle = 0,
ylabhjust = 0.5,
ylabvjust = 0.5,
axisLabSize = 16,
title = "",
subtitle = "",
caption = "",
titleLabSize = 16,
subtitleLabSize = 12,
captionLabSize = 12,
hline = NULL,
hlineType = "longdash",
hlineCol = "black",
hlineWidth = 0.4,
vline = NULL,
vlineType = "longdash",
vlineCol = "black",
vlineWidth = 0.4,
gridlines.major = TRUE,
gridlines.minor = TRUE,
borderWidth = 0.8,
borderColour = "black",
returnPlot = TRUE
)

```

### Arguments

|                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>pcaobj</code>            | Object of class 'pca' created by <code>pca()</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <code>x</code>                 | A principal component to plot on x-axis. All principal component names are stored in <code>pcaobj\$label</code> .                                                                                                                                  |
| <code>y</code>                 | A principal component to plot on y-axis. All principal component names are stored in <code>pcaobj\$label</code> .                                                                                                                                  |
| <code>showLoadings</code>      | Logical, indicating whether or not to overlay variable loadings.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <code>ntopLoadings</code>      | If <code>showLoadings == TRUE</code> , select this many variables based on absolute ordered variable loading for each PC in the biplot. As a result of looking across 2 PCs, it can occur whereby greater than this number are actually displayed. |
| <code>showLoadingsNames</code> | Logical, indicating to show variable loadings names or not.                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <code>colLoadingsNames</code>  | If <code>'showLoadings == TRUE'</code> , colour of text labels.                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <code>sizeLoadingsNames</code> | If <code>'showLoadings == TRUE'</code> , size of text labels.                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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| boxedLoadingsNames         | Logical, if 'showLoadings == TRUE', draw text labels in boxes.                                                                                                                                 |
| fillBoxedLoadings          | When 'boxedLoadingsNames == TRUE', this controls the background fill of the boxes. To control both the fill and transparency, user can specify a value of the form 'alpha(<colour>, <alpha>)'. |
| drawConnectorsLoadings     | If 'showLoadings == TRUE', draw line connectors to the variable loadings arrows in order to fit more labels in the plot space.                                                                 |
| widthConnectorsLoadings    | If 'showLoadings == TRUE', width of the line connectors drawn to the variable loadings arrows.                                                                                                 |
| colConnectorsLoadings      | If 'showLoadings == TRUE', colour of the line connectors drawn to the variable loadings arrows.                                                                                                |
| lengthLoadingsArrowsFactor | If 'showLoadings == TRUE', multiply the internally-determined length of the variable loadings arrows by this factor.                                                                           |
| colLoadingsArrows          | If showLoadings == TRUE, colour of the variable loadings arrows.                                                                                                                               |
| widthLoadingsArrows        | If showLoadings == TRUE, width of the variable loadings arrows.                                                                                                                                |
| alphaLoadingsArrow         | If showLoadings == TRUE, colour transparency of the variable loadings arrows.                                                                                                                  |
| colby                      | If NULL, all points will be coloured differently. If not NULL, value is assumed to be a column name in <code>pcaobj\$metadata</code> relating to some grouping/categorical variable.           |
| colkey                     | Vector of name-value pairs relating to value passed to 'col', e.g., <code>c(A='forestgreen', B='gold')</code> .                                                                                |
| colLegendTitle             | Title of the legend for the variable specified by 'colby'.                                                                                                                                     |
| singlecol                  | If specified, all points will be shaded by this colour. Overrides 'col'.                                                                                                                       |
| shape                      | If NULL, all points will be have the same shape. If not NULL, value is assumed to be a column name in <code>pcaobj\$metadata</code> relating to some grouping/categorical variable.            |
| shapekey                   | Vector of name-value pairs relating to value passed to 'shape', e.g., <code>c(A=10, B=21)</code> .                                                                                             |
| shapeLegendTitle           | Title of the legend for the variable specified by 'shape'.                                                                                                                                     |
| pointSize                  | Size of plotted points.                                                                                                                                                                        |
| legendPosition             | Position of legend ('top', 'bottom', 'left', 'right', 'none').                                                                                                                                 |
| legendLabSize              | Size of plot legend text.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| legendTitleSize            | Size of plot legend title text.                                                                                                                                                                |
| legendIconSize             | Size of plot legend icons / symbols.                                                                                                                                                           |
| encircle                   | Logical, indicating whether to draw a polygon around the groups specified by 'colby'.                                                                                                          |

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| <code>encircleFill</code>     | Logical, if <code>'encircle == TRUE'</code> , this determines whether to fill the encircled region or not.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <code>encircleFillKey</code>  | Vector of name-value pairs relating to value passed to <code>'encircleFill'</code> , e.g., <code>c(A='forestgreen', B='gold')</code> . If <code>NULL</code> , the fill is controlled by whatever has already been used for <code>'colby' / 'colkey'</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <code>encircleAlpha</code>    | Alpha for purposes of controlling colour transparency of the encircled region. Used when <code>'encircle == TRUE'</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <code>encircleLineSize</code> | Line width of the encircled line when <code>'encircle == TRUE'</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <code>encircleLineCol</code>  | Colour of the encircled line when <code>'encircle == TRUE'</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <code>ellipse</code>          | Logical, indicating whether to draw a data ellipse around the groups specified by <code>'colby'</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <code>ellipseType</code>      | [paraphrased from <a href="https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference/stat_ellipse.html">https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference/stat_ellipse.html</a> ] The type of ellipse. "t" assumes a multivariate t-distribution, while "norm" assumes a multivariate normal distribution. "euclid" draws a circle with the radius equal to level, representing the euclidean distance from the center. This ellipse probably won't appear circular unless <code>coord_fixed()</code> is applied. |
| <code>ellipseLevel</code>     | [paraphrased from <a href="https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference/stat_ellipse.html">https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference/stat_ellipse.html</a> ] The level at which to draw an ellipse, or, if <code>ellipseType="euclid"</code> , the radius of the circle to be drawn.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <code>ellipseSegments</code>  | [from <a href="https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference/stat_ellipse.html">https://ggplot2.tidyverse.org/reference/stat_ellipse.html</a> ] The number of segments to be used in drawing the ellipse.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <code>ellipseFill</code>      | Logical, if <code>'ellipse == TRUE'</code> , this determines whether to fill the region or not.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <code>ellipseFillKey</code>   | Vector of name-value pairs relating to value passed to <code>'ellipseFill'</code> , e.g., <code>c(A='forestgreen', B='gold')</code> . If <code>NULL</code> , the fill is controlled by whatever has already been used for <code>'colby' / 'colkey'</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <code>ellipseAlpha</code>     | Alpha for purposes of controlling colour transparency of the ellipse region. Used when <code>'ellipse == TRUE'</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <code>ellipseLineSize</code>  | Line width of the ellipse line when <code>'ellipse == TRUE'</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <code>ellipseLineCol</code>   | Colour of the ellipse line when <code>'ellipse == TRUE'</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <code>xlim</code>             | Limits of the x-axis.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <code>ylim</code>             | Limits of the y-axis.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <code>lab</code>              | A vector containing labels to add to the plot.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <code>labSize</code>          | Size of labels.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <code>boxedLabels</code>      | Logical, draw text labels in boxes.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <code>selectLab</code>        | A vector containing a subset of <code>lab</code> to plot.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <code>drawConnectors</code>   | Logical, indicating whether or not to connect plot labels to their corresponding points by line connectors.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <code>widthConnectors</code>  | Line width of connectors.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <code>colConnectors</code>    | Line colour of connectors.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <code>max.overlaps</code>     | Equivalent of <code>max.overlaps</code> in <code>ggrepel</code> . Set to <code>'Inf'</code> to always display all labels when <code>drawConnectors = TRUE</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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| maxoverlapsConnectors | See max.overlaps.                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| min.segment.length    | When drawConnectors = TRUE, specifies the minimum length of the connector line segments.                                                                                                                  |
| directionConnectors   | direction in which to draw connectors. 'both', 'x', or 'y'.                                                                                                                                               |
| xlab                  | Label for x-axis.                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| xlabAngle             | Rotation angle of x-axis labels.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| xlabhjust             | Horizontal adjustment of x-axis labels.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| xlabvjust             | Vertical adjustment of x-axis labels.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| ylab                  | Label for y-axis.                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| ylabAngle             | Rotation angle of y-axis labels.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| ylabhjust             | Horizontal adjustment of y-axis labels.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| ylabvjust             | Vertical adjustment of y-axis labels.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| axisLabSize           | Size of x- and y-axis labels.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| title                 | Plot title.                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| subtitle              | Plot subtitle.                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| caption               | Plot caption.                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| titleLabSize          | Size of plot title.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| subtitleLabSize       | Size of plot subtitle.                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| captionLabSize        | Size of plot caption.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| hline                 | Draw one or more horizontal lines passing through this/these values on y-axis. For single values, only a single numerical value is necessary. For multiple lines, pass these as a vector, e.g., c(60,90). |
| hlineType             | Line type for hline ('blank', 'solid', 'dashed', 'dotted', 'dotdash', 'longdash', 'twodash').                                                                                                             |
| hlineCol              | Colour of hline.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| hlineWidth            | Width of hline.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| vline                 | Draw one or more vertical lines passing through this/these values on x-axis. For single values, only a single numerical value is necessary. For multiple lines, pass these as a vector, e.g., c(60,90).   |
| vlineType             | Line type for vline ('blank', 'solid', 'dashed', 'dotted', 'dotdash', 'longdash', 'twodash').                                                                                                             |
| vlineCol              | Colour of vline.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| vlineWidth            | Width of vline.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| gridlines.major       | Logical, indicating whether or not to draw major gridlines.                                                                                                                                               |
| gridlines.minor       | Logical, indicating whether or not to draw minor gridlines.                                                                                                                                               |
| borderWidth           | Width of the border on the x and y axes.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| borderColour          | Colour of the border on the x and y axes.                                                                                                                                                                 |
| returnPlot            | Logical, indicating whether or not to return the plot object.                                                                                                                                             |

**Details**

Draw a bi-plot, comparing 2 selected principal components / eigenvectors.

**Value**

A `ggplot2` object.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
options(scipen=10)
options(digits=6)

col <- 20
row <- 20000
mat1 <- matrix(
  rexp(col*row, rate = 0.1),
  ncol = col)
rownames(mat1) <- paste0('gene', 1:nrow(mat1))
colnames(mat1) <- paste0('sample', 1:ncol(mat1))

mat2 <- matrix(
  rexp(col*row, rate = 0.1),
  ncol = col)
rownames(mat2) <- paste0('gene', 1:nrow(mat2))
colnames(mat2) <- paste0('sample', (ncol(mat1)+1):(ncol(mat1)+ncol(mat2)))

mat <- cbind(mat1, mat2)

metadata <- data.frame(row.names = colnames(mat))
metadata$Group <- rep(NA, ncol(mat))
metadata$Group[seq(1,40,2)] <- 'A'
metadata$Group[seq(2,40,2)] <- 'B'
metadata$CRP <- sample.int(100, size=ncol(mat), replace=TRUE)
metadata$ESR <- sample.int(100, size=ncol(mat), replace=TRUE)

p <- pca(mat, metadata = metadata, removeVar = 0.1)

biplot(p)

biplot(p, colby = 'Group', shape = 'Group')

biplot(p, colby = 'Group', colkey = c(A = 'forestgreen', B = 'gold'),
  legendPosition = 'right')

biplot(p, colby = 'Group', colkey = c(A='forestgreen', B='gold'),
  shape = 'Group', shapekey = c(A=10, B=21), legendPosition = 'bottom')
```

