

# Package: RDP (via r-universe)

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**Title** The Ramer-Douglas-Peucker Algorithm

**Version** 0.3.0

**Description** Pretty fast implementation of the Ramer-Douglas-Peucker algorithm for reducing the number of points on a 2D curve. Urs Ramer (1972), ``An iterative procedure for the polygonal approximation of plane curves'' <[doi:10.1016/S0146-664X\(72\)80017-0](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0146-664X(72)80017-0)>. David H. Douglas and Thomas K. Peucker (1973), ``Algorithms for the Reduction of the Number of Points Required to Represent a Digitized Line or its Caricature'' <[doi:10.3138/FM57-6770-U75U-7727](https://doi.org/10.3138/FM57-6770-U75U-7727)>.

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**Description**

Implementation of the [Ramer-Douglas-Peucker algorithm](#).

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**References**

Urs Ramer (1972), "An iterative procedure for the polygonal approximation of plane curves". *Computer Graphics and Image Processing* **1**, 244–256. [doi:10.1016/S0146664X\(72\)800170](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0146664X(72)800170).

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**See Also**

Useful links:

- <https://github.com/robertdj/RDP>

RamerDouglasPeucker

*Simplify a curve using the Ramer-Douglas-Peucker algorithm.*

**Description**

Implements the [Ramer-Douglas-Peucker algorithm](#) for reducing the number of points on a curve.

**Usage**

```
RamerDouglasPeucker(x, y, epsilon, keep_index = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

x	[numeric]	The x values of the curve as a vector without NA values.
y	[numeric]	The y values of the curve as a vector without NA values.
epsilon	[positive numeric(1)]	The threshold for filtering outliers from the simplified curve.
keep_index	[logical]	If TRUE, returns a column called index with the index locations of points that are kept.

**Details**

If there are no more than two points it does not make sense to simplify. In this case the input is returned without further checks of x and y. In particular, the input is not checked for NA values.

**Value**

A `data.frame` with x and y values of the simplified curve.

**Examples**

```
RDP::RamerDouglasPeucker(x = c(0, 1, 3, 5), y = c(2, 1, 0, 1), epsilon = 0.5)
RDP::RamerDouglasPeucker(x = c(0, 1, 3, 5), y = c(2, 1, 0, 1), epsilon = 0.5, keep_index = TRUE)
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