

# hexbin

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ColorRamps

*Color Ramps on Perceptually Linear Scales*

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## Description

Functions for returning colors on perceptually linear scales, where steps correspond to ‘just detectable differences’.

## Usage

```
LinGray (n, beg=1, end=92)
BTC      (n, beg=1, end=256)
LinOCS   (n, beg=1, end=256)
heat.ob  (n, beg=1, end=256)
magent   (n, beg=1, end=256)
plinrain(n, beg=1, end=256)
```

## Arguments

n	number of colors to return from the ramp
beg	begining of ramp, integer from 1-255
end	end of ramp, integer from 1-255

## Details

Several precalculated color ramps, that are on a perceptually linear color scale. A perceptually linear color scale is a scale where each jump corresponds to a “just detectable difference” in color and the scale is percieved as linear by the human eye (empirically determined).

When using the ramps, if `beg` is less than `end` the ramp will be reversed.

## Value

returns an array of colors

## Author(s)

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## References

Haim Levkowitz (1997) *Color Theory and Modeling for Computer Graphics, Visualization, and Multimedia Applications*. Kluwer Academic Publishers, Boston/London/Dordrecht. <http://www.cs.uml.edu/~haim/ColorCenter/>

## See Also

`rainbow`, `terrain.colors`, `rgb`, `hsv`

## Examples

```
h <- hexbin(rnorm(10000), rnorm(10000))
plot(h, colramp= BTY)
## looks better if you shave the tails:
plot(h, colramp= function(n){LinOCS(n, beg=15, end=225)})
```

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erode.hexbin

*Erosion of a Hexagon Count Image*

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## Description

This erosion algorithm removes counts from hexagon cells at a rate proportional to the cells' exposed surface area. When a cell becomes empty, algorithm removes the emptied cell and notes the removal order. Cell removal increases the exposure of any neighboring cells. The last cell removed is a type of bivariate median.

## Usage

```
erode(hbin, cdfcut = 0.5)
erode.hexbin(hbin, cdfcut = 0.5)
```

## Arguments

`hbin` an object of class `hexbin`.  
`cdfcut` number in (0,1) indicating the confidence level for the limits.

## Details

The algorithm extracts high count cells with containing a given fraction (`cdfcut`) of the total counts. The algorithm extracts all cells if `cdfcut=0`. The algorithm performs gray-level erosion on the extracted cells. Each erosion cycle removes counts from cells. The counts removed for each cell are a multiple of the cell's exposed-face count. The algorithm choses the multiple so at least one cell will be empty or have a count deficit on each erosion cycle. The erode vector contain an erosion number for each cell. The value of erode is

$$6 * \text{erosion\_cycle\_at\_cell\_removal} - \text{cell\_deficit\_at\_removal}$$

Cells with low values are eroded first. The cell with the highest erosion number is a candidate bivariate median. A few ties in erode are common.

## Value

An "erodebin" object (with all the slots from `hbin`) and additionally with high count cells and a component `erode` that gives the erosion order.

**See Also**

[hexbin](#), [smooth.hexbin](#), [hcell2xy](#),  
[gplot.hexbin](#), [grid.hexagons](#), [grid.hexlegend](#)

**Examples**

```
set.seed(153)
x <- rnorm(10000)
y <- rnorm(10000)
bin <- hexbin(x,y)

smbin <- smooth.hexbin(bin)
erodebin <- erode.hexbin(smbin, cdfcut=.5)
plot(erodebin)

## bivariate boxplot
hboxplot(erodebin, main = "hboxplot(erodebin)")

# show erosion order
plot(bin,style= "lat", minarea=1, maxarea=1,
      legend=FALSE, border=gray(.7))

grid.hexagons(erodebin,style= "lat", minarea=1, maxarea=1,pen="green")
xy <- hcell2xy(erodebin)
grid.text(lab = as.character(erodebin@erode), xy$x, xy$y,
          gp = gpar(col="white", cex=0.65))
```

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getHMedian

*Get coordiantes of the median cell after the erode operation*


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**Description**

A method for a eroded hexbin object to extract the coordinates of the median cell. The median is simply the cell with the highest erosion number or the last cell to be eroded.

**Usage**

```
getHMedian(ebin)
```

**Arguments**

ebin                    result of [erode.hexbin\(\)](#).

**Methods**

**ebin = "erodebin" ...**

**See Also**

[erode.hexbin](#)

**Examples**

```

set.seed(153)
x <- rnorm(10000)
y <- rnorm(10000)
bin <- hexbin(x,y)

smbin <- smooth.hexbin(bin)
erodebin <- erode.hexbin(smbin, cdfcut=.5)
getHMedian(erodebin)

```

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gplot.hexbin

*Plotting Hexagon Cells with a Legend*


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**Description**

Plots Hexagons visualizing the counts in an hexbin object. Different styles are available. Provides a legend indicating the count representations.

**Usage**

```

gplot.hexbin(x, style = "colorscale", legend = 1.2, lcex = 1,
             minarea = 0.04, maxarea = 0.8, mincnt = 1, maxcnt = max(x@count),
             trans = NULL, inv = NULL, colorcut = seq(0, 1, length = min(17, maxcnt)),
             border = NULL, density = NULL, pen = NULL,
             colramp = function(n) LinGray(n,beg = 90,end = 15),
             xlab = "", ylab = "", main = "", newpage = TRUE,
             type = c("p", "l", "n"), xaxt = c("s", "n"), yaxt = c("s", "n"),
             clip = "on", verbose = getOption("verbose"))

## S4 method for signature 'hexbin,missing':
plot(x, style = "colorscale", legend = 1.2, lcex = 1,
     minarea = 0.04, maxarea = 0.8, mincnt = 1, maxcnt = max(x@count),
     trans = NULL, inv = NULL, colorcut = seq(0, 1, length = min(17, maxcnt)),
     border = NULL, density = NULL, pen = NULL,
     colramp = function(n) LinGray(n,beg = 90,end = 15),
     xlab = "", ylab = "", main = "", newpage = TRUE,
     type = c("p", "l", "n"), xaxt = c("s", "n"), yaxt = c("s", "n"),
     clip = "on", verbose = getOption("verbose"))

```

**Arguments**

x	an object of class <a href="#">hexbin</a> .
style	string specifying the style of hexagon plot, see <a href="#">grid.hexagons</a> for the possibilities.
legend	numeric width of the legend in inches of FALSE. In the latter case, or when 0, no legend is not produced.
lcex	characters expansion size for the text in the legend

minarea	fraction of cell area for the lowest count
maxarea	fraction of the cell area for the largest count
mincnt	cells with fewer counts are ignored.
maxcnt	cells with more counts are ignored.
trans	<a href="#">function</a> specifying a transformation for the counts such as <code>sqrt</code> .
inv	the inverse transformation of <code>trans</code> .
colorcut	vector of values covering [0, 1] that determine hexagon color class boundaries and hexagon legend size boundaries. Alternatively, an integer ( $\leq$ <code>maxcnt</code> ) specifying the <i>number</i> of equispaced colorcut values in [0,1].
border, density, pen	color for polygon borders and filling of each hexagon drawn, passed to <a href="#">grid.hexagons</a> .
colramp	function accepting an integer <code>n</code> as an argument and returning <code>n</code> colors.
xlab, ylab	x- and y-axis label.
main	main title.
newpage	should a new page start?.
type, xaxt, yaxt	strings to be used (when set to "n") for suppressing the plotting of hexagon symbols, or the x- or y-axis, respectively.
clip	either 'on' or 'off' are the allowed arguments, when on everything is clipped to the plotting region.
verbose	logical indicating if some diagnostic output should happen.
...	all arguments of <code>gplot.hexbin</code> can also be used for the S4 <a href="#">plot</a> method.

### Details

This is the (S4) [plot](#) method for [hexbin](#) (and [erodebin](#)) objects ([erodebin-class](#)).

To use the standalone function `gplot.hexbin()` is *deprecated*. For `style`, `minarea` etc, see the **Details** section of [grid.hexagons](#)'s help page.

The legend functionality is somewhat preliminary. Later versions may include refinements and handle extreme cases (small and large) for cell size and counts.

### Value

invisibly, a list with components

`plot.vp` the [hexViewport](#) constructed and used.

`legend.vp` if a legend has been produced, its [viewport](#).

### Author(s)

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### References

see in [grid.hexagons](#).

**See Also**

[hexbin](#), [hexViewport](#), [smooth.hexbin](#), [erode.hexbin](#), [hcell2xy](#), [hboxplot](#), [hdiffplot](#).

**Examples**

```
## 1) simple binning of spherical normal:
x <- rnorm(10000)
y <- rnorm(10000)
bin <- hexbin(x,y)

## Plot method for hexbin !
## ---- -
plot(bin)
# nested lattice
plot(bin, style= "nested.lattice")

# controlling the colorscheme
plot(bin, colramp=BTY, colorcut=c(0,.1,.2,.3,.4,.6,1))

## 2) A mixture distribution
x <- c(rnorm(5000),rnorm(5000,4,1.5))
y <- c(rnorm(5000),rnorm(5000,2,3))
bin <- hexbin(x,y)

pens <- cbind(c("#ECE2F0","#A6BDDB","#1C9099"),
              c("#FFF7BC","#FEC44F","#D95F0E"))
plot(bin, style = "nested.lattice", pen=pens)
# now really crazy
plot(bin, style = "nested.lattice", pen=pens,border=2,density=35)

# lower resolution binning and overplotting with counts
bin <- hexbin(x,y,xbins=25)
P <- plot(bin, style="lattice", legend=FALSE,
          minarea=1, maxarea=1, border="white")
##

pushHexport(P$plot.vp)
xy <- hcell2xy(bin)
# to show points rather than counts :
grid.points(x,y,pch=18,gp=gpar(cex=.3,col="green"))
grid.text(as.character(bin@count), xy$x,xy$y,
          gp=gpar(cex=0.3, col="red"),default.units="native")
popViewport()

# Be creative, have fun!
```

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grid.hexagons

*Add Hexagon Cells to Plot*

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**Description**

Plots cells in an hexbin object. The function distinguishes among counts using 5 different styles. This function is the hexagon plotting engine from the `plot` method for `hexbin` objects.

