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enviPat-package	<i>Calculation of isotope patterns, stick profiles (envelopes) and centroids/intensoids for mass spectrometry.</i>
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Description

Fast and memory-efficient calculation of isotope patterns (fine structures) for up to very large molecules, based on three different algorithms. Subsequent convolution of isotope patterns with a peak shape function to theoretical envelopes (profiles). Based on envelopes, valley detection and centroidization/intensoid calculation. Allows for batch processing of chemical formulas and interpolation of measurement resolutions. Includes a wrapper combining all of the above functionalities.

Furthermore, includes (1) a check for consistency of chemical formulas, (2) a check for molecules with overlapping isotope patterns, (3) a list of all stable isotopes, (4) a list of different resolution data sets for Thermo Orbitrap and QExactive high-resolution mass spectrometers and (5) a list of adducts formed during electrospray ionization (ESI).

A web-based GUI for enviPat is freely available under www.envipat.eawag.ch/.

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[check_chemform](#) [getR](#) [isopattern](#) [envelope](#) [vdetect](#) [isowrap](#) [check_several](#)
[isotopes](#) [resolution_list](#) [chemforms](#)
[adducts](#) [check_ded](#) [mergeform](#) [subform](#) [multiform](#)

adducts

Adduct list

Description

List of common adducts observed for ESI-MS measurements in soft positive and negative ionization modes.

Usage

```
data(adducts)
```

Format

A data frame with 47 observations on the following 6 variables.

Name Adduct name

calc Equation for calculating adduct m/z from uncharged non-adduct molecular mass M ($m/z = M/z + X$)

Charge z

Mult 1/z

Mass X

Ion_mode Ionization mode (positive or negative)

Formula_add Adduct chemical formula to be added

Formula_ded Adduct chemical formula to be subtracted

Multi Factor to multiply chemical formula with

Details

The correct way to calculate the isotopic pattern of a specific adduct is the following. First, multiply the chemical formula of the molecule by the times it appears in the final adduct; [multiform](#). Second, add the chemical formula of any adduct to that of the molecule; [mergeform](#). Third, subtract the chemical formula of any deduct from that of the molecule; [check_ded](#) & [subform](#). Finally, calculate the isotopic fine structure using the correct charge argument in [isopattern](#).

Note

Chemical formulas must conform to what is described in [check_chemform](#).

Source

<http://fiehnlab.ucdavis.edu/staff/kind/Metabolomics/MS-Adduct-Calculator/>

References

Huang N., Siegel M.M., Kruppa G.H., Laukien F.H., J. Am. Soc. Mass. Spectrom. 1999, 10. Automation of a Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance mass spectrometer for acquisition, analysis, and e-mailing of high-resolution exact-mass electrospray ionization mass spectral data

See Also

[multiform](#) [mergeform](#) [check_ded](#) [subform](#)

Examples

```
data(adducts);  
adducts
```

check_chemform	<i>Check chemical formulas</i>
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Description

Checks chemical formulas (=a vector of character strings) for consistency with usage in [isopattern](#); calculation of the molecular mass.

Usage

```
check_chemform(isotopes, chemforms)
```

Arguments

isotopes	isotopes
chemforms	Vector of character strings with chemical formulas

Details

Checks if (1) a chemical formula contains only letters, numbers and square brackets, (2) elements can be found in [isotopes](#) and (3) letters are all followed by a number of atom counts. If (3) is missing, it is automatically set to 1.

(2) must consist of an upper case letter, possibly followed by lower case letters; to refer to individual isotopes (e.g., from isotope labelling of a molecule, e.g., N5 vs. [15]N2N3), square brackets may precede the capital letter. Anything else that may usually be part of a standard chemical formula (e.g., (+), (C4H3)2, dashes,...) is not permissible.

The molecular mass will be calculated from isotope masses and abundances listed in [isotopes](#).

