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Description  Creates an envelope around a set of plotted points. The envelope is compact with a boundary that is continuous, smooth and convex. Each point is represented as a circle and the circles and connecting lines are the solution to the multiple pulley problem. This method can be used to highlight regions in a two-dimensional space.
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PlotRegionHighlighter-package

*Creates an envelope that surrounds a set of points plotted in two dimensions*

**Description**

Create an envelope surrounding a set of points in a two-dimensional space. The shape in the union of a polygon and circles surrounding each point. The polygon is determined using an extension of methods to determine the tangent line to two circles and is the solution to the multiple pulley problem. The points can used to highlight a region in a two-dimensional space.

**Details**

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The `generateEnvelope` function is called with a two-column matrix with each row containing the `xy` coordinates for each point. Along with a vector of radii for the circles surrounding each point, the function generates a list of points defining the envelope surrounding the set of points. The envelope is computed as if it were specifying a pulley that passed around the circles with a minimum perimeter and minimum area for a convex shape containing all the circles. The algorithm uses formulas for calculating the set of lines that is tangent to a pair of circles.

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**References**

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belt_problem

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`arcAngle`

*The counterclockwise arc of two points relative to a third*

**Description**

Compute the beginning and ending angles for an arc in radians relative to a third point.
centersLineSegmentIntersections

Usage

arcAngle(x, y, center)

Arguments

x
the xy coordinates of the first point

y
the xy coordinates of the second point that is counterclockwise from the first

center
the xy coordinates of the reference point

Value

a two-item numeric vector containing the angle in radians of the two points relative to the reference point

Author(s)

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centersLineSegmentIntersections

Determine if a line intersects one or more line segments

Description

Determine if a line intersects one or more line segments. The segments are all pairwise combinations of points from a set of points

Usage

centersLineSegmentIntersections(tangent, centers)

Arguments

Tangent
a three-item numeric vector containing the coefficients, a, b and c for a line in two-dimensions defined by ax + by + c = 0

centers
a two-column numeric matrix containing the x and y coordinates for a set of points to be used as the endpoints for the line segments

Value

a Boolean variable. FALSE if the line intersects any of the segments. TRUE otherwise

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createCircle | *A set of points defining a circle or an arc*

**Description**

A set of xy coordinates defining a circle or an arc on the circle

**Usage**

```
cREATECIRCLE(center, r, n = 40, begin = 0, end = 2 * PI)
```

**Arguments**

- **center**: a two-item vector of the x and y coordinates of the circle center
- **r**: a numeric value defining the radius of the circle
- **n**: a numeric value defining the number of points on the circle
- **begin**: a numeric value for the starting angle of the circle or arc in radians
- **end**: a numeric value for the ending angle of the circle or arc in radians

**Value**

A two-column matrix of xy coordinates for points on the circle or arc

**Author(s)**

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drawArc | *Compute the points on an arc starting with the coordinates of the starting and ending points relative to the circle center*

**Description**

Compute the points on an arc based on the coordinates of the starting and ending points

**Usage**

```
drawarc(x, y, center, r, ...)
```
Arguments

- **x**: a two-item numeric vector for the xy coordinates of the starting point relative to the center point.
- **y**: a two-item numeric vector for the xy coordinates of the ending point relative to the center point.
- **center**: a two-item numeric vector for the xy coordinates of the center point for the arc.
- **r**: a numeric value for the radius of the circle.
- **...**: Optional argument to specify the number of points on the arc.

Value

A two-column matrix of xy coordinates for points along the arc.

Author(s)

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envelopeArea_and_Perimeter

*Calculate the area and perimeter of the envelope*

Description

Calculate the area and perimeter of the envelope.

Usage

envelopeArea_and_Perimeter(segments, centers, r)

Arguments

- **segments**: The tangent points output by the generateEnvelope function.
- **centers**: A numeric matrix with each row containing the coordinates for a point with the x and y coordinates as the two columns.
- **r**: A numeric vector containing the radii for each point.

Details

Calculations are done in the units of the graph.

