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').

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**asc**

*Convert between characters and ASCII codes*

**Description**

`asc` returns the ASCII codes for the specified characters. `chr` returns the characters corresponding to the specified ASCII codes.

**Usage**

```r
asc(char, simplify=TRUE)
chr(ascii)
```

**Arguments**

- `char` vector of character strings
- `simplify` logical indicating whether to attempt to convert the result into a vector or matrix object. See `sapply` for details.
- `ascii` 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 continuing 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.

**Author(s)**

Adapted by Gregory R. Warnes &lt;greg@warne.net&gt; from code posted on the 'Data Debrief' blog on 2011-03-09 at [http://datadebrief.blogspot.com/2011/03/ascii-code-table-in-r.html](http://datadebrief.blogspot.com/2011/03/ascii-code-table-in-r.html).

**See Also**

`strtoI, charToRaw, rawToChar, as.raw`

**Examples**

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

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

## works on multi-character strings
(t tmp <- asc('hello!'))
chr(tmp)
```
## Use '\(\text{simplify=FALSE}\)' to return the result as a list
(tmp <- asc('hello!', simplify=FALSE))
chr(tmp)

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

## When \(\text{simplify=TRUE}\) 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

**Convert Characters to ASCII**

**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**

- **x**: a character vector, possibly containing non-ASCII characters.
- **bytes**: either 1 or 2, for single-byte (‘\x00’) or two-byte (‘\u0000’) codes.
- **fallback**: 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:

```r
write(ASCIIfy(x), "file.txt")
cat(paste(ASCIIfy(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("S\u00e3o Paulo", "Reykjav\u00edk")
print(cities)
ASCIIify(cities, 1)
ASCIIify(cities, 2)

athens <- "\u0391\u03b8\u03ae\u03bd\u03b1"
print(athens)
ASCIIify(athens)

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 are you? ")
  age <- as.numeric(age)
  cat("In 10 years you will be", age+10, "years old!
"
}

badDend

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

Description

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

Usage

data("badDend")

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)
Transform an integer to an array of base-n digits

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 dual 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 dual 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.

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Examples

```r
# decimal representation
declbaseOf(123)

# dual representation
declbaseOf(123, base=2)

# octal representation
declbaseOf(123, base=8)

# hexadecimal representation
declbaseOf(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]
```

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**binsearch**

**Binary Search**

**Description**

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

```rinsearch(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 variables \(lo\) and \(hi\) 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 a warning message will be generated. If the maximum number of 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)
**capwords**  
*Capitalize Words for Titles*

**Description**

This function capitalizes words for use in titles.

**Usage**

```r
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 `onlyfirst==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**

checkRVersion

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="_")

checkRVersion

Check if a newer version of R is available

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.
combinations

Note

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

Author(s)

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See Also

R.Version

Examples

checkRVersion()

ver <- checkRVersion()
print(ver)

Enumerate the Combinations or Permutations of the Elements of a Vector

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.

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@warner.net>.

References


See Also

choose, options

Examples

```r
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)

# To use large 'n', you need to change the default recursion limit
options(expressions=1e5)
cmat <- combinations(300,2)
dim(cmat) # 44850 by 2
```

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**defmacro**

*Define a macro*

**Description**

*defmacro* define a macro that uses R expression replacement

*strmacro* define a macro that uses string replacement

**Usage**

```r
defmacro(..., expr)
strmacro(..., expr, strexpr)
```
Arguments

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

Details

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:

See Also

function substitute, eval, parse, source, parse.

Examples

```r
###
# 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(
  V1=c(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 999, 8, 9, 10),
  V2=c(1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 999, 2, 999, 999)
)
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=1wd=4) # use optional 'DOTS' argument
```
# Create a macro that defines new functions

```r
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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**Data from an ELISA assay**

**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.

**Usage**

```r
data(ELISA)
```

**Format**

A data frame with the following columns:

- **PlateDayfactor.** Specifies one of four physically distinct 96 well plates
- **Readfactor.** The signal was read 3 times for each plate.
- **Descriptioncharacter.** Indicates contents of sample.
- **Concentrationnumeric.** Nominal concentration of standards (NA for all other samples).
- **Signalnumeric.** Assay signal. Specifically, optical density (a colorimetric assay).

**Source**

Anonymized data.
foldchange

Compute fold-change or convert between log-ratio and fold-change.

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
foldchange vector/matrix of fold-change values
base Exponential base for the log-ratio.

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.

Author(s)

Gregory R. Warnes <greg@warnes.net>

Examples

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

f <- foldchange(a, b)

cbind(a, b, f)
```
getDependencies

