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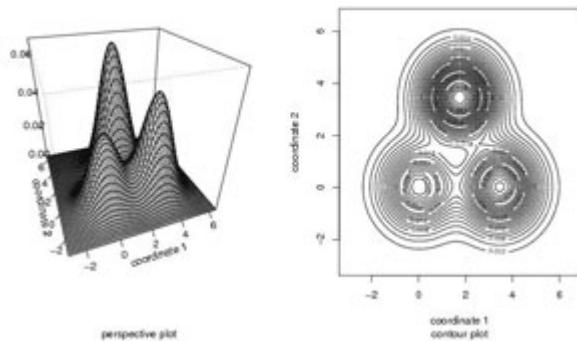
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Excerpts from Chapter 4 of *The R Book*

Chapter 4: Level Set Trees and Code

Learn how to make a volume plot and a barycenter plot, and calculate level set trees with the algorithm `LeafsFirst`, which is implemented in function `leafsfirst`. This function takes as an argument a piecewise constant function object.

The multimodal 2D example



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We consider the density shown in the 2D three-modal density, and calculate first a piecewise constant

function object representing this function, and then calculate the level set tree.

```
N<-c(35,35) # size of the grid pcf<-
sim.data(N=N,type="mulmod") # piecewise constant function lst.big<-
leafsfirrst(pcf) # level set tree
```

We may make the volume plot with the command "plotvolu(lst)". However, it is faster first to prune the level set tree, and then plot the reduced level set tree. Function "treedisc" takes as the first argument a level set tree, as the second argument the original piecewise constant function, and the 3rd argument "ngrid" gives the number of levels in the pruned level set tree. We try the number of levels ngrid=100.

```
lst<-treedisc(lst.big,pcf,ngrid=100)
```

Now we may make a volume plot with the function "plotvolu".

```
plotvolu(lst)
```

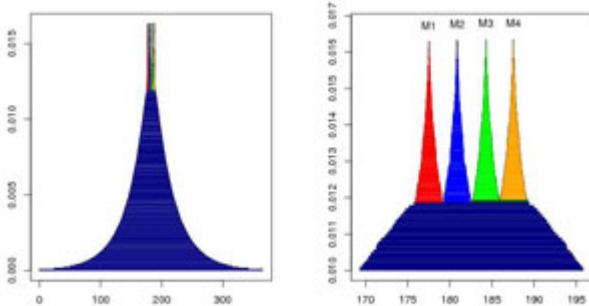
We draw barycenter plots with the function "plotbary".

```
plotbary(lst,coordi=2) # 2nd coordinate
```

Note: We may find the number and the location of the modes with the "modecent" function, which takes as argument a level set tree. Function "locofmax" takes as argument a piecewise constant function and calculates the location of the maximum.

```
modecent(lst) locofmax(pcf)
```

The 3D tetrahedron example



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We consider the 3-dimensional example. The calculation is much more time consuming this time.

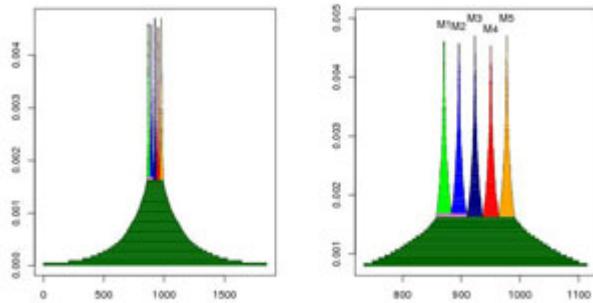
```
N<-c(32,32,32) # the size of the grid pcf<-
sim.data(N=N,type="tetra3d") # piecewise constant function lst.big<-
leafsfirrst(pcf) # level set tree lst<-
treedisc(lst.big,pcf,ngrid=200) # pruned level set tree
plotvolu(lst,modelabel=FALSE) # volume plot
plotvolu(lst,cutlev=0.010,ptext=0.00045,colo=TRUE) # zooming coordi<-1
# coordinate, coordi = 1, 2, 3 plotbary(lst,coordi=coordi,ptext=0.0006) # barycenter plot
```

This time we have used parameter "cutlev" to make a zoomed volume plot. When this parameter is given, then only the part of the level set tree is shown which is above the value "cutlev". Typically it is better to zoom in to the volume plot by cutting the tails of the volume function away. This is achieved by the parameter "xlim". We may use for example the following command to make a ``vertically zoomed" volume plot.

```
plotvolu(lst,xlim=c(140,220),ptext=0.00045,
colo=TRUE,modelabel=FALSE)
```

Additional parameters which we have used are the "modelabel", which is used to suppress the plotting of the mode labels, "ptext", which lifts the mode labels with the given amount, and "colo", which colors the graph of the volume function to make a comparison with the barycenter plots easier.

The 4D pentahedron example



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We consider the 4-dimensional example.

```
N<-c(16,16,16,16)  pcf<-sim.data(N=N,type="penta4d")  lst.big<-
leafsfir(pcf)  lst<-treedisc(lst.big,pcf,ngrid=100)
plotvolu(lst,modelabel=F)  # volume plot
plotvolu(lst,cutlev=0.0008,ptext=0.00039,colo=TRUE)  # zooming  coordi<-1
# coordinate, coordi = 1, 2, 3, 4
plotbary(lst,coordi=coordi,ptext=0.0003)  # barycenter plot
```

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