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Description

akima is a list with components x , y and z which represents a smooth surface of z values at selected points irregularly distributed in the x - y plane.

The data was taken from a study of waveform distortion in electronic circuits, described in: Hiroshi Akima, "A Method of Bivariate Interpolation and Smooth Surface Fitting Based on Local Procedures", CACM, Vol. 17, No. 1, January 1974, pp. 18-20.

References

Hiroshi Akima, "A Method of Bivariate Interpolation and Smooth Surface Fitting for Irregularly Distributed Data Points", ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software, Vol. 4, No. 2, June 1978, pp. 148-159. Copyright 1978, Association for Computing Machinery, Inc., reprinted by permission.

Examples

```
## Not run:
library(rgl)
data(akima)
# data
rgl.spheres(akima$x,akima$z , akima$y,0.5,color="red")
rgl.bbox()
# bivariate linear interpolation
# interp:
akima.li <- interp(akima$x, akima$y, akima$z,
                  xo=seq(min(akima$x), max(akima$x), length = 100),
                  yo=seq(min(akima$y), max(akima$y), length = 100))
# interp surface:
rgl.surface(akima.li$x,akima.li$y,akima.li$z,color="green",alpha=c(0.5))
# interpp:
akima.p <- interpp(akima$x, akima$y, akima$z,
                  runif(200,min(akima$x),max(akima$x)),
                  runif(200,min(akima$y),max(akima$y)))
# interpp points:
rgl.points(akima.p$x,akima.p$z , akima.p$y,size=4,color="yellow")

# bivariate spline interpolation
# data
rgl.spheres(akima$x,akima$z , akima$y,0.5,color="red")
rgl.bbox()
# bivariate cubic spline interpolation
# interp:
akima.si <- interp(akima$x, akima$y, akima$z,
                  xo=seq(min(akima$x), max(akima$x), length = 100),
                  yo=seq(min(akima$y), max(akima$y), length = 100),
                  linear = FALSE, extrapol = TRUE)
```

```
# interp surface:
rgl.surface(akima.si$x, akima.si$y, akima.si$z, color="green", alpha=c(0.5))
# interpp:
akima.sp <- interpp(akima$x, akima$y, akima$z,
                   runif(200, min(akima$x), max(akima$x)),
                   runif(200, min(akima$y), max(akima$y)),
                   linear = FALSE, extrap = TRUE)
# interpp points:
rgl.points(akima.sp$x, akima.sp$z, akima.sp$y, size=4, color="yellow")

## End(Not run)
```

aspline

Univariate Akima interpolation

Description

The function returns a list of points which smoothly interpolate given data points, similar to a curve drawn by hand.

Usage

```
aspline(x, y=NULL, xout, n = 50, ties = mean, method="original", degree=3)
```

Arguments

<code>x, y</code>	vectors giving the coordinates of the points to be interpolated. Alternatively a single plotting structure can be specified: see <code>xy.coords</code> .
<code>xout</code>	an optional set of values specifying where interpolation is to take place.
<code>n</code>	If <code>xout</code> is not specified, interpolation takes place at <code>n</code> equally spaced points spanning the interval $[\min(x), \max(x)]$.
<code>ties</code>	Handling of tied <code>x</code> values. Either a function with a single vector argument returning a single number result or the string "ordered".
<code>method</code>	either "original" method after Akima (1970) or "improved" method after Akima (1991)
<code>degree</code>	if improved algorithm is selected: degree of the polynomials for the interpolating function

Details

The original algorithm is based on a piecewise function composed of a set of polynomials, each of degree three, at most, and applicable to successive interval of the given points. In this method, the slope of the curve is determined at each given point locally, and each polynomial representing a portion of the curve between a pair of given points is determined by the coordinates of and the slopes at the points.

Value

A list with components `x` and `y`, containing `n` coordinates which interpolate the given data points.

References

Akima, H. (1970) A new method of interpolation and smooth curve fitting based on local procedures, *J. ACM* **17**(4), 589-602

Akima, H. (1991) A Method of Univariate Interpolation that Has the Accuracy of a Third-degree Polynomial. *ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software*, **17**(3), 341-366.