Value

Dataframe with 3 columns:

warning	Correct chemical formula, FALSE/TRUE?
new_formula	Chemical formula
monoisotopic_mass	Monoisotopic mass

Note

Highly recommended for usage with [isopattern](#)

Author(s)

Martin Loos, Christian Gerber

See Also

[isopattern isotopes](#)

Examples

```
# Check package data set of chemical formulas #####
data(chemforms);
data(isotopes);
checked<-check_chemform(isotopes,chemforms);
checked;

# Check for some senseless molecular formulas #####
chemforms<-c("C900C14H49","082394","C8G500Zn9","Br1","6DBr9889");
data(isotopes);
checked<-check_chemform(isotopes,chemforms);
checked;

# Molecular mass with and without isotope labelling #####
chemforms<-c("C10H5N4O5","[13]C2C8D2H3[15]N2N2[18]O2O3");
data(isotopes);
checked<-check_chemform(isotopes,chemforms);
checked;
```

check_ded

Check if a chemical formula is subset in another one

Description

Check if a chemical formula is contained in another chemical formula

Usage

```
check_ded(formulas, deduct)
```

Arguments

formulas	Vector with the containing chemical formula(s)
deduct	Chemical formula to be contained ("deduct")

Value

Returns a vector with length 0f input formulas, with TRUE if deduct is not contained and FALSE otherwise.

Note

Might be used used prior to subtracting a "deduct" chemical formula from that of a molecule when including adducts in the calculation of isotopic patterns. Chemical formulas must conform to what is described in [check_chemform](#).

Author(s)

Martin Loos

See Also

[adducts](#)

Examples

```
formulas<-c("C8H4C12", "C10H16O2", "C3H10")
deduct<-c("C4H10")
check_ded(formulas, deduct)
```

check_several

Check for overlapping molecules.

Description

Check for molecules overlapping in m/z, based on isotope fine structures from [isopattern](#) or on centroids/intensoids from [envelope](#).

Usage

```
check_several(pattern, dmz, ppm = TRUE)
```

Arguments

pattern	Output from isopattern or from envelope .
dmz	m/z window. In combination with ppm=TRUE set as ppm or with ppm=FALSE set as absolute m/z.
ppm	Should m/z window be set in ppm (TRUE) or absolute m/z (FALSE)?

Details

Overlaps in m/z among molecules are screened for within the m/z tolerance defined by the arguments dmz and ppm.

Value

Dataframe with 4 columns, with number of rows equal to the length of argument pattern

compound	Chemical formula of the compound
warning	Overlap detected?
to?	If overlap: with which other compound(s)? Refers to row number, recycled for peak\#.
peak\#	If overlap: with which peak(s) of the other compound(s)? Refers to peak number.

Author(s)

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See Also

[isopattern](#) [envelope](#)

Examples

```
data(isotopes)
data(chemforms)
pattern<-isopattern(
  isotopes,
  chemforms,
  threshold=0.1,
  plotit=TRUE,
  charge=FALSE,
  emass=0.00054858,
  algo=1
)
check_several(pattern,dmz=0.001,ppm=FALSE)
```

chemforms	<i>Set of exemplary chemical formulas for small molecules.</i>
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Description

Vector with character strings of exemplary chemical formulas (pesticides, pharmaceuticals)

Usage

```
data(chemforms)
```

Format

Vector with character strings

Examples

```
data(chemforms)
chemforms
```

envelope	<i>Isotope pattern envelope calculation</i>
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Description

Convolutes an isotope pattern from [isopattern](#) with a peak shape function (Gaussian or Cauchy-Lorentz function) to its theoretical envelope (profile), at a given measurement resolution. The envelope is represented by sticks, i.e. measurement abundances at discrete m/z intervals.

Usage

```
envelope(pattern, ppm = FALSE, dmz = "get", frac = 1/4, env = "Gaussian",
resolution = 5e+05, plotit = FALSE, verbose = TRUE)
```

Arguments

pattern	List of isotope pattern(s) as generated by isopattern .
ppm	Should stick discretization be set in ppm (TRUE) or absolute m/z (FALSE)? Only checked if dmz is not set to "get"; check details section.
dmz	Stick discretization. Set to "get" to derive discretization from argument resolution or set a numerical value in combination with ppm to use as ppm or absolute m/z. Check details section.
frac	Used if dmz is set to "get". Check details section.
env	Peak shape function; either "Gaussian" or "CauchyLorentz".

resolution	Single resolution value or vector of resolutions with length equal to the number of entries in list pattern. Check resolution definition in the details section.
plotit	Should results be plotted, TRUE/FALSE ?
verbose	Verbose, TRUE/FALSE?

Details

The theoretical profiles are represented by sticks, i.e. abundances at discrete m/z intervals. While the profile width is set by argument resolution, the mass discretization between adjacent sticks can be set in two different ways.

On the one hand, discretization can be given as a numerical value, either in ppm or absolute m/z . To do so, set argument `dmz` to a numerical value and specify with argument `ppm` if this value is stating the discretization in ppm or as absolute m/z .

