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The package provides a class (`loca.p`) that represents a location problem with a finite set of demand points over the plane. Also, it is possible to plot the points and the objective function. Such objective function is the total weighted distances travelled by all the customers to the service.

Non-planar location problems could be handle in future versions of the package.

For a demo, load the package with `library(orloca)`, and use `demo(orloca)`.

The package is ready for internationalization. The author ask for translated version of the `.mo` file to include in the package.

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## See Also

Para la version en espanol, instale el paquete orloca.es y consulte la ayuda sobre [orloca.es-package](#).  
(For the spanish version, install the orloca.es package and see the help about [orloca.es-package](#)).

## Examples

```
# A new unweighted loca.p object
o <- loca.p(x = c(-1, 1, 1, -1), y = c(-1, -1, 1, 1))

# Compute the sum of distances to point (3, 4)
distsum(o, 3, 4)

# Compute the sum of distances to point (3, 4) using lp norm
distsum(o, 3, 4, lp=2.5)

# Solve the optimization problem
```

```
distsummin(o)
# Contour plot
contour(o)

# Make a demo of the package
demo(orloca)
```

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andalusia

*Cities of Andalusia*

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## Description

The 'andalusia' data frame has 12 rows and 4 columns, which are the geographical position of the main capital cities of andalusia.

## Format

**name:** The name of the city or relative position label.

**x:** The x coordinate of points.

**y:** The y coordinate of points.

**city:** If yes the point is a city in other case is a limit.

## Usage

```
data('andalusia')
```

## Source

The data are taken from wikipedia.

## See Also

See also [orloca-package](#).

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*as-methods**as-methods*

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## Description

Conversions between loca.p class and some others classes

## Arguments

x	is the object to convert to the new class object.
row.names	Unused.
optional	Unused.
...	Other arguments, unused.

## Details

Methods to convert from and to loca.p class.

NA's values are not allowed in any of the arguments.

The matrix to convert into loca.p must have at least two columns. The first column will be consider as the x coordinates, the second as the y coordinates, and the third (if given) as the values of w.

The data.frame to convert into loca.p must have at least an x column for x coordinates, and an y column for y coordinates. Optionally, it can have w column, as the values of w.

## Value

If the arguments have valid values, it returns a new object of the new class.

## See Also

See also [loca.p](#)

## Examples

```
# A new unweighted loca.p object
loca <- loca.p(x = c(-1, 1, 1, -1), y = c(-1, -1, 1, 1))

# Conversion to matrix
m <- as.matrix(loca)

# Show matrix
m

# Conversion from matrix
as.loca.p(m)
```

`as.data.frame.loca.p` *as.data.frame.loca.p S3 method to convert from loca.p to data.frame*

## Description

Conversions between loca.p class and some others classes

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'loca.p'
as.data.frame(x, row.names = NULL, optional = FALSE, ...)
```

## Arguments

- `x` is the object to convert to the new class object.
- `row.names` Unused.
- `optional` Unused.
- `...` Other arguments, unused.

## Details

Methods to convert from and to loca.p class.

NA's values are not allowed in any of the arguments.

The matrix to convert into loca.p must have at least two columns. The first column will be considered as the x coordinates, the second as the y coordinates, and the third (if given) as the values of w.

The data.frame to convert into loca.p must have at least an x column for x coordinates, and an y column for y coordinates. Optionally, it can have w column, as the values of w.

## Value

If the arguments have valid values, it returns a new object of the new class.

## See Also

See also [loca.p](#)

## Examples

```
# A new unweighted loca.p object
loca <- loca.p(x = c(-1, 1, 1, -1), y = c(-1, -1, 1, 1))

# Conversion to matrix
m <- as.matrix(loca)

# Show matrix
```

```
m  
# Conversion from matrix  
as.loca.p(m)
```

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**as.loca.p**

*as.loca.p* *The following is for S3 compatibility, mainly for documentation check*

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## Description

Conversions between loca.p class and some others classes

## Usage

```
as.loca.p(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

- |     |   |
|-----|---|
| x   | is the object to convert to the new class object. |
| ... | Other arguments, unused.                          |

## Details

Methods to convert from and to loca.p class.

NA's values are not allowed in any of the arguments.

The matrix to convert into loca.p must have at least two columns. The first column will be considered as the x coordinates, the second as the y coordinates, and the third (if given) as the values of w.

The data.frame to convert into loca.p must have at least an x column for x coordinates, and an y column for y coordinates. Optionally, it can have w column, as the values of w.

