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`apply_kernel_histogram` *apply_kernel_histogram*

Description

Apply a kernel to the given histogram.

Usage

```
apply_kernel_histogram(
  fhistogram,
  filter = "circle",
  mask = default_kernel(filter, radius, sigma),
  radius = 2,
  sigma = radius/2,
  threads = 0
)
```

Arguments

`fhistogram`	Matrix or array interpreted as histogram of floating-point values.
`filter`	Use the pre-defined filter, either `circle`, `square`, `gauss`. Defaults to `circle`.
`mask`	Custom kernel used for blurring, overrides `filter`. Must be a square matrix of odd size.
`radius`	Radius of the kernel (counted without the "middle" pixel"), defaults to 2. The generated kernel matrix will be a square with (2*radius+1) pixels on each side.
`sigma`	Radius of the Gaussian function selected by `filter`, defaults to `radius/2`.
`threads`	Number of parallel threads (default 0 chooses hardware concurrency).

Value

2D matrix with the histogram processed by the kernel application.

`apply_kernel_rgbwt` *apply_kernel_rgbwt*

Description

Apply a kernel to the given RGBWT raster.

Usage

```
apply_kernel_rgbwt(
  fRGBWT,
  filter = "circle",
  mask = default_kernel(filter, radius, sigma),
  radius = 2,
  sigma = radius/2,
  threads = 0
)
```

Arguments

`fRGBWT`	RGBWT array with channels `red`, `green`, `blue`, `weight` and `transparency`. The dimension should be N times M times 5.
`filter`	Use the pre-defined filter, either `circle`, `square`, `gauss`. Defaults to `circle`.
`mask`	Custom kernel used for blurring, overrides `filter`. Must be a square matrix of odd size.
`radius`	Radius of the kernel (counted without the "middle" pixel"), defaults to 2. The generated kernel matrix will be a square with (2*radius+1) pixels on each side.
`sigma`	Radius of the Gaussian function selected by `filter`, defaults to `radius/2`.
`threads`	Number of parallel threads (default 0 chooses hardware concurrency).

Value

RGBWT matrix.

blend_rgba_float *blend_rgba_float*

Description

Blend RGBA matrices.

Usage

```
blend_rgba_float(fRGBA_list)
```

Arguments

fRGBA_list	List of floating-point RGBA arrays with premultiplied alpha (each of the same size N-by-M-by-4). The "first" matrix in the list is the one that will be rendered on "top".

Value

Blended RGBA matrix.

geom_scattermore *geom_scattermore*

Description

ggplot2::ggplot() integration. This cooperates with the rest of ggplot (so you can use it to e.g. add rasterized scatterplots to vector output in order to reduce PDF size). Note that the ggplot processing overhead still dominates the plotting time. Use geom_scattermost() to tradeoff some niceness and circumvent ggplot logic to gain speed.

Usage

```
geom_scattermore(
  mapping = NULL,
  data = NULL,
  stat = "identity",
  position = "identity",
  ...,
  na.rm = FALSE,
  show.legend = NA,
  inherit.aes = TRUE,
  interpolate = FALSE,
  pointsize = 0,
  pixels = c(512, 512)
)
```

Arguments

mapping, data, stat, position, inherit.aes, show.legend, ...	passed to ggplot2::layer()
na.rm	Remove NA values, just as with ggplot2::geom_point().
interpolate	Default FALSE, passed to grid::rasterGrob().
pointsize	Radius of rasterized point. Use 0 for single pixels (fastest).
pixels	Vector with X and Y resolution of the raster, default c(512,512).

Details

Accepts aesthetics x, y, colour and alpha. Point size is fixed for all points. Due to rasterization properties it is often beneficial to try non-integer point sizes, e.g. 3.2 looks much better than 3.

