# S4 Class trajectories

### Basis of object programming

```
setClass(Class="Trajectories",
  representation=representation(
  times = "numeric",
  traj = "matrix"
) )
```

### 4.2 Default constructor

```
new(Class="Trajectories")
An object of class "Trajectories"
Slot "times":
numeric(0)
Slot "traj":
<0 x 0 matrix>
As you can note, the result is not easy to read... It will be important to define a method to improve it. We'll
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As you can note, the result is not easy to read... It will be important to define a method to improve it. We'll deal with that in the section 5.2 page 20. It is possible to define an object by specifying the values of its slots (all of them, or partly). We must each time specify it name of the concerning field:

An object can be stored in a variable like any other value of R. To illustrate our statements, we are going to build up a small example. Three hospitals take part to the study. The Piti'e Salp^etriere (which has not yet returned its data file, shame on them!), Cochin and Saint-Anne:

### Reach a slot

```
trajCochin@times

[1] 1 3 4 5

trajCochin@times <- c(1,2,4,5)
trajCochin

An object of class "Trajectories"
Slot "times":
[1] 1 2 4 5

Slot "traj":
       [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1,] 15.0 15.1 15.2 15.2
[2,] 16.0 15.9 16.0 16.4
[3,] 15.2 NA 15.3 15.3
[4,] 15.7 15.6 15.8 16.0</pre>
```

As we will see thereafter, the use of the @ should be avoided. Indeed, it does not call upon the methods of checking. The use that we present here (posting of a field, and even worse, assignment of a value to a field) should thus be proscribed in most cases.

It is also possible to use the functions attr or attributes, but it is even worse: if one makes a simple typographic error, one modifies the structure of the object. And that is very very bad!

#### 4.4 Default values

# The empty object

```
identical(numeric(),integer())
[1] FALSE
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# 4.7 to see an object

```
slotNames("Trajectories")

[1] "times" "traj"

getSlots ("Trajectories")

    times    traj
    "numeric" "matrix"

getClass ("Trajectories")

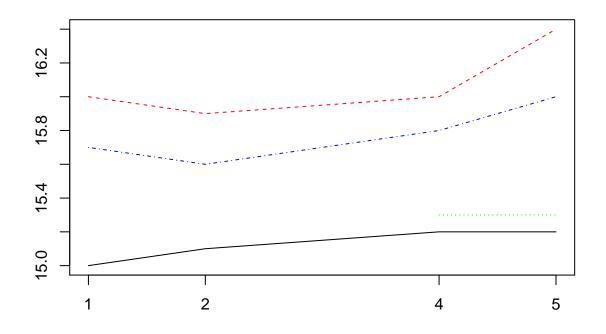
Class "Trajectories" [in ".GlobalEnv"]

Slots:

Name:    times    traj
Class:    numeric    matrix
```