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|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| chooseGavishDonoho | <i>Choosing PCs with the Gavish-Donoho method</i> |
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## Description

Use the Gavish-Donoho method to determine the optimal number of PCs to retain.

## Usage

```
chooseGavishDonoho(x, .dim = dim(x), var.explained, noise)
```

## Arguments

|               |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| x             | The data matrix used for the PCA, containing variables in rows and observations in columns. Ignored if dim is supplied.                                                                                     |
| .dim          | An integer vector containing the dimensions of the data matrix used for PCA. The first element should contain the number of variables and the second element should contain the number of observations.     |
| var.explained | A numeric vector containing the variance explained by successive PCs. This should be sorted in decreasing order. Note that this should be the variance explained, NOT the percentage of variance explained! |
| noise         | Numeric scalar specifying the variance of the random noise.                                                                                                                                                 |

## Details

Assuming that  $x$  is the sum of some low-rank truth and some i.i.d. random matrix with variance noise, the Gavish-Donoho method defines a threshold on the singular values that minimizes the reconstruction error from the PCs. This provides a mathematical definition of the “optimal” choice of the number of PCs for a given matrix, though it depends on both the i.i.d. assumption and an estimate for noise.

## Value

An integer scalar specifying the number of PCs to retain. The effective limit on the variance explained is returned in the attributes.

## Author(s)

Aaron Lun

## See Also

[chooseMarchenkoPastur](#), [parallelPCA](#) and [findElbowPoint](#), for other approaches to choosing the number of PCs.

**Examples**

```
truth <- matrix(rnorm(1000), nrow=100)
truth <- truth[,sample(ncol(truth), 1000, replace=TRUE)]
obs <- truth + rnorm(length(truth), sd=2)

# Note, we need the variance explained, NOT the percentage
# of variance explained!
pcs <- pca(obs)
chooseGavishDonoho(obs, var.explained=pcs$sdev^2, noise=4)
```

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chooseMarchenkoPastur *Choosing PCs with the Marchenko-Pastur limit*

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**Description**

Use the Marchenko-Pastur limit to choose the number of top PCs to retain.

**Usage**

```
chooseMarchenkoPastur(x, .dim = dim(x), var.explained, noise)
```

**Arguments**

|                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>x</code>             | The data matrix used for the PCA, containing variables in rows and observations in columns. Ignored if <code>dim</code> is supplied.                                                                        |
| <code>.dim</code>          | An integer vector containing the dimensions of the data matrix used for PCA. The first element should contain the number of variables and the second element should contain the number of observations.     |
| <code>var.explained</code> | A numeric vector containing the variance explained by successive PCs. This should be sorted in decreasing order. Note that this should be the variance explained, NOT the percentage of variance explained! |
| <code>noise</code>         | Numeric scalar specifying the variance of the random noise.                                                                                                                                                 |

**Details**

For a random matrix with i.i.d. values, the Marchenko-Pastur (MP) limit defines the maximum eigenvalue. Let us assume that `x` is the sum of some low-rank truth and some i.i.d. random matrix with variance noise. We can use the MP limit to determine the maximum variance that could be explained by a fully random PC; all PCs that explain more variance are thus likely to contain real structure and should be retained.

