

# Package ‘hiR’

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assign\_colors

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*Partition a numeric vector into a set of breaks and assign colors*


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## Description

This function takes an input numeric vector and partitions it into a set number of breaks. It then assigns a color to each break via RColorBrewer

## Usage

```
assign_colors(var, n = 9, style = "jenks",
  pal = "Spectral", na_color = "#787878",
  na_omit = FALSE, alph = 1)
```

## Arguments

var	Numeric vector to partition
n	Number of colors / breaks
style	Breaks algorithm from "classIntervals" in the "classInt" package. These include: "fixed", "sd", "equal", "pretty", "quantile", "kmeans", "hclust", "bclust", "fisher", or "jenks"
pal	Palette from RColorBrewer
na_color	Hex code to assign NA values
na_omit	Logical; should the function remove NAs. 'na_color' will be irrelevant if this is TRUE.
alph	Opacity level (0=transparent, 1=opaque)

## Value

A data.frame with the variable, break assignments, and color assignments

## Examples

```
var <- rnorm(100)
library("hiR")
var_cols <- assign_colors(var)
par(family="HersheySans")
plot(var_cols$var,
  pch=20,
  col=var_cols$col,
  xlab="index",
  ylab="value",
  main="assign_colors example")
```

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calendar_heat_map	Create a calendar heat map with a set number of breaks
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### Description

This function creates a calendar heat map with custom break values, allowing for comparisons between multiple time series.

### Usage

```
calendar_heat_map(dates, values, breaks, ncolors = 9,
  pal = "Spectral", varname = "Values",
  date_form = "%Y-%m-%d")
```

### Arguments

dates	Vector of dates.
values	Numeric vector of values per day.
breaks	Vector specifying values to breaks colors at (optional).
ncolors	Number of colors to use.
pal	Palette from RColorBrewer
varname	Name of variable for plot title.
date_form	Date format. Defaults to "%Y-%m-%d"

### Examples

```
date <- seq(from=as.Date("2010-01-01"),
  to=as.Date("2012-12-31"),
  by='day')
value <- rnorm(length(date), mean = 10, sd=1)
library("hiR")
calendar_heat_map(dates=date, values=value)
```

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cbind_fill	Like rbind.fill in plyr but with cbind.
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### Description

Like rbind.fill in plyr but with cbind.

### Usage

```
cbind_fill(...)
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### Arguments

...	data.frames to combine.
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classify_sentiment	<i>Classify the sentiment of text documents</i>
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### Description

This function takes a character vector of documents as an input and returns probabilistic sentiment classification. This function is a slight adjustment to "classify\_polarity" in the "sentiment" package. **WARNING:** This still needs to be tweaked to return meaningful classifications. Use the pos/neg ratio as a better metric for now.

### Usage

```
classify_sentiment(text, algorithm = "bayes",
  pstrong = 1, pweak = 0.75, prior = 1,
  neutral_range = c(1, 1.5), verbose = FALSE, ...)
```

### Arguments

text	A character vector of text blobs.
algorithm	A string indicating whether to use the naive bayes algorithm or a simple voter algorithm.
pstrong	A numeric specifying the probability that a strongly subjective term appears in the given text.
pweak	A numeric specifying the probability that a weakly subjective term appears in the given text.
prior	A numeric specifying the prior probability to use for the naive Bayes classifier.
neutral_range	# A numeric vector specifying the low and high value of pos/neg ratio to classify as "neutral."
verbose	A logical specifying whether to print detailed output regarding the classification process.
...	Additional arguments to pass to create_matrix in the sentiment package

### Examples

```
documents <- c("I am very happy, excited, and optimistic.",
  "I am very scared, annoyed, and irritated.",
  "Iraq's political crisis entered its second
  week one step closer to the potential
  dissolution of the government, with a call
  for elections by a vital coalition partner
  and a suicide attack that extended the spate
  of violence that has followed the withdrawal
  of U.S. troops.",
  "With nightfall approaching, Los Angeles
  authorities are urging residents to keep their
  outdoor lights on as police and fire officials
  try to catch the person or people responsible
  for nearly 40 arson fires in the last three days.")

