

# Package ‘gtools’

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**Title** Various R Programming Tools

**Description** Functions to assist in R programming, including:

- assist in developing, updating, and maintaining R and R packages ('ask', 'checkRVersion', 'getDependencies', 'keywords', 'scat'),
- calculate the logit and inverse logit transformations ('logit', 'inv.logit'),
- test if a value is missing, empty or contains only NA and NULL values ('invalid'),
- manipulate R's .Last function ('addLast'),
- define macros ('defmacro'),
- detect odd and even integers ('odd', 'even'),
- convert strings containing non-ASCII characters (like single quotes) to plain ASCII ('ASCIIfy'),
- perform a binary search ('binsearch'),
- sort strings containing both numeric and character components ('mixedsort'),
- create a factor variable from the quantiles of a continuous variable ('quantcut'),
- enumerate permutations and combinations ('combinations', 'permutation'),
- calculate and convert between fold-change and log-ratio ('foldchange', 'logratio2foldchange', 'foldchange2logratio'),
- calculate probabilities and generate random numbers from Dirichlet distributions ('rdirichlet', 'ddirichlet'),
- apply a function over adjacent subsets of a vector ('running'),
- modify the TCP\_NODELAY ('de-Nagle') flag for socket objects,
- efficient 'rbind' of data frames, even if the column names don't match ('smartbind'),
- generate significance stars from p-values ('stars.pval'),
- convert characters to/from ASCII codes ('asc', 'chr'),
- convert character vector to ASCII representation ('ASCIIfy'),
- apply title capitalization rules to a character vector ('capwords').

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`asc`*Convert between characters and ASCII codes*

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**Description**

Convert between characters and ASCII codes

**Usage**

```
asc(char, simplify = TRUE)
```

```
chr(ascii)
```

**Arguments**

<code>char</code>	vector of character strings
<code>simplify</code>	logical indicating whether to attempt to convert the result into a vector or matrix object. See <a href="#">sapply</a> for details.
<code>ascii</code>	vector or list of vectors containing integer ASCII codes

**Value**

`asc` returns the integer ASCII values for each character in the elements of `char`. If `simplify=FALSE` the result will be a list containing one vector per element of `char`. If `simplify=TRUE`, the code will attempt to convert the result into a vector or matrix.

`asc` returns the characters corresponding to the provided ASCII values.

**Functions**

- `asc`: return the characters corresponding to the specified ASCII codes
- `chr`: return the ASCII codes for the specified characters.

**Author(s)**

Adapted by Gregory R. Warnes <greg@warnes.net> from code posted on the 'Data Debrief' blog on 2011-03-09 at <https://datadebrief.blogspot.com/2011/03/ascii-code-table-in-r.html>.

**See Also**

[strtoi](#), [charToRaw](#), [rawToChar](#), [as.raw](#)

**Examples**

```
## ascii codes for lowercase letters
asc(letters)

## uppercase letters from ascii codes
chr(65:90)

## works on muti-character strings
(tmp <- asc("hello!"))
chr(tmp)

## Use 'simplify=FALSE' to return the result as a list
(tmp <- asc("hello!", simplify = FALSE))
chr(tmp)

## When simplify=FALSE the results can be...
asc(c("a", "e", "i", "o", "u", "y")) # a vector
asc(c("ae", "io", "uy")) # or a matrix

## When simplify=TRUE the results are always a list...
asc(c("a", "e", "i", "o", "u", "y"), simplify = FALSE)
asc(c("ae", "io", "uy"), simplify = FALSE)
```

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ASCIIfy

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*Convert Characters to ASCII*


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**Description**

Convert character vector to ASCII, replacing non-ASCII characters with single-byte (`'\x00'`) or two-byte (`'\u0000'`) codes.

**Usage**

```
ASCIIfy(x, bytes = 2, fallback = "?")
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	a character vector, possibly containing non-ASCII characters.
<code>bytes</code>	either 1 or 2, for single-byte ( <code>'\x00'</code> ) or two-byte ( <code>'\u0000'</code> ) codes.
<code>fallback</code>	an output character to use, when input characters cannot be converted.

**Value**

A character vector like `x`, except non-ASCII characters have been replaced with `'\x00'` or `'\u0000'` codes.

**Note**

To render single backslashes, use these or similar techniques:

```
write(ASCIIify(x), "file.txt")
cat(paste(ASCIIify(x), collapse="\n"), "\n", sep="")
```

The resulting strings are plain ASCII and can be used in R functions and datasets to improve package portability.

**Author(s)**

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**See Also**

[showNonASCII](#) identifies non-ASCII characters in a character vector.

**Examples**

```
cities <- c("São Paulo", "Reykjavík")
print(cities)
ASCIIify(cities, 1)
ASCIIify(cities, 2)

athens <- "Ἰθάκη ἢ Ἐπίδαρος ἢ Ἄρκαδιαν ἢ Ἄργεον"
print(athens)
ASCIIify(athens)
```

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ask

*Display a prompt and collect the user's response*

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**Description**

Display a prompt and collect the user's response

**Usage**

```
ask(msg = "Press <RETURN> to continue: ", con = stdin())
```

**Arguments**

msg	Character vector providing the message to be displayed
con	Character connection to query, defaults to stdin().

**Details**

The prompt message will be displayed, and then `readLines` is used to collect a single input value (possibly empty), which is then returned.

In most situations using the default `con=stdin()` should work properly. Under RStudio, it is necessary to specify `con=file("stdin")` for proper operation.

**Value**

A character scalar containing the input provided by the user.

**Author(s)**

Gregory R. Warnes <greg@warnes.net>

**See Also**

[readLines](#), [scan](#)

**Examples**

```
# use default prompt
ask()

silly <- function() {
  age <- ask("How old aroe you? ")
  age <- as.numeric(age)
  cat("In 10 years you will be", age + 10, "years old!\n")
}
```

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assert

*Defunct Functions in package gtools*

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**Description**

The functions or variables listed here are no longer part of package gtools.

**Usage**

```
assert(...)
```

```
capture(expression, collapse = "\n")
```

```
sprint(x, ...)
```

**Arguments**

expression, collapse, x, ...  
ignored

**Details**

- `assert` is a defunct synonym for `stopifnot`.
- `addLast` has been replaced by `lastAdd`, which has the same purpose but applied using different syntax.
- `capture` and `capture.output` have been removed in favor of `capture.output` from the `utils` package.

**See Also**

[Defunct](#), [stopifnot](#), [lastAdd](#), [capture.output](#)

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badDend

*Dataset That Crashes Base:::Plot.Dendogram with 'Node Stack Overflow'*

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**Description**

`Base:::Plot.Dendogram()` will generate a 'Node Stack Overflow' when run on a dendrogram appropriately constructed from this data set.

**Format**

The format is: num [1:2047, 1:12] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ... - attr(\*, "dimnames")=List of 2 ..\$ : NULL  
..\$ : chr [1:12] "X" "V1" "V2" "V3" ...

**Note**

See help page for [unByteCode](#) to see how to construct the 'bad' dendrogram from this data and how to work around the issue.

**Examples**

```
data(badDend)
```

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baseOf *Transform an integer to an array of base-n digits*

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### Description

Transform an integer to an array of base-n digits

### Usage