## Value

If the arguments have valid values, it returns a new object of the new class.

## See Also

See also [loca.p](#)

## Examples

```
# A new unweighted loca.p object
loca <- loca.p(x = c(-1, 1, 1, -1), y = c(-1, -1, 1, 1))

# Conversion to matrix
m <- as.matrix(loca)

# Show matrix
m

# Conversion from matrix
as.loca.p(m)
```

**as.loca.p.data.frame** *as.loca.p.data.frame S3 method to convert from data.frame to loca.p*

## Description

Conversions between loca.p class and some others classes

## Usage

```
as.loca.p.data.frame(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

- x is the object to convert to the new class object.
- ... Other arguments, unused.

## Details

Methods to convert from and to loca.p class.

NA's values are not allowed in any of the arguments.

The matrix to convert into loca.p must have at least two columns. The first column will be considered as the x coordinates, the second as the y coordinates, and the third (if given) as the values of w.

The data.frame to convert into loca.p must have at least an x column for x coordinates, and an y column for y coordinates. Optionally, it can have w column, as the values of w.

## Value

If the arguments have valid values, it returns a new object of the new class.

## See Also

See also [loca.p](#)

## Examples

```
# A new unweighted loca.p object
loca <- loca.p(x = c(-1, 1, 1, -1), y = c(-1, -1, 1, 1))

# Conversion to matrix
m <- as.matrix(loca)

# Show matrix
m

# Conversion from matrix
as.loca.p(m)
```

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as.loca.p.matrix

*as.loca.p.matrix S3 method to convert from matrix to loca.p*

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## Description

Conversions between loca.p class and some others classes

## Usage

```
as.loca.p.matrix(x, ...)
```

## Arguments

- x               is the object to convert to the new class object.
- ...              Other arguments, unused.

## Details

Methods to convert from and to loca.p class.

NA's values are not allowed in any of the arguments.

The matrix to convert into loca.p must have at least two columns. The first column will be considered as the x coordinates, the second as the y coordinates, and the third (if given) as the values of w.

The data.frame to convert into loca.p must have at least an x column for x coordinates, and an y column for y coordinates. Optionally, it can have w column, as the values of w.

## Value

If the arguments have valid values, it returns a new object of the new class.

## See Also

See also [loca.p](#)

## Examples

```
# A new unweighted loca.p object
loca <- loca.p(x = c(-1, 1, 1, -1), y = c(-1, -1, 1, 1))

# Conversion to matrix
m <- as.matrix(loca)

# Show matrix
m

# Conversion from matrix
as.loca.p(m)
```

**as.matrix.loca.p**

*as.matrix.loca.p S3 method to convert from loca.p to matrix*

## Description

Conversions between loca.p class and some others classes

## Usage

```
## S3 method for class 'loca.p'
as.matrix(x, rownames.force = NA, ...)
```

## Arguments

- x is the object to convert to the new class object.
- rownames.force If True the rownames is setted
- ... Other arguments, unused.

## Details

Methods to convert from and to loca.p class.

NA's values are not allowed in any of the arguments.

The matrix to convert into loca.p must have at least two columns. The first column will be consider as the x coordinates, the second as the y coordinates, and the third (if given) as the values of w.

The data.frame to convert into loca.p must have at least an x column for x coordinates, and an y column for y coordinates. Optionally, it can have w column, as the values of w.

## Value

If the arguments have valid values, it returns a new object of the new class.

**See Also**

See also [loca.p](#)

**Examples**

```
# A new unweighted loca.p object
loca <- loca.p(x = c(-1, 1, 1, -1), y = c(-1, -1, 1, 1))

# Conversion to matrix
m <- as.matrix(loca)

# Show matrix
m

# Conversion from matrix
as.loca.p(m)
```

contour.loca.p

*Plots of the min-sum objective function***Description**

`contour` provides a graphical representations of min-sum function (`distsum`).

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'loca.p'
contour(
  x,
  lp = numeric(0),
  xmin = min(min(x@x), xleft),
  xmax = max(max(x@x), xright),
  ymin = min(min(x@y), ybottom),
  ymax = max(max(x@y), ytop),
  n = 100,
  img = NULL,
  xleft = min(x@x),
  ybottom = min(x@y),
  xright = max(x@x),
  ytop = max(x@y),
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

- x The `loca.p` object to compute the objective.
- lp If given, then  $l_p$  norm will be used instead of the Euclidean norm.

<code>xmin</code>	The minimum value for x axis.
<code>xmax</code>	The maximum value for x axis.
<code>ymin</code>	The minimum value for y axis.
<code>ymax</code>	The maximum value for y axis.
<code>n</code>	The number of divisions for grid.
<code>img</code>	A raster image to plot on background.
<code>xleft</code>	The left position of the image.
<code>ybottom</code>	The bottom position of the image.
<code>xright</code>	The right position of the image.
<code>ytop</code>	The top position of the image.
<code>...</code>	Other options.

### Details

If  $p < 1$  then  $l_p$  is not a norm, so only  $p \geq 1$  are valid values.

### Value

`contour.loca.p` plots a contour plot of min-sum function (`distsum`).

### See Also

See also [orloca-package](#), [plot.loca.p](#) and [loca.p](#).

### Examples