**Usage**

```
grid.hexagons(dat, style = c("colorscale", "centroids", "lattice",
    "nested.lattice", "nested.centroids", "constant.col"),
    use.count=TRUE, cell.at=NULL,
    minarea = 0.05, maxarea = 0.8, check.erosion = TRUE,
    mincnt = 1, maxcnt = max(dat@count), trans = NULL,
    colorcut = seq(0, 1, length = 17),
    density = NULL, border = NULL, pen = NULL,
    colramp = function(n){ LinGray(n,beg = 90, end = 15) },
    def.unit= "native",
    verbose = getOption("verbose"))
```

**Arguments**

dat	an object of class <code>hexbin</code> , see <a href="#">hexbin</a> .
style	character string specifying the type of plotting; must be (a unique abbreviation) of the values given in ‘Usage’ above.
use.count	logical specifying if counts should be used.
cell.at	numeric vector to be plotted instead of counts, must besame length as the number of cells.
minarea	numeric, the fraction of cell area for the lowest count.
maxarea	the fraction of the cell area for the largest count.
check.erosion	logical indicating only eroded points should be used for "erodebin" objects; simply passed to <code>hcell2xy</code> , see its documentation.
mincnt	numeric; cells with counts smaller than <code>mincnt</code> are not shown.
maxcnt	cells with counts larger than this are not shown.
trans	a transformation function (or <code>NULL</code> ) for the counts, e.g., <a href="#">sqrt</a> .
colorcut	a vector of values covering [0, 1] which determine hexagon color class boundaries or hexagon size boundaries – for <code>style = "colorscale"</code> only.
density	<a href="#">grid.polygon</a> argument for shading. 0 causes the polygon not to be filled. <i>This is not implemented (for <a href="#">grid.polygon</a>) yet.</i>
border	<a href="#">grid.polygon()</a> argument. Draw the border for each hexagon.
pen	colors for <a href="#">grid.polygon()</a> . Determines the color with which the polygon will be filled.
colramp	function of an integer argument <code>n</code> returning <code>n</code> colors. <code>n</code> is determined
def.unit	default <code>unit</code> to be used.
verbose	logical indicating if some diagnostic output should happen.

**Details**

The six plotting styles have the following effect:

**style="lattice" or "centroids":** Plots the hexagons in different sizes based on counts. The "lattice" version centers the hexagons at the cell centers whereas "centroids" moves the hexagon centers close to the center of mass for the cells. In all cases the hexagons will not plot outside the cell unless `maxarea > 1`. Counts are rescaled into the interval [0,1] and `colorcuts` determine the class boundaries for sizes and counts. The `pen` argument for this style should be a single color or a vector of colors of `length(bin@count)`.

`style="colorscale"`: Counts are rescaled into the interval [0,1] and `colorcuts` determines the class boundaries for the color classes. For this style, the function passed as `colramp` is used to define the `n` colors for the `n+1` color cuts. The `pen` argument is ignored.

See [LinGray](#) for the default `colramp` and alternative “color ramp” functions.

`style="constant.col"`: This is an even simpler alternative to “colorscale”, using constant colors (determined `pen` optionally).

`style="nested.lattice" and "nested.centroids"`: Counts are partitioned into classes by power of 10. The encoding nests hexagon size within powers of 10 color contours.

If the `pen` argument is used it should be a matrix of colors with 2 columns and either `ceiling(log10(max(bin@count)))` or `length(bin@count)` rows. The default uses the R color palette so that pens numbers 2-11 determine colors for completely filled cell Pen 2 is the color for 1’s, Pen 3 is the color for 10’s, etc. Pens numbers 12-21 determine the color of the foreground hexagons. The hexagon size shows the relative count for the power of 10. Different color schemes give different effects including 3-D illusions

*Hexagon size encoding* `minarea` and `maxarea` determine the area of the smallest and largest hexagons plotted. Both are expressed fractions of the bin cell size. Typical values might be .04 and 1. When both values are 1, all plotted hexagons are bin cell size, if `maxarea` is greater than 1 than hexagons will overlap. This is sometimes interesting with the lattice and centroid styles.

*Count scaling*

```
relcnt <- (trans(cnt)-trans(mincnt)) / (trans(maxcnt)-trans(mincnt))
area <- minarea + relcnt*maxarea
```

By default the transformation `trans()` is the identity function. The legend routine requires the transformation inverse for some options.

*Count windowing* `mincnt` and `maxcnt` Only routine only plots cells with `cnts` in [`mincnts`, `maxcnts`]

## SIDE EFFECTS

Adds hexagons to the plot.

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## References

Carr, D. B. (1991) Looking at Large Data Sets Using Binned Data Plots, pp. 7–39 in *Computing and Graphics in Statistics*; Eds. A. Buja and P. Tukey, Springer-Verlag, New York.

## See Also

[hexbin](#), [smooth.hexbin](#), [erode.hexbin](#), [hcell2xy](#), [gplot.hexbin](#), [hboxplot](#), [hdiffplot](#), [grid.hexlegend](#)

## Examples

```
set.seed(506)
x <- rnorm(10000)
y <- rnorm(10000)

# bin the points
```



```
bin <- hexbin(x,y)

# Typical approach uses plot( <hexbin> ) which controls the plot shape :
plot(bin, main = "Bivariate rnorm(10000)")

## but we can have more manual control:

# A mixture distribution
x <- c(rnorm(5000), rnorm(5000, 4, 1.5))
y <- c(rnorm(5000), rnorm(5000, 2, 3))
hb2 <- hexbin(x,y)

# Show color control and overplotting of hexagons
## 1) setup coordinate system:
P <- plot(hb2, type="n", main = "Bivariate mixture (10000)")# asp=1

## 2) add hexagons (in the proper viewport):
pushHexport(P$plot.vp)
grid.hexagons(hb2, style= "lattice", border = gray(.1), pen = gray(.6),
              minarea = .1, maxarea = 1.5)
popViewport()

## How to treat 'singletons' specially:
P <- plot(hb2, type="n", main = "Bivariate mixture (10000)")# asp=1
pushHexport(P$plot.vp)
grid.hexagons(hb2, style= "nested.centroids", mincnt = 2)# not the single ones
grid.hexagons(hb2, style= "centroids", maxcnt = 1, maxarea=0.04)# single points
popViewport()
```

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grid.hexlegend

*Add a Legend to a Hexbin Plot*

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### **Description**

Plots the legend for the `plot` method of `hexbin`. Provides a legend indicating the count representations.

**Usage**

```
grid.hexlegend(legend, ysize, lcex, inner, style = ,
               minarea = 0.05, maxarea = 0.8, mincnt = 1, maxcnt, trans = NULL,
               inv = NULL, colorcut, density = NULL, border = NULL, pen = NULL,
               colramp = function(n) { LinGray(n,beg = 90,end = 15) },
               leg.unit = "native")
```

**Arguments**

legend	positive number giving width of the legend in inches.
ysize	height of legend in inches
lcex	the characters expansion size for the text in the legend, see <code>par(cex=)</code> .
inner	the inner diameter of a hexagon in inches.
style	the hexagon style; see <code>grid.hexagons</code> .
minarea, maxarea	fraction of the cell area for the lowest and largest count, respectively.
mincnt, maxcnt	minimum and maximum count accepted in plot.
trans	a transformation function for the counts such as <code>sqrt</code> .
inv	the inverse transformation function.
colorcut	numeric vector of values covering [0, 1] the determine hexagon color classes boundaries and hexagon legend size boundaries.
border	argument for <code>polygon()</code> . Draw the border for each hexagon.
density	argument for <code>polygon()</code> filling. A 0 causes the polygon not to be filled.
pen	color argument used for <code>polygon(col = .)</code> . Determines the color with which the polygon will be filled.
colramp	function accepting an integer n as an argument and returning n colors.
leg.unit	unit to use

**Details**

The `plot` method for `hexbin` objects calls this function to produce a legend by setting the graphics parameters, so `hex.legend` itself is not a standalone function.

The legend function is **preliminary**. Later version will include refinements and handle extreme cases (small and large) for cell size and counts.

See the **Details** section of `grid.hexagons`'s help page.

**Value**

This function does not return any value.

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**References**

see in `grid.hexagons`.

**See Also**

[hexbin](#), [grid.hexagons](#),  
[smooth.hexbin](#), [erode.hexbin](#),  
[hcell2xy](#), [gplot.hexbin](#),

**Examples**

```
## Not a stand alone function; typically only called from plot.hexbin()

## Not run:
  grid.hexlegend(legend = 2, ysize = 1, lcx=8, inner=0.2,
                maxcnt = 100, colorcut = c(0.5,0.5))

## End(Not run)
```

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hboxplot

2-D Generalization of Boxplot

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**Description**

If `bin` is an *eroded* [hexbin](#) object, i.e., an `erodebin` object, `hboxplot()` plots the high counts cells selected by `erode()`. By default, the high counts cells contain 50 percent of the counts so analogous to the interquartile “range”. The function distinguishes the last cells eroded using color. These cells correspond to one definition of the bivariate median.