On the other hand, discretization can be derived from the measurement resolution (R) set by argument `resolution`. To do so, set `dmz` to "get", which leads to argument `ppm` being ignored. In this case, the stick discretization is retrieved from $(dm/z)*frac$, with $(dm/z) = (m/z)/R = \text{peak width at half maximum}$.

Value

List with length equal to length of list pattern, with equal names of list entries. Each entry in that list contains the sticks of the envelope in two columns:

m/z	Stick m/z
abundance	Stick abundance

Note

The resolution R is defined as $R=(m/z)/(dm/z)$, with $dm/z = \text{peak width at half maximum}$, cp. [resolution_list](#).

Author(s)

Martin Loos, Christian Gerber

References

Li, L., Kresh, J., Karabacak, N., Cobb, J., Agar, J. and Hong, P. (2008). A Hierarchical Algorithm for Calculating the Isotopic Fine Structures of Molecules. *Journal of the American Society for Mass Spectrometry*, 19, 1867–1874.

See Also

[isopattern](#) [getR](#) [vdetect](#)

Examples

```
#####  
# batch of chemforms #####  
data(isotopes)  
data(chemforms)  
  
pattern<-isopattern(  
  isotopes,  
  chemforms,  
  threshold=0.1,  
  plotit=TRUE,  
  charge=FALSE,  
  emass=0.00054858,  
  algo=2  
)  
  
profiles<-envelope(  
  pattern,  
  ppm=FALSE,  
  dmz=0.0001,  
  frac=1/4,  
  env="Gaussian",  
  resolution=1E6,  
  plotit=TRUE  
)  
#####
```

getR

Interpolation of MS measurement resolution

Description

Given a set of MS measurement resolutions (R) as a function of measurement mass (m/z), [getR](#) interpolates R for any given molecular mass(es) calculated by [check_chemform](#) using [smooth.spline](#).

Usage

```
getR(checked, resmass, nknots = 13, spar = 0.1, plotit = TRUE)
```

Arguments

checked	Dataframe produced by check_chemform .
resmass	Dataframe with two columns, resolution and mass; such as the list entries in resolution_list .
nknots	Integer number of knots to use for the smoothing spline. Default = 6. See also smooth.spline .

spar Smoothing parameter, (0,1]. See also [smooth.spline](#).
plotit Plot results, TRUE/FALSE ?

Value

Vector with resolutions.

Note

[check_chemform](#) gives molecular masses (m/z) for z=+/-1 only. If z>1 or z<-1 is required, molecular mass entries in argument checked have to be divided accordingly to be consistent.

Author(s)

Martin Loos, Christian Gerber

See Also

[smooth.spline](#) [check_chemform](#) [resolution_list](#)

Examples

```
data(resolution_list)
resmass<-resolution_list[[4]]
data(isotopes)
data(chemforms)
checked<-check_chemform(isotopes,chemforms)
resolution<-getR(checked,resmass,nknots=13,spar=0.1,plotit=TRUE)

# same for z=-2:
checked<-check_chemform(isotopes,chemforms)
checked[,3]<-(checked[,3]/abs(-2))
resolution<-getR(checked,resmass,nknots=13,spar=0.1,plotit=TRUE)
```

isopattern

Isotope pattern calculation

Description

The function calculates the isotopic pattern (fine structure) of a given chemical formula or a set of chemical formulas (batch calculation), based on three fast and memory efficient algorithms. The first algorithm can handle very large molecules and combinations of elements having many isotopes. Returns accurate masses, abundances and isotopic compositions of the individual isotopologues. The isotopes of elements can be defined by the user.

Usage

```
isopattern(isotopes, chemforms, threshold = 0.001, charge = FALSE,
emass = 0.00054858, plotit = FALSE, algo=2, rel_to_mono = FALSE, verbose = TRUE)
```

Arguments

isotopes	Dataframe listing all relevant isotopes, such as isotopes .
chemforms	Vector with character strings of chemical formulas, such as data set chemforms or the second column in the value of check_chemform .
threshold	Abundance below which isotope peaks can be omitted, given as percentage of the most abundant isotope peak of the molecule. Set to 0 if all peaks shall be calculated.
charge	z in m/z. Either a single integer or a vector of integers with length equal to that of argument chemforms. Set to FALSE for omitting any charge calculations.
emass	Electrone mass; only relevant if charge is not set to FALSE.
plotit	Should results be plotted, TRUE/FALSE?
algo	Which algorithm to use? Type 1 or 2. See details.
rel_to_mono	Should abundances be normalized relative to the monoisotopic instead of the most abundant peak, TRUE/FALSE?
verbose	Verbose, TRUE/FALSE?