Of course, this has some obvious caveats such as the unrealistic i.i.d. assumption and the need to estimate noise. Moreover, PCs below the MP limit are not necessarily uninformative or lacking structure; it is just that their variance explained does not match the most extreme case that random noise has to offer.

**Value**

An integer scalar specifying the number of PCs with variance explained beyond the MP limit. The limit itself is returned in the attributes.

**Author(s)**

Aaron Lun

**See Also**

[chooseGavishDonoho](#), [parallelPCA](#) and [findElbowPoint](#), for other approaches to choosing the number of PCs.

**Examples**

```
truth <- matrix(rnorm(1000), nrow=100)
truth <- truth[,sample(ncol(truth), 1000, replace=TRUE)]
obs <- truth + rnorm(length(truth), sd=2)

# Note, we need the variance explained, NOT the percentage
# of variance explained!
pcs <- pca(obs)
chooseMarchenkoPastur(obs, var.explained=pcs$sdev^2, noise=4)
```

eigencorplot

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*Correlate principal components to continuous variable metadata and test significancies of these.*

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**Description**

Correlate principal components to continuous variable metadata and test significancies of these.

**Usage**

```
eigencorplot(
  pcaobj,
  components = getComponents(pcaobj, seq_len(10)),
  metavars,
  titleX = "",
  cexTitleX = 1,
  rotTitleX = 0,
  colTitleX = "black",
  fontTitleX = 2,
  titleY = "",
  cexTitleY = 1,
  rotTitleY = 0,
  colTitleY = "black",
  fontTitleY = 2,
  cexLabX = 1,
  rotLabX = 0,
  colLabX = "black",
  fontLabX = 2,
  cexLabY = 1,
  rotLabY = 0,
  colLabY = "black",
  fontLabY = 2,
```

```

posLab = "bottomleft",
col = c("blue4", "blue3", "blue2", "blue1", "white", "red1", "red2", "red3", "red4"),
posColKey = "right",
cexLabColKey = 1,
cexCorval = 1,
colCorval = "black",
fontCorval = 1,
scale = TRUE,
main = "",
cexMain = 2,
rotMain = 0,
colMain = "black",
fontMain = 2,
corFUN = "pearson",
corUSE = "pairwise.complete.obs",
corMultipleTestCorrection = "none",
signifSymbols = c("***", "**", "*", ""),
signifCutpoints = c(0, 0.001, 0.01, 0.05, 1),
colFrame = "white",
plotRsquared = FALSE,
returnPlot = TRUE
)

```

### Arguments

|            |                                                                         |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| pcaobj     | Object of class 'pca' created by <code>pca()</code> .                   |
| components | The principal components to be included in the plot.                    |
| metavars   | A vector of column names in metadata representing continuous variables. |
| titleX     | X-axis title.                                                           |
| cexTitleX  | X-axis title cex.                                                       |
| rotTitleX  | X-axis title rotation in degrees.                                       |
| colTitleX  | X-axis title colour.                                                    |
| fontTitleX | X-axis title font style. 1, plain; 2, bold; 3, italic; 4, bold-italic.  |
| titleY     | Y-axis title.                                                           |
| cexTitleY  | Y-axis title cex.                                                       |
| rotTitleY  | Y-axis title rotation in degrees.                                       |
| colTitleY  | Y-axis title colour.                                                    |
| fontTitleY | Y-axis title font style. 1, plain; 2, bold; 3, italic; 4, bold-italic.  |
| cexLabX    | X-axis labels cex.                                                      |
| rotLabX    | X-axis labels rotation in degrees.                                      |
| colLabX    | X-axis labels colour.                                                   |
| fontLabX   | X-axis labels font style. 1, plain; 2, bold; 3, italic; 4, bold-italic. |
| cexLabY    | Y-axis labels cex.                                                      |
| rotLabY    | Y-axis labels rotation in degrees.                                      |
| colLabY    | Y-axis labels colour.                                                   |
| fontLabY   | Y-axis labels font style. 1, plain; 2, bold; 3, italic; 4, bold-italic. |

|                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| posLab                    | Positioning of the X- and Y-axis labels. 'bottomleft', bottom and left; 'topright', top and right; 'all', bottom / top and left / right; 'none', no labels.                                                      |
| col                       | Colour shade gradient for RColorBrewer.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| posColKey                 | Position of colour key. 'bottom', 'left', 'top', 'right'.                                                                                                                                                        |
| cexLabColKey              | Colour key labels cex.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| cexCorval                 | Correlation values cex.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| colCorval                 | Correlation values colour.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| fontCorval                | Correlation values font style. 1, plain; 2, bold; 3, italic; 4, bold-italic.                                                                                                                                     |
| scale                     | Logical, indicating whether or not to scale the colour range to max and min cor values.                                                                                                                          |
| main                      | Plot title.                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| cexMain                   | Plot title cex.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| rotMain                   | Plot title rotation in degrees.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| colMain                   | Plot title colour.                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| fontMain                  | Plot title font style. 1, plain; 2, bold; 3, italic; 4, bold-italic.                                                                                                                                             |
| corFUN                    | Correlation method: 'pearson', 'spearman', or 'kendall'.                                                                                                                                                         |
| corUSE                    | Method for handling missing values (see documentation for cor function via ?cor). 'everything', 'all.obs', 'complete.obs', 'na.or.complete', or 'pairwise.complete.obs'.                                         |
| corMultipleTestCorrection | Multiple testing p-value adjustment method. Any method from stats::p.adjust() can be used. Activating this function means that signifSymbols and signifCutpoints then relate to adjusted (not nominal) p-values. |
| signifSymbols             | Statistical significance symbols to display beside correlation values.                                                                                                                                           |
| signifCutpoints           | Cut-points for statistical significance.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| colFrame                  | Frame colour.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| plotRsquared              | Logical, indicating whether or not to plot R-squared values.                                                                                                                                                     |
| returnPlot                | Logical, indicating whether or not to return the plot object.                                                                                                                                                    |

## Details

Correlate principal components to continuous variable metadata and test significancies of these.

## Value

A [lattice](#) object.