## $\mathbf{SetMethod}$

```
setMethod("plot",
    signature = "Trajectories", function (x, y,...) {
    matplot(x@times,t(x@traj),xaxt="n",type="l",ylab= "", xlab="", pch=1)
    axis(1,at=x@times)
})
plot(trajCochin)
```



```
setMethod ("print", "Trajectories", function(x,...) {
    cat("*** Class Trajectories, method Print *** \n")
    cat("* Times ="); print (x@times)
    cat("* Traj = \n"); print (x@traj)
    cat("****** End Print (trajectories) ****** \n")
})
print(trajCochin)
*** Class Trajectories, method Print ***
* Times =[1] 1 2 4 5
* Traj =
     [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4]
[1,] 15.0 15.1 15.2 15.2
[2,] 16.0 15.9 16.0 16.4
[3,] 15.2
          NA 15.3 15.3
[4,] 15.7 15.6 15.8 16.0
***** End Print (trajectories) *****
print(trajStAnne)
*** Class Trajectories, method Print ***
* Times = [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24 26 28 30 32
* Traj =
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[38,] 18.04414 18.15435 18.60597 18.85862 18.72075 19.16837 19.32138
[39,] 18.27973 18.18306 18.50891 18.69780 18.81829 18.96879 19.21904
[40,] 18.18882 18.46755 18.00906 18.69092 19.18029 18.90033 18.99740
[41,] 18.12439 18.30193 18.50925 18.37899 18.82897 18.54237 18.86119
[42,] 18.21386 18.54070 18.39750 18.50666 18.64454 18.79222 19.28649
[43,] 17.84572 18.14399 18.28572 18.42026 18.60898 18.46347 19.10975
[44,] 18.45238 17.95924 18.27036 18.42014 18.77155 18.78633 19.18258
[45,] 18.04196 18.63978 18.38713 18.85302 19.03231 18.72391 18.98263
[46,] 17.70515 18.18938 18.40433 18.98530 18.68621 18.89623 18.98590
[47,] 17.90335 18.73980 18.19617 18.99565 18.86518 18.77167 18.89281
[48,] 18.61359 18.30943 18.24187 18.60479 18.95372 19.23885 19.14907
[49,] 18.21949 18.11146 18.44240 18.44611 19.05751 18.64579 19.00023
[50,] 18.49658 18.19978 18.64751 18.34804 18.52912 18.53643 18.45057
[51,] 16.94858 17.83190 17.48924 17.69680 17.61827 17.77555 18.64401
[52,] 17.43907 16.92105 17.67761 17.64597 17.58517 17.77055 17.97014
[53,] 16.96451 17.29014 17.46518 17.63921 17.98598 18.03469 18.02411
[54,] 17.34576 17.50644 17.74925 17.81855 17.88254 17.82430 18.16206
[55,] 17.31051 17.67666 17.29119 17.83901 17.69261 17.96928 17.64529
[56,] 17.33638 17.12916 17.49859 17.53689 17.71900 17.79391 18.15585
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[57,] 17.22085 17.35699 17.32456 17.50316 17.39390 17.89196 18.39967
[58,] 17.02157 17.84904 17.74472 17.67480 17.46985 18.15430 18.06692
[59,] 17.10653 17.55887 17.73730 17.26314 17.81525 18.09626 17.98616
[60,] 17.29059 17.45238 17.71028 17.74317 17.94589 17.82886 17.83551
[61,] 17.75010 17.36083 17.49446 18.00114 17.50899 18.01499 17.96915
[62,] 17.66286 17.53715 17.51052 17.89996 17.71252 17.94040 18.13767
[63,] 17.56511 16.78475 17.63428 17.58358 17.82931 18.10733 17.89009
[64,] 17.17315 17.49107 17.51993 17.65867 17.33790 18.28280 18.08198
[65,] 17.51700 17.57209 17.45555 17.60583 18.04029 18.02720 17.91788
[66,] 17.56215 17.42467 17.78734 17.20976 17.64414 18.13627 17.94638
[67,] 17.32313 17.33298 17.55111 17.51142 17.85728 18.00448 17.97965
[68,] 17.33630 17.63470 17.51608 17.29333 17.62180 17.74703 18.53779
[69,] 17.55522 17.88892 17.68549 17.81761 17.54922 17.65032 18.18780
[70,] 17.27240 17.40728 17.37196 17.72733 17.98161 17.66627 18.01940
[71,] 17.51739 17.31853 17.42671 17.23256 17.61802 17.75926 18.03326
[72,] 17.60651 17.37234 17.65371 17.82761 17.42817 17.79455 17.98281
[73,] 17.39658 17.51164 17.46104 17.49267 17.69640 17.75575 17.74596
[74,] 16.95818 17.58399 17.60953 17.46675 17.47199 18.32744 18.02201
[75,] 17.23008 17.28418 17.94136 17.57026 17.61758 18.04759 18.07796
[76,] 17.18753 17.40416 17.21424 17.75199 17.73267 17.91675 17.59217
[77,] 17.33654 17.50627 17.51180 17.44885 17.82322 18.04010 18.23415
[78,] 17.33623 17.44473 17.60311 17.98616 17.61377 17.75421 18.17772
[79,] 17.39357 17.67384 17.52311 17.00698 18.12858 18.43742 18.31258
[80,] 17.40548 17.62495 17.55422 17.52761 17.59191 17.80935 17.48302
***** End Print (trajectories) *****
```