Value

A numeric vector. The area is the first value and the perimeter is the second value.
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References
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belt_problem

Examples

```r
# plot
plotCircles <- function(center, r, color="red", ...)
{
  a <- createCircle(center, r, ...)
  grid.polygon(x = a[,1], y = a[,2], gp=gpar(col=color, lwd=2))

  a
}

ncircles <- sample(3:7,1)
centers <- matrix(runif(2*ncircles, min=.2, max=.8), byrow=TRUE, ncol=2)
r <- runif(ncircles,min=.10, max=.20)

envelope <- generateEnvelope(circles, r)
print(envelope$envelope_points)

require(grid)
gadget.options()
colors <- rainbow(ncircles * 3 + 3)
for (i in 1:ncircles) circles <- plotCircles(circles[i,], r[i], color=colors[i])
gadget.text(1:ncircles, centers[,1], centers[,2])

# plot the envelope containing the circles
envelopeXY <- envelope$envelopeXY
segments <- envelope$envelope_points

grid.lines(envelopeXY[,1], envelopeXY[,2], gp=gpar(col="orange", lwd=5), default.units="npc")
gadget.points(segments[,"x"], segments[,"y"], pch=16, gp=gpar(col="red"), default.units="npc")

# calculate the area and perimeter of the envelope
envelopeStats <- envelopeArea_and_Perimeter(segments, centers, r)

cat("envelope area = ", envelopeStats["area"], " perimeter = ", envelopeStats["perimeter"],"
"
cat("circle radii = ", r, "\n")

cat("circle area = ", pi * r^2, " = ", sum(pi * r^2), "ncircle perimeter = ", 2 * pi * r, " = ", 2 * pi * sum(r), "\n")
```
findExteriorTangents  

Determine the set of tangents to a pair of circles that do not intersect other circles or pass between circles

Description

Determine the points of tangency for lines tangent to a pair of circles. Keep only tangents that do not intersect other circles or pass between circles

Usage

findExteriorTangents(center, r, i, j, rrange = c(-1, 1), krange = c(1, -1))

Arguments

center        a two-column numeric matrix of xy coordinates for center points for the set of circles
r             a numeric vector of the radii of the circles
i             a numeric pointer to a row in the matrix of xy coordinates for the centers. This points to the first circle of the pair
j             a numeric pointer to a row in the matrix of xy coordinates for the centers. This points to the second circle of the pair
rrange        a numeric value or two item numeric vector defining the tangents to be computed. Values are -1, 1, or c(1,-1). -1 returns the tangents that cross between the circles. 1 returns those that do not cross between the circles
krange        a numeric value or two item numeric vector defining the tangents to be computed. Values are -1, 1, or c(1,-1).

Value

a matrix with pairs of rows containing the starting and ending tangent points for line segments. Rows are identified by the circle on which they are located and the circle on which the other endpoint lies.

Author(s)

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References

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belt_problem
generateEnvelope

Generate an minimum-perimeter envelope that surrounds a set of points in a graph

Description

The generateEnvelope function is called with the coordinates for points in the envelope along with a vector of radii for the circles surrounding each point. The function generates a list of points defining the envelope surrounding the entire set of points. These coordinates may be displayed using either the line or polygon graphics commands.

Usage

generateEnvelope(centers, r, ...)

Arguments

centers a numeric matrix with each row containing the xy coordinates for each point.

r a numeric vector containing the radius of each point

... additional parameters such as the number of points to return when defining the arcs in the envelope

Value

envelopeXY The x and y coordinates for the points defining the envelope
tangent_points The tangent points defining the transition between arcs and lines along with the angle relative to the centorid of the input points

Author(s)

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References

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belt_problem

Examples

# plot

plotCircles <- function(center, r, color="red", ...)
{
a <- createCircle(center, r, ...)
gid.polygon(x = a[,1], y = a[,2], gp=gpar(col=color, lwd=2))
a
}
ncircles <- sample(3:7,1)
centers <- matrix(runif(2*ncircles, min=.2, max=.8), byrow=TRUE, ncol=2)
r <- runif(ncircles, min=.1, max=.2)

envelope <- generateEnvelope(circles, r)
print(envelope$tangent_points)

require(grid)
gn <- newpage()
colors <- rainbow(ncircles * 3 + 3)
for (i in 1:ncircles) circles <- plotCircles(circles[i], r[i], color=colors[i])
gn$text(1:ncircles, centers[,1], centers[,2])