## Author(s)

Kevin Blighe <kevin@clinicalbioinformatics.co.uk>

## Examples

```
options(scipen=10)
options(digits=6)

col <- 20
row <- 20000
mat1 <- matrix(
  rexp(col*row, rate = 0.1),
  ncol = col)
rownames(mat1) <- paste0('gene', 1:nrow(mat1))
colnames(mat1) <- paste0('sample', 1:ncol(mat1))

mat2 <- matrix(
  rexp(col*row, rate = 0.1),
  ncol = col)
rownames(mat2) <- paste0('gene', 1:nrow(mat2))
colnames(mat2) <- paste0('sample', (ncol(mat1)+1):(ncol(mat1)+ncol(mat2)))

mat <- cbind(mat1, mat2)

metadata <- data.frame(row.names = colnames(mat))
metadata$Group <- rep(NA, ncol(mat))
metadata$Group[seq(1,40,2)] <- 'A'
metadata$Group[seq(2,40,2)] <- 'B'
metadata$CRP <- sample.int(100, size=ncol(mat), replace=TRUE)
metadata$ESR <- sample.int(100, size=ncol(mat), replace=TRUE)

p <- pca(mat, metadata = metadata, removeVar = 0.1)

eigencorplot(p, components = getComponents(p, 1:10),
  metavars = c('ESR', 'CRP'))
```

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|                |                                                                                                                                                  |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| findElbowPoint | <i>Find the elbow point in the curve of variance explained by each successive PC. This can be used to determine the number of PCs to retain.</i> |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

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## Description

Find the elbow point in the curve of variance explained by each successive PC. This can be used to determine the number of PCs to retain.

## Usage

```
findElbowPoint(variance)
```

## Arguments

|          |                                                                                              |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| variance | Numeric vector containing the variance explained by each PC. Should be monotonic decreasing. |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

## Details

Find the elbow point in the curve of variance explained by each successive PC. This can be used to determine the number of PCs to retain.

**Value**

An integer scalar specifying the number of PCs at the elbow point.

**Author(s)**

Aaron Lun

**Examples**

```
col <- 20
row <- 1000
mat <- matrix(rexp(col*row, rate = 1), ncol = col)

# Adding some structure to make it more interesting.
mat[1:100,1:3] <- mat[1:100,1:3] + 5
mat[1:100+100,3:6] <- mat[1:100+100,3:6] + 5
mat[1:100+200,7:10] <- mat[1:100+200,7:10] + 5
mat[1:100+300,11:15] <- mat[1:100+300,11:15] + 5

p <- pca(mat)
chosen <- findElbowPoint(p$variance)

plot(p$variance)
abline(v=chosen, col="red")
```

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|               |                                                                            |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| getComponents | <i>Return the principal component labels for an object of class 'pca'.</i> |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|

---

**Description**

Return the principal component labels for an object of class 'pca'.

**Usage**

```
getComponents(pcaobj, components = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|            |                                                                                                                         |
|------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| pcaobj     | Object of class 'pca' created by <code>pca()</code> .                                                                   |
| components | Indices of the principal components whose names will be returned. If <code>NULL</code> , all PC names will be returned. |

**Details**

Return the principal component labels for an object of class 'pca'.

**Value**

A [character](#) object.

**Author(s)**

Kevin Blighe <kevin@clinicalbioinformatics.co.uk>

**Examples**

```
options(scipen=10)
options(digits=6)

col <- 20
row <- 20000
mat1 <- matrix(
  rexp(col*row, rate = 0.1),
  ncol = col)
rownames(mat1) <- paste0('gene', 1:nrow(mat1))
colnames(mat1) <- paste0('sample', 1:ncol(mat1))

mat2 <- matrix(
  rexp(col*row, rate = 0.1),
  ncol = col)
rownames(mat2) <- paste0('gene', 1:nrow(mat2))
colnames(mat2) <- paste0('sample', (ncol(mat1)+1):(ncol(mat1)+ncol(mat2)))

mat <- cbind(mat1, mat2)

metadata <- data.frame(row.names = colnames(mat))
metadata$Group <- rep(NA, ncol(mat))
metadata$Group[seq(1,40,2)] <- 'A'
metadata$Group[seq(2,40,2)] <- 'B'
metadata$CRP <- sample.int(100, size=ncol(mat), replace=TRUE)
metadata$ESR <- sample.int(100, size=ncol(mat), replace=TRUE)

p <- pca(mat, metadata = metadata, removeVar = 0.1)

getComponents(p)
```

---

getLoadings

*Return component loadings for principal components from an object of class 'pca'.*

---

**Description**

Return component loadings for principal components from an object of class 'pca'.

**Usage**

```
getLoadings(pcaobj, components = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|            |                                                                                                                        |
|------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| pcaobj     | Object of class 'pca' created by pca().                                                                                |
| components | Indices of the principal components whose component loadings will be returned. If NULL, all PC names will be returned. |

**Details**

Return component loadings for principal components from an object of class 'pca'.

**Value**

A `data.frame` object.

**Author(s)**

Kevin Blighe <kevin@clinicalbioinformatics.co.uk>

**Examples**

```
options(scipen=10)
options(digits=6)

col <- 20
row <- 20000
mat1 <- matrix(
  rexp(col*row, rate = 0.1),
  ncol = col)
rownames(mat1) <- paste0('gene', 1:nrow(mat1))
colnames(mat1) <- paste0('sample', 1:ncol(mat1))

mat2 <- matrix(
  rexp(col*row, rate = 0.1),
  ncol = col)
rownames(mat2) <- paste0('gene', 1:nrow(mat2))
colnames(mat2) <- paste0('sample', (ncol(mat1)+1):(ncol(mat1)+ncol(mat2)))

mat <- cbind(mat1, mat2)

metadata <- data.frame(row.names = colnames(mat))
metadata$Group <- rep(NA, ncol(mat))
metadata$Group[seq(1,40,2)] <- 'A'
metadata$Group[seq(2,40,2)] <- 'B'
metadata$CRP <- sample.int(100, size=ncol(mat), replace=TRUE)
metadata$ESR <- sample.int(100, size=ncol(mat), replace=TRUE)

p <- pca(mat, metadata = metadata, removeVar = 0.1)

getLoadings(p)
```

---

getVars

*Return the explained variation for each principal component for an object of class 'pca'.*

---

**Description**

Return the explained variation for each principal component for an object of class 'pca'.

**Usage**

```
getVar(pcaobj, components = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|            |                                                                                                                       |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| pcaobj     | Object of class 'pca' created by <code>pca()</code> .                                                                 |
| components | Indices of the principal components whose explained variances will be returned. If NULL, all values will be returned. |

**Details**

Return the explained variation for each principal component for an object of class 'pca'.

**Value**

A `numeric` object.

**Author(s)**

Kevin Blighe <kevin@clinicalbioinformatics.co.uk>

**Examples**

```
options(scipen=10)
options(digits=6)

col <- 20
row <- 20000
mat1 <- matrix(
  rexp(col*row, rate = 0.1),
  ncol = col)
rownames(mat1) <- paste0('gene', 1:nrow(mat1))
colnames(mat1) <- paste0('sample', 1:ncol(mat1))

mat2 <- matrix(
  rexp(col*row, rate = 0.1),
  ncol = col)
rownames(mat2) <- paste0('gene', 1:nrow(mat2))
colnames(mat2) <- paste0('sample', (ncol(mat1)+1):(ncol(mat1)+ncol(mat2)))

mat <- cbind(mat1, mat2)

metadata <- data.frame(row.names = colnames(mat))
metadata$Group <- rep(NA, ncol(mat))
metadata$Group[seq(1,40,2)] <- 'A'
metadata$Group[seq(2,40,2)] <- 'B'
metadata$CRP <- sample.int(100, size=ncol(mat), replace=TRUE)
metadata$ESR <- sample.int(100, size=ncol(mat), replace=TRUE)

p <- pca(mat, metadata = metadata, removeVar = 0.1)

getVar(p)
```

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`pairsplot`*Draw multiple bi-plots.*

---

**Description**

Draw multiple bi-plots.

**Usage**