See Also

[approx](#), [spline](#)

Examples

```
## regular spaced data
x <- 1:10
y <- c(rnorm(5), c(1,1,1,1,3))

xnew <- seq(-1, 11, 0.1)
plot(x, y, ylim=c(-3, 3), xlim=range(xnew))
lines(spline(x, y, xmin=min(xnew), xmax=max(xnew), n=200), col="blue")

lines(aspline(x, y, xnew), col="red")
lines(aspline(x, y, xnew, method="improved"), col="black", lty="dotted")
lines(aspline(x, y, xnew, method="improved", degree=10), col="green", lty="dashed")

## irregular spaced data
x <- sort(runif(10, max=10))
y <- c(rnorm(5), c(1,1,1,1,3))

xnew <- seq(-1, 11, 0.1)
plot(x, y, ylim=c(-3, 3), xlim=range(xnew))
lines(spline(x, y, xmin=min(xnew), xmax=max(xnew), n=200), col="blue")

lines(aspline(x, y, xnew), col="red")
lines(aspline(x, y, xnew, method="improved"), col="black", lty="dotted")
lines(aspline(x, y, xnew, method="improved", degree=10), col="green", lty="dashed")

## an example of Akima, 1991
x <- c(-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 2.5, 3)
y <- c(0, 0, 0, 0, -1, -1, 0, 2)

plot(x, y, ylim=c(-3, 3))
lines(spline(x, y, n=200), col="blue")

lines(aspline(x, y, n=200), col="red")
lines(aspline(x, y, n=200, method="improved"), col="black", lty="dotted")
lines(aspline(x, y, n=200, method="improved", degree=10), col="green", lty="dashed")
```

interp

*Gridded Bivariate Interpolation for Irregular Data***Description**

These functions implement bivariate interpolation onto a grid for irregularly spaced input data. Bilinear or bicubic spline interpolation is applied using different versions of algorithms from Akima.

Usage

```
interp(x, y, z, xo=seq(min(x), max(x), length = 40),
       yo=seq(min(y), max(y), length = 40),
       linear = TRUE, extrap=FALSE, duplicate = "error", dupfun = NULL, ncp = NULL)
interp.old(x, y, z, xo= seq(min(x), max(x), length = 40),
          yo=seq(min(y), max(y), length = 40), ncp = 0,
          extrap=FALSE, duplicate = "error", dupfun = NULL)
interp.new(x, y, z, xo = seq(min(x), max(x), length = 40),
          yo = seq(min(y), max(y), length = 40), linear = FALSE,
          ncp = NULL, extrap=FALSE, duplicate = "error", dupfun = NULL)
```

Arguments

x	vector of x-coordinates of data points. Missing values are not accepted.
y	vector of y-coordinates of data points. Missing values are not accepted.
z	vector of z-coordinates of data points. Missing values are not accepted.
	x, y, and z must be the same length and may contain no fewer than four points. The points of x and y cannot be collinear, i.e, they cannot fall on the same line (two vectors x and y such that $y = ax + b$ for some a, b will not be accepted). <code>interp</code> is meant for cases in which you have x, y values scattered over a plane and a z value for each. If, instead, you are trying to evaluate a mathematical function, or get a graphical interpretation of relationships that can be described by a polynomial, try <code>outer()</code> .
xo	vector of x-coordinates of output grid. The default is 40 points evenly spaced over the range of x. If extrapolation is not being used (<code>extrap=FALSE</code> , the default), xo should have a range that is close to or inside of the range of x for the results to be meaningful.
yo	vector of y-coordinates of output grid; analogous to xo, see above.
linear	logical – indicating whether linear or spline interpolation should be used. supersedes old ncp parameter
ncp	deprecated, use parameter linear. Now only used by <code>interp.old()</code> . meaning was: number of additional points to be used in computing partial derivatives at each data point. ncp must be either 0 (partial derivatives are not used), or at least 2 but smaller than the number of data points (and smaller than 25).

extrap	logical flag: should extrapolation be used outside of the convex hull determined by the data points?
duplicate	character string indicating how to handle duplicate data points. Possible values are "error" produces an error message, "strip" remove duplicate z values, "mean","median","user" calculate mean , median or user defined function (dupfun) of duplicate z values.
dupfun	a function, applied to duplicate points if duplicate= "user".

Details

If `linear` is `TRUE` (default), linear interpolation is used in the triangles bounded by data points. Cubic interpolation is done if `linear` is set to `FALSE`. If `extrap` is `FALSE`, z-values for points outside the convex hull are returned as `NA`. No extrapolation can be performed for the linear case.

The `interp` function handles duplicate (`x, y`) points in different ways. As default it will stop with an error message. But it can give duplicate points an unique z value according to the parameter `duplicate` (`mean, median` or any other user defined function).

The triangulation scheme used by `interp` works well if `x` and `y` have similar scales but will appear stretched if they have very different scales. The spreads of `x` and `y` must be within four orders of magnitude of each other for `interp` to work.