library("hiR")
classify_sentiment(documents, algorithm="bayes", verbose=TRUE)
```

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gen_var_names	<i>Automatically generate variable names for subsetting dataframes.</i>
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### Description

Say you were building a dataset and wanted to automatically generate variable names by some pattern. For instance, you might want to do this with population counts within 100 census tracts by race IE: `tracts <- paste("c", rep(1:100), sep=""); race <- c("black", "white", "hispanic");` In this case you would want to generate 300 unique variable names This function will generate these variable names automatically when provided with: 1. the "roots" - in the example above, the unique census tracts 2. the "vars" - in the example above, the unique races

### Usage

```
gen_var_names(roots, vars, delim = "_")
```

### Arguments

roots	A set of names that serve as the root variable
vars	A set of names that represent the subsets of each root variable
delim	Character to separate roots and vars by. Defaults to "_"

### Examples

```
tracts <- paste("ct", rep(1:100), sep="")
race <- c("black", "white", "hispanic")
library("hiR")
gen_var_names(roots=tracts, vars=race)
```

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geocode	<i>Geocode strings of text via the Google API</i>
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### Description

The function hits the google maps API and tries to geocode strings of text

### Usage

```
geocode(uid_location)
```

### Arguments

uid_location	A data.frame with one column named "uid" - a vector unique ids and another column named "location" - a vector of strings of text to geocode
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### Value

A data.frame with the uid, location, lat, lng, and type indicating the geocoding precision

## Examples

```
# Generate the data
uid <- paste0("city", 1:5)
location <- c("Boston, MA",
              "New York, NY",
              "Washington D.C.",
              "Philadelphia, PA",
              "Baltimore, MD"
            )
uid_location <- data.frame(uid, location)

# Run geocoding function
library("plyr")
library("hiR")
geocoded_data <- ddply(uid_location, .(uid), geocode)
summary(geocoded_data)

# Plot results
#param
par(family="HersheySans")

#map
library("maps")
regions <- c("new hampshire",
             "massachusetts",
             "rhode island",
             "penn",
             "connecticut",
             "washington d.c",
             "new york",
             "new jersey",
             "delaware",
             "maryland"
            )
map("state", region=regions, col="grey80")

#points + labels
points(geocoded_data$lng,
       geocoded_data$lat,
       pch=20,
       cex=2,
       col="steelblue")
text(geocoded_data$lng-0.5,
     geocoded_data$lat+0.3,
     labels=geocoded_data$location,
     cex=1,
     col="darkred")
title("Major Cities on the Eastern Seaboard")
```

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get\_klout\_scores

*Retrieve klout scores for a vector of twitter handles*


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## Description

Retrieve klout scores for a vector of twitter handles

## Usage

```
get_klout_scores(twitter_handles, api_key,  
  na_omit = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

twitter_handles	A character vector of twitter handles - with or without "@"
api_key	Your api key from <a href="http://klout.com/s/developers/">http://klout.com/s/developers/</a>
na_omit	Logical; should the function remove handles that don't have klout scores

## Value

A data.frame of twitter handles, klout ids, and klout scores

## Examples

```
# simply get a couple of klout scores  
# you can use my apikey for now but it will eventually break  
library("hiR")  
get_klout_scores(twitter_handles = c("brianabelson", "mhkeller"), api_key="8yng356gnjg37cvn4esbtewy")  
# see ex/get_klout_scores_ex.R for a more detailed use case
```

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lda

*An easy-to-use and comprehensive implementation of topic modeling  
in R*

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## Description

lda is a wrapper for `lda.collapsed.gibbs.sampler` in the "lda" package. It fits topic models using latent dirichlet allocation. It provides arguments for cleaning the input text and tuning the parameters of the model. It also returns a lot of useful information about the topics/documents in a format that you can easily join back to your original data. This allows you to easily model outcomes based on the distribution of topics within a collection of texts.

## Usage

```
lda(text, ids = NULL, lower_case = TRUE,  
  remove_stop_words = TRUE, stop_words_to_add = NULL,  
  remove_numbers = TRUE, remove_punctuation = TRUE,  
  remove_non_ascii = TRUE, stem_words = FALSE,  
  char_range = c(2, 50), min_word_count = 5,  
  n_topics = 10, n_topic_words = 20, n_iter = 1000,  
  burnin = 100, alpha = 0.1, eta = 0.1,  
  n_assignments = 3)
```

