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The delaunay function is the main function of this package. It can build a Delaunay triangulation of a set of 2D points, constrained or unconstrained. The constraints are defined by the edges argument.

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delaunay	<i>2D Delaunay triangulation</i>
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Description

Performs a (constrained) Delaunay triangulation of a set of 2d points.

Usage

```
delaunay(points, edges = NULL, elevation = FALSE)
```

Arguments

points	a numeric matrix with two or three columns (three columns for an elevated Delaunay triangulation)
edges	the edges for the constrained Delaunay triangulation, an integer matrix with two columns; NULL for no constraint
elevation	Boolean, whether to perform an elevated Delaunay triangulation (also known as 2.5D Delaunay triangulation)

Value

A list. There are three possibilities. #'

- **If the dimension is 2** and edges=NULL, the returned value is a list with three fields: vertices, mesh and edges. The vertices field contains the given vertices. The mesh field is an object of class `mesh3d`, ready for plotting with the `rgl` package. The edges field provides the indices of the vertices of the edges, given by the first two columns of a three-columns integer matrix. The third column, named border, only contains some zeros and some ones; a border (exterior) edge is labelled by a 1.
- **If the dimension is 2** and edges is not NULL, the returned value is a list with four fields: vertices, mesh, edges, and constraints. The vertices field contains the vertices of the triangulation. They coincide with the given vertices if the constraint edges do not intersect; otherwise there are the intersections in addition to the given vertices. The mesh and edges fields are similar to the previous case, the unconstrained Delaunay triangulation. The constraints field is an integer matrix with two columns, it represents the constraint edges. They are not the same as the ones provided by the user if these ones intersect. If they do not intersect, then in general these are the same, but not always, in some rare corner cases.
- **If elevation=TRUE**, the returned value is a list with five fields: vertices, mesh, edges, volume, and surface. The vertices field contains the given vertices. The mesh field is an object of class `mesh3d`, ready for plotting with the `rgl` package. The edges field is similar to the previous cases. The volume field provides a number, the sum of the volumes under the Delaunay triangles, that is to say the total volume under the triangulated surface. Finally, the surface field provides the sum of the areas of all triangles, thereby approximating the area of the triangulated surface.

Note

The triangulation can depend on the order of the points; this is shown in the examples.

Examples

```
library(RCDT)
# random points in a square #####
set.seed(314)
library(uniformly)
square <- rbind(
  c(-1, 1), c(1, 1), c(1, -1), c(-1, -1)
)
pts_in_square <- runif_in_cube(10L, d = 2L)
```

```

pts <- rbind(square, pts_in_square)
del <- delaunay(pts)
opar <- par(mar = c(0, 0, 0, 0))
plotDelaunay(
  del, type = "n", xlab = NA, ylab = NA, asp = 1,
  fillcolor = "random", luminosity = "light", lty_edges = "dashed"
)
par(opar)

# the order of the points matters ####
# the Delaunay triangulation is not unique in general;
# it can depend on the order of the points
points <- cbind(
  c(1, 2, 1, 3, 2, 1, 4, 3, 2, 1, 4, 3, 2, 4, 3, 4),
  c(1, 1, 2, 1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3, 4, 2, 3, 4, 3, 4, 4)
)
del <- delaunay(points)
opar <- par(mar = c(0, 0, 0, 0))
plotDelaunay(
  del, type = "p", pch = 19, xlab = NA, ylab = NA, axes = FALSE,
  asp = 1, lwd_edges = 2, lwd_borders = 3
)
par(opar)
# now we randomize the order of the points
set.seed(666L)
points2 <- points[sample.int(nrow(points)), ]
del2 <- delaunay(points2)
opar <- par(mar = c(0, 0, 0, 0))
plotDelaunay(
  del2, type = "p", pch = 19, xlab = NA, ylab = NA, axes = FALSE,
  asp = 1, lwd_edges = 2, lwd_borders = 3
)
par(opar)

# a constrained Delaunay triangulation: outer and inner dodecagons ####
# points
nsides <- 12L
angles <- seq(0, 2*pi, length.out = nsides+1L)[-1L]
points <- cbind(cos(angles), sin(angles))
points <- rbind(points, points/1.5)
# constraint edges
indices <- 1L:nsides
edges_outer <- cbind(
  indices, c(indices[-1L], indices[1L])
)
edges_inner <- edges_outer + nsides
edges <- rbind(edges_outer, edges_inner)
# constrained Delaunay triangulation
del <- delaunay(points, edges)
# plot
opar <- par(mar = c(0, 0, 0, 0))
plotDelaunay(
  del, type = "n", fillcolor = "yellow", lwd_borders = 2, asp = 1,