Value

list with 3 components:

<code>x, y</code>	vectors of x- and y- coordinates of output grid, the same as the input argument <code>x0</code> , or <code>y0</code> , if present. Otherwise, their default, a vector 40 points evenly spaced over the range of the input <code>x</code> .
<code>z</code>	matrix of fitted z-values. The value <code>z[i, j]</code> is computed at the <code>x, y</code> point <code>x0[i], y0[j]</code> . <code>z</code> has dimensions <code>length(x0)</code> times <code>length(y0)</code> .

Note

`interp` is a wrapper for the two versions `interp.old` (it uses (almost) the same Fortran code from Akima 1978 as the S-Plus version) and `interp.new` (it is based on new Fortran code from Akima 1996). For linear interpolation the old version is chosen, but spline interpolation is done by the new version.

Earlier versions (pre 0.5-1) of `interp` used the parameter `ncp` to choose between linear and cubic interpolation, this is now done by setting the logical parameter `linear`. Use of `ncp` is still possible, but is deprecated.

The resulting structure is suitable for input to the functions `contour` and `image`. Check the requirements of these functions when choosing values for `x0` and `y0`.

References

Akima, H. (1978). A Method of Bivariate Interpolation and Smooth Surface Fitting for Irregularly Distributed Data Points. *ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software* **4**, 148-164.

Akima, H. (1996). Algorithm 761: scattered-data surface fitting that has the accuracy of a cubic polynomial. *ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software* **22**, 362-371.

See Also

[contour](#), [image](#), [approx](#), [spline](#), [aspline](#), [outer](#), [expand.grid](#).

Examples

```
data(akima)
plot(y ~ x, data = akima, main = "akima example data")
with(akima, text(x, y, formatC(z,dig=2), adj = -0.1))

## linear interpolation
akima.li <- interp(akima$x, akima$y, akima$z)
image (akima.li, add=TRUE)
contour(akima.li, add=TRUE)
points (akima, pch = 3)

## increase smoothness (using finer grid):
akima.smooth <-
  with(akima, interp(x, y, z, xo=seq(0,25, length=100),
                    yo=seq(0,20, length=100)))
image (akima.smooth, main = "interp(<akima data>, *) on finer grid")
contour(akima.smooth, add = TRUE, col = "thistle")
points(akima, pch = 3, cex = 2, col = "blue")
# use triangulation package to show underlying triangulation:
if(library(tripack, logical.return=TRUE))
  plot(tri.mesh(akima), add=TRUE, lty="dashed")

# use only 15 points (interpolation only within convex hull!)
akima.part <- with(akima, interp(x[1:15], y[1:15], z[1:15]))
image(akima.part)
title("interp() on subset of only 15 points")
contour(akima.part, add=TRUE)
points(akima$x[1:15], akima$y[1:15], col = "blue")

## spline interpolation, two variants (AMS 526 "Old", AMS 761 "New")
## -----
## "Old": use 5 points to calculate derivatives -> many NAs
akima.s0 <- interp.old(akima$x, akima$y, akima$z,
                      xo=seq(0,25, length=100), yo=seq(0,20, length=100), ncp=5)
table(is.na(akima.s0$z)) ## 3990 NA's; = 40 %
akima.s0 <- with(akima,
                interp.old(x,y,z, xo=seq(0,25, length=100), yo=seq(0,20, len=100), ncp = 4))
sum(is.na(akima.s0$z)) ## still 3429
image (akima.s0, main = "interp.old(*, ncp = 4) [almost useless]")
contour(akima.s0, add = TRUE)
```

```

## "New:"
akima.spl <- with(akima, interp.new(x,y,z, xo=seq(0,25, length=100),
                                   yo=seq(0,20, length=100)))
## equivalent call via setting linear=FALSE in interp():
akima.spl <- with(akima, interp(x,y,z, xo=seq(0,25, length=100),
                                   yo=seq(0,20, length=100),
                                   linear=FALSE))

contour(akima.spl, main = "smooth interp(*, linear = FALSE)")
points(akima)

full.pal <- function(n) hcl(h = seq(340, 20, length = n))
cool.pal <- function(n) hcl(h = seq(120, 0, length = n) + 150)
warm.pal <- function(n) hcl(h = seq(120, 0, length = n) - 30)

filled.contour(akima.spl, color.palette = full.pal,
               plot.axes = { axis(1); axis(2);
                             title("smooth interp(*, linear = FALSE)");
                             points(akima, pch = 3, col= hcl(c=100, l = 20))})
# no extrapolation!

## example with duplicate points :

data(airquality)
air <- subset(airquality,
              !is.na(Temp) & !is.na(Ozone) & !is.na(Solar.R))
# gives an error {duplicate .}:
try( air.ip <- interp(air$Temp,air$Solar.R,air$Ozone, linear=FALSE) )
# use mean of duplicate points:
air.ip <- with(air, interp(Temp, Solar.R, log(Ozone), duplicate = "mean",
                           linear = FALSE))
image(air.ip, main = "Airquality: Ozone vs. Temp and Solar.R")
with(air, points(Temp, Solar.R))