For Cochin, the result is correct. For Saint-Anne, print will display too much information. So we need a second method.

show is the default method used to show an object when its name is write in the console. We thus define it by taking into account the size of the object: if there are too many trajectories, show post only part of them.

```
setMethod("show","Trajectories", function(object) {
   cat("*** Class Trajectories, method Show *** \n")
   cat("* Times ="); print(object@times)
   nrowShow <- min(10, nrow(object@traj))
   ncolShow <- min(10, ncol(object@traj))
   cat("* Traj (limited to a matrix 10x10) = \n")
   print(formatC(object@traj[1:nrowShow,1:ncolShow]),quote=FALSE)
   cat("******* End Show (trajectories) ******* \n")
})</pre>
```

### trajStAnne

```
*** Class Trajectories, method Show ***

* Times = [1] 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24 26 28 30 32

* Traj (limited to a matrix 10x10) =

[,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5] [,6] [,7] [,8] [,9] [,10]

[1,] 15.94 16.37 15.97 16.58 16.92 16.49 17.07 17.48 17.5 17.38

[2,] 15.85 16.07 15.91 16.72 16.61 17.03 17.5 17.22 17.4 17.48

[3,] 15.68 16.24 16.17 16.53 16.45 16.73 17.12 17.05 17.64 17.23

[4,] 16.18 15.83 16.7 16.33 16.87 16.94 17.11 16.99 16.99 17.35

[5,] 16 16.38 16.2 16.73 16.45 16.94 16.97 16.99 17.41 17.47

[6,] 15.9 16.38 16.09 16.15 16.59 16.71 17.16 17.13 17.4 17.67

[7,] 15.9 16.35 16.46 16.62 16.8 16.69 16.96 16.9 17.3 17.05

[8,] 15.74 16.32 16.62 16.24 16.75 16.89 16.68 17.02 17.36 17.19
```

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[9,] 16.03 16.13 16.15 16.32 16.39 17.18 16.8 17.31 17.11 17.5 [10,] 15.72 15.82 16.45 16.65 16.22 16.63 16.83 17.01 17.38 17.26 ****** End Show (trajectories) *******
```

A small problem must still be regulated. We saw in section 4.6 page 17 that new should be usable without any argument. However, it is no longer true:

```
new("Trajectories")

*** Class Trajectories, method Show ***

* Times =numeric(0)

* Traj (limited to a matrix 10x10) =

Error in object@traj[1:nrowShow, 1:ncolShow]: subscript out of bounds
```

# Taking in account an empty object

Indeed, new creates an object, then display it using show. In the case of new without any argument, the empty object is send to show. However, show as we conceived it cannot treat the empty object.

More generally, all our methods must take into account the fact that they may have to deal with the empty object:

```
setMethod("show", "Trajectories", function(object){
    cat("*** Class Trajectories, method Show *** \n")
    cat("* Times = "); print (object@times)

    nrowShow <- min(10,nrow(object@traj))
    ncolShow <- min(10,ncol(object@traj))
    cat("* Traj (limited to a matrix 10x10) = \n")

    if(length(object@traj) != 0){
        print(formatC(object@traj[1:nrowShow,1:ncolShow]),quote=FALSE)
    } else {}
        cat("******* End Show (trajectories) ******* \n")
}

new("Trajectories")</pre>
```

```
*** Class Trajectories, method Show ***
* Times = numeric(0)
* Traj (limited to a matrix 10x10) =
****** End Show (trajectories) *******
```