

# Package ‘basr’

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**Description**

basr package

**Details**

This package provides a bunch of basic, but hopefully useful, functions for a variety of usage. For a list of documented functions, use `library(help = "basr")`

**Author(s)**

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| capwords | <i>Capitalizing</i> |
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**Description**

Capitalizing - every first letter of a word is changed to upper case.

**Usage**

`capwords(s, strict = FALSE)`

**Arguments**

- |        |  |
|--------|--|
| s      | A character vector, or an object that can be coerced to character by <code>as.character</code> . |
| strict | Logical: other letters than the first are converted to lower case                                |

**Value**

A character vector of the same length and with the same attributes as `x` (after possible coercion).

**Author(s)**

From the help page of [chartr](#)

## Examples

```
capwords(c("using AIC for model selection"))
## -> [1] "Using AIC For Model Selection"
capwords(c("using AIC", "for MODEL selection"), strict = TRUE)
## -> [1] "Using Aic" "For Model Selection"
##           ^^^      ^^^^^
##           'bad'    'good'
```

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confint

*Confidence Intervals for Model Parameters*

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## Description

Modified version of the [confint](#) function, which displays the coefficients in addition to the CIs, and allows for more control on display parameters. A plot argument and function allow to graph the coefficients and their CIs.

## Usage

```
confint(object, parm, level = 0.95, order = FALSE, groups, plot = FALSE,
        ...)

## S3 method for class 'confint'
plot(x, mar = c(5, 7, 3, 1) + 0.1, col = NULL,
     main = attr(x, "model"), pch = 19, add.signif = FALSE, ...)
```

## Arguments

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| order      | Logical. If TRUE, the results are ordered by descending order on the coefficient value.  |
| groups     | A factor in the sense that <code>as.factor(f)</code> defines the groups, or a list of such factors in which case their interaction is used for the groups. See <a href="#">split</a> . |
| plot       | Whether to plot the results.   |
| ...        | Further arguments passed to points.  |
| x          | A data.frame of class confint.   |
| mar        | The number of lines of margin, can be useful if the coefficient names do not fit in the left margin. See <a href="#">par</a> for more details.   |
| col        | The color of each coefficient + CI; gray by default. If "groups", the color of each (sorted) group; use a hcl palette by default.  |
| main       | The title of the plot.   |
| pch        | The symbol to be used for the points. See <a href="#">par</a> for more details.  |
| add.signif | Logical, whether to add an asterik for variables with CIs non-overlapping with zero.   |
| ...        | Further arguments passed to points.  |

**Value**

A data frame providing the CI and coefficients.

**Author(s)**

Mathieu Basille <basille@ase-research.org>

**See Also**

[confint](#) for more details on other parameters.

**Examples**

```
## Example of linear model
fit <- lm(100/mpg ~ disp + hp + wt + am, data = mtcars)
## Standard 'confint' function
stats::confint(fit)
## Same results with modified function
confint(fit)
## Argument 'level'
stats::confint(fit, level = .9)
confint(fit, level = .9)
## Argument 'order'
confint(fit, order = TRUE)
## Argument 'groups'
confint(fit, groups = c(3, 1, 1, 1, 2))
## Argument 'level', "'order' and 'groups' simultaneously
confint(fit, level = .9, order = TRUE, groups = c(3, 1, 1, 1, 2))
## Argument 'parm'
stats::confint(fit, "am")
confint(fit, "am")
##'
## Plot of the results
plot(confint(fit, order = TRUE, groups = c(3, 1, 1, 1, 2)))
confint(fit, order = TRUE, groups = c(3, 1, 1, 1, 2), plot = TRUE)
confint(fit, order = TRUE, groups = c(3, 1, 1, 1, 2), plot = TRUE,
  col = c("blue", "red", "green"), pch = 18, cex = 2)
confint(fit, order = TRUE, groups = c(3, 1, 1, 1, 2), level = 0.9,
  plot = TRUE, add.signif = TRUE)
```

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cv

*Coefficient of variation*


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**Description**

This function computes the coefficient of variation (i.e.  $sd / mean$ ) of the values in `x`. If `ci` is `TRUE` then confidence intervals are also computed.