```

interpp

Pointwise Bivariate Interpolation for Irregular Data

Description

If `ncp` is zero, linear interpolation is used in the triangles bounded by data points. Cubic interpolation is done if partial derivatives are used. If `extrap` is `FALSE`, z-values for points outside the convex hull are returned as `NA`. No extrapolation can be performed if `ncp` is zero.

The `interpp` function handles duplicate (x, y) points in different ways. As default it will stop with an error message. But it can give duplicate points an unique z value according to the parameter `duplicate` (`mean`, `median` or any other user defined function).

The triangulation scheme used by `interp` works well if x and y have similar scales but will appear stretched if they have very different scales. The spreads of x and y must be within four orders of magnitude of each other for `interpp` to work.

Usage

```
interpp(x, y, z, xo, yo, linear=TRUE, extrapol=FALSE, duplicate = "error",
dupfun = NULL, ncp)
```

Arguments

x	vector of x-coordinates of data points. Missing values are not accepted.
y	vector of y-coordinates of data points. Missing values are not accepted.
z	vector of z-coordinates of data points. Missing values are not accepted. x, y, and z must be the same length and may contain no fewer than four points. The points of x and y cannot be collinear, i.e, they cannot fall on the same line (two vectors x and y such that $y = ax + b$ for some a, b will not be accepted).
xo	vector of x-coordinates of points at which to evaluate the interpolating function.
yo	vector of y-coordinates of points at which to evaluate the interpolating function.
linear	logical – indicating whether linear or spline interpolation should be used. supersedes old ncp parameter
ncp	deprecated, use parameter linear. Now only used by <code>interpp.old()</code> . meaning was: number of additional points to be used in computing partial derivatives at each data point. ncp must be either 0 (partial derivatives are not used, = linear interpolation), or at least 2 but smaller than the number of data points (and smaller than 25).
extrap	logical flag: should extrapolation be used outside of the convex hull determined by the data points?
duplicate	indicates how to handle duplicate data points. Possible values are "error" - produces an error message, "strip" - remove duplicate z values, "mean", "median", "user" - calculate mean, median or user defined function of duplicate z values.
dupfun	this function is applied to duplicate points if duplicate="user"

Value

list with 3 components:

x	vector of x-coordinates of output points, the same as the input argument xo.
y	vector of y-coordinates of output points, the same as the input argument yo.
z	fitted z-values. The value <code>z[i]</code> is computed at the x,y point <code>x[i], y[i]</code> .

NOTE

Use `interp` if interpolation on a regular grid is wanted.

The two versions `interpp.old` and `interpp.new` refer to Akimas Fortran code from 1978 and 1996 resp. The call wrapper `interpp` chooses `interpp.old` for linear and `interpp.new` for cubic spline interpolation.

Earlier versions (pre 0.5-1) of `interpp` used the parameter `ncp` to choose between linear and cubic interpolation, this is now done by setting the logical parameter `linear`. Use of `ncp` is still possible, but is deprecated.

References

Akima, H. (1978). A Method of Bivariate Interpolation and Smooth Surface Fitting for Irregularly Distributed Data Points. *ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software*, **4**, 148-164.

Akima, H. (1996). Algorithm 761: scattered-data surface fitting that has the accuracy of a cubic polynomial. *ACM Transactions on Mathematical Software*, **22**, 362-371.

See Also

[contour](#), [image](#), [approxfun](#), [splinefun](#), [outer](#), [expand.grid](#), [interp](#), [aspline](#).

Examples

```
data(akima)
# linear interpolation at points (1,2), (5,6) and (10,12)
akima.lip<-interpp(akima$x, akima$y, akima$z,c(1,5,10),c(2,6,12))
akima.lip$z
# spline interpolation
akima.sip<-interpp(akima$x, akima$y, akima$z,c(1,5,10),c(2,6,12),
  linear=FALSE)
akima.sip$z
```

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