**Arguments**

text	A character vector of text documents
ids	A vector of ids (to allow joining results to other variables). default is 1:length(text)
lower_case	Logical; should the function make the text lower case?
remove_stop_words	Logical; should the function remove stop words? NOTE: this will also make the text lower case
stop_words_to_add	A character vector of stopwords to add
remove_numbers	Logical; should the function remove numbers?
remove_punctuation	Logical; should the function remove punctuation?
remove_non_ascii	Logical; should the function remove non-ASCII characters?
stem_words	Logical; should the function stem the words?
char_range	A numeric vector of length two with low and high value of characters per word (inclusive!) - e.g: c(3,50)
min_word_count	The number of times a word/feature must occur in a text to be considered
n_topics	The number of topics to fit
n_topic_words	The number of top topic words to return
n_iter	The number of iterations
burnin	The number of initial iterations to ignore. the function adds burnin to n_iter
alpha	The scalar value of the dirichlet hyperparameter for topic proportions
eta	The scalar value of the dirichlet hyperparameter for topic multinomials
n_assignments	The number of assignments to return (returned as ass_topic_a, ass_topic_b, ass_topic_c, etc.)

**Value**

A list of: \$topic\_words: A table of the top n words per topic, n = n\_topic\_words \$document\_stats: A data.frame of stats about topics in each document \$topic\_words: A table of top topic words in each document

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leading\_zeros

*Automatically add leading zeros to id columns*


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**Description**

This function quickly and painlessly adds leading zeros to id variables

**Usage**

```
leading_zeros(id = NULL, n_digits = NULL)
```



**Arguments**

id	A vector of ids
n_digits	The desired length of each id.

**Examples**

```
ids <- c("1", "12470192401", "30479103", "42u1p9241", "532", "3153")
library("hiR")
leading_zeros(id = ids)
```

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match_gender	<i>Retrieve gender given a vector of first names \n Warning: only about 60 match_gender(names, full = FALSE) \n itemnamesA character vector of names \n itemfullLogical; should the function try to extract the first name? WARNING: names like "sarah ann" will turn into "sarah" about 60-70 percent of first names from twitter accurately classified Retrieve gender given a vector of first names \n Warning: only about 60 names &lt;- c("cindy", "sally", "bob", "joe") library("hiR") match_gender(names)</i>
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regress_text	<i>Automate lasso/ridge text regression</i>
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**Description**

Adapted from: <https://github.com/johnmyleswhite/TextRegression>

**Usage**

```
regress_text(text, y, stop_words = TRUE,
             stem_words = TRUE, stop_words_to_add = NULL,
             sparse = 0.99, family = "gaussian", alpha = 0.1,
             n_splits = 10, size = 0.8)
```

**Arguments**

text,	A character vector of text blobs to use as predictors.
y	The outcome variable. Its class depends on the family of regression selected.
stop_words	Logical; should the function remove stop words?
stem_words	Logical; should the function stem words?
stop_words_to_add	A character vector of additional stopwords
sparse	Level of sparsity at which a given feature will not be considered (0-1)
family	Regression type in glmnet
alpha	Alpha=1 is the lasso penalty, and alpha=0 the ridge penalty.
n_splits	Number of times to resample data
size	How much of the data should be used during resampling for model fitting?

**Value**

A list with a data.frame of terms and coefficients, and optimal lamda and rmse metrics for model comparison

**Examples**

```
# from https://github.com/johnmyleswhite/TextRegression

text <- c('saying text is good',
          'saying text once and saying text twice is better',
          'saying text text text is best',
          'saying text once is still ok',
          'not saying it at all is bad',
          'because text is a good thing',
          'we all like text',
          'even though sometimes it is missing')

y <- c(1, 2, 3, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0)

library("hiR")
res <- regress_text(text, y)

print(res[[1]])
```

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 scraply

*Scrape urls with llply, handling errors*


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**Description**

This function is a shell for applying scraping functions across a vector of urls while handling errors

**Usage**

```
scraply(ids, scrape = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

ids	A character vector of ids/urls to feed to a scraping function
scrape	The scraping function to apply across the ids

**Value**

a data.frame created by scrape

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word_stemmer	<i>Stem each feature in a blob of text</i>
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**Description**

A vecotrizable wrapper for wordStem in the Rstem package

**Usage**

```
word_stemmer(document)
```

**Arguments**

document	A blob of text
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**Examples**

```
documents <- c("running runner run", "jumping jump jumped")
library(tm)
corpus <- Corpus(VectorSource(documents))
library("hiR")
as.character(tm_map(corpus, word_stemmer))
```

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