**Usage**

```
cv(x, na.rm = FALSE, ci = FALSE, conf.level = 0.95,  
   method = c("mckaymod", "mckay", "naive"))
```

**Arguments**

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| x          | A numeric vector  |
| na.rm      | Logical. Should missing values be removed?  |
| ci         | Logical. Should confidence intervals be computed?   |
| conf.level | Confidence level of the interval.   |
| method     | The method to compute the confidence interval. Either the naive (naive), the McKay (mckay) or the modified McKay (mckaymod, default) approximation. |

**Value**

If ci, returns a list with the coefficient of variation. in the first element and the confidence interval in the second.

**Original URL**

<http://tolstoy.newcastle.edu.au/R/e2/help/07/06/19043.html>

**Author(s)**

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**References**

Vangel, M. G. (1996) Confidence intervals for a normal coefficient of variation. The American Statistician, 50: 21-26

**Examples**

```
xx <- 1:10  
cv(xx)  
sd(xx)/mean(xx)  
cv(xx, ci = TRUE)
```

dynamitePlot

*Dynamite Plots***Description**

Creates dynamite plots.

**Usage**

```
dynamitePlot(height, error, names.arg = NULL, significance = NA,
  ylim = c(0, maxLim), sym = FALSE, head = 0.7, lwd = par("lwd"),
  cex.sig = 1.2, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| height       | A vector of values describing the heights of the rectangular bars which make up the plot.  |
| error        | A vector of values indicating the length of error bars.  |
| names.arg    | A vector of names to be plotted below each bar or group of bars. If this argument is omitted, then the names are taken from the names attribute of height. |
| significance | A character vector giving the group significance for each value.   |
| ylim         | Limits for the y axis. By default, ylim uses c(0, maxLim), where maxLim is the maximum height + error multiplied by a factor of 1.1.                       |
| sym          | Logical. Whether to draw lower error bars.   |
| head         | A numeric, which gives the approximate width of the head, relative to the bar width.   |
| lwd          | The line width of the error bars, a <code>_positive_</code> number, defaulting to par("lwd") (usually 1).  |
| cex.sig      | The magnification to be used for significance groups relative to the current setting of cex (which defaults to 1).   |
| ...          | Arguments to be passed to barplot.   |

**Original URL**

<http://the-praise-of-insects.blogspot.ca/2012/04/dynamite-plots-in-r.html>

**Note**

Ben Bolker wrote an extensive discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of dynamite plots here: <http://emdbolker.wikidot.com/blog:dynamite>

**Author(s)**

Samuel Brown, modified by Mathieu Basille <basille@ase-research.org>

**Examples**

```

values <- c(1, 2, 5, 4)
errors <- c(0.25, 0.5, 0.33, 0.12)
names <- paste("Trial", 1:4)
sig <- c("a", "a", "b", "b")
dynamitePlot(values, errors)
par(mar = c(3, 5, 1, 1) + .1)
dynamitePlot(values, errors, names.arg = names, significance = sig,
  ylab = "Values", sym = TRUE, cex.lab = 1.5, cex.axis = 1.2,
  cex.names = 1.2, cex.sig = 1.5, space = c(0, 0.2, 0.8, 0.2),
  lwd = 2, head = 0, col = c(grey(0.5), "white"), border = c(NA,
    "black"))

```

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extrange

*Extended range*


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**Description**

Returns the range extended by a given proportion.

**Usage**

```
extrange(x, percent = 0.1, na.rm = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| x       | A numeric vector.                              |
| percent | The proportion to be added to the range.       |
| na.rm   | Logical, indicating if NA's should be omitted. |

**Details**

If the regular range returns a single value, the proportion is computed on this value itself (and not on the range).

**Author(s)**

Mathieu Basille <basille@ase-research.org>

**Examples**

```

extrange(0:10)
extrange(0:10, percent = .5)
extrange(-10:10)
extrange(rep(10, 3))

```

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`getcolors`*Choosing colors visually*

---

**Description**

Allows for the selection of `n` colors by using a simplified color swatch.