```
baseOf(v, base = 10, len = 1)
```

### Arguments

v	A single integer value to be transformed.
base	The base to which to transform to.
len	The minimal length of the returned array.

### Details

This function converts the elements of an integer vector as an array of its digits. The base of the numbering scheme may be changed away from 10, which defines our decimal system, to any other integer value. For base=2, the number is returned in the binary system. The least significant digit has the highest index in the array, i.e. it appears on the right. The highest exponent is at position 1, i.e. left.

To write decimal values in another base is very common in computer science. In particular at the basis 2 the then possible values 0 and 1 are often interpreted as logical false or true. And at the very interface to electrical engineering, it is indicated as an absence or presence of voltage. When several bit values are transported synchronously, then it is common to give every lane of such a data bus a unique  $2^x$  value and interpret it as a number in the binary system. To distinguish 256 characters one once needed 8 bit ("byte"). It is the common unit in which larger non-printable data is presented. Because of the many non-printable characters and the difficulty for most humans to memorize an even longer alphabet, it is presented as two half bytes ("nibble") of 4 bit in a hexadecimal presentation. Example code is shown below.

For statisticians, it is more likely to use bit representations for hashing. A bit set to 1 (TRUE) at e.g. position 2, 9 or 17 is interpreted as the presence of a particular feature combination of a sample. With baseOf, you can refer to the bit combination as a number, which is more easily and more efficiently dealt with than with an array of binary values. The example code presents a counter of combinations of features which may be interpreted as a Venn diagram.

### Author(s)

Steffen Moeller <moeller@debian.org>



**Examples**

```

# decimal representation
baseOf(123)

# binary representation
baseOf(123, base = 2)

# octal representation
baseOf(123, base = 8)

# hexadecimal representation
baseOf(123, base = 16)

# hexadecimal with more typical letter-notation
c(0:9, LETTERS)[baseOf(123, 16)]

# hexadecimal again, now showing a single string
paste(c(0:9, LETTERS)[baseOf(123, 16)], collapse = "")

# decimal representation but filling leading zeroes
baseOf(123, len = 5)

# and converting that back
sum(2^(4:0) * baseOf(123, len = 5))

# hashing and a tabular venn diagram derived from it
m <- matrix(sample(c(FALSE, TRUE), replace = TRUE, size = 300), ncol = 4)
colnames(m) <- c("strong", "colorful", "nice", "humorous")
names(dimnames(m)) <- c("samples", "features")
head(m)

m.val <- apply(m, 1, function(X) {
  return(sum(2^((ncol(m) - 1):0) * X))
})
m.val.rle <- rle(sort(m.val))
m.counts <- cbind(
  baseOf(m.val.rle$value, base = 2, len = ncol(m)),
  m.val.rle$lengths
)
colnames(m.counts) <- c(colnames(m), "num")
rownames(m.counts) <- apply(m.counts[, 1:ncol(m)], 1, paste, collapse = "")
m.counts[1 == m.counts[, "nice"] & 1 == m.counts[, "humorous"], , drop = FALSE]
m.counts[, "num", drop = TRUE]

```

**Description**

Search within a specified range to locate an integer parameter which results in the the specified monotonic function obtaining a given value.

**Usage**

```
binsearch(
  fun,
  range,
  ...,
  target = 0,
  lower = ceiling(min(range)),
  upper = floor(max(range)),
  maxiter = 100,
  showiter = FALSE
)
```

**Arguments**

fun	Monotonic function over which the search will be performed.
range	2-element vector giving the range for the search.
...	Additional parameters to the function fun.
target	Target value for fun. Defaults to 0.
lower	Lower limit of search range. Defaults to min(range).
upper	Upper limit of search range. Defaults to max(range).
maxiter	Maximum number of search iterations. Defaults to 100.
showiter	Boolean flag indicating whether the algorithm state should be printed at each iteration. Defaults to FALSE.

**Details**

This function implements an extension to the standard binary search algorithm for searching a sorted list. The algorithm has been extended to cope with cases where an exact match is not possible, to detect whether that the function may be monotonic increasing or decreasing and act appropriately, and to detect when the target value is outside the specified range.

The algorithm initializes two variable `lo` and `high` to the extremes values of `range`. It then generates a new value `center` halfway between `lo` and `hi`. If the value of `fun` at `center` exceeds `target`, it becomes the new value for `lo`, otherwise it becomes the new value for `hi`. This process is iterated until `lo` and `hi` are adjacent. If the function at one or the other equals the target, this value is returned, otherwise `lo`, `hi`, and the function value at both are returned.

Note that when the specified target value falls between integers, the *two* closest values are returned. If the specified target falls outside of the specified range, the closest endpoint of the range will be returned, and an warning message will be generated. If the maximum number if iterations was reached, the endpoints of the current subset of the range under consideration will be returned.

**Value**

A list containing:

call	How the function was called.
numiter	The number of iterations performed
flag	One of the strings, "Found", "Between Elements", "Maximum number of iterations reached", "Reached lower boundary", or "Reached upper boundary."
where	One or two values indicating where the search terminated.
value	Value of the function fun at the values of where.

**Note**

This function often returns two values for where and value. Be sure to check the flag parameter to see what these values mean.

**Author(s)**

Gregory R. Warnes <greg@warnes.net>

**See Also**

[optim](#), [optimize](#), [uniroot](#)

**Examples**

```
### Toy examples

# search for x=10
binsearch(function(x) x - 10, range = c(0, 20))

# search for x=10.1
binsearch(function(x) x - 10.1, range = c(0, 20))

### Classical toy example

# binary search for the index of 'M' among the sorted letters
fun <- function(X) {
  ifelse(LETTERS[X] > "M", 1,
        ifelse(LETTERS[X] < "M", -1, 0))
}

binsearch(fun, range = 1:26)
# returns $where=13
LETTERS[13]

### Substantive example, from genetics
## Not run:
```

```
library(genetics)
# Determine the necessary sample size to detect all alleles with
# frequency 0.07 or greater with probability 0.95.
power.fun <- function(N) 1 - gregorius(N = N, freq = 0.07)$missprob

binsearch(power.fun, range = c(0, 100), target = 0.95)

# equivalent to
gregorius(freq = 0.07, missprob = 0.05)

## End(Not run)
```

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capwords

*Capitalize Words for Titles*

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## Description

This function capitalizes words for use in titles

## Usage

```
capwords(
  s,
  strict = FALSE,
  AP = TRUE,
  onlyfirst = FALSE,
  preserveMixed = FALSE,
  sep = " "
)
```

## Arguments

s	character string to be processed
strict	Logical, remove all additional capitalization.
AP	Logical, apply the Associated Press (AP) rules for prepositions and conjunctions that should not be capitalized in titles.
onlyfirst	Logical, only capitalize the first word.
preserveMixed	Logical, preserve the capitalization mixed-case words containing an upper-case letter after a lower-case letter.
sep	Character string, word separator

## Details

This function separates the provided character string into separate words using `sep` as the word separator. If `firstonly==TRUE`, it then capitalizes the first letter the first word, otherwise (the default), it capitalizes the first letter of every word. If `AP==TRUE`, it then un-capitalizes words in the Associated Press's (AP) list of prepositions and conjunctions should not be capitalized in titles. Next, it capitalizes the first word. It then re-joins the words using the specified separator.

If `preserveMixed==TRUE`, words with an upper-case letter appearing after a lower-case letter will not be changed (e.g. "iDevice").

## Value

A character scalar containing the capitalized words.

## Author(s)

Gregory R. Warnes <greg@warnes.net> based on code from the [chartr](#) manual page, and [taxize\\_capwords](#) in the `taxize` package.

## References

Fogarty, Mignon. Capitalizing Titles: "Which words should you capitalize? Grammar Girl's Quick and Dirty Tips for Better Writing. 9 Jun. 2011. Quick and Dirty Tips Website." Accessed 22 April 2016 <https://www.quickanddirtytips.com/education/grammar/capitalizing-titles>

## See Also

[chartr](#), [taxize\\_capwords](#), [capwords](#)

## Examples

```
capwords("a function to capitalize words in a title")
capwords("a function to capitalize words in a title", AP = FALSE)

capwords("testing the iProduct for defects")
capwords("testing the iProduct for defects", strict = TRUE)
capwords("testing the iProduct for defects", onlyfirst = TRUE)
capwords("testing the iProduct for defects", preserveMixed = TRUE)

capwords("title_using_underscores_as_separators", sep = "_")
```

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checkRVersion	<i>Check if a newer version of R is available</i>
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**Description**

Check if a newer version of R is available

**Usage**

```
checkRVersion(quiet = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

quiet            Logical indicating whether printed output should be suppressed.

