

# Package ‘rpostgisLT’

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**Title** Managing Animal Movement Data with 'PostGIS' and R

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**Description** The 'rpostgisLT' package develops the integration of R and 'PostGIS' for managing movement trajectories. The focus is on streamlining the work flow for biologists to store and process animal trajectories in 'PostGIS' and analyze them in R, thus utilizing the strengths of both software. The package relies on 'ltraj' objects from the R package 'adehabitatLT', and provides the analogous 'pgtraj' data structure in 'PostGIS', with all functions to create and manage 'pgtraj' data, and convert from and to both formats ('pgtraj' in 'PostGIS', 'ltraj' in R).

**SystemRequirements** PostgreSQL with PostGIS extension

**Depends** R (>= 3.3.0),  
DBI,  
RPostgreSQL,  
rpostgis (>= 1.0.2),  
adehabitatLT (>= 0.3.12)

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| as_pgtraj | <i>Imports location data from a database table into a 'traj' schema.</i> |
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## Description

as\_pgtraj populates a traj schema from the data provided in relocations\_table. If the provided schema doesn't exist, it will be created. On successful data input, as\_pgtraj creates two database views for each pgtraj. These views are named parameters\_<pgtraj\_name>, step\_geometry\_<pgtraj\_name> and described more in detail in the package vignette.

The time zone of the pgtraj is set to the local time zone of the user.

## Usage

```
as_pgtraj(conn, relocations_table, schema = "traj", pgtrajs = "pgtraj",
  animals = "animal", bursts = NULL, relocations, timestamps = NULL,
  rids = "rid", srid = NULL, note = NULL, clauses = NULL,
  info_cols = NULL, info_table = NULL, info_rids = NULL)
```

## Arguments

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| conn              | Connection object created with RPostgreSQL  |
| relocations_table | String. Name of the schema and table that stores the relocations, e.g. c("schema","relocations")  |
| schema            | String. Name of the schema that stores or will store the pgtraj data model (Default = "traj").  |
| pgtrajs           | String. Name of the pgtraj or name of the field that stores the pgtraj names.   |
| animals           | String. Name of the animal or name of the field that stores the animal names.   |
| bursts            | String. (Optional) name of the burst or name of the field that stores the burst names. If not given, each animal will have one burst.   |
| relocations       | String. Name of the field that contains the relocations in relocations_table. Relocations can be provided either as X,Y coordinates or PostGIS geometry. In both cases all relocations in the 'relocations_table' have to have the same projection. |
| timestamps        | String. Name of the field in relocations_table that contains the timestamps. If NULL, Type I trajectory is assumed.   |
| rids              | String. Name of the field in relocations_table that contains the numeric IDs of relocations.  |
| srid              | Integer. Optional SRID (spatial reference ID) of (x,y) coordinates provided for relocations. Ignored if relocations is a geometry type.   |
| note              | String. Comment on the pgtraj. The comment is only used in the database and not transferred into an ltraj.  |

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| clauses    | character, additional SQL to append to modify data selected from relocations_table. Must begin with WHERE ..., and cannot contain ORDER BY or LIMIT clauses. |
| info_cols  | String. Optional character vector of column names of additional information on relocations (replicating "infolocs" from the adehabitatLT object lttraj).     |
| info_table | Character vector of c("schema", "table") holding the info_cols. If info_cols are in relocations_table, leave NULL.   |
| info_rids  | String. Column name of unique integer ID in info_table to join with rids. If info_cols are in relocations_table, leave NULL.                                 |

### Details

Opening and closing connections have to be done manually by the user. However, the function checks if the provided connection is still valid.

### Value

TRUE on success

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### References

<https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/adehabitatLT/vignettes/adehabitatLT.pdf>

### See Also

Section on traj data model in the package vignette.

### Examples

```
## Not run:
as_pgtraj(conn,
  relocations_table = c("example_data", "relocations_plus"),
  schema = "traj_t4",
  pgtrajs = "id",
  animals = "animal",
  bursts = "burst",
  relocations = "geom",
  timestamps = "time",
  rids = "gid")

## End(Not run)

## Not run:
as_pgtraj(conn,
  relocations_table = c("example_data", "relocations_plus"),
  schema = "traj_t4",
  pgtrajs = "id",
  animals = "animal",
  bursts = "burst",
  relocations = c("x", "y"),
  timestamps = "time",
  rids = "gid")
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## End(Not run)
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| ltraj2pgtraj | <i>Export ltraj object from R into database.</i> |
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## Description

ltraj2pgtraj creates a new traj schema or uses an existing one and exports an ltraj to the database. The time zone and projection information stored in the ltraj is transferred to the database.

## Usage