**Usage**

```
hboxplot(bin, xbnds = NULL, ybnds = NULL,
         density, border = c(0, grey(0.7)), pen = c(2, 3),
         unzoom = 1.1, clip = "off", reshape = FALSE,
         xlab = NULL, ylab = NULL, main = "")
```

**Arguments**

<code>bin</code>	an object of class <a href="#">hexbin</a> .
<code>xbnds, ybnds</code>	global x- and y-axis plotting limits for multiple plots.
<code>density, border</code>	arguments for <a href="#">polygon()</a> each of length two, the first for the median, the second for the other cells.
<code>pen</code>	colors (“pen numbers”) for <a href="#">polygon()</a> .
<code>unzoom</code>	plot limit expansion factor when <code>xbnds</code> is missing.
<code>clip</code>	either ‘on’ or ‘off’ are the allowed arguments, when on everything is clipped to the plotting region.
<code>reshape</code>	logical value to reshape the plot although <code>xbnds</code> and <code>ybnds</code> are present.
<code>xlab, ylab, main</code>	x- and y- axis labels and main title

## Details

The `density`, `border`, and `pen` arguments correspond to the `polygon` function calls for plotting two types of cells. The cell types, pen numbers and suggested colors are

TYPE	PEN	COLOR
cells of bin	2	light gray
last eroded cells of bin (median cells)	1	black

The erode components of the hexbin objects must be present for the median cells to plot.

When `xbnds` is missing or `reshape` is true, the plot changes graphics parameters and resets them. When `xbnds` is missing the function also zooms in based on the available data to provide increased resolution.

The zoom used the hexagon cell centers. The `unzoom` argument backs off a bit so the whole hexagon will fit in the plot.

`Hboxplot()` is used as a stand alone function, for producing separate legends .....

## Value

invisibly, the `hexViewport()` used internally. Used to add to the plot afterwards.

## References

see in `grid.hexagons`.

## See Also

`hexbin`, `erode`,  
`hcell2xy`, `gplot.hexbin`,  
`grid.hexagons`, `grid.hexlegend`

## Examples

```
## boxplot of smoothed counts
x <- rnorm(10000)
y <- rnorm(10000)

bin <- hexbin(x,y)
erodebin <- erode(smooth.hexbin(bin))

hboxplot(erodebin)
hboxplot(erodebin, density = c(32,7), border = c(2,4))
hp <- hboxplot(erodebin, density = c(-1,17),
              main = "hboxplot(erode*(smooth*(.)))")
pushHexport(hp)
grid.points(x[1:10], y[1:10])# just non-sense to show the principle
popViewport()
```

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`hcell2xyInt`*Change cell ids to 2d integer coordinate system*

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**Description**

Transforms the cell representation of a a lattice into a 2d integer coordinate system.

**Usage**

```
hcell2xyInt(hbin, xbins=NULL, xbnds=NULL, ybnds=NULL, shape=NULL)
```

**Arguments**

<code>hbin</code>	a object of class "hexbin", typically produced by <code>hexbin(*)</code> .
<code>xbins</code>	the number of bins partitioning the range of <code>xbnds</code> .
<code>xbnds, ybnds</code>	horizontal and vertical limits of the binning region in x or y units respectively; must be numeric vector of length 2.
<code>shape</code>	the <i>shape</i> = <i>yheight</i> / <i>xwidth</i> of the plotting regions.

**Details**

Takes a grid defined by either the hexbin parameters or `dimen` in a hexbin object and translates the cell ids for the grid into 2d integer coordinates.

**Value**

An integer matrix with two columns, `i` and `j` representing the integer xy coordinates of the hexagon grid.

<code>i</code>	Integer coordiante of the rows, increases from bottom to top
<code>j</code>	Integer coordiante of the columns, increases from left to right

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[hcell2xy](#)

**Examples**

```
x<-rnorm(10000)
y<-rnorm(10000)
hbin<-hexbin(x,y)
ijInt<-hcell2xyInt(hbin)
```

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`hcell2xy`*Compute X and Y Coordinates for Hexagon Cells*

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**Description**

Computes x and y coordinates from hexagon cell id's.

**Usage**

```
hcell2xy(hbin, check.erosion = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

`hbin` a object of class "hexbin", typically produced by `hexbin(*)`.  
`check.erosion` logical indicating if only the eroded points should be returned in the case where `hbin` inherits from "erodebin" (see `erodebin-class`); is TRUE by default.

**Details**

The hexbin object `hbin` contains all the needed information. The purpose of this function is to reduce storage. The cost is additional calculation.

**Value**

A list with two components of the same length as `bin$cell`,

`x`

`y`

**See Also**

[hexbin.](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- rnorm(10000)
y <- rnorm(10000)
plot(x,y, pch=".")
hbin <- hexbin(x,y)
str(xys <- hcell2xy(hbin))
points(xys, cex=1.5, col=2) ; title("hcell2xy( hexbin(..) )", col.main=2)
```

**Description**

Let `bin1` and `bin2` represent two `hexbin` objects with scaling, plot shapes, and bin sizes. This plot distinguishes cells unique to `bin1`, cells in common, and cells unique to `bin2` using color. When the `erode` components are present, color also distinguishes the two erosion medians. An arrow shows the vector from the median of `bin1` to the median of `bin2`.

**Usage**

```
hdiffplot(bin1, bin2 = NULL, xbnds, ybnds,
          focus = NULL,
          col.control = list(medhex = "white", med.bord = "black",
                             focus = NULL, focus.border = NULL, back.col = "grey"),
          arrows = TRUE, size = unit(0.1, "inches"), lwd = 2,
          eps = 1e-6, unzoom = 1.08, clip="off", xlab = "", ylab = "",
          main = deparse(mycall), ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>bin1, bin2</code>	two objects of class <code>hexbin</code> .
<code>xbnds, ybnds</code>	global x- and y-axis plotting limits. Used primarily for multiple comparison plots.
<code>focus</code>	a vector of integers specifying which <code>hexbin</code> objects should be treated as focal. Excluded hexbins are treated as background.
<code>col.control</code>	a list for detailed color control.
<code>arrows</code>	a logical indicating wheter or not to draw arrows between the focal <code>hexbin</code> objects median cells.
<code>border</code>	border arguments to <code>polygon</code>
<code>size</code>	arrow type size in inches.
<code>eps</code>	distance criteria for distinct medians
<code>unzoom</code>	plot limit expansion factor when <code>xbnds</code> is missing
<code>clip</code>	either 'on' or 'off' are the allowed arguments, when on everything is clipped to the plotting region.
<code>lwd</code>	Line width for arrows, ignored when <code>arrows=FALSE</code> or when bins have no erosion component
<code>xlab</code>	label for x-axis
<code>ylab</code>	label for y-axis
<code>main</code>	main title for the plot; automatically constructed by default.
<code>...</code>	.....

## Details

The hexbin objects for comparison, `bin1` and `bin2`, must have the same plotting limits and cell size. The plot produces a comparison overlay of the cells in the two objects. If external global scaling is not supplied, the algorithm determines plotting limits to increase resolution. For example, the objects may be the result of the `erode.hexbin()` and include only high count cells containing 50 of the counts. The density, border, and pen arguments correspond to the polygon function calls for plotting six types of cells. The cell types are respectively:

```
unique cells of bin1,
joint cells,
unique cells of bin2,
median cell of bin1,
median cell of bin2,
median cell if identical.
```

The `erode` components of the hexbin objects must be present for the medians to plot. The algorithm select a single cell for the median if there are algorithmic ties.

The pen numbers for types of cells start at Pen 2. Pen 1 is presumed black. The suggested six additional colors are light blue, light gray, light red, blue, red, and black. Carr (1991) shows an example for black and white printing. That plot changes the six colors to light gray, dark gray, white, black, black, and black. It changes the 4th, 5th, and 6th argument of `border` to `TRUE`. It also changes 4th, 5th and 6th argument of `density` to 0. In other words cells in common do not show and medians cells appear as outlines.

When `xbnds` is missing, the plot changes graphics parameters and resets them. The function also zooms in based on the available data to provide increased resolution.

## References

see in [grid.hexagons](#).

## See Also

[hexbin](#), [smooth.hexbin](#), [erode.hexbin](#),  
[hcell2xy](#), [gplot.hexbin](#), [hboxplot](#), [grid.hexagons](#), [grid.hexlegend](#).

## Examples

```
## Comparison of two bivariate boxplots
x1 <- rnorm(10000)
y1 <- rnorm(10000)
x2 <- rnorm(10000,mean=.5)
y2 <- rnorm(10000,mean=.5)
xbnds <- range(x1,x2)
ybnds <- range(y1,y2)

bin1 <- hexbin(x1,y1,xbnds=xbnds,ybnds=ybnds)
bin2 <- hexbin(x2,y2,xbnds=xbnds,ybnds=ybnds)
erodebin1 <- erode.hexbin(smooth.hexbin(bin1))
erodebin2 <- erode.hexbin(smooth.hexbin(bin2))

hdiffplot(erodebin1,erodebin2)
```



```
## Compare *three* of them: -----
x3 <- rnorm(10000,mean=-1)
y3 <- rnorm(10000,mean=-.5)
xbnds <- range(x1,x2,x3)
ybnds <- range(y1,y2,y3)

bin1 <- hexbin(x1,y1,xbnds=xbnds,ybnds=ybnds)
bin2 <- hexbin(x2,y2,xbnds=xbnds,ybnds=ybnds)
bin3 <- hexbin(x3,y3,xbnds=xbnds,ybnds=ybnds)
erodebin1 <- erode.hexbin(smooth.hexbin(bin1))
erodebin2 <- erode.hexbin(smooth.hexbin(bin2))
erodebin3 <- erode.hexbin(smooth.hexbin(bin3))

bnlst <- list(b1=erodebin1, b2=erodebin2, b3=erodebin3)
hdiffplot(bnlst)
```

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hexbinplot

*Trellis Hexbin Displays*


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## Description

Display of hexagonally binned data, as implemented in the `hexbin` package, under the Trellis framework, with associated utilities. `hexbinplot` is the high level generic function, with the "formula" method doing the actual work. `prepanel.hexbinplot` and `panel.hexbinplot` are associated prepanel and panel functions. `hexlegendGrob` produces a suitable legend.

## Usage

```
hexbinplot(x, data, ...)

