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## Description

Performs Bayesian model averaging over all decomposable graphical models, each representing a different list dependence structure, with the goal of estimating the number of uncounted elements from the universe of elements that could have been recorded or “captured”. The code here is an implementation of the model described in Madigan and York (1997).

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## References

Madigan, David, and Jeremy C. York. "Bayesian methods for estimation of the size of a closed population." *Biometrika* 84.1 (1997): 19-31.

**Examples**

```

#### This simulated example goes through the whole process for 3 lists.###
library(chron)
# Simulate some data
N <- 1000 # true population size
num.lists <- 3 # number of lists

# simulate 3 lists independently 'capturing'
l1 <- rbinom(N, 1, .2)
l2 <- rbinom(N, 1, .25)
l3 <- rbinom(N, 1, .3)

overlaps <- data.frame(l1, l2, l3)

# simulate dates of recording
dates <- paste(
  rep(2015, N), "-", sample(1:4, N, replace = TRUE), "-",
  sample(1:28, N, replace = TRUE)
)
dates <- chron(dates, format = c(dates = "y-m-d"))

# save true number in each stratum for comparison later
truth <- table((months(dates)))[1:4]

# remove dates of unrecorded elements
dates <- dates[apply(overlaps, 1, sum) > 0]

# remove individuals not recorded on any list
overlaps <- overlaps[apply(overlaps, 1, sum) > 0, ]

# stratify by date
strata <- make.strata(overlaps, dates = dates, date.defs = "monthly")

# check to make sure that all strata are OK
check <- check.strata(strata)

# look at strata, just to make sure
par(mfrow = c(2, 2), mar = rep(1, 4))
for (i in 1:nrow(strata$overlap.counts)) {
  venn3(strata$overlap.counts[i, ],
    main = rownames(strata$overlap.counts)[i],
    cex.main = 1
  )
}

# load the graphs to make the estimates
data(graphs3)

# select expansion factor defining the largest number of unrecorded elements.
# this makes Nmissing <- 0:(sum(Y)*fac)
fac <- 5

```

```

# set prior
delta <- 1 / 2^num.lists

# loop over strata to calculate posterior distributions of
# the total population size for each stratum
par(mfrow = c(2, 2), mar = rep(1.75, 4))
# if using Rstudio, make sure your plot window is pretty big here!
for (i in 1:nrow(strata$overlap.counts)) {
  Nmissing <- 0:(sum(strata$overlap.counts[i, ]) * fac)
  Y <- array(strata$overlap.counts[i, ], dim = rep(2, num.lists))
  weights <- bma.cr(Y, Nmissing, delta, graphs3)
  plotPosteriorN(weights, Nmissing + sum(strata$overlap.counts[i, ]),
    main = rownames(strata$overlap.counts)[i]
  )
  points(truth[i], .5 * max(weights), col = "red", pch = 16, cex = 2)
}

```

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bma.cr

*Bayesian Model Averaging for Capture-Recapture*


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## Description

This function averages over all decomposable graphical models for  $p$  lists.

## Usage

```

bma.cr(
  Y,
  Nmissing,
  delta,
  graphs,
  logprior = NULL,
  log.prior.model.weights = NULL
)

```

## Arguments

Y	a $2^p$ array of list intersection counts. See details.
Nmissing	A vector of all possible values for the number of individuals that appear on no list.
delta	The hyper-parameter for the hyper-Dirichlet prior distribution on list intersection probabilities. A smaller value indicates fewer prior observations per cell. A suggested default is $2^{-p}$
graphs	A pre-computed list of all decomposable graphical models for $p$ lists. These should be loaded using <code>data(graphsp)</code> ; see example. Currently, this package includes a list of graphs for three, four, or five lists.

`logprior`            The log of the prior probability of each value in `Nmissing`. If left blank, this will default to the `-log(Nmissing)`.

`log.prior.model.weights`  
                       Prior weights on the graphs. This should be a vector of length `length(graphs)`.

### Details

This is the main function in this package. It performs capture-recapture (or multiple systems estimation) using Bayesian model averaging as outlined in Madigan and York (1997).