```
ltraj2pgtraj(conn, ltraj, schema = "traj", pgtraj = NULL, note = NULL,
  overwrite = FALSE, infolocs = TRUE)
```

## Arguments

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| conn      | A connection object.  |
| ltraj     | An object of class ltraj.   |
| schema    | Character. Name of the schema that stores or will store the pgtraj data model.  |
| pgtraj    | Character. Name of the new pgtraj. Defaults to the name of the provided ltraj.  |
| note      | Character. A note that will be stored with the pgtraj in the database.  |
| overwrite | Logical. Use if a pgtraj with the same name as the provided ltraj already exists in the database: If TRUE, the existing pgtraj is deleted and the provided ltraj is inserted. If FALSE, the function exits. Note that overwrite requires an exact match among the pgtraj names otherwise it is ignored. |
| infolocs  | Logical. Whether to write infolocs to database.   |

## Value

TRUE on success.

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## See Also

[as\\_pgtraj](#) to create a pgtraj with data already stored in the database.

## Examples

```
## Not run:
# create pgtraj from ltraj "ibex" in schema "traj_t2"
ltraj2pgtraj(conn, ibex, "traj_t2")

## End(Not run)
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| pgtraj2ltraj | <i>Import a pgtraj into an ltraj.</i> |
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**Description**

pgtraj2ltraj imports a single pgtraj from a database into an ltraj object.

**Usage**

```
pgtraj2ltraj(conn, pgtraj, schema = "traj")
```

**Arguments**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| conn   | Connection object created with RPostgreSQL                                  |
| pgtraj | String. Name of the pgtraj.   |
| schema | String. Name of the schema that stores or will store the pgtraj data model. |

**Value**

an ltraj object

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**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# create ltraj from pgtraj named "ibex" in schema "traj_t2"
ibex<-pgtraj2ltraj(conn, "ibex", "traj_t2")

## End(Not run)
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| pgtrajDrop | <i>Delete a pgtraj from a traj schema.</i> |
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**Description**

pgtrajDrop deletes a pgtraj from a traj schema.

**Usage**

```
pgtrajDrop(conn, pgtraj, schema = "traj", full_clean = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

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| conn       | Connection object created with RPostgreSQL   |
| pgtraj     | String. Name of the pgtraj.  |
| schema     | String. Name of the schema that stores the traj data model.  |
| full_clean | String. Whether to delete all unused rows in all tables associated with the pgtraj (and any other previously deleted pgtrajs). Recommended, but may take a long time to run in schemas with many large pgtraj's. |

**Value**

TRUE on success

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**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# drop "ibex" pgtraj in schema "traj"
pgtrajDrop(conn, "ibex")

## End(Not run)
```

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| pgtrajSchema | <i>Check pgtraj schema.</i> |
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**Description**

Checks if the provided schema is a valid pgtraj schema, and creates one if it does not exist.

**Usage**

```
pgtrajSchema(conn, schema = "traj")
```

**Arguments**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| conn   | Connection object created with RPostgreSQL.   |
| schema | Character string. Name of the schema that stores or will store the pgtraj data model. |

**Details**

Creates a schema to store pgtrajs in the database by calling a SQL script from `./sql/traj_schema.sql`. The schema name defaults to `traj`. If a schema with the provided name already exists in the database, it checks if it contains all the required tables. The function does not attempt to repair the schema if all pgtraj tables are not present (e.g. because some were manually deleted). In this case, a new pgtraj schema needs to be created, or the existing schema needs to be deleted and recreated.

The function has its own standalone transaction control.

**Value**

TRUE if the schema exists (whether it was already available or was successfully created).

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**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Check (or create) pgtraj schema with name "traj_1"
pgtrajSchema(conn,"traj_1")

## End(Not run)
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pgtrajVacuum

*pgtrajVacuum VACUUM on a pgtraj schema.*

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**Description**

Performs a VACUUM (garbage-collect and optionally analyze) on all the tables of a traj schema.

**Usage**

```
pgtrajVacuum(conn, schema = "traj", full = FALSE, verbose = FALSE,
  analyze = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| conn    | Connection object created with RPostgreSQL  |
| schema  | String. Name of the schema that stores or will store the pgtraj data model.   |
| full    | Logical. Whether to perform a "full" vacuum, which can reclaim more space, but takes much longer and exclusively locks the table.   |
| verbose | Logical. Whether to print a detailed vacuum activity report for each table.   |
| analyze | Logical. Whether to update statistics used by the planner to determine the most efficient way to execute a query (default to TRUE). |

**Value**

TRUE on success.

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**Examples**

```
## Not run:
# Vacuum analyze all tables in pgtraj schema with default name "traj"
pgtrajVacuum(conn)

## End(Not run)
```

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rpostgisLT*Integration of ltraj (adehabitatLT) and pgtraj (PostGIS).*

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rpostgisLT

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