```

```
    axes = FALSE, xlab = NA, ylab = NA
  )
  par(opar)

  # another constrained Delaunay triangulation: a face ####
  V <- read.table(
    system.file("extdata", "face_vertices.txt", package = "RCDT")
  )
  E <- read.table(
    system.file("extdata", "face_edges.txt", package = "RCDT")
  )
  del <- delaunay(
    points = as.matrix(V)[, c(2L, 3L)], edges = as.matrix(E)[, c(2L, 3L)]
  )
  opar <- par(mar = c(0, 0, 0, 0))
  plotDelaunay(
    del, type="n", col_edges = NULL, fillcolor = "salmon",
    col_borders = "black", col_constraints = "purple",
    lwd_borders = 3, lwd_constraints = 3,
    asp = 1, axes = FALSE, xlab = NA, ylab = NA
  )
  par(opar)
```

delaunayArea

Area of Delaunay triangulation

Description

Computes the area of a region subject to Delaunay triangulation.

Usage

```
delaunayArea(del)
```

Arguments

del an output of [delaunay](#) executed with `elevation=FALSE`

Value

A number, the area of the region triangulated by the Delaunay triangulation.

Examples

```
library(RCDT)
# random points in a square ####
set.seed(666L)
library(uniformly)
square <- rbind(
  c(-1, 1), c(1, 1), c(1, -1), c(-1, -1)
```

```

)
pts <- rbind(square, runif_in_cube(8L, d = 2L))
del <- delaunay(pts)
delaunayArea(del)

# a constrained Delaunay triangulation: outer and inner squares ####
innerSquare <- rbind( # the hole
  c(-1, 1), c(1, 1), c(1, -1), c(-1, -1)
) # area: 4
outerSquare <- 2*innerSquare # area: 16
points <- rbind(innerSquare, outerSquare)
edges_inner <- rbind(c(1L, 2L), c(2L, 3L), c(3L, 4L), c(4L, 1L))
edges_outer <- edges_inner + 4L
edges <- rbind(edges_inner, edges_outer)
del <- delaunay(points, edges = edges)
delaunayArea(del) # 16-4

```

plotDelaunay

Plot 2D Delaunay triangulation

Description

Plot a constrained or unconstrained 2D Delaunay triangulation.

Usage

```

plotDelaunay(
  del,
  col_edges = "black",
  col_borders = "red",
  col_constraints = "green",
  fillcolor = "random",
  distinctArgs = list(seedcolors = c("#ff0000", "#00ff00", "#0000ff")),
  randomArgs = list(hue = "random", luminosity = "dark"),
  lty_edges = par("lty"),
  lwd_edges = par("lwd"),
  lty_borders = par("lty"),
  lwd_borders = par("lwd"),
  lty_constraints = par("lty"),
  lwd_constraints = par("lwd"),
  ...
)

```

Arguments

<code>del</code>	an output of <code>delaunay</code> without constraints (<code>edges=NULL</code>) or with constraints
<code>col_edges</code>	the color of the edges of the triangles which are not border edges nor constraint edges; <code>NULL</code> for no color

col_borders	the color of the border edges; note that the border edges can contain the constraint edges for a constrained Delaunay triangulation; NULL for no color
col_constraints	for a constrained Delaunay triangulation, the color of the constraint edges which are not border edges; NULL for no color
fillcolor	controls the filling colors of the triangles, either NULL for no color, a single color, "random" to get multiple colors with randomColor , "distinct" get multiple colors with createPalette , or a vector of colors, one color for each triangle; in this case the the colors will be assigned in the order they are provided but after the triangles have been circularly ordered (see the last example)
distinctArgs	if fillcolor = "distinct", a list of arguments passed to createPalette
randomArgs	if fillcolor = "random", a list of arguments passed to randomColor
lty_edges, lwd_edges	graphical parameters for the edges which are not border edges nor constraint edges
lty_borders, lwd_borders	graphical parameters for the border edges
lty_constraints, lwd_constraints	in the case of a constrained Delaunay triangulation, graphical parameters for the constraint edges which are not border edges
...	arguments passed to plot for the vertices, such as type="n", asp=1, axes=FALSE, etc

Value

No value, just renders a 2D plot.