```
pairsplot(  
  pcaobj,  
  components = getComponents(pcaobj, seq_len(5)),  
  triangle = TRUE,  
  trianglelabSize = 18,  
  plotaxes = TRUE,  
  margingaps = unit(c(0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1), "cm"),  
  ncol = NULL,  
  nrow = NULL,  
  x = NULL,  
  y = NULL,  
  colby = NULL,  
  colkey = NULL,  
  singlecol = NULL,  
  shape = NULL,  
  shapekey = NULL,  
  pointSize = 1,  
  legendPosition = "none",  
  legendLabSize = 6,  
  legendIconSize = 1.5,  
  xlim = NULL,  
  ylim = NULL,  
  lab = NULL,  
  labSize = 1.5,  
  selectLab = NULL,  
  drawConnectors = FALSE,  
  widthConnectors = 0.5,  
  colConnectors = "grey50",  
  xlab = NULL,  
  xlabAngle = 0,  
  xlabhjust = 0.5,  
  xlabvjust = 0.5,  
  ylab = NULL,  
  ylabAngle = 0,  
  ylabhjust = 0.5,  
  ylabvjust = 0.5,  
  axisLabSize = 10,  
  title = NULL,  
  titleLabSize = 32,  
  hline = NULL,  
  hlineType = "longdash",  
  hlineCol = "black",
```

```

hlineWidth = 0.4,
vline = NULL,
vlineType = "longdash",
vlineCol = "black",
vlineWidth = 0.4,
gridlines.major = TRUE,
gridlines.minor = TRUE,
borderWidth = 0.8,
borderColour = "black",
returnPlot = TRUE
)

```

### Arguments

|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| pcaobj          | Object of class 'pca' created by <code>pca()</code> .                                                                                                                                                            |
| components      | The principal components to be included in the plot. These will be compared in a pairwise fashion via multiple calls to <code>biplot()</code> .                                                                  |
| triangle        | Logical, indicating whether or not to draw the plots in the upper panel in a triangular arrangement? Principal component names will be labeled along the diagonal.                                               |
| trianglelabSize | Size of principal component label (when <code>triangle = TRUE</code> ).                                                                                                                                          |
| plotaxes        | Logical, indicating whether or not to draw the axis tick, labels, and titles.                                                                                                                                    |
| marginaps       | The margins between plots in the plot space. Takes the form of a 'unit()' variable.                                                                                                                              |
| ncol            | If <code>triangle = FALSE</code> , the number of columns in the final merged plot.                                                                                                                               |
| nrow            | If <code>triangle = FALSE</code> , the number of rows in the final merged plot.                                                                                                                                  |
| x               | A principal component to plot on x-axis. All principal component names are stored in <code>pcaobj\$label</code> .                                                                                                |
| y               | A principal component to plot on y-axis. All principal component names are stored in <code>pcaobj\$label</code> .                                                                                                |
| colby           | If <code>NULL</code> , all points will be coloured differently. If not <code>NULL</code> , value is assumed to be a column name in <code>pcaobj\$metadata</code> relating to some grouping/categorical variable. |
| colkey          | Vector of name-value pairs relating to value passed to 'col', e.g., <code>c(A='forestgreen', B='gold')</code> .                                                                                                  |
| singlecol       | If specified, all points will be shaded by this colour. Overrides 'col'.                                                                                                                                         |
| shape           | If <code>NULL</code> , all points will be have the same shape. If not <code>NULL</code> , value is assumed to be a column name in <code>pcaobj\$metadata</code> relating to some grouping/categorical variable.  |
| shapekey        | Vector of name-value pairs relating to value passed to 'shape', e.g., <code>c(A=10, B=21)</code> .                                                                                                               |
| pointSize       | Size of plotted points.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| legendPosition  | Position of legend ('top', 'bottom', 'left', 'right', 'none').                                                                                                                                                   |
| legendLabSize   | Size of plot legend text.                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| legendIconSize  | Size of plot legend icons / symbols.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| xlim            | Limits of the x-axis.                                                                                                                                                                                            |

|                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>ylim</code>            | Limits of the y-axis.                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <code>lab</code>             | A vector containing labels to add to the plot.                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <code>labSize</code>         | Size of labels.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <code>selectLab</code>       | A vector containing a subset of <code>lab</code> to plot.                                                                                                                                                               |
| <code>drawConnectors</code>  | Logical, indicating whether or not to connect plot labels to their corresponding points by line connectors.                                                                                                             |
| <code>widthConnectors</code> | Line width of connectors.                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <code>colConnectors</code>   | Line colour of connectors.                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <code>xlab</code>            | Label for x-axis.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <code>xlabAngle</code>       | Rotation angle of x-axis labels.                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <code>xlabhjust</code>       | Horizontal adjustment of x-axis labels.                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <code>xlabvjust</code>       | Vertical adjustment of x-axis labels.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <code>ylab</code>            | Label for y-axis.                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <code>ylabAngle</code>       | Rotation angle of y-axis labels.                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <code>ylabhjust</code>       | Horizontal adjustment of y-axis labels.                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <code>ylabvjust</code>       | Vertical adjustment of y-axis labels.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <code>axisLabSize</code>     | Size of x- and y-axis labels.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <code>title</code>           | Plot title.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <code>titleLabSize</code>    | Size of plot title.                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <code>hline</code>           | Draw one or more horizontal lines passing through this/these values on y-axis. For single values, only a single numerical value is necessary. For multiple lines, pass these as a vector, e.g., <code>c(60,90)</code> . |
| <code>hlineType</code>       | Line type for <code>hline</code> ('blank', 'solid', 'dashed', 'dotted', 'dotdash', 'longdash', 'twodash').                                                                                                              |
| <code>hlineCol</code>        | Colour of <code>hline</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <code>hlineWidth</code>      | Width of <code>hline</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <code>vline</code>           | Draw one or more vertical lines passing through this/these values on x-axis. For single values, only a single numerical value is necessary. For multiple lines, pass these as a vector, e.g., <code>c(60,90)</code> .   |
| <code>vlineType</code>       | Line type for <code>vline</code> ('blank', 'solid', 'dashed', 'dotted', 'dotdash', 'longdash', 'twodash').                                                                                                              |
| <code>vlineCol</code>        | Colour of <code>vline</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <code>vlineWidth</code>      | Width of <code>vline</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <code>gridlines.major</code> | Logical, indicating whether or not to draw major gridlines.                                                                                                                                                             |
| <code>gridlines.minor</code> | Logical, indicating whether or not to draw minor gridlines.                                                                                                                                                             |
| <code>borderWidth</code>     | Width of the border on the x and y axes.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <code>borderColour</code>    | Colour of the border on the x and y axes.                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <code>returnPlot</code>      | Logical, indicating whether or not to return the plot object.                                                                                                                                                           |

## Details

Draw multiple bi-plots.

**Value**

A `cowplot` object.

**Author(s)**

Kevin Blighe <kevin@clinicalbioinformatics.co.uk>

**Examples**