**Details**

This function accesses the R web site to discover the latest released version of R. It then compares this version to the running version. If the running version is the same as the latest version, it prints the message, "The latest version of R is installed:" followed by the version number, and returns NULL. If the running version is older than the current version, it displays the message, "A newer version of R is now available:" followed by the corresponding version number, and returns the version number.

If quiet=TRUE, no printing is performed.

**Value**

Either the version number of the latest version of R, if the running version is less than the latest version, or NULL.

**Note**

This function utilizes the internet to access the R project web site. If internet access is unavailable, the function will fail.

**Author(s)**

Gregory R. Warnes <gregory.warnes@rochester.edu>

**See Also**

[R.Version](#)

**Examples**

```

checkRVersion()

ver <- checkRVersion()
print(ver)

```

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combinations	<i>Enumerate the Combinations or Permutations of the Elements of a Vector</i>
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**Description**

combinations enumerates the possible combinations of a specified size from the elements of a vector. permutations enumerates the possible permutations.

**Usage**

```

combinations(n, r, v = 1:n, set = TRUE, repeats.allowed = FALSE)

permutations(n, r, v = 1:n, set = TRUE, repeats.allowed = FALSE)

```

**Arguments**

n	Size of the source vector
r	Size of the target vectors
v	Source vector. Defaults to 1:n
set	Logical flag indicating whether duplicates should be removed from the source vector v. Defaults to TRUE.
repeats.allowed	Logical flag indicating whether the constructed vectors may include duplicated values. Defaults to FALSE.

**Details**

Caution: The number of combinations and permutations increases rapidly with n and r!.

To use values of n above about 45, you will need to increase R's recursion limit. See the expression argument to the options command for details on how to do this.

Taken from an email by Brian D Ripley <ripley@stats.ox.ac.uk> to r-help dated Tue, 14 Dec 1999 11:14:04 +0000 (GMT) in response to Alex Ahgarin <datamanagement@email.com>. Original version was named "subsets" and was Written by Bill Venables.

**Value**

Returns a matrix where each row contains a vector of length r.

**Author(s)**

Original versions by Bill Venables <Bill.Venables@cmis.csiro.au>. Extended to handle `repeats.allowed` by Gregory R. Warnes <greg@warnes.net>.

**References**

Venables, Bill. "Programmers Note", R-News, Vol 1/1, Jan. 2001. <https://cran.r-project.org/doc/Rnews/>

**See Also**

[choose](#), [options](#)

**Examples**

```
combinations(3,2,letters[1:3])
combinations(3,2,letters[1:3],repeats=TRUE)

permutations(3,2,letters[1:3])
permutations(3,2,letters[1:3],repeats=TRUE)

## Not run:
# To use large 'n', you need to change the default recursion limit
options(expressions=1e5)
cmat <- combinations(300,2)
dim(cmat) # 44850 by 2

## End(Not run)
```

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defmacro

*Define a macro*

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**Description**

defmacro define a macro that uses R expression replacement

**Usage**

```
defmacro(..., expr)
```

```
strmacro(..., expr, strexpr)
```

**Arguments**

...	macro argument list
expr	R expression defining the macro body
strexpr	character string defining the macro body



## Details

`strmacro` define a macro that uses string replacement

`defmacro` and `strmacro` create a macro from the expression given in `expr`, with formal arguments given by the other elements of the argument list.

A macro is similar to a function definition except for handling of formal arguments. In a function, formal arguments are simply variables that contains the result of evaluating the expressions provided to the function call. In contrast, macros actually modify the macro body by *replacing* each formal argument by the expression (`defmacro`) or string (`strmacro`) provided to the macro call.

For `defmacro`, the special argument name `DOTS` will be replaced by `...` in the formal argument list of the macro so that `...` in the body of the expression can be used to obtain any additional arguments passed to the macro. For `strmacro` you can mimic this behavior providing a `DOTS=""` argument. This is illustrated by the last example below.

Macros are often useful for creating new functions during code execution.

## Value

A macro function.

## Note

Note that because [the `defmacro` code] works on the parsed expression, not on a text string, `defmacro` avoids some of the problems of traditional string substitution macros such as `strmacro` and the C preprocessor macros. For example, in

```
mul <- defmacro(a, b, expr={a*b})
```

a C programmer might expect `mul(i, j + k)` to expand (incorrectly) to `i*j + k`. In fact it expands correctly, to the equivalent of `i*(j + k)`.

For a discussion of the differences between functions and macros, please Thomas Lumley's R-News article (reference below).

## Author(s)

Thomas Lumley wrote `defmacro`. Gregory R. Warnes <greg@warnes.net> enhanced it and created `strmacro`.

## References

The original `defmacro` code was directly taken from:

Lumley T. "Programmer's Niche: Macros in R", R News, 2001, Vol 1, No. 3, pp 11–13, <https://cran.r-project.org/doc/Rnews/>

## See Also

[function substitute](#), [eval](#), [parse](#), [source](#), [parse](#),

**Examples**

```

####
# macro for replacing a specified missing value indicator with NA
# within a dataframe
###
setNA <- defmacro(df, var, values,
  expr = {
    df$var[df$var %in% values] <- NA
  }
)

# create example data using 999 as a missing value indicator
d <- data.frame(
  Grp = c("Trt", "Ctl", "Ctl", "Trt", "Ctl", "Ctl", "Trt", "Ctl", "Trt", "Ctl"),
  V1 = c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 999, 8, 9, 10),
  V2 = c(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 999, 2, 999, 999),
  stringsAsFactors = TRUE
)
d

# Try it out
setNA(d, V1, 999)
setNA(d, V2, 999)
d

###
# Expression macro
###
plot.d <- defmacro(df, var, DOTS,
  col = "red", title = "", expr =
  plot(df$var ~ df$Grp, type = "b", col = col, main = title, ...)
)

plot.d(d, V1)
plot.d(d, V1, col = "blue")
plot.d(d, V1, lwd = 4) # use optional 'DOTS' argument

###
# String macro (note the quoted text in the calls below)
#
# This style of macro can be useful when you are reading
# function arguments from a text file
###
plot.s <- strmacro(DF, VAR,
  COL = "'red'", TITLE = "'", DOTS = "", expr =
  plot(DF$VAR ~ DF$Grp, type = "b", col = COL, main = TITLE, DOTS)
)

plot.s("d", "V1")
plot.s(DF = "d", VAR = "V1", COL = "'blue'")

```

```

plot.s("d", "V1", DOTS = "lwd=4") # use optional 'DOTS' argument

#####
# Create a macro that defines new functions
#####
plot.sf <- defmacro(
  type = "b", col = "black",
  title = deparse(substitute(x)), DOTS, expr =
  function(x, y) plot(x, y, type = type, col = col, main = title, ...)
)

plot.red <- plot.sf(col = "red", title = "Red is more Fun!")
plot.blue <- plot.sf(col = "blue", title = "Blue is Best!", lty = 2)

plot.red(1:100, rnorm(100))
plot.blue(1:100, rnorm(100))

```

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dirichlet

*Functions for the Dirichlet Distribution*


---

### Description

Functions to compute the density of or generate random deviates from the Dirichlet distribution

### Usage

```
ddirichlet(x, alpha)
```

```
rdirichlet(n, alpha)
```

### Arguments

x	A vector containing a single random deviate or matrix containing one random deviate per row.
alpha	Vector or (for ddirichlet) matrix containing shape parameters.
n	Number of random vectors to generate.

