Package ‘rasterImage’

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colorPalette Defines a color palette

Description

This function defines a color palette and returns a vector of colors. The palettes itself are adapted from the ColorBrewer project.
colorPalette

Usage

colorPalette(n = NULL, type = "spectral", inv = F)

Arguments

n
number of colors to produce

type
sets the type of color palette. See Details

inv
revert the order of colors

Details

The parameter type controls the output palette type as follows:

"spectral" spectral colors from blue to red
"spectralHalf" spectral colors from green to red
"green" MultiHue yellow - green
"blue" MultiHue yellow - green blue
"orange" MultiHue yellow - orange - brown
"red" MultiHue yellow - orange red
"red-white-bule","bwr" red - white - blue colors
"rainbow" reproduces the rainbow color set
"black-white","bw" gray scale colors
"white-black","wb" gray scale colors from white to black
"jet.colors","jc" dark blue to dark red
"hzdr1" HZDR cooperate design colors
"hzdr2" HZDR cooperate design colors

If a vector of color names is supported, then a customized palette will be calculated according to these colors.

Value

returns a vector of colors to be passed to image or rasterImage

References

http://colorbrewer2.org by Cynthia A. Brewer, Geography, Pennsylvania State University

Examples

# default "spectral" palette
barplot(rep(1,10), col = colorPalette(10))

# custom color palette
barplot(rep(1,10), col = colorPalette(n = 10, type = c("red","blue","yellow"))))
rasterImage2

Plotting a raster image with axis and color legend

Description

The function is a wrapper for the `image()` function, but with a comfortable control of the z-axis and its color legend. The wrapper also supports image resizing (resolution) and png output for better export.

Usage

```r
rasterImage2(x = NULL, y = NULL, z, zlim = NULL, xlim = NULL, ylim = NULL, dim.max = NULL, plot.zero.line = T, regularGrid = T, zlab = NULL, z.cex = 0.5, z.adj = c(0.5, 0.5), z.format = "fg", ndz = 7, ncolors = 256, palette = "spectral", palette.inv = F, ...)
```

Arguments

- **x**  
  x-axis vector corresponding to the z-matrix

- **y**  
  y-axis vector corresponding to the z-matrix

- **z**  
  numeric matrix to be plotted

- **zlim**  
  sets the range of the color coded z-axis

- **xlim**  
  the x limits (x1, x2) of the plot. Note that x1 > x2 is allowed and leads to a 'reversed axis'. The default value, NULL, indicates that the range of the finite values to be plotted should be used.

- **ylim**  
  the y limits of the plot.

- **dim.max**  
  defines the dimensions of the visible area of z. It automatically invokes a rescale. In case of large data sets this parameter can improve plotting speed.

- **plot.zero.line**  
  logical, if a line at x = 0 and y = 0 is to be plotted.

- **regularGrid**  
  logical, if FALSE then a vector plot is generated, which is the slow and standard behaviour of `image`. If this parameter is TRUE then a raster image is generated, which can be processed much faster, compared to the FALSE option.

- **zlab**  
  defines the z-label

- **z.cex**  
  cex value for the z-label. It sets the font size in relation to the global `par()`$cex value

- **z.adj**  
  a two component vector. It sets the left/right and top/bottom justification

- **z.format**  
  controls how the numbers besides the color scale are composed. It works like the format option of `formatC`

- **ndz**  
  sets the axis breaks right to the color scale

- **ncolors**  
  number of colors to use in the plot

- **palette**  
  defines the color palette to be used in the plot

- **palette.inv**  
  logical, if TRUE reverts the color palette

- **...**  
  further arguments to the plot function, e.g. 'xlab'
Details

The regularGrid option forces interpolation in case of irregular spacing of x or y. All data is then projected on a regular grid. This correction invokes a spline interpolation. Missing NA values are ignored.

Examples

```r
rasterImage2( z = volcano, palette = "spectral", dim.max = c(500,100),
             zlab = "Height", z.adj = c(0,1), z.cex = 1,
             main = "Volcano Data Set"
)
```
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