`Y` can be created by the `array()` command from a vector that is ordered lexicographically by the cell names, e.g., `c(x000, x001, x010, x011, x100, x101, x110, x111)`.

### Value

This function returns a matrix of weights, where rows correspond to models and columns correspond to values of `Nmissing`. Thus, the  $ij$ th entry of the matrix is the posterior probability of the  $i$ th model and the  $j$ th entry of `Nmissing`. Row sums return posterior probabilities by model. Column sums return posterior probabilities by value of `Nmissing`.

### Note

This function is pretty robust relative to the more common log-linear model approach to capture-recapture. It will not fail (or issue a numerical warning) even if there are no overlaps among the lists. The user should take care that there is adequate list overlap and that there are sufficient cases in the stratum.

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### References

Madigan, David, and Jeremy C. York. "Bayesian methods for estimation of the size of a closed population." *Biometrika* 84.1 (1997): 19-31.

### Examples

```
##### 5 list example from M & Y #####
delta <- .5
Y <- c(0, 27, 37, 19, 4, 4, 1, 1, 97, 22, 37, 25, 2, 1, 3, 5,
      83, 36, 34, 18, 3, 5, 0, 2, 30, 5, 23, 8, 0, 3, 0, 2)
Y <- array(Y, dim = c(2, 2, 2, 2, 2))
Nmissing <- 1:300
N <- Nmissing + sum(Y)
data(graphs5)
weights <- bma.cr(Y, Nmissing, delta, graphs5)
plotPosteriorN(weights, N)

##### 3 list example from M & Y #####
Y <- c(0, 60, 49, 4, 247, 112, 142, 12)
```

```
Y <- array(Y, dim = c(2, 2, 2))

delta <- 1
a <- 13.14
b <- 55.17

Nmissing <- 1:300
N <- Nmissing + sum(Y)

logprior <- N * log(b) - (N + a) * log(1 + b) + lgamma(N + a) - lgamma(N + 1) - lgamma(a)

data(graphs3)
weights <- bma.cr(Y, Nmissing, delta, graphs3, logprior)
plotPosteriorN(weights, N)
```

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cfunction

*A Helper Function for make.strata*

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### Description

A helper function used in make.strata to make list overlap counts.

### Usage

```
cfunction(x, nlist)
```

### Arguments

x	capture histories, transformed from binary to decimal
nlist	the number of lists

### Value

a table of the number of records with each capture history

### Author(s)

Kristian Lum <kl@hrdag.org>

### Examples

```
## The function is currently defined as
cfunction <- function(x, nlist) {
  out <- table(c(x, 0:(2^nlist - 1))) - 1
}
```

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`check.strata`*Checks Each Stratum for Suitability for Capture-Recapture*

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### Description

Takes in list intersection counts and source list totals as produced by `make.strata`. It then checks whether there are between three and five lists, whether all of the lists are non-empty, and whether all of the lists overlap with some other list.

### Usage

```
check.strata(strata)
```

### Arguments

`strata` A list of list overlaps and source counts in the format of the output of `make.strata`. `list.overlaps` contains a data frame of list overlaps by stratum. `source.counts` contains the number of records by source and stratum.

### Value

A boolean indicating whether any serious problems have been found with the strata.

### Note

This does not issue a warning for cases where some subset of lists is not connected to the others, e.g. Lists A and B have overlap with each other, lists C and D have overlap with each other, but no records from A or B overlap with lists C or D. We suggest that you examine the list intersection counts manually as well.

### Author(s)

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### Examples

```
library(chron)

N <- 1000
overlaps <- data.frame(l1 = rbinom(N, 1, .5), l2 = rbinom(N, 1, .5), l3 = rbinom(N, 1, .5))
dates <- paste(
  rep(2015, N), "-", sample(1:12, N, replace = TRUE), "-",
  sample(1:28, N, replace = TRUE)
)
dates <- chron(dates, format = c(dates = "y-m-d"))
locations <- sample(c("A", "B", "C", "D"), N, replace = TRUE)

# Aggregate only by week:
```

```
strata <- make.strata(overlaps, dates, date.def = "weekly")
check <- check.strata(strata)
```

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circle

*A Helper Function Used in venn3*

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### Description

Takes the parameters of a circle and returns points on its perimeter to be plotted to make circles for a venn diagram.