See Also

The mesh field in the output of [deLaunay](#) for an interactive plot. Other examples of [plotDelaunay](#) are given in the examples of [deLaunay](#).

Examples

```
library(RCDT)
# random points in a square ####
square <- rbind(
  c(-1, 1), c(1, 1), c(1, -1), c(-1, -1)
)
library(uniformly)
set.seed(314)
pts_in_square <- runif_in_cube(10L, d = 2L)
pts <- rbind(square, pts_in_square)
d <- delaunay(pts)
opar <- par(mar = c(0, 0, 0, 0))
plotDelaunay(
  d, type = "n", xlab = NA, ylab = NA, axes = FALSE, asp = 1,
  fillcolor = "random", lwd_borders = 3
)
```

```

)
par(opar)

# a constrained Delaunay triangulation: pentagram #####
# vertices
R <- sqrt((5-sqrt(5))/10) # outer circumradius
r <- sqrt((25-11*sqrt(5))/10) # circumradius of the inner pentagon
k <- pi/180 # factor to convert degrees to radians
X <- R * vapply(0L:4L, function(i) cos(k * (90+72*i)), numeric(1L))
Y <- R * vapply(0L:4L, function(i) sin(k * (90+72*i)), numeric(1L))
x <- r * vapply(0L:4L, function(i) cos(k * (126+72*i)), numeric(1L))
y <- r * vapply(0L:4L, function(i) sin(k * (126+72*i)), numeric(1L))
vertices <- rbind(
  c(X[1L], Y[1L]),
  c(x[1L], y[1L]),
  c(X[2L], Y[2L]),
  c(x[2L], y[2L]),
  c(X[3L], Y[3L]),
  c(x[3L], y[3L]),
  c(X[4L], Y[4L]),
  c(x[4L], y[4L]),
  c(X[5L], Y[5L]),
  c(x[5L], y[5L])
)
# constraint edge indices (= boundary)
edges <- cbind(1L:10L, c(2L:10L, 1L))
# constrained Delaunay triangulation
del <- delaunay(vertices, edges)
# plot
opar <- par(mar = c(0, 0, 0, 0))
plotDelaunay(
  del, type = "n", asp = 1, fillcolor = "distinct", lwd_borders = 3,
  xlab = NA, ylab = NA, axes = FALSE
)
par(opar)
# interactive plot with 'rgl'
mesh <- del[["mesh"]]
library(rgl)
open3d(windowRect = c(100, 100, 612, 612))
shade3d(mesh, color = "red", specular = "orangered")
wire3d(mesh, color = "black", lwd = 3, specular = "black")
# plot only the border edges - we could find them in `del[["edges"]]`
# but we use the 'rgl' function `getBoundary3d` instead
open3d(windowRect = c(100, 100, 612, 612))
shade3d(mesh, color = "darkred", specular = "firebrick")
shade3d(getBoundary3d(mesh), lwd = 3)

# an example where `fillcolor` is a vector of colors #####
n <- 50L # number of sides of the outer polygon
angles1 <- head(seq(0, 2*pi, length.out = n + 1L), -1L)
outer_points <- cbind(cos(angles1), sin(angles1))
m <- 5L # number of sides of the inner polygon
angles2 <- head(seq(0, 2*pi, length.out = m + 1L), -1L)

```

```
phi <- (1+sqrt(5))/2 # the ratio 2-phi will yield a perfect pentagram
inner_points <- (2-phi) * cbind(cos(angles2), sin(angles2))
points <- rbind(outer_points, inner_points)
# constraint edges
indices <- 1L:n
edges_outer <- cbind(indices, c(indices[-1L], indices[1L]))
indices <- n + 1L:m
edges_inner <- cbind(indices, c(indices[-1L], indices[1L]))
edges <- rbind(edges_outer, edges_inner)
# constrained Delaunay triangulation
del <- delaunay(points, edges)
# there are 55 triangles:
del[["mesh"]]
# we make a cyclic palette of colors:
colors <- viridisLite::turbo(28)
colors <- c(colors, rev(colors[-1L]))
# plot
opar <- par(mar = c(0, 0, 0, 0))
plotDelaunay(
  del, type = "n", asp = 1, lwd_borders = 3, col_borders = "black",
  fillcolor = colors, col_edges = "black", lwd_edges = 1.5,
  axes = FALSE, xlab = NA, ylab = NA
)
par(opar)
```

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