# plot the envelope containing the circles
envelopeXY <- envelope$envelopeXY
segments <- envelope$tangent_points

gn.lines(envelopeXY[,1], envelopeXY[,2], gp=gpar(col="orange", lwd=5), default.units="npc")
gn.points(segments[,"x"], segments[,"y"], pch=16, gp=gpar(col="red"), default.units="npc")

# calculate the area and perimeter of the envelope
envelopeStats <- envelopearea_and_perimeter(segments, centers, r)
cat("envelope area = ", envelopeStats["area"], ", ", envelopeStats["perimeter"], "\n")
cat("circle radii = ", r, "\n")
cat("circle area = ", pi * r^2, " = ", sum(pi * r^2), "\ncircle perimeter = ", 2 * pi * r, " = ", 2 * pi * sum(r), "\n")

# plot envelopes around two randomly generated set of points
require(grid)
gn <- newpage()
ncircles <- sample(10:25,1)
centers <- matrix(runif(2*ncircles, min=.2, max=.5), byrow=TRUE, ncol=2)
r <- rep(0.1, ncircles)
envelopeXY <- generateEnvelope(circles, r)$envelopeXY
gn.polygons(envelopeXY[,1], envelopeXY[,2], gp=gpar(fill="pink", col="transparent", lwd=5), default.units="npc")
gn.points(circles[,1], circles[,2], pch=16, gp=gpar(col="black", cex=1.5), default.units="npc")

ncircles <- sample(10:20,1)
centers <- matrix(runif(2*ncircles, min=.6, max=.8), byrow=TRUE, ncol=2)
r <- rep(0.025, ncircles)

grid.points(circles[,1], circles[,2], pch=16, gp=gpar(col="blue", cex=1.5), default.units="npc")
envelopeXY <- generateEnvelope(circles, r)$envelopeXY
gn.lines(envelopeXY[,1], envelopeXY[,2], gp=gpar(col="blue", lwd=5), default.units="npc")
tangentLine

Compute the coefficients for the line tangent to two circles

**Description**

Compute the coefficients for the line $ax + by + c = 0$ which is tangent to circles with centers at $c_1$ and $c_2$ with radii $r_1$ and $r_2$. Call this function varying $k = -1$ and $+1$ and $r_1 = r_1$ and $-r_1$ to calculate the lines. There can be up to four distinct lines that are tangent to both circles.

**Usage**

tangentLine(c1, c2, r1, r2, k = 1)

**Arguments**

- **c1**: a 2-item numeric vector containing the x and y coordinates for the first circle
- **c2**: a 2-item numeric vector containing the x and y coordinates for the second circle
- **r1**: a numeric value for the radius of the first circle
- **r2**: a numeric value for the radius of the second circle
- **k**: $k=1$ returns the coefficients for one of the tangent lines and $k=-1$ returns the coefficients for the second tangent line

**Details**

There are a maximum of four tangent lines for a pair of circles. These can be obtained by setting argument $r_1$ to either $r_1$ or $-r_1$ and argument $k$ to $-1$ or $1$.

**Value**

A 3-item vector containing the values for $a$, $b$ and $c$ in the equation $ax + by + c = 0$. Returns NULL if there is not tangent line for the input parameters

**Author(s)**

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**References**

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Belt_problem
tangentLine

Examples

# plot

plotCircles <- function(center, r, color="red", ...) 
{
  a <- createCircle(center, r, ...)
  grid.polygon(x = a[,1], y = a[,2], gp=gpar(col=color, lwd=2))
  a
}

require(grid)
grid.newpage()
ncircles <- 2
centers <- matrix(runif(4, min=.2, max=.8), byrow=TRUE, ncol=2)
r <- runif(ncircles,min=.10, max=.20)

colors <- rainbow(ncircles * 3 + 3)
for (i in 1:ncircles) circles<- plotCircles(centers[i,], r[i], color=colors[i])
  grid.text(i:ncircles, centers[,1], centers[,2])

ii <- 0
for (r0 in r[1] * c(1,-1))
  for (k in c(1,-1)) {
    ii <- ii + 1
    tangent <- tangentLine(centers[1,], centers[2,], r0, r[2], k=k) # compute coefficients for the tangent line, if NA, plot nothing
    if (!is.na(tangent["a"]))
      grid.abline(-tangent["c"] / tangent["b"], -tangent["a"] / tangent["b"], gp=gpar(col="blue", lwd=ii), units="npc"}
}
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