```
options(scipen=10)
options(digits=6)

col <- 20
row <- 20000
mat1 <- matrix(
  rexp(col*row, rate = 0.1),
  ncol = col)
rownames(mat1) <- paste0('gene', 1:nrow(mat1))
colnames(mat1) <- paste0('sample', 1:ncol(mat1))

mat2 <- matrix(
  rexp(col*row, rate = 0.1),
  ncol = col)
rownames(mat2) <- paste0('gene', 1:nrow(mat2))
colnames(mat2) <- paste0('sample', (ncol(mat1)+1):(ncol(mat1)+ncol(mat2)))

mat <- cbind(mat1, mat2)

metadata <- data.frame(row.names = colnames(mat))
metadata$Group <- rep(NA, ncol(mat))
metadata$Group[seq(1,40,2)] <- 'A'
metadata$Group[seq(2,40,2)] <- 'B'
metadata$CRP <- sample.int(100, size=ncol(mat), replace=TRUE)
metadata$ESR <- sample.int(100, size=ncol(mat), replace=TRUE)

p <- pca(mat, metadata = metadata, removeVar = 0.1)

pairsplot(p, triangle = TRUE)
```

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parallelPCA

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*Perform Horn's parallel analysis to choose the number of principal components to retain.*


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**Description**

Perform Horn's parallel analysis to choose the number of principal components to retain.

**Usage**

```
parallelPCA(
  mat,
  max.rank = 100,
```

```

...,
nitters = 50,
threshold = 0.1,
transposed = FALSE,
BSPARAM = ExactParam(),
BPPARAM = SerialParam()
)

```

## Arguments

|                         |                                                                                                                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>mat</code>        | A numeric matrix where rows correspond to variables and columns correspond to samples.                              |
| <code>max.rank</code>   | Integer scalar specifying the maximum number of PCs to retain.                                                      |
| <code>...</code>        | Further arguments to pass to <a href="#">pca</a> .                                                                  |
| <code>nitters</code>    | Integer scalar specifying the number of iterations to use for the parallel analysis.                                |
| <code>threshold</code>  | Numeric scalar representing the “p-value” threshold above which PCs are to be ignored.                              |
| <code>transposed</code> | Logical scalar indicating whether <code>mat</code> is transposed, i.e., rows are samples and columns are variables. |
| <code>BSPARAM</code>    | A <a href="#">BiocSingularParam</a> object specifying the algorithm to use for PCA.                                 |
| <code>BPPARAM</code>    | A <a href="#">BiocParallelParam</a> object specifying how the iterations should be parallelized.                    |

## Details

Horn’s parallel analysis involves shuffling observations within each row of `x` to create a permuted matrix. PCA is performed on the permuted matrix to obtain the percentage of variance explained under a random null hypothesis. This is repeated over several iterations to obtain a distribution of curves on the scree plot.

For each PC, the “p-value” (for want of a better word) is defined as the proportion of iterations where the variance explained at that PC is greater than that observed with the original matrix. The number of PCs to retain is defined as the last PC where the p-value is below `threshold`. This aims to retain all PCs that explain “significantly” more variance than expected by chance.

This function can be sped up by specifying `BSPARAM=Ir1baParam()` or similar, to use approximate strategies for performing the PCA. Another option is to set `BPPARAM` to perform the iterations in parallel.

## Value

A list is returned, containing:

- `original`, the output from running [pca](#) on `mat` with the specified arguments.
- `permuted`, a matrix of variance explained from randomly permuted matrices. Each column corresponds to a single permuted matrix, while each row corresponds to successive principal components.
- `n`, the estimated number of principal components to retain.

## Author(s)

Aaron Lun

## Examples

```
# Mocking up some data.
ngenex <- 1000
means <- 2*runif(ngenex, 6, 10)
dispersions <- 10/means + 0.2
nsamples <- 50
counts <- matrix(rnbinom(ngenex*nsamples, mu=means,
  size=1/dispersions), ncol=nsamples)

# Choosing the number of PCs
lcounts <- log2(counts + 1)
output <- parallelPCA(lcounts)
output$n
```

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|     |                 |
|-----|-----------------|
| pca | <i>PCAtools</i> |
|-----|-----------------|

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## Description

PCAtools

## Usage

```
pca(
  mat,
  metadata = NULL,
  center = TRUE,
  scale = FALSE,
  rank = NULL,
  removeVar = NULL,
  transposed = FALSE,
  BSPARAM = ExactParam()
)
```

## Arguments

|            |                                                                                                                                                                      |
|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| mat        | A data-matrix or data-frame containing numerical data only. Variables are expected to be in the rows and samples in the columns by default.                          |
| metadata   | A data-matrix or data-frame containing metadata. This will be stored in the resulting pca object. Strictly enforced that rownames(metadata) == colnames(mat).        |
| center     | Center the data before performing PCA? Same as prcomp() 'center' parameter.                                                                                          |
| scale      | Scale the data? Same as prcomp() 'scale' parameter.                                                                                                                  |
| rank       | An integer scalar specifying the number of PCs to retain. OPTIONAL for an exact SVD, whereby it defaults to all PCs. Otherwise REQUIRED for approximate SVD methods. |
| removeVar  | Remove this % of variables based on low variance.                                                                                                                    |
| transposed | Is mat transposed? DEFAULT = FALSE. If set to TRUE, samples are in the rows and variables are in the columns.                                                        |
| BSPARAM    | A <a href="#">BiocSingularParam</a> object specifying the algorithm to use for the SVD. Defaults to an exact SVD.                                                    |

## Details

Principal Component Analysis (PCA) is a very powerful technique that has wide applicability in data science, bioinformatics, and further afield. It was initially developed to analyse large volumes of data in order to tease out the differences/relationships between the logical entities being analysed. It extracts the fundamental structure of the data without the need to build any model to represent it. This 'summary' of the data is arrived at through a process of reduction that can transform the large number of variables into a lesser number that are uncorrelated (i.e. the 'principal components'), whilst at the same time being capable of easy interpretation on the original data. PCAtools provides functions for data exploration via PCA, and allows the user to generate publication-ready figures. PCA is performed via BiocSingular - users can also identify optimal number of principal component via different metrics, such as elbow method and Horn's parallel analysis, which has relevance for data reduction in single-cell RNA-seq (scRNA-seq) and high dimensional mass cytometry data.

## Value

A `pca` object, containing:

- `rotated`, a data frame of the rotated data, i.e., the centred and scaled ( if either or both are requested) input data multiplied by the variable loadings ('loadings'). This is the same as the 'x' variable returned by `prcomp()`.
- `loadings`, a data frame of variable loadings ('rotation' variable returned by `prcomp()`).
- `variance`, a numeric vector of the explained variation for each principal component.
- `sdev`, the standard deviations of the principal components.
- `metadata`, the original metadata
- `xvars`, a character vector of rownames from the input data.
- `yvars`, a character vector of colnames from the input data.
- `components`, a character vector of principal component / eigenvector names.

## Author(s)

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## Examples