Examples

```
library(ggplot2)
library(scattermore)
ggplot(data.frame(x = rnorm(1e6), y = rexp(1e6))) +
  geom_scattermore(aes(x, y, color = x),
    pointsize = 3,
    alpha = 0.1,
    pixels = c(1000, 1000),
    interpolate = TRUE
  ) +
  scale_color_viridis_c()
```

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geom_scattermost *geom_scattermost*

Description

Totally non-ggplotish version of geom_scattermore(), but faster. It avoids most of the ggplot processing by bypassing the largest portion of data around any ggplot functionality, leaving only enough data to set up axes and limits correctly. If you need to break speed records, use this.

Usage

```
geom_scattermost(
  xy,
  color = "black",
  interpolate = FALSE,
  pointsize = 0,
  pixels = c(512, 512)
)
```

Arguments

xy	2-column object with data, as in scattermore().
color	Color vector (or a single color).
interpolate	Default FALSE, passed to grid::rasterGrob().
pointsize	Radius of rasterized point. Use 0 for single pixels (fastest).
pixels	Vector with X and Y resolution of the raster, default c(512,512).

Examples

```
library(ggplot2)
library(scattermore)
d <- data.frame(x = rnorm(1000000), y = rnorm(1000000))
x_rng <- range(d$x)
ggplot() +
  geom_scattermost(cbind(d$x, d$y),
    color = heat.colors(100, alpha = .01)
    [1 + 99 * (d$x - x_rng[1]) / diff(x_rng)],
    pointsize = 2.5,
    pixels = c(1000, 1000),
    interpolate = TRUE
  )
```

GeomScattermore *The actual geom for scattermore*

Description

The actual geom for scattermore

Usage

```
GeomScattermore
```

Format

An object of class GeomScattermore (inherits from Geom, ggproto, gg) of length 6.

GeomScattermost *The actual geom for scattermost*

Description

The actual geom for scattermost

Usage

```
GeomScattermost
```

Format

An object of class `GeomScattermost` (inherits from `Geom`, `ggproto`, `gg`) of length 4.

histogram_to_rgbwt *histogram_to_rgbwt*

Description

Colorize given histogram with input palette.

Usage

```
histogram_to_rgbwt(
  fhistogram,
  RGBA = grDevices::col2rgb(col, alpha = T),
  col = grDevices::hcl.colors(10),
  zlim = c(min(fhistogram), max(fhistogram))
)
```

Arguments

`fhistogram`	Matrix or 2D array with the histogram of values.
`RGBA`	4-by-N matrix floating-point R, G, B and A channels for the palette. Overrides `col`.
`col`	Colors to use for coloring.
`zlim`	Values to use as extreme values of the histogram

Value

RGBWT matrix.

merge_rgbwt *merge_rgbwt*

Description

Merge RGBWT matrices.

Usage

```
merge_rgbwt(fRGBWT_list)
```

Arguments

fRGBWT_list	List of RGBWT arrays. The order of the matrices does not matter (except for negligible floating-point rounding and other robustness errors).

Value

Merged RGBWT matrix.

rgba_float_to_rgba_int *rgba_float_to_rgba_int*

Description

Convert a float RGBA bitmap with pre-multiplied alpha to integer RGBA bitmap.

Usage

```
rgba_float_to_rgba_int(fRGBA)
```

Arguments

fRGBA	RGBA bitmap in N-by-M-by-4 array.

Value

RGBA matrix. The output *is not premultiplied* by alpha.

rgba_int_to_raster *rgba_int_to_raster*

Description

Create a raster from the given RGBA matrix.

Usage

```
rgba_int_to_raster(i32RGBA)
```

Arguments

i32RGBA	Integer RGBA matrix (with all values between 0 and 255).

Value

The matrix converted to raster.

rgbwt_to_rgba_float *rgbwt_to_rgba_float*

Description

Convert RGBWT matrix to floating-point RGBA matrix, suitable for alpha-blending.

Usage

```
rgbwt_to_rgba_float(fRGBWT)
```

Arguments

fRGBWT	The RGBWT matrix.