```
# A new unweighted loca.p object
loca <- loca.p(x = c(-1, 1, 1, -1), y = c(-1, -1, 1, 1))

# The contour plot of min-sum function for loca (a loca.p object)
contour(loca)
```

### Description

The objective function and the gradient function for the min-sum location problem.

### Usage

```
distsum(o, x = 0, y = 0, lp = numeric(0))
```

## Arguments

- o An object of loca.p class.
- x The x coordinate of the point to be evaluated.
- y The y coordinate of the point to be evaluated.
- lp If given, then  $l_p$  norm will be used instead of the Euclidean norm.

## Details

The function zsum is deprecated and will be removed from new versions of the package.

## Value

`distsum` returns the objective function of the min-sum location problem,  $\sum_{a_i \in o} w_i d(a_i, (x, y))$ , where  $d(a_i, (x, y))$  gives the euclidean or the  $l_p$  distances between  $a_i$  and the point  $(x, y)$ .

## See Also

See also [orloca-package](#) and [distsummin](#).

## Examples

```
# A new unweighted loca.p object
loca <- loca.p(x = c(-1, 1, 1, -1), y = c(-1, -1, 1, 1))
# Evaluation of distsum at (0, 0)
distsum(loca)

# Evaluation of distsum at (1, 3)
distsum(loca, 1, 3)
# Compute the objective function at point (3, 4) using lp norm and p = 2.5
distsum(loca, 3, 4, lp=2.5)
# The gradient function at (1,3)
distsumgra(loca, 1, 3)
```

`distsumgra`

*Computes the gradient of distsum function*

## Description

The gradient function for the min-sum location problem.

## Usage

```
distsumgra(o, x = 0, y = 0, lp = numeric(0), partial = F)
```

## Arguments

- o An object of `loca.p` class.
- x The x coordinate of the point to be evaluated.
- y The y coordinate of the point to be evaluated.
- lp If given, then  $l_p$  norm will be used instead of the Euclidean norm.
- partial If  $(x,y)$  is a demand point `partial=T` means ignore such point to compute the gradient. This option is mainly for internal use.

## Details

The function `zsumgra` is deprecated and will be removed from new versions of the package.

## Value

`distsumgra` returns the gradient vector of the function of the min-sum location problem,  $\sum_{a_i \in o} w_i d(a_i, (x, y))$ , where  $d(a_i, (x, y))$  gives the euclidean or the  $l_p$  distances between  $a_i$  and the point  $(x, y)$ .

## See Also

See also [orloca-package](#) and `distsum`.

## Examples

```
# A new unweighted loca.p object
loca <- loca.p(x = c(-1, 1, 1, -1), y = c(-1, -1, 1, 1))
# Evaluation of distsum at (0, 0)
distsum(loca)

# Evaluation of distsum at (1, 3)
distsum(loca, 1, 3)
# Compute the objective function at point (3, 4) using lp norm and p = 2.5
distsum(loca, 3, 4, lp=2.5)
# The gradient function at (1,3)
distsumgra(loca, 1, 3)
```

`distsummin`

*Returns the solution of the minimization problem*

## Description

Solve the min-sum location problem for a given `loca.p` class object.

**Usage**

```
distsummin(
  o,
  x = 0,
  y = 0,
  lp = numeric(0),
  max.iter = 1e+05,
  eps = 0.001,
  verbose = FALSE,
  algorithm = "Weiszfeld",
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>o</code>	An object of <code>loca.p</code> class.
<code>x</code>	The $x$ coordinate of the starting point. It's default value is 0.
<code>y</code>	The $y$ coordinate of the starting point. It's default value is 0.
<code>lp</code>	If given, the $l_p$ norm will be used instead of the Euclidean norm.
<code>max.iter</code>	Maximum number of iterations allowed. It's default value is 100000.
<code>eps</code>	The module of the gradient in the stop rule. It's default value is 1e-3.
<code>verbose</code>	If TRUE the function produces detailed output. It's default value is FALSE.
<code>algorithm</code>	The method to be use. For this version of the package, the valid values are: "gradient" for a gradient based method, "search" for local search method (this option is deprecated), "ucminf" for optimization with <code>ucminf</code> from <code>ucminf</code> package, and "Weiszfeld" for the Weiszfeld method or any of the valid method for <code>optim</code> function, now "Nelder-Mead", "BFGS", "CG", "L-BFGS-B", "SANN". "Weiszfeld" is the default value.
<code>...</code>	Other options for optimization algorithms.