```
options(scipen=10)
options(digits=6)

col <- 20
row <- 20000
mat1 <- matrix(
  rexp(col*row, rate = 0.1),
  ncol = col)
rownames(mat1) <- paste0('gene', 1:nrow(mat1))
colnames(mat1) <- paste0('sample', 1:ncol(mat1))

mat2 <- matrix(
  rexp(col*row, rate = 0.1),
  ncol = col)
rownames(mat2) <- paste0('gene', 1:nrow(mat2))
colnames(mat2) <- paste0('sample', (ncol(mat1)+1):(ncol(mat1)+ncol(mat2)))

mat <- cbind(mat1, mat2)
```

```

metadata <- data.frame(row.names = colnames(mat))
metadata$Group <- rep(NA, ncol(mat))
metadata$Group[seq(1,40,2)] <- 'A'
metadata$Group[seq(2,40,2)] <- 'B'
metadata$CRP <- sample.int(100, size=ncol(mat), replace=TRUE)
metadata$ESR <- sample.int(100, size=ncol(mat), replace=TRUE)

p <- pca(mat, metadata = metadata, removeVar = 0.1)

getComponents(p)

getVars(p)

getLoadings(p)

screeplot(p)

screeplot(p, hline = 80)

biplot(p)

biplot(p, colby = 'Group', shape = 'Group')

biplot(p, colby = 'Group', colkey = c(A = 'forestgreen', B = 'gold'),
      legendPosition = 'right')

biplot(p, colby = 'Group', colkey = c(A='forestgreen', B='gold'),
      shape = 'Group', shapekey = c(A=10, B=21), legendPosition = 'bottom')

pairsplot(p, triangle = TRUE)

plotloadings(p, drawConnectors=TRUE)

eigencorplot(p, components = getComponents(p, 1:10),
  metavar = c('ESR', 'CRP'))

```

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plotloadings

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*Plot the component loadings for selected principal components /  
eigenvectors and label variables driving variation along these.*


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## Description

Plot the component loadings for selected principal components / eigenvectors and label variables driving variation along these.

## Usage

```

plotloadings(
  pcaobj,
  components = getComponents(pcaobj, seq_len(5)),
  rangeRetain = 0.05,
  absolute = FALSE,

```

```

col = c("gold", "white", "royalblue"),
colMidpoint = 0,
shape = 21,
shapeSizeRange = c(10, 10),
legendPosition = "top",
legendLabSize = 10,
legendIconSize = 3,
xlim = NULL,
ylim = NULL,
labSize = 2,
labhjust = 1.5,
labvjust = 0,
drawConnectors = TRUE,
positionConnectors = "right",
widthConnectors = 0.5,
typeConnectors = "closed",
endsConnectors = "first",
lengthConnectors = unit(0.01, "npc"),
colConnectors = "grey50",
xlab = "Principal component",
xlabAngle = 0,
xlabhjust = 0.5,
xlabvjust = 0.5,
ylab = "Component loading",
ylabAngle = 0,
ylabhjust = 0.5,
ylabvjust = 0.5,
axisLabSize = 16,
title = "",
subtitle = "",
caption = "",
titleLabSize = 16,
subtitleLabSize = 12,
captionLabSize = 12,
hline = c(0),
hlineType = "longdash",
hlineCol = "black",
hlineWidth = 0.4,
vline = NULL,
vlineType = "longdash",
vlineCol = "black",
vlineWidth = 0.4,
gridlines.major = TRUE,
gridlines.minor = TRUE,
borderWidth = 0.8,
borderColour = "black",
returnPlot = TRUE
)

```

## Arguments

`pcaobj`                      Object of class 'pca' created by `pca()`.

|                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| components         | The principal components to be included in the plot.                                                                                                                                              |
| rangeRetain        | Cut-off value for retaining variables. The function will look across each specified principal component and retain the variables that fall within this top/bottom fraction of the loadings range. |
| absolute           | Logical, indicating whether or not to plot absolute loadings.                                                                                                                                     |
| col                | Colours used for generation of fill gradient according to loadings values. Can be 2 or 3 colours.                                                                                                 |
| colMidpoint        | Mid-point (loading) for the colour range.                                                                                                                                                         |
| shape              | Shape of the plotted points.                                                                                                                                                                      |
| shapeSizeRange     | Size range for the plotted points (min, max).                                                                                                                                                     |
| legendPosition     | Position of legend ('top', 'bottom', 'left', 'right', 'none').                                                                                                                                    |
| legendLabSize      | Size of plot legend text.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| legendIconSize     | Size of plot legend icons / symbols.                                                                                                                                                              |
| xlim               | Limits of the x-axis.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| ylim               | Limits of the y-axis.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| labSize            | Size of labels.                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| labhjust           | Horizontal adjustment of label.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| labvjust           | Vertical adjustment of label.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| drawConnectors     | Logical, indicating whether or not to connect plot labels to their corresponding points by line connectors.                                                                                       |
| positionConnectors | Position of the connectors and their labels with respect to the plotted points ('left', 'right').                                                                                                 |
| widthConnectors    | Line width of connectors.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| typeConnectors     | Have the arrow head open or filled ('closed')? ('open', 'closed').                                                                                                                                |
| endsConnectors     | Which end of connectors to draw arrow head? ('last', 'first', 'both').                                                                                                                            |
| lengthConnectors   | Length of the connectors.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| colConnectors      | Line colour of connectors.                                                                                                                                                                        |
| xlab               | Label for x-axis.                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| xlabAngle          | Rotation angle of x-axis labels.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| xlabhjust          | Horizontal adjustment of x-axis labels.                                                                                                                                                           |
| xlavjust           | Vertical adjustment of x-axis labels.                                                                                                                                                             |
| ylab               | Label for y-axis.                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| ylabAngle          | Rotation angle of y-axis labels.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| ylabhjust          | Horizontal adjustment of y-axis labels.                                                                                                                                                           |
| ylavjust           | Vertical adjustment of y-axis labels.                                                                                                                                                             |
| axisLabSize        | Size of x- and y-axis labels.                                                                                                                                                                     |
| title              | Plot title.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| subtitle           | Plot subtitle.                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| caption            | Plot caption.                                                                                                                                                                                     |

|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| titleLabSize    | Size of plot title.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| subtitleLabSize | Size of plot subtitle.                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| captionLabSize  | Size of plot caption.                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| hline           | Draw one or more horizontal lines passing through this/these values on y-axis. For single values, only a single numerical value is necessary. For multiple lines, pass these as a vector, e.g., c(60,90). |
| hlineType       | Line type for hline ('blank', 'solid', 'dashed', 'dotted', 'dotdash', 'longdash', 'twodash').                                                                                                             |
| hlineCol        | Colour of hline.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| hlineWidth      | Width of hline.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| vline           | Draw one or more vertical lines passing through this/these values on x-axis. For single values, only a single numerical value is necessary. For multiple lines, pass these as a vector, e.g., c(60,90).   |
| vlineType       | Line type for vline ('blank', 'solid', 'dashed', 'dotted', 'dotdash', 'longdash', 'twodash').                                                                                                             |
| vlineCol        | Colour of vline.                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| vlineWidth      | Width of vline.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| gridlines.major | Logical, indicating whether or not to draw major gridlines.                                                                                                                                               |
| gridlines.minor | Logical, indicating whether or not to draw minor gridlines.                                                                                                                                               |
| borderWidth     | Width of the border on the x and y axes.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| borderColour    | Colour of the border on the x and y axes.                                                                                                                                                                 |
| returnPlot      | Logical, indicating whether or not to return the plot object.                                                                                                                                             |

### Details

Plot the component loadings for selected principal components / eigenvectors and label variables driving variation along these.

### Value

A [ggplot2](#) object.

### Author(s)

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### Examples