Get package dependencies

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

```r
## A locally installed package
getDependencies("MASS", installed=TRUE, available=FALSE)

## Not run:
## A package on CRAN
getDependencies("gremisc", 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)
```

### Description

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

### 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
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.

See Also

Deprecated

invalid

Test if a value is missing, empty, or contains only NA or NULL values

Description

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

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))

# 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)

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")

---

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

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

```r
## 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)

## Unix-flavour example: send Rplots.ps to printer on exit.
myLast <- function()
{
  cat("Now sending PostScript graphics to the printer:\n")
  system("lpr Rplots.ps")
  cat("bye bye...\n")
}
.Last <- lastAdd(myLast)

## Not run:
quit("yes")

## Should yield:
##
## Now sending PostScript graphics to the printer:
## lpr: job 1341 queued
## bye bye...
## Process R finished at Tue Nov 22 10:28:55 2005
##
## End(Not run)
```

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:

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<th>Package</th>
<th>Package name</th>
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<td>Version</td>
<td>Version string</td>
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<tr>
<td>Path</td>
<td>Path to package files</td>
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<tr>
<td>SearchPath</td>
<td>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).</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Author(s)

Gregory R. Warnes <greg@warnes.net>

See Also

loadedNamespaces, packageVersion, search, find.package

Examples

loadedPackages()

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

- **x**: value(s) to be transformed
- **min**: Lower end of logit interval
- **max**: 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:

\[
x = p'(\text{max} - \text{min}) + \text{min}
\]

where

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

Value

Transformed value(s).

Author(s)

Gregory R. Warnes <greg@warnes.net>

See Also

- logit

Examples

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

y <- inv.logit(xt, min=0, max=10)
cbind(x, xt, y)
```
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") )
mixedorder(x, decreasing=FALSE, na.last=TRUE, blank.last=FALSE,
           numeric.type=c("decimal", "roman"),
           roman.case=c("upper", "lower", "both") )

Arguments

x Vector to be sorted.
decreasing logical. Should the sort be increasing or decreasing? Note that descending=TRUE reverses the meanings of na.last and blanks.last.
na.last 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.
blank.last 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.
numeric.type either "decimal" (default) or "roman". Are numeric values represented as decimal numbers (numeric.type="decimal") or as Roman numerals (numeric.type="roman")?
roman.case one of "upper", "lower", or "both". Are roman numerals represented using only capital letters ('IX') or lower-case letters ('ix') or both?

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 decreasing=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", "Acetomycin 100mg/day", 
"Acetomycin 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
na.replace <- 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", "dcclxxii", "cdxii", "dxcviii", "dcvi", "cci")
(ordered <- mixedsort(vals, numeric.type="roman", roman.case="lower"))
roman2int(ordered)

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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

```r
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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</table>

Description

detect odd/even integers

Usage

```r
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

```r
odd(4)
even(4)
odd(1:10)
even(1:10)
```


**permute**

*Randomly Permute the Elements of a Vector*

**Description**

Randomly Permute the elements of a vector

**Usage**

permute(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**

```r
x <- 1:10
permute(x)
```
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

x  
Continuous variable.

q  
Either a integer number of equally spaced quantile groups to create, or a vector of quantiles used for creating groups. Defaults to q=4 which is equivalent to q=seq(0,1,by=0.25). See quantile for details.

na.rm  
Boolean indicating whether missing values should be removed when computing quantiles. Defaults to TRUE.

...  
Optional arguments passed to cut.

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>

See Also

cut, quantile
Examples

```r
## create example data
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))

## 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
```

rdirichlet

Functions for the Dirichlet Distribution

Description

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

Usage

```
rdirichlet(n, alpha)
ddirichlet(x, alpha)
```

Arguments

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

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.

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) )

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.
running

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 <- 'MMMMDCXCIX'
val.3900 <- 'MMMMC'
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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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 then 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, simplify=FALSE) x) # 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)
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")

---

**scat**

**Display debugging text**

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

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

**Description**

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

**Usage**

```r
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" at WhatIS.com http://searchnetworking.techtarget.com/sDefinition/0,,sid7_gci1754347,00.html


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"
while( (str <- read.socket(socket)) > "")
cat(str)
close.socket(socket)

## End(Not run)
smartbind

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

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
**split_path**

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**Examples**

```r
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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**Description**

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

**Usage**

```r
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.

**Examples**

```r
longPath = "/users/me/src/this/is/a/long/path"
  split_path(longPath)
```
Generate significance stars from p-values

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:

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<td>+</td>
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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)
unByteCode

Convert a Byte-Code Function to an Interpreted-Code Function

Description

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

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

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.

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@warne.net>
References

These functions were inspired as a work-around to R bug 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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