### Usage

```
circle(x, y, r)
```

### Arguments

x	the x coordinate of the center of the circle.
y	the y coordinate of the center of the circle.
r	the radius of the circle

### Value

inds            the x,y coordinates of the periphery of a circle, to be used in venn3.

### Author(s)

Kristian Lum <kl@hrdag.org>

### Examples

```
plot(dga:::circle(0, 0, 1), type = "l")
```

---

circle.ind

*A Helper Function for venn3*

---

### Description

Used in venn3 to tell whether proposed points are inside of the given circle.

### Usage

```
circle.ind(ps, x, y, r)
```



**Arguments**

ps	a n x 2 matrix of coordinates.
x	the x coordinate of the center of the circle.
y	the y coordinate of the center of the circle.
r	the radius of the circle.

**Value**

a length n vector telling whether each row of ps is inside the given circle.

**Author(s)**

Kristian Lum <kl@hrdag.org>

**Examples**

```
ps <- cbind(runif(100), runif(100))
plot(dga::circle(0, 0, 1), type = "l")
inds <- dga::circle.ind(ps, 0, 0, 1)
points(inds)
```

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CompLogML	<i>Computes Marginal Likelihoods for Each Clique and Value of Nmissing</i>
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**Description**

Assembles all of the pieces of the marginal likelihoods to be used to calculate the posterior probability of each model/value of Nmissing.

**Usage**

```
CompLogML(D, Nmissing, delta)
```

**Arguments**

D	A marginal array of the list overlap counts.
Nmissing	The vector of possible values for the missing cell.
delta	The prior hyper parameter for the Dirichlet distribution.

**Value**

The log marginal likelihood of the marginal table.

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Madigan, David, and Jeremy C. York. "Bayesian methods for estimation of the size of a closed population." *Biometrika* 84.1 (1997): 19-31.

**Examples**

```
Y <- c(0, 27, 37, 19, 4, 4, 1, 1, 97, 22, 37, 25, 2, 1, 3, 5,
      83, 36, 34, 18, 3, 5, 0, 2, 30, 5, 23, 8, 0, 3, 0, 2)
Y <- array(Y, dim = c(2, 2, 2, 2, 2))

# Compute marginal array over lists 1 and 3
D <- apply(Y, c(1, 3), sum)

dga:::CompLogML(D, 1:300, 0.5)
```

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ellipse

*A Helper Function Used by Venn4 to Define the Perimeter of an Ellipse*

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**Description**

Draws the ellipses used in venn4.

**Usage**

```
ellipse(x, y, a, b, alpha)
```

**Arguments**

x	the x coordinate of the center of the ellipse.
y	the y coordinate of the center of the ellipse.
a	the x-direction radius.
b	the y-direction radius.
alpha	the angle of rotation of the ellipse

**Value**

points that define the perimeter of an ellipse.

**Author(s)**

Kristian Lum <kl@hrdag.org>

**Examples**

```
plot(dga::ellipse(0, 0, .5, .2, 1))
```

---

ellipse.ind

*A Helper Function Used by Venn4*

---

**Description**

Takes potential points to be plotted in the venn diagrams and returns whether the point is inside or outside of the ellipse described by x, y, a, b, and alpha.

**Usage**

```
ellipse.ind(ps, x, y, a, b, alpha)
```

**Arguments**

ps	a n x 2 matrix of coordinates.
x	the x coordinate of the center of the ellipse.
y	the y coordinate of the center of the ellipse.
a	the x-radius of the ellipse.
b	the y-radius of the ellipse.
alpha	the angle of rotation of the ellipse

**Value**

a length n vector indicating whether each point is inside the ellipse.

**Author(s)**

Kristian Lum <kl@hrdag.org>

**Examples**

```
## The function is currently defined as
ps <- cbind(runif(100), runif(100))
plot(dga::ellipse(0, 0, .5, .3, 0), type = "l")
inds <- dga::ellipse.ind(ps, 0, 0, .5, .3, 0)
points(inds)
```

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graphs3

*All Decomposable Graphical Models on Three Lists*

---

**Description**

This dataset contains all of the cliques and separators for each of the decomposable graphical models on three lists. On three lists, this is all of the models.