### Details

The Dirichlet distribution is the multidimensional generalization of the beta distribution. It is the canonical Bayesian distribution for the parameter estimates of a multinomial distribution.

### Value

ddirichlet returns a vector containing the Dirichlet density for the corresponding rows of x.

rdirichlet returns a matrix with n rows, each containing a single Dirichlet random deviate.

**Functions**

- `ddirichlet`: Dirichlet distribution function.
- `rdirichlet`: Generate dirichlet random deviates.

**Author(s)**

Code original posted by Ben Bolker to R-News on Fri Dec 15 2000. See <https://stat.ethz.ch/pipermail/r-help/2000-December/009561.html>. Ben attributed the code to Ian Wilson <i.wilson@maths.abdn.ac.uk>. Subsequent modifications by Gregory R. Warnes <greg@warnes.net>.

**See Also**

[dbeta](#), [rbeta](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- rdirichlet(20, c(1, 1, 1))  
ddirichlet(x, c(1, 1, 1))
```

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ELISA

*Data from an ELISA assay*

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**Description**

Observed signals and (for some observations) nominal concentrations for samples that were aliquoted to multiple assay plates, which were read multiple times on multiple days.

**Format**

a data frame with the following columns:

- `PlateDay` factor. Specifies one of four physically distinct 96 well plates
- `Read` factor. The signal was read 3 times for each plate.
- `Description` character. Indicates contents of sample.
- `Concentration` numeric. Nominal concentration of standards (NA for all other samples).
- `Signal` numeric. Assay signal. Specifically, optical density (a colorimetric assay).

**Source**

Anonymized data.

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foldchange	<i>Compute fold-change or convert between log-ratio and fold-change.</i>
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### Description

foldchange computes the fold change for two sets of values. logratio2foldchange converts values from log-ratios to fold changes. foldchange2logratio does the reverse.

### Usage

```
foldchange(num, denom)
```

```
logratio2foldchange(logratio, base = 2)
```

```
foldchange2logratio(foldchange, base = 2)
```

### Arguments

num, denom	vector/matrix of numeric values
logratio	vector/matrix of log-ratio values
base	Exponential base for the log-ratio.
foldchange	vector/matrix of fold-change values

### Details

Fold changes are commonly used in the biological sciences as a mechanism for comparing the relative size of two measurements. They are computed as:  $\frac{num}{denom}$  if  $num > denom$ , and as  $\frac{-denom}{num}$  otherwise.

Fold-changes have the advantage of ease of interpretation and symmetry about  $num = denom$ , but suffer from a discontinuity between -1 and 1, which can cause significant problems when performing data analysis. Consequently statisticians prefer to use log-ratios.

### Value

A vector or matrix of the same dimensions as the input containing the converted values.

### Functions

- foldchange: Compute fold-change.
- logratio2foldchange: Compute foldchange from log-ratio values.
- foldchange2logratio: Compute log-ratio from fold-change values.

### Author(s)

Gregory R. Warnes <greg@warnes.net>

## Examples

```
a <- 1:21
b <- 21:1

f <- foldchange(a, b)

cbind(a, b, f)
```

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getDependencies	<i>Get package dependencies</i>
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## Description

Get package dependencies

## Usage

```
getDependencies(
  pkgs,
  dependencies = c("Depends", "Imports", "LinkingTo"),
  installed = TRUE,
  available = TRUE,
  base = FALSE,
  recommended = FALSE
)
```

## Arguments

pkgs	character vector of package names
dependencies	character vector of dependency types to include. Choices are "Depends", "Imports", "LinkingTo", "Suggests", and "Enhances". Defaults to c("Depends", "Imports", "LinkingTo").
installed	Logical indicating whether to pull dependency information from installed packages. Defaults to TRUE.
available	Logical indicating whether to pull dependency information from available packages. Defaults to TRUE.
base	Logical indicating whether to include dependencies on base packages that are included in the R installation. Defaults to FALSE.
recommended	Logical indicating whether to include dependencies on recommended packages that are included in the R installation. Defaults to FALSE.

## Details

This function recursively constructs the list of dependencies for the packages given by `pkgs`. By default, the dependency information is extracted from both installed and available packages. As a consequence, it works both for local and CRAN packages.

**Value**

A character vector of package names.

**Note**

If `available=TRUE` R will attempt to access the currently selected CRAN repository, prompting for one if necessary.

**Author(s)**

Gregory R. Warnes <greg@warnes.net> based on the non exported `utils::getDependencies` and `utils:::clean_up_dependencies2`.

**See Also**

[installed.packages](#), [available.packages](#)

**Examples**

```
## A locally installed package
getDependencies("MASS", installed = TRUE, available = FALSE)
## Not run:
## A package on CRAN
getDependencies("gregmisc", installed = FALSE, available = TRUE)

## End(Not run)

## Show base and recommended dependencies
getDependencies("MASS", available = FALSE, base = TRUE, recommended = TRUE)
## Not run:
## Download the set of packages necessary to support a local package
deps <- getDependencies("MyLocalPackage", available = FALSE)
download.packages(deps, destdir = "./R_Packages")

## End(Not run)
```

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gtools

*gtools: Various R Programming Tools*

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**Description**

Functions to assist in R programming, including:

**developing, updating, and maintaining R and R packages** `'ask'`, `'checkRVersion'`, `'getDependencies'`, `'keywords'`, `'scat'`

**calculate the logit and inverse logit transformations** `'logit'`, `'inv.logit'`

**test if a value is missing, empty, contains only NA and NULL values, or is a 'try-error'** `'invalid'`  
**manipulate R's .Last function** `'addLast'`  
**define macros** `'defmacro'`, `'strmacro'`  
**detect odd and even integers** `'odd'`, `'even'`  
**convert strings containing non-ASCII characters (like single quotes) to plain ASCII** `'ASCIIify'`  
**perform a binary search** `'binsearch'`  
**sort strings containing both numeric and character components** `'mixedsort'`, `'mixedorder'`  
**create a factor variable from the quantiles of a continuous variable** `'quantcut'`  
**enumerate permutations and combinations** `'combinations'`, `'permutation'`  
**calculate and convert between fold-change and log-ratio** `'foldchange'`, `'logratio2foldchange'`, `'fold-change2logratio'`  
**calculate probabilities and generate random numbers from Dirichlet distributions** `'dirichlet'`, `'ddirichlet'`  
**apply a function over adjacent subsets of a vector** `'running'`  
**modify the TCP\\_NODELAY ('de-Nagle') flag for socket objects** `'tcpNoDelay'`  
**efficient 'rbind' of data frames, even if the column names don't match** `'smartbind'`  
**generate significance stars from p-values** `'stars.pval'`  
**convert characters to/from ASCII codes** `asc`, `chr`  
**convert character vector to ASCII representation** `'ASCIIify'`  
**apply title capitalization rules to a character vector** `'capwords'`

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gtools-deprecated

*Deprecated Functions in the gtools package*


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## Description

These functions are provided for compatibility with older versions of gtools, and may be defunct as soon as the next release.

## Details

gtools currently contains no deprecated functions.  
`help("oldName-deprecated")` (note the quotes).

## See Also

[Deprecated](#)



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invalid	<i>Test if a value is missing, empty, contains only NA or NULL values, or is a try-error.</i>
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**Description**

Test if a value is missing, empty, contains only NA or NULL values, or is a try-error.

**Usage**

```
invalid(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                   value to be tested

**Value**

Logical value.