## S3 method for class 'formula':
hexbinplot(x, data = NULL,
           prepanel = prepanel.hexbinplot,
           panel = panel.hexbinplot,
           groups = NULL,
           aspect = "xy",
           trans = NULL,
           inv = NULL,
           colorkey = TRUE,
           ...,
           maxcnt,
           legend = NULL,
           legend.width = TRUE,
           subset)

prepanel.hexbinplot(x, y, type = character(0), ...)

panel.hexbinplot(x, y, ..., groups = NULL)

hexlegendGrob(legend = 1.2,
```

```

inner = legend / 5,
cex.labels = 1,
cex.title = 1.2,
style = "colorscale",
minarea = 0.05, maxarea = 0.8,
mincnt = 1, maxcnt,
trans = NULL, inv = NULL,
colorcut = seq(0, 1, length = 17),
density = NULL, border = NULL, pen = NULL,
colramp = function(n) { LinGray(n,beg = 90,end = 15) },
...,
vp = NULL,
draw = FALSE)

```

## Arguments

- x** For `hexbinplot`, the object on which method dispatch is carried out. For the "formula" methods, a formula describing the form of conditioning plot. Formulas that are valid for `xyplot` are acceptable. In `panel.hexbinplot`, the x variable.
- y** In `panel.hexbinplot`, the y variable.
- data** For the `formula` method, a data frame containing values for any variables in the formula, as well as `groups` and `subset` if applicable (using `groups` currently causes an error with the default panel function). By default, the environment where the function was called from is used.
- minarea, maxarea, mincnt, maxcnt, trans, inv, colorcut, density, border, pen, colramp** see `gplot.hexbin`
- prepanel, panel, aspect** See `xyplot`. `aspect="fill"` is not allowed. The current default of "xy" may not always be the best choice, often `aspect=1` will be more reasonable.
- colorkey** logical, whether a legend should be drawn. Currently a legend can be drawn only on the right.
- legend.width, legend** width of the legend in inches when `style` is "nested.lattice" or "nested.centroids". The name `legend.width` is used to avoid conflict with the standard trellis argument `legend`. It is possible to specify additional legends using the `legend` or `key` arguments as long as they do not conflict with the hexbin legend (i.e., are not on the right).
- inner** Inner radius in inches of hexagons in the legend when `style` is "nested.lattice" or "nested.centroids".
- cex.labels, cex.title** in the legend, multiplier for numeric labels and text annotation respectively
- type** character vector controlling additional augmentation of the display. A "g" in `type` adds a reference grid, "r" adds a regression line (y on x), "smooth" adds a loess smooth
- draw** logical, whether to draw the legend grob. Useful when `hexlegendGrob` is used separately
- vp** grid viewport to draw the legend in

...	<p>extra arguments, passed on as appropriate. Arguments to <code>gplot.hexbin</code>, <code>xypplot</code>, <code>panel.hexbinplot</code> and <code>hexlegendGrob</code> can be supplied to the high level <code>hexbinplot</code> call.</p> <p><code>panel.hexbinplot</code> calls one of two (unexported) low-level functions depending on whether <code>groups</code> is supplied (although specifying <code>groups</code> currently leads to an error). Arguments of the appropriate function can be supplied; some important ones are</p> <p><code>xbins</code>: number of hexagons covering x values. The number of y-bins depends on this, the aspect ratio, and <code>xbnds</code> and <code>ybnds</code></p> <p><code>xbnds</code>, <code>ybnds</code>: Numeric vector specifying range of values that should be covered by the binning. In a multi-panel display, it is not necessarily a good idea to use the same bounds (which along with <code>xbins</code> and the aspect ratio determine the size of the hexagons) for all panels. For example, when data is concentrated in small subregions of different panels, more detail will be shown by using smaller hexagons covering those regions. To control this, <code>xbnds</code> and <code>ybnds</code> can also be character strings "panel" or "data" (which are not very good names and may be changed in future). In the first case, the bounds are taken to be the limits of the panel, in the second case, the limits of the data (packet) in that panel. Note that all panels will have the same limits (enough to cover all the data) by default if <code>relation="free"</code> in the standard trellis argument <code>scales</code>, but not otherwise.</p>
<code>groups</code>	in <code>hexbinplot</code> , a grouping variable that is evaluated in <code>data</code> , and passed on to the panel function.
<code>subset</code>	an expression that is evaluated in <code>data</code> to produce a logical vector that is used to subset the data before being used in the plot.

## Details

The panel function `panel.hexbinplot` creates a hexbin object from data supplied to it and plots it using `grid.hexagons`. To make panels comparable, all panels have the same `maxcnt` value, by default the maximum count over all panels. This default value can be calculated only if the aspect ratio is known, and so `aspect="fill"` is not allowed. The default choice of aspect ratio is different from the choice in `hexbin` (namely, 1), which may sometimes give better results for multi-panel displays. `xbnds` and `ybnds` can be numeric range vectors as in `hexbin`, but they can also be character strings specifying whether all panels should have the same bins. If they are not, then bins in different panels could be of different sizes, in which case `style="lattice"` and `style="centroids"` should be interpreted carefully.

The dimensions of the legend and the size of the hexagons therein are given in absolute units (inches) by `legend.width` and `inner` only when `style` is "nested.lattice" or "nested.centroids". For other styles, the dimensions of the legend are determined relative to the plot. Specifically, the height of the legend is the same as the height of the plot (the panel and strip regions combined), and the width is the minimum required to fit the legend in the display. This is different in some ways from the `hexbin` implementation. In particular, the size of the hexagons in the legend are completely unrelated to the sizes in the panels, which is pretty much unavoidable because the sizes need not be the same across panels if `xbnds` or `ybnds` is "data". The size of the hexagons encode information when `style` is "lattice" or "centroids", consequently a warning is issued when a legend is drawn with either of these styles.

## Value

`hexbinplot` produces an object of class "trellis". The update method can be used to

update components of the object and the `print` method (usually called by default) will plot it on an appropriate plotting device. `hexlegendGrob` produces a "grob" (grid object).

### Author(s)

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### See Also

[hexbin](#), [xyplot](#)

### Examples

```
mixdata <-
  data.frame(x = c(rnorm(5000), rnorm(5000, 4, 1.5)),
            y = c(rnorm(5000), rnorm(5000, 2, 3)),
            a = gl(2, 5000))
hexbinplot(y ~ x, mixdata, aspect = 1,
           trans = sqrt, inv = function(x) x^2)
hexbinplot(y ~ x | a, mixdata)
hexbinplot(y ~ x | a, mixdata, style = "lattice",
           xbnds = "data", ybnds = "data")
hexbinplot(y ~ x | a, mixdata, style = "nested.centroids")
hexbinplot(y ~ x | a, mixdata, style = "nested.centroids",
           border = FALSE, type = c("g", "smooth"))
```

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hexbin

*Bivariate Binning into Hexagon Cells*

---

### Description

Creates a "hexbin" object. Basic components are a cell id and a count of points falling in each occupied cell.

Basic methods are [show\(\)](#), [plot\(\)](#) and [summary\(\)](#), but also [erode](#).

### Usage

```
hexbin(x, y, xbins = 30, shape = 1,
       xbnds = range(x), ybnds = range(y),
       xlab = NULL, ylab = NULL, IDs = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code> , <code>y</code>	vectors giving the coordinates of the bivariate data points to be binned. Alternatively a single plotting structure can be specified: see <a href="#">xy.coords</a> . <code>NA</code> 's are allowed and silently omitted.
<code>xbins</code>	the number of bins partitioning the range of <code>xbnds</code> .
<code>shape</code>	the <i>shape</i> = yheight/xwidth of the plotting regions.
<code>xbnds</code> , <code>ybnds</code>	horizontal and vertical limits of the binning region in x or y units respectively; must be numeric vector of length 2.
<code>xlab</code> , <code>ylab</code>	optional character strings used as labels for <code>x</code> and <code>y</code> . If <code>NULL</code> , sensible defaults are used.
<code>IDs</code>	logical indicating if the individual cell "IDs" should be returned, see also below.

## Details

Returns counts for non-empty cells only. The plot shape must be maintained for hexagons to appear with equal sides. Some calculations are in single precision.

Note that when plotting a `hexbin` object, the **grid** package is used. You must use its graphics (or those from package **lattice** if you know how) to add to such plots.