**Usage**

```
data(graphs3)
```

**Format**

A list of lists. `graphs3[[i]]` is the  $i$ th model under consideration. This consists of `graphs3[[i]]$C`, all of the cliques in that model, and `graphs3[[i]]$S`, the separators.

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graphs4

*All Decomposable Graphical Models on Four Lists*

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**Description**

This dataset contains all of the cliques and separators for each of the decomposable graphical models on four lists.

**Usage**

```
data(graphs4)
```

**Format**

A list of lists. `graphs4[[i]]` is the  $i$ th model under consideration. This consists of `graphs4[[i]]$C`, all of the cliques in that model, and `graphs4[[i]]$S`, the separators.

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`graphs5`*All Decomposable Graphical Models on Five Lists*

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**Description**

This dataset contains all of the cliques and separators for each of the decomposable graphical models on five lists.

**Usage**

```
data(graphs5)
```

**Format**

A list of lists. `graphs5[[i]]` is the *i*th model under consideration. This consists of `graphs5[[i]]$C`, all of the cliques in that model, and `graphs5[[i]]$S`, the separators.

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`integer.base.b`*Base Converter*

---

**Description**

Takes a decimal number and converts it to base *b*.

**Usage**

```
integer.base.b(x, b = 2)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	A number.
<code>b</code>	The desired base.

**Details**

This was harvested from the internet here: <https://stat.ethz.ch/pipermail/r-help/2003-September/038978.html>.  
Posted by Spencer Graves.

**Value**

A number in base *b*.

**Author(s)**

Spencer Graves

## References

<https://stat.ethz.ch/pipermail/r-help/2003-September/038978.html>

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make.strata

*Transforms Records to List Intersection Counts by Stratum*

---

## Description

Helps you to create list overlaps in the correct order to be used in bma.cr. This function also does some of the heavy lifting to stratify records by time (date, etc.) and other variables.

## Usage

```
make.strata(
  overlaps,
  dates = NULL,
  locations = NULL,
  demographics = NULL,
  date.defs = "monthly",
  loc.defs = NULL,
  demog.defs = NULL,
  start.date = NULL,
  end.date = NULL
)
```

## Arguments

overlaps	a data frame that tells whether the $i$ 'th record appears on the $j$ 'th lists, where $n$ is the total number of sampled elements and $p$ is the number of lists. For example, if the $[3,2]$ entry is 1, then the third element appeared on the second list. If it is zero, then the third element did NOT appear on the second list.
dates	record dates, in identical row order to overlaps. This must be a chron object. Do not include this if you don't want to stratify by time.
locations	record locations, though unlike the dates, there is nothing special about the type that would prevent you from using any other variable type to stratify by here. Do not include this unless you want to stratify by the factor you include here.
demographics	record demographic variables. Like locations, there is nothing specific to this that requires this be demographic. This should be a factor. Do not include this unless you want to stratify by this factor.
date.defs	how you'd like to stratify by date. This defaults to "monthly". Other options are "weekly", "daily", and "yearly". If you enter an integer ( $k$ ) instead of one of these options, the data will be stratified into blocks of size $k$ days.
loc.defs	How to divide up all of the levels of locations into groups. e.g. if locations has levels A, B, and C, and you'd like to stratify so that A and B are one strata and C is another, input <code>loc.defs = list(g1 = c('A', 'B'), g2 = c('C'))</code> . If this is left as NULL, each level will be put into its own stratum.

demog.defs	Similar to loc.defs. Same format. Including both just allows you to stratify along two dimensions.
start.date	A chron object of one date. This gives the date of earliest record we want to include. If NULL, this defaults to the earliest record in the dataset.
end.date	a chron object of one date. This gives the date of the latest record to be included. If NULL, this defaults to the latest record in the dataset. This can only be included if dates are given.

### Value

overlap.counts	a data frame where each row gives the list intersection counts that can be used in bma.cr
source.counts	a data frame that gives the total number of records by each data source and stratum.

### Author(s)

Kristian Lum <kl@hrdag.org>

### Examples