**Author(s)**

Gregory R. Warnes <greg@warnes.net>

**See Also**

[missing](#), [is.na](#), [is.null](#)

**Examples**

```
invalid(NA)
invalid()
invalid(c(NA, NA, NULL, NA))

invalid(list(a = 1, b = NULL))

x <- try(log("A"))
invalid(x)

# example use in a function
myplot <- function(x, y) {
  if (invalid(y)) {
    y <- x
    x <- 1:length(y)
  }
  plot(x, y)
}
```

```
myplot(1:10)
myplot(1:10, NA)
```

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keywords

*List valid keywords for R man pages*

---

### **Description**

List valid keywords for R man pages

### **Usage**

```
keywords(topic)
```

### **Arguments**

topic            object or man page topic

### **Details**

If topic is provided, return a list of the keywords associated with topic. Otherwise, display the list of valid R keywords from the R doc/KEYWORDS file.

### **Author(s)**

Gregory R. Warnes <greg@warnes.net>

### **See Also**

[help](#)

### **Examples**

```
## Show all valid R keywords
keywords()

## Show keywords associated with the 'merge' function
keywords(merge)
keywords("merge")
```

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lastAdd	<i>Non-destructively construct a .Last function to be executed when R exits.</i>
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### Description

Non-destructively construct a .Last function to be executed when R exits.

### Usage

```
lastAdd(fun)
```

### Arguments

fun                      Function to be called.

### Details

lastAdd constructs a new function which can be used to replace the existing definition of .Last, which will be executed when R terminates normally.

If a .Last function already exists in the global environment, the original definition is stored in a private environment, and the new function is defined to call the function fun and then to call the previous (stored) definition of .Last.

If no .Last function exists in the global environment, lastAdd simply returns the function fun.

### Value

A new function to be used for .Last.

### Note

This function replaces the (now defunct) addLast function.

### Author(s)

Gregory R. Warnes <greg@warnes.net>

### See Also

[.Last](#)

**Examples**

```
## Print a couple of cute messages when R exits.
helloWorld <- function() cat("\nHello World!\n")
byeWorld <- function() cat("\nGoodbye World!\n")

.Last <- lastAdd(byeWorld)
.Last <- lastAdd(helloWorld)

## Not run:
q("no")

## Should yield:
##
## Save workspace image? [y/n/c]: n
##
## Hello World!
##
## Goodbye World!
##
## Process R finished at Tue Nov 22 10:28:55 2005

## End(Not run)
```

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loadedPackages

*Provide Name, Version, and Path of Loaded Package Namespaces*


---

**Description**

Provide name, version, and path of loaded package namespaces

**Usage**

```
loadedPackages(silent = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

silent            Logical indicating whether the results should be printed

**Value**

Invisibly returns a data frame containing one row per loaded package namespace, with columns:

Package	Package name
Version	Version string
Path	Path to package files

`SearchPath` Either the index of the package namespace in the current search path, or `'-'` if the package namespace is not in the search path. `'1'` corresponds to the top of the search path (the first namespace searched for values).

**Author(s)**

Gregory R. Warnes <greg@warnes.net>

**See Also**

[loadedNamespaces](#), [packageVersion](#), [search](#), [find.package](#)

**Examples**

```
loadedPackages()
```

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logit

*Generalized logit and inverse logit function*

---

**Description**

Compute generalized logit and generalized inverse logit functions.

**Usage**

```
logit(x, min = 0, max = 1)
```

```
inv.logit(x, min = 0, max = 1)
```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	value(s) to be transformed
<code>min</code>	Lower end of logit interval
<code>max</code>	Upper end of logit interval

**Details**

The generalized logit function takes values on  $[\text{min}, \text{max}]$  and transforms them to span  $[-\text{Inf}, \text{Inf}]$  it is defined as:

$$y = \log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right)$$

where

$$p = \frac{(x - \text{min})}{(\text{max} - \text{min})}$$

The generalized inverse logit function provides the inverse transformation:

$$x = p'(max - min) + min$$

where

$$p' = \frac{\exp(y)}{(1 + \exp(y))}$$

### Value

Transformed value(s).

### Author(s)

Gregory R. Warnes <greg@warnes.net>

### See Also

[logit](#)

### Examples

```
x <- seq(0, 10, by = 0.25)
xt <- logit(x, min = 0, max = 10)
cbind(x, xt)

y <- inv.logit(xt, min = 0, max = 10)
cbind(x, xt, y)
```

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mixedsort

*Order or Sort strings with embedded numbers so that the numbers are in the correct order*

---

### Description

These functions sort or order character strings containing embedded numbers so that the numbers are numerically sorted rather than sorted by character value. I.e. "Aspirin 50mg" will come before "Aspirin 100mg". In addition, case of character strings is ignored so that "a", will come before "B" and "C".

**Usage**

```

mixedsort(
  x,
  decreasing = FALSE,
  na.last = TRUE,
  blank.last = FALSE,
  numeric.type = c("decimal", "roman"),
  roman.case = c("upper", "lower", "both"),
  scientific = TRUE
)

mixedorder(
  x,
  decreasing = FALSE,
  na.last = TRUE,
  blank.last = FALSE,
  numeric.type = c("decimal", "roman"),
  roman.case = c("upper", "lower", "both"),
  scientific = TRUE
)

```

**Arguments**

<code>x</code>	Vector to be sorted.
<code>decreasing</code>	logical. Should the sort be increasing or decreasing? Note that <code>descending=TRUE</code> reverses the meanings of <code>na.last</code> and <code>blank.last</code> .
<code>na.last</code>	for controlling the treatment of NA values. If TRUE, missing values in the data are put last; if FALSE, they are put first; if NA, they are removed.
<code>blank.last</code>	for controlling the treatment of blank values. If TRUE, blank values in the data are put last; if FALSE, they are put first; if NA, they are removed.
<code>numeric.type</code>	either "decimal" (default) or "roman". Are numeric values represented as decimal numbers ( <code>numeric.type="decimal"</code> ) or as Roman numerals ( <code>numeric.type="roman"</code> )?
<code>roman.case</code>	one of "upper", "lower", or "both". Are roman numerals represented using only capital letters ('IX') or lower-case letters ('ix') or both?
<code>scientific</code>	logical. Should exponential notation be allowed for numeric values.

**Details**

I often have character vectors (e.g. factor labels), such as compound and dose, that contain both text and numeric data. This function is useful for sorting these character vectors into a logical order.

It does so by splitting each character vector into a sequence of character and numeric sections, and then sorting along these sections, with numbers being sorted by numeric value (e.g. "50" comes before "100"), followed by characters strings sorted by character value (e.g. "A" comes before "B") *ignoring case* (e.g. 'A' has the same sort order as 'a').

By default, sort order is ascending, empty strings are sorted to the front, and NA values to the end. Setting `descending=TRUE` changes the sort order to descending and reverses the meanings of `na.last` and `blank.last`.

Parsing looks for decimal numbers unless `numeric.type="roman"`, in which parsing looks for roman numerals, with character case specified by `roman.case`.

### Value

`mixedorder` returns a vector giving the sort order of the input elements. `mixedsort` returns the sorted vector.

### Author(s)

Gregory R. Warnes <greg@warnes.net>

### See Also

[sort](#), [order](#)

### Examples