Value

RGBA matrix, output *is premultiplied* by alpha.

rgbwt_to_rgba_int *rgbwt_to_rgba_int*

Description

Convert a RGBWT matrix to an integer RGBA matrix.

Usage

```
rgbwt_to_rgba_int(fRGBWT)
```

Arguments

fRGBWT	The RGBWT matrix.

Value

A RGBA matrix. The output *is not premultiplied* by alpha.

scatter_lines_histogram *scatter_lines_histogram*

Description

Render lines into a histogram.

Usage

```
scatter_lines_histogram(
  xy,
  xlim = c(min(xy[, c(1, 3)]), max(xy[, c(1, 3)])),
  ylim = c(min(xy[, c(2, 4)]), max(xy[, c(2, 4)])),
  out_size = c(512L, 512L),
  skip_start_pixel = FALSE,
  skip_end_pixel = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

xy	4-column matrix with point coordinates. Each row contains X and Y coordinates of line start and X and Y coordinates of line end, in this order.
xlim, ylim	2-element vector of rendered area limits (position of the first pixel on the left/top, and the last pixel on the right/bottom). You can flip the image coordinate system by flipping the *lim vectors.

`out_size` 2-element vector size of the result raster, defaults to `c(512L,512L)`.

`skip_start_pixel` TRUE if the start pixel of the lines should be omitted, defaults to `FALSE`.

`skip_end_pixel` TRUE if the end pixel of a line should be omitted, defaults to `TRUE`. (When plotting long ribbons of connected lines, this prevents counting the connecting pixels twice.)

Value

Histogram with the rendered lines.

`scatter_lines_rgbwt` *scatter_lines_rgbwt*

Description

Render lines into a RGBWT bitmap.

Usage

```
scatter_lines_rgbwt(
  xy,
  xlim = c(min(xy[, c(1, 3)]), max(xy[, c(1, 3)])),
  ylim = c(min(xy[, c(2, 4)]), max(xy[, c(2, 4)])),
  out_size = c(512L, 512L),
  RGBA = c(0, 0, 0, 255),
  skip_start_pixel = FALSE,
  skip_end_pixel = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

`xy` 4-column matrix with point coordinates. Each row contains X and Y coordinates of line start and X and Y coordinates of line end, in this order.

`xlim`, `ylim` 2-element vector of rendered area limits (position of the first pixel on the left/top, and the last pixel on the right/bottom). You can flip the image coordinate system by flipping the `*lim` vectors.

`out_size` 2-element vector size of the result raster, defaults to `c(512L,512L)`.

`RGBA` Vector of 4 elements with integral RGBA color for the lines, defaults to `c(0,0,0,255)`.

`skip_start_pixel` TRUE if the start pixel of the lines should be omitted, defaults to `FALSE`.

`skip_end_pixel` TRUE if the end pixel of a line should be omitted, defaults to `TRUE`. (When plotting long ribbons of connected lines, this prevents counting the connecting pixels twice.)

Value

Lines plotted in RGBWT bitmap.

scatter_points_histogram *scatter_points_histogram*

Description

Render a 2D histogram with given points

Usage

```
scatter_points_histogram(
  xy,
  xlim = c(min(xy[, 1]), max(xy[, 1])),
  ylim = c(min(xy[, 2]), max(xy[, 2])),
  out_size = c(512L, 512L)
)
```

Arguments

xy	2-column matrix with point coordinates (X and Y).
xlim, ylim	2-element vector of rendered area limits (position of the first pixel on the left/top, and the last pixel on the right/bottom). You can flip the image coordinate system by flipping the *lim vectors.
out_size	2-element vector size of the result raster, defaults to c(512L,512L).