```
require(chron)
N <- 10000
overlaps <- data.frame(l1 = rbinom(N, 1, .5), l2 = rbinom(N, 1, .5), l3 = rbinom(N, 1, .5))
dates <- paste(
  rep(2015, N), "-", sample(1:12, N, replace = TRUE), "-",
  sample(1:28, N, replace = TRUE)
)
dates <- chron(dates, format = c(dates = "y-m-d"))
locations <- sample(c("A", "B", "C", "D"), N, replace = TRUE)

# Aggregate only by week:
make.strata(overlaps, dates, date.def = "weekly")

# Aggregate by year and location, where locations are not grouped:
make.strata(overlaps, dates, date.def = "yearly", locations)

# Aggregate by 2 day increments and location, where there are unique location levels
#   A, B, C, and D and locations A and B are in group 1
#   and locations C and D are in group 2.
loc.defs <- list("g1" = c("A", "B"), "g2" = c("C", "D"))
make.strata(overlaps, dates, date.def = 2, locations, loc.defs = loc.defs)
# Aggregate by demographic (sex) only, where sex takes values M, F, A, NA, and U
#   and we would like to group these as M, F, and other.
sex <- sample(c("M", "F", "A", NA, "U"),
  prob = c(.4, .4, .1, .05, .05),
  N, replace = TRUE
)
demog.defs <- list("M" = "M", "F" = "F", "Other" = c("A", NA, "U"))
make.strata(overlaps, demographics = sex, demog.defs = demog.defs)
```

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MakeCompMatrix      *Component-wise Matrix of Log Marginal Likelihoods*

---

**Description**

Calls CompLogML to create a matrix of number of possible components by length(Nmissing) log marginal likelihoods. Calculates the log marginal likelihood of each possible marginal table for every value of Nmissing.

**Usage**

```
MakeCompMatrix(p, delta, Y, Nmissing)
```

**Arguments**

p	Number of lists
delta	Prior hyperparameter of the Dirichlet distribution.
Y	The $2^k$ matrix of list intersection counts.
Nmissing	The vector of possible values for the missing cell.

**Value**

A matrix of log marginal likelihoods.

**Author(s)**

James Johndrow <james.johndrow@gmail.com> and Kristian Lum <kl@hrdag.org>

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plotPosteriorN      *Plots Posterior Distribution of Nmissing*

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**Description**

Plots the model averaged posterior distribution of the total number of elements (the solid line) and the contribution to the posterior of each of the models (dotted lines)

**Usage**

```
plotPosteriorN(weights, N, main = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

weights	The output of BMAfunction.
N	$N + Nmissing$ . Or, if you prefer, just Nmissing. The former shows the posterior distribution of the total population size; the latter shows the posterior distribution of the number of missing elements.
main	the title of the plot



**Value**

A plot.

**Author(s)**

Kristian Lum <kl@hrdag.org>

**Examples**

```
##### 5 list example from M & Y #####

delta <- .5
Y <- c(0, 27, 37, 19, 4, 4, 1, 1, 97, 22, 37, 25, 2, 1, 3, 5,
      83, 36, 34, 18, 3, 5, 0, 2, 30, 5, 23, 8, 0, 3, 0, 2)
Y <- array(Y, dim = c(2, 2, 2, 2, 2))
Nmissing <- 1:300
N <- Nmissing + sum(Y)
data(graphs5)
weights <- bma.cr(Y, Nmissing, delta, graphs5)
plotPosteriorN(weights, N)

##### 3 list example from M & Y #####
Y <- c(0, 60, 49, 4, 247, 112, 142, 12)
Y <- array(Y, dim = c(2, 2, 2))

delta <- 1
a <- 13.14
b <- 55.17

Nmissing <- 1:300
N <- Nmissing + sum(Y)

logprior <- N * log(b) - (N + a) * log(1 + b) + lgamma(N + a) - lgamma(N + 1) - lgamma(a)

data(graphs3)
weights <- bma.cr(Y, Nmissing, delta, graphs3, logprior)
plotPosteriorN(weights, N)
```

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remove.close

*A Helper Function to Tell Which Points Are Near the Boundary of a Circle*

---

**Description**

Used in venn3 to tell which of the potential points to be plotted are near the boundary of the circle defined by x, y, and r.