```
## compound & dose labels
Treatment <- c(
  "Control", "Asprin 10mg/day", "Asprin 50mg/day",
  "Asprin 100mg/day", "Acetomyacin 100mg/day",
  "Acetomyacin 1000mg/day"
)

## ordinary sort puts the dosages in the wrong order
sort(Treatment)

## but mixedsort does the 'right' thing
mixedsort(Treatment)

## Here is a more complex example
x <- rev(c(
  "AA 0.50 ml", "AA 1.5 ml", "AA 500 ml", "AA 1500 ml",
  "EXP 1", "AA 1e3 ml", "A A A", "1 2 3 A", "NA", NA, "1e2",
  "", "-", "1A", "1 A", "100", "100A", "Inf"
))

mixedorder(x)

mixedsort(x) # Notice that plain numbers, including 'Inf' show up
# before strings, NAs at the end, and blanks at the
# beginning .

mixedsort(x, na.last = TRUE) # default
mixedsort(x, na.last = FALSE) # push NAs to the front

mixedsort(x, blank.last = FALSE) # default
mixedsort(x, blank.last = TRUE) # push blanks to the end
```



```

mixedsort(x, decreasing = FALSE) # default
mixedsort(x, decreasing = TRUE) # reverse sort order

## Roman numerals
chapters <- c(
  "V. Non Sequiturs", "II. More Nonsense",
  "I. Nonsense", "IV. Nonesensical Citations",
  "III. Utter Nonsense"
)
mixedsort(chapters, numeric.type = "roman")

## Lower-case Roman numerals
vals <- c(
  "xix", "xii", "mcv", "iii", "iv", "dclxxii", "cdxcii",
  "dcxcviii", "dcvi", "cci"
)
(ordered <- mixedsort(vals, numeric.type = "roman", roman.case = "lower"))
roman2int(ordered)

## Control scientific notation for number matching:
vals <- c("3E1", "2E3", "4e0")

mixedsort(vals) # With scientific notation
mixedsort(vals, scientific = FALSE) # Without scientific notation

```

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na.replace

*Replace Missing Values*


---

## Description

Replace missing values

## Usage

```
na.replace(x, replace, ...)
```

## Arguments

x	vector possibly containing missing (NA) values
replace	either a scalar replacement value, or a function returning a scalar value
...	Optional arguments to be passed to replace

## Details

This is a convenience function that is the same as `x[is.na(x)] <- replace`

## Value

Vector with missing values (NA) replaced by the value of replace.

**Author(s)**

Gregory R. Warnes <greg@warnes.net>

**See Also**

[is.na, na.omit](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- c(1, 2, 3, NA, 6, 7, 8, NA, NA)

# Replace with a specified value
na.replace(x, "999")

# Replace with the calculated median
na.replace(x, median, na.rm = TRUE)
```

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oddeven

*Detect odd/even integers*

---

**Description**

detect odd/even integers

**Usage**

```
odd(x)
```

```
even(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                   vector of integers

**Value**

Vector of TRUE/FALSE values.

**Author(s)**

Gregory R. Warnes <greg@warnes.net>

**See Also**

[round](#)

**Examples**

```
odd(4)
even(4)

odd(1:10)
even(1:10)
```

---

permutate

*Randomly Permute the Elements of a Vector*

---

**Description**

Randomly Permute the elements of a vector

**Usage**

```
permutate(x)
```

**Arguments**

x                      Vector of items to be permuted

**Details**

This is simply a wrapper function for [sample](#).

**Value**

Vector with the original items reordered.

**Author(s)**

Gregory R. Warnes <greg@warnes.net>

**See Also**

[sample](#)

**Examples**

```
x <- 1:10
permutate(x)
```

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`quantcut`*Create a Factor Variable Using the Quantiles of a Continuous Variable*

---

### Description

Create a factor variable using the quantiles of a continuous variable.

### Usage

```
quantcut(x, q = 4, na.rm = TRUE, ...)
```

### Arguments

<code>x</code>	Continuous variable.
<code>q</code>	Either a integer number of equally spaced quantile groups to create, or a vector of quantiles used for creating groups. Defaults to <code>q=4</code> which is equivalent to <code>q=seq(0, 1, by=0.25)</code> . See <a href="#">quantile</a> for details.
<code>na.rm</code>	Boolean indicating whether missing values should be removed when computing quantiles. Defaults to <code>TRUE</code> .
<code>...</code>	Optional arguments passed to <a href="#">cut</a> .

### Details

This function uses [quantile](#) to obtain the specified quantiles of `x`, then calls [cut](#) to create a factor variable using the intervals specified by these quantiles.

It properly handles cases where more than one quantile obtains the same value, as in the second example below. Note that in this case, there will be fewer generated factor levels than the specified number of quantile intervals.

### Value

Factor variable with one level for each quantile interval.

### Author(s)

Gregory R. Warnes <[greg@warnes.net](mailto:greg@warnes.net)>

### See Also

[cut](#), [quantile](#)

**Examples**

```
## create example data
# testonly{
set.seed(1234)
# }
x <- rnorm(1000)

## cut into quartiles
quartiles <- quantcut(x)
table(quartiles)

## cut into deciles
deciles.1 <- quantcut(x, 10)
table(deciles.1)
# or equivalently
deciles.2 <- quantcut(x, seq(0, 1, by = 0.1))

# testonly{
stopifnot(identical(deciles.1, deciles.2))
# }

## show handling of 'tied' quantiles.
x <- round(x) # discretize to create ties
stem(x) # display the ties
deciles <- quantcut(x, 10)

table(deciles) # note that there are only 5 groups (not 10)
# due to duplicates
```

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roman2int

*Convert Roman Numerals to Integers*

---

**Description**

Convert roman numerals to integers

**Usage**

```
roman2int(roman)
```

**Arguments**

roman                    character vector containing roman numerals

**Details**

This function will convert roman numerals to integers without the upper bound imposed by R (3899), ignoring case.

**Value**

A integer vector with the same length as `roman`. Character strings which are not valid roman numerals will be converted to NA.

**Author(s)**

Gregory R. Warnes <greg@warnes.net>

**See Also**

[as.roman](#)

**Examples**

```
roman2int(c("I", "V", "X", "C", "L", "D", "M"))

# works regardless of case
roman2int("MMXVI")
roman2int("mmxvi")

# works beyond R's limit of 3899
val.3899 <- "MMMCCCXCIX"
val.3900 <- "MMMCM"
val.4000 <- "MMMM"
as.numeric(as.roman(val.3899))
as.numeric(as.roman(val.3900))
as.numeric(as.roman(val.4000))

roman2int(val.3899)
roman2int(val.3900)
roman2int(val.4000)
```

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running

*Apply a Function Over Adjacent Subsets of a Vector*

---

**Description**

Applies a function over subsets of the vector(s) formed by taking a fixed number of previous points.

**Usage**

