# Package 'gpclib'

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gpc.poly-class Class "gpc.poly"

## **Description**

A class for representing polygons composed of multiple contours, some of which may be holes.

#### **Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by calls of the form new("gpc.poly",...) or by reading in from a file using read.polyfile.

#### Slots

pts Object of class "list". Actually, pts is a list of lists with length equal to the number of contours in the "gpc.poly" object. Each element of pts is a list of length 3 with names x, y, and hole. x and y are vectors containing the x and y coordinates, respectively, while hole is a logical indicating whether or not the contour is a hole.

#### Methods

```
[ signature(x = "gpc.poly"): ...
append.poly signature(x = "gpc.poly", y = "gpc.poly"): ...
area.poly signature(object = "gpc.poly"): ...
coerce signature(from = "matrix", to = "gpc.poly"): ...
coerce signature(from = "data.frame", to = "gpc.poly"): ...
coerce signature(from = "gpc.poly", to = "matrix"): ...
coerce signature(from = "gpc.poly", to = "numeric"): ...
coerce signature(from = "numeric", to = "gpc.poly"): ...
coerce signature(from = "list", to = "gpc.poly"): ...
get.bbox signature(x = "gpc.poly"): ...
get.pts signature(object = "gpc.poly"): ...
intersect signature(x = "gpc.poly",y = "gpc.poly"): ...
plot signature(x = "gpc.poly"): The argument poly.args can be used to pass a list of addi-
     tional arguments to be passed to the underlying polygon call.
scale.poly signature(x = "gpc.poly"): ...
setdiff signature(x = "gpc.poly",y = "gpc.poly"): ...
show signature(object = "gpc.poly"): Scale x and y coordinates by amount xscale and yscale.
     By default xscale equals yscale.
union signature(x = "gpc.poly",y = "gpc.poly"): ...
tristrip signature(x = "gpc.poly"): ...
triangulate signature(x = "gpc.poly"): ...
```

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#### Note

The class "gpc.poly.nohole" is identical to "gpc.poly" except the hole flag for each contour of a "gpc.poly.nohole" object is always FALSE.

#### Author(s)

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## **Examples**

```
## Make some random polygons
set.seed(100)
a <- cbind(rnorm(100), rnorm(100))</pre>
a \leftarrow a[chull(a), ]
## Convert `a' from matrix to "gpc.poly"
a <- as(a, "gpc.poly")
b <- cbind(rnorm(100), rnorm(100))</pre>
b <- as(b[chull(b), ], "gpc.poly")</pre>
## More complex polygons with an intersection
p1 <- read.polyfile(system.file("poly-ex/ex-poly1.txt", package = "gpclib"))</pre>
p2 <- read.polyfile(system.file("poly-ex/ex-poly2.txt", package = "gpclib"))</pre>
## Plot both polygons and highlight their intersection in red
plot(append.poly(p1, p2))
plot(intersect(p1, p2), poly.args = list(col = 2), add = TRUE)
## Highlight the difference p1 \ p2 in green
plot(setdiff(p1, p2), poly.args = list(col = 3), add = TRUE)
## Highlight the difference p2 \ p1 in blue
plot(setdiff(p2, p1), poly.args = list(col = 4), add = TRUE)
## Plot the union of the two polygons
plot(union(p1, p2))
## Take the non-intersect portions and create a new polygon
## combining the two contours
p.comb <- append.poly(setdiff(p1, p2), setdiff(p2, p1))</pre>
plot(p.comb, poly.args = list(col = 2, border = 0))
## Coerce from a matrix
structure(c(0.0934073560027759, 0.192713393476752, 0.410062456627342,
0.470020818875781, 0.41380985426787, 0.271408743927828, 0.100902151283831,
0.0465648854961832, 0.63981588032221, 0.772382048331416,
0.753739930955121, 0.637744533947066, 0.455466052934407,
0.335327963176065, 0.399539700805524,
0.600460299194476), .Dim = c(8, 2))
y <-
```

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```
structure(c(0.404441360166551, 0.338861901457321, 0.301387925052047,
0.404441360166551, 0.531852879944483, 0.60117973629424, 0.625537820957668,
0.179976985040276, 0.341542002301496, 0.445109321058688,
0.610817031070196, 0.596317606444189, 0.459608745684695,
0.215189873417722), .Dim = c(7, 2))

x1 <- as(x, "gpc.poly")
y1 <- as(y, "gpc.poly")
plot(append.poly(x1, y1))
plot(intersect(x1, y1), poly.args = list(col = 2), add = TRUE)

## Show the triangulation
plot(append.poly(x1, y1))
triangles <- triangulate(append.poly(x1,y1))
for (i in 0:(nrow(triangles)/3 - 1))
    polygon(triangles[3*i + 1:3,], col="lightblue")</pre>
```