**Usage**

```
getcolors(n)
```

**Arguments**

|                |                                |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| <code>n</code> | The number of colors to choose |
|----------------|--------------------------------|

**Details**

`getcolors` allows selection with a mouse using the `locator` function. Following selection, a second plot opens showing how these colors look next to each other and on a background gradient of black to white. The function uses an RGB color model: Red increases on the y-axis, Green increases on the x-axis, and Blue is a repeated sequence of levels across the x-axis.

**Value**

A character vector with elements of 7 or 9 characters, `"#"` followed by the red, blue, green and optionally alpha values in hexadecimal (after rescaling to 0 ... 255). The optional alpha values range from 0 (fully transparent) to 255 (opaque).

**Original URL**

<http://menugget.blogspot.com/2013/01/choosing-colors-visually-with-getcolors.html>

**Author(s)**

Marc in the box

**Examples**

```
## Not run:
set.seed(1)
n <- 100
x <- seq(n)
y1 <- cumsum(rnorm(n))
y2 <- cumsum(rnorm(n))
y3 <- cumsum(rnorm(n))
y4 <- cumsum(rnorm(n))
ylim <- range(c(y1, y2, y3, y4))

cols <- getcolors(4)
```



```

plot(x, y1, ylim = ylim, t = "l", col = cols[1], lwd = 3, ylab = "")
lines(x, y2, col = cols[2], lwd = 3)
lines(x, y3, col = cols[3], lwd = 3)
lines(x, y4, col = cols[4], lwd = 3)
legend("topleft", legend = paste("y", 1:4, sep = ""), col = cols,
      lwd = 3)
## End(Not run)

```

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manual

*Generate package reference manual*


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## Description

Generate package reference manual. This function requires the devtools package.

## Usage

```
manual(pkg = ".", path = NULL, preview = TRUE, overwrite = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| pkg       | package description, can be path or package name. See <a href="#">as.package</a> for more information |
| path      | path in which to produce package. If NULL, defaults to the root directory of the package.             |
| preview   | preview generated PDF file  |
| overwrite | overwrite output file if it exists  |

## Author(s)

Mathieu Basille <basille@ase-research.org>

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memUse

*Memory usage of saved objects*


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## Description

Show memory usage of saved objects.

## Usage

```

memUse(pos = 1, pattern)

## S3 method for class 'memUse'
print(x, sort = c("size", "alphabetical"),
      decreasing = ifelse(sort == "size", TRUE, FALSE), n = 10, bytes = FALSE,
      ...)

```

**Arguments**

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| pos        | Which environment to use to list the saved objects (as a position in the search list). See <a href="#">ls</a> . |
| pattern    | An optional regular expression. See <a href="#">ls</a> .  |
| x          | An object of class memUse.  |
| sort       | Whether to sort the object list by size or alphabetical order.  |
| decreasing | Logical. Should the sort order be increasing or decreasing?   |
| n          | A single integer, giving the number of objects to display.  |
| bytes      | Logical. Whether to display the raw size in bytes.  |

**Value**

A data frame of classe memUse providing object names, class and memory usage; or `0` if no object is present in the specified environment.

**Original URL**

<http://stackoverflow.com/a/9839949>. See also the complete Stack Overflow thread: <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/1358003/tricks-to-manage-the-available-memory-in-an-r-session>

**Author(s)**

Michael Hallquist, modified by Mathieu Basille <basille@ase-research.org>

**Examples**

```
## Create some data
rand <- rnorm(100)
data(iris)
foo <- function(x) print(x)
##'
## Check memory usage (and raw numbers in bytes)
memUse()
memUse()$bytes
```

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mv

*Rename an R object.*


---

**Description**

Rename an R object.

**Usage**

```
mv(from, to)
```

**Arguments**

|      |  |
|------|--|
| from | The name of an R object, with or without quotes. |
| to   | The new name, with or without quotes.            |

**Author(s)**

Jean Lobry

**Examples**

```
bla <- 2
ls()
mv(bla, bli)
bli
ls()
```

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nselect

*Subsetting tables given occurrences*

---

**Description**

Select a subset of a table with at least n occurrences of a category.

**Usage**

```
nselect(x, col, n, droplevels = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| x          | A data frame or a matrix to be subsetting.  |
| col        | The column on which the occurrences are counted; can be the name or the number of the column. |
| n          | The minimum number of occurrences for which to keep the data.                                 |
| droplevels | Logical. If yes, unused levels from factors in the data frame are dropped.                    |

**Value**

A data frame.