```
running(
  X,
  Y = NULL,
  fun = mean,
  width = min(length(X), 20),
  allow.fewer = FALSE,
```

```

    pad = FALSE,
    align = c("right", "center", "left"),
    simplify = TRUE,
    by,
    ...
)

```

### Arguments

X	data vector
Y	data vector (optional)
fun	Function to apply. Default is mean
width	Integer giving the number of vector elements to include in the subsets. Defaults to the lesser of the length of the data and 20 elements.
allow.fewer	Boolean indicating whether the function should be computed for subsets with fewer than width points
pad	Boolean indicating whether the returned results should be 'padded' with NAs corresponding to sets with less than width elements. This only applies when allow.fewer is FALSE.
align	One of "right", "center", or "left". This controls the relative location of 'short' subsets with less than width elements: "right" allows short subsets only at the beginning of the sequence so that all of the complete subsets are at the end of the sequence (i.e. 'right aligned'), "left" allows short subsets only at the end of the data so that the complete subsets are 'left aligned', and "center" allows short subsets at both ends of the data so that complete subsets are 'centered'.
simplify	Boolean. If FALSE the returned object will be a list containing one element per evaluation. If TRUE, the returned object will be coerced into a vector (if the computation returns a scalar) or a matrix (if the computation returns multiple values). Defaults to FALSE.
by	Integer separation between groups. If by=width will give non-overlapping windows. Default is missing, in which case groups will start at each value in the X/Y range.
...	parameters to be passed to fun

### Details

running applies the specified function to a sequential windows on X and (optionally) Y. If Y is specified the function must be bivariate.

### Value

List (if simplify==TRUE), vector, or matrix containing the results of applying the function fun to the subsets of X (running) or X and Y.

Note that this function will create a vector or matrix even for objects which are not simplified by sapply.

**Author(s)**

Gregory R. Warnes <greg@warnes.net>, with contributions by Nitin Jain <nitin.jain@pfizer.com>.

**See Also**

[wapply](#) to apply a function over an x-y window centered at each x point, [sapply](#), [lapply](#)

**Examples**

```
# show effect of pad
running(1:20, width = 5)
running(1:20, width = 5, pad = TRUE)

# show effect of align
running(1:20, width = 5, align = "left", pad = TRUE)
running(1:20, width = 5, align = "center", pad = TRUE)
running(1:20, width = 5, align = "right", pad = TRUE)

# show effect of simplify
running(1:20, width = 5, fun = function(x) x) # matrix
running(1:20, width = 5, fun = function(x) x, simplify = FALSE) # list

# show effect of by
running(1:20, width = 5) # normal
running(1:20, width = 5, by = 5) # non-overlapping
running(1:20, width = 5, by = 2) # starting every 2nd

# Use 'pad' to ensure correct length of vector, also show the effect
# of allow.fewer.
par(mfrow = c(2, 1))
plot(1:20, running(1:20, width = 5, allow.fewer = FALSE, pad = TRUE), type = "b")
plot(1:20, running(1:20, width = 5, allow.fewer = TRUE, pad = TRUE), type = "b")
par(mfrow = c(1, 1))

# plot running mean and central 2 standard deviation range
# estimated by *last* 40 observations
dat <- rnorm(500, sd = 1 + (1:500) / 500)
plot(dat)
sdfun <- function(x, sign = 1) mean(x) + sign * sqrt(var(x))
lines(running(dat, width = 51, pad = TRUE, fun = mean), col = "blue")
lines(running(dat, width = 51, pad = TRUE, fun = sdfun, sign = -1), col = "red")
lines(running(dat, width = 51, pad = TRUE, fun = sdfun, sign = 1), col = "red")

# plot running correlation estimated by last 40 observations (red)
# against the true local correlation (blue)
sd.Y <- seq(0, 1, length = 500)

X <- rnorm(500, sd = 1)
```



```
Y <- rnorm(500, sd = sd.Y)

plot(running(X, X + Y, width = 20, fun = cor, pad = TRUE), col = "red", type = "s")

r <- 1 / sqrt(1 + sd.Y^2) # true cor of (X,X+Y)
lines(r, type = "l", col = "blue")
```

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scat

*Display debugging text*

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### Description

If `getOption('DEBUG')==TRUE`, write text to STDOUT and flush so that the text is immediately displayed. Otherwise, do nothing.

### Usage

```
scat(...)
```

### Arguments

... Arguments passed to `cat`

### Value

NULL (invisibly)

### Author(s)

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### See Also

[cat](#)

### Examples

```
options(DEBUG = NULL) # makee sure DEBUG isn't set
scat("Not displayed")
```

```
options(DEBUG = TRUE)
scat("This will be displayed immediatly (even in R BATCH output \n")
scat("files), provided options()$DEBUG is TRUE.")
```

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script_file	<i>Determine the directory or full path to the currently executing script</i>
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### Description

Determine the directory or full path to the currently executing script

### Usage

```
script_file(fail = c("stop", "warning", "quiet"))
```

```
script_path(fail = c("stop", "warning", "quiet"))
```

### Arguments

**fail** character, one of "stop", "warning", "quiet". specifying what should be done when the script path cannot be determined: "stop" causes an error to be generated, "warn" generates a warning message and returns NA, "quiet" silently returns NA.

These function should work with Rscript, source(), Rmarkdown RStudio's "Run selection", and the RStudio Console.

### Value

A character scalar containing the full path to the currently executing script file (script\_file) or its directory (script\_path). If unable to determine the script path, it generates a warning and returns "" (empty string).

### Functions

- script\_file: Determine the full path of the currently executing script
- script\_path: Determine the directory of the currently executing script

### Author(s)

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### Examples

```
getwd()
commandArgs(trailingOnly = FALSE)
```

```
script_file("warning")
script_path("warning")
```

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setTCPNoDelay	<i>Modify the TCP_NODELAY ('de-Nagle') flag for socket objects</i>
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### Description

Modify the TCP\_NODELAY ('de-Nagle') flag for socket objects

### Usage

```
setTCPNoDelay(socket, value = TRUE)
```

### Arguments

socket	A socket connection object
value	Logical indicating whether to set (TRUE) or unset (FALSE) the flag

### Details

By default, TCP connections wait a small fixed interval before actually sending data, in order to permit small packets to be combined. This algorithm is named after its inventor, John Nagle, and is often referred to as 'Nagling'.

While this reduces network resource utilization in these situations, it imposes a delay on all outgoing message data, which can cause problems in client/server situations.

This function allows this feature to be disabled (de-Nagling, value=TRUE) or enabled (Nagling, value=FALSE) for the specified socket.

### Value

The character string "SUCCESS" will be returned invisible if the operation was successful. On failure, an error will be generated.

### Author(s)

Gregory R. Warnes <greg@warnes.net>

### References

"Nagle's algorithm" [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nagle's\\_algorithm](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nagle's_algorithm),  
Nagle, John. "Congestion Control in IP/TCP Internetworks", IETF Request for Comments 896, January 1984. <https://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc0896.txt?number=896>

### See Also

[make.socket](#), [socketConnection](#)

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
host <- "www.r-project.org"
socket <- make.socket(host, 80)
print(socket)
setTCPNoDelay(socket, TRUE)

write.socket(socket, "GET /\n\n")
write.socket(socket, "A")
write.socket(socket, "B\n")
while ((str <- read.socket(socket)) > "") {
  cat(str)
}
close.socket(socket)

## End(Not run)
```