## Value

an S4 object of class "hexbin". It has the following slots:

<code>cell</code>	vector of cell ids that can be mapped into the (x,y) bin centers in data units.
<code>count</code>	vector of counts in the cells.
<code>xcm</code>	The x center of mass (average of x values) for the cell.
<code>ycm</code>	The y center of mass (average of y values) for the cell.
<code>xbins</code>	number of hexagons across the x axis. hexagon inner diameter = diff(xbnds)/xbins in x units
<code>shape</code>	plot shape which is yheight(inches) / xwidth(inches)
<code>xbnds</code>	x coordinate bounds for binning and plotting
<code>ybnds</code>	y coordinate bounds for binning and plotting
<code>dimen</code>	The i and j limits of cnt treated as a matrix cnt[i,j]
<code>n</code>	number of (non NA) (x,y) points, i.e., sum(* @count).
<code>ncells</code>	number of cells, i.e., length(* @count), etc
<code>call</code>	the function call.
<code>xlab, ylab</code>	character strings to be used as axis labels.
<code>cID</code>	of class, "integer or NULL", only if IDs was true, an integer vector of length n where cID[i] is the cell number of the i-th original point (x[i], y[i]). Consequently, the cell and count slots are the same as the names and entries of table(cID), see the example.

## References

Carr, D. B. et al. (1987) Scatterplot Matrix Techniques for Large  $N$ . *JASA* **83**, 398, 424–436.

## See Also

[hcell2xy](#)  
[gplot.hexbin](#),  
[grid.hexagons](#), [grid.hexlegend](#).

## Examples

```
set.seed(101)
x <- rnorm(10000)
y <- rnorm(10000)
(bin <- hexbin(x, y))
## or
plot(hexbin(x, y + x*(x+1)/4),
      main = "(X, X(X+1)/4 + Y) where X,Y ~ rnorm(10000)")
```

```
## Using plot method for hexbin objects:
plot(bin, style = "nested.lattice")

hbi <- hexbin(y ~ x, xbins = 80, IDs= TRUE)
str(hbi)
tI <- table(hbi@cID)
stopifnot(names(tI) == hbi@cell,
           tI == hbi@count)

## NA's now work too:
x[runif(6, 0, length(x))] <- NA
y[runif(7, 0, length(y))] <- NA
hbN <- hexbin(x,y)
summary(hbN)
```

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hexGraphPaper

*Create a Hexagon Grid*


---

## Description

Creates a hexagon grid that can be added to a plot created with grid graphics.

## Usage

```
hexGraphPaper(hb, xbnds = NULL, ybnds = NULL, xbins = 30, shape = 1,
              add = TRUE, fill.edges = 1, fill = 0, border = 1)

hgridcent(xbins, xbnds, ybnds, shape, edge.add = 0)
```

## Arguments

hb	a object of class "hexbin", typically produced by <code>hexbin(*)</code> .
xbnds, ybnds	horizontal and vertical limits of the binning region in x or y units respectively; must be numeric vector of length 2.
xbins	the number of bins partitioning the range of xbnds.
shape	the <i>shape</i> = yheight/xwidth of the plotting regions.
add	a logical value indicating whether or not to add the grid to the current plot.
fill.edges	integer number of hexagons to add around the border
fill	the fill color for the hexagons
border	the color of the border of the hexagons
edge.add	offset (typically <code>fill.edges</code> above) used in <code>hgridcent</code> .

## Details

If a hexbin object is given then the parameters `xbins` and `shape` are ignored. Different bounds can still be specified. The `fill.edges` parameter should be an integer. `fill.edges` takes the current grid and adds a layer of hexagons around the grid for each level of fill. So for example if `fill.edges= 2` than the dimensions of the grid would be  $(i, j) + 4$ .

`hgridcent()` is the utility function computing the resulting list (see section "Value").

**WARNING! If using a hexVP be sure to set clip to "on", otherwise the hexagon grid will bleed over the plot edges.**

**Value**

Invisibly returns a list with the following components

x	The x coordinates of the grid
y	the y coordinates of the grid
dimen	a vector of length 2 giving the rows and columns of the grid
dx	the horizontal diameter of the hexagons
dy	the vertical diameter of the hexagons

**Author(s)**

Nicholas Lewin-Koh

**See Also**

[hcell2xy](#), [hexpolygon](#), [grid.hexagons](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- rnorm(10000)
y <- rnorm(10000, x, x)
hbin <- hexbin(x, y)
hvp <- plot(hbin, type="n")
pushHexport(hvp$plot, clip="on")
hexGraphPaper(hbin, border=grey(.8))
grid.hexagons(hbin)
```

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hexList

*Conditional Bivariate Binning into Hexagon Cells*

---

**Description**

Creates a list of [hexbin](#) objects. Basic components are a cell id and a count of points falling in each occupied cell. Basic methods are [show\(\)](#), [plot\(\)](#) and [summary\(\)](#), but also [erode](#).

**Usage**

```
hexList(x, y = NULL, given = NULL, xbins = 30, shape = 1,
        xbnnds = NULL, ybnnds = NULL, xlab = NULL, ylab = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

x	x coordinate to be binned
y	y coordinate to be binned
given	..
xbins	number of bins partitioning the range of xbnnds
shape	the <i>shape</i> = yheight/xwidth of the plotting regions
xbnnds	horizontal limits of binning
ybnnds	vertical limits of binning
xlab	character strings used as labels for x
ylab	character strings used as labels for y

**Details**

There is also a `coerce` method to produce `hexbinList` objects from `lists`.

**Value**

If it is a LIST, use

`comp1`            Description of 'comp1'

`comp2`            Description of 'comp2'

...

**Author(s)**

Nicholas Lewin-Koh

**See Also**

[hexbin](#), [hdiffplot](#)

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`hexMA.loess`

*Add Loess Fit to Hexplot*

---

**Description**

Fit a loess line using the hexagon centers of mass as the x and y coordinates and the cell counts as weights.

**Usage**

```
hexMA.loess(pMA, span = 0.4, col = "red", n = 200)
hexVP.loess(hbin, hvp = NULL, span = 0.4, col = "red", n = 200)
```

**Arguments**

`hbin`            an object of class `hexbin`, see [hexbin](#).

`hvp`            A `hexViewport` object.

`pMA`            the list returned by [plotMAhex](#).

`span`           the parameter alpha which controls the degree of smoothing.

`col`            line color for the loess fit.

`n`              number of points at which the fit should be evaluated.

**Value**

Returns invisibly the object associated with the loess fit.

**Author(s)**

Nicholas Lewin-Koh



**See Also**

[hexVP.abline](#), [plotMAhex](#), [gplot.hexbin](#), [hexViewport](#); [loess](#)

**Examples**

```
if(require(marray)){
  data(swirl)

  hb <- plotMAhex(swirl[,1], main = "M vs A plot with hexagons", legend=0)
  hexVP.abline(hb$plot, h=0, col= gray(.6))
  hexMA.loess(hb)
}
```

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hexplom

*Hexbin Plot Matrices*

---

**Description**

hexplom draws Conditional Hexbin Plot Matrices. It is similar to `splom`, except that the default display is different. Specifically, the default display is created using `panel.hexplom`, which is an alias for `panel.hexbinplot`.

**Usage**

```
hexplom(x, data, ...)

## S3 method for class 'formula':
hexplom(x, data = NULL, ...)

## S3 method for class 'data.frame':
hexplom(x, data = NULL, ..., groups = NULL,
        subset = TRUE)

## S3 method for class 'matrix':
hexplom(x, data = NULL, ..., groups = NULL, subset = TRUE)

panel.hexplom(...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	<p>The object on which method dispatch is carried out.</p> <p>For the "formula" method, a formula describing the structure of the plot, which should be of the form <math>\sim x \mid g1 * g2 * \dots</math>, where <code>x</code> is a data frame or matrix. Each of <code>g1</code>, <code>g2</code>, <code>...</code> must be either factors or shingles. The conditioning variables <code>g1</code>, <code>g2</code>, <code>...</code> may be omitted.</p> <p>For the <code>data.frame</code> and <code>matrix</code> methods, a data frame or matrix as appropriate.</p>
<code>data</code>	<p>For the <code>formula</code> method, an optional data frame in which variables in the formula (as well as <code>groups</code> and <code>subset</code>, if any) are to be evaluated. By default, the environment where the function was called from is used.</p>

groups, subset, ...

see [splom](#). The non-standard evaluation of `groups` and `subset` only applies in the `formula` method. Apart from arguments that apply to `splom` (many of which are only documented in [xyplot](#)), additional arguments meant for `panel.hexplom` (which is an alias for `panel.hexbinplot`) may also be supplied. Such arguments may include ones that control details of the hexbin calculations, documented in [gplot.hexbin](#)

### Value

An object of class "trellis". The `update` method can be used to update components of the object and the `print` method (usually called by default) will plot it on an appropriate plotting device.

### Author(s)

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### See Also

[splom](#), [xyplot](#), [hexbinplot](#), [Lattice](#), [panel.pairs](#)

### Examples

```
## Simple hexplom
data(NHANES)
hexplom(~NHANES[,7:14], xbins=15)

## With colors and conditioning
hexplom(~NHANES[,9:13] | Sex, data = NHANES,
        xbins = 15, colramp = magent)

## With custom panel function
hexplom(NHANES[,9:13], xbins = 20, colramp = BTY,
        upper.panel = panel.hexboxplot)
```

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hexpolygon

*Hexagon Coordinates and Polygon Drawing*

---

### Description

Simple 'low-level' function for computing and drawing hexagons. Can be used for 'grid' (package **grid**) or 'traditional' (package **graphics**) graphics.

### Usage

