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has an associated prototype element that represents that cluster as
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protoclust-package   *Hierarchical Clustering with Prototypes: Minimax Linkage.*

Description

Functions to perform minimax linkage hierarchical clustering and to cut such trees to return clusterings with prototypes.

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See Also

protoclust, protocut, plotwithprototypes

Examples

```
# generate some data:
set.seed(1)
n <- 100
p <- 2
x <- matrix(rnorm(n * p), n, p)
rownames(x) <- paste("A", 1:n, sep="")
d <- dist(x)

# perform minimax linkage clustering:
hc <- protoclust(d)
```

```
# cut the tree to yield a 10-cluster clustering:
k <- 10 # number of clusters
cut <- protocut(hc, k=k)
h <- hc$height[n - k]

# plot dendrogram (and show cut):
plotwithprototypes(hc, imerge=cut$imerge, col=2)
abline(h=h, lty=2)

# get the prototype assigned to each point:
pr <- cut$protos[cut$cl]

# find point farthest from its prototype:
dmat <- as.matrix(d)
ifar <- which.max(dmat[cbind(1:n, pr[1:n])])

# note that this distance is exactly h:
stopifnot(dmat[ifar, pr[ifar]] == h)

# since this is a 2d example, make 2d display:
plot(x, type="n")
points(x, pch=20, col="lightblue")
lines(rbind(x[ifar, ], x[pr[ifar], ]), col=3)
points(x[cut$protos, ], pch=20, col="red")
text(x[cut$protos, ], labels=hc$labels[cut$protos], pch=19)
tt <- seq(0, 2 * pi, length=100)
for (i in cut$protos) {
  lines(x[i, 1] + h * cos(tt), x[i, 2] + h * sin(tt))
}
```

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plotwithprototypes   *Plot dendrogram with prototype labels added*

Description

Makes a plot of the dendrogram (using `plot.hclust`) and adds labels of prototypes on the interior nodes of a dendrogram.

Usage

```
plotwithprototypes(hc, imerge = -seq(n), labels = NULL, bgcol = "white",
  font = 1, col = 1, cex = 1, ...)
```

Arguments

hc   an object of class `protoclust` (as returned by the function `protoclust`)

imerge   a vector of the nodes whose prototype labels should be added. Interior nodes
            are numbered from 1 (lowest merge) to n - 1 (highest merge, i.e. the root) and
            leaf-nodes are negative (so if element i is a prototype for a singleton cluster, then

	-i is included in imerge). Example: seq(1, n - 1) means every interior node is labeled with a prototype. For larger trees, showing only the prototypes at a given cut may be easier (described more below). Default: -seq(n), meaning all leaf labels and no interior-node labels are shown.
labels	an optional character vector of length n giving the labels of the elements clustered. If not provided, hc$labels is used (if not NULL) or else labels are taken to be seq(n).
bgcol	background color for prototype labels
col,font	color and font of prototype labels
cex	size of prototype label
...	additional arguments to be passed to plot.hclust, such as hang

Details

This function lets one put prototype labels on a dendrogram. The argument imerge controls which interior nodes and leaves are labeled. A convenient choice for the argument imerge is the imerge-output of [protocut](). This allows one to label a dendrogram with the prototypes of a particular cut. See examples below. This function is called when one writes plot(hc), where hc is an object of class protoclust.

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See Also

[protoclust](), [protocut]()

Examples

```
# generate some data:
set.seed(1)
n <- 100
p <- 2
x <- matrix(rnorm(n * p), n, p)
rownames(x) <- paste("A", 1:n, sep="")
d <- dist(x)

# perform minimax linkage clustering:
hc <- protoclust(d)

# cut the tree to yield a 10-cluster clustering:
k <- 10 # number of clusters
cut <- protocut(hc, k=k)
```

```
h <- hc$height[n - k]

# plot dendrogram (and show cut):
plotwithprototypes(hc, imerge=cut$imerge)
# or more simply: plot(hc, imerge=cut$imerge)
abline(h=h, lty=2)

# negative values of imerge specify which leaves to label
k2 <- 20 # more clusters... with two singletons
cut2 <- protocut(hc, k=k2)
h2 <- hc$height[n - k2]
plot(hc, hang=-1, imerge=cut2$imerge)
abline(h=h2, lty=2)
```

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protoclust   *Hierarchical clustering with prototypes: Minimax linkage.*

Description

Performs minimax linkage hierarchical clustering given a set of dissimilarities. Returns an object that looks just like the output of `hclust` except that it has an additional element containing prototype indices.

Usage

```
protoclust(d, verb = FALSE)
```

Arguments

d	dissimilarities object. Can be of class `dist` or `matrix`
verb	see verbose output?