**Details**

The algorithms Weiszfeld and gradient include and optimality test for demand points. The Weiszfeld version of the algorithm also implements slow convergence test and accelerator procedure.

If  $p < 1$  thus  $l_p$  is not a norm, so, only  $p \geq 1$  are valid values.

Since  $l_2$  norm is the Euclidean norm, when  $p = 2$  `distsumlpmin` are equal to `distsummin`. But the computations involved are greater for the first form.

`max.iter` for SANN algorithm is the number of evaluation of objective function, so this methos usually requires large values of `max.iter` to reach optimal value

The function `zsummin` is deprecated and will be removed from new versions of the package.

**Value**

`distsummin` returns an array with the coordinates of the solution point.

## See Also

See also [orloca-package](#), [loca.p](#) and [distsum](#).

## Examples

```
# A new unweighted loca.p object
loca <- loca.p(x = c(-1, 1, 1, -1), y = c(-1, -1, 1, 1))
# Compute the minimum
sol<-distsummin(loca)

# Show the result
sol

# Evaluation of the objective function at solution point
distsum(loca, sol[1], sol[2])
```

**loca.p**

*loca.p class for Operations Research LOCational Analysis*

## Description

An object of class `loca.p` represents a weighted location problem with a finite demand points set. The [orloca-package](#) is mainly devoted to deals with location problems.

## Arguments

- `x` is a vector of the x coordinates of the demand points.
- `y` is a vector of the y coordinates of the demand points.
- `w` is a vector of weights of the demand points. If `w` is omitted then all weights are considered as 1.
- `label` If given, it is the label of the new object.

## Details

The main generator of the `loca.p` class is `loca.p(x,y,w = numeric(0),label = "")`. An alternative form is `new("loca.p",x,y,w = numeric(0),label = "")`.

The lengths of `x` and `y` vector must be equals. The length of `w` must be equal to the previous ones or must be 0. NA's values are not allowed at any of the arguments.

## Value

If the arguments have valid values, it returns a new object of class `loca.p`, else it returns an error. `summary(x)` returns a summary of the `x` `loca.p` object and `print(x)` prints the `x` `loca.p` object in table format.

**See Also**

See also [orloca-package](#).

**Examples**

```
# A new unweighted loca.p object
loca <- loca.p(x = c(-1, 1, 1, -1), y = c(-1, -1, 1, 1))
# or
loca <- new("loca.p", x = c(-1, 1, 1, -1), y = c(-1, -1, 1, 1))

# An example with weights and name
locb <- new("loca.p", x = c(-1, 1, 1, -1), y = c(-1, -1, 1, 1),
w = c(1, 2, 1, 2), label = "Weighted case")
```

persp.loca.p

*Plots of the min-sum objective function***Description**

`persp` provides a graphical representations of min-sum function (`distsum`).

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'loca.p'
persp(
  x,
  lp = numeric(0),
  xmin = min(x@x),
  xmax = max(x@x),
  ymin = min(x@y),
  ymax = max(x@y),
  n = 10,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	The loca.p object to compute the objective.
<code>lp</code>	If given, then $l_p$ norm will be used instead of the Euclidean norm.
<code>xmin</code>	The minimum value for x axis.
<code>xmax</code>	The maximum value for x axis.
<code>ymin</code>	The minimum value for y axis.
<code>ymax</code>	The maximum value for y axis.
<code>n</code>	The number of divisions for grid.
<code>...</code>	Other options.

**Details**

If  $p < 1$  then  $l_p$  is not a norm, so only  $p \geq 1$  are valid values.

**Value**

A plot a 3D plot or min-sum function.

**See Also**

See also [orloca-package](#), [plot.loca.p](#) and [loca.p](#).