**Author(s)**

Mathieu Basille <basille@ase-research.org>

### Examples

```
set.seed(1)
bla <- data.frame(value = rnorm(100), group = sample(letters[1:4],
  size = 100, replace = TRUE, prob = (1:4) * 10))
table(bla$group)
bli <- nselect(bla, 2, 25, droplevels = TRUE)
table(bli$group)
```

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q

*Terminate an R Session*


---

### Description

A modified version of [quit](#) or its alias [q](#). See [quit](#) for the function details.

### Usage

```
q(save = "default", status = 0, runLast = TRUE)
```

```
quit(save = "default", status = 0, runLast = TRUE)
```

### Details

If `save = "yes"`, the list of attached packages is automatically saved in a file `.Rpackages`. See [savepkglist](#) for more details.

### Author(s)

R Core Team, modified by Mathieu Basille <basille@ase-research.org>

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reclass

*Reclassify the values of a vector.*


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### Description

Reclassify given values of a vector by new values. Note that all values need not to be documented, only the ones that need to be modified.

### Usage

```
reclass(x, from, to = NULL, factor = FALSE, ...)
```

**Arguments**

|        |   |
|--------|---|
| x      | A character or numeric vector.  |
| from   | A vector describing the values to change from, or a matrix of reclassification with two columns (from, to). |
| to     | A vector describing the values to change to, or nothing if from is a matrix.                                |
| factor | Logical, whether to return a factor (default is FALSE).   |
| ...    | Additional arguments passed to factor.  |

**Value**

A vector with the same length as x.

**Author(s)**

Mathieu Basille <basille@ase-research.org>

**Examples**

```
(bla <- rep(1:5, 3))
reclass(bla, c(3, 4), c(7, 3))
reclass(bla, c(3, 4), c("a", "b"))

## Conversion as a factor
reclass(bla, c(3, 4), c("a", "b"), factor = TRUE)
(bli <- rep(letters[1:5], 3))
reclass(bli, c("b", "d"), c(1, 2))

## With a matrix of reclassification
(mat <- matrix(c("b", "d", 1, 2), ncol = 2))
reclass(bli, mat)

## Fast computation time on large vectors
blu <- rpois(1e6, 10)
system.time(reclass(blu, c(3, 4), c(7, 3)))
```

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save.image

*Save the current workspace*


---

**Description**

A modified version of [save.image](#) that allows to save the commands history and the list of attached packages. See [save.image](#) for the function details.

**Usage**

```
save.image(file = ".RData", version = NULL, ascii = FALSE,
  compress = !ascii, safe = TRUE, hist = TRUE, h.file = ".Rhistory",
  pkglist = TRUE, p.file = ".Rpackages")
```

**Arguments**

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| hist    | Logical. Whether to save or not the commands history.   |
| h.file  | The name of the file in which to save the history, or from which to load it. The path is relative to the current working directory.                   |
| pkglist | Logical. Whether to save or not the list of attached packages (default is TRUE).  |
| p.file  | The name of the file in which to save the list of attached packages, or from which to load it. The path is relative to the current working directory. |

**Author(s)**

R Core Team, modified by Mathieu Basille <basille@ase-research.org>

**See Also**

[savehistory](#) to save the commands history, and [savepkglist](#) to save the list of attached packages.

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|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| savepkglist | <i>Load or save the list of attached packages</i> |
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**Description**

Display, save or load the list of attached packages.

**Usage**

```
savepkglist(file = ".Rpackages")
attpkglist()
loadpkglist(file = ".Rpackages")
.loadpkglist()
```

**Arguments**

|      |   |
|------|---|
| file | The name of the file in which to save the list of attached packages, or from which to load it. The path is relative to the current working directory. |
|------|---|

**Details**

attpkglist simply lists all attached packages (i.e. not base packages).

savepkglist saves the list of all attached packages in a file, with one package per line.

loadpkglist loads a list of packages from a file. The file should contain one package name per line, without quotes, and no empty line. If the packages are not installed, the function sends a warning.