**Usage**

```
remove.close(ps, x, y, r)
```

**Arguments**

ps            an n x 2 matrix of potential points.  
 x            the x coordinate of the center of the circle.  
 y            the y coordinate of the center of the circle.  
 r            the radius of the circle

**Value**

inds            tells which points are too close to the edge of the circle.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
ps <- cbind(runif(100), runif(100))
inds <- dga::remove.close(ps, .5, .5, .1)
```

---

remove.close.ellipse    *A Helper Function to Tell Which Points are Near the Boundary of the Ellipse*

---

**Description**

A helper function.

**Usage**

```
remove.close.ellipse(ps, x, y, a, b, alpha)
```

**Arguments**

ps            an n x 2 matrix of potential points.  
 x            the x coordinate of the center of the ellipse.  
 y            the y coordinate of the center of the ellipse.  
 a            the x-radius of the ellipse.  
 b            the y-radius of the ellipse.  
 alpha        the angle of rotation of the ellipse.

**Value**

inds                    a vector of length `nrow(ps)` that tells whether each row of `ps` is near the border of the ellipse defined by `x,y,a,b`, and `alpha`.

**Author(s)**

Kristian Lum <kl@hrdag.org>

**Examples**

```
## The function is currently defined as
ps <- cbind(runif(100), runif(100))
inds <- dga::remove.close.ellipse(ps, .5, .5, .1, .3, 1)
```

---

sfunction

*A Helper Function for make.strata.*

---

**Description**

This is the simplest function ever. It's just an apply to sum across columns.

**Usage**

```
sfunction(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                    capture histories, as numbers

**Value**

```
apply(x, 2, sum)
```

**Author(s)**

Kristian Lum <kl@hrdag.org>

**Examples**

```
## The function is currently defined as
sfunction <- function(x) {
  out <- apply(x, 2, sum)
}
```

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`venn3`*Three List Venn Diagram*

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**Description**

A function that plots a venn diagram of 3 lists. One point is plotted in each region for each record that falls into the corresponding list overlap.

**Usage**

```
venn3(  
  overlap.counts,  
  main = NULL,  
  num.test.points = 1e+05,  
  p.cex = 0.75,  
  write_numbers = FALSE,  
  t.cex = 1.25,  
  cex.main = 1  
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>overlap.counts</code>	A vector of length $2^3$ that gives the number of records in each overlap in lexicographic order, i.e. 001, 010, 011, 100, etc.
<code>main</code>	the title of the graph
<code>num.test.points</code>	how many test points to generate as potentials to be plotted in the circles.
<code>p.cex</code>	the size of the points to be plotted
<code>write_numbers</code>	indicates whether to print the number of points in each region.
<code>t.cex</code>	the size of the text to write the numbers.
<code>cex.main</code>	the size of the title

**Value**

a 3-way venn diagram with points inside of each segment representing the number of records on each list overlap.

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**Examples**

```
overlap.counts <- rpois(8, 30)  
venn3(overlap.counts, main = "example diagram")
```

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`venn4`*Four List Venn Diagram*

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**Description**

A function that plots a venn diagram of 4 lists. One point is plotted in each region for each record that falls into the corresponding list overlap.

**Usage**

```
venn4(  
  overlap.counts,  
  main = NULL,  
  num.test.points = 1e+05,  
  p.cex = 0.75,  
  cex.main = 1  
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>overlap.counts</code>	A vector of length $2^4$ that gives the number of records in each overlap in lexicographic order, i.e. 0000, 0001, 0010, 0011, 0100, etc.
<code>main</code>	the title of the graph
<code>num.test.points</code>	how many test points to generate as potentials to be plotted in the circles.
<code>p.cex</code>	the size of the points to be plotted
<code>cex.main</code>	the size of the title

**Value**

A venn diagram of the list overlap structure for four lists. Each region of the plot contains points representing each record in that list intersection.

**Author(s)**

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**Examples**

```
overlap.counts <- rpois(16, 50)  
venn4(overlap.counts, main = "example diagram")
```

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