```
gpc.poly.nohole-class Class "gpc.poly.nohole"
```

#### **Description**

A class for representing polygons with multiple contours but without holes.

#### **Objects from the Class**

Objects can be created by calls of the form 'new("gpc.poly.nohole", ...) or by calling read.polyfile'.

#### Slots

```
pts Object of class "list". See the help for "gpc.poly" for details.
```

#### **Extends**

```
Class "gpc.poly", directly.
```

## Methods

```
coerce signature(from = "numeric", to = "gpc.poly.nohole"): ...
```

#### Note

This class is identical to ""gpc.poly"" and is needed because the file formats for polygons without holes is slightly different from the file format for polygons with holes. For a "gpc.poly.nohole" object, the hole flag for each contour is always FALSE.

Also, write.polyfile will write the correct file format, depending on whether the object is of class "gpc.poly" or "gpc.poly.nohole".

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#### Author(s)

Roger D. Peng

#### See Also

```
gpc.poly-class
```

## **Examples**

## None

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Generics/Methods for polygon objects

# Description

Some generic functions and methods for polygon objects

#### Usage

```
append.poly(x, y)
area.poly(object, ...)
get.pts(object)
get.bbox(x)
scale.poly(x, ...)
tristrip(x)
triangulate(x)
```

## **Arguments**

x, object A polygon object y A polygon object

.. Other arguments passed to methods

# **Details**

The result of tristrip(x) is a list of two-column matrices. Each matrix is a tristrip, i.e. the rows are vertices of triangles, with each overlapping triple of rows corresponding to a separate triangle.

The result of triangulate(x) is a single two-column matrix. The rows are vertices of triangles, taken in non-overlapping triples.

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#### Methods

**append.poly** signature(x = "gpc.poly",y = "gpc.poly"): Combine all contours of two "gpc.poly" objects and return the combined polygon as a "gpc.poly" object.

area.poly signature(object = "gpc.poly"): Compute and return the sum of the areas of all
contours in a "gpc.poly" object.

**scale.poly** signature(x = "gpc.poly"): Scale (divide) the x and y coordinates of a "gpc.poly" object by the amount xscale and yscale, respectively. Return a scaled "gpc.poly" object.

**get.pts** signature(object = "gpc.poly"): Return the list of x and y coordinates of the vertices of a "gpc.poly" object.

**get.bbox** signature(x = "gpc.poly"): Return the bounding box for a "gpc.poly" object.

**tristrip** signature(x = "gpc.poly"): Return a tristrip list for a "gpc.poly" object.

#### Author(s)

Roger D. Peng; GPC Library by Alan Murta; tristrip additions by Duncan Murdoch

#### See Also

"gpc.poly" class documentation.

#### **Examples**

```
holepoly <- read.polyfile(system.file("poly-ex/hole-poly.txt", package =
"gpclib"), nohole = FALSE)
area.poly(holepoly)
stopifnot(area.poly(holepoly) == 8)</pre>
```

polyfile

Read/Write polygon data

#### **Description**

Read/Write polygon and contour information from/to a text file.

# Usage

```
read.polyfile(filename, nohole = TRUE)
write.polyfile(poly, filename = "GPCpoly.txt")
```

#### **Arguments**

filename the name of the file (a character string) from/to which data should be read/written.

nohole Is this a polygon without holes? poly an object of class "gpc.poly"

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## **Details**

```
The text file representation of a polygon is of the following format:
<number of contours>
<number of points in first contour>
```

x1 y1 x2 y2

<number of points in second contour>

x1 y1 x2 y2

•••

For example, a data file for a polygon with 2 contours (a four-sided object and a triangle) might look like:

2 4 1.0 1.0 1.0 2.0 3.4 3.21 10 11.2 3

21.0 11.2 22.3 99.2

4.5 5.4

The vertices of the polygon can be ordered either clockwise or counter-clockwise.

If a polygon has contours which are holes, then the format is slightly different. Basically, a flag is set to indicate that a particular contour is a hole. The format is

<number of contours> <number of points in first contour> <hole flag> x1y1x2 y2 <number of points in second contour>

<hole flag>

x1y1x2 y2

The hole flag is either 1 to indicate a hole, or 0 for a regular contour. For example, a four-sided polygon with a triangular hole would be written as:

2 3

1

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```
4.0 4.0
6.0 5.0
5.0 6.0
4
0
2.0 1.0
8.0 2.0
7.0 9.0
1.0 7.0
```

# Value

If nohole is TRUE (the default) read.polyfile returns an object of class "gpc.poly.nohole". This object has the hole flag set to FALSE for all contours. If nohole is FALSE, then an object of class "gpc.poly" is returned.

write.polyfile does not return anything useful.

# Author(s)

Roger D. Peng

#### See Also

```
gpc.poly-class, gpc.poly.nohole-class
```

# **Examples**

## None right now.

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