```
hexcoords(dx, dy = NULL, n = 1, sep = NULL)

hexpolygon(x, y, hexC = hexcoords(dx, dy, n = 1), dx, dy = NULL,
          fill = 1, border = 0, hUnit = "native", ...)
```

**Arguments**

<code>dx, dy</code>	horizontal and vertical width of the hexagon(s).
<code>n</code>	number of hexagon “repeats”.
<code>sep</code>	separator value to be put between coordinates of different hexagons. The default, NULL doesn’t use a separator.
<code>x, y</code>	numeric vectors of the same length specifying the hexagon <i>centers</i> around which to draw.
<code>hexC</code>	a list as returned from <code>hexcoords()</code> . Its component <code>no.sep</code> determines if <code>grid</code> or traditional graphics are used. The default (via default of <code>hexcoords</code> ) is now to use <code>grid graphics</code> .
<code>fill, border</code>	passed to <code>grid.polygon</code> (for <b>grid</b> ).
<code>hUnit</code>	string or NULL determining in which units (x,y) values are.
<code>...</code>	further arguments passed to <code>polygon</code> (for <b>graphics</b> ).

**Value**

`hexcoords()` returns a list with components

<code>x, y</code>	numeric vectors of length $n \times 6$ (or $n \times 7$ if <code>sep</code> is not NULL) specifying the hexagon polygon coordinates (with <code>sep</code> appended to each 6-tuple).
<code>no.sep</code>	a logical indicating if <code>sep</code> was NULL.

`hexpolygon` returns what its last `grid.polygon(.)` or `polygon(.)` call returns.

**Author(s)**

Martin Maechler, originally.

**See Also**

[grid.hexagons](#) which builds on these.

**Examples**

```
str(hexcoords(1, sep = NA)) # multiple of (6 + 1)
str(hexcoords(1, sep = NULL)) # no separator -> multiple of 6

## hexpolygon()s:
x <- runif(20, -2, 2)
y <- x + rnorm(20)

## 1) traditional 'graphics'
plot(x,y, asp = 1, "plot() + hexpolygon()")
hexpolygon(x,y, dx = 0.1, density = 25, col = 2, lwd = 1.5)

## 2) "grid" :

addBit <- function(bnds, f = 0.05) bnds + c(-f, f) * diff(bnds)
sc <- addBit(rxy <- range(x,y)) # same extents (cheating asp=1)
grid.newpage()
pushViewport(plotViewport(.1+c(4,4,2,1), xscale = sc, yscale = sc))
grid.rect()
```

```

grid.xaxis()
grid.yaxis()
grid.points(x,y)
hexpolygon(x,y, hexcoords(dx = 0.1, sep=NULL), border = "blue", fill=NA)
popViewport()

```

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hexTapply

*Apply function to data from each hexagon bin.*


---

### Description

A wrapper for `tapply` except that it operates with each hexagon bin being the category. The function operates on the data associated on the points from each bin.

### Usage

```
hexTapply(hbin, dat, FUN = sum, ..., simplify=TRUE)
```

### Arguments

<code>hbin</code>	a object of class "hexbin", typically produced by <code>hexbin(*)</code> .
<code>dat</code>	A vector of data the same length as <code>hbin@cID</code>
<code>FUN</code>	the function to be applied. In the case of functions like <code>+</code> , <code>%*%</code> , etc., the function name must be quoted. If <code>FUN</code> is <code>NULL</code> , <code>tapply</code> returns a vector which can be used to subscript the multi-way array <code>tapply</code> normally produces.
<code>...</code>	optional arguments to <code>FUN</code> .
<code>simplify</code>	If <code>FALSE</code> , <code>tapply</code> always returns an array of mode "list". If <code>TRUE</code> (the default), then if <code>FUN</code> always returns a scalar, <code>tapply</code> returns an array with the mode of the scalar.

### Details

This function is a wrapper for `tapply`, except that the cell id is always the categorical variable. This function is specifically good for adding variables to the `cAtt` slot of a hexbin object or for plotting a third variable in a hexagon plot. See below for examples.

### Value

Returns a vector of the result of 'FUN' as in `tapply`. See `tapply` for detailed description of output.

### Author(s)

Nicholas Lewin-Koh

### See Also

[tapply](#), [hexbin](#)

**Examples**

```

data (NHANES)
hbin<-hexbin(log (NHANES$Diet.Iron+1), log (NHANES$BMI), xbins=25, IDs=TRUE)
hvp<-plot (hbin)
mtrans<-hexTapply (hbin, NHANES$Transferin, median, na.rm=TRUE)
pushHexport (hvp$plot.vp)
grid.hexagons (hbin, style='lattice', pen=0, border='red', use.count=FALSE,
cell.at=mtrans)

```

hexViewport

*Compute a Grid Viewport for Hexagon / Hexbin Graphics***Description**

Builds a grid viewport for hexagon or [hexbin](#) graphics. This builds on the concepts of the **grid** package, see [viewport](#).

**Usage**

```

hexViewport(x, offset = unit(0, "inches"), mar = NULL,
           xbnds = NULL, ybnds = NULL, newpage = FALSE,
           clip = "off", vp.name = NULL)

```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	a <a href="#">hexbin</a> object.
<code>offset</code>	a <a href="#">unit</a> object.
<code>mar</code>	margins as <a href="#">units</a> , of length 4 or 1.
<code>xbnds, ybnds</code>	bounds for x- and y- plotting range; these default to the corresponding slots of <code>x</code> .
<code>newpage</code>	logical indicating if a new graphics page should be opened, i.e., <a href="#">grid.newpage()</a> .
<code>clip</code>	simply passed to <a href="#">viewport()</a> .
<code>vp.name</code>	name of viewport; defaults to random name.

**Value**

an S4 object of class "hexVP", see [hexVP-class](#) for more, with its main slot `hexVp` a [viewport](#) for grid graphics.

**See Also**

[viewport](#) and the main “handlers” [pushHexport](#) and [popViewport](#); further [gplot.hexbin](#) and [hboxplot](#) which build on `hexViewport`.

**Examples**

```

set.seed(131)
x <- rnorm(7777)
y <- rt(7777, df=3)

## lower resolution binning and overplotting with counts
bin <- hexbin(x,y,xbins=25)
P <- plot(bin)
xy <- hcell2xy(bin)
pushHexport(P$plot.vp)
i <- bin@count <= 3
grid.text(as.character(bin@count[i]), xy$x[i], xy$y[i],
          default.units = "native")
grid.points(x[1:20],y[1:20]) # to show some points rather than counts
popViewport()

```

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hexVP.abline

*Add a Straight Line to a HexPlot*


---

**Description**

This function adds one or more straight lines through the current plot; it is the hexbin version of [abline\(\)](#).

**Usage**

```
hexVP.abline(hvp, a = NULL, b = NULL, h = numeric(0), v = numeric(0),
            col = "black", lty = 1, lwd = 2, ...)
```

**Arguments**

hvp	A hexViewport object that is currently on the active device
a, b	the intercept and slope or if b is NULL, an lm object or a vector of length 2 with <code>c(intercept, slope)</code>
h	the y-value for a horizontal line.
v	the x-value for a vertical line.
col, lty, lwd	line color, type and width.
...	further graphical parameters.

**Details**

The first form specifies the line in intercept/slope form (alternatively a can be specified on its own and is taken to contain the slope and intercept in vector form).

The `h=` and `v=` forms draw horizontal and vertical lines at the specified coordinates.

The `coef` form specifies the line by a vector containing the slope and intercept.

`lm` is a regression object which contains `reg$coef`. If it is of length 1 then the value is taken to be the slope of a line through the origin, otherwise, the first 2 values are taken to be the intercept and slope.

**Author(s)**

Nicholas Lewin-Koh

**See Also**[gplot.hexbin](#), [hexViewport](#), [hexMA.loess](#)

hexVP-class

*Formal class "hexVP" of a Hexagon Viewport***Description**

Hexagon Viewports are “value-added” grid viewports (see [viewport](#)) where the extra slots contain scaling and “embedding” information. A hexViewport is created by taking the available area in the current viewport on the graphics device and maximizing the amount of area with a fixed aspect ratio. The default when the shape parameter is 1, is a 1:1 aspect ratio in terms of the size of the viewport, not the scale of the x and y axis. The plotting area is centered within the existing margins and the maximum size determined. Extra area is then allocated to the margins. This viewport is replicated twice, once with clipping set to "on" and once with clipping "off". This feature can be used for toggling clipping on and off while editing the plot.

**Objects from the Class**

Objects are typically created by calls to [hexViewport\(\)](#) or by low level calls of the form `new("hexVP", ...)`.

**Slots**

`hexVp.off`: Object of class "viewport" with clipping set to off, see [viewport](#).  
`hexVp.on`: Object of class "viewport", with the same dimensions and parameters as `hexVp.off`, but with clipping set to on, see [viewport](#).  
`hp.name`: The name of the viewport for searching a vptree.  
`mar`: [unit](#) vector of four margins (typically in "lines").  
`fig`: [unit](#) vector of two figure sizes (typically in "npc").  
`plt`: [unit](#) vector of two figure sizes (typically in "npc").  
`shape`: The shape parameter from the plotted [hexbin](#) object.  
`xscale`: numeric of length two specifying x-range.  
`yscale`: numeric of length two specifying y-range.

**Methods**

These are methods accessing the slots of corresponding name.

**getFig** signature(`hvp = "hexVP"`): ...  
**getMargins** signature(`hvp = "hexVP"`): ...  
**getPlt** signature(`hvp = "hexVP"`): ...  
**getXscale** signature(`hvp = "hexVP"`): ...  
**getYscale** signature(`hvp = "hexVP"`): ...

**Author(s)**

Nicholas Lewin-Koh <kohnicho@comp.nus.edu.sg>.

**See Also**

The constructor function [hexViewport.hexbin](#), and its S4 plotting method, [gplot.hexbin](#).

**Examples**

```
example(hexViewport, echo=FALSE)
## continued:
str(P$plot.vp)
```

---

hsmooth-methods      *Hexagon Bin Smoothing: Generic hsmooth() and Methods*

---

**Description**

Methods for the generic function `hsmooth` in package **hexbin**: There is currently only the one for [hexbin](#) objects.

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'hexbin':
hsmooth(bin, wts)
```

**Arguments**

`bin`                    a [hexbin](#) object, or an extension such as [erodebin-class](#).  
`wts`                    weights vector, see [smooth.hexbin](#)

**Methods**

**bin = "hexbin"** is just the [smooth.hexbin](#) function (for back compatibility); see its documentation, also for examples.