Details

Isotope pattern calculation can be done by choosing one of three algorithms, set by argument `algo`. All algorithms use hierarchical updates to derive the mass and abundance of a new isotopologue from an existing one, by steps of single isotope replacements. Memory usage is lower and in most cases faster for the first two algorithms as compared to the third, allowing for calculation of very large molecules or inclusion of elements with many isotopes. Comparable in memory allocation, the second algorithm is faster for very small molecules than the first - but much slower for larger ones.

The first algorithm `algo=1` uses tree-like combinatorial transitions to calculate daughter isotopologues from their parent node isotopologues, with the monoisotopic composition as root node. This approach first searches for branches of increasing abundance to find the isotopologue of maximum abundance, with transitions ordered as to minimize the occurrence of decreasing branches. The remaining branches are subsequently omitted if they (a) fall below a threshold relative to this most abundant isotopologue and (b) only contain branches of decreasing abundance. Furthermore, to avoid redundant calculations for transitions of the same isotope (but not the same isotopologues!), this global search is conducted in elementwise subtrees that are then combined.

The second algorithm `algo=2` does not use elementwise subtree maximum abundance searches with no differences to the first algorithm otherwise.

The third algorithm `algo=3` is similar to the one proposed by Li et al. (2010). Herein, mass states and abundances are calculated individually within separate blocks for each of the elements present in a molecule without (!) abundance thresholds. These building-blocks are then combined to individual isotopologues, with peaks below the threshold abundance eventually omitted. In the presented version, a fast calculation of elementwise building-blocks and their combination to isotopologues is implemented so as to avoid redundant calculations from both different updates or different combinations leading to the same isotopologue.

Note that when `rel_to_mono` is set to TRUE, the abundance threshold is specified relative to the monoisotopic instead of the most abundant peak.

Value

List with length equal to length of vector chemforms; names of entries in list = chemical formula in chemform. Each entry in that list contains information on individual isotopologues (rows) with columns:

m/z	First column; m/z of an isotope peak.
abundance	Second column; abundance of an isotope peak. Abundances are set relative to the most abundant peak of the isotope pattern.
12C, 13C, 1H, 2H, ...	Third to all other columns; atom counts of individual isotopes for an isotope peak.

warning

Too low values for threshold may lead to unnecessary calculation of low abundance peaks - to the extent that not enough memory is available for either of the two algorithms. This is especially critical if `rel_to_mono` is set to TRUE.

Note

It is highly recommended to check argument chemforms with `check_chemform` prior to running `isopattern`; argument chemforms must conform to chemical formulas as defined in `check_chemform`. Element names must be followed by numbers (atom counts of that element), i.e. C1H4 is a valid argument whereas CH4 is not. Otherwise, numbers may only be used in square brackets to denote individual isotopes defined in the element name column of `iso_list`, such as [14]C or [18]O. For example, [13]C2C35H67N1O13 is the molecular formula of erythromycin labeled at two C-positions with [13]C; C37H67N1O13 is the molecular formula of the unlabeled compound.

For correct adduct isotope pattern calculations, please check `adducts`.

Author(s)

Martin Loos, Christian Gerber

References

Loos, M. & Gerber, C., 201X. Tree-like hierarchy for the calculation of very large isotope patterns. To be submitted.

Li, L., Karabacak, N., Cobb, J., Wang, Q., Hong, P., agar, J., 2010. Memory-efficient calculation of the isotopic mass states of a molecule. *Rapid Communications in Mass Spectrometry*, 24: 2689-2696.

See Also

[isopattern](#) [chemforms](#) [check_chemform](#) [getR](#) [envelope](#) [vdetect](#) [check_several](#)

Examples

```
#####  
# batch of chemforms #####  
data(isotopes)  
data(chemforms)  
pattern<-isopattern(  
  isotopes,  
  chemforms,  
  threshold=0.1,  
  plotit=TRUE,  
  charge=FALSE,  
  emass=0.00054858,  
  algo=2  
)  
#####  
# Single chemical formula ##  
data(isotopes)  
pattern<-isopattern(  
  isotopes,  
  "C100H200S2C15",  
  threshold=0.1,  
  plotit=TRUE,  
  charge=FALSE,  
  emass=0.00054858,  
  algo=2  
)  
#####
```

isotopes

Stable isotopes

Description

Dataframe with stable isotopes.