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smartbind

*Efficient rbind of data frames, even if the column names don't match*


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**Description**

Efficient rbind of data frames, even if the column names don't match

**Usage**

```
smartbind(..., list, fill = NA, sep = ":", verbose = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

...	Data frames to combine
list	List containing data frames to combine
fill	Value to use when 'filling' missing columns. Defaults to NA.
sep	Character string used to separate column names when pasting them together.
verbose	Logical flag indicating whether to display processing messages. Defaults to FALSE.

**Value**

The returned data frame will contain:

columns	all columns present in any provided data frame
rows	a set of rows from each provided data frame, with values in columns not present in the given data frame filled with missing (NA) values.

The data type of columns will be preserved, as long as all data frames with a given column name agree on the data type of that column. If the data frames disagree, the column will be converted into a character strings. The user will need to coerce such character columns into an appropriate type.

**Author(s)**

Gregory R. Warnes <greg@warnes.net>

**See Also**

[rbind](#), [cbind](#)

**Examples**

```
df1 <- data.frame(A = 1:10, B = LETTERS[1:10], C = rnorm(10))
df2 <- data.frame(A = 11:20, D = rnorm(10), E = letters[1:10])

# rbind would fail
## Not run:
rbind(df1, df2)
# Error in match.names(clabs, names(xi)) : names do not match previous
# names:
# D, E

## End(Not run)
# but smartbind combines them, appropriately creating NA entries
smartbind(df1, df2)

# specify fill=0 to put 0 into the missing row entries
smartbind(df1, df2, fill = 0)
```

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split\_path

*Split a File Path into Components*

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**Description**

This function converts a character scalar containing a *valid* file path into a character vector of path components (e.g. directories).

**Usage**

```
split_path(x, depth_first = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

**x** character scalar. Path to be processed.  
**depth\_first** logical. Should path be returned depth first? Defaults to TRUE.

**Value**

Character vector of path components, depth first.

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`stars.pval`*Generate significance stars from p-values*

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**Description**

Generate significance stars (e.g. '\*\*\*\*', '\*\*\*', '\*\*', '+') from p-values using R's standard definitions.

**Usage**

```
stars.pval(p.value)
```

**Arguments**

`p.value` numeric vector of p-values

**Details**

Mapping from p-value ranges to symbols:

**0 - 0.001** '\*\*\*\*'

**0.001 - 0.01** '\*\*\*'

**0.01 - 0.05** '\*\*'

**0.05 - 0.1** '+'

**0.1 - 1.0** '' (No symbol)

**Value**

A character vector containing the same number of elements as `p-value`, with an attribute "legend" providing the conversion pattern.

**Author(s)**

Gregory R. Warnes <greg@warnes.net>

**See Also**

[symnum](#)

**Examples**

```
p.val <- c(0.0004, 0.0015, 0.013, 0.044, 0.067, 0.24)
stars.pval(p.val)
```

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stat_mode	<i>Most frequently occurring value</i>
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**Description**

Most frequently occurring value

**Usage**

```
stat_mode(x, na.rm = TRUE, ties = c("all", "first", "last", "missing"), ...)
```

**Arguments**

x	vector of values
na.rm	logical. Should NA values be removed before processing?
ties	character. Which value(s) should be returned in the case of ties?
...	optional additional parameters.

**Value**

vector of the same class as x

**Examples**

```
# Character vector
chr_vec <- c("a", "d", "d", "h", "h", NA, NA) # Multiple modes
stat_mode(x = chr_vec)
stat_mode(x = chr_vec, na.rm = FALSE)
stat_mode(x = chr_vec, na.rm = FALSE, ties = "first")
stat_mode(x = chr_vec, na.rm = FALSE, ties = "last")

# - # Numeric vector
# See that it keeps the original vector type
num_vec <- c(2, 3, 3, 4, 4, NA, NA)
stat_mode(x = num_vec)
stat_mode(x = num_vec, na.rm = FALSE)
stat_mode(x = num_vec, na.rm = FALSE, ties = "first")
stat_mode(x = num_vec, na.rm = FALSE, ties = "last")

# The default option is ties="all" but it is very easy for the user to control
# the ties without changing this parameter.
# Select always just one mode, being that the first mode
stat_mode(x = num_vec)[1]

# Select the first and the second stat_mode
stat_mode(x = num_vec)[c(1, 2)]
```

```

# Logical Vectors
stat_mode(x = c(TRUE, TRUE))
stat_mode(x = c(FALSE, FALSE, TRUE, TRUE))

# - # Single element cases
stat_mode(x = c(NA_real_))
stat_mode(x = 2)
stat_mode(x = NA)
stat_mode(x = c("a"))

# Not allowing multiple stat_mode, returning NA if that happens
stat_mode(x = c(1, 1, 2, 2), multiple_modes = FALSE) # multiple stat_mode
stat_mode(x = c(1, 1), multiple_modes = FALSE) # single mode

# Empty vector cases
# The ties of any empty vector will be itself (an empty vector of the same type)
stat_mode(x = double())
stat_mode(x = complex())
stat_mode(x = vector("numeric"))
stat_mode(x = vector("character"))

```

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unByteCode

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*Convert a byte-code function to an interpreted-code function*


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## Description

The purpose of these functions is to allow a byte coded function to be converted back into a fully interpreted function as a *temporary* work around for issues in byte-code interpretation.

## Usage

```
unByteCode(fun)
```

```
assignEdgewise(name, env, value)
```

```
unByteCodeAssign(fun)
```

## Arguments

fun	function to be modified
name	object name
env	namespace
value	new function body



## Details

unByteCode returns a copy of the function that is directly interpreted from text rather than from byte-code.

assignEdgewise makes an assignment into a locked environment.

unByteCodeAssign changes the specified function *in its source environment* to be directly interpreted from text rather than from byte-code.

## Value

All three functions return a copy of the modified function or assigned value.

## Note

These functions are not intended as a permanent solution to issues with byte-code compilation or interpretation. Any such issues should be promptly reported to the R maintainers via the R Bug Tracking System at <https://bugs.r-project.org> and via the R-devel mailing list <https://stat.ethz.ch/mailman/listinfo/r-devel>.

## Author(s)

Gregory R. Warnes <[greg@warnes.net](mailto:greg@warnes.net)>

## References

These functions were inspired as a work-around to R bug [https://bugs.r-project.org/bugzilla/show\\_bug.cgi?id=15215](https://bugs.r-project.org/bugzilla/show_bug.cgi?id=15215).

## See Also

[disassemble](#), [assign](#)

## Examples

```
data(badDend)
dist2 <- function(x) as.dist(1 - cor(t(x), method = "pearson"))
hclust1 <- function(x) hclust(x, method = "single")

distance <- dist2(badDend)
cluster <- hclust1(distance)

dend <- as.dendrogram(cluster)
## Not run:
## In R 2.3.0 and earlier crashes with a node stack overflow error
plot(dend)
## Error in xy.coords(x, y, recycle = TRUE) : node stack overflow

## End(Not run)

## convert stats:::plotNode from byte-code to interpreted-code
```

```
unByteCodeAssign(stats::plotNode)

# increase recursion limit
options("expressions" = 5e4)

# now the function does not crash
plot(dend)
```

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