---

inout.hex                    *Check points for inclusion*

---

**Description**

Check which points are in hexagons with `count <= mincnt`.

**Usage**

```
inout.hex(hbin, mincnt)
```



**Arguments**

`hbin` an object of class `hexbin`.  
`mincnt` Cutoff, id's for counts less than `mincnt` are returned

**Details**

Check which points are in hexagons with `count`  $\leq$  `mincnt` and returns the row ids for those points. One can use the ids to plot low ount hexagons as points instead.

**Value**

A vector with the row ids of points which fall in hexagons with `count` less than or equal to `mincnt`

**Author(s)**

Nicholas Lewin-Koh

**See Also**

[plotMAhex](#)

---

`list2hexList` *Convert list to hexList*

---

**Description**

Converts a list of hexbin objects with same `xbnds`, `ybnds`, `shape` and `xbins` to a `hexList` object.

**Usage**

```
list2hexList(binlst)
```

**Arguments**

`binlst` A list of hexbin objects

**Value**

a `hexList` object

**Author(s)**

Nicholas Lewin-Koh

**See Also**

[hexList](#), [hdiffplot](#)

**Description**

This is a somewhat large interesting dataset, a data frame of 15 variables (columns) on 9575 persons (rows).

**Usage**

```
data(NHANES)
```

**Format**

This data frame contains the following columns:

**Cancer.Incidence** binary factor with levels `No` and `Yes`.

**Cancer.Death** binary factor with levels `No` and `Yes`.

**Age** numeric vector giving age of the person in years.

**Smoke** a factor with levels `Current`, `Past`, `Nonsmoker`, and `Unknown`.

**Ed** numeric vector of  $\{0, 1\}$  codes giving the education level.

**Race** numeric vector of  $\{0, 1\}$  codes giving the person's race.

**Weight** numeric vector giving the weight in kilograms

**BMI** numeric vector giving Body Mass Index, i.e.,  $\text{Weight}/\text{Height}^2$  where `Height` is in meters, and missings (61% !) are coded as 0 originally.

**Diet.Iron** numeric giving Dietary iron.

**Albumin** numeric giving albumin level in g/l.

**Serum.Iron** numeric giving Serum iron in  $\mu\text{g/l}$ .

**TIBC** numeric giving Total Iron Binding Capacity in  $\mu\text{g/l}$ .

**Transferin** numeric giving Transferin Saturation which is just  $100 * \text{serum.iron} / \text{TIBC}$ .

**Hemoglobin** numeric giving Hemoglobin level.

**Sex** a factor with levels `F` (female) and `M` (male).

**Source**

unknown

**Examples**

```
data(NHANES)
summary(NHANES)
## Missing Data overview :
nNA <- sapply(NHANES, function(x) sum(is.na(x)))
cbind(nNA[nNA > 0])
# Which are just these 6 :
## Not run:
Diet.Iron      141
Albumin        252
```

```

Serum.Iron      1008
TIBC            853
Transferin      1019
Hemoglobin     759

## End(Not run)

```

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old-classes                    *Class "unit" and "viewport" as S4 classes*

---

### Description

Package "hexbin" now uses S4 classes throughout and hence needs to `setOldClass` both "unit" and "viewport" (which are S3 classes from the **grid** package), in order to be able to use those in slots of its own classes.

### Objects from the Class

A virtual Class: No objects may be created from it.

### Extends

Class "oldClass", directly.

### Methods

No methods defined with class "unit" in the signature.

---

optShape                    *Optimal Shape Parameter for Hexbin Viewport*

---

### Description

Takes a viewport or a given height and width and returns the shape parameter that will fill the specified plotting region with the appropriately shaped hexagons. If margins are specified the margins are subtracted from height and width before the shape parameter is specified.

### Usage

```
optShape(vp, height = NULL, width = NULL, mar = NULL)
```

### Arguments

vp	a viewport object, optional see details
height	the height of the plotting region, can be numeric or units
width	The width of the plotting region, can be numeric or units
mar	A four element numeric or units vector describing the margins in the order c(bottom, left, top, right)

**Value**

a scalar numeric value specifying shape.

**Warning**

If a viewport is given as an argument it should already be pushed on the graphics device or it will have null units and a meaningless shape parameter will be returned.

**Author(s)**

Nicholas Lewin-Koh

**See Also**

[hexViewport](#), [hexVP-class](#), [hexbin](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- rgamma(10000, .9)
m <- as.logical(rbinom(10000, 1, .17))
x[m] <- -x[m]
y <- rnorm(x, abs(x))
vp <- plotViewport(xscale= range(x)+c(-.5, .5),
                  yscale= range(y)+c(-.5, .5),
                  default.units = "native")
grid.newpage()
pushViewport(vp)
grid.rect()
shape <- optShape(vp)
shape
hb <- hexbin(x, y, xbins=40, shape=shape)
grid.hexagons(hb, colramp=BTY)
```

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panel.hexboxplot     *Boxplot for hexbin lattice plot*

---

**Description**

A panel function to add a boxplot to a hexbin lattice plot.

**Usage**

```
panel.hexboxplot(x, y, xbins = 30,
                xbnnds = c("data", "panel"), ybnnds = c("data", "panel"),
                .prelim = FALSE, .cpl = current.panel.limits(),
                .xlim = .cpl$xlim, .ylim = .cpl$ylim,
                .aspect.ratio, type = character(0), cdfcut = 0.25,
                shadow = 0.05, ..., check.erosion = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x, y</code>	numeric vector or factor.
<code>xbins</code>	the number of bins partitioning the range of <code>xbnds</code> .
<code>xbnds, ybnds</code>	horizontal and vertical limits of the binning region in x or y units respectively; must be numeric vector of length 2.
<code>.prelim, .cpl, .xlim, .ylim, .aspect.ratio</code>	for internal use.
<code>type</code>	character vector controlling additional augmentation of the display. A "g" in <code>type</code> adds a reference grid, an "hg" adds a hexagonal grid.
<code>cdfcut</code>	number in (0,1) indicating the confidence level for the erosion limits. See <a href="#">erode.hexbin</a> for more information.
<code>shadow</code>	number in (0,1) indicating the confidence level for the erosion limits of a boxplot shadow. See <a href="#">erode.hexbin</a> for more information.
<code>...</code>	potential further arguments passed on.
<code>check.erosion</code>	logical indicating only eroded points should be used for "erodebin" objects; simply passed to <a href="#">hcell2xy</a> , see its documentation.

**Value**

There is no return value from this function. The results are plotted on the current active device.

**Author(s)**

Nicholas Lewin-Koh <[nikko@hailmail.net](mailto:nikko@hailmail.net)>

**See Also**

[hexbinplot](#), [panel.hexgrid](#), [panel.bwplot](#)

**Examples**

```

mixdata <-
  data.frame(x = c(rnorm(5000), rnorm(5000, 4, 1.5)),
            y = rep(1:2, 5000))
hexbinplot(y ~ x, mixdata, panel = panel.hexboxplot)

```

---

panel.hexgrid      *Hexagonal grid for a lattice plot*

---

**Description**

A panel function to add a hexagonal grid to a lattice plot.

**Usage**

```
panel.hexgrid(h, border = grey(0.85))
```

**Arguments**

h                    an object of class hexbin.  
border               a color for the hexagon border colors

**Value**

There is no return value from this function. The results are plotted on the current active device.

**Author(s)**

Nicholas Lewin-Koh <nikko@hailmail.net>

**See Also**

[hexbinplot](#), [hexGraphPaper](#)

---

panel.hexloess        *Loess line for hexbin lattice plot*

---

**Description**

A panel function to add a loess line to a hexbin lattice plot.

**Usage**

```
panel.hexloess(bin, w = NULL, span = 2/3, degree = 1,
               family = c("symmetric", "gaussian"), evaluation = 50,
               lwd = add.line$lwd, lty = add.line$lty,
               col, col.line = add.line$col, ...)
```

**Arguments**

bin                    an object of class hexbin.  
w                      optional counts for object bin.  
span                   smoothness parameter for loess.  
degree                 degree of local polynomial used.  
family                 if "gaussian" fitting is by least-squares, and if "symmetric" a re-descending M-estimator is used.  
evaluation             number of points at which to evaluate the smooth curve.  
lwd                    line weight graphical parameter.  
lty                    line type graphical parameter.  
col                    same as col.line.  
col.line              line color graphical parameter.  
...                    optional arguments to [loess.control](#).

**Value**

There is no return value from this function. The results are plotted on the current active device.