Usage

```
data(isotopes)
```

Format

A data frame with 302 observations on the following 4 variables.

element Chemical element

isotope Stable isotopes of an element

mass Relative atomic mass

abundance Isotopic composition of an element

ratioC Maximum number of atoms of an element for one C-atom in a molecule, based on 99.99 % of case molecules.

Details

The ratioC-value stems from a database survey conducted by Kind&Fiehn (2007); to disable, set value to 0. The list serves as input into several package nontarget-functions. The first column of the data frame also contains names of specific isotopes used for labeled compounds.

Source

http://physics.nist.gov/cgi-bin/Compositions/stand_alone.pl

References

Kind, T. and Fiehn, O., 2007. Seven golden rules for heuristic filtering of molecular formulas obtained by accurate mass spectrometry. BMC Bioinformatics, 8:105.

Examples

```
data(isotopes)
```

isowrap	<i>Combined (batch) calculation of isotope pattern, envelope and centroids/intensoids/valleys on interpolated resolutions.</i>
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Description

Wrapper combining the functions [getR](#), [isopattern](#), [envelope](#) and [vdetect](#).

Uses chemical formulas from [check_chemform](#) as argument.

Usage

```
isowrap(isotopes, checked, resmass, resolution = FALSE, nknots = 6,
spar = 0.2, threshold = 0.1, charge = 1, emass = 0.00054858, algo=2,
ppm = FALSE, dmz = "get", frac = 1/4, env = "Gaussian",
detect = "centroid", plotit = FALSE)
```

Arguments

isotopes	Dataframe listing all relevant isotopes, such as isotopes .
checked	Output dataframe from check_chemform with correct chemical formulas.
resmass	For resolution interpolation: dataframe with two columns, resolution and mass; see getR . Otherwise, set to FALSE and use argument resolution to utilize a single resolution.
resolution	Single resolution value. Only used if argument resmass is set to FALSE.

nknots	Number of knots, see getR . Ignored if argument resmass set to FALSE.
spar	Smoothing parameter, see getR . Ignored if argument resmass set to FALSE.
threshold	Abundance below which isotope peaks are omitted, see isopattern .
charge	z in m/z, see isopattern .
emass	Electrone mass. Only relevant if charge is not set to FALSE, see isopattern .
algo	Which algorithm to use? Type 1 or 2. See details section in isopattern .
ppm	Set stick discretization, see details section of envelope .
dmz	Set stick discretization, see details section of envelope .
frac	Set stick discretization, see details section of envelope .
env	Peak shape function, see envelope .
detect	Return either "centroid", "intensoid" or "valley". See vdetect .
plotit	Should results be plotted, TRUE/FALSE?

Value

List with length equal to length of list profiles, with equal names of list entries. Each entry in that list contains the centroids, intensoids or valley of the envelope in two columns:

m/z	m/z
abundance	area(centroid) or abundance (intensoid, valley)

Author(s)

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See Also

[vdetect](#)

Examples

```
data(isotopes);
data(resolution_list);
data(chemforms);

checked<-check_chemform(
  isotopes,
  chemforms
);

resmass<-resolution_list[[1]]

centro<-isowrap(
  isotopes,
  checked,
  resmass=resolution_list[[4]],
```



```
    resolution=FALSE,  
    nknots=4,  
    spar=0.2,  
    threshold=0.1,  
    charge=1,  
    emass=0.00054858,  
    algo=2,  
    ppm=FALSE,  
    dmz="get", # retrieve dm from R=m/dm  
    frac=1/4,  
    env="Gaussian",  
    detect="centroid",  
    plotit=TRUE  
  )
```

mergeform

Combine chemical formulas

Description

Combine chemical formulas

Usage

```
mergeform(formula1, formula2)
```

Arguments

formula1 (Vector of first chemical formula(s), character string(s))
formula2 Second chemical formula, character string

Details

Useful for adduct calculations, check [adducts](#). Chemical formulas must conform to what is described in [check_chemform](#).

Value

Merged chemical formula(s), character string

Author(s)

Martin Loos

See Also

[adducts](#)

Examples

```
formula1<-c("C10[13]C2H10C110")
formula2<-c("C2H5Na1")
mergeform(formula1,formula2)
```

multiform*Multiply a chemical formula*

Description

Multiply all atom numbers in a chemical formula by a factor

Usage

```
multiform(formula1, fact)
```

Arguments

formula1	Chemical formula to be multiplied, vector of character strings
fact	Factor to multiply with

Details

Useful for adduct calculations, check [adducts](#). Chemical formulas must conform to what is described in [check_chemform](#).

