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## Description

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

## Details

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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$protos[cut$c1]

# 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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find\_elements

*Find the path from root to highest occurrence of each element*


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### Description

A `protoclust` object has a prototype associated with each interior node. Every element being clustered occurs at least as a leaf but might also appear multiple times as a prototype. This function finds for each element the path from the root to the highest occurrence of that element. The path is specified by a series of 0s and 1s, where 0 means "go left" and 1 means "go right".

### Usage

```
find_elements(hc)
```

### Arguments

`hc` a `protoclust` object

**Value**

paths	a list of length n giving, for each element, the path from root to its highest occurrence. A 0 means go left, a 1 means go right.
int_paths	a list of length n - 1 giving, for each interior node, the path from root to it. A 0 means go left, a 1 means go right.

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plot.protoclust	<i>Plot Dendrogram</i>
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**Description**

Calls [plotwithprototypes](#), which allows one to add prototype labels to the dendrogram.

**Usage**

```
## S3 method for class 'protoclust'
plot(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	a protoclust object
...	additional arguments to be passed to <a href="#">plotwithprototypes</a>

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plotwithprototypes	<i>Plot Dendrogram with Prototype Labels Added</i>
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**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 <code>protoclust</code> (as returned by the function <code>protoclust</code> )
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 <code>imerge</code> ). Example: <code>seq(1, n - 1)</code> 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: <code>-seq(n)</code> , 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, <code>hc\$labels</code> is used (if not <code>NULL</code> ) or else labels are taken to be <code>seq(n)</code> .
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 <code>plot.hclust</code> , such as <code>hang</code>

**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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**References**

Bien, J., and Tibshirani, R. (2011), "Hierarchical Clustering with Prototypes via Minimax Linkage," *The Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 106(495), 1075-1084.

**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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plotwithtext

*Plot Dendrogram with Interior Node Text Added*


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## Description

Makes a plot of the dendrogram (using `plot.hclust`) and adds interior node text.

## Usage

```

plotwithtext(
  hc,
  imerge = -seq(n),
  text = as.character(1:n),
  bgcol = "white",
  font = 1,
  col = 1,
  cex = 1,
  ...
)

```

## Arguments

<code>hc</code>	an object of class <code>hclust</code>
<code>imerge</code>	a vector of the nodes where text is desired. Interior nodes are numbered from 1 (lowest merge) to $n - 1$ (highest merge, i.e. the root) and leaf-nodes are negative. Example: <code>seq(1, n - 1)</code> means every interior node is labeled with text. Default: <code>-seq(n)</code> , meaning all leaf labels and no interior-node labels are shown.

text	a character vector of length matching 'imerge'. The element 'text[i]' will label node 'imerge[i]'.
bgcol	background color for labels
col, font	color and font of labels
cex	size of label
...	additional arguments to be passed to plot.hclust, such as hang

### Details

This function lets one put text on a dendrogram. The argument `imerge` controls which interior nodes and leaves are labeled with text.

### Author(s)

Jacob Bien and Rob Tibshirani

### References

Bien, J., and Tibshirani, R. (2011), "Hierarchical Clustering with Prototypes via Minimax Linkage," *The Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 106(495), 1075-1084.

### 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):
protoclust::plotwithtext(hc, imerge=cut$imerge, text=paste("Cluster", 1:k))
abline(h=h, lty=2)

# negative values of imerge specify which leaves to label
protoclust::plotwithtext(hc, imerge=c(-1, cut$imerge), text=c("1", paste("Cluster", 1:k)))
```

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protoclust

*Hierarchical Clustering with Prototypes: Minimax Linkage.*

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## 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

<code>d</code>	dissimilarities object. Can be of class <code>dist</code> or <code>matrix</code>
<code>verb</code>	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

## Value

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

<code>merge</code> , <code>height</code> , <code>order</code>	identical to the values returned by <code>hclust</code>
<code>protos</code>	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.

## Author(s)

Jacob Bien and Rob Tibshirani

## References

Bien, J., and Tibshirani, R. (2011), "Hierarchical Clustering with Prototypes via Minimax Linkage," *The Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 106(495), 1075-1084.

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).

Bien, J., and Tibshirani, R. (2011), "Hierarchical Clustering with Prototypes via Minimax Linkage," *The Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 106(495), 1075-1084.

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

### See Also

[protocut](#), [plotwithprototypes](#), [hclust](#)

### Examples

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# generate some data:
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abline(h=h, lty=2)

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# 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")
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points(x, pch=20, col="lightblue")
lines(rbind(x[ifar, ], x[pr[ifar], ]), col=3)
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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*


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### 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 <code>protoclust</code>
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:

c1	vector of cluster memberships
protos	vector of prototype indices corresponding to the $k$ clusters created. <code>protos[i]</code> gives the index of the prototype for all elements with <code>c1==i</code>
imerge	vector describing the nodes where prototypes occur. We use the naming convention of the merge matrix in <code>hclust</code> : if <code>imerge[i]</code> is positive, it is the interior node (counting from the bottom) of the cluster with elements which <code>(c1==i)</code> ; if <code>imerge[i]</code> 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](#)

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```
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```

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