**Author(s)**

Nicholas Lewin-Koh <nikko@hailmail.net>

**See Also**

[hexbinplot](#), [panel.hexgrid](#), [loess.smooth](#), [loess.control](#), [panel.loess](#)

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plotMAhex

*MA-plot using hexagon bins*

---

**Description**

Creates an MA-plot using hexagons with color/glyph coding for control spots.

**Usage**

```
plotMAhex(MA, array = 1, xlab = "A", ylab = "M",
          main = colnames(MA)[array], xlim = NULL, ylim = NULL,
          status = NULL, values, pch, col, cex, nbin = 40,
          zero.weights = FALSE, style = "colorscale", legend = 1.2,
          lcex = 1, minarea = 0.04, maxarea = 0.8, mincnt = 2,
          maxcnt = NULL, trans = NULL, inv = NULL, colorcut = NULL,
          border = NULL, density = NULL, pen = NULL,
          colramp = function(n) { LinGray(n, beg = 90, end = 15) },
          newpage = TRUE, type = c("p", "l", "n"),
          xaxt = c("s", "n"), yaxt = c("s", "n"),
          verbose = getOption("verbose"))
```

**Arguments**

MA	an RGList, MAList or MArrayLM object, or any list with components M containing log-ratios and A containing average intensities. Alternatively a matrix, Affybatch or ExpressionSet object.
array	integer giving the array to be plotted. Corresponds to columns of M and A.
xlab, ylab, main	character strings giving label for x-axis, y-axis or main title of the plot.
xlim, ylim	numeric vectors of length 2 giving limits for x-axis (or y-axis respectively), defaulting to min and max of the data.
status	character vector giving the control status of each spot on the array, of same length as the number of rows of MA\$M. If omitted, all points are plotted in the default color, symbol and size.
values	character vector giving values of status to be highlighted on the plot. Defaults to unique values of status. Ignored if there is no status vector.
pch	vector or list of plotting characters. Default to integer code 16. Ignored if there is no status vector.
col	numeric or character vector of colors, of the same length as values. Defaults to 1:length(values). Ignored if there is no status vector.

<code>cex</code>	numeric vector of plot symbol expansions, of the the same length as <code>values</code> . Defaults to 0.2 for the most common status value and 1 for the others. Ignored if there is no <code>status</code> vector.
<code>nbin</code>	Number of bins
<code>zero.weights</code>	logical, should spots with zero or negative weights be plotted?
<code>style</code>	string specifying the style of hexagon plot, see <a href="#">grid.hexagons</a> for the possibilities.
<code>legend</code>	numeric width of the legend in inches of <code>FALSE</code> . In the latter case, or when 0, no legend is not produced.
<code>lcex</code>	characters expansion size for the text in the legend.
<code>minarea</code>	fraction of cell area for the lowest count.
<code>maxarea</code>	fraction of the cell area for the largest count.
<code>mincnt</code>	cells with fewer counts are ignored.
<code>maxcnt</code>	cells with more counts are ignored.
<code>trans</code>	<a href="#">function</a> specifying a transformation for the counts such as <code>sqrt</code> .
<code>inv</code>	the inverse transformation of <code>trans</code> .
<code>colorcut</code>	vector of values covering [0, 1] that determine hexagon color class boundaries and hexagon legend size boundaries. Alternatively, an integer ( $\leq$ <code>maxcnt</code> ) specifying the <i>number</i> of equispaced <code>colorcut</code> values in [0,1].
<code>border, density, pen</code>	color for polygon borders and filling of each hexagon drawn, passed to <a href="#">grid.hexagons</a> .
<code>colramp</code>	function accepting an integer <code>n</code> as an argument and returning <code>n</code> colors.
<code>newpage</code>	should a new page start?
<code>type, xaxt, yaxt</code>	strings to be used (when set to "n") for suppressing the plotting of hexagon symbols, or the x- or y-axis, respectively.
<code>verbose</code>	logical indicating if some diagnostic output should happen.

## Details

An MA-plot is a plot of log-intensity ratios (M-values) versus log-intensity averages (A-values). If `MA` is an `RGList` or `MAList` then this function produces an ordinary within-array MA-plot. If `MA` is an `MArrayLM` object, then the plot is an fitted model MA-plot in which the estimated coefficient is on the y-axis and the average A-value is on the x-axis.

If `MA` is a `matrix` or `ExpressionSet` object, then this function produces a between-array MA-plot. In this case the A-values in the plot are the average log-intensities across the arrays and the M-values are the deviations of the log-intensities for the specified array from the average. If there are more than five arrays, then the average is computed robustly using medians. With five or fewer arrays, it is computed by means.

The `status` vector is intended to specify the control status of each spot, for example "gene", "ratio control", "house keeping gene", "buffer" and so on. The vector is usually computed using the function `controlStatus` from package `limma` and a spot-types file. However the function may be used to highlight any subset of spots.

The arguments `values`, `pch`, `col` and `cex` can be included as attributes to `status` instead of being passed as arguments to `plotMA`.

See [points](#) for possible values for `pch`, `col` and `cex`.



**Value**

A plot is created on the current graphics device. and a list with the following items is returned invisibly:

`plot.vp`        the `hexViewport` constructed and used.  
`legend.vp`      if a legend has been produced, its `viewport`.  
`hbin`            a `hexbin` object built with `A` as the x coordinate and `M` as the y coordinate.

**Author(s)**

Nicholas Lewin-Koh, adapted from code by Gordon Smyth

**References**

See <http://www.statsci.org/micrarra/refs/maplots.html>

**See Also**

`plotMA` from package `limma`, and `gplot.hexbin`.

**Examples**

```
if(require(marray)) {
  data(swirl)
  hb <- plotMAhex(swirl[,1],newpage=FALSE,
                 main = "M vs A plot with hexagons", legend=0)
  hexVP.abline(hb$plot.vp,h=0,col=gray(.6))
  hexMA.loess(hb)
}
```

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pushHexport	<i>Push a Hexagon Viewport ("hexVP")</i>
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**Description**

Push a Hexagon Viewport ("hexVP", see [hexVP-class](#)) on to the tree of (grid) viewports, calling [pushViewport](#).

**Usage**

```
pushHexport(hvp, clip = "off")
```

**Arguments**

`hvp`            a hexagon viewport, i.e., an object of class "hexVP", see [hexVP-class](#), typically produced by `hexViewport(...)`.  
`clip`           which viewport to push, either 'on' or 'off' are the allowed arguments, see details.

**Details**

A hexagon viewport ("hexVP") object has slots for two replicate viewports one with clipping turned on and one with clipping off. This allows toggling the clipping option.

**See Also**

the underlying `pushViewport` from the `grid` package.

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smooth.hexbin      *Hexagon Bin Smoothing*

---

**Description**

Given a "hexbin" (hexagon bin) object, compute a discrete kernel smoother that covers seven cells, namely a center cell and its six neighbors. With two iterations the kernel effectively covers  $1+6+12=19$  cells.

**Usage**

```
smooth.hexbin(bin, wts=c(48, 4, 1))
```

**Arguments**

bin	object of class "hexbin", typically resulting from <code>hexbin()</code> or <code>erode, hexbin-method</code> .
wts	numeric vector of length 3 for relative weights of the center, the six neighbor cells, and twelve second neighbors.

**Details**

This discrete kernel smoother uses the center cell, immediate neighbors and second neighbors to smooth the counts. The counts for each resulting cell is a linear combination of previous cell counts and weights. The weights are

1 center cell,	weight = wts[1]
6 immediate neighbors	weight = wts[2]
12 second neighbors	weight = wts[3]

If a cell, its immediate and second neighbors all have a value of  $\max(\text{cnt})$ , the new maximum count would be  $\max(\text{cnt}) * \text{sum}(\text{wts})$ . It is possible for the counts to overflow.

The domain for cells with positive counts increases. The hexbin slots `xbins`, `xbnds`, `ybnds`, and `dimen` all reflect this increase. Note that usually `dimen[2] = xbins+1`.

The intent was to provide a fast, iterated, immediate neighbor smoother. However, the current hexbin plotting routines only support shifting even numbered rows to the right. Future work can

- (1) add a shift indicator to hexbin objects that indicates left or right shifting.
- (2) generalize `plot.hexbin()` and `hexagons()`
- (3) provide an iterated kernel.

With `wts[3]=0`, the smoother only uses the immediate neighbors. With a shift indicator the domain could increase by 2 rows (one bottom and on top) and 2 columns (one left and one right). However the current implementation increases the domain by 4 rows and 4 columns, thus reducing plotting resolution.

**Value**

an object of class "smoothbin", extending class "hexbin", see [hexbin](#). The object includes the additional slot `wts`.

**References**

see [grid.hexagons](#) and [hexbin](#).

**See Also**

[hexbin](#), [erode.hexbin](#), [hcell2xy](#), [gplot.hexbin](#), [hboxplot](#),  
[grid.hexagons](#), [grid.hexlegend](#).

**Examples**

```
x <- rnorm(10000)
y <- rnorm(10000)
bin <- hexbin(x,y)
# show the smooth counts in gray level
smbin <- smooth.hexbin(bin)
plot(smbin, main = "smooth.hexbin(.)")

# Compare the smooth and the origin
smbin1 <- smbin
smbin1@count <- as.integer(ceiling(smbin@count/sum(smbin@wts)))
plot(smbin1)
smbin2 <- smooth.hexbin(bin,wts=c(1,0,0)) # expand the domain for comparability
plot(smbin2)
```

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