Value

Multiplied chemical formula, character string

Author(s)

Martin Loos

See Also

[adducts](#)

Examples

```
formula1<-c("C10[13]C2H10C110")
multiform(formula1,3)
```

resolution_list	<i>Resolutions (R) list for Thermo Orbitrap and QExactive mass spectrometers</i>
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Description

List of different resolutions $R=f(m/z)$ for various high-resolution mass spectrometers. For each of the instruments, different resolution settings are available. Here, R is defined as $R=(m/z)/(dm/z)$, with dm/z = peak width at half maximum. Serves as input to [getR](#) to interpolate R from given molecular masses.

Usage

```
data(resolution_list)
```

Format

The format is: List with 19 data sets: Instrument/Resolution@m/z

Elite/R240000@400

Elite/R120000@400

Elite/R60000@400

Elite/R30000@400

OrbitrapXL,Velos,VelosPro/R120000@400

OrbitrapXL,Velos,VelosPro/R60000@400

OrbitrapXL,Velos,VelosPro/R30000@400

OrbitrapXL,Velos,VelosPro/R15000@400

OrbitrapXL,Velos,VelosPro/R7500@400

Q-Exactive,ExactivePlus/280K@200

Q-Exactive,ExactivePlus/R140000@200

Q-Exactive,ExactivePlus/R70000@200

Q-Exactive,ExactivePlus/R35000@200

Q-Exactive,ExactivePlus/R17500@200

Exactive/R100000@200

Exactive/R50000@200

Exactive/R25000@200

Exactive/R12500@200

TripleTOF5600/R28000@200

QTOF_XevoG2-S/R25000@200

Source

Data assembled from individual measurements.

Examples

```
data(resolution_list)
resolution_list
```

subform

Subtract one chemical formula from another

Description

Subtract one chemical formula from another

Usage

```
subform(formula1, formula2)
```

Arguments

formula1	Chemical formula to subtract from
formula2	Chemical formula to subtract

Details

Useful for adduct calculations, check [adducts](#). Chemical formulas must conform to what is described in [check_chemform](#). Prior check if formula2 is contained in formula1 at all? See [check_ded](#).

Value

A unified and filtered peaklist

Author(s)

Martin Loos

See Also

[adducts](#), [check_ded](#)

Examples

```
formula1<-c("C10[13]C2H10C110")
formula2<-c("C2H5[13]C1")
subform(formula1, formula2)
```

vdetect	<i>Valley detection and centroidization</i>
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Description

Checks envelopes calculated by [envelope](#) for valleys and extracts centroids or intensoids.

Usage

```
vdetect(profiles,detect="centroid",plotit=TRUE,verbose=TRUE)
```

Arguments

profiles	List of stick profiles as generated by envelope .
detect	To return either "centroid", "intensoid" or "valley".
plotit	Should results be plotted, TRUE/FALSE?
verbose	Verbose, TRUE/FALSE?

Value

List with length equal to length of list profiles, with equal names of list entries. Each entry in that list contains the centroids, intensoids or valleys of the envelope in two columns:

m/z	m/z
abundance	Area (centroid) or abundance (intensoid, valley)

definitions

Valley: local profile minimum, i.e. any envelope stick flanked by two other sticks of higher abundance.

Stick: see [envelope](#).

Centroid mass: intensity-weighted sum of the m/z of sticks between two valleys.

Centroid intensity: profile area between two valleys (mean of upper and lower sum of stick intensities), normalized to the maximum centroid area of the envelope.

Intensoid mass: m/z of the most intense stick between two valleys.

Intensoid intensity: intensity of the most intensive stick between two valleys, normalized to the most intense intensoid.

Note

Too low stick discretization leads to imprecision in valley, centroid and intensoid characteristics.

Author(s)

Martin Loos, Christian Gerber

See Also[isopattern envelope](#)**Examples**

```
#####  
# batch of chemforms #####  
data(isotopes)  
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pattern<-isopattern(  
  isotopes,  
  chemforms,  
  threshold=0.1,  
  plotit=TRUE,  
  charge=FALSE,  
  emass=0.00054858,  
  algo=2  
)  
  
profiles<-envelope(  
  pattern,  
  ppm=FALSE,  
  dmz=0.0001,  
  frac=1/4,  
  env="Gaussian",  
  resolution=1E6,  
  plotit=TRUE  
)  
  
centro<-vdetect(  
  profiles,  
  detect="centroid",  
  plotit=TRUE  
)  
  
#####
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