.loadpkglist automatically loads the .Rpackages file at startup (see the Note below).

**Note**

To automatically load a .Rpackages list at startup, add this in your .Rprofile:

```
### Load packages at the start of R if the package list exists
basr:::.loadpkglist()
```

Essentially, the function appends the list of packages at the end of the defaultPackages option (see [options](#) for this option; see also [Startup](#) for more details about the initialization at start of an R session).

**Author(s)**

Mathieu Basille <basille@ase-research.org>

**Examples**

```
## Not run: savepkglist(file = "list.Rpackages")
## Not run: attpkglist()
## Not run: loadpkglist()
```

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se

*Standard errors*


---

**Description**

This function computes the standard error (i.e.  $sd / \sqrt{n}$ ) of the values in x. If na.rm is TRUE then missing values are removed before computation proceeds.

**Usage**

```
se(x, na.rm = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|       |   |
|-------|---|
| x     | A numeric vector or an R object which is coercible to one by as.vector. |
| na.rm | Logical. Should missing values be removed?                              |

**Original URL**

<http://cran.r-project.org/doc/manuals/R-intro.html>

**Author(s)**

From the Writing R Extensions manual, modified by Mathieu Basille <basille@ase-research.org>

**See Also**

[var](#) and [sd](#) for the variance and standard deviation.

Examples

```
bla <- rnorm(1000, sd = 100)
sd(bla)
sqrt(var(bla)/length(bla))
se(bla)

is.na(bla) <- 200:300
sd(bla, na.rm = TRUE)
se(bla, na.rm = TRUE)
```

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|       |  |
|-------|--|
| table | <i>Modified table function to handle NAs</i> |
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Description

A slight modification of the [table](#) function, to include NA values in the table by default. See [table](#) for details of the function.

Usage

```
table(..., exclude = if (useNA == "no") c(NA, NaN), useNA = c("ifany", "no",
  "always"), dnn = list.names(...), deparse.level = 1)
```

Arguments

useNA                      Whether to include NA values in the table. Default is now ifany.

Author(s)

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Examples

```
d <- factor(rep(c("A", "B", "C"), 10), levels = c("A", "B", "C",
  "D", "E"))
is.na(d) <- 3:4
d
table(d)
```



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**togray***Convert continuous variable to grey levels*

---

**Description**

Convert a continuous variable to the corresponding levels of grey.

**Usage**

```
togray(x, min = 0.1, max = 0.9, alpha = NULL, inverse = FALSE,  
      sqrt = FALSE)
```

```
togrey(x, min = 0.1, max = 0.9, alpha = NULL, inverse = FALSE,  
      sqrt = FALSE)
```

**Arguments**

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| x       | A numeric vector.  |
| min     | The minimum grey level.  |
| max     | The maximum grey level.  |
| alpha   | The opacity.   |
| inverse | Logical. By default, bigger is darker. If inverse = TRUE, bigger is lighter.       |
| sqrt    | Logical. Applies a square root transformation to get more progressive grey levels. |

**Value**

A vector of colors of the same length as x.

**Author(s)**

From Clement Calenge, modified by Mathieu Basille <basille@ase-research.org>

**Examples**

```
bla <- runif(10000)  
plot(bla, col = togray(bla, 0, 1), pch = 20)  
plot(bla, col = togray(bla, 0, 1, sqrt = TRUE), pch = 20)  
plot(bla, col = togray(bla, 0, 1, alpha = 0.5), pch = 20)
```

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|               |                        |
|---------------|------------------------|
| writeFunction | <i>Function output</i> |
|---------------|------------------------|

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**Description**

Prints a function to a file.

**Usage**

```
writeFunction(fun, file = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

|      |   |
|------|---|
| fun  | A function.   |
| file | A character string naming a file. By default, write the function in <fun>.R in the working directory. |

**Author(s)**

Mathieu Basille <basille@ase-research.org>

**Examples**

```
f1 <- function(x) {  
  ## Comment  
  print(x)  
}  
writeFunction(f1)  
rm(f1)  
source("f1.R")  
file.remove("f1.R")  
f1(3)
```

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