Details

This function provides an efficient implementation of minimax linkage hierarchical clustering. Consider two clusters G and H and their union U. The minimax linkage between G and H is defined to be the radius of the smallest ball that encloses all of U and that is centered at one of the points in U. If G and H are merged together, the prototype for the newly formed cluster U is that enclosing ball's center. By construction, the prototype for a cluster will always be one of the objects being clustered. For more on minimax linkage and how one can use prototypes to help interpret a dendrogram, see

Bien, J., and Tibshirani, R. (2011), "Hierarchical Clustering with Prototypes via Minimax Linkage," accepted for publication in *The Journal of the American Statistical Association*, DOI: 10.1198/jasa.2011.tm10183.

This function has been designed to work like `hclust` in terms of inputs and outputs; however, unlike `hclust`, it outputs an additional element, namely a vector of length n - 1 containing the indices of prototypes. It follows `hclust`'s convention for making the arbitrary choice of whether to put a subtree on the left or right side.

For cutting a minimax linkage hierarchical clustering, use protocut, which works like cutree except that it returns the set of prototypes in addition to the cluster assignments.

This function calls a C implementation of the algorithm detailed in Bien and Tibshirani (2011) that is based on an algorithm described in Murtagh (1983).

Value

An object of class protoclust, which is just like hclust but has an additional element:

merge, height, order
            identical to the values returned by hclust

protos   a vector of length n - 1. The i-th element is the index of the prototype corresponding to the cluster formed on the i-th merge.

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References

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Murtagh, F. (1983), "A Survey of Recent Advances in Hierarchical Clustering Algorithms," *The Computer Journal*, **26**, 354–359.

See Also

protocut, plotwithprototypes, hclust

Examples

```
# generate some data:
set.seed(1)
n <- 100
p <- 2
x <- matrix(rnorm(n * p), n, p)
rownames(x) <- paste("A", 1:n, sep="")
d <- dist(x)

# perform minimax linkage clustering:
hc <- protoclust(d)

# cut the tree to yield a 10-cluster clustering:
k <- 10 # number of clusters
cut <- protocut(hc, k=k)
h <- hc$height[n - k]

# plot dendrogram (and show cut):
plotwithprototypes(hc, imerge=cut$imerge, col=2)
abline(h=h, lty=2)
```

```
# get the prototype assigned to each point:
pr <- cut$protos[cut$cl]

# find point farthest from its prototype:
dmat <- as.matrix(d)
ifar <- which.max(dmat[cbind(1:n, pr[1:n])])

# note that this distance is exactly h:
stopifnot(dmat[ifar, pr[ifar]] == h)

# since this is a 2d example, make 2d display:
plot(x, type="n")
points(x, pch=20, col="lightblue")
lines(rbind(x[ifar, ], x[pr[ifar], ]), col=3)
points(x[cut$protos, ], pch=20, col="red")
text(x[cut$protos, ], labels=hc$labels[cut$protos], pch=19)
tt <- seq(0, 2 * pi, length=100)
for (i in cut$protos) {
  lines(x[i, 1] + h * cos(tt), x[i, 2] + h * sin(tt))
}
```

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protocut   *Cut a minimax linkage tree to get a clustering*

Description

Cuts a minimax linkage tree to get one of n - 1 clusterings. Works like `cutree` except also returns the prototypes of the resulting clustering.

Usage

```
protocut(hc, k = NULL, h = NULL)
```

Arguments

hc	an object returned by `protoclust`
k	the number of clusters desired
h	the height at which to cut the tree

Details

Given a minimax linkage hierarchical clustering, this function cuts the tree at a given height or so that a specified number of clusters is created. It returns both the indices of the prototypes and their locations. This latter information is useful for plotting a dendrogram with prototypes (see `plotwithprototypes`). As with `cutree`, if both k and h are given, h is ignored. Unlike `cutree`, in current version k and h cannot be vectors.

Value

A list corresponding to the clustering from cutting tree:

cl	vector of cluster memberships
protos	vector of prototype indices corresponding to the k clusters created. protos[i] gives the index of the prototype for all elements with cl==i
imerge	vector describing the nodes where prototypes occur. We use the naming convention of the merge matrix in hclust: if imerge[i] is positive, it is the interior node (counting from the bottom) of the cluster with elements which(cl==i); if imerge[i] is negative, then this is a singleton cluster with a leaf as prototype.

Author(s)

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References

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See Also

[protoclust](#), [cutree](#), [plotwithprototypes](#)

Examples

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# generate some data:
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# cut the tree to yield a 10-cluster clustering:
k <- 10 # number of clusters
cut <- protocut(hc, k=k)
h <- hc$height[n - k]

# plot dendrogram (and show cut):
plotwithprototypes(hc, imerge=cut$imerge, col=2)
abline(h=h, lty=2)

# get the prototype assigned to each point:
pr <- cut$protos[cut$cl]

# find point farthest from its prototype:
dmat <- as.matrix(d)
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ifar <- which.max(dmat[cbind(1:n, pr[1:n])])

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text(x[cut$protos, ], labels=hc$labels[cut$protos], pch=19)
tt <- seq(0, 2 * pi, length=100)
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}
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