```
options(scipen=10)
options(digits=6)

col <- 20
row <- 20000
mat1 <- matrix(
  rexp(col*row, rate = 0.1),
  ncol = col)
rownames(mat1) <- paste0('gene', 1:nrow(mat1))
```

```

colnames(mat1) <- paste0('sample', 1:ncol(mat1))

mat2 <- matrix(
  rexp(col*row, rate = 0.1),
  ncol = col)
rownames(mat2) <- paste0('gene', 1:nrow(mat2))
colnames(mat2) <- paste0('sample', (ncol(mat1)+1):(ncol(mat1)+ncol(mat2)))

mat <- cbind(mat1, mat2)

metadata <- data.frame(row.names = colnames(mat))
metadata$Group <- rep(NA, ncol(mat))
metadata$Group[seq(1,40,2)] <- 'A'
metadata$Group[seq(2,40,2)] <- 'B'
metadata$CRP <- sample.int(100, size=ncol(mat), replace=TRUE)
metadata$ESR <- sample.int(100, size=ncol(mat), replace=TRUE)

p <- pca(mat, metadata = metadata, removeVar = 0.1)

plotloadings(p, drawConnectors = TRUE)

```

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screeplot

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*Draw a SCREE plot, showing the distribution of explained variance across all or select principal components / eigenvectors.*


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## Description

Draw a SCREE plot, showing the distribution of explained variance across all or select principal components / eigenvectors.

## Usage

```

screeplot(
  pcaobj,
  components = getComponents(pcaobj),
  xlim = NULL,
  ylim = c(0, 100),
  xlab = "Principal component",
  xlabAngle = 90,
  xlabhjust = 0.5,
  xlabvjust = 0.5,
  ylab = "Explained variation (%)",
  ylabAngle = 0,
  ylabhjust = 0.5,
  ylabvjust = 0.5,
  axisLabSize = 16,
  title = "SCREE plot",
  subtitle = "",
  caption = "",
  titleLabSize = 16,
  subtitleLabSize = 12,
  captionLabSize = 12,

```

```

colBar = "dodgerblue",
drawCumulativeSumLine = TRUE,
colCumulativeSumLine = "red2",
sizeCumulativeSumLine = 1.5,
drawCumulativeSumPoints = TRUE,
colCumulativeSumPoints = "red2",
sizeCumulativeSumPoints = 2,
hline = NULL,
hlineType = "longdash",
hlineCol = "black",
hlineWidth = 0.4,
vline = NULL,
vlineType = "longdash",
vlineCol = "black",
vlineWidth = 0.4,
gridlines.major = TRUE,
gridlines.minor = TRUE,
borderWidth = 0.8,
borderColour = "black",
returnPlot = TRUE
)

```

## Arguments

|                       |                                                                                               |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| pcaobj                | Object of class 'pca' created by <code>pca()</code> .                                         |
| components            | The principal components to be included in the plot.                                          |
| xlim                  | Limits of the x-axis.                                                                         |
| ylim                  | Limits of the y-axis.                                                                         |
| xlab                  | Label for x-axis.                                                                             |
| xlabAngle             | Rotation angle of x-axis labels.                                                              |
| xlabhjust             | Horizontal adjustment of x-axis labels.                                                       |
| xlabbvjust            | Vertical adjustment of x-axis labels.                                                         |
| ylab                  | Label for y-axis.                                                                             |
| ylabAngle             | Rotation angle of y-axis labels.                                                              |
| ylabhjust             | Horizontal adjustment of y-axis labels.                                                       |
| ylabbvjust            | Vertical adjustment of y-axis labels.                                                         |
| axisLabSize           | Size of x- and y-axis labels.                                                                 |
| title                 | Plot title.                                                                                   |
| subtitle              | Plot subtitle.                                                                                |
| caption               | Plot caption.                                                                                 |
| titleLabSize          | Size of plot title.                                                                           |
| subtitleLabSize       | Size of plot subtitle.                                                                        |
| captionLabSize        | Size of plot caption.                                                                         |
| colBar                | Colour of the vertical bars.                                                                  |
| drawCumulativeSumLine | Logical, indicating whether or not to overlay plot with a cumulative explained variance line. |

|                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <code>colCumulativeSumLine</code>    | Colour of cumulative explained variance line.                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <code>sizeCumulativeSumLine</code>   | Size of cumulative explained variance line.                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <code>drawCumulativeSumPoints</code> | Logical, indicating whether or not to draw the cumulative explained variance points.                                                                                                                                    |
| <code>colCumulativeSumPoints</code>  | Colour of cumulative explained variance points.                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <code>sizeCumulativeSumPoints</code> | Size of cumulative explained variance points.                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <code>hline</code>                   | Draw one or more horizontal lines passing through this/these values on y-axis. For single values, only a single numerical value is necessary. For multiple lines, pass these as a vector, e.g., <code>c(60,90)</code> . |
| <code>hlineType</code>               | Line type for <code>hline</code> ('blank', 'solid', 'dashed', 'dotted', 'dotdash', 'longdash', 'twodash').                                                                                                              |
| <code>hlineCol</code>                | Colour of <code>hline</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <code>hlineWidth</code>              | Width of <code>hline</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <code>vline</code>                   | Draw one or more vertical lines passing through this/these values on x-axis. For single values, only a single numerical value is necessary. For multiple lines, pass these as a vector, e.g., <code>c(60,90)</code> .   |
| <code>vlineType</code>               | Line type for <code>vline</code> ('blank', 'solid', 'dashed', 'dotted', 'dotdash', 'longdash', 'twodash').                                                                                                              |
| <code>vlineCol</code>                | Colour of <code>vline</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <code>vlineWidth</code>              | Width of <code>vline</code> .                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <code>gridlines.major</code>         | Logical, indicating whether or not to draw major gridlines.                                                                                                                                                             |
| <code>gridlines.minor</code>         | Logical, indicating whether or not to draw minor gridlines.                                                                                                                                                             |
| <code>borderWidth</code>             | Width of the border on the x and y axes.                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <code>borderColour</code>            | Colour of the border on the x and y axes.                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <code>returnPlot</code>              | Logical, indicating whether or not to return the plot object.                                                                                                                                                           |

### Details

Draw a SCREE plot, showing the distribution of explained variance across all or select principal components / eigenvectors.

### Value

A `ggplot2` object.

### Author(s)

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**Examples**

```
options(scipen=10)
options(digits=6)

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mat2 <- matrix(
  rexp(col*row, rate = 0.1),
  ncol = col)
rownames(mat2) <- paste0('gene', 1:nrow(mat2))
colnames(mat2) <- paste0('sample', (ncol(mat1)+1):(ncol(mat1)+ncol(mat2)))

mat <- cbind(mat1, mat2)

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metadata$ESR <- sample.int(100, size=ncol(mat), replace=TRUE)

p <- pca(mat, metadata = metadata, removeVar = 0.1)

screepilot(p)

screepilot(p, hline = 80)
```

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