Value

2D histogram with the points "counted" in appropriate pixels.

scatter_points_rgbwt *scatter_points_rgbwt*

Description

Render colored points into a RGBWT bitmap

Usage

```
scatter_points_rgbwt(
  xy,
  xlim = c(min(xy[, 1]), max(xy[, 1])),
  ylim = c(min(xy[, 2]), max(xy[, 2])),
  out_size = c(512, 512),
  RGBA = c(0, 0, 0, 255),
  map = NULL,
  palette = NULL
)
```

Arguments

xy	2-column matrix with N point coordinates (X and Y) in rows.
xlim, ylim	2-element vector of rendered area limits (position of the first pixel on the left/top, and the last pixel on the right/bottom). You can flip the image coordinate system by flipping the *lim vectors.
out_size	2-element vector size of the result raster, defaults to c(512L,512L).
RGBA	Point colors. Either a 4-element vector that specifies the same color for all points, or 4-by-N matrix that specifies color for each of the individual points. Color is specified using integer RGBA; i.e. the default black is c(0,0,0,255).
map	Vector with N integer indices to palette. Overrides RGBA-based coloring.
palette	Matrix 4-by-K matrix of RGBA colors used as a palette lookup for the map that gives the point colors. K is at least max(map). Notably, using a palette may be faster than filling and processing the whole RGBA matrix.

Value

A RGBWT array with the rendered points.

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scattermore *scattermore*

Description

Convert points to raster scatterplot rather quickly.

Usage

```
scattermore(
  xy,
  size = c(512, 512),
  xlim = c(min(xy[, 1]), max(xy[, 1])),
  ylim = c(min(xy[, 2]), max(xy[, 2])),
  rgba = c(0L, 0L, 0L, 255L),
  cex = 0,
  output.raster = TRUE
)
```

Arguments

xy	2-column float matrix with point coordinates. As usual with rasters in R, X axis grows right, and Y axis grows DOWN. Flipping ylim causes the usual mathematical behavior.
size	2-element vector integer size of the result raster, defaults to c(512,512).
xlim, ylim	Float limits as usual (position of the first pixel on the left/top, and the last pixel on the right/bottom). You can easily flip the top/bottom to the "usual" mathematical system by flipping the ylim vector.

rgba	4-row matrix with color values of 0-255, or just a single 4-item vector for c(r,g,b,a). Best created with col2rgb(..., alpha=TRUE).
cex	Additional point radius in pixels, 0=single-pixel dots (fastest)
output.raster	Output R-style raster (as.raster)? Default TRUE. Raw array output can be used much faster, e.g. for use with png::writePNG.

Value

Raster with the result.

Examples

```
library(scattermore)
plot(scattermore(cbind(rnorm(1e6), rnorm(1e6)), rgba = c(64, 128, 192, 10)))
```

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scattermoreplot *scattermoreplot*

Description

Convenience base-graphics-like layer around scattermore. Currently only works with linear axes!

Usage

```
scattermoreplot(
  x,
  y,
  xlim,
  ylim,
  size,
  col = grDevices::rgb(0, 0, 0, 1),
  cex = 0,
  pch = NULL,
  xlab,
  ylab,
  ...
)
```

Arguments

x, y, xlim, ylim, xlab, ylab, ...	used as in graphics::plot() or forwarded to graphics::plot()
size	forwarded to scattermore(), or auto-derived from device and plot size if missing (the estimate is not pixel-perfect on most devices, but gets pretty close)
col	point color(s)
cex	forwarded to scattermore()
pch	ignored (to improve compatibility with graphics::plot()

Examples

```
# plot an actual rainbow
library(scattermore)
d <- data.frame(s = qlogis(1:1e6 / (1e6 + 1), 6, 0.5), t = rnorm(1e6, pi / 2, 0.5))
scattermoreplot(
  d$s * cos(d$t),
  d$s * sin(d$t),
  col = rainbow(1e6, alpha = .05)[c((9e5 + 1):1e6, 1:9e5)],
  main = "scattermore demo"
)
```

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