**Examples**

```
# A new unweighted loca.p object
loca <- loca.p(x = c(-1, 1, 1, -1), y = c(-1, -1, 1, 1))

# The 3D graphics
persp(loca)
```

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**plot**

*plot of loca.p class objects*

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**Description**

This method provides a graphical representations of an object of class `loca.p`.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'loca.p'
plot(
  x,
  xlab = "",
  ylab = "",
  main = paste(gettext("Plot of loca.p", domain = "R-orloca"), ifelse(x@label == "", "", 
    paste0(": '", x@label, "'"))),
  img = NULL,
  xlim = c(min(xleft, min(x@x)), max(xright, max(x@x))),
  ylim = c(min(ybottom, min(x@y)), max(ytop, max(x@y))),
  xleft = min(x@x),
  ybottom = min(x@y),
  xright = max(x@x),
  ytop = max(x@y),
  ...
)
```

## Arguments

x	The loca.p object to plot.
xlab	The label for x axis.
ylab	The label for y axis.
main	The main title for the plot.
img	A raster image to plot on background.
xlim	Limit over the x axes of the plot.
ylim	Limit over the y axes of the plot.
xleft	The left position of the image.
ybottom	The bottom position of the image.
xright	The right position of the image.
ytop	The top position of the image.
...	Other graphical options.

## Details

The function plots the demand points with automatic limits evaluation.

## Value

The function plots the required graphics.

## See Also

See also [orloca-package](#), [loca.p](#) and [plot](#).

## Examples

```
# A new unweighted loca.p object
loca <- loca.p(x = c(-1, 1, 1, -1), y = c(-1, -1, 1, 1))
# The plot of loca object
plot(loca)
```

## Description

rloca.p function returns a random instance of loca.p class object at a given rectangular region.

## Usage

```
rloca.p(
  n,
  xmin = 0,
  xmax = 1,
  ymin = 0,
  ymax = 1,
  wmin = 1,
  wmax = 1,
  label = "",
  groups = 0,
  xgmin = xmin,
  xgmax = xmax,
  ygmin = ymin,
  ygmax = ymax
)
```

## Arguments

<b>n</b>	The number of demand points.
<b>xmin</b>	Minimum value for the x coordinates of the demand points.
<b>xmax</b>	Maximum value for the x coordinates of the demand points.
<b>ymin</b>	Minimum value for the y coordinates of the demand points.
<b>ymax</b>	Maximum value for the y coordinates of the demand points.
<b>wmin</b>	Minimum value for weights
<b>wmax</b>	Maximum value for weights
<b>label</b>	The label for the new loca.p object.
<b>groups</b>	The number of (almost) equal size groups to generate, or a list size of the groups to generate. In the second case n will be ignored.
<b>xgmin</b>	Minimum value for the x coordinate of demand points with respect to the group reference point.
<b>xgmax</b>	Maximum value for the x coordinate of demand points with respect to the group reference point.
<b>ygmin</b>	Minimum value for the y coordinate of demand points with respect to the group reference point.
<b>ygmax</b>	Maximum value for the y coordinate of demand points with respect to the group reference point.

## Details

**n** must be at least 1.

**xmin** must be less or equal than **xmax**.

**ymin** must be less or equal than **ymax**.

If a non zero value is given for groups parameter, then a reference point for each group are generated. At second stage, the offset part for each demand point are generated, and added to the reference point generated at the first stage.

Note that groups = 1 is not equivalent to the default value groups = 0, because in the first case a reference point are generated at the first stage.

## Value

If the arguments are valid values, it returns a new object of loca.p class, else it returns an error.

## See Also

See also [orloca-package](#) and loca.p.

## Examples

```
# A random loca.p object at unit square with 5 demand points
rloca.p(5)
# At another region
rloca.p(10, xmin=-2, xmax=2, ymin=-2, ymax=2)
# Five groups
rloca.p(48, groups=5)
# Three unequal groups
rloca.p(1, groups=c(10, 7, 2))
```

## Description

The function zsum is deprecated and could be removed in next version of the package. Use [distsum](#) instead.

## Usage

```
zsum(...)
```

## Arguments

...	Parameters passed to distsum
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`zsumgra``zsumgra`

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**Description**

The function `zsumgra` is deprecated and could be removed in next version of the package. Use [distsumgra](#) instead.

**Usage**`zsumgra(...)`**Arguments**

...                    Parameters passed to `distsumgra`

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`zsummin``zsummin`

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**Description**

The function `zsummin` is deprecated and could be removed in next version of the package. Use [distsummin](#) instead.

**Usage**`zsummin(...)`**Arguments**

...                    Parameters passed to `distsummin`

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